

Blue Jay ladies win opener by 30 points

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Coach Kevin Jilka's Norton Community High School girls basketball team got the 2008-'09 season off to a tremendous start with five three-point baskets and 26 points all in the first quarter en route to an impressive 59-29 win over Atwood on Saturday afternoon in Atwood.

The veteran Lady Jays, with eight returning letter winners, four of them starters, stamped the Lady Buffaloes early, taking a 26-2 first quarter lead, extending it to 41-9 by half-time and to 57-17 with one period left.

Norton hit six three-point shots in the game, all in the first half. When you hit nearly 50 percent from beyond the arc and cause the other team to turn the ball over 30 times on the defensive end, there is little doubt of the outcome.

"We had a very good first game," said coach Jilka. "Our girls got out and hustled and played hard. We

had great ball movement and shot the ball really well, especially from behind the arc.

"Defensively, we had a great game, too. Anything you force 30 turnovers you have a great chance to win the game.

"We have this week to get ready for the Goodland Tournament, which is always a great test for our team, so we will have to be ready."

Norton's first quarter points came on two three-point baskets by 5-foot-3-inch junior Ashlie Stewart, a three-pointer each by 5'3" senior Taylor Rossi, 5'9" senior Laura Lee Baird and 5'8" senior Katharine Roy. Lacey Wallingford, a 5'10" senior transfer, threw in three two-point baskets while KaraJo Jones, a 5'9" senior, and Amanda Ray, a 5'10" junior, each swished a basket and Baird hit a free throw. Atwood's only first quarter points came on two free throws.

In the second quarter, Norton outscored Atwood 15-7. Baird lit up the scoreboard in that period with three two-point baskets and one from beyond the arc for 9 of the Lady Jays' points. Jones, Ray and Wallingford each hit another basket.

The Lady Jays outscored the Lady Buffs, 16-10 in the third period. Wallingford hit two baskets, Ray, Jones, Stewart and Baird each hit another basket and Baird added two charities. Roy also hit two free throws in the period.

With reserves playing for Norton, the Lady Jays were outscored 10-2 in the final period. Lacy Keilig, a 5'11" junior, hit Norton's only basket.

As a team, Norton hit 6 of 13 from long range for 46 percent, 18 of 40 two-point baskets for 45 percent and 24 of 53 overall for 45 percent.

Atwood swished 1 of 3 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 9 of 30 two-point tries for 30 percent and 10 of 33 overall for 30 percent.

Leading scorer for Norton was Baird with 17 points on 2 of 5 from long range for 40 percent accuracy, 4 of 9 two-point shots for 44 percent and 6 of 14 overall for 43 percent. She also hit 3 of 4 free throws for 75 percent.

Wallingford was also in double figures with 12 points on 6 of 11 two-pointers for 55 percent shooting. Stewart added 8 points on 2 of 4 from beyond the arc and 1 of 2 two-pointers for 3 of 6 overall and 50 percent accuracy.

Leading scorer for Atwood was Hillary Chuatal with 11.

The Lady Jays hit 5 of 13 free throws for 38 percent while the Lady Buffs swished 8 of 13 for 61 percent.

Norton pulled down 12 offensive and 11 defensive rebounds for 23 total compared to Atwood's 10 offensive and 12 defensive caroms for 22 total.

Wallingford, Rossi and Jones each had 5 rebounds, Roy had 4 and Stewart and Ray grabbed 2

each.

The Lady Jays had 16 steals while the Lady Buffs stole the ball 12 times. Rossi was thefts leader with 5, followed by Baird, 4; Ray, 3; Stewart and Lacy Keilig, 2 each.

Norton had 21 assists. Leader for Norton was Rossi with 6, followed by Stewart, 4; Roy, 3; Wallingford, Baird, Jones, 2 each; Keilig, Ray, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 15 turnovers while causing the Lady Buffs to turn the basketball over 30 times.

Junior varsity

The Norton girls junior varsity defeated Atwood 44-26. Norton held quarter leads of 14-5, 24-10 and 37-14.

Leading scorer for Norton was Hannah Waggoner with 9 points, followed by Raven Brown, 8; Kaitlyn Wolf, 7; Lacy Keilig, 7; Kaylen Rossi, 4; Kendra Engelbert, 3; Dustyna Sprigg, 3; Meaghan Peterson, 3.

