

Lady Jays win one, lose one at Hill City

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Hill City but lost to No.2 state ranked Hoxie in matches played on Tuesday in Hill City.

Hill City but, after an easy victory in the first set, we had to come from behind to beat Hill City in a close second set.

"In the second match, our girls really struggled against a very aggressive Hoxie. It is hard to be competitive against a good team when the varsity is not on the top of their game.

"I am not too worried; all teams have to have a bad night every once in awhile. It is what we learn from it and how we move on that is important."

HILL CITY

Freshman Baylee Miller had 2 serving aces and freshman Caitlyn Cox and junior Katie

Bohl each had 1.

Senior Johnnye Ruder led setting assists with 13 and Miller had 1.

Kills leader was senior Bailey Ambrosier with 9, followed by Cox, 5; Ruder, 4; Bohl, 2; sophomore Peyton Renner, 1.

Miller led in digs with 3, followed by junior Adrienne Hager, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, Bohl, 1 each.

Bailey Ambrosier and Ruder each recorded 2 blocks and sophomore Casey Ambrosier had 1.

HOXIE

Ruder had 4 setting assists and Casey Ambrosier had 1.

Kills leader was Cox with 3, followed by Bohl, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, 1.

Bohl and Miller each had 1 dig.

Bohl and Renner each had 1 block.

Junior varsity

The Norton junior varsity volleyball team lost to Hill City 10-25, 25-17, 12-15 and lost to Hoxie 13-25, 16-25.

"We played really well in the second set against Hill City but we were unable to win in the third set," said Norton assistant coach Traci Uehlin.

"Our team needs to continue to work on communication so

we can finish on top instead of just falling short of a victory."

HILL CITY

Serving: freshman Miah Melvin, 3 points (3 aces); Brooks, 3 points (2 aces); sophomore Lexi Hartwell, 5 points (1 ace); sophomore Cayanna Campbell, 10 points; junior Erin Archer, 5 points (1 ace); sophomore Nick-ala O'Hare, 1 point.

Kills: Brooks, 2; freshman Kristen Dole, 2; Melvin, 1.

Assists: Hartwell, 3; Brooks, 1.

Digs: Melvin, 2; O'Hare, 1.

HOXIE

Serving: Melvin, 6 points, (4 aces); Campbell, 5 points; Hart-

well, 2 points; O'Hare, 1 point.

Kills: Dole, 1.

Assists: Brooks, 1.

Digs: Melvin, 1; Campbell, 1; Archer, 1.

Blocks: freshman Jena Rise-wick, 1.

Next action

Norton will play next in a Quadrangular at Goodland on Tuesday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Also competing will be teams from Wheatland-Grinnell and Wray, Colo.

Norton Junior Varsity Volleyball team loses two

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team lost to Goodland 12-25, 17-25 and lost to Dundy County 25-18, 19-25, 10-15 in matches played last Thursday in the Wil-meth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton.

Set 1 -- Serving: sophomore Cayanna Campbell, 3 points (1 ace); Kills: sophomore Hanna Brooks, 1; sophomore Lauren Mordecai, 1; Assists: sophomore Lexi Hartwell, 1.

Set 2 -- Serving: Hartwell, 2 points (1 ace); junior Erin Archer, 1 point (1 ace); Brooks, 1 point (1 ace); Kills: freshman Kristen Dole, 1; Digs: Camp-

bell, 1; Blocks: Mordecai, 1.

DUNDY COUNTY

Set 1 -- Serving: freshman Miah Melvin, 8 points (6 aces); Campbell, 3 points (2 aces); Brooks, 3 points (1 ace); Hartwell, 2 points (1 ace); Kills: Brooks, 2; Mordecai, 2; Assists: Melvin, 1; Hartwell, 1; Digs: Archer, 1; Blocks: Melvin, 1; Mordecai, 1; Dole, 1.

Set 2 -- Serving: Melvin, 2 points (1 ace); sophomore Nick-ala O'Hare, 2 points; Archer, 2 points; Brooks, 1 point (1 ace); Campbell, 1 point; Hartwell, 1 point; Kills: Brooks, 1; Archer, 1; Mordecai, 1; Assists: Hartwell, 1; Digs: Campbell, 2.

