

C-Team competes in invite

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The Norton Community High School C-team boys basketball team placed fifth in the annual Joe Green Invitational Tournament held last Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Hill City.

After losing their first round contest to Hill City on Tuesday by a 65-39 score, the young Blue Jays boys defeated Oberlin 52-42 in the consolation bracket on Wednesday. That win propelled them into the fifth place game on Thursday where they outscored Phillipsburg 55-36.

Northern Valley also competed in the tournament and placed second.

They defeated Phillipsburg in the first round and Quinter in the semi-finals but lost to Hill City in the championship game.

Two Norton players, Jacob Brooks and Zach Hartwell and Gunnar Hays of Northern Valley were chosen to the All-Tournament Team.

Hill City
In the loss to Hill City, Norton trailed by quarters 11-4, 27-19 and 48-29.

Leading scorer for the young Blue Jays was Zach Hartwell with 14 points, followed by John Renner, 8; Jacob Brooks, 7; Lane Archer, 5; Dalton Miller, 4; Andrew Ellis, 1.

Anderson was high scorer for the Ringnecks with 18 points; Pfeifer added 15.

"This was a disappointing overall performance for us," said Norton assistant coach David Stover. "We did not compete very well and made too many mistakes in every aspect of the game."

"We fell behind early and were playing catch-up the entire evening. We did cut the deficit to 5 points early in the third quarter but, from that point on, did not play well."

Oberlin
In the victory over Oberlin, Norton trailed 11-10 after one quarter but outscored the Red Devils 12-6 in the second quarter to take a 22-17 halftime advantage.

A 10-5 third quarter in Norton's favor extended the Blue Jays' lead to 32-22. Both teams tallied 20 points in the high-scoring fourth stanza as Norton maintained the 10-point lead for the victory.

Hartwell was leading scorer again for Norton, this time with 14 points, followed by Brooks, 13; Renner, 12; Miller, 6; Archer, 5; Ellis, 2.

Bruggeman led Oberlin in scoring with 19 points.

"I was pleased that we bounced back after the lackluster performance against Hill City to earn our first win of the season," said

coach Stover.

"The game was close most of the first half and early into the third quarter, placing us in a very similar situation as the previous day. This time, we responded well and were able to pull away for the victory."

Phillipsburg
In the win over Phillipsburg, Norton held quarter advantages of 15-9, 31-21 and 42-29.

Leading all scorers for the Blue Jays was Renner with 18 points, followed by Brooks, 13; Hartwell, 11; Miller, 7; Ellis, 4; Archer, 2.

Scoring leader for the Panthers was Derr with 15 points.

"This was easily the best overall performance of the tournament for us," said coach Stover. "We were solid early both offensively and defensively and jumped out and took a commanding lead."

"We had positive contributions from all of our boys in the game."

"Overall, this was a very good tournament for us. We had two victories but, more importantly, we saw improvement in all aspects of our play as the tournament progressed."

"We got quality playing time for many of our players and, hopefully, that experience will help them to continue to improve as the season continues."



Norton's John Renner went high to pull down a rebound during the young Blue Jays' 52-42 win over Oberlin on Wednesday in the Joe Green Invitational C-team Tournament in Hill City. Norton's Jacob Brooks, No.32, was ready to grab the ball had it come down on his side.
- Photo courtesy of Susan May

Jays compete in Oakley

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys junior varsity basketball teams competed on Saturday, Dec. 19 in the Junior Varsity Tournament in Oakley.

The Norton girls lost to Trego Community 52-39 and to Oakley 37-18. The Blue Jay boys were defeated by Quinter 63-33 before being edged by Oakley 48-46.

GIRLS
A big second half for Trego led to their win over Norton. The Lady Jays led 14-7 after one quarter and 24-21 at halftime.

The Lady Golden Eagles outscored Norton 16-7 in the third quarter to take a 37-31 lead and also outscored the Lady Jays 15-8 in the final stanza.

Leading scorer for Norton was Meaghan Peterson with 9 points, followed by Caren Thomson, 8; Teslee Nickell, 8; Kamilla Jones, 8; Alyssa Boser, 2; Alec Melvin, 2; Brianna Karnopp, 2.

K. Smith and B. Fritts led Trego with 13 each.

"Our girls started well against Trego, outscoring them in the first quarter," said Norton assistant coach George Rossi.

"In the second quarter, we began to foul and you just can't beat a team when you put them to the free throw line 32 times in a game."

