Varsity Lady Jays defeat Stockton in league play

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In a game of contrasting halves, the Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team defeated Stockton 48-37 in Mid-Continent League play Thursday evening in the NCHS Stull

Neither team could hit the basket in the first half but things changed for the Lady Jays after intermission. After outscoring Stockton 8-7 in the first quarter and being outscored 6-5 in the second quarter to tie the score at 13-all at halftime, Norton poured in 18 points in the third quarter while the Lady Tigers were still having their troubles and hit just 6 more points to trail Norton by 31-

Sophomore post Bailey Ambrosier led Norton in the third period with three baskets for 6 points. Senior post Erin Terrell added 5 points on a basket and 3 free throws and junior point guard Tawni Griffey hit a three-point basket and two charities. Sophomore guard Katelyn Engelbert added two free tosses to complete the 18 point period.

The Lady Jays also finished with a 17-point fourth quarter but did not pull away any farther since Stockton had by far their best quarter, hitting 18 points.

For Norton in the final stanza, Terrell hit 3 more baskets, Engelbert hit a basket and 2 free throws, Griffey buried another three point shot, Ambrosier hit two free throws and senior post Caren Thomson added a basket.

"We played with no intensity in the first half," said Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka. "We just stood around on offense, didn't move the ball and were not very aggressive.

"We went to a press on defense in the second half and that also helped us offensively. We were more active, especially inside.

"It was pretty ugly but it was a win. We just had trouble putting the whole game together.

"It's nice to be 7-6 now but we are heading into the tough part of our schedule. We'll have to be ready to play the entire game against Smith Center here on Tuesday."

Offensively, Norton hurt Stockton from both outside and inside. Griffey scored 15 points on 3 of 10 from beyond the arc for 30 percent, 2 of 6 two-point tries for 33 percent and 5 of 16 overall for 31 percent. She was perfect on 2 free throws.

Terrell tallied 14 points on 5 of 13 from the field for 38 percent and 4 of 6 charities for 67 percent. Free throws were a highlight for the Lady Jays. They hit 12 of 15 for a net-smoking 80 percent accuracy! Meanwhile, the Lady Tigers hit 13 of 20 for 65 percent.

Stockton had no players in double scoring figures although seven different players scored. Leading the way was Chrissie Cox with 9 points; Haley Dix added 8.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 18 long range shots for 22 percent, 12 of 35 two-point attempts for 34 percent and 16 of 53 overall for 30 percent.

Stockton had no trey tries. The Lady Tigers swished 12 of 36 two-point shots for 33 percent.

Both teams had 20 rebounds. Norton pulled down 13 offensive caroms and 7 defensive boards. Stockton grabbed 5 offensive and 15 defensive rebounds.

Terrell led Norton in rebounding with 7, followed by Engelbert, Ambrosier, Thomson, 3 each; Jones, 2; Griffey, Teslee Nickell, 1 each.

The Lady Jays had 16 steals compared to 12 for the opponents. Terrell led with 6 thefts, followed by Griffey, Engelbert, 3 each; Nickell, 2; Ambrosier, Thomson, 1 each.

Norton had 9 offensive assists and Stockton was credited with 5. Assists leader for the Lady Jays was Engelbert with 4, followed by Griffey, Jones, 2 each; Nickell, 1.

Both teams had 17 turnovers in the game.

Junior varsity The Norton girls junior varsity defeated Stock-

Norton held quarter leads of 10-8, 23-13 and

Leading scorer for Norton was Johnnye Ruder with 13 points, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 9; Darcy Bainter, 7; Katie Bohl, 4; Teslee Nickell, 4; Marisa Maddy, 2; Alec Melvin, 2.

Hannah Lindsey led Stockton with 11 points; Morgan Beougher tallied 8 and Janassa Swaney

"It was a victory but an ugly one," said Norton assistant girls coach George Rossi.

"Our girls do some nice things for a period of time but then go into a coma for a couple of minutes and play horribly.

"We will have to put it all together soon because our schedule gets pretty tough real soon."

Next action



Norton junior guard Kamilla Jones outhustles a Stockton girl as she dives for the basketball during the Lady Jays' win over the Lady Tigers in the NCHS Stull Gym on Thursday

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton will host Smith Center in Mid-Continent League games today.

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 contest.

