



Chris Lee (No. 88), Cole Kinderknecht (No. 62) and Clarke Nelson (No. 22) show Northern Valley's swarming defense as they bring the Triplains ballcarrier down. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Huskies start football season with victory over Triplains

Despite the lack of home field advantage, the Northern Valley Huskies more than doubled the score of the Triplains Vikings last Friday night in Winona to take home a 54-20 victory.

The Huskies owned the field during the first half, scoring five touchdowns in the first quarter and two more in the second. The Vikings made their first score in the middle of the second quarter.

Just one minute into the first quarter, Joey Copper crossed into the end zone on a 34 yard run for Northern Valley's first touchdown of the season. The attempt for extra points fell short.

With 8:20 on the clock, Jesse Hilburn scored on a two yard dash and then ran in the extra points, making the tally 14-0.

Clarke Nelson was in the end zone for Northern Valley's third touchdown on a 28 yard run with 4:34 showing. Copper ran in the points after touchdown.

On an 8 yard scramble with 1:03 on the clock, Avery Thalheim added six more points to the Huskies' tally. No extra points were made.

With :46 left in the quarter, Hilburn made his second touchdown of the night on a 3 yard run. The pass for extra points failed, leaving the score 34-0.

In the second quarter, Hilburn was in the end zone again on an 18 yard run with 8:47 showing. Thalheim ran in the points after touchdown for a score of 42-0.

Triplains snagged their first touchdown of the game 23 seconds later when Jordan Barrett caught a 52 yard pass from Aric Grob. The points after touchdown run failed, giving the Vikings 6 points.

With 6:40 on the clock, Hilburn brought in another Northern Valley touchdown on a 34 yard run. The run for extra points failed, leaving the half-time tally 48-6.

The Vikings were first to score in the second half with 5:18 showing in the third on a 9 yard pass from Grob to Barrett. Triplains got the extra points with a pass from Grob to Sam Smith.

With :54 left in the third, Henry Griffiths made the Huskies' last touchdown of the game when he caught a 7 yard pass from Brynton Anderson.

At 3:14 in the fourth, Barrett made the final score of the game on a 25 yard run. The attempt for extra points failed, making the final tally 54-20 in the Huskies' favor.

"Our first team played very well in the first quarter and built a big lead," said Coach Chuck

Fessenden. "We were able to give our junior varsity players a lot of playing time."

"Henry Griffiths had a good game. He had two interceptions and caught a pass for a touchdown."

Hilburn was the top rusher for Northern Valley with 118 yards on 13 carries. He was followed by Copper, 87 yards on 6 carries; Nelson, 52 yards on 6 carries; Thalheim, 42 yards on 5 carries; Cody Lowry, 38 yards on 13 carries; and Anderson, 25 yards on 11 carries.

Anderson completed 3 of 3 passes for 7 yards and one touchdown, while Copper completed 1 of 2 passes for -4 yards. Receiving were Griffiths, 1 for 7 yards; and Hilburn, 1 for -4 yards.

Ostmeyer led tackles with 10 solos and 2 assists, followed by Griffiths, 4 solos, 3 assists; Lowry, 4 solos, 1 assist; Thalheim, 3 solos, 2 assists; David Harris, 2 solos, 3 assists; Chris Lee, 3 solos, 1 assist; Nelson, 2 solos, 2 assists; Cole Kinderknecht, 2 solos, 2 assists; Duede, 1 solo, 3 assists; Tom Bartley, 3 solos; Copper, 1 solo, 2 assists; Chase Miller, 1 solo, 2 assists; Hilburn, 3 assists; Chance Miller, 3 assists; Scott Shearer, 2 solos; Josey Shearer, 2 solos; Andrew Sheley, 1 assist.

GAME STATISTICS

N. Valley	Triplains	
10	First Downs	10
364	Yards Rushing	79
3	Yards Passing	132
367	Total Yards	211
2-5	Passes Completed	12-31
2-1	Fumbles	4-3
10-91	Penalties	6-30
3-74-24.6	Punts	6-185-30.8

Norton tennis team wins 5-3

By DICK BOYD
Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School girls tennis team compiled a 5-3 varsity record to defeat Victoria in Victoria on Tuesday.

The Norton doubles team of Keesha Holste and Sara Johnson won both of their matches. They defeated Dechant and Brown 8-5 in No. 1 doubles and outscored Norgaard and Ervinsdottir 8-1 in No. 2 doubles.

Jessi Duscher lost 3-8 to Angie Garner in No. 1 singles but defeated Kelsi Wilson 8-4 in No 2 singles.

The Norton doubles team of Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore defeated Norgaard and Ervinsdottir 8-1 in No. 2 doubles and outscored Victoria's No. 1 doubles team of Dechant and Brown 8-6.

Samantha Brasted, Norton's No. 2 singles player, lost 3-8 to Kelsi Wilson and 1-8 to No. 1 singles player Angie Garner.

In an extra varsity match, Mills and Chelle Donovan lost 4-8 to Dechant and Brown.

In another extra match, Norton junior varsity players Lisa Jones and Claudia Lacy defeated Norgaard

and Ervinsdottir 6-1.

"I was pleased with our performance," said Coach Johnson. "Victoria has some talented singles players but they are down a little this year in overall team strength. They have only six players on their team."

