

Blue Jay tennis wins tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis players won the championship of their Norton JV Tournament on Saturday, Sept. 12 on the swimming pool park courts.

Norton A tallied 35 points, followed by Colby, 28; Hays, 23; Phillipsburg, 9; Norton B, 3.

Katie Scott played No. 1 singles for Norton A and placed second. She shutout Crystal Montgomery, Phillipsburg, 6-0; lost to Madison Gawith, Colby, 6-5 (7-4); outscored Alyssa Reed, Hays, 6-1 and shutout Rhees Carlson of Norton B, 6-0.

"Katie continued to play well. Her only loss was a very close match with Colby, which she lost in a tiebreaker," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green.

Winning the No. 1 doubles

championship was the Norton A team of Rachel Shepard and Nikki McVey.

They shutout Heather Miller and Annika Wirth, Phillipsburg, 6-0; shutout Hannah Giebler and Tomi Miller, Colby, 6-0; outscored Megan Bird and Janae Gagnon, Hays, 6-1. and drew a bye.

"Rachel and Nikki were a dominant force, losing only one game in their three matches," said coach Green.

Competing in No. 2 singles for Norton and placing second was Deidre Kramer. She shutout Victoria Main, Phillipsburg, 6-0; lost to Janessa Williams, Colby, 6-3; outscored Ashley Moore, Hays, 6-1 and shutout Ashley Smith, Norton B, 6-0.

"Deidre covers the court better than any singles player we have on the team and I expect her to continue to get better," said coach

Green. Norton A's No. 2 doubles team of Kaitlyn Ross and Ashley Millan also won the championship.

They shutout Tiffani Eller and Kiersten Klinger, Phillipsburg, 6-0; shutout Amber Bond and Alexa Schindler, Colby, 6-0; outscored Reagan Kleymann and Naomi Basgall, Hays, 6-4 and drew a bye.

"Kaitlyn and Ashley were playing as a doubles team for the first time and they mowed through their competition without dropping a single game against Phillipsburg and Colby," said coach Green.

Rhees Carlson played No. 1 singles for the Norton B team and placed fourth.

She lost to Alyssa Reed, Hays, 6-3; was shutout by Madison Gawith, Colby, 6-0; shutout Crystal Montgomery, Phillipsburg, 6-0 and lost to Katie Scott, Norton

A, 6-0. Ashley Smith was the No. 2 singles player for the Norton B team and placed fifth.

She lost to Ashley Moore, Hays, 6-1; lost to Janessa Williams, Colby, 6-3; was shutout by Victoria Main, Phillipsburg, 6-0 and was shutout by Diedre Kramer, Norton A, 6-0.

"It was a wonderful day to play tennis," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green. "There was only a light breeze and the temperature was perfect.

"It helped that we got great play from both our singles players and doubles teams. I was extremely pleased with the first place finish by our team."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity girls tennis team's next competition will be Saturday in the Phillipsburg JV Tournament, beginning at 9 a.m.

Lady Blue Jays show 'improvement'

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team showed marked improvement in a three-game loss to Goodland on Thursday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

Game scores were: 22-25, 18-25, 16-25.

"Overall, we played much better," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox.

"Our passing was much im-

proved and the sets are getting there; we just need to convert hits to kills and lower our hitting errors.

"We struggled from the service line at times but, again, when you serve aggressive, mistakes will be made."

"We just need to realize when to be aggressive and when to get the ball in."

"Goodland has one of the best teams they've had in recent years. While it was a loss, I'm starting to

see flashes of brilliance that show what this team can do. Wins will be a team effort but something that is a definite possibility."

Erin Terrell led kills with 7, followed by Bethany Roy, Kaitlyn Wolf, 4 each; Alyssa Thomson, 3; Kendra Engelbert, Ashlie Stewart, 2 each.

Serving leader was Wolf with 3, followed by Engelbert, 2; Roy, 1.

Leading in digs was Roy with 11, followed by Stewart, 10; Shel-

by Jones, 7; Raven Brown, Wolf, 4 each; Engelbert, 2; Thomson, Bethany Winkel, 1 each.

Jones had 20 assists. Jones and Roy each had 3 blocks and Wolf had 2 blocks.

