

Blue Jay varsity boys defeat Stockton, 48-38

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The Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team jumped out to an early lead on the strength of 15 points in the first quarter by junior guard Jacob Brooks and went on to defeat Stockton 48-38 in Mid-Continent League play in the NCHS Stull Gym in Norton on Thursday evening.

The Tigers came out playing a zone defense but Brooks' points got them out of it and into a man-to-man where they played Norton evenly the rest of the game.

Stockton hit just two field goals and a free throw in the first quarter which ended with Norton leading by 19-6. The Tigers hung in there in the second quarter when they outscored the Blue Jays 13-8 to cut the lead to 27-19 at halftime.

Norton also held the visitors to just two field goals and three free throws in the third quarter; however, when they outscored them 14-7 to take what appeared to be a commanding 41-26 advantage into the final stanza.

Norton did not have the killer instinct in the fourth period and Stockton outscored the Blue Jays 12-7 to cut the final margin of victory to 10 points.

"This is the third game in a row that we've had a double-digit lead and let the other team back into it," said Norton head boys basketball coach Doug Reusink. "Our energy level and intensity were not as high as they need to be."

"When we don't maintain our energy level, the other team starts playing with confidence and gets back in the game."

"Jacob did a good job of hitting when they were in the zone but we didn't play quite as well against their man defense. Then, Wahlmeier got in foul trouble and that hurt us."

"We did some good things to get the lead but didn't matchup very well with their players and that gave us some problems."

Brooks ended the game with 24 points on a perfect 3 of 3 from beyond the arc for 100 percent, 6 of 10 two-point tries for 60 percent and 9 of 13 overall for a net-smoking 70 percent accuracy! He also hit 3 of 5 free throws for 60 percent.

Senior guard Dillon McConney also shot well. He hit his only shot from long range, connected on 2 of 6 from two-point land for 33 percent and 3 of 7 overall for 43 percent. He also hit 2 of 4 charities for 50 percent for a total of 9 points.

Senior post Jordan Wahlmeier tallied 8 points on 4 of 8 from the field for 50 percent. He missed his only free throw.

Leading scorer for Stockton was freshman post Justin Wiltfong, who scored steadily all night long and finished with 16 points. Koby Beougher

added 10 points for the Tigers.

As a team, Norton hit 4 of 8 shots from long range for 50 percent, 15 of 36 two-point attempts for 42 percent and 19 of 44 overall for 43 percent.

Stockton found the range on 2 of 6 from beyond the arc for 33 percent, 10 of 47 two-point tries for 21 percent and 12 of 53 overall for 23 percent.

From the free throw line, the Blue Jays swished 6 of 14 for 43 percent and the Tigers connected on 12 of 19 for 63 percent.

Norton had 8 offensive and 14 defensive rebounds for 22 total. Stockton grabbed 21 offensive and 10 defensive caroms for 31 total.

Brooks was the rebounding leader for Norton with 5, followed by Alec Gilgenbach, 4; Wahlmeier, McConney, 3 each; Zach Hartwell, Andrew Ellis, Tye Nickell, 2 each; Carson McKenna, 1.

Wahlmeier blocked 4 Stockton shots and Brooks rejected 3.

Wahlmeier also had 4 of Norton's 9 steals. Brooks and Ellis each had 2 thefts and Nickell had 1. The Tigers had 4 steals.

The Blue Jays had 13 offensive assists and Stockton recorded only 3.

Assists leaders for Norton were Brooks and Hartwell, each with 4, followed by Nickell, Wahlmeier, McConney, Ellis, Dalton Miller, 1 each.

Norton had 11 turnovers and Stockton lost the ball 13 times.

Junior varsity

Norton won the boys junior varsity game by a 39-32 score.

Norton trailed 10-7 after the first quarter but outscored the visitors 13-9 in the second period to lead 20-19 at intermission. A 10-6 third quarter in Norton's favor extended the Blue Jay advantage to 30-25. Norton also outscored Stockton 9-7 in the final stanza.

Dalton Miller was leading scorer for Norton with 10 points, followed by Drew Schrum, 7; Andrew Ellis, 7; Tanner Furbush, 6; Conor Cox, 4; Carson McKenna, 2; Lane Bigge, 2; John Renner, 1.

Micah Moll led Stockton with 8 points.

Next action

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

Action will begin at 4 p.m. with the boys C-team game at Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, followed by the boys junior varsity game.

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

On Friday, Norton will travel to Hill City for more Mid-Continent League action. The junior varsity girls game will begin at 4:45 p.m. and will be played in the grade school gym.. The junior



Norton senior post Alec Gilgenbach hits a jump shot over a Stockton defender during the Blue Jay victory over the visiting Tiger team in Mid-Continent League play Thursday night in the NCHS Stull Gym.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

varsity boys game will also begin at 4:45 p.m. and will be held in the high school, followed by the varsity girls and varsity boys games.

