

# Statistics from an excellent football season

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Norton Community High School head football coach Lucas Melvin has released the statistics for the Blue Jays' excellent 7-3 season.

As a team, Norton rushed for 1,899 yards on 421 carries for an excellent average of 4.5 yards per carry. The Jays also passed for 1,151 yards for a grand total of 3,050 yards of offense!

Senior tailback Jacob Brooks was leading individual rusher for Norton, gaining 1,162 yards on 188 carries for an average of 6.2 yards per carry.

Other rushers for Norton included: senior fullback Jared Bohl, 67 for 285 yards, 4.3

yard average; senior quarterback Dalton Miller, 117 for 281 yards, 2.4 average; junior running back Tanner Furbush, 42 for 156 yards, 3.7 average; sophomore running back Jared Tallent, 4 for 17, 4.3 average.

Quarterback Miller completed 63 of 135 passes for 1,057 yards and 13 touchdowns for a 47 percent completion rate.

Brooks was his leading receiver with 10 catches for 306 yards, an average of 30.6, followed by senior tight end Carson McKenna, 18 catches for 265 yards, an average of 14.7; senior wide receiver Andrew Ellis, 18 for 212 yards, an average of 11.8; senior wide receiver John Risewick, 9 for 196, an

average of 21.8; Bohl, 5 for 26, an average of 5.5; Furbush, 3 for 90, an average of 30; Kobie Unterseher, 1 for 8; Eli Bozarth, 1 for 1.

Brooks was the punter for Norton, averaging 36.54 yards per kick with a longest of 60 yards.

Brooks returned 7 punts for 80 yards, an average of 11.4 and Furbush returned 6 punts for 80 yards, an average of 13.3. Risewick returned 1 punt for 2.

Furbush led in kickoff returns with 16 for 288 yards and an average of 18. Brooks returned 7 kickoffs for 150 yards and a 21.4 average.

From his defensive back position, Brooks intercepted 3

passes for 19 yards. Cornerback McKenna also intercepted three aerials for 29 total yards. Lucas Engel had 1 interception for 37 yards and Austin Hager had 1 for 28 yards. Andrew Ellis and John Risewick also had one pass interception each.

Brooks also blocked 2 kicks.

Senior end Eli Bozarth had 2 fumble recoveries. Brooks had 2. Jared Bohl had 2. Carson McKenna had 2 and Lucas Engel had 2, followed by Cole Renner, 1; Lane Bigge, 1; Stewart Whitney, 1; Dylan Sprigg, 1; Austin Hager, 1.

Brooks was scoring leader with 102 total points, followed by Miller, 42; Hager, 39; Furbush, 32; Ellis, 12; McKenna,

12; Risewick, 8; Bohl, 6; Kobie Unterseher, 6.

Leading tackler for Norton was senior linebacker Treven Rossi with 53 solo tackles, 22 assists for 75 total stops. Second high tackler was senior linebacker Jared Bohl with 41 solos, 26 assists for 67 total. Third high tackler was senior cornerback Carson McKenna with 52 solos, 13 assists for 65 total and fourth high was senior end Eli Bozarth with 35 solos, 25 assists for 60 total. Right behind him was senior safety John Risewick with 39 solos, 20 assists, 59 total.

They were followed by senior tackle Lucas Engel, 32 solos, 18 assists, 50 total; senior safety

Jacob Brooks, 39 solos, 8 assists, 47 total; junior cornerback Austin Hager, 34 solos, 12 assists, 46 total; junior end Cole Renner, 20 solos, 21 assists, 41 total; senior tackle Lane Bigge, 24 solos, 10 assists, 34 total; sophomore noseguard Stewart Whitney, 12 solos, 14 assists, 26 total; junior linebacker Tanner Furbush, 18 solos, 8 assists, 26 total.

Austin Hager was Norton's kicker. He was successful on 21 of 29 extra point kicks for 72 percent accuracy. He also was successful on 6 of 8 field goal tries for 75 percent accuracy.

Hager kicked off 47 times for 2,073 yards and an average of 44 yards per kickoff.

# Junior Varsity basketball team wins championship

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity boys basketball team won the championship of the three-team tournament held on Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Stull Gym in Norton.

The young Blue Jays defeated Trego Community 54-20, then outscored Oakley 49-47 in overtime to earn the championship.