Next action

Next Tuesday, Norton will host Atwood and Colby in varsity and junior varsity contests, beginning a 4:30 p.m.

Redmen score another win over Norton

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The Norton Community High School varsity football team was a play or two from defeating the No. 1 state ranked Smith Center eleven last Friday evening but the junior varsity Blue Jays were not so fortunate in their contest in Norton on Monday evening.

"It was a tough physical game

for our guys," said Norton assistant football coach Wade Church.

"Our defense did well for most of the night for being on the field so much and our offense moved the ball but just had some mental breakdowns that stopped our drives."

Smith Center won the contest by a 42-6 score. Norton's one touchdown came in the fourth

quarter after Tye Nickell returned a kick 65 yards to Smith Center's 2-yard-line and Dalton Miller scored from there.

Smith Center scored on a 65 yard run in the first quarter, 3 yard run and 4 yard pass in the second quarter, 2 yard run in the third quarter, 5 yard run and 75 yard run in the fourth quarter.

They made two running extra points attempts and one on a

pass. "We need to get better at being physically and mentally tougher," said coach Church. "We have a good matchup next week and our boys will be ready for the challenge."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity will play Goodland on Monday evening in Goodland in a 5:30 p.m. game.

Hoxie scores over lady Blue Jays volleyball

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team lost to Hoxie 25-27, 18-25 and lost to Hill City 16-25, 18-25 in Hoxie on Tuesday evening.

Hoxie

"We jumped out to an early lead against the Lady Indians and kept it until the very end," said Norton girls head volleyball coach Peggy Cox. "We just couldn't quite close the deal and let some unforced errors determine the final points in our first set.

"After losing that set, we just couldn't get going and let the game happen to us instead of us taking control."

Bethany Roy and Kaitlyn Wolf led Norton in kills with 4 each, followed by Erin Terrell, Ashlie Stewart, 1 each. Serving leader was also Roy with 4 aces, followed by Kendra Engelbert, 3; Hannah Waggoner, Wolf, 1 each.

In the digs department, Stewart led with 4, followed by Shelby Jones, Wolf, 3 each; Raven Brown, Engelbert, Roy, 2 each;

Erin Terrell, Waggoner, 1 each. Jones led in assists with 8, followed by Roy, Alyssa Thomson, 1 each.

Roy and Thomson each had 2 blocks and Engelbert, Jones, Wolf, had 1 each.

Hill City

"Our meeting with the Lady Ringnecks was not favorable for us," said coach Cox. "We struggled stringing points together and allwed Hill City to do that to us for several rotations. Unfortunately, this continued through both sets."

Terrell and Wolf each had 2 kills. Jones led serving with 3, followed by Roy, Wolf, 1 each.

In digs, Roy and Stewart had 3 each, followed by Wolf, 2; Brown, Jones, Thomson, Waggoner, Bethany Winkel, 1 each.

Jones had 7 assists and Roy recorded 1.

Roy and Terrell each had 2 blocks and Wolf had 1.

Next action

Norton's varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will host Atwood and Colby in matches on Tuesday, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Norton JV volleyball defeats Hoxie, Hill City

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The Norton junior varsity girls volleyball team defeated both Hoxie and Hill City in matches played Tuesday in Hoxie.

Hoxie

In the first win, the Lady Jays defeated the Lady Indians 25-19, 25-17.

"We played well and were able to keep control of the entire match to capture the win," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

Brianna Karnopp led Norton in kills with 4, followed by Bekah Streck, 3; Alexis Henson, Sharrell Shinn, Shaylyn Boteler, 2 each.

In aces, Teslee Nickell led with 4, Boteler followed with 3 and Karnopp and Mariah Farber had 1 each.

Nickell had 6 setting assists, followed by Brooklyn Winkel, 3; Farber, 2.

Shinn and Kylie Nuzum led in digs with 3 each. Karnopp and Katie Gall each had 1 dig.

Hill City

Next, Norton outscored Hill City 25-17, 25-17.

"Our Lady Jays started the match being aggressive and went right after the Hill City junior varsity," said coach Thompson.

Boteler led in kills with 4, followed by Shinn, 3; Caren Thomson, Henson, 2 each; Streck, Karnopp, Nickell, 1 each.

Nuzum led in serving aces with 3, followed by Nickell, 2; Karnopp, Farber, 1 each.

