

Awesome numbers



Anybody who leads the tackle chart the way Northern Valley's Drew Eagleburger did in the game vs. Golden Plains, should have had special mention in the story appearing in the next issue of *The Norton Telegram*. But that didn't happen. "I don't know how it got by me," said the story's writer, Tom Dreiling, who is also the paper's publisher. "But I will make amends in some way or other," he said. He went to the team photo in the newspaper's Fall Sports Special and had reporter Veronica Monier pull Drew's picture out of the bunch so he could use it to highlight the achievement. What were Drew's numbers on the tackle chart? They were, according to reports reaching us, his best of the season: 25 tackles (18 solo and 7 assists)! Drew is a 5-8, 166-lb. junior.

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Logan going to sub-state

Second place in Regional Volleyball sealed deal

By TOM DREILING
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The Logan Trojan volleyball ladies are moving on — onto the Class 1A Sub-State Tournament at Ransom on Saturday, thanks to a second-place finish in the regional on Tuesday.

The top two teams in regional action advance to the sub-state competition.

The Trojans will put their 18-13 record against Sylvan Unified's 25-6 at 1 p.m.

Here are the pairings for the Ransom sub-state:

(1 p.m.)

Match #1 — #2 seed Grainfield-Wheatland/Grinnell, 36-4 vs. #7 seed Sharon Springs-Wallace County, 20-16.

Match #2 — #3 seed Sylvan Unified, 25-6, vs. #6 seed Logan, 18-13.

(5 p.m.)

Match #4 — #1 seed Weskan, 36-4 vs. #8 seed Wilson, 21-14.

Match #5 — #4 seed Palco, 19-12 vs. #5 seed Hoxie, 22-12.

The Grainfield-Sharon Springs and Sylvan-Logan winners square off in Match #3 later in the day.

The Weskan-Wilson and Palco-Hoxie winners play in Match #6, also later in the day.

1A Regional

Logan advanced to the sub-state with wins over Natoma 25-14, 25-17 and Northern Valley, 26-24, 25-14, while losing to Palco, 25-16, 25-27, 18-25.

Palco was the eventual champion.

Logan over Natoma 25-14, 25-17

Team stats:

Serves, 45/49, 14A, 91.8 percent, Natoma 23/26, 88.5 percent; attacks, 30/39, 12K; sets, 31/34, 9A; serve receives 14/23, 60.9 percent; blocks, 5; dinks, 11/12, 2K.

Individual leaders:

Serves, Autumn Nien 9/9; attacks, Carri Brobst 4/4, 2K, Shelley Kemper 11/14, 7K; sets, Anna Zillinger 10/10, 3A, Shaley Van Loenen 21/23, 6A; serve receives, Jenny Archer 7/11; blocks, Shelley Kemper 4 Ast., Aspen Larson 4 Ast.; dinks, Aspen Larson 2/2, 1K, Anna Zillinger 3/3, 1K.

Record: 17-12

Logan over Northern Valley, 26-24, 25-14.

Team stats:

Serves, 44/50, 5A, 88 percent, Huskies, 35/39, 1A, 90 percent; attacks, 48/55, 19K; sets, 53/54, 19A; serve receives, 32/35, 91 percent; blocks, 2; dinks, 11/13, 3K.

Individual leaders:

Serves, Larson 8/8, 3A, Zillinger, 15/16, 1A; attacks, Kemper, 19/21, 14K; sets, Van Loenen 25/26, 10A, Zillinger 26/26, 8A; serve receives, Kemper 15/15, Archer 11/12; blocks, Archer and Tien 1A each, Kemper 1 solo; dinks, Brobst 1/1, 1K, Kemper 2/2, 2K.

Record: 18-12

Palco over Logan, 25-16, 25-17, 18-25

Team stats:

Serves, 58/68, 13A, 85 percent, Palco 63.68, 4A, 92.6 percent; attacks, 64/80, 25K; sets, 64-67, 18A; serve receives, 80.3 percent; blocks, 3; dinks, 25/30, 1K.

Individual leaders:

Serves, Brobst, 11/11, 3A; attacks, Larson 6/6, 3K, Brobst 9/11, 4K, Van Loenen 9/11, 4K; sets, Zillinger 29/30, 9A, Van Loenen 29/31, 9A; serve receives, Larson 14/16; blocks, Tien 2 solo, Van Loenen and Kemper, 1 Ast. each.

Record: 18-13

Here is how Coach Robin Van Laeys summed it up:

"We are very excited to be in the minority, and one of the 32 1A schools still alive and playing volleyball. The high pressure do-or-die matches are not the best for seeing teams play at their peak, and I think we saw this from both teams in the Logan/Northern Valley match.

"I am so proud of the way the girls showed in the tournament, but especially in the first Northern Valley game. Coming back from an 18-24 deficit to win 26-24 is not something you see very often.

"This was our fourth time to play Palco this season and it becomes difficult to beat anyone 4 times in such a short time frame. Palco played well and we struggled with parts of our game.