**Trego**

Norton limited Trego to just 7 field goals while scoring 19 themselves. The Blue Jays held quarter leads of 13-6, 28-12 and 43-18.

Breven Sondergaard and Trever Lewis led scoring for Norton with 12 points each, followed by Marc Miller, 9; Quinton Porter, 9; Jordan Karnopp, 7; Derick Campbell, 3; Kobie Unterseher, 2.

Ethan Stanton led Trego with 7 points.

"Although we were able to get an early lead, we came out sluggish at the beginning of the game," said Norton assistant coach David Stover.

"As the game progressed, our overall play on both offense and defense improved. This was a good way to start the tournament

as all the players were able to make a positive contribution to the victory."

**Oakley**

Norton held the lead the first three quarters until the young Plainsmen rallied in the fourth period to tie the game and send it into overtime.

The young Blue Jays held quarter advantages of 13-11, 23-19 and 33-29. Oakley outscored Norton 16-12 in the final period of regulation.

Norton's extra 4 points in overtime came on Connor Griffey's 4 of 6 free throws. The Plainsmen were limited to one

field goal in the extra period.

Leading scorer for Norton was Marc Miller with 19 points, followed by Connor Griffey, 11; Trever Lewis, 6; Jordan Karnopp, 6; Derick Campbell, 5; Breven Sondergaard, 2.

Leading scorer for Oakley was Mason Scheetz with 14 points; Brandyn VanEaton added 12.

"This was an excellent win for us," said coach Stover. "As opposed to the first game of the tournament, we were able to get a great start and earn a quick lead. We played well throughout the game and so did Oakley. They made a comeback in the

final minutes of regulation and, with a basket at the buzzer, were able to force overtime.

"We did a great job of regaining our composure in the overtime and were able to handle pressure and make free throws down the stretch to earn a hard-fought victory and tournament championship.

"I am very pleased with the overall play from this group today. We were able to see much improvement both in individual play and in our overall offensive and defensive execution. This tournament is always a great opportunity for our players and

they really took advantage of that opportunity today."

**C-team game**

Norton and Oakley also played a C-team contest and it was won by the Blue Jays by a score of 45-28.

Norton held quarter leads of 12-4, 26-13 and 38-18.

Quinton Porter was leading scorer for Norton with 17 points, followed by Connor Griffey, 7; Jeremy Ulmer, 6; Kobie Unterseher, 5; Noah Johnson, 4; James Berry, 4; Brendon Frack 2.

Brayden Scott was top scorer for Oakley with 10 points.

## BOWLING

### Tuesday Night Mens League

#### Standings as of Dec. 11

1. WF & BR- 64 wins, 41 losses
2. AB & BB- 60.5 wins, 44.5 losses
3. RM & DC- 53.5 wins, 44.5 losses
4. BL & JE- 51 wins, 54 losses
5. Norton Chiropractic Center- 42.5 wins, 62.5 losses

High Line: Rusty Miller-209, Dale Carlson-164, Warren Francis-149, Barb Burk-149, RM & DC-334.

High Line Handicap: Rusty Miller-232, Dale Carlson-216, Craig Rogers-213, RM & DC-409.

High Series: Rusty Miller-569, Barb Burk-445, Warren Francis-414, RM & DC-965.

High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-638, Barb Burk-613, Craig Rogers-607, RM & DC-1190.

### Ladies Inter-City League

#### Standings as of Dec. 10

1. BEB & Assoc.- 3 wins, 1 loss
2. Geezeretts- 3 wins, 1 loss
3. Logan Gals- 2 wins, 2 losses
4. Animal Health-1 win, 3 losses
5. Nelson Bros.- 1 win, 3 losses

High Line: Kathleen Berlier-186, Kathleen Berlier-183, Judy Luft-149, BEB & Assoc.-437, BEB & Assoc.-426, Geezeretts-373.

High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-242, Kathleen Berlier-239, Judy Luft-233, BEB & Assoc.-623, BEB & Assoc.-612, Animal Health-587.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-494, Jean Johnson-391, Joy Johnson-382, BEB & Assoc.-1235, Animal Health-1073, Geezeretts-1039.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-662, Jean Johnson-628, Judy Luft-591, BEB & Assoc.-1793, Animal Health-1718, Geezeretts-1660.

