

Lady Jays derailed by Ellis Railroaders

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity basketball team hit just seven baskets and had 35 turnovers on Friday night in Ellis and the result was a 57-30 loss to the Lady Railroaders.

Norton started by scoring just 4 points in the first quarter, adding 7 in each of the next two quarters and scoring 12 in the final stanza. In comparison, Ellis scored 10 points in the first quarter to lead 10-4, 17 in the second period to lead 27-11 at intermission.

The Lady Railroaders added 18 points in the third period to extend their advantage to 45-18. Ellis also scored 12 points in the final quarter to maintain the lead.

"This was a very disappointing game," said Norton head girls coach George Rossi.

"This was by far our worst outing of the season. We are a better team than we showed tonight.

"We have to bounce back fast or we are done for the year.

"I know this team is capable of so much more. I just hope they get a chance to show it."

Norton did have eight different players who scored but the problem was that none scored very much. Leading scorer for the Lady Jays was Katie Bohl with 9 points on 3 of 6 from the field for 50 percent accuracy and 3 of 4 free throws for 75 percent.

Bailey Ambrosier added 7 points on 1 field goal and 5 of 6 from the free throw line for 83 percent.

Leading scorer for Ellis was Alexia Deutscher with 16 points; Sarah Mick added 11.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 12 three-point tries for 25 percent,

just 4 of 30 two-point attempts for 13 percent and 7 of 42 tries for 17 percent.

Ellis swished 4 of 14 from long range for 29 percent, 18 of 49 two-point tries for 37 percent and 22 of 63 overall for 35 percent.

The Lady Jays did their best from the free throw line where they converted 13 of 57 for 23 percent. The Lady Railroaders hit 9 of 21 charities for 43 percent.

Norton actually outrebounded Ellis. The Lady Jays pulled down 11 offensive and 26 defensive rebounds for 37 total. The Lady Railroaders grabbed 11 offensive and 23 defensive caroms for 34 total.

Katie Bohl was leading rebounder for Norton with 11, followed by Caitlyn Cox, 6; Darcy Bainter, 5; Hanna Brooks, 4; Baylee Miller, 3; Marisa Maddy, 2; Bailey Ambrosier, 2; Johnnye

Ruder, 2; Katelyn Engelbert, 1; Casey Ambrosier, 1.

Getting credit for 1 of Norton's 5 offensive assists were Maddy, Engelbert, Brooks, Baylee Ambrosier and Ruder.

The Lady Jays had 10 steals and the Lady Railroaders had 19. Cox was the leader in thefts with 3, followed by Engelbert, 1; Peyton Renner, 1; Brooks, 1; Bainter, 1; Bailey Ambrosier, 1; Casey Ambrosier, 1; Miah Melvin, 1.

Bohl and Ruder each blocked a shot.

Norton suffered 35 turnovers and Ellis lost the ball 17 times.

Junior varsity

The Norton girls junior varsity lost 43-39.

Norton trailed 12-9 after one quarter but outscored Ellis 17-9 in the second period to lead 26-21 at intermission. Ellis barely outscored Norton 7-6 in the third quarter but the Lady Jays

still led 32-28 with one quarter remaining. Ellis outscored Norton 15-7 to win the contest.

"We led most of the game and in the last three minutes the deciding factor was free throws," said Norton assistant coach Joan Bolt. "We also had a couple of mental lapses on press break but the bottom line was that they put in more free throws when the game was on the line."

"Monday in Norton versus Smith Center is our last game of the season so we hope to end with a win and roll right into next season."

Caitlyn Cox led Norton in scoring with 11 points, followed by Baylee Miller, 8; Lexi Voss, 7; Casey Ambrosier, 6; Miah Melvin, 5; Peyton Renner, 2.

Younger led Ellis with 17 points.

Norton girls

Caitlyn Cox 0 0 1-8 1, Hanna Brooks 0 0 2-4 2, Darcy Bainter

0 1 0-0 3, Katie Bohl 3 0 3-4 9, Bailey Ambrosier 1 0 5-6 7, Johnnye Ruder 0 1 0-0 3, Casey Ambrosier 0 0 2-2 2, Miah Melvin 0 1 0-0 3; Totals 4 3 13-25 30.

Ellis girls

Baylee Werth 0 0 2-2 2, Younger 1 0 2-2 4, S. Gottschalk 2 0 0-2 4, Mick 1 2 3-5 11, Sidney Gottschalk 1 0 0-1 2, Soneson 3 0 0-0 6, Deutscher 8 0 0-5 16, Dinkel 1 1 0-0 5, Greenway 1 1 0-0 5, Mattheyer 0 0 2-2 2; Totals 18 4 9-19 57.

