

Junior varsity volleyball team winds up play

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team completed their 2010 season Tuesday, Oct. 19 with matches at Goodland versus Ulysses and Goodland.

The young Lady Jays were very competitive and played both opponents close although they were not able to come up with a win.

They lost to Ulysses 23-25, 25-16, 9-15 and to Goodland 22-25, 20-25.

Ulysses

Norton's first match of the night was against Ulysses.

"We had difficulties with Ulysses due to not knowing what to expect each time the ball came over the net. Ulysses was very scrappy and, at times, there were a lot of unexpected plays," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Christine Thompson.

Statistics for the match were: kills - Katherine Boteler, Alec Melvin, Rachel Slipke, Kayleigh Norwood, 3 each; Johnnye Ruder, 1; setting assists - Ruder, 12;

serving aces - Norwood, Boteler, 4 each; Slipke, Mariah Farber, 2 each; digs - Slipke, 5; Farber, Melvin, 3 each; Ruder, 2; Norwood, 1; blocks - Melvin, Norwood, 1 each.

Goodland

"We played better throughout this match compared to the match with Ulysses," said coach Thompson.

"I have been very impressed this season with how our junior varsity girls have come together as a team and played. I have noticed improvements from everyone on the team individually and as a team.

"As a coach, I hope these girls continue to grow throughout their volleyball career in high school.

"Our record this season was 7-14."

Statistics for the match were: kills - Boteler, 3; Slipke, Norwood, 2 each; Ruder, Melvin, 1 each - setting assists - Ruder, 7; Melvin, Boteler, 1 each; serving aces - Boteler, 4; Farber, 2; Slipke, 1; digs - Melvin, 6; Boteler, 5; Farber, 4; Ruder, Slipke, Norwood, 2 each.



The Norton Community High School girls volleyball players show their joy and enthusiasm after scoring another point in their win over Stockton in Norton on Thursday, Oct. 14. Pictured are, from left, junior Erin Terrell, senior Bekah Streck, sophomore Teslee Nickell, junior Kylie Nuzum and junior Caren Thomson. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Junior varsity football team had winning season

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team completed a very successful 6-1 season on Monday evening Oct. 18 with an impressive 40-12 victory over Goodland at Travis Field in Norton.

In the first quarter, Norton running back Jacob Brooks ran 34 yards for the Blue Jays' first touchdown. Defensive back Carson McKenna intercepted a Goodland pass and ran 45 yards to the end zone to give Norton a 12-0 lead.

Brooks ran 42 yards for another Norton touchdown in the second quarter and running back Trey Millan successfully ran for two extra points to make the score 20-0. Running back Tanner Furbush sprinted 30 yards for another Norton touchdown and a 32-yard pass from Jordan Wahlmeier to Millan was good for another Norton touchdown. Wahlmeier ran in for the two extra points to extend the Blue Jay lead to 34-0.

In the third quarter, McKenna drove 5 yards for another Norton

touchdown.

Goodland scored a touchdown on a pass to make it 40-6.

The Cowboys passed for another touchdown in the fourth quarter but it was too little, too late and Norton won 40-12!

"Our young men played extremely well against Goodland," said Norton assistant football coach Jeremy Hawks. "They came out and dominated on both sides of the football.

"Offensively, Jacob Brooks and Jordan Wahlmeier had good games as did the offensive line.

"Defensively, Carson McKenna had an interception for a touchdown and two fumble recoveries.

"This game gave our players a chance to get quality repetitions against a good opponent and allowed us to have a good finish to our junior varsity season.

"These young men have kept improving each week and have the potential to be very good. They had a great season finishing 6-1 with our only loss to Hays High."

Lady Jays competed at Sub-State

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Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team had their work cut out for them last Saturday when they faced the No. 1 seeded and No. 1 state ranked Phillipsburg team in the Class 3A Sub-State Volleyball Tournament in Smith Center.

Only one team had defeated the Lady Panthers all season and none did on Saturday as they qualified for the State Volleyball Tournament this Friday and Saturday in Salina.

Despite losing to Phillipsburg 12-25, 9-25, Coach Cox said she felt that her Lady Blue Jays played much better against the Lady Panthers than they did the previous week in the league tournament.

"We had quite a few touches on

hits besides the ones we blocked for points," she said. "Our defense dug more tips and our offense took it to the next level by scoring points from, not only big hits, but also tipping and roll shots.

"Our girls played hard and left it all out on the floor.

"This squad, with only one returning starter/varsity player from last year's team, gained valuable varsity experience and next year should be an exciting one for the Lady Jays."

Erin Terrell led Norton in kills with 6, followed by Bekah Streck, 4; Caren Thomson, 3; Bailey Ambrosier, 1.

Juliana Miller was digs leader with 5, followed by Terrell, 3; Thomson, 2; Streck, Ambrosier, 1 each.

Assists leader was Teslee Nickell with 8, followed by Thomson, Ambrosier, 1 each.

Streck, Terrell, Nickell and Ambrosier each had 2 blocks.

Norton had just three seniors on this year's squad. They were Bekah Streck, Sharrelle Shinn and Katie Gall.

Junior Erin Terrell was a returning honorable mention All-Mid-Continent League selection.

In the semi-finals on Saturday at Smith Center, Phillipsburg defeat-

ed Marysville 25-23, 31-29, then outscored Minneapolis 26-24, 25-21 to win the championship.

Three other teams that Norton played this season also won sub-state championships. Goodland won the Class 3A championship at Lakin, Oberlin was Class 2A sub-state champion in Leoti and Hoxie won the Class 1A-1 championship at Quinter.

Phillipsburg is competing in Salina where the Lady Panthers (38-1) are seeded No. 1. Goodland (28-11) is seeded No. 7 at Salina. Oberlin (32-2) is seeded No. 2 in Class 2A at Emporia and Hoxie (23-10) is seeded No. 7 at Hays.

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Former Norton athlete named to Big 12 team

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Laura Lee Baird, a sophomore member of the Kansas State University cross country team from Norton, has been named to the first team on the Academic All-Big 12 Cross Country team.

To be eligible for this honor, student-athletes must maintain a 3.0 grade point average or higher either cumulative or the two previous semesters and must have participated in 60 percent of his/her team's scheduled competitions.

Freshmen and transfers are not eligible in their first year of academic residence. Senior student-athletes who have participated for a minimum of two years and meet all the criteria except percent of participation are also eligible.

Laura Lee and her Lady Wildcat teammates will travel to Stillwater, Okla., this Saturday to compete in the Big 12 Championships.

Laura Lee is the daughter of Leslie and Jim Baird and granddaughter of Ruth Hartman and Betty Baird.

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