

Busy, but successful week for C-team ladies

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Coach Jill Lively's Norton Community High School girls C-team volleyball team was very busy the past week and very successful.

They defeated Oberlin 25-6, 26-24, 25-11 in a best three out of five match in Norton on Monday, Sept. 15; defeated Wheatland 16-25, 25-14, 15-12; outscored Hays High 25-14, 25-23 and lost to Colby 16-25, 24-26 in a Hays Quadrangular on Thursday, Sept. 18 and placed third in the Phillipsburg Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 20.

At Phillipsburg, they defeated Phillipsburg 25-22, 25-8; split with Ellis 18-25, 25-11; outscored Thunder Ridge 25-16, 25-22; lost to Plainville 16-25, 11-25; lost to Plainville in the semi-finals 4-25, 25-22, 14-16 and defeated Ellis in the consolation match 25-14, 19-25, 15-8.

This Monday, they returned to Phillipsburg where they defeated the Lady Panthers 25-21, 25-21; lost to Smith Cener 14-25, 12-25 and outscored Russell 25-17, 25-11.

Oberlin

"We played well against Oberlin despite being a little sluggish," said coach Jill Lively. "We dominated the first game with aggressive serving and kept Oberlin on their heels."

"Game two was a little tense for us but we starting communicating on the court to pull us out. In the third game, we became more comfortable and ran our offense well."

"Sady Keilig, Alexis Henson and Caren Thomson took advantage on the front row and played the net well. Despite a few ugly rallies, I was pleased with our team overall."

Match leaders: serving-Brooklyn Winkel, 95 percent, 6 aces; Kylie Nuzum, Katie Gall, 3 aces

each; passing-Caren Thomson, Nuzum, Winkel.

Hays Quad

"We struggled to get our engine started in our first game against Wheatland," said coach Lively. "Our serving was very good but we just moved very slowly in transition. Game two was excellent. We were serving well, communicating, transitioning and hitting the ball. Game three was a tie game most of the time but Nuzum's serving pulled us out of a 12-12 tie to win."

Norton served 91 percent and passed 1.73.

Match leaders: serving-Kylie Nuzum, 100 percent, 3 aces; Mariah Farber, 100 percent, 1 ace; Brooklyn Winkel, 94 percent, 4 aces; Sady Keilig, Lindsey Tacha, Katie Gall, 1 ace each; passing-Farber, Alexis Henson, Gall.

"Everything came together in the match against Hays High," said coach Lively.

"Several girls struggled with serves but Kylie's serving really caught Hays on their heels. She served 10 in a row in each game."

"As a team, we moved much more quickly on the court, communicated well and played aggressive at the net."

"We started to tense up in game two, which hurt our passing a little, but I was pleased overall with our performance."

Norton served 82 percent with 9 aces and passed 1.46.

Match leaders: serving-Nuzum, 95 percent, 5 aces; Farber, 2 aces; Tacha, Winkel, 1 ace each; passing-Tacha, Winkel, Henson.

Colby

"The match with Colby was a letdown after beating Hays," said coach Lively. "Our mental focus was completely gone and we just couldn't pull it back."

"Farber's serving got us into the second game with seven serves in a row, giving us a 23-14 lead but we struggled to do much right and

let Colby win.

"As a team, we served 78 percent and passed 1.34, which is our worst in each category. Despite our overall success in the quad, it was painful to end on such a sour note. We will have to work on mental toughness and focus the rest of the season."

Match leaders: serving-Tacha, 100 percent, 2 aces; Farber, 93 percent, 5 aces; Keilig, Nuzum, Gall, 1 ace each; passing-Gall, Winkel, Farber, Keilig.

Phillipsburg

After going 2-1 with one split in pool play, Norton lost in the semi-finals and won the consolation match to place third.

Smith Center won the championship, Plainville was second and Ellis fourth.

