

JV football ends season with loss

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team hosted Phillipsburg at Travis Field on Monday, Oct. 15 and lost a hard-fought 36-20 game.

This was the final game of the season for the Blue Jay junior varsity, who had a very successful 5-2 record.

Phillipsburg scored first on a 25 yard pass with 7:25 left in the opening quarter. The 2-point conversion try was no good, putting the Panthers ahead 6-0.

When the Norton offensive unit took the field, they scored quickly. A series of long runs from sophomore fullback Christian Boser and long run from

sophomore tailback Jared Tallent helped them score at the 5:36 point. Tallent ran for two points, putting the young Jays ahead 8-6.

Phillipsburg responded with a long touchdown pass at 4:12. The Blue Jay defense held on the extra points try and it was 12-8 in favor of the Panthers.

The second quarter was played on even terms until the Panthers got lucky on a tipped pass from a different receiver and scored a 45 yard touchdown. Again, the Blue Jay defense held on the extra points try but Phillipsburg had moved ahead 18-8 and that score remained at halftime.

The Norton defense held the Panthers scoreless in the third quarter and the Blue Jay offense

put together a good drive which ended with freshman tailback Gavin Lively finding the end zone with 4:42 left. The extra points try was unsuccessful but Norton had narrowed the Panther lead to 18-14.

Phillipsburg scored two more touchdowns, however, to extend their lead to 30-14.

Norton's final touchdown came on a Jared Tallent run with 4:39 left in the game. The two-point try was no good and Norton trailed 30-20.

The Blue Jays' onside kick was recovered by Phillipsburg in good field position and they scored again on a deep pass, making the final score 36-20.

Junior Jays earn win to closeout season

By Mike Stephens

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The Norton Junior High School football team closed out its season with a hard fought 14-12 victory over Smith Center on Thursday, Oct. 11 at Travis Field.

In the first quarter, seventh grader Jace Ruder got the Jays on the scoreboard first with a 29 yard touchdown run. Ruder passed to eighth grader Koby McEwen for the 2-point conversion.

In the second quarter, eighth grader Jacob Green cut loose on a 50 yard touchdown run but the conversion failed.

Smith Center scored in the second and fourth quarters but failed on both conversions which was the difference in the game.

The Junior Jays leading rushers were Jace Ruder with 21 rushes for 133 yards, Jacob Green with 10 rushes for 84 yards and Tyus Henson with 10 rushes for 40 yards.

"This was a great way to end our season. Tonight I was proud of how the kids played as a team. It took everyone's best effort, and everything was

clicking for us. I think the biggest reason we played so well tonight is that everyone understood their role and we were able to keep the ball out of Smith Center's hands with sustaining drives. We averaged a little over six yards per carry, which is a tribute to our offensive line," said Jays head coach Shane Miller.

"There were some great defensive moments as well. In the first series Smith Center broke an 80 yard run in which our defense didn't give up on the play. We were able to pursue the ball carrier and force him out inside the 10 yard line. The next four plays our defense stiffened up and held them out of the end zone," said Miller.

"We talked to the defense before game time about 'bending but don't break.' With the type of offense Smith Center runs they were going to have some big plays and they try to wear you down mentally. When they bust a big play you have to put it behind you, that play is done. It definitely was the difference in the ball game and we were able to keep them from converting their PAT's on their two scores."

Junior high volleyball ends on a high note

By Cayla Cox

The Norton Junior High School volleyball season came to a close on Saturday, Oct. 6 at the MCEL tournament in Phillipsburg. The Blue Jays ended their season on a high note, by placing second to Stockton.

The Blue Jays first round match-up was against Hill City. The Jays did not waste any time, and jumped to a 6-1 lead to start the set. The two teams traded points back and forth, but the Blue Jays held onto the lead most of the set. However, Hill City would not give up and went ahead 19-17. The Blue Jays tied it up again at 24-24. The Jays won the rally and were able to serve out the set and win 26-24.