"We didn't serve very well, our hitting efficiency was well below our season average, and we didn't do a very good job of adjusting to a couple of things they were doing.

"The bottom line is we are still alive and it is like everyone's record is back to 0-0."

Varsity tennis seventh

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity girls tennis team competed in the Colby Varsity Tournament on Sept. 25.

Colby won the tournament with 38 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 32; Trego, 28; Tribune, 18; Scott City, 14; Goodland, 13; Norton, 12.

"We finished just one point shy of sixth and two points from earning fifth," said Norton head coach Lisa Henderson.

"I don't think our girls really knew just how close we were and how important each game was in determining our placing."

Valerie Wagoner played No. 1 singles for the Lady Jays and placed sixth with a 1-3 record. She lost 8-2 to Kathy Wood, Goodland; lost 8-3 to Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg; lost 8-4 to Janie Gunther, Scott City and defeated Morgan Schmidt, Tribune, 8-6.

"Valerie did a nice job and many of her games went to deuce several times in a row," said Henderson. "This tournament was actually the last tournament for Valerie and I could tell she was really working hard and trying her hardest to win."

Playing No. 1 doubles for Norton were Sara Campbell and Tabitha Vincent. They compiled a 1-3 record, which placed them sixth. They lost 8-4 to Kaitlin Fugleberg and Shonna Webster, Goodland; lost 8-0 to Kayla Jarvis and Shayne Runnion, Phillipsburg; defeated Debbie Kough and Ericka Wright, Scott City, 8-2 and lost 8-1 to Kelli Crittenden and Shalee Myers, Tribune.

"Tabitha has played singles all season so playing No. 1 doubles was an interesting change for her," said Henderson.

Ashley Maybon played No. 2 singles and finished with a 2-2 record, good for fifth. She beat Saundra Redlin, Goodland, 8-1; lost 8-1 to Whitney Cole, Phillipsburg; lost 8-4 to Alyssa Schemerman, Scott City and defeated Brittany Wendt, Tribune, 8-6.

No. 2 doubles players were Emily Juenemann and Stephanie Shepard. They had a 1-3 record good for sixth. They defeated Hidee Lawson and Nico Wallis, Goodland, 8-2; lost 8-0 to Jodie Mongeau and Robbie Hadley, Phillipsburg; lost 8-1 to Haley Wilcoxson and Christine Chambless, Scott City and lost 8-4 to Rachael Newcomer and Cala Nowlin, Trego.



Norton junior Katharine Roy served the volleyball during the Lady Jays' hard-fought match with Trego in the Mid-Continent League Tournament last Saturday in WaKeeney. -Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Volleyball 0-3 in tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team was very competitive in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament on Saturday in WaKeeney despite losing all three matches.

The Lady Jays opened with Osborne and lost a marathon game 33-35, then lost to the Lady Bulldogs by just 20-25.

In their second match, Norton lost to Hill City 14-25, 21-25. In their finale of the day, Norton was outscored 14-25, 27-29 by Trego.

"Although this was a very frustrating day since we did not come out with any wins, this is still a team which should not be taken for granted. We have the ability to knock off some teams if we all play together," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox.

Phillipsburg defeated Smith Center for the championship and Trego outscored Hill City to win third place.

OSBORNE

"We did many good things in our match with Osborne," said Cox. "Unfortunately, winning wasn't one of them. Our girls

battled back and forth with the Lady Bulldogs but just couldn't quite manage that last point for the win. If we had just blocked, killed or aced for a point in the first game, I believe it would have made a difference in the match."

Courtney Cox led in kills with 11, followed by Hayli Bozarth, 7; Courtney LeClair, 5; Sara Lentz, 4; Ashlie Hageman, 3; Lacy Keilig, 1.

Bozarth had 1 block. Ashley Colip, LeClair, Katharine Roy each had 3 serving aces and Cox had 1.

Digs leader was Roy with 8, followed by Cox, 6; Ashlie Stewart, 4; Shelby Jones, LeClair, Lentz, 2 each; Bozarth, Colip, Hageman, 1 each.

Colip led in assists with 15, followed by Cox, 8; Hageman, Lentz, 1 each.

HILL CITY

"Despite a slow start in the first game against Hill City, we came out strong in the second game," said Cox. "As the Lady Ringnecks gained momentum, we held on until the end where they played consistent ball. We struggled when Hill City dug up everything we hit on their side."

Bozarth led in kills with 9, followed by Cox, 5; LeClair, 3; Keilig, 1.

Keilig had 2 blocks and Hageman and LeClair had 1 each.

Digs leaders were Colip, Cox and Jones with 3 each, followed by Lentz, Roy, Stewart, 2 each; Bozarth, Keilig, LeClair, 1 each.

Cox had 9 assists and Colip had 8.

TREGO

"Again, starting out slowly proved to be costly for us against the Lady Eagles," said Cox. "We just didn't get kills from all our players, which we needed to be successful. We did block better than we had previously but it wasn't enough."

