

Lady Jays take first loss

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The Norton Community High School girls volleyball team opened the 2010 season with hard-fought matches versus Osborne and Colby in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium on Tuesday evening.

Coach Peggy Cox's Lady Jays played Osborne first and lost 20-25, 17-25. Next, they hosted Colby and lost 13-25, 13-25.

In the match between Colby and Osborne, Colby won 25-12, 17-25, 25-16.

Osborne
"Against the Lady Bulldogs, we were 'outed' on our home floor," said coach Cox. "The Lady Bulldogs out hustled, out served and out hit us and we allowed them to." "We need to learn to be aggressive and not just rely on one person to win the match for us."

Kills leaders for Norton were: Erin Terrell, 8; Bekah Streck, 2; Sharrell Shinn, Caren Thomson, Teslee Nickell, 1 each. In the aces department, Brianna Karnopp was the leader with 2, followed by Shinn, Nickell, 1 each. Kylie Nuzum, Terrell and Karnopp led in digs with 2 each, followed by Shinn, Thomson, Johnnye Ruder, 1 each.

Assists leader was Nickell with

8, followed by Ruder, 5. Streck led in blocks with 2, followed by Thomson, Brianna Felton, 1 each.

Colby
"Our Lady Jays played better against the Lady Eagles but still came up short," said coach Cox. "We passed much better but it was not enough."

"Our serving continued to be poor from the back line and we're not focusing on the things we can do well."

"While the score is not indicative of a better match, our girls did communicate and really worked on getting the ball to the setter to start an offense."

Terrell led in kills once again with 4, followed by Karnopp, Nickell, 3 each; Thomson, 2. In the aces department, Terrell led with 2 and Ruder had 1. Karnopp led in digs with 2, followed by Nickell with 1. Nickell was assists leader again with 6, followed by Ruder, 2; Streck, Karnopp, 1 each. Leading in blocks was Nickell with 2, followed by Terrell, Thomson, 1 each.

Junior varsity
Coach Christine Thompson's Norton junior varsity girls volleyball team also got the new season underway by playing Osborne and Colby in the Wilmett Kirk

Memorial Gym. Norton defeated Osborne 25-11, 25-18 but lost to Colby 11-25, 18-25.

