



# Lady Jays hold lead entire game

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The Goodland High School girls basketball team easily defeated Norton in the Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland to start the current season but found a different Lady Jay quintet waiting for them when they arrived on Tuesday evening in Norton where they were defeated 39-29.

Norton had changed so much that they never trailed in Tuesday's game in the NCHS Stull Gym!

The score was similar to the one during the previous encounter but reversed from when the Lady Cowboys prevailed 39-31.

This time around, the Lady Jays put together quarter leads of 19-8, 25-12 and 33-18.

Coming off a runner-up finish last week in the Mid-Continent League Tournament, Norton outshot Goodland from the field, had double the rebounds of the Lady Cowboys and quite a few less turnovers. Steals were fairly even. Had Goodland not hit 9 of 12 free throws for 75 percent, Norton's margin of victory would have been larger.

"We played really good defense all night long," said Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka. "That's pretty good when you hold them to one offensive rebound."

"Our offensive execution was also good.

"It was a tough game after last week's league tournament and I'm proud that our girls came back and played so well.

"They handled us good out

there. This was a good win for us.

"The only negative is that we are still not making a high enough percentage of free throws.

"I like our team chemistry right now. We're playing very well together. Our upcoming schedule is intensely tough but our girls feel good about what they are doing."

The first quarter on Tuesday night was Norton's best from a scoring standpoint when they put in 19 points. Senior post Erin Terrell got free under the goal for four baskets, sophomore point guard Tawni Griffey hit a three-point and two-point basket, senior guard Dustyna Sprigg hit a two-point basket and two free throws and junior post Caren Thomson connected for a two-point basket.

The second quarter was a defensive battle with Norton outscoring Goodland 6-4. Sprigg hit all three Norton field goals in the period.

An 8-6 third quarter in the Lady Jays' favor was also a defensively oriented one. Griffey hit two baskets and Terrell and Thomson each hit one.

Goodland outscored Norton 11-6 in the fourth quarter with the Lady Cowboys' Ashley Archer hitting 8 of her game high 18 points. Norton's final points came on a trey by Griffey, two free throws by Terrell and one charity by Sprigg.

The Lady Jays had three girls in double figure scoring. Griffey and Terrell each scored 12 points and Sprigg finished with 11.

Griffey hit 2 of 5 from beyond the arc for 40 percent, 3 of 8 two-point tries for 38 percent and 5 of 13 overall for 38 percent.

Terrell connected on 5 of 11 from two-point land for 45 percent and 2 of 7 charities for 29 percent.

Sprigg hit 4 of 8 from the field for 50 percent accuracy and 3 of 4 from the charity stripe for 75 percent.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 6 trey tries for 33 percent, 14 of 30 two-point attempts for 47 percent and 16 of 36 overall for 44 percent. Goodland swished 2 of 5 from beyond the arc for 40 percent, 7 of 19 two-point tries for 37 percent and 9 of 24 overall for 37 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton hit just 5 of 11 for 45 percent compared to the Lady Cowboys' 9 of 12 for 75 percent.

The Lady Jays pulled down 9 offensive and 9 defensive rebounds for 18 total. Goodland grabbed 1 offensive and 8 defensive caroms for 9 total.

Terrell led Norton with 7 rebounds, followed by Sprigg, 5; Griffey, Thomson, 2 each; Katelyn Engelbert, Kaylen Rossi, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 10 assists and the Lady Cowgirls had 6. Griffey led with 4, followed by Terrell, 3; Sprigg, 2; Engelbert, 1.

Norton stole the ball 7 times and Goodland had 9 thefts. Terrell and Sprigg each had 3 steals, followed by Griffey, 2; Thomson, 1.

Norton had 14 turnovers and Goodland lost the ball 20 times.

**Junior varsity**

The Norton junior varsity girls were defeated 36-25 by Goodland.

Norton trailed by quarters 10-4, 18-12 and 22-14.

