

Blue Jays finish fourth in basketball tourney

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Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School's boys basketball team placed fourth in the very competitive 23rd annual Topside Tip-Off Tournament held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Goodland.

In their first game of the season and the tournament, Norton defeated Sharon Springs 48-44 to advance in the championship bracket. In the semi-finals on Friday, they met eventual champion Ottawa and lost 77-28. In Saturday's third place game, they lost a close 49-41 contest to Goodland.

Also on Saturday, Ottawa defeated McCook 72-49 for the title, Burlington outscored Weskan 34-29 for the consolation championship and Wray defeated Sharon Springs 62-53 for seventh place.

Norton senior Jordan Wahlmeier was named to the All-Tournament Team for the second year in a row. Also on the team were Semi Ojeleye, Dallas Natt, both of Ottawa; Sam McKinney, Weskan; Preston Talbert, Wray; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs; Matt Chitwood, Matt Collicott, both of McCook; Ryan Hillmer, Goodland and Stetson Corman, Burlington.

Hillmer won the three-point contest. Ottawa won the free throw award with 45 of 65 for 69 percent and Ottawa's cheerleaders won the Spirit award.

Sharon Springs

In Norton's opener with Sharon Springs on Thursday, the Blue Jays trailed 18-10 after one quarter and 28-21 at halftime but dominated the third quarter where they outscored Sharon Springs 16-2 to take a 37-30 lead into the final stanza. They were outscored 14-11 in the final period but still won 48-44.

"I was a little disappointed early in the game when we panicked on both offense and defense," said coach Reusink. "Turnovers hurt us."

"In the third quarter, we did a nice job defensively and hit enough shots along the way to get the lead. We played well in the third quarter. We didn't finish shots very well in the fourth period. We were getting good shots but just not finishing."

Leading scorer for Norton was senior post Jordan Wahlmeier. He hit 8 of 18 two-point shots for 44 percent and was 3 of 5 at the free throw line for 60 percent and 19 total points. Junior forward Jacob Brooks hit 10 points on 4 of 9 two-point shots for 44 percent and 2 of 2 free throws. Senior forward Dillon McConney hit 8 points on 4 of 5 two-point tries for 80 percent.

Senior guard Tye Nickell tallied 7 points on 1 of 1 from beyond the arc, 1 of 2 two-point tries and 2 of 6 free throws for 33 percent. Senior guard Zach Hartwell added 4 points on 2 of 3 two-point shots for 67 percent.

As a team, Norton hit 1 of 5 from beyond the arc for 20 percent, 19 of 41 two-point tries for 46 percent and 20 of 46 overall for 44 percent. Sharon Springs hit 1 of 13 trey tries for 8 percent, 16 of 28 two-point attempts for 57 percent and 17 of 41 overall for 42 percent.

Norton was 7 of 13 on free throws for 54 percent and Sharon Springs hit 9 of 17 for 53 percent.

The Blue Jays outrebounded Sharon Springs 28-22. Norton had 7 offensive and 21 defensive



Norton senior post Jordan Wahlmeier jumps high to shoot over an Ottawa player during competition last weekend in the annual Topside Tip-Off Tournament in Goodland. Wahlmeier was chosen to the All-Tournament Team for the second year in a row.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

caroms and Sharon Springs pulled down 4 offensive and 18 defensive rebounds.

Leading rebounders for Norton were Brooks, Wahlmeier and McConney with 6 each, followed by Nickell, 5; Joe LeClair, 3; Andrew Ellis, 1; Carson McKenna, 1.

Norton had 2 steals and Sharon Springs had 6. The Blue Jays had 4 assists compared to 1 for Sharon Springs. Nickell had 2 assists, Brooks and Wahlmeier, 1 each.

The Blue Jays had 10 turnovers and their opponents had 16.

Ottawa

Norton played Ottawa on Friday in the championship bracket. They had easily defeated Burlington in the opener and had no trouble outscoring Norton.

Ottawa held quarter leads of 26-10, 47-14 and 68-21 en route to a 77-28 victory.

Leading scorer for Norton was Wahlmeier with 10 points on 1 of 3 from long range for 33 percent, 3 of 12 two-point shots for 25 percent and 1 of 3 free throws for 33 percent. He was followed by Brooks, 6; Hartwell, 3; McConney, 3; Nickell, 2; LeClair, 2; Ellis, 2.