### Ladies Inter-City League

#### Standings as of Dec. 17

1. BEB & Assoc.- 7 wins, 1 loss
2. Geezeretts- 5 wins, 3 losses
3. Nelson Bros.- 4 wins, 4 losses
4. Animal Health- 3 wins, 5 losses
5. Logan Gals- 2 wins, 6 losses

High Line: Sharron Smith-189, Jackie Wright-150, Kathleen Berlier-148, BEB & Assoc.-444, BEB & Assoc.-436, BEB & Assoc.-420.

High Line Handicap: Sharron Smith-233, Charlene Hildebrand-214, Jackie Wright-212, Donna VanKooten-212, BEB & Assoc.-605, Animal Health-601, BEB & Assoc.-597.

High Series: Sharron Smith-476, Kathleen Berlier-419, Jackie Wright-405, BEB & Assoc.-1300, Geezeretts-1102, Animal Health-1074.

High Series Handicap: Charlene Hildebrand-615, Sharron Smith-608, Jackie Wright-591, BEB & Assoc.-1783, Geezeretts-1720, Animal Health-1719.

### Inter-City League

#### Standings as of Dec. 20

1. Bailey Electric- 82 wins, 62 losses

2. Jett SS- 75 wins, 69 losses
3. Heartland Partners- 74.5 wins, 69.5 losses
4. BLD's- 74 wins, 70 losses
5. Hawks Depot- 58.5 wins, 85.5 losses

High Line: Rusty Miller-206, Mark Bailey-189, Bev Miller-182, Dennis Balderston-181, Aaron Daniels-181, Jett SS-602.

High Line Handicap: Aaron Daniels-241, Rusty Miller-240, Abe Burk-238, Robert Burk-238, Jett SS-840.

High Series: Bev Miller-517, Rusty Miller-494, Mark Bailey-485, Bill LaSalle-467, Bailey Electric-1703.

High Series Handicap: Abe Burk-626, Bev Miller-619, Dennis Balderston-617, Mark Bailey-614, Heartland Partners-2311.

### Tuesday Night Mens League

#### Standings as of Dec. 18

1. WF & BR- 67 wins, 45 losses
2. AB & BB- 62.5 wins, 49.5 losses
3. RM & DC- 58.5 wins, 46.5 losses
4. BL & JE- 55 wins, 57 losses
5. Norton Chiropractic Center- 42.5 wins, 69.5 losses

High Line: Rusty Miller-172, Bill LaSalle-171, Warren Francis-143, RM & DC-300.

High Line Handicap: Bill LaSalle-212, Brad Riggins-200, Warren Francis-199, Jane Engelhardt-199.

High Series: Rusty Miller-492, Bill LaSalle-426, Brad Riggins-392, RM & DC-876.

High Series Handicap: Brad Riggins-578, Rusty Miller-558,

Barb Burk-553.

### Tuesday Housewife League

#### Standings as of Dec. 18

1. Amateurs- 6 wins, 2 losses
2. Lenora Nutrition Center- 4 wins, 4 losses
3. BEB & Assoc.- 4 wins, 4 losses
4. Moffet's- 2 wins, 6 losses
- High Line: Cheri Brooks-170, Sharron Smith-157, Joy Johnson-157, Lenora Nutrition Center-407.

High Line Handicap: Joy Johnson-228, Jennifer Miller-214, Sharron Smith-207, Amateurs-588.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-430, Sharron Smith-429, Joy Johnson-426, Lenora Nutrition Center-1178.

High Series Handicap: Joy Johnson-639, Jennifer Miller-586, Jackie Wright-581, Amateurs-1740.

### Inter City League

#### Standings as of Dec. 27

1. Bailey Electric- 6 wins, 3 losses
2. Hawks Depot- 6 wins, 3 losses
3. BLD's- 5 wins, 4 losses
4. Heartland Partners- 3 wins, 6 losses
5. Jett SS- 3 wins, 6 losses

High Line: Dennis Corbin-192, Rusty Miller-190, Bev Miller-183, Bev Miller-183, Bailey Electric-619.

High Line Handicap: Dennis Corbin-239, Dave Keller-231, Robert Daniels-229, Rusty Miller-224, Bailey Electric-818.

High Series: Bev Miller-512, Rusty Miller-511, Dave Keller-468, Bill LaSalle-463, Bailey Electric-1759.

High Series Handicap: Dave Keller-627, Rusty Miller-613,

Bev Miller-611, Nick Daniels-609, Bailey Electric-2356

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