



Norton's Kaitlyn Ross returned the ball as her teammate Ashley Millan glanced back during their No. 2 doubles championship run in the Norton JV Tournament on the swimming pool park courts on Saturday.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Blue Jay tennis places third

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team had another outstanding day on Thursday, Sept. 10 when they placed third, just four points out of first, in the Trego JV Round Robin Tournament in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 24 points, followed by Colby, 22; Norton, 20; Trego, 15; Scott City, 13; Victoria, 12; Hoisington, 6.

"I was pleased with our team's play all day," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green.

"I felt that we did extremely well."

"We were close behind the top schools and were just two victories short of first place!"

Katie Scott played No. 1 singles for Norton and placed fourth. She defeated Victoria Morris, Trego, 6-5; outscored Idalia Chevez, Scott City, 6-2 and lost to Aubree Broyles, Victoria, Mixed No. 1 team, 6-4.

In the finals, she lost to Katera Harder, Colby, 6-4.

"Katie had a good day of tennis," said coach Green. "She lost in a tiebreaker in pool play or she would have played her teammate Kelsey Nuzum for first place."

Playing No. 1 doubles for the Lady Jays were Rachel Shepard and Nikki McVey and they also placed fourth. They lost to Allison Carr and Bailey Fritts, WaKeeney, 6-2, defeated Krista Kucharik and Kathryn Buehler, Scott City, 6-5 and defeated Mary Kearns and Stephanie Stutterheim, Phil-

lipsburg, Mixed No. 1 team, 6-1. In the finals, they lost to Shelby Christensen and Kaydie Tweedy, Phillipsburg, 6-5.

"Rachel and Nikki continue to be solid at doubles and are hitting the ball crosscourt against their opponents," said coach Green.

The No. 2 singles player for Norton was Diedre Kramer and she finished in second place. She defeated Morgan Powell, Trego, 6-1; outscored Tashia Malchow, Scott City, 6-0 and beat Morgan Schremmer, Victoria Mixed No. 1 Team, 6-3. In the finals, she lost the championship match by a 6-1 score to Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg.

"Diedre played well to give us a second place finish," said coach Green. "She covers the court so well and has become very consistent."

Kaitlyn Ross and Kelsie Griffith played No. 2 doubles for the Lady Jays and placed sixth. They defeated Megan Bejot and Lauren Burdett, Trego, 6-2; lost to Brittany Berry and Brenna Beeson, Scott City, 6-5 and lost to Shannon Lacey and Kaitlyn Rodie, Hoisington, 6-1. In the finals, they lost to Evelyn Craig and Callan Rice, Scott City Mixed No. 3 Team, 6-4.

"Kaitlyn and Kelsie played well early in the day and are very good about never giving up," said coach Green.

Kelsey Nuzum played No. 1 singles for the Norton Mixed No. 2 Team and won the championship. She defeated Katera Harder, Colby, 6-2; outscored Jessica

Pugh, Phillipsburg, 6-3 and beat Rhees Carlson, Norton Mixed No. 3 Team, 6-0. In the finals, she won the gold medal with a 6-4 win over Aubree Broyles, Victoria No. 1 Mixed Team.

"Kelsey had a great day," said coach Green. "In the finals, she defeated a very good Victoria player."

Rhees Carlson played No. 1 singles for the Norton Mixed No. 3 Team and placed eighth. She lost to Jessica Pugh, Phillipsburg, 6-0; lost to Katera Harder, Colby, 6-1 and lost to Kelsey Nuzum, Norton Mixed No. 2 Team, 6-0. In the finals, she lost to Idalia Chevez, Scott City, 6-1.

Playing No. 2 singles for the Norton Mixed No. 2 Team was Ashley Millan and she finished in third place. She lost to Janessa Williams, Colby, 6-5; defeated Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg, 6-4 and beat Ashley Smith, Norton Mixed No. 3 Team, 6-0. In the finals, she shutout Morgan Schremmer, Victoria Mixed No. 1 Team, 6-0.

"Ashley stepped up and placed third," said coach Green. "She played well from the baseline and also attacked the net."

The No. 2 singles player for the Norton Mixed No. 3 Team was Ashley Smith and she placed eighth. She lost to Jessica Pugh, Phillipsburg, 6-0; shutout Janessa Williams, Colby, 6-0 and lost to Ashley Millan, Norton Mixed No. 2 Team, 6-0. In the finals, she lost to Morgan Powell, Trego, 6-1.

## Tennis 'strong' during first match

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls tennis team competed in the Russell JV Tournament on Tuesday.

Team scores were not kept but Norton assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery said she was proud of what the girls accomplished.

"All the girls came out strong and won their first match," she said.

"We showed improvement in many areas and are getting better at things we have been working on during practice."

Katie Scott played No. 1 singles for Norton and placed fifth. She defeated Russell 6-4, lost to Beloit

6-1 and lost to Hays 6-5. Then, she played for fifth place and won 6-5.

"Katie played hard and had some excellent shots," said coach Montgomery. "She fought for some close points and played some tough opponents."

"She was down 0-5 against Hays but kept fighting and had a tremendous comeback to tie the score at 5-all."

Ashley Millan and Kaitlyn Ross placed second in No. 1 doubles. They defeated Russell 6-2, downed Beloit 6-4 and lost the championship match 6-1 to Ellinwood 6-4.