Leading scorer for Norton was Johnnye Ruder with 10 points, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 5; Antjelica Pfannenstiel, 4; Kamilia Jones, 3; Alec Melvin, 2; Katelyn Engelbert, 1.

Hope Cochran led Goodland with 22 points.

"Layups and putbacks was the storyline tonight," said Norton assistant girls coach George Rossi.

"Unfortunately, it was Goodland getting the layups and putbacks."

"I am disappointed in our effort because we know we are better than what we showed tonight. Our girls must get mentally and physically tougher."

**Next action**

The Norton girls and boys do not play this evening.

They will travel to Smith Center on Tuesday to play the very good Lady Red and Redman teams, beginning at 5 p.m.

**GAME STATISTICS**

**Norton Girls**

Tawni Griffey 3 2 0-0 12; Erin Terrell 5 0 2-7 12; Dustyna Sprigg 4 0 3-4 11; Caren Thomson 2 0-2 4; Game Totals 14 2 5-11 39.

**Goodland Girls**

Ashley Archer 4 1 7-8 18; Berkeley White 1 0 0-0 2; Jennifer Rome 0 1 0-0 3; Jade Herl 1 0 2-4 4; Paige Phillips 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 7 2 9-12 29.



Norton senior post Erin Terrell had a lot of success shooting around the basket during the Lady Jays' impressive 39-29 win over the visiting Lady Cowgirls on Tuesday evening. Here she scores two of her 12 points despite being covered closely by Goodland defenders.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# First dual loss of season

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team suffered their first dual loss of the season on Tuesday evening when an outstanding Kearney, Neb. team outscored them 39-30 in Kearney.

Norton had seven wins but only two of them by pins. Kearney won six matches but five were by falls. Norton also forfeited at 215 pounds.

The dual began at 112 pounds and Norton gave up three straight pins to fall behind 18-0. Alec Hager was pinned in 3:53 by Ryan Bauer at 112 pounds, John Risewick was pinned in 5:34 by Asa Stansbury at 119 pounds and Justin Waggoner was pinned in 3:23 by Austin Marshall at 125 pounds.

"R.J. Ellis at 119 pounds stayed home with sickness so we bumped John Risewick up to 119 pounds and inserted Alec Hager at 112 pounds," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"After Hager gave up a fall, it looked like Risewick was in the running to pull out a win at 119 pounds but he got rolled through after throwing his opponent to his

back and was pinned.

"This was definitely a huge momentum switch in the dual. That was the only change in our lineup."

Norton rebounded with three straight wins. At 130 pounds, Troy Bainter won a 4-0 decision over Jacob Oertle; at 135 pounds, Brett Terrell won a 5-2 decision over Zach Rhee and, at 140 pounds, Billy Broeckelman won a 13-7 decision over Noah Gable.

These three wins made the score 18-9 in favor of Kearney.

Norton dropped the next two matches as Eli Bozarth lost a 10-8 decision to Kalen Mazankowski at 145 pounds and Jared Bohl was pinned in 1:08 by Issac Almquist at 152 pounds.

The Blue Jays responded with three wins in a row. Landon "Tug" Keiswetter won an 18-2 technical fall over Trey Schlender at 160 pounds; Spencer Shirk won a 14-4 major decision over Dominic Sorensen at 171 pounds and Cayleb Campbell picked up the first fall for the Blue Jays when he pinned Coby Neujahr in 2:18 of their 189 pound match.

After Norton forfeited 215 pounds to Grady Donahoe, John

Asbury recorded the second fall of the night for the Blue Jays when he pinned Aaron Bisbee in 3:28 of their 285 pound match to cut the Kearney lead to 33-30.

The final team score depended upon the results of the last match, the 103 pound match between Norton's Branson Addington and Kearney's Hunter Bamford. Addington was pinned in 3:45 to make the final score 39-30.

"Branson held off Kearney's defending state champion Bamford as long as possible before being pinned," said coach Johnson.

"I was not at all happy with the way we wrestled tonight. We were pinned in five matches and only earned two pins in our favor.

