

Lady Jays defeat Logan, Golden Plains

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Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team warmed up for this weekend's Mid-Continent League Tournament in Norton by defeating both Golden Plains and Logan on Tuesday evening in Logan.

Norton defeated Golden Plains 25-22, 25-22, then outpointed Logan 25-16, 20-25, 27-25. In the third match, Logan beat Golden Plains, 16-25, 25-16, 25-22.

Golden Plains

"In our only meeting of the year with Golden Plains, we came out victorious," said coach Cox. "For the most part, everything was done exactly right."

"We passed, served, set and hit extremely well. We did get caught on our heels a couple of times when digging but, other than that, it was a really good match for us."

"All but two of our Lady Jays were perfect from the service line with Juliana Miller, Caren Thomson and Bekah Streck standing out with 6, 3 and 2 aces, respectively."

"Erin Terrell was hot at the net with 10 kills. Teslee Nickell stepped up and started being an offensive setter with 4 kills in a 5-1 offense."

Terrell was kills leader with 10, followed by Nickell, 4; Streck, Thomson, Miller, Bailey Ambrosier, 1 each.

Aces leader was Miller with 6, followed by Streck, 3; Kylie Nuzum, Thomson, 2 each; Nick-

ell, 1.

Leading in digs was Thomson with 4, followed by Nuzum, Terrell, 3 each; Miller, 2; Nickell, 1.

Assists leader was Nickell with 12; Miller had 2.

Terrell and Ambrosier each had 1 block.

Logan

"This was an exciting match between the Lady Jays and Lady Trojans," said coach Cox. "Norton took control early in the first set with a win but allowed Logan to come back in the second and take both momentum and the win."

"In the third set, it was back and forth with both teams being very aggressive from the net and service line. Despite the home crowd cheering the Lady Trojans on, our Lady Jays kept their calm and finished the night with an emotional win."

Terrell led in kills again with 13, followed by Miller, 4; Streck, Nickell, 3 each; Thomson, Ambrosier, 2 each.

Aces leaders for Norton were Streck and Thomson with 4 each, followed by Nickell, 2; Nuzum, Terrell, 1 each.

Leading in digs were Nuzum, Thomson and Miller with 4 each; followed by Terrell, Nickell, 3 each; Streck, 2; Ambrosier, 1.

Assists leader was Nickell with 16; Thomson had 1.

Thomson and Ambrosier each had 2 blocks.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team also defeated both Golden Plains and Logan on Tuesday evening in Logan.

They outscored Golden Plains 18-25, 25-21, 15-3 and defeated Logan 25-19, 25-12.

Golden Plains

"Even though we struggled in the first game of the Golden Plains match, we were able to come away with the win," said Norton assistant coach Christine Thompson.

"I believe our girls having to adjust to the small gym was the reason for the first game struggle. Logan's junior varsity gym was very small and crowded with fans sitting almost on the end lines and sidelines of the court."

"Our girls were able to come back in the second game and took control over the whole match."

Statistics leaders were: serving aces - Alec Melvin, 6; Katherine Boteler, 4; Mariah Farber, 2; Johnnye Ruder, 1; setting assists - Ruder, 12; kills - Kayleigh Norwood, 5; Ruder, 4; Rachel Slipke, 3; Melvin, Katherine Boteler, 2 each; blocks - Norwood, 2; Slipke, Melvin, Ruder, Boteler, 1 each; digs - Farber, 3; Norwood, Ruder, 2 each; Boteler, Melvin, Slipke, 1 each.

Logan

"We served and played aggressively against Logan, which created a pretty easy win," said coach Thompson. "I was very pleased with the performance of the junior varsity for the entire night."

"Our last playing date will be Tuesday against Goodland and Ulysses at Goodland. I hope we will continue our great play into the last playing date of the season."

