

Norton varsity basketball falls to Phillipsburg

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When the Norton Community High School and Phillipsburg High School boys basketball teams play each other, extra bragging rights go to the winning coach and Friday night's game in Phillipsburg was no exception.

You see, Phillipsburg coach Keith Sides played for Norton coach Doug Reusink when they were both at Northern Valley.

Only a few points separated the two teams throughout the game until the Panthers finally pulled ahead to win 49-45.

Norton led 13-12 after one quarter and 26-25 at intermission. Phillipsburg moved in front 37-34 by the end of the third quarter, then outscored the visitors 12-11 in the fourth period to win by four points.

With just over four minutes left in the game, Blue Jays senior guard Dillon McConney stole the ball and drove for a layup and, on Norton's next possession, senior power forward Jordan Wahlmeier scored inside to tie the score at 41-all.

Phillipsburg hit two baskets in the next two minutes to take a 45-41 lead. Norton junior guard Jacob Brooks fouled and swished two free throws with 1:25 remaining. The Panthers added two more baskets in the final minute, however, and Norton scored one more time on two free throws by Wahlmeier before time ran out.

Wahlmeier was leading scorer for Norton with 20 points on 9 of 17 two-point shots for 53 percent accuracy and 2 of 10 free throws for 20 percent. Brooks added 14 points on 1 of 6 from long range for 17 percent, 3 of 11 two-point tries for 27 percent and 4 of 17 overall for 24 percent and 5 of 8 free throws for 63 percent.

Juniors Sean Newlan and Seth

Derr had scoring honors for the Panthers with 14 points each.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 18 from beyond the arc for 11 percent, 15 of 41 two-point tries for 37 percent and 17 of 59 overall for 29 percent.

Phillipsburg missed all 7 long range shots, hit 23 of 48 two-point attempts for 48 percent and finished 23 of 55 overall for 42 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton swished 9 of 22 for 41 percent and Phillipsburg was accurate on 3 of 15 charities for 20 percent.

Norton pulled down 6 offensive and 23 defensive rebounds for 29 total and the Panthers grabbed 11 offensive and 24 defensive caroms.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Wahlmeier with 13, followed by McConney, 7; Tye Nickell, 4; Brooks, 3; Andrew Ellis, 2.

Wahlmeier blocked 2 shots and McConney rejected 1.

The Blue Jays had 13 turnovers but the Panthers lost the ball 18 times.

Both teams had 14 offensive assists. Tye Nickell and McConney led with 4 assists each, followed by Brooks, 2; Zach Hartwell, 2; Wahlmeier, 1; Ellis, 1.

"I thought we played hard but not consistently for the whole game," said coach Reusink. "Our shot selection at times was poor, especially when we needed baskets."

"Better free throw shooting down the stretch would have helped make up for some of that but we failed to hit those."

"Right now, I think we are struggling with confidence and we just need to keep working and have faith in the system to find success."

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity defeated 41-35 by Phillipsburg.

They trailed by quarters 11-8, 27-19 and 32-28.

Leading scorer for Norton was Tanner Furbush with 12 points, followed by Lane Bigge, 7; Carson McKenna, 4; Dalton Miller, 4; Drew Schrum, 2; Andrew Ellis, 2; Ryan Bainter, 2;

Conor Cox, 2.

Sam Sage led the way for the Panthers with 10 points.

C-team

Phillipsburg also won the C-team game by a score of 39-26.

Norton trailed by quarters 13-5, 23-13 and 27-20.



Norton senior guard Tye Nickell leaped high in the air to score on a driving layup during the Blue Jays' hard-fought game at Phillipsburg on Friday evening. Also shown below the basket is Norton senior guard Dillon McConney.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Leading scorer for Norton was Trevor Lewis with 10 points, followed by Marc Miller, 7; Kobie Unterseher, 3; Tyler Kuhn, 2; Noah Johnson, 2; Conor Cox, 2.

Jaron Kellerman led Phillips-

burg with 9.

Next action

Norton will travel to Cambridge this evening with the junior varsity boys game set to begin at 5 p.m.

Norton Boys	Phillipsburg Boys
Tye Nickell 1 0 0-0 2; Jacob Brooks 3 1 5-8 14; Zach Hartwell 1 1 1-0 5; Jordan Wahlmeier 9 0 2-10 20; Dillon McConney 1 0 0-0 2; Andrew Ellis 0 0 2-4 2; Game Totals 15 2 9-22 45.	Sean Newlan 7 0 0-0 14; Seth Derr 7 0 0-0 14; Tristan Ratzlaff 1 0 0-0 2; Tad Thompson 2 0 1-2 5; Jeff Dusin 3 0 0-0 6; Lucas Crist 3 0 0-0 6; Grant Wickham 0 0 2-2 2; Game Totals 23 0 3-15 49

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WANDA J. HEATON

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS

In the Matter of the Estate of **WANDA J. HEATON**, Deceased Case No. 2010-PR-18

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 said court on December 15, 2011, by Warren G. Heaton, executor of the estate of Wanda J. Heaton, Deceased, praying for a final settlement of the estate, approval of his acts and proceedings as executor, allowance for fees and expenses, determination of the heirs,

devises and legatees entitled to the estate, and assignment to them under the terms of the will and the orders of this court.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before January 11, 2012, at 2:30 p.m., on said day, in said court, in the city of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said petition will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon said petition.