The second set looked very similar to the first. The Blue Jays took the lead early, but again Hill City stayed close. The Blue Jays passed well and continued to attack until Hill City found a server that gave the Blue Jays problems. Several bad passes gave Hill City the lead 22-21. The Blue Jays kept their composure and served out the set to win 25-23.

In round two the Blue Jays went up against Phillipsburg, who handed them their first loss earlier in the week. Phillipsburg missed the first serve which gave the Blue Jays an early confidence boost. The Blue Jays took the lead and never looked back. They passed on target, set the ball up and had six kills. The Blue Jays took a big lead after Callie Uehlin served for seven straight points. Phillipsburg could not recover and the Jays went on to win the set 25-11.

The second set was not as easy. The two teams traded the lead back and forth for most of the set. The Blue Jays were plagued with missed serves, but were able to stay in the game with their hustle and great passing. The Blue Jays were able to add to their score with seven kills. Behind the serving of

Caitlyn Cox, the Blue Jays took the lead for the last time, 17-16. The Jays did not let up and were able to win the set and the game 25-19.

In the championship game the Blue Jays faced an undefeated Stockton team. Despite fatigue setting in, the Blue Jays put up a good fight. Stockton took an early 3-9 lead. The Blue Jays continued to play hard but could not get Stockton to make a mistake. The Blue Jays passed well and did a nice job of hitting the ball. The Jays had 12 spikes go over the net, five of which were kills. Stockton hit very well, and was able to find the floor too many times. Stockton kept pushing points and beat the Blue Jays 14-25. The game was much closer and more exciting than the score reflected.

The second set the Blue Jays traded points with Stockton for the first five points of the set. Stockton then took a slight lead but the Blue Jays stayed close. The Jays played hard, but they were tired. They began to make mistakes that were not typical of them. Missed serves and stretch of serve receive errors put Stockton on top 22-12. The Blue Jays had played their hearts out and had nothing left. Stockton finished out the game with a win over the Blue Jays 13-25.

"I was very proud of the girls today. They played hard and they deserved to be in the championship game. They should hold their heads high and be proud of what they accomplished this season," said coach Cox.

The Blue Jays ended the 2012 volleyball season with a record of 9-3.

Game 1: Aces: Cox (6), Melvin (2), Frack (1), Miller (3).

Kills: Cox (8), Melvin (1), Frack (2), Miller (7), Ambrosier (1).

Assists: Cox (6), Frack (3), Miller (5).

Servers who served 100%: Cox (12/12), Melvin (13/13),

Frack (7/7), Ambrosier (4/4).

Top passer was Miller.

Game 2: Aces: Cox (2), Melvin (2), Frack (1), Miller (1), Ambrosier (5), Uehlin (1).

Kills: Cox (4), Melvin (2), Frack (2), Miller (4), Ambrosier (1).

Assists: Cox (4), Frack (2), Miller (6).

Servers who served 100%: Uehlin (10/10).

Top passer was Melvin.

Game 3: Aces: Cox (2), Miller (1), Kent (1).

Kills: Cox (6), Melvin (1), Miller (3), Ambrosier (2), Rise-wick (1).

Assists: Cox (3), Melvin (1), Frack (4), Miller (4).

Blocks: Cox (2).

Servers who served 100%: Miller (5/5), Uehlin (2/2), Kent (3/3).

Top passer was Uehlin.

BOWLING

Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of Oct. 1

1. BEB & Assoc.- 17.5 wins, 10.5 losses
2. Animal Health- 17 wins, 11 losses
3. Nelson Bros.- 17 wins, 11 losses
4. Logan Gals- 16 wins, 12 losses
5. Geezeretts- 9 wins, 19 losses

High Line: Donna VanKooten-157, Margaret Thomas-145, Jackie Wright-143, BEB & Assoc.-379, Animal Health-373, BEB & Assoc.-352.