Next action
The Lady Jays will host the Norton Quadrangular on Saturday at the tennis courts in the swimming pool park. Play will begin at 10 a.m.

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Norton gridder to host Oakley in home opener

By DICK BOYD
Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School football team will host Plainville at 7 p.m. this evening at Travis Field in a Mid-Continent League contest.

Both teams lost season openers. Norton, with only three returning starters and eight lettermen, lost 30-14 to a veteran Oakley squad at Oakley. Plainville hosted a strong Phillipsburg team and lost 42-6. The Cardinals have 10 returning starters and eight lettermen.

The Cardinal offense is led by quarterback Justin Casey, a 6'1", 180 pound junior; Tyler Brungardt, a 5'11", 200 pound junior running back, and M. J. Klein, a 6'3", 210 pound senior tight end and defensive lineman. Casey also plays defensive back and Brungardt is a linebacker.

Casey was a second team all-Mid-Continent League defensive back selection last season and Brungardt was honorable mention all-league at running back and defensive end. Klein was honorable mention tight end in the Mid-Continent League. Other returning starters are: Josh Hrabe, 6'4", 175 pound junior wide receiver;

Ross Balthazor, 6'1", 250 pound senior offensive and defensive lineman and Brock McDowell, 5'10", 200 pound junior defensive lineman.

Norton's returning lettermen are Kyle Kats, 5'11", 176 pound senior running back and linebacker; Michael Sprigg, 6', 285 pound senior offensive and defensive tackle; Ryan Maddy, 6'2", 195 pound senior tight end and linebacker; Justin Shirk, 6'1", 195 pound senior tight end and defensive end; Aaron Overlease, 5'10", 150 pound senior running back and corner back; Seth Mills, 5'10", 165 pound senior quarterback and defensive back; Blake Hillebrand, 5'8", 210 pound senior offensive guard and defensive tackle and Paul Juenemann, 6'3", 180 pound senior guard and defensive end.

Mills started for the first time at quarterback on Friday and completed 11 of 21 passes for over 50 percent accuracy and 140 yards. Shirk caught four passes for 76 yards and a touchdown and Maddy grabbed three aerials for 44 yards.

Kats carried the ball 11 times for 67 yards and a six yards per carry

average. Hillebrand was leading tackler with 11 solos, five assists and 16 total tackles. Maddy was second with seven solos, four assists for 11 total tackles.

"I'm proud of the way we bounced back against Oakley and tied the score at 14-all early in the fourth quarter," Coach Graber told the Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday evening. "I believe in our team. We've got good young men and they showed they have a lot of heart."

"Hopefully, we coaches will have them ready to play from the opening whistle."

Coach Graber said Plainville's offense will feature the option but that they also ran some one back sets on Friday and other different formations. He said his Blue Jays must watch for the deep pass. On defense, Coach Graber expects the Cardinals to play a five man front and blitz a lot.

He said Blake Van Eaton, who received a concussion in Friday's game, will not play tonight but should be ready next week.

Lady Huskies win some, lose some

The Northern Valley volleyball team defeated Kensington and Jennings, but lost to Ransom on Aug. 31, and then lost to Norton and Phillipsburg on Sept. 7.

The Lady Huskies outscored Kensington 25-16, 25-20 in the first match.

Serena Woodside led serving aces with 2; Kristen Hardy led digs with 4; Mercedes Hays led setting assists with 6; and Lindsey Graham led kills with 4.

In the second match of the day, Northern Valley lost to Ransom 19-25, 18-25.

Leading servings aces were Hardy, Woodside and Kelli Cole, who each had 2.

Digs were led by Graham and Cole with 3 apiece.

Cole made 4 setting assists and Graham made 6 kills.

In the final match against Jennings, the Lady Huskies won

25-13, 25-17.

Hardy led serving aces with 6, digs with 2 and kills with 7.

Graham and Cole each made 1 block.

Cole led setting assists with 5.

"I felt like it was a good opening for us in the conference," said Coach Christine Eveleigh. "All three matches counted toward our conference record."

"Coming away 2-1 was a good beginning. The girls were able to maintain their level of play to win the matches against Kensington and Jennings. During the Ransom match, I felt we did not show our best. We were slightly intimidated due to the fact that they are ranked in the top 10 in the state in 1A.

"But overall the girls played well and came away with two victories."

The Lady Huskies were defeated 16-25, 25-27 by Norton on Sept. 7.

Leading players were: Graham,

5 serving aces, 1 block; Cole, 9 digs, 1 block; Hardy, 7 kills, 1 block; and Mercedes Hays, 4 setting assists.

Against Phillipsburg, Northern Valley lost 18-25, 17-25.

Leading players were: Hardy, 6 digs, 7 kills; Graham, 3 blocks, 7 kills; and Cole, 8 setting assists, 3 blocks.

"We struggled mentally against both Norton and Phillipsburg," said the coach. "Due to the teams both being bigger and more aggressive than we usually see, it really affected how we played against them."

"I was proud of the girls, though, because they kept on fighting down to the very end of each game."

Next action
The Lady Huskies will next play Palco and Eastern Heights in Palco on Tuesday, Sept. 14 beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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