Statistics leaders were: serv-

ing aces - Ruder, Melvin, 4 each; Boteler, 3; Farber, 2; Slipke, Norwood, 1 each; setting assists - Ruder, 13; kills - Melvin, 8; Boteler, 4; Slipke, 3; Norwood, 2; digs - Boteler, 2; Melvin, Slipke, 1 each.

Next action

The Norton Lady Jays varsity girls volleyball team played their first match in the feather bracket of the Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament on Thursday night in the Stull Gymnasium in Norton versus Stockton.

Norton defeats Stockton 25-7, 26-24.

The win over Stockton means that Norton will play Phillipsburg at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Smith Center at 11 a.m. and Ellis at 2 p.m. in Pool A which will be in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium.

Matches in Pool B will also begin at 9 a.m. and will be held in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

In the semi-finals, the winner of Pool A will play the runner-up of Pool B in the Stull Gym and the winner of Pool B will play the runner-up of Pool A in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

The winners will play for the championship in the Stull Gym and the losers will play for third place at Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

The Norton varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will play Goodland and Ulysses at Goodland on Tuesday, beginning at 5 p.m. These will be the last regular season matches prior to Sub-State competition on Saturday, October 23, in Smith Center.

JV volleyball team played in Quad

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team competed in a quadrangular vs. Hoxie, Atwood, St. Francis and Oberlin on October 2 in Oberlin.

The young Lady Jays won one match and lost three.

"From start to finish, we played more aggressive than in the past couple of days" said Norton assistant coach Christine Thompson. "Our girls took every match as a challenge; they knew each team would be tough and have the same goals as they did for the day."

Norton's first match was against Atwood and they lost 16-25, 22-25. "We came out with a slow start," said coach Thompson. "The second game was close but we still couldn't beat Atwood."

Norton played Hoxie next and won 25-15, 25-14. "We were able to beat Hoxie pretty easily and, then were ready to take on Oberlin," said coach Thompson.

"The first game with Oberlin was a very hard fought one. Oberlin did win the first game and,

after that, was able to control the whole match." Norton lost 26-28, 11-25.

The fourth match of the day was versus St. Francis and Norton lost 25-14, 22-25, 8-15. "After playing Hoxie and Oberlin, we were ready to continue to play aggressive and smart," said coach Thompson. "Even though we played very well, we were not able to come away with the victory."

"I was very proud of the way our girls played throughout the day. They played smart, under control and aggressive most of the day. This junior varsity team is starting to take charge and making goals of how they want the rest of the season to turn out."

Statistics leaders for the day were: serving aces - Johnnye Ruder, 12; Mariah Farber, 11; Katherine Boteler, 6; setting assists - Ruder, 4; Boteler, 3; Alec Melvin, 1; kills - Kayleigh Norwood, 14; Melvin, 13; Boteler, 12; Rachel Slipke, 8; Ruder, Alexis Lively, 2 each; Chelsi McReynolds, 1; blocks - Melvin, Norwood, Slipke, Boteler, 2 each; Ruder, 1; digs - Melvin, 10; Farber, 9; Ruder, 8; Norwood, 7; Slipke, 6; Boteler,

Norton played at Scott City

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team played in the Scott City Tournament on Saturday where they lost to Holcomb 12-25, 16-25, lost to Scott City, 6-25, 18-25 and defeated Leoti/Wichita County 18-25, 25-17, 25-20.

Holcomb

"We stayed within two points of Holcomb for the first six rotations in the first set and then folded," said Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.

"The second set was back and forth until the 11th rotation when they had a server that hit everyone and we couldn't side out."

"Lack of communication was an issue when serve receiving and it showed in our passing statistics. When we were the serving team, we couldn't string more than three

points in a row."

Kills leader was Bailey Ambrosier with 3, followed by Bekah Streck, Caren Thomson, Juliana Miller, Teslee Nickell, Rachel Slipke, 1 each.

Leading in serving aces were Thomson and Nickell, 2 each. Kylie Nuzum and Katherine Boteler had 1 serving ace each.