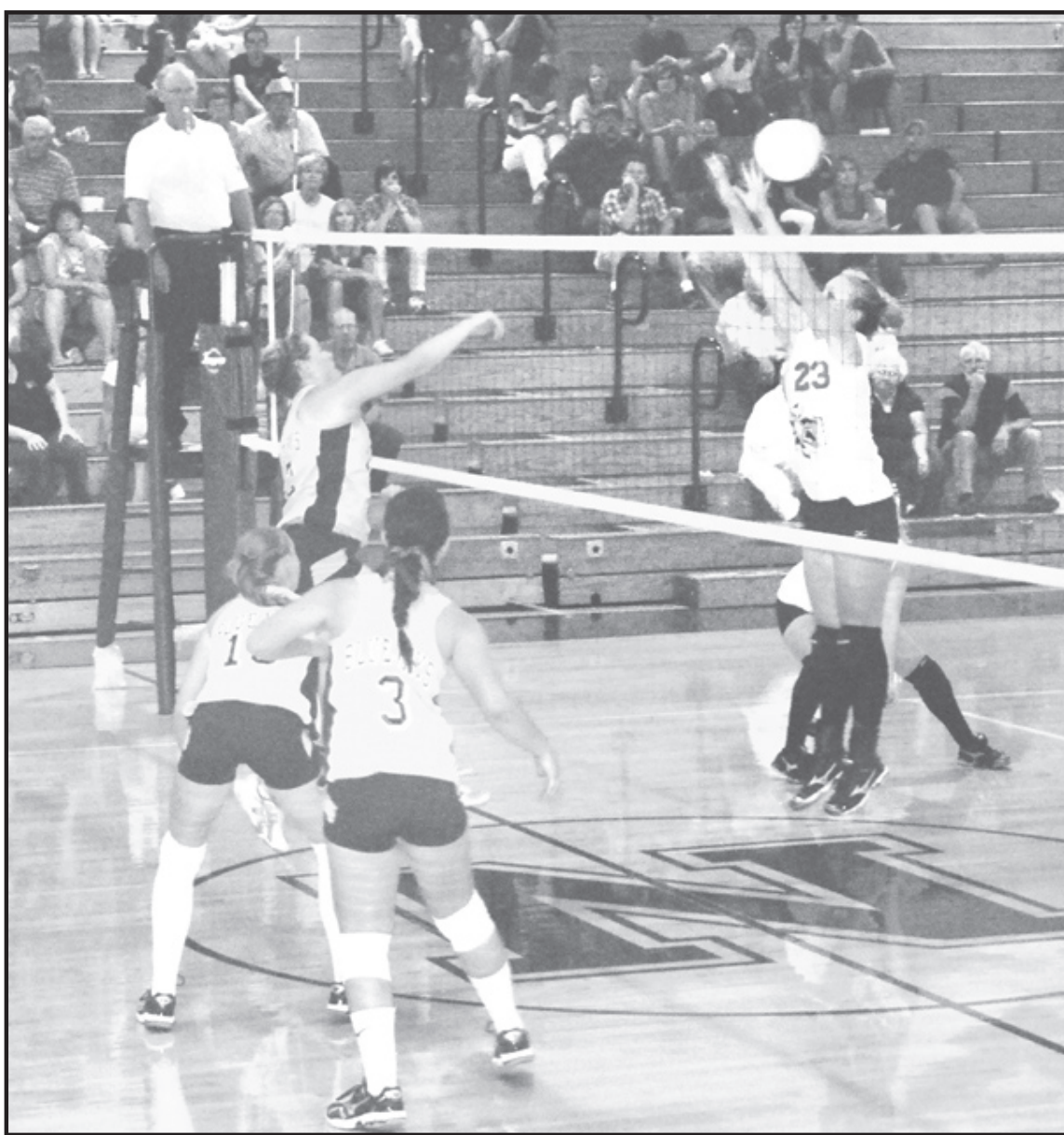
"We played very strong against Osborne, which resulted in a win," said coach Thompson. "Against Colby, we played very well despite losing."

"We started the season very aggressive. With more practice we will become even more aggressive, confident and successful on the court."

Osborne
Statistics for the match with Osborne were: kills - Rachel Slipke, 5; Bailey Ambrosier, Alec Melvin, 2 each; Katherine Boteler, 1; assists - Mariah Farber, 4; serving aces - Boteler, Farber, 5 each; Brae Bigge, 3; Ambrosier, 1; digs - Bigge, 2.

Colby
Colby match statistics for Norton were: kills - Melvin, 6; Boteler, Ambrosier, 3 each; assists - Farber, 4; Boteler, 2; serving aces - Slipke, 3; Ambrosier, Farber, 1 each; digs - Melvin, 2; Bigge, 1.

Next action
Norton will travel to Phillipsburg on Tuesday to play Phillipsburg and Northern Valley, beginning at 5 p.m.



Norton's Teslee Nickell scored a point for the Lady Jays during their match with Colby by hitting the volleyball over a Lady Eagle defender. Also pictured for Norton are, from left, Caren Thomson and Johnnye Ruder.
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton junior varsity tennis team plays in Russell meet

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team opened the 2010 season in a Singles Tournament in Russell on Tuesday.

"I don't have team results or official individual placings since the tournament was called because of lightning," said Norton assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery.

No.1 singles
Katie Scott played No.1 singles for Norton. She lost 6-4 to Rachel Hasch, Concordia; lost 6-4 to Kristen Lorene, Russell and lost 6-0 to Allison Lake, Ellsworth. "She had some tough competition but played well and had some close matches," said coach Montgomery.

No.2 singles
Kaitlyn Ross and Ashley Millan played No.2 singles for the Lady Jays.

Ross lost 6-5 to Hayle Mader, Russell; lost 6-5 to Natalie Hartzell, Concordia and lost 6-2 to Millan.

"Ross is normally a doubles player but she came out and played very well," said coach Montgomery.