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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

In the Matter of the Estate of **EARL POWELL**, Deceased Case No. 2011-PR-37

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that on December 19, 2011, the decedent's Last Will and Testament was admitted to probate and Dorothy Lewis was appointed executor without bond. All creditors are notified to exhibit

their demands against the estate within the later of four months from the date of first publication of this notice, or if the identity of the creditor is known or reasonable ascertainable, thirty days after actual notice was given as provided by law, and if a demand is not thus exhibited, it shall be forever barred.

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Norton girls lose in league opener

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The Norton Community High School girls basketball team opened the Mid-Continent League season at Phillipsburg on Friday night and was out-matched in all categories during a 46-19 loss.

Norton trailed by quarters 14-7, 22-13 and 38-19.

Leading scorer for Norton was junior point guard Tawni Griffey with 7 points on 1 of 5 from three-point range for 20 percent, 2 of 8 two-point attempts for 25 percent and 3 of 13 overall for 23 percent. Junior guard Teslee Nickell tallied 6 points on 2 of 4 from two-point range for 50 percent and 2 of 2 free throws for 100 percent.

Leading scorer for Phillipsburg was Raegan Vanderplas with 13 points. Mattison Dusin added 11 and Regan Bartels hit 10.

As a team, Norton hit 2 of 12 from long range for 17 percent, 5 of 28 two-point tries for 18 percent and 7 of 40 overall for 18 percent.

Phillipsburg tallied on 2 of 7 from beyond the arc for 29 percent, 15 of 45 two-point attempts for 33 percent and 17 of 52 overall for 33 percent.

From the free throw line, the Lady Jays hit 3 of 5 for 60 percent and the Lady Panthers swished 10 of 25 for 40 percent.

Norton grabbed 4 offensive and 19 defensive rebounds for 23 total. Phillipsburg pulled down 26 offensive and 22 defensive caroms for 48 total.

Norton's leading rebounders were Katelyn Engelbert and Bailey Ambrosier, each with 5, followed by Griffey, 3; Nickell, 3; Caren Thomson, 3; Alec Melvin, 2; Kamilla Jones, 2.

The Lady Jays had 4 steals and the Lady Panthers stole the ball 16 times. Griffey had 2 steals and Melvin and Jones had 1 each.

Norton had 22 turnovers and Phillipsburg lost the ball 14 times.

The Lady Jays had 3 assists and the Lady Panthers had 7. Griffey, Jones and Thomson each had 1 assist.

"You can't shoot 18 percent and give up 26 offensive rebounds and win," said Norton



Lady Blue Jay junior Teslee Nickell shoots a set shot over the outstretched arm of a Phillipsburg defender during Norton's game at Phillipsburg on Friday evening. Teslee was second leading scorer for the Lady Jays in the contest.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

head coach Kevin Jilka. "We knew they were a physical team and they proved it."

"Our initial defense in the game was good but we didn't finish by blocking out on rebounds. On offense, our girls are not trying to score. They have to have more confidence and look to score."

"We'll have to regroup in a hurry because we travel to Cambridge on Tuesday evening to play our final game before Christmas."

Junior Varsity

The Norton girls junior varsity lost to Phillipsburg by a score of 37-16.

The young Lady Jays trailed by quarters 8-4, 12-8 and 20-12,

Leading scorers for Norton were Johnnye Ruder and Cristine Nelson, each with 4 points, followed by Alec Baint, 3; Teslee Nickell, 2; Marcy Bainter, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, 1.

Leading scorer for Phillipsburg was Sadie Rodriguez with 7 points. Shanie Wilkison, Madysen Frantz and Michaela Gower each scored 6 points.

"I was very disappointed in our performance this evening," said Norton assistant girls coach George Rossi. "We were weak in all phases of the game."

"Our effort in practice has been much better."

"We have to get better dribbling and passing because, if we turn the ball over this much again, it will be a long year."

Next action

The Norton girls will travel to Cambridge this evening for their final game of the year. Play will begin at 5 p.m. with the junior varsity contest.

Norton Girls

Tawni Griffey 2 1 0-0 7; Katelyn Engelbert 1 0 0-0 2; Bailey Ambrosier 0 0 1-2 1; Teslee Nickell 2 0 2-2 6; Kamilla Jones 0 1 0-1 3; Game Totals 5 2 3-5 19.

Phillipsburg Girls

Jordan Kellerman 0 1 0-0 3; Shania Wilkison 0 0 0-2 0; Raegan Vanderplas 4 1 2-6 13; Michaela Gower 1 0 0-0 2; Madison Orr 2 0 3-5 7; Regan Bartels 4 0 2-6 10; Mattison Dusin 4 0 3-6 11; Game Totals 15 2 10-25 46.

Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2011 Budget
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Notice of Hearing on Amending the 2011 Budget
The governing body of Norton County will meet on the 30th day of December, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at the County Courthouse for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed amended use of funds.

Detailed budget information is available at the Norton County Courthouse in the Clerk's office and will be available at this hearing.

Fund	2011 Adopted Budget	2011 Proposed Amendment
	Expenditures	Expenditures
General	1,677,184	1,842,184
Road & Bridge	908,900	1,058,900
Solid Waste	220,860	370,860

Robert Wyatt
County Clerk