In the win over Phillipsburg, Norton served 88 percent with 8 aces, passed 1.63/3.0 with 8 kills and 1 block.

Match leaders: serving-Brooklyn Winkel, 100 percent, 3 aces; Mariah Farber, 100 percent; Katie Gall, 3 aces; Lindsey Tacha, 2 aces; passing-Tacha, 2.17; Brae Bigge, 2.0; hitting-Alexis Henson, 4 kills; Caren Thomson, 2; Sady Keilig, Kylie Nuzum, 1 ace each; blocking-Farber, 1.

In the split with Ellis, Norton served 81 percent with 5 aces, passed 1.81/3.0 with 9 kills and 3 blocks.

Match leaders: serving-Tacha, 100 percent; Winkel, Gall, 2 aces each; Nuzum, 1 ace; passing-Farber, 2.0; Nuzum, 1.89; Bigge, 1.86; hitting-Keilig, Henson, 4 kills each; Nuzum, 1 kill; blocking-Henson, 2; Farber, 1.

In the win over Thunder Ridge (Agra, Kensington, Kirwin), Norton served 86 percent with 8 aces, passed 1.56/3.0 and had 2 kills.

Match leaders: serving-Gall, 100 percent, 2 aces; Tacha, 92 percent, 2 aces; Nuzum, 2 aces; Farber, Winkel, 1 ace each; passing-Thomson, Gall, 2.0 each; Bigge,

1.6; hitting-Keilig, Henson, 1 kill each.

In the loss to Plainville, Norton served 96 percent with 4 aces and passed 1.19/3.0.

Match leaders: serving-Nuzum, Thomson, 100 percent, 1 ace each; Farber, Henson, Winkel, Gall, 100 percent; Keilig, 1 ace; passing-Keilig, Henson, 2.0 each.

In the semi-finals loss to Plainville, Norton served 86 percent with 6 aces, passed 1.61/3.0, had 9 kills and 1 block.

Match leaders: serving-Winkel, 100 percent, 1 ace; Nuzum, Henson, 100 percent; Farber, 2 aces; Gall, Keilig, Tacha, 1 ace each; passing-Bigge, Tacha, 2.0 each; Nuzum, 1.93; hitting-Keilig, 4 kills; Nuzum, Henson, 2 kills each; Thomson, 1 kill; blocks-Farber, 1.

In the consolation win over Ellis, Norton served 93 percent with 12 aces, passed 1.36 with 10 kills.

Match leaders: serving-Winkel, Keilig, 100 percent, 1 ace each; Farber, 100 percent; Gall, 93 percent, 6 aces; Tacha, Nuzum, 2 aces each; passing-Tacha, 2.67; Keilig, 2.0; Nuzum, 1.67; hitting-Henson, 8 kills; Keilig, Thomson, 1 kill each.

