

Blue Jays extend record to 4-3

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It took the Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team one half to warm up from the cold outside but, once they did, they defeated Oberlin 62-43 on Monday evening in Oberlin.

The Red Devils held a 15-12 lead after one quarter but the Blue Jays outscored them 18-11 in the second quarter to take a 30-26 halftime advantage.

The second half was all Norton as the Blue Jays outscored the Red Devils 14-7 in the third quarter to extend their lead to 44-33 and tallied 18 more points in the final stanza compared to 10 for Oberlin to win going away.

Norton relied on three-point shooting for 9 of their 12 first quarter points as senior guard Marcus Herman hit two shots from beyond the arc and senior guard J.D. Gall buried another long range shot. Junior guard Terrell Lane hit a two-point basket and senior point guard Landon Hamel, playing his first game since injuring an ankle in the Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland, hit a free throw.

In the second quarter, sophomore forward Jordan Wahlmeier

found the range and hit three baskets, Gall hit another basket from beyond the arc along with three free throws, freshman guard Jacob Brooks swished a basket and two free throws and Herman added two charities.

Wahlmeier continued his marksmanship in the third quarter when he hit four more baskets. Hamel hit a basket and two free throws and sophomore guard Dillon McConney scored from two-point range.

Lane led Norton scoring in the fourth quarter with a basket from long range and two two-point baskets.

Wahlmeier added two more baskets and a charity, senior forward Ashton Draper hit two baskets and Brooks hit another basket.

"We played a lot of young men in the game and wore them down in the second half," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink. "It was a nice victory but we still have a lot of work to do to get better."

Wahlmeier led Norton in scoring with 19 points on 9 of 14 from the field for 64 percent and 1 of 6 from the free throw line for 17 percent.

Leading scorer for Oberlin was

Dakota Soderlund with 14 points. Toby Peters and Wiley Farr each added 10 points to the Red Devil total.

With the win, Norton extended their season record to 4-3.

As a team, Norton hit 5 of 14 shots from beyond the arc for 36 percent accuracy, 18 of 45 two-point shots for 40 percent and 23 of 59 overall for 39 percent.

Oberlin swished 5 of 18 three-point shots for 28 percent, 12 of 32 two-point attempts for 38 percent and 17 of 50 overall for 34 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays were 11 of 21 for 52 percent and the Red Devils were 4 of 13 for 31 percent.

Norton pulled down 4 offensive and 28 defensive rebounds for 32 total compared to 10 offensive and 30 defensive caroms for 40 total for Oberlin.

Eight different Norton players had at least two rebounds. Leader was Lane with 8, followed by Wahlmeier, 6; Brooks, 5; Luke Ninemire, 3; Gall, 3; Dakota Dreher, 3; Draper, 2; McConney, 2.

Norton had 6 steals and Oberlin had 4. Hamel was thefts leader for Norton with 2, followed by Wahlmeier, Tye Nickell, Lane,

Dreher, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 21 assists compared to 12 for Oberlin. Assists leader was Hamel with 5, followed by Wahlmeier, Nickell, Lane, Gall, 3 each; Brooks, 2; McConney, Dreher, 1 each.

Norton had only 5 turnovers in the game while Oberlin turned the ball over 12 times.

Junior varsity won, too

The Norton junior varsity boys quintet defeated Oberlin 42-29.

The young Blue Jays held quarter leads of 8-6, 20-12 and 28-21.

John Renner was leading scorer for Norton with 8 points, followed by Jacob Brooks, 7; Tye Nickell, 6; Luke Ninemire, 5; Dillon McConney, 4; Zach Hartwell, 3; Dalton Miller, 3; Dakota Dreher, 2; Cole Archer, 2; Lane Archer, 2.

Leading scorer for Oberlin was Tyler Bruggeman with 8 points.

Next action

Norton will host Osborne in Mid-Continent League action today in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium, beginning at 4 p.m. Games will begin with the junior varsity girls, followed by the junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys contests.

BOX SCORE Norton Boys 62



Norton junior Dakota Dreher pulled down a rebound during the Blue Jays' win over Oberlin on Monday evening in Oberlin. At left for Norton is sophomore Tye Nickell, No. 21 and Toby Peters is No. 4 for Oberlin.

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Jordan Wahlmeier 9 0 1-6 19; Dillon McConney 1 0 0-0 2; Ashton Draper 2 0 0-0 4; Landon Hamel 1 0 3-4 5; Terrell Lane 3 1 0-0 9; Marcus Herman 0 2 2-2 8; Jacob Brooks 2 0 2-3 6; Dakota Dreher 0 0 0-2 0; Game Totals 18 5 11-21 62

Oberlin Boys 43
Wiley Farr 5 0 0-0 10; Toby Peters 1 2 2-7 10; Shane McEvoy 1 0 0-3 2; Nolan Wasson 1 0 0-1 2; Dakota Soderlund 3 2 2-2 14;

Lady Blue Jays edge Oberlin 33-31, score fourth win



Lady Blue Jay senior point guard Ashlie Stewart directed the offense for Norton during their close win over the Lady Red Devils in Oberlin on Monday evening. In addition to hitting the winning points for the Lady Jays, she was also leading scorer for Norton with 21 points. Also pictured are senior guard Kendra Engelbert for Norton and Jessica Fredrickson, No. 12, Oberlin.