Chessmore hit 8 points to lead

the Lady Buffs in scoring.

"Our hustle was very good," said Norton assistant coach George Rossi.

"We are not in great shape yet but we played with good intensity the entire game.

"We have many areas we need to work on but I like how we started."

BOX SCORE

Norton Girls 59

Lacey Wallingford 6 0 0-9 12; Katharine Roy 0 1 2-4 5; Taylor Rossi 0 1 0-2 3; Ashlie Stewart 1 2 0-2 8; Laura Lee Baird 4 2 3-4 17; Lacy Keilig 1 0 0-2; KaraJo Jones 3 0 0-1 6; Amanda Ray 3 0 0-0 6; Game totals: 18 6 5-13 59

Atwood Girls 29

Whitney Green 0 0 1-2 1; Wendy Castens 1 0 2-3 4; Jill Bergling 1 0 0-2; Emily Chessmore 0 1 2-2 5; Nicole Connell 1 0 0-2; Leah Sharp 2 0 0-4; Hillary Chuatal 4 0 3-6 11; Game totals: 9 1 8-13 29

Norton boys come up short in basketball opener

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Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys basketball team lost their 2008-'09 season opener by a 62-27 score to Atwood on Saturday afternoon on the Buffaloes' home court.

Norton has no returning starters from last season and only three returning lettermen so inexperience is a challenging fact of life for the Blue Jays.

Atwood held quarter leads of 16-5, 33-14 and 49-24.

Returning Norton lettermen are Zac Dreher, 6-foot-2-inch senior; Landon Hamel, 5'9" junior and J.D. Gall, 5'10" junior.

Hamel hit a field goal and free throw and Gall swished a field goal for Norton's first quarter points. Hitting two-point baskets for the Blue Jays in the second quarter were Luke Ninemire,

5'10" sophomore; Marcus Herman, 5'7" junior and Dreher. Hamel also buried a shot from beyond the arc.

In the third quarter, Dreher hit two baskets and Hamel, Ninemire and Tye Nickell, 5'7" freshman, each hit one.

Dreher hit Norton's lone basket in the final period and Nickell hit a free throw.

"I thought we played well at times but lacked consistency," said coach Reusink.

"We did not do a very good job of staying composed when Atwood was making runs and let things get out of control.

"Atwood is a very good team and our inexperience showed. We need to learn from this one because our next opponent (Ottawa) will be a much more fundamentally sound team."

Dreher and Hamel led Norton in

scoring with 8 points each. Dreher hit 4 of 6 two-point baskets for 67 percent accuracy. Hamel hit 1 of 2 from three-point range for 50 percent, 2 of 5 two-point shots for 40 percent and 3 of 7 overall for 43 percent. He was also 1 of 2 from the charity stripe.

As a team, the Blue Jays hit 1 of 8 three-point tries for 13 percent, 11 of 32 two-point attempts for 34 percent and 12 of 40 overall for 30 percent.

Atwood swished 2 of 11 from long range for 18 percent, 25 of 43 two-point tries for 58 percent and 27 of 54 overall for an even 50 percent.

Leading scorers for Atwood were Marcus Cahoj with 15 points and Greg Solko and Jackson Grafel with 11 each.

From the free throw line, Norton hit 2 of 5 for 40 percent and the Buffs scored on 6 of 9 for 67

percent.

Norton had 5 offensive and 9 defensive rebounds for 14 total. Atwood pulled down 10 offensive and 17 defensive caroms for 27 total.

Ashton Draper, 6' junior, was leading rebounder for the Jays with 6, followed by Ninemire, 4; Hamel, 2; Herman, 2.

Jordan Wahlmeier, 6' freshman, blocked one shot.

The Blue Jays had 8 steals compared to 20 by the Buffs. Hamel was steals leader with 3, followed by Ninemire, 2; Nickell, Gall, Herman, 1 each.

Norton had 34 turnovers and Atwood lost the ball 17 times.

The Blue Jays had 6 assists and the Buffs had 20. Gall was assists leader with 3, followed by Herman, 2; Hamel 1.