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

On Friday, Norton will travel to Hill City for Mid-Continent League basketball. The junior varsity girls game will begin at 4:45 p.m. and will be played in the grade school gym. The junior varsity boys game will also begin at 4:45 p.m. and will be held in the high school, followed by the 0 13-20 37

varsity girls and varsity boys games.

Norton Girls

Tawni Griffey 2 3 2-2 15; Katelyn Engelbert 1 0 4-4 6; Bailey Ambrosier 3 0 2-2 8; Teslee Nickell 0 0 0-1 0; Erin Terrell 5 0 4-6 14; Kamilla Jones 0 1 0-0 3; Caren Thomson 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 12 4 12-15 48.

Stockton Girls

Alyssa Conyac 1 0 2-2 4; Molly Schleicher 0 0 0-2 0; Sierra Brown 1 0 3-4 5; Morgan Beougher 3 0 0-0 6; Audrey Green 0 0 1-2 1; Chrissie Cox 4 0 1-2 9; Kacey Scott 1 0 2-2 4; Haley Dix 2 0 4-4 8; Janassa Swaney 0 0 0-2 0; Game Totals 12

JENNINGS

The Jennings Tuesday Study Club met at the Broken Wheel on Jan. 24 for a delicious meal of chicken and rice. Following lunch, the group went to the Jennings United Methodist church for the meeting and program. "A Toy worth restoring" was the roll call with response answered by Rachel Carter, Ruth Chance, Pat Foster, Patty Foster, Carla Latimer, Sue Long, Wilma Mader, Joan McKenna, Shelley McKenna, Joan Metz, Helen Muirhead, Kathy Nauer, Helen Rhodes, Lynn Tacha, Neoma Tacha, and new members, Sheila Rhodes, Louise Cressler and Paula Krizek. Marge Hartzog was a guest.

Members brought dolls and

special toys to share. Violet Krizek presented a wonderful program on restoring and collecting dolls. She shared the histories of many of her dolls which were beautifully dressed and displayed. Vi told about repairing some of her dolls and sewing special clothes for them. Playing with and collecting dolls is an entertaining activity that can continue to be enjoyed beyond childhood. The Tuesday Study Club ladies thank Vi and her babies for the memorable

A beautiful "Dedication" for Parker Vahling, son of Mike and Kandy Vahling, rural Dresden, was held during Sunday morning worship at the Jennings United Methodist Church . Many of the family members attended.

Many people enjoyed the Kansas Day program held Sunday afternoon at the Sunflower Senior Center. Arian Arnold, Herndon and Joy Russell, Oberlin spoke on the "Last Indian Raid" in Kansas. Displays were on tables for all to read. Cookies and drink were enjoyed following the program.

REMINDER: The American Red Cross Blood Drive at Jennings will be held Feb. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church. For more information contact Marge Hartzog 785-678-3010.

American Heart Month kicks off

February is American Heart Month, drawing attention to heart disease, America's number one killer, and the strides being taken through research and education to raise awareness of risk factors and to decrease death rates. Appropriately kicked off on National Wear Red Day (Feb. 3), the American Heart Association and its Go Red For Women movement urge everyone to support the fight against heart disease in women by wearing red that day.

-More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined. -While one in 31 American

women dies from breast cancer each year, one in three dies of cardiovascular disease. -Currently, some eight mil-

lion women in the U.S. are living with heart disease, yet only one in six American women believes that heart disease is her greatest health threat. -90 percent of women have

one or more risk factors for de-

veloping heart disease. -Only slightly more than half

of women are likely to call 911 if experiencing symptoms. And yet, 79 percent of women said that they would call 911 if someone else was having a heart attack.

For more information about American Heart Month or National Wear Red Day, please contact Ciara O'Brien Murray, communications director at (913) 652-1966 or mail to: Ciara.Murray@heart.org.

I hope that doesn't happen again. Anyway, I feel fine now. I hear there are a lot of sicknesses going around--after all, it is winter.

Kathy Van Meter visited Helen Helm last Monday, and played Bingo at the Senior Center in Cambridge on Thursday. Helen celebrated her birthday with the state of Kansas again, Jan. 29. Of course Kansas is many years older. [I'm sorry, Helen, I just couldn't resist the temptation.]