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Baskets were at a premium Monday evening in Oberlin but the Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team hit enough of them to edge the Lady Red Devils 33-31 for their fourth victory of the young season.

Oberlin held a 12-11 lead after one quarter but the Lady Blue Jays outscored them 11-5 in the second quarter to take a 22-17 halftime advantage. After a 7-5 third quarter in Norton's favor, the Lady Jays were ahead 29-22.

In the final stanza, neither team could find the basket from the court but Adrienne Pauls narrowed the Norton lead by hitting six free throws. After two charities by Pauls with 2:20 left in the game cut the Lady Blue Jay lead to 29-27, Norton senior point guard Ashlie Stewart hit a jump shot with 1:49 left for Norton's first and only field goal in the quarter to put Norton ahead 31-27.

Another Norton foul sent Pauls to the charity stripe again at the 1:22 mark and she swished both tries to cut the lead to 31-29. Norton got the ball and Oberlin fouled Stewart with 1:10 showing on the scoreboard clock. Stewart made both charities to give Norton a four-point lead again at 33-29.

Oberlin made their only basket of the fourth quarter with 10 seconds left when Jordan Dreher

connected and Norton survived with the 33-31 win!

Stewart scored two-thirds of Norton's points in the game. She hit 2 of 5 from beyond the arc for 40 percent, 5 of 10 from two-point range for 50 percent, 7 of 15 overall for 47 percent, 5 of 9 free throws for 56 percent and 21 points.

Leading scorer for the Lady Red Devils was Dreher with 15 points. She scored 11 of Oberlin's 12 points in the first quarter, hit one of just two Oberlin field goals in the third quarter in addition to their only basket in the final period.

"Oberlin has always been a tough place for us to play plus it was our first game after the Christmas break," said Norton head coach Kevin Jilka. "We played pretty well overall but got tired in the fourth quarter. We played good defense and found a way to win at the end."

"It's nice to have the win and it should give us some momentum going into Friday's game with Osborne. We're above .500 now and hopefully can keep it going."

The Norton girls are now 4-3 for the young season.

As a team, Norton swished 3 of 10 from long range for 30 percent, 9 of 25 two-point tries for 36 percent and 12 of 35 overall for 34 percent.

The Lady Red Devils connect-

ed on 2 of 8 from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 6 of 25 two-point attempts for 24 percent and 8 of 33 overall for 24 percent.

Norton was 6 of 11 from the free throw line for 55 percent and Oberlin was 13 of 20 for 65 percent.

The Lady Blue Jays pulled down 10 offensive and 17 defensive rebounds for 27 total compared to 10 offensive and 12 defensive for 22 total for the Lady Red Devils.

Leading rebounders for Norton were Kaylen Rossi, Erin Terrell and Kaitlyn Wolf, each with 6. They were followed by Kendra Engelbert, Stewart and Ray, each with 3 caroms.

Norton had 4 steals and Oberlin had 9. Stewart had 2 thefts while Rossi and Wolf had 1 each.

Stewart, Terrell and Ray each had 1 assist. Oberlin had just 2 assists.

The Lady Jays had 16 turnovers and the Lady Red Devils turned the ball over 8 times.

Junior varsity won, too

The Norton junior varsity girls quintet edged Oberlin 29-28 in a contest that was close throughout.

Norton held a 9-8 lead after one quarter but the young Lady Red Devils led 15-13 at halftime. After both teams scored just 4 points in the third quarter, Norton trailed 19-17. Erin Terrell hit all 12 of Norton's fourth quarter points on six field goals to outscore Oberlin

12-9 for the victory.

Terrell led Norton in scoring with 14 points, followed by Caren Thomson, 8; Tiffany Eagleburger, 3; Meaghan Peterson, 2; Teslee Nickell, 2.

Miki Dorshorst led Oberlin with 12 points.

"It was not real pretty but a win is a win," said Norton assistant girls coach George Rossi. "We did do a better job as the night went on. When we tire, we don't

do well. When we have fresh legs, we are much better.

"The girls are working hard and the freshmen are learning what it takes to play Lady Jay basketball."

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BOX SCORE

Norton Girls 33
Ashlie Stewart 5 2 5-9 21; Erin Terrell 1 0 1-2 3; Kaitlyn Wolf 1 0 0-0 2; Amanda Ray 2 1 0-0 7; Game Totals 9 3 6-11 33

Oberlin Girls 31
Brandi Diederich 0 1 3-4 6; Kiah Blau 0 0 1-4 1; Jordan Dreher 5 1 2-2 15; Adrienne Pauls 1 0 6-8 8; Mary Olson 0 0 1-2 1; Game Totals 6 2 13-20 31

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