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Norton Boys

Jacob Brooks 6 3 3-5 24; Zach Hartwell 0 0 1-2 1; Jordan Wahlmeier 4 0 0-1 8; Dillon McConney 2 1 2-4 9; Andrew Ellis 1 0 0-2 2; Dalton Miller, 1

Stockton Boys

Andrew Bellerive 0 0 2-2 2; Micah Moll 0 0 2-3 2; Jaden Williams 3 0 0-0 6; Zach Lowry 0 0 2-4 2; Koby Beougher 1 2 2-4 10; Justin Wiltfong 6 0 4-6 16; Game Totals 10 2 12-19 38.

Norton takes fifth in Tournament of Champions

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With seven of nine wrestlers placing, the Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team finished fifth out of 14 schools competing in the first annual Western Kansas Tournament of Champions featuring Northwest Kansas League and Mid-Continent League teams on Saturday in Smith Center.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 149.5 points, followed by Oberlin, 141; Smith Center, 140; Plainville, 126; Norton, 112.5; St. Francis, 101; Hoxie, 84; Oakley, 74; Atwood, 63; Ellis, 57; Hill City, 30; Trego, 18; Stockton, 16; Osborne, 7.

Norton had one senior, four juniors and four sophomores competing out of 14 weight classes.

The Blue Jays had two champions, sophomore Branson Addington, 106 and junior John Risewick, 120.

Sophomore Alec Hager was runner-up at 126. Placing third for Norton were senior R.J. Ellis, 132 and junior Jared Bohl, 152.

Sophomore Ethan Ross, 113, finished fifth and junior Cody Ellis, 145, placed sixth.

Sophomore Austin Hager, 138 and junior Lucas Engel, 170, did not place.

Norton was open at 160, 182, 195, 220 and 285.

"I thought our youngsters took a step up this week," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. "We had good hustle and determination and we competed well. Our young wrestlers are learning and doing their best and that is all you can ask as a coach."

"I was really proud of our last round. We won five of six placing matches to finish the day on a high note. We only entered nine athletes and placed seven so we were a little behind in the team race but still finished in a strong fifth place."

"I was especially proud of Branson Addington, our 106 pound sophomore. He started as the No.3 seed and upset No.2 seed Brody Frieling, Smith Center, in the semis. Then, he

knocked off No.1 seed Kyle Witmer of Phillipsburg in the finals. Norton had lost to both of these wrestlers in the MCL dual tournament in December."

For Branson's excellent performance, the Norton coaches chose him "Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

Norton had a won-loss record of 19-12 and pin ratio of 7-7.

Individual results

106 - Branson Addington was seeded No.3. He won a 12-2 major decision over Trevor Houser, Plainville; shutout No.2 seed Brody Frieling, Smith Center, 6-0 and won a 6-5 decision over No.1 seed Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, to win the championship.

Frieling decisioned Macrae Migchelbrink, Atwood, 6-5 for third place and Troy Juenemann, Oberlin, pinned Houser to place fifth.

113 - Ethan Ross was pinned in 3:17 by John Solko, Atwood; won a 15-0 technical fall over Tristen Stoner, Hoxie; lost a 3-0 decision to Casey Keller, St. Francis and decisioned Matthew Helm, Oberlin, 12-6 to place fifth.

120 - John Risewick was seeded No.1. He pinned Dylan Dohe, Plainville, in :36; pinned Gabe Anderson, Oberlin, in 1:10; won a 15-2 major decision over Taylor Murphy, Oakley and pinned No.3 seed Rhatt Mizer, Atwood, in 1:51 to win the championship.

Gage Pfeifer, Hill City, the No.2 seed, won a 6-3 decision over Murphy to place third. Mack Reagan, Smith Center, placed fifth by pinning Anderson.

126 - Alec Hager was seeded No.2. He pinned Jacob Cronin, Smith Center, in 4:43; pinned Jared Pfeifer, Ellis, in 4:36 and lost a 9-3 decision to No.1 seeded Dayton Dreher, Oberlin, to place runner-up.

Trevor Axelson, Plainville, placed third with an 8-5 decision over Pfeifer. Mason Bannister, Phillipsburg, placed fifth with a 7-0 decision over Cronin.

132 - R.J. Ellis was seeded No.4. He won a 5-0 decision over No.5 seed Adam Gehring,

Plainville; was pinned in 1:45 by No.1 seed Brent Juenemann, Oberlin; pinned Wayne Flipse, Oakley, in 2:05 and shutout No.3 seed Austin White, St. Francis, to place third.

Juenemann won the championship with a 1-0 decision over No.2 seed Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg. Gehring placed fifth with an 8-2 decision over Flipse.

138 - Austin Hager was pinned in 3:37 by No.1 seed Calvin Ochs, Hoxie; pinned Chris Anderson, Oberlin, in 3:35 and was pinned in 5:02 by Zach Fisher, Smith Center.

Ochs won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, in 1:18. No.3 seed Mikey Leibbrandt, St. Francis, placed third with a 10-2 major decision over Landon Younger, Ellis. Fisher finished fifth with an 8-2 decision over Cody Werner, Plainville.