"We looked sluggish and we did not finish several of the matches that we were ahead in. We can do better and we will do better!"

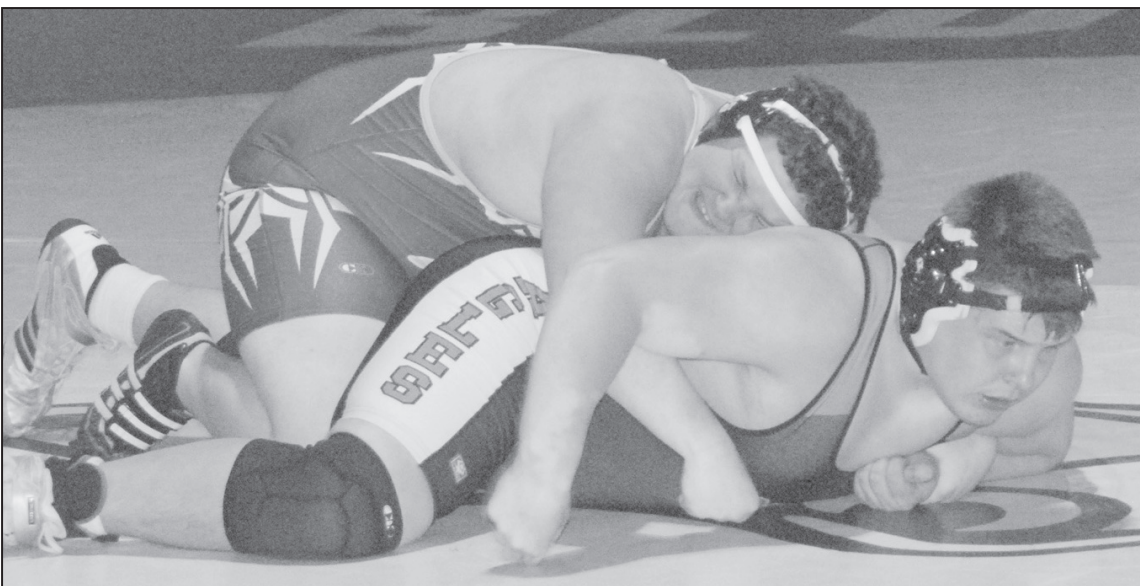
**Exhibition matches**

103 - Garret Otter lost a 16-0 technical fall to Scott Bauer

103 - Ethan Ross was pinned in 3:23 by Stephen Serr

130 - Keith Sander was pinned in 5:20 by Derek Buheman

135 - Alec Hager was pinned in 5:40 by Jameson Oertle



Norton senior Josh Asbury, 285, in his first year on the Blue Jay wrestling team, is shown controlling Colby's Zell Biebele during Norton's recent dual win over the Eagles. Asbury had been pinned by Biebele in their first meeting in St. Francis but took a 1-0 lead before it went into overtime where he lost 3-1. On Tuesday night in Kearney, Asbury did some pinning of his own when he made Aaron Bisbee count the lights in one of only two pins by Blue Jay wrestlers.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

- 152 - Treven Rossi pinned Ryan Driml in 1:33
- 160 - Cole Renner pinned Harley Cox in 5:49
- 160 - Treven Rossi was pinned in 3:24 by Trevor Strutt
- 130 - Keith Sander was pinned in :23 by Logan Berek
- 103 - Ethan Ross won a 7-5 decision over Scott Bauer
- 103 - Garret Otter was pinned in :49 by Stephen Serr
- 135 - Alec Hager pinned John Stark in 1:12
- 152 - Treven Rossi pinned Frank Garcia in 1:43

**Next action**

The Norton varsity wrestlers will compete on Saturday in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament, which will be held in Plainville.

Wrestling will begin at 10 a.m.

The Norton junior varsity wrestlers will compete in the Arapahoe Wrestling Invitational, which will also be held on Saturday.