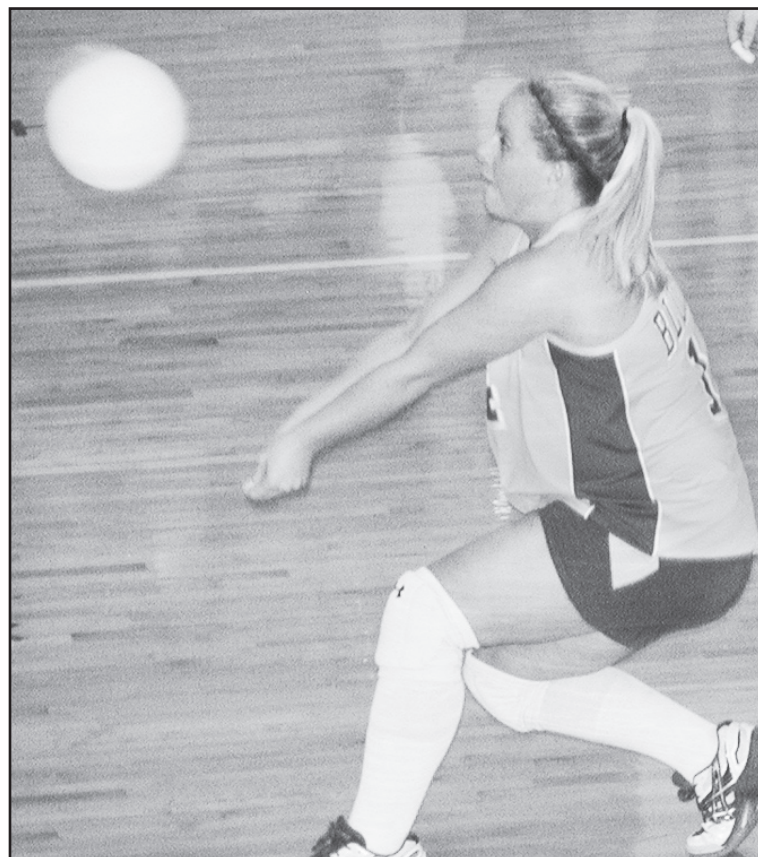
"This was a very up and down sort of day for us," said coach Lively. "It provided us a lot of time on the court and showed many areas where we are improving as well as areas of the game we need to work on."

"I was pleased that we came back in the consolation to finish the day with a win."

Phillipsburg Quad

In the win over Phillipsburg, Norton served 88 percent with 7 aces, passed 1.75, had 10 kills and 3 blocks.

Match leaders: serving-Brooklyn Winkel, 100 percent, 1 ace; Katie Gall, 3 aces; Sady Keilig, Lindsey Tacha, Mariah Farber, 1 ace each; passing-Brae Bigge, Keilig, 2.0 each; Tacha, 1.93; hitting-Alexis Henson, 4 kills; Caren Thomson, 3; Keilig, 2; Nuzum, 1; blocks-Thomson, 2; Farber, 1.



Lady Jay junior Ashlie Stewart was digging for the ball after an attack during Norton's victory over Hoxie in Stull Gymnasium on Tuesday.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

"This was the third time we have played Phillipsburg this season and we have won every time," said coach Lively.

"It takes a lot of mental focus to beat the same team three times and I was pleased that our girls didn't let up."

In the loss to Smith Center, Norton served 85 percent with 5 aces, passed 1.56 and had 1 block.

Match leaders: serving-Winkel, 100 percent, 3 aces; Keilig, Nuzum, 1 ace each; passing-Nuzum, 2.25; blocks-Farber, 1.

"The match with Smith Center was disappointing because we played very tense and didn't bring our best," said coach Lively. "Smith Center won the C-team tourney last Saturday and, although we didn't play them, we saw enough to know they are very good. We simply played very scared and never showed our level of skill."

"We are very capable of playing

well and, hopefully, when we see Smith Center again we can truly see which team is better."

In the win over Russell, Norton served 92 percent with 10 aces, passed 1.50, hit 7 kills and had 3 blocks.

Match leaders: serving-Nuzum, 100 percent, 3 aces; Keilig, 100 percent, 2 aces; Farber, 2 aces; Tacha, Winkel, Gall, 1 ace each; passing-Henson, perfect 3.0; Winkel, 2.33; Bigge, 1.75; hitting-Thomson, 3 kills; Henson, Keilig, 2 kills each; blocks-Thomson, 2; Henson, 1.

"Russell was a pretty simple match," said coach Lively. "We served well and played aggressive at the net. Many of our girls started to time their blocks correctly and the net play was enjoyable to watch."

Next action

The Norton C-team will play on Saturday in the Hill City Tournament, which begins at 9 a.m.

Tennis ladies take part in quad

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The Norton Community High School varsity tennis team competed in the Phillipsburg Varsity Quad on Tuesday, Sept. 16.

In addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, teams from Belleville and Concordia also competed.