Toots Magers played Pinochle with the group at Norcatur on Thursday. She and her daughter, Judy and Charlie Easton, joined the Norcatur Church for potluck on Sunday, then went to Toots' for more visiting. Ree and Dee Magers brought jam and bread and visited Toots on Friday. Doesn't it make your mouth water?

Joyce Sumner reported that her granddaughter, Amy Archer, is now on the transplant list for a liver. We pray she won't have to wait much longer.

June Jolly has almost finished the quilt she has been working on. She has been visited by Rhonda Jolly and several neighbors and has done her usual cards and bingo. Busy lady.

The potluck dinner at the Norcatur Educational Building was wonderful; so many people and so much good food. People from the Clayton, Lyle, and Norcatur and surrounding areas enjoying fellowship--quoting Martha Stewart--it's a good thing.

To top off the day, it was delivery day for pizzas from the local Fire Department. And they were delicious!

The US Department of Agriculture Rural Development is seeking applications for the Single Family Housing Direct Loan Program. The program assists low to moderate income rural Kansans to obtain financing to purchase a home. Loans funds can be used to build, repair, renovate or relocate a home, or to purchase and prepare sites, including providing water and

With the direct loan program, there is no down payment required and 100 percent financing. Maximum loan amounts vary by county and applicants may be eligible for payment assistance, which could subsidize the interest portion of the house

sewage facilities.

Loan applications are now available payment, lowering the overall Housing Direct Loan Program. monthly payment amount. Ap-For more information about the plicant's eligibility requirements include good credit history, adequate and dependable income ment office: and repayment ability for the loan. Currently, the agency has

> In 2011, USDA Rural Development in Kansas provided more than \$14 million in financing for rural Kansas homeowners through the Single Family

ample funding for applicants at

or below 50 percent of the area's

median income.

direct loan program, contact the nearest USDA Rural Develop-Garden City Area Office -

620-275-0211, Ext. 4

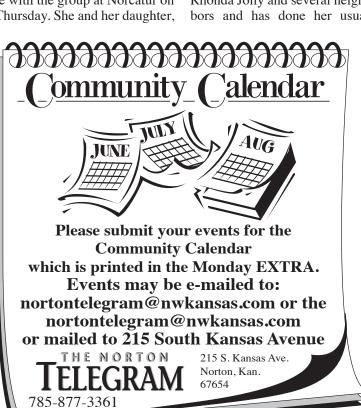
Hays Area Office - 785-628-3081, Ext. 4

Iola Area Office - 620-365-2901, Ext. 4

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776-7582, Ext. 4

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Market Report for January 27, 2012 1224 CATTLE SOLD Sale Every Friday at Noon

STEERS: 11 Char steers.............368 215.00 77 blk and red steers. 611 173.35 15 blk steers 636 167.00 66 blk and Char steers 702 156.10 153.60 60 Char steers..........816 149.25 **HEIFERS:**

24 blk heifers......519 172.50

7 Char heifers 478 165.50

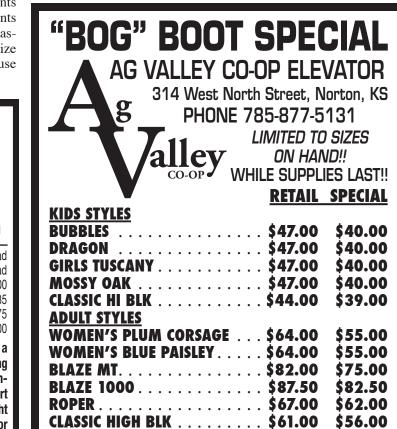
26 blk heifers............631 147.25

31 blk heifers......712 1050/Head

9 bwf heifers 681 12 blk heifers......744 1060/Head 66 blk & Char heifers 896 132.35 Top butcher cow 1730 77.75

What another great auction! Quite a few cattle moved through our ring here at Hill City in the month of January - thanks to all who were a part of that! Looks like quite a few light grass condition calves coming for our next sale February 3. Consign early for proper advertising! We always look forward to seeing you on the seats right here in Hill City!

We would like to thank all the buyers and sellers. If you have livestock to market please call barn phone, 785-421-3441 (leave a message), Lance Kinderknecht, Owner/Operator, 785-432-0537; Dave Shearer, Field Rep, 785-664-8017, or Dan Bliss, Field Rep, 785-743-8364



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