BOX SCORE

Norton Boys

Luke Ninemire 2 0 0-0 4; Tye Nickell 1 0 1-2 3; Landon Hamel 2 1 1-2 8; J.D. Gall 1 0 0-2; Marcus Herman 1 0 0-0 2; Zac Dreher 4 0 0-1 8; Game Totals 11 1 2-5 27

Atwood Boys

Greg Solko 3 1 2-2 11; Drew Basgall 2 0 2-2 6; Jackson Grafel 5 0 1-1 11; Marcus Cahoj 7 0 1-2 15; Keaton Argabright 1 0 0-2 2; Elijah Kastens 3 1 0-0 9; Eric Holub 4 0 0-0 8; Team Totals 25 2 6-9 62

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOVEMBER NORTON COUNTY BILLS

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Board of County Commissioners met in regular session at the Norton County Courthouse November 31, 2008 to allow the following bills: K.S.A. 19-337. An itemized copy of this report is available for inspection in the County Clerk's Office. (*Juvenile Service Accounts)	*Five Star Auto Repair, LLC..... 324.98	Norton Shop and Save..... 361.82
	Fleet Fueling..... 297.02	*Office Works, Inc..... 262.81
	Frack, Gina..... 109.72	Olliff, Carol Fern..... 135.00
	*Frontier Ag, Inc..... 204.38	Otter, Carol Ann..... 128.00
	Frontier Co Sheriff..... 15.50	Otter, Penny..... 217.26
	Furnas Co Sheriff Dept..... 33.57	Otter, Tammy..... 98.00
	Gall Motor Company, Inc..... 437.50	Otters, Inc..... 200.59
	Garrett Plumbing..... 370.03	Ozark Life Insurance..... 142.78
	Garrett's Plumbing..... 59.95	Pakkebler, Marie..... 98.00
	Geil, Alberta..... 94.50	Pamida Inc..... 366.92
	Gill, Anise..... 105.00	Payroll Fed/ica Wire..... 52,258.92
	Goss, Leota..... 94.50	Peterson, Dr. R.A..... 100.00
	*Great Western Tire Co., Inc..... 473.35	Pfannenstiel, Herman J..... 371.86
	*Griffiths, Karen..... 510.06	Pfannenstiel, Judy L..... 112.50
	Grysch, Verla..... 27.67	Pfannenstiel, Leslie..... 157.10
	*G4S Justice Services, Inc..... 24.50	Physicians Ref lab LLC..... 186.50
	Hadley, Marilyn Y..... 94.50	Pitney Bowes..... 200.00
	Hahn, Kay Lene..... 94.50	Pizza Hut..... 74.61
	Hays Mack Sale & Serv Inc..... 5,556.52	Platt, Brenda M..... 5.00
	Heikes, Donald E..... 191.00	Poage, Genevieve..... 20.00
	Heikes, Gloria Anne..... 98.00	Postmaster..... 160.00
	HemoCue, Inc..... 168.00	Prairie Land Electric..... 250.74
	Herrmann, John..... 92.00	Pre-Paid Legal Serv Inc..... 215.15
	*Hi-Plains Co-op Assoc..... 705.37	Professional Fire..... 215.55
	*Highplains Mental Health..... 10,111.30	Quill Corporation..... 297.83
	*Homestore..... 38.52	Rainbow Lanes..... 137.00
	Independent Salt Company..... 1,155.00	Ray, Loretta..... 16.00
	Ingram, Twila..... 20.00	*Raye's Grocery Inc..... 5.28
	Intrust Card Center..... 2,583.10	*Redwood Biotech, Inc..... 987.75
	IAAO..... 175.00	*Redwood Toxicology Lab In..... 135.00
	ING Aetna..... 2,645.00	Rogers Disposal Service..... 287.00
	J P Cooke Co..... 211.60	Rojas, Raymond..... 25.00
	Jamboree Foods..... 118.53	*Ron's Tire Service..... 36.64
	Jill's Helping Hands..... 540.98	Rooks Co. Health Dept..... 275.52
	Jones, Jenda..... 54.99	Rorabaugh, George..... 135.00
	Justice Systems..... 570.00	Rowh, Georgia Lea..... 94.50