High Line Handicap: Donna VanKooten-229, Margaret Thomas-213, Evah Dougherty-213, Jackie Wright-210, BEB & Assoc.-587, Geezeretts-579, Logan Gals-564.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-412, Donna VanKooten-375, Lyndelle Linde-365, BEB & Assoc.-1062, Animal Health-973, Nelson Bros.-935.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-598, Donna VanKooten-591, Lyndelle Linde-584, BEB & Assoc.-1686, Geezeretts-1625, Animal Health-1603.

Inter-City League

Standings as of Sept. 27

1. BLD's- 31 wins, 14 losses
2. Jett SS- 25 wins, 20 losses
3. Bailey Electric- 22.5 wins, 22.5 losses
4. Hawks Depot- 18 wins, 27 losses
5. Heartland Partners-17.5 wins, 27.5 losses

High Line: Luke Bailey-200, Mark Bailey-197, Rusty Miller-195, BLD's-663.

High Line Handicap: Luke Bailey-245, Mark Bailey-243, Dennis Balderston-242, Jett SS-860.

High Series: Rusty Miller-535, Dana Miller-524, Luke Bailey-493, BLD's-1921.

High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-649, Luke Bailey-628, Dennis Balderston-627, Jett SS-2351.

Tuesday Housewife League

Standings as of Sept. 18

1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 13 wins, 7 losses
2. Moffet's- 12 wins, 8 losses
3. BEB & Assoc.- 9 wins, 11 losses
4. Amateurs- 6 wins, 14 losses

High Line: Kathleen Berlier-182, Jackie Wright-170, Carol Ross-158, BEB & Assoc.-466.

High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-250, Deb Keiswetter-241, Joy Johnson-235, BEB & Assoc.-654.

High Series: Jacque Griffey-449, Abby Rice-442, Kathleen Berlier-441, Lenora Nutrition Center-1245.

High Series Handicap: Abby

Rice-661, Kathleen Berlier-645, Joy Johnson-636, Moffet's-1840.

Tuesday Housewife League

Standings as of Sept. 25

1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 16 wins, 8 losses
2. Moffet's- 15 wins, 9 losses
3. BEB & Assoc.- 10 wins, 14 losses
4. Amateurs- 7 wins, 17 losses

High Line: Abby Rice-168, Jacque Griffey-162, Lenora Nutrition Center-412.

High Line Handicap: Abby Rice-231, Cayla Cox-212, Moffet's-633.

High Series: Abby Rice-452, Jacque Griffey-449, Lenora Nutrition Center-1164.

High Series Handicap: Abby Rice-641, Jennifer Miller-582, Moffet's-1794.

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Sept. 18

1. WF & BR- 11.5 wins, 9.5 losses
2. BL & JE- 10.5 wins, 10.5 losses
3. MH & CR-10.5 wins, 10.5 losses
4. AB & BB- 10 wins, 11 losses
5. RM & DC-1.5 wins, 12.5 losses

High Line: Warren Francis-

177, Rusty Miller-166, WF & BR-314.

High Line Handicap: Warren Francis-247, Brad Riggins-235, WF & BR-456.

High Series: Warren Francis-477, Rusty Miller-477, RM & DC-893.

High Series Handicap: Warren Francis-687, Brad Riggins-620, Dale Carlson-620, WF & BR-1307.

Tuesday Night Mens League

Standings as of Sept. 25

1. WF & BR- 18.5 wins, 9.5 losses
2. AB & BB- 17 wins, 11 losses
3. RM & DC- 8.5 wins, 12.5 losses
4. BL & JE- 10.5 wins, 17.5 losses
5. MH & CR- 10.5 wins, 17.5 losses

High Line: Dale Carlson-189, Rusty Miller-177, RM & DC-348.

High Line Handicap: Dale Carlson-249, Al Burk-230, RM & DC-442.

High Series: Rusty Miller-510, Dale Carlson-473, RM & DC-983.

High Series Handicap: Dale Carlson-653, Barb Burk-626, RM & DC-1265.

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2012 Dodge Ram 3/4 Ton Regular Cab 4 Wheel Drive - Silver with gray cloth 40/20/40 seating, SLT, 6.7 automatic, air, tilt, speed control, trailer tow group, keyless entry.

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