

Lady Jays fall to Smith Center in disappointing loss

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls basketball team had a bad night on Tuesday and it led to a 64-14 loss to Smith Center in Mid-Continent League play in the NCHS Stull Gym.

Not only did the Lady Jays not play well but the Lady Redmen played very well, living up to their No.3 state ranking.

The visitors held quarter leads of 23-1, 35-3 and 53-11.

The cold shooting Norton quintet hit only one field goal in the first half.

Smith Center completely dominated in the game, running a defensive press and fast breaking on offense.

"There was not one thing that we did right," said Norton head girls basketball coach Kevin Jilka. "We didn't handle their press; we had 15 turnovers in the first quarter. We thought we could do some things but they took us out of everything we wanted to do. They got the early lead and it snowballed.

"They're such good athletes and play the way you're supposed to play. They're not No.3 in the state for nothing.

"The best thing for us to do

is have short memories and get ready to play Hill City this Friday. We knew we would have to play a perfect game against Smith Center. We can play better and, hopefully, we learned something and will move on and play much better against the Lady Ringnecks."

Erin Terrell was leading scorer for Norton with 5 points, followed by Bailey Ambrosier, 3; Kamilla Jones, 3; Tawni Griffey, 2; Caren Thomson, 1.

Tangie Hileman led the Lady Redmen with 24 points; Sydney Benoit and McKenzie Benoit each scored 10 points.

Norton hit 1 of 4 from beyond the arc for 25 percent, 4 of 18 two-point shots for 22 percent and 5 of 22 overall for 23 percent. Smith Center scored on 2 of 10 from long range for 20 percent, 28 of 59 two-point tries for 47 percent and 30 of 69 overall for 43 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton hit 3 of 9 for 33 percent and Smith Center connected on 2 of 6 for 33 percent.

The Lady Jays grabbed 4 of offensive and 12 defensive rebounds for 16 total and the Lady Redmen pulled down 14 offensive and 10 defensive caroms for 24.



Points were hard to come by for the Norton Lady Jays in their loss to No.3 state ranked Smith Center on Tuesday evening in the NCHS Stull Gym. Above, Norton sophomore post Bailey Ambrosier goes up for a shot while surrounded by the aggressive Lady Redmen. Also in the photo for Norton is sophomore guard Katelyn Engelbert, No. 10.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Griffey and Terrell led Norton in rebounds with 5 each, followed by Katelyn Engelbert, 3; Ambrosier, Teslee Nickell, Thomson, 1 each.

Norton had 3 steals and Smith Center had 21 thefts. Thomson had 2 steals and Griffey had 1.

The Lady Jays had a season-high 32 turnovers while the Lady Redmen lost the ball just 6 times.

Norton had 3 offensive assists and Smith Center was credited with 16 assists.

Griffey had 2 assists and Engelbert had 1.

Junior varsity

The Norton girls junior varsity lost to Smith Center by a score of 64-29.

Norton trailed by quarters 14-5, 27-16 and 44-27.

Leading scorers for Norton were Marisa Maddy and Alec Melvin with 8 points each, followed by Johnnye Ruder, 7; Katie Bohl, Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, 2 each.

Kaitlin Albert and Colbie Decker each scored 16 points for the Lady Redmen.

"When playing against a team like Smith Center, you cannot play in slow motion," said Norton assistant girls basketball coach George Rossi.

"Learning how to play hard is something that we must do and do quickly. We can play with intensity for a bit but then we just let the other team do what they want. That is not Lady Jay basketball!"

Next action

The Norton girls and boys played Mid-Continent League games with Hill City this evening in Hill City.

Scores were not available at the Telegram's press time.

On Tuesday, Norton will play non-league games with Oberlin in Oberlin, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Norton Girls

Tawni Griffey 1 0 0-0 2; Bailey Ambrosier 1 0 1-4 3; Erin Terrell 2 0 1-2 5; Alec Melvin 0 0 0-1 0; Kamilla Jones 0 1 0-0 3; Caren Thomson 0 0 1-2 1; Game Totals 4 1 3-9 14.

Smith Center Girls

Trenna Cox 2 0 0-0 4; Alexis Ryan 2 0 0-1 4; Hallie McCall 1 0 1-2 3; Lucy Vandergiesen 3 0 0-0 6; Briana Dietz 1 0 0-0 2; Sydney Benoit 5 0 0-0 10; McKenzie Benoit 5 0 0-0 10; Tangie Hileman 9 2 0-1-2-4; Colbie Decker 0 0 1-2 1; Game Totals 28 2 2-6 64.