	*Juvenile Justice Authority..... 74.08	Roy's Sales & Service Inc..... 1,489.52
	Kansas Bar Association..... 150.00	*S&T Communications LLC..... 132.08
	Kansas Board of EMS..... 220.00	S&W Supply Company..... 658.99
	Kansas Dist Judges Assoc..... 75.00	Salina Blueprint..... 4,223.28
	Kansas Downtown Dev Assoc..... 320.00	Sanofi Pastuer, Inc..... 125.17
	Kansas Payment Center..... 807.00	Schemper, Kathleen L..... 86.58
	Kansas Peace Officer..... 90.00	Schillig, Aden..... 1,639.76
	Kansas Withholding Tax..... 6,974.44	Schulze, Ella Mae..... 98.00
	Kansasland Tire Company..... 6,189.22	*Scott, Melanie..... 200.00
	Kowpoke Supply LLC..... 105.99	Sebelius & Griffiths LLP..... 804.71
	Krizek Craig Dr..... 2,488.00	*Sebelius Building LLC..... 400.00
	KPERs Wire Transfer..... 20,750.46	Shirk Lamont Dr..... 392.00
	KQNK Radio..... 145.00	Skipton, Donald E..... 98.00
	KS Dept of Agriculture..... 50.00	Skipton, Marlene L..... 105.00
	Lang, Leroy..... 10.53	Skrdlant Welding..... 19.06
	Law Office of Paula..... 219.00	Skrdlant, Christen..... 49.60
	*Lewis Toyota Ford of Hays..... 44.91	Slaby, Alberta..... 90.50
	Linweld..... 80.84	Sloans Plumbing Inc..... 2,191.96
	Lockwood Company Inc..... 455.86	Snyder, Tyson..... 45.35
	Long, Patti..... 3.30	Sprester, Arleen C..... 109.50
	Manchett, Marvin..... 28.00	Stapp, Delores C..... 135.00
	Marlin Tractor..... 669.81	Sumner, Yvonne..... 124.50
	Matson, Gary..... 1.99	Taylor, Natalie..... 89.29
	Midwest Energy Inc..... 864.63	Thompson, Richard..... 157.77
	Miller, John..... 395.46	*Tiller, Judi..... 46.23
	Moffet Drug..... 102.01	Townsend, Bette..... 105.00
	Money Chevrolet, Inc..... 64.47	Tri-Central Office Supply..... 266.18
	Morel, Janelle..... 224.22	*Triplet Inc./Fuel Plus..... 1,486.31
	Moritz, Marie..... 105.00	United States Postal..... 910.00
	Mortensen Computer Service..... 2,159.90	Van Diest Supply Company..... 17,398.10
	Murphy Tractor & Equip Co..... 461.19	Voss, Carol K..... 94.50
	N.C.W.D.A.K..... 165.00	Waddell & Reed..... 780.00
	Nebraska Medicaid..... 482.60	*Wal-Mart Community..... 63.31
	Nelson, Lynn..... 98.00	Ward, Rachel S..... 10.00
	Newman Traffic Signs..... 726.20	West, Marla Jane..... 80.50
	Nex-Tech..... 4,403.05	Wheeled Coach Ind., Inc..... 80.53
	Nex-Tech-RENT..... 360.00	Whitney Law Office..... 225.03
	Nex-Tech-Wireless-LLC..... 814.11	Whitney, H. Naedean..... 138.00
	*Northwestern Office..... 185.95	Williams Nutrition Consul..... 229.14
	Northwestern Printer, Inc..... 60.11	Wiltfong, Eugene..... 105.00
	Noton Co District Court..... 102.00	Windscheffel, Tammy..... 76.05
	Norton Co EMS..... 50.00	Wiseman, Wilma Jean..... 98.00
	Norton Co Health Dept..... 15.00	Wyatt, Jane..... 166.07
	Norton Co Hospital..... 180.25	Wyatt, Robert D..... 464.48
	Norton County Health..... 117.60	WPS Medicare Part B..... 476.02
	Norton County Hospital..... 1,097.95	Xerox Corporation..... 252.43
	Norton County Treasurer..... 161.78	Yocum, Joni..... 725.00
	Norton Sheet Metal Inc..... 78.96	Zee Medical Service Co..... 80.10

