

A junior win



Norton's Chris Davis (center) pushes the Colby blockers back during the football game against Colby on Sept. 26. The Norton Junior Jays fifth grade team defeated Colby

25-0. The Junior Jays are part of the Western Kansas Football League.

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Jays runner-up in tournament

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The Norton Community High School girls junior varsity volleyball team placed runner-up in the Oberlin JV Tournament held on Saturday.

The Lady Jay junior varsity defeated Hoxie 25-16, 25-19, outscored St. Francis 25-13, 25-21; beat Atwood 25-10, 25-18 and lost to Oberlin in the championship match 23-25, 25-22, 9-15.

"I was very proud of the way our girls played and took control," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

"We played smart, under control and aggressive the entire day. It was the best volleyball we've played all season. Our girls took every match as a challenge. We knew each team would be tough and have the same goals as we did for the day.

"This JV team has finally taken charge and made a goal of how they want the rest of the season to turn out."

"I believe that, as the season has gone on, each player has improved and has brought something important to each of our matches. At this time, we have a 10-6 record."

Hoxie

The match with Hoxie was a challenge due to it being the first match of the morning," said coach Thompson. "We came out and controlled the match the entire time by playing very aggressive and smart."

St. Francis

"Due to the momentum we had, we were able to beat St. Francis pretty easily," said coach Thompson.

Atwood

"We thought Atwood would be up for our match with them due to us beating them the Tuesday before," said coach Thompson.

Oberlin

"The biggest match of the day was against Oberlin," said coach Thompson. "It came down to that match to determine the tournament champions. After three games well played by both teams, Oberlin came out the winner of the tournament."

Statistics leaders

Sharrelle Shinn, Bekah Streck, Brianna Karnopp led in kills with 9 each, followed by Shaylyn Boteler, 7; Caren Thomson, Alexis Henson, 6 each; Teslee Nickell, 3; Mariah Farber, 2; Kylie Nuzum, 1.

Leading in serving aces were Nickell and Shinn, 12 each; followed by Boteler, 11; Nuzum, 9; Brooklyn Winkel, 5; Farber, 3; Julianna Miller, 1.

Setting assists leader was Nickell with 32 for the day. Winkel had 17 and Farber 2.

Karnopp led in blocks with 4; Nickell had 1.

Team leader in digs was Miller with 16, followed by Nuzum, Boteler, 13 each; Shinn, 9; Katie Gall, 5; Thomson, 3; Karnopp, 2; Streck, 1.

Lady Jays faced 'tough' tournament

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The Norton Community High School varsity tennis team competed in the eight-team Colby Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 29.

It was another tough tournament for the Lady Jays and they, along with three other teams, were unable to score any points. Colby won the team championship with 26 points, followed by Trego Community, 22; Tribune, 16; Phillipsburg, 8; Norton, 0; Scott City, 0; Garden City JV, 0; Colby JV, 0.

"The tournament seeded each group into an 8-entry bracket," said Norton head tennis coach Jim Green. "We were sixth seeded in three of the brackets and fifth seed in No.2 doubles. It was another tough tournament; we lost every first round match."

Vanessa Danesan competed for

Norton at No.1 singles. She lost to Malorie Witmer, Phillipsburg, 6-3 and lost to Katera Harter, Colby JV, 6-4.

"Vanessa played well and both her matches were extremely close with one game in the first match going to deuce ten times. She played well but didn't win," said coach Green

Emily Juenemann and Kyra Fulton played No.1 doubles for the Lady Jays. They lost to Alyssa Scheuerman and Shannon Blair, Scott City, 6-1 and lost to Laura Juenemann and Paige Roopchan, Colby JV, 6-2.

In No.2 singles, Katie Scott was the Norton player. She lost to Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg, 6-1; defeated Janessa Williams, Colby JV, 6-2 and lost to Keley Crittenden, Tribune, 6-2.

"Katie played very well in both her second and third matches," said coach Green.

Playing No.2 doubles for Norton were Ashley Millan and Kaitlyn Ross. They lost to Chelsey Edwards and Kaci Ferguson, Phillipsburg, 6-1; shutout Thao Nguyen and Rocio Ramos, Garden City JV, 6-0 and lost to Courtney Nemechek and Kaylie Schneider, Tribune.

"Both of our No.2 players won in the second round," said coach Green. "Both lost their third match to Tribune, which would have gotten them into the match for third place.

"Ashley and Kaitlyn had an easy 6-0 win in their second match and then played Tribune to get into the match for third place. Tribune proved to be too strong for us to defeat."

Next action

The Norton varsity girls tennis team will compete in the Class 3A Regional Tournament on Friday and Saturday in WaKeeney.

The top six singles and top six doubles teams will qualify for the state tournament.

Lady Jays' C-team completes season with losses in Plainville

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The Norton C-team girls volleyball team completed their season on Monday with matches in Plainville.

They lost to Plainville 19-25, 13-25; lost to Smith Center 14-25, 7-25 and lost to Osborne 17-25, 22-25.

"Unfortunately, we did not serve or pass very well and that doesn't make it easy to win games," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Jill Lively.

"We needed to keep our focus and increase our intensity. I have seen improvement in our team the last few months but we still have a lot to learn about communication, determination and hard work.

"The matches scheduled for us on Saturday, October 10 have been canceled due to small numbers on the other teams.

"Our season ended rather abruptly but I would like to thank the parents for their support."

"At this age, girls are often still counting on their parents to get them to 6 a.m. weight lifting and pick them up after matches and practices," she said.

"Their encouragement and positive attitudes will help the success of our program in future years."

Plainville

Team statistics: serving - 73 percent, 5 aces; passing - 1.33 on 3.0 scale; hitting - 72 percent, 2 kills; defense - 1 block.

Statistics leaders: serving - Alexis Lively, 100 percent; Katherine Boteler, 3 aces; Alec Melvin, Katie Koch, 1 ace each; passing - Brae Bigge, 2.14; Boteler, 2.0; Sierra Black, 1.80; hitting - Kayleigh Norwood, 88 percent, 1 kill; Rachel Slipke, 71 percent, 1 kill; defense - Lively, 1 block.

Smith Center

Team statistics: serving - 77 percent, 3 aces; passing - 1.72; hitting - 69 percent, 5 kills.

Statistics leaders: serving - Bigge, 100 percent, 2 aces; Jana Kalendova, Melvin, Black, Slipke, 100 percent; passing - Koch, 3.0; Bigge, 2.3; Slipke, 2.0; Melvin, 1.87; hitting - Kaitlyn Campbell, 100 percent, 2 kills; Norwood, Boteler, Melvin, 1 kill each.

Osborne

Team statistics: serving - 69 percent, 5 aces; passing - 1.60; hitting - 78 percent, 7 kills.

Statistics leaders: serving - Boteler, 90 percent, 2 aces; Koch, 2 aces; Campbell, 1 ace; passing - Norwood, 3.0; Shelbi McKenna, 2.5; Bigge, 2.25; Boteler, 1.83; hitting - Campbell, 93 percent, 3 kills; Norwood, 88 percent, 2 kills; Boteler, Slipke, 1 kill each.

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