BOWLING RESULTS

Stardust League

Standings as of Jan. 23

1. FSBT 2- 9 wins, 3 losses
1. Bumble Bees- 9 wins, 3 losses
3. Little People Daycare- 8 wins, 4 losses
4. The PC's- 6 wins, 6 losses
5. FSBT 1- 4 wins, 8 losses

High Line: Becky Williams-159, Cindy Linner-156, Peggy Sevier-154, The PC's-309, FSBT 2-295, FSBT 1-266

High Line Handicap: Melissa Siard-227, Peggy Sevier-206, Carrie Fentiman-206, Bumble Bees-407, The PC's-400, FSBT 2-391

High Series: Becky Williams-442, Cindy Linner-434, Bev Miller-416, FSBT 2-855, The PC's-848, FSBT 1-776

High Series Handicap: Melissa Siard-605, Becky Williams-577, Peggy Sevier-570, Bumble Bees-1155, FSBT 2-1143, The PC's-1121

Stardust League

Standings as of Jan. 30

1. FSBT 2- 13 wins, 3 losses
2. Bumble Bees- 10 wins, 6 losses
3. The PC's- 9 wins, 7 losses
3. Little People Daycare- 9 wins, 7 losses
5. FSBT 1- 7 wins, 9 losses

High Line: Bev Miller-185, Peggy Sevier-180, Cindy Linner-172, The PC's-334, FSBT 1-327, FSBT 2-320

High Line Handicap: Peggy Sevier-232, Bev Miller-224, Carrie Fentiman-220, The PC's-425, Bumble Bees-421, FSBT 1-419

High Series: Bev Miller-503, Peggy Sevier-468, Cindy Linner-461, FSBT 1-944, The PC's-929, FSBT 2-860

High Series Handicap: Peggy Sevier-624, Bev Miller-620, Janet Manning-600, FSBT 1-1220, The PC's-1202, Bumble Bees-1163

Standings as of Jan. 24

1. Moffet Drug- 11 wins, 5 losses
2. Lenora Nutrition Center- 9.5 wins, 6.5 losses
3. Amateurs- 8 wins, 8 losses
4. BEB & Assoc.- 3.5 wins, 12.5 losses

High Line: Cheri Brooks-191, Sharron Smith-160, Kathleen Berlier-158, Moffet Drug-418.

High Line Handicap: Cheri Brooks-227, Donna Van Kooten-210, Kathleen Berlier-209, Moffet Drug-599.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-484, Sharron Smith-423, Jacque Griffey-386, Kathleen Berlier-386, Moffet Drug-1205.

High Series Handicap: Donna Van Kooten-596, Cheri Brooks-592, Abby Rice-588, Moffet Drug-1748.

1. The WTF's- 14.5 wins, 12.5 losses

2. Don's Floor Coverings- 13.5 wins, 13.5 losses
3. D & M Service- 13 wins, 14 losses
4. WGAHA- 13 wins, 14 losses

High Line: Doug Ray-183, Bill LaSalle-182, Joel Duscher-180, Don's Floor Coverings-645.

High Line Handicap: Joel Duscher-223, Bill LaSalle-221, Doug Ray-218, Don's Floor Coverings-838.

High Series: Joel Duscher-476, Doug Ray-474, Rusty Miller-467, Don's Floor Coverings-1773.

High Series Handicap: Ray Caldwell-615, Joel Duscher-605, Rick Green-595, Don's Floor Coverings-2352.

2. Hawks Depot- 23.5 wins, 12.5 losses

3. Heartland Partners- 19 wins, 17 losses
4. Jett SS- 17 wins, 19 losses
5. BLD's- 17 wins, 19 losses
6. The Where Evers- 8 wins, 28 losses

High Line: Mark Bailey-193, Bruce Keenportz-173, Nick Daniels-169, Bev Miller-166, Bailey Electric-624.

High Line Handicap: Mark Bailey-234, Bruce Keenportz-231, Nick Daniels-216, Barb Burk-211, Bailey Electric-802.

High Series: Mark Bailey-535, Bev Miller-468, Rusty Miller-461, Nick Daniels-455, Bailey Electric-1805.

High Series Handicap: Mark Bailey-658, Bruce Keenportz-613, Barb Burk-608, Mary Upson-606, Heartland Partners-2341.

Tuesday Housewife League

Inter-City League

Standings as of Jan. 19

1. Bailey Electric- 23.5 wins, 12.5 losses

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Jan. 17



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