145 - Cody Ellis lost an 6-2 decision to No.2 seed Ross Coomes, Phillipsburg; won a 10-0 major decision over Tyler Lowry, Trego; lost a 5-3 decision to Colton Wise, Plainville and forfeited to Erik Nelson, St. Francis, to place sixth.

No.1 seed Kade Brown, Oberlin, won the championship by pinning No.3 seed Clay Pickel, Smith Center. Coomes placed third by pinning Wise in 1:17.

152 - Jared Bohl was seeded No.3. He won an 8-1 decision over Dylan Kinter, Phillipsburg; was pinned in 1:21 by No.2 seed Dylan Wiesner, Plainville; won a 5-0 decision over Matt Glading, Oberlin and won a 13-1 major decision over Kinter in their second meeting of the day to place third.

Wiesner won the championship with a 13-12 decision over No.4 seed Dylan Wolaver, St. Francis. Glading won fifth place with a forfeit by No.1 seed Dalton Snyder, Hoxie.

160 - Norton was open. No.1 seed and unbeaten Eric Albers, Oakley, won the championship with a 9-5 decision over No.2 seed Riley Hunsicker, Ellis. No. 3 seed Steven Yergey-Dible, Hoxie, placed third by pinning

Grant Gillam, Oberlin, in 4:14. Brad Blew, Phillipsburg, pinned Derek Queen, St. Francis, to place fifth.

170 - Lucas Engel was pinned in :58 by Clayton Beckman, Hill City and was pinned in 2:37 by Luke Jacobs, Phillipsburg.

No.1 seed Harrison Gilliland, Plainville, won the championship with a 13-4 major decision over No.2 seed Louis Frazier, St. Francis. Jacobs won third place with a fall in :42 over Beckman. Fifth place went to J.J. Hernandez, Ellis, with a 3-1 decision over Eric McDanel, Osborne.

182 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Kyler Atwood, Smith Center, won the championship with an 8-4 decision over No.3 seed Zach Gienger, St. Francis. Nate Cox, Oakley, placed third with a 5-3 decision over No.2 seed Nathan Thyfault, Plainville. Jacey Minkler, Phillipsburg, placed fifth with a bye.

195 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Josh McDowell, Smith Center, won the championship with a 12-0 major decision

over No.2 seed Connor Winters, Stockton. No.3 seed Cody Faulkender, Oakley, placed third with a bye.

220 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Kane Washington, Hoxie, won the championship with a 6-2 decision over No.2 seed Channing Fortin, Oberlin. Dillon Coomes, Phillipsburg, placed third by pinning Dylan Gassmann, Oakley, in :42. No.3 seed Paul Nelson, St. Francis, finished fifth with a 6-2 decision over Skyler Tebo, Ellis.

285 - Norton was open. No.1 seed Bradey Chard, Plainville, won the championship by pinning No.2 seed Dustin Zahn, Trego, in 1:54. Cody Wurm, Oberlin, placed third by pinning Mark Schippers, Hoxie, in 4:02. Shakota Blanka, St. Francis, placed fifth by shutting out Bryce Henry, Atwood, 5-0.

Next action

Norton will host Smith Center in dual action this Friday evening in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym.

Wrestling will begin at 6 p.m.

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Treasurer's Annual Financial Report Lenora, Kansas				
FUNDS	For the period from		31-Dec-11	
	Old Balances	Receipts	Disbursements	Net Treasury Cash
General Operating	73,624.95	220,165.52	195,040.40	98,750.07
Water	8,749.40	66,299.87	49,436.86	25,612.41
Sewer	12,032.94	17,659.18	18,560.99	11,131.13
Trash	52,549.83	29,569.66	30,172.43	51,947.06
Employee Benefit	9,768.36	28,359.54	24,256.05	13,871.85
Streets	26,610.75	29,733.04	17,037.25	39,306.54
Cemetery	184.99	6,446.02	6,784.88	(153.87)
Spec Parks & Rec	8,168.81	246.36	816.75	7,598.42
Library	382.02	5,123.10	5,505.12	-
Customer Deposits	650.00	300.00	400.00	550.00
Fire	12,417.72	15,533.68	17,026.76	10,924.64
Multi-year Cap.Outlay	86,749.44	5,000.00	-	91,749.44
Special Equip.	57,694.39	5,000.00	26,400.00	36,294.39
Fire Spec. Equip.	5,650.76	0.00	5,251.35	399.41
Debt Service Water	15,218.75	20,544.00	20,622.50	15,140.25
Payroll Clearing	2,044.46	15,302.45	16,446.05	900.86
Water Surplus	194,087.00	75,000.00	150,436.31	118,650.69
TOTALS	566,584.57	540,282.42	584,193.70	522,673.29
Available Cash				
First Security of Lenora (checking)	102,525.93			
First Security of Lenora (CD's)	420,147.36			
Total Funds Available	522,673.29			
LIABILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS				
Sewer Treatment Plant	\$16,831.64			
Water System	157,387.44			
Fire Truck	14,572.09			
TOTAL	\$188,791.17			

Bradley DanTelson, Treasurer