Bozarth led again in kills with 7, followed by LeClair, 4; Keilig, Lentz, 2 each.

Colip led in serving with 2 aces while Lacy Ellis, LeClair and Stewart had 1 each.

Keilig and LeClair were blocks leaders with 3 each, followed by Hageman and Lentz, 2 each.

Cox led in digs with 5, followed by LeClair, 4; Bozarth and Colip, 2 each; Jones, Lentz, Roy, 1 each.

Cox also led in assists with 8, followed by Colip, 5; Lentz, 2.

Improvement noted during rounds

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls tennis team competed in the Junior Varsity Round Robin on Tuesday, Sept. 13 in Phillipsburg.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 32 points, followed by Trego, 18; Belleville, 15; Extra Team, 8; Norton, 7.

"All our girls had trouble getting started but played much better in the last two rounds," said Norton assistant coach Nan Smith.

Alexis Mangold played No. 1 singles for Norton and finished with a 1-3 record for fourth place. She lost 6-1 to Trey Dyke, Belleville; lost 6-0 to Chelsy Troyer, Phillipsburg; lost 6-0 to Jackie Albin, Trego and shutout Jessica Pugh, Phillipsburg, 6-0.

"Alexis looked good during her last two

matches and has a lot of potential," said Smith.

Playing No. 1 doubles for the Lady Jays were Kelsey Nuzum and Nicquel McVey. They were 0-3 for the tournament and placed fourth. They lost 6-2 to Darsha Bechard and Kristy Farnsworth, Belleville; lost 6-5(7-2) to Kim Nguyen and Ember Ward, Phillipsburg and lost 6-4 to Jami Hendrickson and Rachael Newcomer, Trego.

"Kelsey and Nicquel were a new doubles team and will figure out how to work together," said Smith.

In No. 2 singles, Norton's Ashley Millan placed fourth with an 0-3 record. She lost 6-2 to Liz Carey, Belleville; lost 6-3 to Tristin Troyer, Phillipsburg and lost 6-3 to Chelsey Edwards, Phillipsburg.

Volleyball Jays pick up victories at Logan

By DICK BOYD

Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Golden Plains 25-21, 20-25, 25-22 and outscored Logan 25-22, 25-20 on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in Logan.

GOLDEN PLAINS

"The match with Golden Plains went from bad to worse in a matter of minutes," said Cox. "It was one of those nightmares that you can't wake up from and you just want it to end. It finally did in our favor. Whatever could go wrong did and the only silver linings were that we won and we didn't show Logan anything we could do."

Courtney LeClair led in kills with 6, followed by Courtney Cox, 5; Hayli Bozarth, Sara Lentz, 4 each.

Serving honors went to Lentz with 3 aces,

followed by Cox, Katharine Roy, 2 each; LeClair, Ashlie Stewart, 1 each.

Digs leaders were Shelby Jones and Roy with 5 each, followed by Cox, LeClair, Stewart, 2 each; Bozarth, Ashley Colip, 1 each. Colip led in assists with 10, followed by Cox, 7; Lacy Keilig, 1. LeClair had 1 block.

LOGAN

"After our disastrous performance against Golden Plains, despite the win, our Lady Jays changed jerseys and came on the court ready to show the fans what we really could do," said Cox.

"Passing was better, all hitters scored points on kills and the serving was decent.

"Courtney LeClair has really stepped up her game in the middle. She is becoming a formidable opponent and takes it personally when the other team's middle scores on her.

"Ashley lost a match to the undefeated Phillipsburg girl but played hard," said Smith.

Kayla Scheetz and Allie Corbin played No. 2 doubles for Norton and compiled a 2-2 record to place third. They lost 6-3 to Kim Larson and Sarah Vytlacil, Belleville; lost 6-0 to Clara Coomes and Brooke Lawyer, Phillipsburg; defeated Norton's Katie Scott and Kaitlyn Ross playing for the Trego team, 6-2 and outscored Ivy Henderson and Kaci Ferguson, Phillipsburg, 6-2.

"Kayla and Allie placed third in a three-way tie that had to be decided by percentages," said Smith.

"This showed all our girls why you never give up on any game in any match," the coach said.

"Even though our girls did not play to their capability, this was a vast improvement over the Golden Plains match."

LeClair led in kills again with 7, followed by Ashli Hageman, 6; Bozarth, 5; Cox, 4; Lentz, 3; Keilig, 2.

Serving leader was LeClair with 3 aces, followed by Roy, Thea Wiseman, 2 each; Colip, Cox, 1 each.

Roy led in digs with 9, followed by Colip, 3; Cox, Wiseman, 2 each; LeClair, 1.

Assists leader was Colip with 13, followed by Cox, 11; Keilig, 3.

LeClair and Lentz each had 1 block.

Next action

Norton will compete in the Class 3A Sub-State Volleyball tournament on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

The Lady Jays will play Lakin at 3 p.m.