"Ashley and Kaitlyn play doubles together extremely well," said coach Montgomery. "This

was only their second match and both have shown improvement. They will be strong in the future."

Diedre Kramer and Kelsie Griffith placed second for Norton in No. 2 doubles. They defeated Russell 6-1, beat Beloit 6-3 and lost the championship match to Ellinwood 6-4.

"This was Diedre and Kelsie's first time playing together as a doubles team," said coach Montgomery.

"I was impressed at how well they played together. They fought hard in the championship match and, with a little more practice together, they will win many of their matches."

## Lady Jays beat Brewster in Atwood

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The Norton Community High School varsity volleyball team traveled to Atwood on Saturday and returned with a 1-2 record for the day.

The Lady Jays lost to Dundy County 17-25, 22-25; defeated Brewster 25-22, 25-23 and lost to Atwood 17-25, 26-24, 18-25.

"We dug ourselves a big hole in the first game and managed to rally back but not enough to win," said Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.

"In the second game, we were ahead and couldn't quite finish the game."

"We need to play consistently through the match and convert hits to kills."

Erin Terrell and Alyssa Thomson led Norton in kills with 2 each, followed by Bethany Roy and Kaitlyn Wolf, 1 each.

In the serving department, Kaitlyn Wolf was the leader with 5.

She was followed by Bethany Roy, 2; Raven Brown, Kendra Engelbert, Shelby Jones, Ashlie Stewart, 1 each.

Digs leader was Wolf with 4,

followed by Thomson, 3; Stewart, Terrell, 2 each; Brown, Engelbert, Roy, 1 each.

Jones led assists with 6, followed by Roy, 2; Stewart, 1.

Blocks leader was Thomson with 4, followed by Wolf, 3; Engelbert, Roy, Terrell, 1 each.

**Brewster**

"This match was ugly as we played with no intensity," said coach Cox.

"This was a team we should have dominated but a win is a win."

Engelbert and Wolf led in kills with 4 each, followed by Thomson, 2; Roy, Stewart, Terrell, 1 each.

Serving leader was Brown with 5, followed by Stewart, 3; Jones, Roy, 1 each.

Terrell had 2 digs.

Jones had 14 assists and Roy had 6.

Engelbert, Thomson and Wolf each had 1 block.

**Atwood**

"We met the Lady Buffs for the first time this season and started sluggishly in the first set with too many unforced errors," said coach Cox.

"In the second set, the lead went back and forth and we came out on top."

"In the third set, we just seemed to run out of energy and didn't stay focused on finishing the match."

"We struggled to string points together to take the lead and maintain it," said coach Cox.

"Again, being consistent is going to be the key for us."

Wolf led in kills with 8, followed by Terrell, 5; Engelbert, 3; Brown, Roy, Thomson, 1 each.

Serving leader was Stewart with 4, followed by Brown, Jones, 2 each; Roy, 1.

Brown led in digs with 4, followed by Jones, Stewart, Wolf, 2 each; Thomson, Bethany Winkel, 1 each.

Assists leader was Jones with 12; Roy had 6.

Wolf led blocks with 2, while Terrell and Thomson each had 1.

**Next action**

Norton will travel to Hoxie on Tuesday to play Hoxie and Hill City in varsity and junior varsity contests, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

## Varsity tennis second in Phillipsburg

By DICK BOYD

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Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School girls varsity tennis team placed runner-up in Phillipsburg.

The Phillipsburg Quadrangular was held on Tuesday in Phillipsburg.

The Lady Panthers won the championship with 30 points, followed by Norton, 17; Belleville, 11; Concordia, 2.

In No. 1 singles, Norton's Emily Juenemann placed third. She defeated Carrie Carpenter, Concordia, 8-7(7-4), lost to Laura Monsanto, Belleville, 8-3 and lost to Malorie Witmer, Phillipsburg, 8-1.

"Emily played extremely well in her match at No. 1 singles," said coach Green.

The Lady Jays No. 1 doubles

team of Allie Corbin and Meaghan Peterson finished second.

They defeated Suzanne Carlgren and Emily Trigg, Concordia, 8-1; outscored Kristy Farnsworth and Darsha Bechard, Belleville, 8-3 and lost to Brooke Lawyer and Ember Ward, Phillipsburg, 8-4.

"Allie and Meaghan continue to improve," said coach Green.

"Allie was covering the court from corner to corner and Meaghan was using her power to win points."

Morgan Baumann played No. 2 singles for Norton and placed second.

She outscored Liv McGuire, Concordia, 8-5; defeated Trey Meka Dyke, Belleville, 8-1 and lost to Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg, 8-6.

"Morgan finished second playing some of the longest matches

of the evening," said coach Green. "Her last match against Phillipsburg was very exciting."

In No. 2 doubles, the Norton team of Rachel Shepard and Nikki McVey placed second.

They defeated Natalie Hartzel and Rissa McNichols, Concordia, 8-2; outscored Katie Strnad and Sara Vytical, Belleville, 8-2 and lost to Kim Nguyen and Shelbie Christensen, Phillipsburg, 8-3.

"Rachel and Nikki moved up to the varsity to give us a little help," said coach Green.

"They put in a solid performance to place second."

**Next action**

The Norton varsity tennis team will play next in the Russell Invitational on Thursday, beginning at 3 p.m.

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