Next action

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Norton Blue Jays bring home a win against Ellis

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With both teams hitting 18 field goals, the Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team swished two more three point baskets and three more free throws to defeat Ellis 55-50 on Friday night on the Railroaders' home court.

Nine different players scored for the Blue Jays.

"We did not do a good job of blocking off on the defensive end and got sloppy at times on the offensive end but we found a way to get the win," said Norton head coach Doug Reusink.

"With nine players contributing, it was definitely a team victory."

Drew Schrum led Norton in scoring with 17 points on 2 of 3 from beyond the arc for 67 percent, 2 of 4 two-point tries

for 50 percent and 4 of 7 overall for 57 percent accuracy. He also added 7 of 8 free throws for a net-smoking 88 percent.

Tanner Furbush contributed 11 points on 4 of 9 from the field for 44 percent and 3 of 4 charities for 75 percent.

Landon Porter swished 3 of 4 three-point tries for 75 percent and 9 points!

Brenner led Ellis in scoring with 14 and Lohrmeyer tallied 12 points.

Norton outscored Ellis 14-10 in the first quarter and both teams tallied 9 points in the second period to make it 23-19 in the Blue Jays' favor at intermission.

Norton's best quarter was the third when the Blue Jays hit 21 points compared to 15 for the Railroaders to extend their advantage to 44-34. Landon Porter

hit two from beyond the arc and Schrum hit one trey in the third stanza.

Ellis tried to put together a rally in the final period when they outscored Norton 16-11 but it was too little, too late for the home team. Norton actually scored one field goal in the final period while hitting 9 of 11 free throw attempts.

As a team, Norton hit 5 of 14 from beyond the arc for 36 percent, 13 of 33 two-point tries for 39 percent and 18 of 47 overall for 38 percent.

Ellis swished just 3 of 14 attempts from long range for 21 percent, 15 of 50 two-point attempts for 30 percent and 18 of 64 overall for just 28 percent.

From the charity stripe, Norton converted 14 of 20 for 70 percent and Ellis hit 11 of 18 for 61 percent.

Norton grabbed 8 offensive and 25 defensive rebounds for 33 total while Ellis pulled down 17 offensive and 18 defensive for 35 total.

Tanner Furbush was leading rebounder for Norton with 9, followed by Conor Cox, 5; Marc Miller, 4; Landon Porter, 4; Breven Sondergaard, 3; Drew Schrum, 3; Deon Lyle, 2; Quinton Porter, 2; Kobie Unterseher, 1.

The Blue Jays had 10 offensive assists, led by Schrum with 3 and followed by Miller, 2; Cox, 2; Furbush, 2; Sondergaard, 1.

Norton had 4 steals and Ellis had 3. Schrum led Norton in thefts with 3, followed by Quinton Porter, 1.

Cox blocked 2 shots.

Norton had 16 turnovers and Ellis gave up the ball 10 times.

Junior varsity

The Norton boys won the junior varsity contest by a score of 47-40 in a game where only three quarters were played.

Norton led 14-12 after one quarter but Ellis was on top 28-27 at halftime. Norton outscored Ellis 20-12 in the final period.

Leading scorer for Norton was Deon Lyle with 25 points, followed by Breven Sondergaard, 6; Kobie Unterseher, 5; Connor Griffey, 4; Landon Porter, 4; Jordan Karnopp, 3.

D. Pfeifer led Ellis with 11 points; C. Feik added 10.

Norton boys

Deon Lyle 2 0 0-0 4, Breven Sondergaard 0 0 1-2 1, Quinton Porter 2 0 2-3 6, Marc Miller 1 0 0-0 2, Kobie Unterseher 1 0 0-0 2, Drew Schrum 2 2 7-8 17, Conor Cox 1 0 1-2 3, Tan-

ner Furbush 4 0 3-4 11, Landon Porter 0 3 0-0 9; Totals 13 5 14-19 55.

Ellis boys

S. Pfeifer 0 0 2-4 2, Tway 3 0 0-0 6, Towns 0 1 0-2 3, Lohrmeyer 3 1 3-4 12, Gehring 4 0 0-0 8, Smith 0 1 0-0 3, Brenner 5 0 4-5 14, Feik 0 0 2-2 2; Totals 15 3 11-17 50.

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A shout out for our champs...



The Norton fifth grade girls traveling basketball team has represented Norton very well this season. They played their last game in Hoxie over the weekend and brought home a championship. This year's team was coached by Cheri Brooks and Colin Bailey. Team members pose after the big win, front row: Emily Miller, Althea Paxton, Addison Brooks, Olivia Carter and Courtland Porter. Back row: Courtney Jones, Hannah Bailey, Kalena Leon, Abby DuBois, Tessa Hauser and Gracie Temmel. This photo was paid for by a proud supporter of the fifth grade team. — Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

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