Nickell led in setting assists with 6.

Boteler and Karnopp led in digs with 4 each, followed by Nickell, 2; Nuzum, Winkel, 1 each.

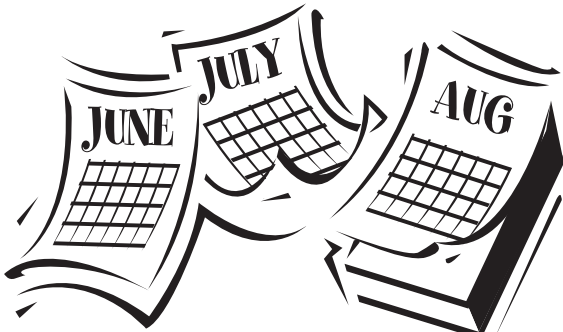
"Overall play for the night by our girls was very consistent, aggressive and disciplined," said coach Thompson.

The Norton junior varsity girls are now 6-4 for the season.

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Girls lose two games, scored one victory

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The Norton Community High School C-team girls volleyball team traveled to Smith Center on Monday where they defeated Russell 25-17, 25-18; lost to Smith Center 17-25, 17-25, and lost to Phillipsburg 25-17, 19-25, 10-15.

Smith Center

Norton played Smith Center first and served extremely well against the Lady Redmen.

"We missed only one serve," said Norton assistant coach Jill Lively.

"We have been focusing on accurate serving for quite awhile and we surpassed our goal in this match.

"Playing aggressively, staying positive and communication are areas where we could have done better."

Team statistics were: serving - 97 percent, 7 aces; passing - 1.66 on 3.0 scale; hitting - 75 percent, 4 kills (8 percent).

Statistics leaders were: serving - Katherine Boteler, Kayleigh Norwood, 100 percent with 2 aces each; Juliana Miller, Kaitlyn Campbell, 100 percent with 1 ace each; Alexis Lively, Rachel Slipke, 100 percent; Alec Melvin, 1 ace; passing - Campbell, 3.0, Miller, 2.4; Brae Bigge, Lively, Norwood, each 2.0; hitting - Melvin, 3 kills; Slipke, Campbell, Norwood, 1 kill each.

Phillipsburg

"We played well in the first game, missing only one serve and scoring many points on ace serves to win," said coach Lively.

"Phillipsburg got us down early in the second game with a 15-4 lead when we struggled with returning their serve.

"We eventually got out of that hole with a string of serves from Juliana Miller but it was too big a deficit to win the game.

"The third game was neck and

neck until we let Phillipsburg score five points in a row to win. Our serving in the third game was crucial and some of our best servers missed serves when we can usually count on aces from them."

Team statistics were: serving - 92 percent, 6 aces; passing - 1.79; hitting - 90 percent, 9 kills (10 percent).

Statistics leaders were: serving - Lively, 100 percent, 1 ace; Melvin, Campbell, Norwood, 100 percent; Miller, 3 aces; Boteler, Slipke, 1 ace each; passing - Boteler, 2.75; Miller, 2.36; Black, 2.0; Bigge, 1.83; hitting - Norwood, 100 percent, 4 kills; Slipke, 3 kills; Miller, Melvin, 1 kill each.

Russell

"The Russell match was challenging because the pace was much slower than we are used to," said Norton coach Lively. "We didn't focus on our serves; however, our passing was very good. We scored a lot of points on ace serves so the serves we did make were very effective.

"There was not a lot of opportunity for us to run our offense; it was mostly a serving game."

Team statistics were: serving - 79 percent, 12 aces; passing - 1.81; hitting - 59 percent, 5 kills.

Statistics leaders were: serving - Miller, 91 percent, 5 aces; Lively, Boteler, 2 aces each; Black, Slipke, Norwood, 1 ace each; passing - Black, Campbell, 3.0; Katie Koch, Miller, Boteler, Kelsey Mordecai, Slipke, 2.0; hitting - Norwood, 3 kills; Slipke, Miller, 1 kill each.

Next action

The Norton C-team will play in the Hill City Tournament on Saturday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

On Monday, Oct. 5, they will play at Plainville versus Smith Center, Phillipsburg and Plainville in matches that were not on the original schedule.

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