"The game was much closer than the final score indicates if you take away our constant fouling. I think our girls learned during the game that they are capable of scoring and we did several good things."

"We need to address the turnovers problem and work hard at all times."

In the loss to Oakley, Norton trailed by quarters 11-5, 21-8 and 32-10.

Karnopp was leading scorer for the Lady Jays with 6 points, followed by Nickell, 4; Tiffany Eagleburger, 3; Thomson, 2; Peterson, 2; Boser, 1. Mabley led Oakley with 9.

"Our troubles continued in the second game," said coach Rossi. "We did not do a good job of taking care of the ball and getting into defense as a team."

"Our girls learned that you will not win with one or two girls hustling and the other three not. Basketball is a team sport in which all team members must put out maximum effort the entire time they are on the floor."

"The good thing is that most of these issues are correctable. We will work with great vigor to correct our mistakes over the Christmas break."

BOYS
The Norton boys trailed by quarters 20-4, 39-11 and 58-23 in their loss to Quinter.

Zach Hartwell and Dalton Mill-

each scored 9 points for Norton, followed by Dylan Sprigg, 5; Lane Archer, 3; Lane Bigge, 3; Andrew Ellis, 2; John Renner, 2.

B. Ochs led the way for Quinter with 18 points.

"We did not give the effort necessary to play quality basketball at any time during this game," said Norton assistant coach David Stover.

"Quinter has a good group of junior varsity players but we did not compete at the necessary level to challenge them in this game."

In the loss to Oakley, Norton led 14-9 after one quarter and 25-21 at halftime. Oakley outscored the Blue Jays 16-8 in the third period to take a 37-33 lead and a 13-11 fourth quarter in Norton's favor was not enough for the victory.

Hartwell led Norton in scoring with 14 points, followed by Miller, 12; Bigge, 8; Renner, 7; Lane Archer, 3; Cole Archer, 2.

Gabel was scoring leader for Oakley with 12.

"This game was much better than our first one in every area," said coach Stover. "We got a good start and played well in the first half. Oakley responded in the third quarter and was able to take the lead."

"We battled in the fourth quarter and had a shot for the win at the end but were not able to knock it down."

"Our effort was much better in this contest and our execution on both the offensive and defensive ends of the floor improved but we still have much room for improve-

Blue Jays play first 2010 games vs. Oberlin

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys basketball teams played their first contests of the new year on Monday evening versus Oberlin in Oberlin.

Both girls and boys won but results were not available at press time.

The Norton basketball teams' next action will be Friday evening when they host Osborne in Mid-Continent League play in the

NCHS Stull Gymnasium, beginning at 4 p.m.

Games versus Osborne will begin with the junior varsity girls, followed by the junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys contests.

Bowling

TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S

<p>Results of December 15</p> <p>Team Standings.....Won.....Lost</p> <p>Don's Floor Covering.....99.....51</p> <p>Budweiser.....96.....54</p> <p>Brooks Bros Harvesting...77.5...72.5</p> <p>Creative Collision.....72.....78</p> <p>D&M Service.....58.....92</p> <p>The WTF's.....47.5.....102</p> <p>HIGH SCORE GAME TEAM</p> <p>Budweiser.....777</p> <p>HIGH HANDICAP GAME TEAM</p> <p>Creative Collision.....1056</p> <p>HIGH HANDICAP TEAM</p>	<p>Don's Floor Coverings.....43024</p> <p>Budweiser.....43127</p> <p>HIGH SCORE GAME</p> <p>Rusty Miller.....210</p> <p>Tyler Rutherford.....201</p> <p>Bill LaSalle.....191</p> <p>Rick Green.....188</p> <p>HIGH HANDICAP GAME</p> <p>Sandy Horesky.....254</p> <p>Barb Burk.....243</p> <p>Rusty Miller.....238</p> <p>Tyler Rutherford.....232</p> <p>HIGH HANDICAP SERIES</p>	<p>TEAM</p> <p>D & M Service.....3051</p> <p>HIGH SCORE SERIES</p> <p>Rusty Miller.....578</p> <p>Tyler Rutherford.....515</p> <p>Bill LaSalle.....509</p> <p>David Schlegel.....496</p> <p>HIGH HANDICAP SERIES</p> <p>Rusty Miller.....662</p> <p>Sandy Horesky.....660</p> <p>David Schlegel.....637</p> <p>Bill LaSalle.....626</p>
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