Competing teams, in addition to Arapahoe and the Norton JV, will be Axtell, Wauneta Palisade/Hitchcock County, Elwood, Elm Creek, Eustis-Farnam, Fleming, Colo. and Cozad JV.

# K-State star has ties to Norton

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Ty Zimmerman, freshman defensive back for Kansas State University, was one of just five Big 12 players named to the 28-member 2010 Football Writers Association of America Freshman All-America Team.

Zimmerman was also honored this season as a first team freshman All-American selection by Rivals.com, CollegeFootballNews.com and Phil Steele.

A Junction City High School graduate, Zimmerman was one of K-State's most consistent defenders during the 2010 season. His 74 tackles ranked second among Big 12 freshmen and he was fourth leading tackler for the Wildcats.

Zimmerman also intercepted three passes, including two against Texas, and returned a punt 41 yards at Colorado, the longest by a Wildcat since 2008.

A second team All-Big 12 honoree by the league's coaches and

an honorable mention pick as the conference's freshman defensive player of the year, Zimmerman was the first true freshman in school history to earn all-conference honors from the league's coaches.

Ty is the son of Stef and Randall Zimmerman of Junction City. He is the grandson of Bobbi and Duane Hand of Junction City, former residents of Norton.

# Legion ball team gets new coach

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Scott Ellis will be the new head coach of the Norton American Legion Baseball Team this summer.

Ellis has an experienced coaching background, having coached little league, 10 and under and 12 and under teams and having assisted with the K-18 team.

Ellis has also coached junior football so his coaching resume

shows that he has experience with all the young men who will be able to play Legion baseball this summer.

At his hiring meeting, coach Ellis asked for some changes for the upcoming 2011 season. He is searching for an indoor batting cage so the young men could practice all year round instead of just the summer months.

Coach Ellis also asked if base paths on the field could be filled in

and made all grass so base paths won't get filled with water when it rains.

One thing discussed was the possibility of the Norton Recreation getting more involved in Legion Baseball operations.

"There are a lot of young men in Norton who have not played baseball in a few years due to other activities. Hopefully, we can get some of them to play this year," said coach Ellis.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT LENORA, KANSAS

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FUNDS	For the period from Old Balances	31-Dec-09 Receipts	31-Dec-10 Disbursements	Net Treasury Cash
General Operating	81,334.22	131,134.25	138,843.52	73,624.95
Water	23,929.22	53,935.91	46,425.05	31,440.08
Sewer	10,967.77	18,414.69	17,349.52	12,032.94
Trash	50,929.89	30,504.51	28,884.57	52,549.83
Employee Benefit	10,160.90	27,997.15	28,389.82	9,768.23
Streets	45,698.27	30,571.49	49,658.81	26,610.95
Cemetery	365.05	7,735.96	7,916.02	184.99
Spec Parks & Rec	7,818.78	350.03	-	8,168.81
Library	326.42	4,755.60	4,700.00	382.02
Customer Deposits	450.00	600.00	400.00	650.00
Fire	10,272.32	10,528.13	8,382.73	12,417.72
Multi-year Cap.Outlay	81,749.44	5,000.00	-	86,749.44
Special Equip.	52,694.39	5,000.00	-	57,694.39
Fire Spec. Equip.	5,650.76	0.00	-	5,650.76
Debt Service Water	15,901.00	20,544.00	21,226.25	15,218.75
Payroll Clearing	1,843.96	18,605.32	18,405.28	2,044.00
Water Surplus	171,396.32	0.00	-	171,396.71
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>571,488.71</b>	<b>365,677.04</b>	<b>370,581.57</b>	<b>566,584.57</b>
Available Cash				
First Security of Lenora (checking)	221,584.57			
First Security of Lenora (CD's)	345,000.00			
<b>Total Funds Available</b>	<b>566,584.57</b>			
<b>LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS</b>				
Sewer Treatment Plant	\$24,791.09			
Water System	142,966.25			
Fire Truck	19,401.61			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,158.95</b>			

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**Keeping an eye on the Norton Sports Teams!**