No.1 singles was played by Stephanie Shepard. She lost 8-0 to MaryAnn Schremmer, Phillipsburg; lost 8-3 to Trey Meka Dyke, Belleville and lost 8-0 to Carrie Carpenter, Concordia.

"This was Stephanie's first tournament in singles," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker. "She had some tough competition but gave it her all."

Playing No.1 doubles for the Lady Jays were Meaghan Peterson and Hannah Fulton.

They lost 8-5 to Clara Coomes and Brooke Lawyer, Phillipsburg; lost 8-3 to Laura Monsanto and Regina Bird, Belleville and defeated Kala Chaplin and Kirstin Strait, Concordia, 8-4.

"This was Meaghan and Hannah's first time together in doubles," said coach Wicker.

"They started out a little rough but pulled it together in the third round for a victory!"

Katie Scott played No.2 singles for the Lady Jays. She lost 8-2 to Malorie Witmer, Phillipsburg; lost 8-3 to Kristy Farnsworth, Belleville and lost 8-2 to Connie Harrington, Concordia.

"Katie played awesome today,"



Norton's Katie Scott hit the tennis ball during the Norton Junior varsity Quadrangular on Saturday, Sept. 13 on the courts at the Swimming Pool Park in Norton. Katie placed first in No. 1 singles.

— Telegram photo by Vicki Henderson

said coach Wicker. "She's our No.1 junior varsity singles player. This was her first varsity play. Katie's scores don't reflect how well she played."

"In her third round, all of the games went to deuce. She said playing tougher competition really pushed her to work harder."

Playing No.2 doubles for Norton were Rachel Shepard and Nicquel McVey. They lost 8-1 to Kim Nquyen and Ember Ward, Phillipsburg; lost 8-5 to Lacy Evert and Jennifer Olsen, Belleville

and defeated Natalie Hartzel and Kaitlin Moore, Concordia, 8-4.

"Rachel and Nikki are our No.1 doubles junior varsity team," said coach Wicker.

"They played great together today. They communicated well, stepped up to the competition and had some awesome shots!"

Next action

The Norton varsity tennis team will compete on Saturday in the Trego Invitational in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

Pass Receiving

Chandler 1 catch for 18 yards; Baird 1 for 3 yards, 1 2-point conversion; Shrader 1 for 15 yards, 1 TD

Tackles/Assists

Ian Vincent 10-3; Chandler 9-3; Shrader 5-1; Compton 4-1; Callaway 4-1; Baird 3-3; Jon Compton 3-1; Dallas Stillion 1-1; Tharman 0-1; Aaron Pinzenscham 0-1

Coach Jim Cole's comments in part: "The Huskies played their best game of the young season. It was a very exciting game with both teams scoring a lot of points. We worked hard all week in practice on our offense and we ran it very well in the game."

Junior high Huskies pick up second win

The Northern Valley Junior High Huskies are now 2-1 on the season after beating Stockton last Thursday (Sept. 18) 42-32 in Long Island. (Yesterday they entertained Hill City and that game's results will appear in Tuesday's Telegram.)

The Huskies had 259 yards on the ground and 36 in the air for a total offense of 295 yards against Stockton.

By quarters
Northern Valley 14-16-6-6=42
Stockton 8-12-6-6=32

How the Huskies scored
1st quarter — Phillip Compton 4-yard run, PAT Jordan Baird run; Compton 69-yard kick return, no

PAT.

2nd quarter — Compton 1-yard run, PAT Baird run; Baird 35-yard run, PAT Baird pass from Compton.

3rd quarter — Terry Shrader 15-yard pass from Compton, no PAT.

4th quarter — Baird 1-yard run, no PAT.

Rushing

Baird, 18 carries, 134 yards, 2 TDs, 2 2-point conversions; Compton 17.86, 2 TDs; Tyson Callaway 8/35; Alex Tharman 1/4; Hunter Chandler 1/0

Passing

Compton 3 of 6 for 36 yards, 1 TD, 1 2-point conversion; Chandler 0 for 1, 0 yards

Jayvee tennis claims second place

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed second in the Phillipsburg JV Tennis Quad on Thursday, Sept. 18.