Set 3 -- Serving: Melvin, 3 points (1 ace); Archer, 1 point; Kills : Melvin, 2; Dole, 2; As-

sists: Brooks, 1; Digs: Melvin, 1; Archer, 1.

"We had a disappointing evening at home," said Norton assistant volleyball coach Traci Uehlin.

"A lack of communication and missed serves were responsible for the outcomes of our two matches.

"When our girls communi-

cate and maintain a high level of intensity, we are a much better team than how we played against Goodland. We came out against Dundy County strong in the first set but we couldn't pull ahead in the last two."

Blue Jays play hard-fought game against Oakley only to be defeated

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton junior varsity football team hosted Oakley on Monday at Travis Field and lost a hard-fought 18-16 game.

Norton took the lead with 1:12 left in the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Quinton Porter completed a 51 yard touchdown pass to freshman running back Trenton Wright. Porter passed to freshman wide receiver Tyus Henson for two extra points to make it 8-6.

With time running out in the

first half, Porter intercepted an Oakley pass from his defensive back position to stop a Plainsmen threat and the Jays led 8-6 at intermission.

In the third quarter, the Norton defense put together a goal line stand that held Oakley out of the end zone but the visitors were able to score with 5:20 left. The two point conversion

attempt failed but the Plainsmen led 12-8.

With 1:31 remaining in the third period, sophomore running back Ryan Thraillkill scored from 40 yards out. Porter completed a pass to sophomore wide receiver Jesse Courtain for two extra points and the Blue Jays were back on top 16-12.

The fourth quarter saw both teams battling hard until Oakley scored with 5:45 left to re-take the lead by the score of 18-16. The two point conversion try was unsuccessful, leaving Oakley with the two point advantage.

Time ran out on the Norton offense before they could dent the end zone one more time and the visitors returned home with

an 18-16 win.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity's next game will be this Monday versus Oberlin in Oberlin, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The Norton varsity will host Oberlin in a 7 p.m. contest this Friday at Travis Field.

Roosters beat Huskies

By MIKE STEPHENS


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The Northern Valley Lady Huskies hosted the Palco Lady Roosters in Alma on Tuesday, Sept. 17, and lost a close match, 25-27 and 24-26.
"The Palco players were able to pass our hits and kept the ball coming at us," said head coach Kirsten Baird. "We hit more, but they were able to pick them up."
Kills:
Brooke Baird - 10
Kortney Cunningham - 6
Shayna Vincent - 4
Khrianna Van Patten - 4
Sarah Baird - 2
Serve points:
Brooke Hammond - 12, (2 aces)
Brooke Baird - 8
Makayla Smith - 8

Kortney Cunningham - 8
Shayna Vincent - 7
Khrianna Van Patten - 7
Blocks:
Kortney Cunningham - 7
Brooke Hammond - 1
Shayna Vincent - 1
The Lady Huskies are 7-3 on the season.

The Huskies junior varsity beat the Roosters, 3-15, 15-12 and 15-4. Sarah Baird led in kills with 3, and Brianna Martin and Elexsa Anderson had 1 kill each. Brianna Martin led in scoring with 11 points, Shilo Cline, 9 points, Elexsa Anderson, 6 points, Sarah Baird, 4 points, Allison Keith, 2 points and Talia Lowry, 1 point.

"The junior varsity continues to improve and work well together," said Baird.

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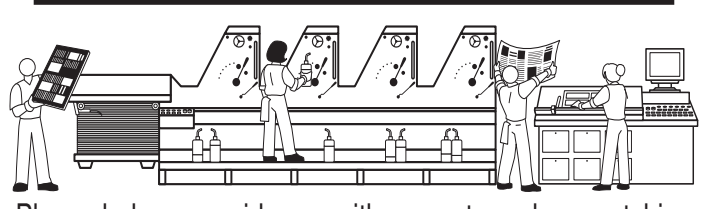
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