Digs leader was Nuzum with 3, followed by Boteler, Miller, 2 each; Streck, Ambrosier, 1 each.

Assists leader was Nickell with 5; Thomson had 1.

Miller had 2 blocks and Streck and Ambrosier each had 1.

Scott City

"We started slowly against Scott City," said coach Cox. "We let aggressive serving take it out of us in the first set. We came back in the second set and led the game until point 18 and let the win slip away. We're letting one error roll

into several instead of playing each point as a new one that can be won."

Kills leader was Terrell with 5, followed by Miller, Nickell, 3 each; Ambrosier, 1.

Nuzum had 2 aces.

Leading in digs was Terrell with 5, followed by Miller, 3; Nuzum, Nickell, 1 each.

Assists leader was Nickell with 9, followed by Streck and Miller, 1 each.

Streck and Nickell each had 1 block.

Leoti/Wichita County

"We ended the tournament with a much needed win against the Leoti/Wichita County Indians," said coach Cox. "While we didn't pass or serve as well as I would have liked, Teslee Nickell did a great job getting sets up that were in a great position for our hitters to attack."

"Erin Terrell kept the defense guessing with 12 kills for the match with Juliana Miller adding 5 kills. All of our hitters had at least one kill. Strong blocking from Bekah Streck, Teslee Nickell and Bailey Ambrosier added points to our side as well. The win was definitely a team effort."

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Aces leader was Thomson with 5, followed by Terrell, Miller, 3 each; Nuzum, Nickell, 1 each.

Leading in digs was Thomson with 8, followed by Miller, 6; Nuzum, Terrell, 4 each; Nickell, 2; Streck, 1.

Assists leader was Nickell with 23, followed by Nuzum, Miller, 1 each.

Nickell also had 2 blocks, Streck and Ambrosier, had 1 each.

Norton's C-Team competed in Quad

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The Norton Community High School C-team girls volleyball team played in a quadrangular on September 2 in Colby.

The young Lady Jays won their match with Colby 25-13, 25-17. Katherine Boteler, Alexis Lively and Chelsi McReynolds all served 100 percent with 5, 4 and 2 aces, respectively. Leading in passing was Lively with 2.00 on a 3.00 scale. Boteler was credited with 5 assists while helping Alec Melvin hit 100 percent and Rachel Slipke rack up 5 kills.

Defensively, Mariah Farber led with 4 digs. As a team, Norton served 91 percent, passed 1.46, hit 80 percent, had 9 kills and 8 digs.

Norton lost to Heartland Chris-

tian 14-25, 14-25. Farber, Melvin, Lively and Kayleigh Norwood all served 100 percent with 1 ace each for Melvin, Slipke and McReynolds. Leading passer was Melvin with 1.67. Boteler contributed 6 assists to help Lively hit 100 percent and Melvin earn 3 kills. Leading the defense was Melvin with 4 digs. As a team, Norton only served 79 percent, passed 1.13, hit 69 percent with 8 kills and dug 15 balls.

The young Lady Jays also lost to Thomas More Prep-Marian 15-25, 18-25. Leading servers were Boteler with 4 aces and Norwood 100 percent. Passing 1.5 were Slipke and Lively. Boteler had 6 assists while Norwood racked up 4 kills. Melvin and Norwood dug 3 balls each. As a team, Norton served 78 percent with 6 aces, passed 1.21, killed 8 balls and dug 14.

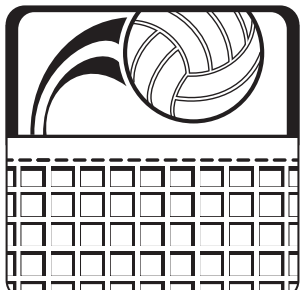
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Norton sophomore Tawni Griffey was airborne as she served during her championship performance in the Class 3A Tennis Tournament at WaKeeney last Saturday. Griffey, who has a perfect 27-0 record, is competing today and tomorrow in the Class 3A State Tennis Tournament at Wichita Collegiate. Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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