Topside tourney next for Blue Jays

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball teams will compete in the annual Topside Tip-Off Basketball Tournament in Max Jones Fieldhouse at 12th and Arcade in Goodland this Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Also competing, in addition to Norton and Goodland, will be teams from Ottawa, Sharon Springs and Weskan; Burlington and Wray in Colorado and McCook, Neb.

Trophies will be awarded to the first, second, third and fifth place teams. Members of the top three teams will receive individual medals. An all-tournament team will be selected.

The tournament will feature a three-point contest. A spirit award will also be given.

BOYS

The Norton boys will play Ottawa at 3 p.m. on Thursday in the junior high gym. In the other first round games, Burlington will play Sharon Springs at 5 p.m. in the fieldhouse, McCook will play Weskan at 7 p.m. in the junior high

gym and Goodland will play Wray at 9 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The winners of the Norton-Ottawa and Burlington-Sharon Springs games will play in the championship semi-finals at 5 p.m. Friday in the fieldhouse.

In the other semi-finals contest, the winners of the McCook-Weskan and the Goodland-Wray games will play at 9 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

On the consolation side, losers from the Norton-Ottawa and Burlington-Sharon Springs contests will play at 5 p.m. Friday in the junior high gym and losers of the McCook-Weskan and Goodland-Wray games will play at 9 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The championship finals will be held at 8 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse and the third place game will be at 4 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

On the consolation side, the seventh place game will be at 2 p.m. in the junior high gym and the fifth place game will be played at 4 p.m. in the junior high gym.

GIRLS

The Norton girls will play McCook at 5 p.m. on Thursday in the

junior high gym and Wray will play Sharon Springs at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse. In the other first round games, Goodland will play Ottawa at 7 p.m. in the fieldhouse and Weskan will play Burlington at 9 p.m. in the junior high gym.

On Friday, winners of the Norton-McCook and Wray-Sharon Springs games will play in the championship semi-finals at 3 p.m. in the fieldhouse and the winners of the Goodland-Ottawa and Weskan-Burlington contests will play at 7 p.m. in the championship semi-finals in the fieldhouse.

Losers of the Norton-McCook and Wray-Sharon Springs games will play on the consolation side at 3 p.m. in the junior high gym and losers of the Goodland-Ottawa and Weskan-Burlington contests will play at 7 p.m. in the junior high gym.

The championship finals will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday in the fieldhouse.

The third place game will be at 2 p.m. in the fieldhouse. The seventh place contest will be at 12 noon in the junior high gym and the fifth place game will be at 12 noon in the fieldhouse.

Husky varsity ladies crush Buffaloes

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies started the '08 basketball season with traditional opponent Rawlins Co. (Atwood), but came away with a non-traditional outcome — a victory, 61-48 over an aggressive team where the Huskies had to adjust their scheme of things to overcome a situation they got themselves into.

"The situation," explained coach Chuck Zimmerman, "was foul trouble (in the first half) as both teams, being aggressive, were called for numerous fouls. Atwood, having the better coach, pulled their girls back into a zone to protect their players while our coach was stubborn and wanted his girls to adjust to the officiating and continue to play good solid defense. Didn't happen, so we started out the second half with a zone and after some adjustments on the fly the ladies did a very good

job. Now, don't get me wrong as we will still play our main defense but now we know we can play a zone if we are forced to."

The coach continued, "Our statistical leaders for the first game of the season showed our veterans stepping up to lead, as they should, as defensive deflects (a hustle stat showing we were at the ball defensively and got a hand on it — which sometimes results in a steal by another teammate), were led by Alison Cole with 7 followed by Megan Cole with 4 and Christina Anderson with 3.

"Steals were taken by Anderson who led with 6 followed by Staci Dole with 4 and A. Cole with 3.

"We were out rebounded by the Buffaloes and we will need to concentrate on getting position further from the basket as all they did was reach up and they had the ball. Our leader was A. Cole with

7 followed by M. Cole with 5 and Brittney Braun with 4.

"This team continues to be able to find the open player for scores as 19 assists were dished out in this game with Anderson finding 6 teammates open while M. Cole, A. Cole and Dole each found 3.

"A good opening day victory for this group against a team that was very aggressive."

3pt-2pt-ft-reb-st-ass't-def-total points:
Karen Wenzl 0-1-0-2-1-2-0=2 points; Megan Cole, 0-3-2-5-2-32-4=8 points; Alison Cole, 0-11-4-7-3-3-7=26 points; Kenzie Chandler, 0-0-0-0-0-0-1=0; Staci Dole, 2-2-1-3-4-3-1=11 points; Melissa Hawks, 0-0-0-0-0-0=0; Christina Anderson, 0-2-4-2-6-6-3=8 points; Brittney Braun, 0-1-1-4-1-2-0=3 points; Cassie Field, 0-0-0-0-0-0=0; Katie Stillion, 0-0-0-0-0-0=0.