Trego Community won the championship, followed by Norton, Phillipsburg, Belleville.

Norton's No.1 singles player Katie Scott finished in third place. She lost 6-1 to Darsha Bechard, Belleville; lost a 7-2 tiebreaker to Jackie Albin, Trego Community and defeated Chelsey Edwards, Phillipsburg, 6-2.

"Katie had some tough competition," said Norton assistant coach Nan Smith.

"Her tiebreaker with Albin was much closer than the score reflects. Katie has gained a lot of confidence this year and always gives 100 percent."

Diedra Kramer and Niquel

McVey placed second in No.1 doubles. They defeated Kim Larson and Natalie Jenter, Belleville, 6-3; lost 6-2 to Amelia Fabrizius and Leah Flax, Trego and outscored Shelby Christensen and Sidney Coomes, Phillipsburg, 6-2.

"I was really proud of Diedra and Nikki," said coach Smith. "This was their first time playing together. They communicated well, which resulted in their second place finish."

No.2 singles was played by Ashley Millan and she placed second. She defeated Sarah Vytlacil, Belleville, 6-2; outscored Lexi Pfeifer, Trego, 6-4 and lost 6-2 to Jessica Pugh, Phillipsburg.

"Ashley played really well in her first two matches," said coach Smith. "She had a lot of trouble staying focused in her third match but Pugh is a tough competitor. I'm pleased Ashley placed sec-

ond because she needed to be reminded about how much talent she has."

Playing No.2 doubles for the Lady Jays were Kyra Fulton and Gaia Cazziniga and they placed third. In the first round, they shutout Amber Kemmerer and Elizabeth Jaques, Belleville, 6-0; lost 6-0 to Emily Wyse and Allison Carr, Trego and lost 6-2 to Laurie Beard and Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg.

"This was Kyra and Gaia's first tournament playing together," said coach Smith. "They got off to a great start against Belleville but struggled against Trego and Phillipsburg. Gaia is our Foreign Exchange Student from Italy and had never played tennis. She had a lot of fun playing with Kyra."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity will return to Phillipsburg on Saturday for the Phillipsburg JV Tournament, which begins at 9 a.m.

Tennis in good showing on road

Wicker. "I'm proud of her third place outcome!"

Playing No.1 doubles for Norton were Diedra Kramer and Nicquel McVey and they finished fifth.

They lost 6-4 to Heidi Lawson and Stephanie Becvar, Goodland; lost 6-3 to Allison Carr and Kylie Dunn, Trego and defeated Andrea Dizmang and Hannah Geibler, Colby, 6-2.

"Deidra and Nikki had a rough time their first two matches but really came together in the pool play match to beat Colby," said coach Wicker.

Ashley Millan placed third in No.2 singles. She shutout Morgan Powell, Trego (who played for Goodland), 6-0; lost 6-1 to Emily Wyse, Trego and outscored Brenna Beeson, Scott City, 6-3.

"Ashley played aggressive

today," said coach Wicker. "She had well placed serves and really great shots!"

Finishing third in No.2 doubles was the Lady Jay team of Kyra Fulton and Gaia Cazziniga. They defeated Michaela Garrett and Katelyn Coon, Goodland, 6-1; lost 6-3 to Tia Brunswig and Beth Hafziger, Trego and shutout Michele Sill and Amanda Bergren, Tribune, 6-0.

"Kyra and Gaia were outstanding together today," said coach Wicker. "Gaia dominated the net while Kyra handled the back court!"

Next action

The Blue Jay players and coaches will be busy on Saturday. The varsity will play in the Trego Invitational in WaKeeney and the junior varsity will compete in the JV Tournament in Phillipsburg.

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