Millan lost her first match 6-1 to Hartzell, Concordia. She came back and defeated Mader, Russell, 6-1. She then beat Ross 6-2. With her win over Ross, Millan finished 3-1 for the tournament.

"Millan had a strong tournament after struggling in her first match," said coach Montgomery.

No.3 singles
Kelsie Griffith and Katie Koch played No.3 singles for Norton.

Koch lost 6-1 to Rachel Blochlinger, Concordia; defeated Lauren Garland, Russell, 6-1; lost 6-3 to Kourtney Denny, Ellsworth and lost to Kelsie Griffith, 6-1.

"This was Koch's first tournament in her career," said coach

Montgomery. Griffith shutout Garland, Russell, 6-0; lost 6-4 to Blochlinger, Concordia; and defeated Koch, 6-1, to finish 2-1 for the day.

"Griffith was playing her last match when they called the tournament," said coach Montgomery.

No.4 singles
Carla Jo Long played No.4 singles for the Lady Jays. She lost 6-2 to Brittany Noel, Concordia; defeated Peyton Stoppel, Russell, 6-2; lost 6-2 to Anna Hans, Ellsworth; defeated Katy Barrett, Hoisington, 6-4.

"This was Long's first tournament as well," said coach Montgomery. "Long always went for the ball and never gave up." She finished 2-2 for the tournament.

No.5 singles
Ruth Kendell played No.5 singles for Norton. She lost 6-0 to Siri McGuire, Concordia; lost a 6-5 match to Hannah Sander, Russell;

lost 6-0 to Julia Hood, Ellsworth; defeated Krystal Cowan, Hoisington, 6-1.

"Kendell has great sportsmanship and will be a strong player for us," said coach Montgomery.

No.6 singles
Sierra Black played No.6 singles for the Lady Jays. She lost 6-4 to Ashley Adams, Concordia; lost 6-0 to Tamera Podelena, Ellsworth; defeated Kim Harper, Hoisington, 6-4.

"This is Black's first year and I expect her to become a tough competitor in the future," said coach Montgomery.

"She finished strong and won her last match."

Next action
The next competition for the Norton junior varsity tennis team will be next Thursday when they compete in the Trego Round Robin in WaKeeney, beginning at 1 p.m.

Husky football season starts tonight

The Northern Valley Huskies will play their first football game tonight against Weskan at Almena at 7:00. Chuck Fessenden is the head coach with Abner Williams and Jason Dibble as his assistant coaches.

Four freshman will be playing this year. Hunter Chandler, 5'9" 123 lb, will be quarterback, 5'9" 173 lb. Jordan Baird is a running back, 5'11" 209 lb. Ian Zinent a guard, and 5'11" 180 lb. Alex Stevens plays center.

There are also four sophomores this year. Alex Tharman who is 5'10" and 145 lbs. will be an end, Terry Shrader is a 5'3" 137 lb.

running back, 6'0" 150 lb. Phillip Compton will also be an end, and Jon Compton, a 5'9" 128 lb. is an end.

Nine juniors are on the team this year. Brandon McDowell a 5'3" 136 lb. end, Austin Herman who is a 5'11" 148 lb. quarterback, Toby Anderson, a 5'9" 140 lb. running back, Gunnar Hays, also a quarter-back, is 5'6" 127 lbs. Calen Bach is a 5'9" 158 lb. running back, Nate Land, is a 6'2" 217 lb. running back, Daniel Field, is a 6'1" 223 lb. guard, Dillon Hogan, a 5'11" 290 lb. center and Tyler Montgomery is a 6'2" 157 lb. end.

Seven seniors will be playing this season. Colton Lowry at 6'1" and 160 lb. will be playing an end, Dusty Eagleburger, is a 5'7" 147 lb. running back, Matt Dole is a 5'9" 153 lb. guard, Zachary Vincent is a 5'10" 200 lb. running back, Steven Brown is a 5'6", 173 lb. guard, Bryant Tharman a 6'3" 204 lb. guard and 6'0" 161 lb. Brennon Salem is an end.

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