



# Lady Blue Jays, Huskies compete in All-Star Classic

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Two Norton Community High School seniors Amanda Ray and Kaitlyn Wolf and two Northern Valley seniors Alison Cole and Christina Anderson were among the prep basketball players who competed in the 17th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Classic on Sunday in the Community Building in Colby.

All four played for the Dark Team which pulled away from a 30-27 halftime lead to win 72-42.

All four Norton County girls were very instrumental in their team's victory, hit timely baskets, rebounded well and even blocked some shots and made some steals. The Norton Countians scored a total of 39 of their team's 72 points, more than half!

Early in the game, the Dark Team trailed 10-4 until Cole

scored, Ray scored, Cole hit two more baskets and Ray scored to push them ahead 16-12. Ray hit another basket to make it 18-12 with 10:30 left in the first half. Each team had five players who alternated every five minutes so it was time to switch. Wolf came in as one of the other five players and also hit a basket. After another team switch with five minutes left, the Light Team caught up somewhat to only trail by three points at intermission.

In the second half, the Dark Team left no doubt about the eventual winner, outscoring the Light Team 42-15 and the Norton County players contributed immensely to the winning team's tally. Anderson scored all 6 of her points after intermission, Cole hit three more baskets, Wolf hit 8 points and Ray, who scored 6 points in the first half, hit another basket.

The game ended with Cole as the leading scorer, having hit 15 points. Wolf finished with 10 points, Ray with 8 and Anderson with 6.

Other scorers for the Dark Team were: Casey Eastin, Natoma, 10; Kelli Crittenden, Greeley County, 6; Bailey Hemmert, Oakley, 5; Audrey Mote, Sharon Springs, 4; Nichelle Erskine, Brewster, 4; Kinley Kee, St. John's Catholic, 4.

Linda Nighswonger of Hill City was the head coach of the Dark Team and her assistant coach was Greg Deines of Hill City.

Scoring for the Light Team were: Justine Woofter, Scott City, 8; Payton Walker, Weskan, 8; Bethany Polifka, Ellis, 6; Jade Glunz, Scott City, 6; Gabrielle Kuhlman, Sharon Springs, 6; Carman Hill, Hoxie, 2; Kara Gfeller, Triplains, 2; Emily Chessmore, Atwood, 2; Kenzi Knobbe, Sharon Springs, 2.

Alison Cole was chosen the "Most Outstanding Player" for the game.

Nichelle Erskine hit 12 of 25 three-point baskets in one minute to win that contest.

The Light Team led early in the boys contest and was on top 36-28 at halftime but the Dark Team took a 43-42 lead with 12 minutes left in the game and went on to win 77-70.

Tate Andrews of Sharon Springs and Marty Wendel of Ingalls played a large part in the Black Team's second half come-from-behind performance. Andrews scored a game high 17 points and Wendel ended with 14.

Andrews and Wendel were named "Co-Most Outstanding Players" for the game. Andrews was also the winner of the three-point contest, hitting 15 of 25 shots from beyond the arc.

Other scorers for the Dark Team were: Riley Haas, Colby, 10; Taylor Rall, Hoxie, 8; Dexter Pfeiffer, Hays, 7; Jordan Niernberger, Hays, 7; Dal Schultz, Wheatland, 3; Clay Rogge, Triplains, 2; Sage Penner, Stockton, 2; Chaz Winger, Colby, 1. Also playing for the Dark Team were: Casey Heim, Hoxie and Daniel Grace, Heartland Christian.

Scoring for the Light Team were: Tyler Rathke, Hays, 16; Julimar Silva, Healy, 11; Matte Raile, St. Francis, 9; Braden McKee, Colby, 7; Seth Ackerman, Brewster, 7; Bryant Bomadier, Hays, 4; Garrett Dreiling, Victoria, 4; Daniel Moritz, Hays, 4; Calvin Schmitt, Sharon Springs, 4; Dylan Moss, Golden Plains, 3; Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge 2. Also playing for the Light Team were: Lex Parsons, Oakley and Trent Raile, St. Francis.



Northern Valley's Alison Cole is shown hitting a basket in the Colby All-Star Classic on Sunday evening. In addition to being the top scorer for the Dark Team with 15 points, she was also named the "Most Outstanding Player" for the game.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Lady Blue Jay Kaitlyn Wolf faked a Light Team member, then drove around her for a basket during the Dark Team's win in the Colby All-Star Classic on Sunday evening. Kaitlyn finished with 10 points in the game.

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Lady Husky Christina Anderson dribbled past a defender and toward the basket during the Dark Team's victory over the Light Team in the Colby All-Star Classic on Sunday evening. Anderson was aggressive all night on both offense and defense and ended the game with 6 points.

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Norton's Amanda Ray hit a basket for the Dark Team during their win over the Light Team in the Colby All-Star Classic on Sunday evening. Amanda scored 8 points in the annual game featuring top high school senior basketball players in Northwest Kansas.

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# Blue Jay Golf team gets good experience in Ellis

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The Norton Junior Varsity golfers received some good experience on Monday, April 12 in the varsity Ellis Invitational tournament, placing fifth out of ten teams.

Trego won the championship with a 365, followed by Ellis, 383; Ness City, 393; Hill City, 413; Norton JV, 431; Hays High JV, 450; Russell, 458; Ellis JV, 463; Dighton, 476; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays JV, 491.

Low score for Norton was shot by freshman Andrew Ellis who

carded a 53-47-100 to finish just two strokes out of medaling. He was followed by freshman Treven Rossi, 54-54-108; freshman Eli Bozarth, 59-52-111 and freshman Chris Fisher, 53-59-112.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: junior Ashley Millan, 63-55-118 and freshman John Risewick, 63-62-125.

Medalists were: Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 86; Cameron Staples, Trego, 87; Weston Vogel, Ness City, 88; Ethan LaBarge, Ellis, 93; Austin Lopez, Ellis, 94; Jade Bliss, Trego, 95; Jaden Richardson, Ness City, 97; Blake Fritts,

Trego, 97; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 97; Ryan Weber, Ellis JV, 98.

"We used today's tournament as an opportunity for some of our junior varsity golfers to gain tournament experience both at the varsity level and at a course with which they are unfamiliar," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"In windy conditions, we did not play as well as I had hoped.

"The highlight of the day was the play of Andrew Ellis. He shot his career low round and missed medalist honors by two shots in a varsity tournament.

"This tournament will give us a starting point in which to base our improvement for this group

for the rest of the season."

**Next action**

Today, the Norton junior varsity

golfers will play in the Goodland JV Invitational in Goodland, beginning at 2 p.m.

# Student signs with Cloud County Community College

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Ashlie Stewart, a senior at Norton Community High School, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to be a member of the Dance Team at Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Ks.

In addition to being a dancer for the college team, Ashlie will study to be a high school counselor and coach.

In her four years at Norton Community High School, Ashlie lettered all four years in volleyball

and basketball. She was also a member of the school's dance team the past four years.

Ashlie has excelled in academics, as well.

The last two years, Ashlie helped choreograph the school dances. In 2009-10, she choreographed/taught all the dances.

Ashlie plans to graduate from Cloud County Community College and then move on to Kansas State University in Manhattan to complete her schooling.

She is the daughter of Abi and

Ron Delimont.



## Ashlie Stewart signs with Cloud County Community College



~ Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton Community High School senior Ashlie Stewart has signed a letter of intent to be a member of the Dance Team at Cloud County Community College in Concordia, Ks. She will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for the 2010-11 school year. Pictured with Ashlie are, from left, Cloud County Community College Dance Coach Carleen Nordell and her mother, Abi Delimont.

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