Leading scorer for Ottawa was Semi Ojeleye, a 6'7" junior forward, with 39 points.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 15 trey tries for 20 percent, 9 of 30 two-point tries for 30 percent and 12 of 45 overall for 27 percent.

Ottawa swished 6 of 15 from beyond the arc for 40 percent, 23 of 47 two-point attempts for 49 percent and 29 of 62 overall for 47 percent.

Norton made 1 of 5 free throws for 20 percent and Ottawa swished 13 of 17 for 77 percent.

The Blue Jays pulled down 7 offensive and 13 defensive rebounds for 20 total while Ottawa grabbed 15 offensive and 25 defensive caroms for 40 total.

Brooks and McConney led Norton in rebounding with 5 each, followed by Nickell, 3; LeClair, 3; Ellis, 3; Alec Gilgenbach, 1.

Brooks had 2 of Norton's 4 steals. Wahlmeier and Ellis each had 1 theft. Ottawa had 8 steals.

The Blue Jays had 16 turnovers and Ottawa had 8.

Brooks and Wahlmeier each had 1 assist. Ottawa had 5 assists.

"We got a good start against them but once they got a spread on us we got away from doing things right," said coach Reusink.

"This was a good learning experience for our boys."

Goodland

Norton led 12-4 after one quarter with Goodland and 21-12 at halftime. In the third quarter, the Blue Jays were outscored 20-12 to cut their lead to 33-32. The Cowboys also outscored Norton 17-8 in the final stanza.

"I was very disappointed how we played, especially in the second half," said coach Reusink. "We had a comfortable lead at halftime but failed to be mentally tough enough to do what we needed to do to hold off their run in the second half."

"We panicked, we failed to run our offense and we failed to defend when we needed it the most."

"This was a game we should have won."

McConney led Norton in scoring with 15 points on 1 of 1 from beyond the arc and 6 of 12 from two-point range for 50 percent and 7 of 13 overall for 54 percent.

Wahlmeier scored 12 points on 6 of 15 from the field for 40 percent.

Other scorers for Norton were Nickell, 4; Brooks, 4; Hartwell, 3; Ellis, 3.

Ryan Hillmer led Goodland in scoring with 20 points; Taylen Smith added 17 for the Cowboys.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 3 trey tries for 100 percent, 16 of 45 two-point attempts for 36 percent and 19 of 48 overall for 40 percent.

Goodland hit 2 of 4 from long range for 50 percent, 18 of 47 two-point tries for 38 percent and 20 of 51 overall for 40 percent.

Norton tried just 2 free throws and missed both. The Cowboys hit 7 of 13 free tosses for 54 percent.

Norton JH wins two of three games

By Cheri Brooks

On Nov. 29, Norton traveled to Hoxie to take on the Indians. The 7th grade girls were victorious 24 to 13. After the first quarter they led 9 -5. Then during the second quarter they added seven more points to Hoxie's one point to be up at halftime 16 to 6. In the third quarter they tallied up another six points and Hoxie added three points so Norton was still leading 22 to 9.

Hoxie did manage to outscore Norton in the fourth quarter 4-2 but Norton was able to hang on for the victory. Caitlyn Cox was our leading scorer with seven points. She hit three field goals and one free throw. Then Jena Risewick and Baylee Miller each hit three two-point field goals for six points each. Kira Robertson and Miah Melvin

each knocked down a field goal for two points each. Macayla Kent was successful on one freethrow for one point to wrap up the Lady Jays scoring.

Niblock was Hoxie's leading scorer with six points, Mullin had four points, Erwin added two points, and Meyer contributed one point to Hoxie's 13 points.

Jena Risewick and Caitlyn Cox were Norton's leading rebounders and Caitlyn Cox and Miah Melvin were able to get in the passing lanes for the most steals.

Then on Dec. 1, the girls traveled to Hill City for a closer ball game. The Lady Jays led 7-4 after the first quarter, 13 to 8 at halftime, 23 to 14 after the third quarter, and hung on to win the game 27 to 22.

