

Norton boys take victory over Oberlin, 48-42

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Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team outscored Oberlin for three quarters during non-league play on Tuesday evening in Oberlin and that was enough to emerge with a 48-42 victory.

The Blue Jays led by just 11-10 after the first quarter and the score was tied at 24-all at halftime. The Red Devils couldn't buy a basket in the third period which ended with them adding just two more field goals to their total and falling behind the visitors 36-28.

The fourth quarter was evenly played which worked out well for the Blue Jays.

"We didn't play very well on either end of the court," said coach Reusink. "They have good shooters but I didn't think we did a very good job of guarding them."

"Offensively, we didn't shoot as well as we have and we struggled mentally when that was happening."

"It was nice to get the win and run our record to 10-5."

Norton's senior power forward Jordan Wahlmeier was hard for the Red Devils to stop around the basket and he hit 8 of 12 two-point shots for 67 percent accuracy. He was a perfect 2 of 2 from the free throw line to finish with 18 points.

The Blue Jays' other double figure scorer was senior guard Zach Hartwell, who continued to rip the nets from long range. Hartwell hit 4 of 8 shots from beyond the arc for 50 percent and 12 points.

Junior guard Jacob Brooks added 9 points on 1 of 6 long range shots for 17 percent, 3 of 6 two-point tries for 50 percent and 4 of 12 overall for 33 per-

cent.

Leading scorer for Oberlin was Dalton Jones with 18 points. His points came on two two-point baskets and a trey in the first quarter, another three-pointer in the second period and two more treys and a two-point basket in the final stanza. Zach May added 10 points.

As a team, Norton swished 5 of 19 shots from beyond the arc for 27 percent, 15 of 31 two-point tries for 48 percent and 20 of 50 overall for 40 percent.

The Red Devils hit 6 of 19 long range shots for 32 percent, 11 of 33 two-point attempts for 33 percent and 17 of 52 overall for 33 percent.

From the free throw line, Norton connected on 3 of 4 for 75 percent and the Red Devils hit 2 of 3 for 67 percent.

Norton outrebounded Oberlin 34-24. The Blue Jays pulled down 12 offensive and 22 defensive caroms and the Red Devils grabbed 9 offensive and 15 defensive boards.

Leading rebounder for Norton was Wahlmeier with another double-double as he pulled down 11 rebounds. He was followed by Dillon McConney with 7; Brooks, 5; Alec Gilgenbach, 4; Tye Nickell, 2; Hartwell, 2; Andrew Ellis, 2; Joe LeClair, 1.

Wahlmeier put on another blocking clinic as he rejected 5 Oberlin shots!

McConney also blocked one Red Devil basket attempt.

Norton had 4 steals and Oberlin had 3. Nickell, Brooks and Ellis each had 1 theft.

The Blue Jays had 7 offensive assists and the Red Devils were credited with 8.

McConney was assists leader with 3, followed by Brooks and Nickell, 2 each.

Both teams had just 7 turnovers.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity boys team edged Oberlin 49-47!

The young Blue Jays led 13-4 after the first quarter and 27-15 at halftime. Oberlin outscored Norton 18-6 in the third quarter to tie the score at 33-all.

In the exciting fourth quarter, Norton outpointed the home team 16-14 to earn the victory.

Ten different players scored for Norton during the contest. Andrew Ellis and Dalton Miller led the way in scoring with 10 points each, followed by Conor Cox, 7; Marc Miller, 6; Tanner Furbush, 4; Lane Bigge, 4; Carson McKenna, 3; Trevor Lewis, 2; Ryan Bainter, 2; John Renner, 1.

Kyle Breth led Oberlin in scoring with 15 points; Ryan May added 9.

Next action

Norton will host Atwood in non-league play today. Games will be played in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym at East Campus and in the NCHS Stull Gym.

The boys junior varsity game will be held in the Kirk Gym, beginning at 4:45 p.m.

The girls junior varsity game will also begin at 4:45 p.m. in the Stull Gym. It will be followed by the girls varsity and boys varsity contest in the same gym.

Norton Boys

Tye Nickell 1 0 1-2 3; Jacob Brooks 3 1 0-0 9; Zach Hartwell 0 4 0-0 12; Jordan Wahlmeier 8 0 2-2 18; Dillon McConney 2 0 0-0 4; Alec Gilgenbach 1 0 0-0 2; Game Totals 15 5 3-4 48.

Oberlin Boys

Dalton Jones 3 4 0-0 18; Shane McEvoy 2 0 0-0 4; Garrett Berry 2 0 0-0 4; Zach May 2 2 0-0 10; Tyler Bruggeman 2 0 2-3 6; Game Totals 11 6 2-3 42.



Norton senior Jordan Wahlmeier cleanly blocks an Oberlin player's shot at close range under the basket that most certainly would have been a score for the Red Devils. The play occurred during Norton's win at Oberlin on Tuesday evening. Also pictured for Norton are senior Tye Nickell, No. 2 and junior Jacob Brooks, No. 3.

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Huskies lose grip on Franklin

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The Northern Valley boys varsity basketball team hosted the Fighting Flyers of Franklin, Neb. Tuesday night. The Huskies had one of their better scoring performances but lost a heartbreaker to the Fighting Flyers, 55-53.

First quarter, Northern Valley jumped out to an early lead fueled by senior Daniel Field's eight points, the Huskies led 12-7 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, senior Gunnar Hays dropped five of the Huskies' 17 points in the quarter, but the Fighting Flyers put up 20 points

of their own and the Huskies went into halftime hanging on to a two point lead, 29-27.

Both teams came out of the break a little cold, scoring eight points each. Senior Calen Bach accounted for four points, and the Huskies held on to a two point lead, 37-35 after three.

In the fourth quarter, the Huskies and Flyers heated up offensively. Huskies sophomore Jordan Baird scored five of his team's 16 points but the Huskies couldn't defend the Fighting Flyers 3-pointers, as they bested Northern Valley by four points in the quarter and pulled out a two point win.

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