Baylee Miller led all scoring with 10 points. Miah Melvin

contributed eight points. Caitlyn Cox also helped out with seven points, and Kendra Cadawalader was successful on one field goal for two points. Miller was Hill City's leading scorer with 12 points, Mersch added six points, and Nelson also added four points for Hill City's 22 points.

One week later, the girls loaded the bus again for another road game. On Thursday, Dec. 8, Norton traveled to Ellis for a challenging game. The Lady Jays led 4-2 after the first quarter, but then struggled to knock down shots and take care of the basketball in the second quarter and went to halftime down 7-10.

Norton was able to outscore the Lady Railers 7-5 in the third quarter, but were still down by

one point 15 to 14. Ellis had their way in the fourth quarter and Norton's shots just wouldn't fall. Ellis added 11 points and Norton only scored four points for a final score of 26-18.

Baylee Miller was our leading scorer with nine points, Caitlyn Cox connected on two field goals and one free throw for five points total. Miah Melvin was able to contribute four points as well for Norton.

For Ellis, Brittany Bollig and Ashley Mattheyer lead them in the scoring department with eight points each, followed by Frickey with six points and Augustine with four points. Caitlyn Cox was our leading rebounder. Caitlyn Cox and Baylee Miller were our team's leading stealers.

Sudoku Puzzle #2383-M

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Norton had 7 offensive and 20 defensive rebounds for 27 total. Goodland pulled down 11 caroms offensively and 19 on defense for 30 total.

McConney led Norton in rebounds with 6, followed by Brooks, 4; Hartwell, 4; Wahlmeier, 4; LeClair, 3; Ellis, 3; Trey Millan, 1; Nickell, 1; McKenna, 1.

Both team had 9 steals. Wahlmeier and McConney each had 3, followed by Hartwell, 2; LeClair, 1.

LeClair had Norton's only assist. Goodland also had 1 assist.

Norton had 19 turnovers and Goodland lost the ball 17 times.

Next action

Norton will begin Mid-Continent League play by hosting Stockton today in both boys and girls action. The boys C-team game will begin at 4 p.m. in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym and will be followed by the boys junior varsity game.

The junior varsity girls game will begin at 4:45 p.m. in Stull Gym, followed by the girls varsity and boys varsity contests.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELIZABETH J. BRYANT

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of **ELIZABETH J. BRYANT, Deceased**
Case No. 2008-PR-41
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Kennis McClelland and Kendra Anderson, duly appointed, qualified and acting Co-Executors of the Estate of Elizabeth J. Bryant, Deceased, praying that their acts be approved; that their account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that

the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Co-Executors be discharged and that they be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of January, 2012, at 10:15 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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In the Matter of the Estate of **DOROTHY M. THOMAS, Deceased**
Case No. 2008-PR-13
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FINAL SETTLEMENT
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by James E. Thomas, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Dorothy M. Thomas, Deceased, praying that his acts be approved; that his account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs

be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that he be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO FILE your written defenses thereto on or before the 3rd day of January, 2012, at 10:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of **WILMA N. LASALLE, Deceased**
Case No. 2011-PR-35
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition dated November 17, 2011, has been filed in this court by Ralph LaSalle, as a surviving son and as the executor named in the Last Will and Testament of Wilma N. LaSalle, deceased, praying for probate of the will, and for the appointment of Ralph LaSalle as Executor of the estate. You are further advised that the petitioner in this matter has requested administration pursuant to the Kansas Simplified Estates Act, and if such request is granted the court may not

supervise administration of the estate and no further notice of any action of the Personal Representative or other proceedings in the estate will be given except for notice of final settlement of the decedent's estate. Should written objections to simplified administration be filed with the court, the court may order supervised administration to ensue.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever barred. /s/ Ralph LaSalle, Petitioner

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of **ILA B. ZELLMER, Deceased**
Case No. 2008-PR-36
NOTICE OF HEARING STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Evelyn K. Zellmer, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Estate of Ila B. Zellmer, Deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her account be settled and allowed, that the will be construed and the estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered

paid; that the administration of the estate be closed; that the Executor be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

YOU ARE REQUIRED to file your written defenses thereto on or before **December 20, 2011, at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m.** of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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