

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 tra points fell short.

and then ran in the extra points, making the tally 14-0.

was in the end zone again on an 18 our junior varsity players a lot of vard 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 Northern Valley with 118 yards on caught a 52 yard pass from Aric 13 carries. He was followed by Grob. The points after touchdown Copper, 87 yards on 6 carries; run failed, giving the Vikings 6 Nelson, 52 yards on 6 carries; points.

brought in another Northern Valley touchdown on a 34 yard run. carries. The run for extra points failed, of the season. The attempt for ex- leaving the half-time tally 48-6.

In the second quarter, Hilburn Fessenden. "We were able to give 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 Thalheim, 42 yards on 5 carries; With 6:40 on the clock, Hilburn Cody Lowry, 38 yards on 13 carries; and Anderson, 25 yards on 11

Anderson completed 3 of 3 passes for 7 yards and one touch-The Vikings were first to score down, while Copper completed 1 With 8:20 on the clock, Jesse in the second half with 5:18 show- of 2 passes for -4 yards. Receiving Hilburn scored on a two yard dash ing in the third on a 9 yard pass were Griffiths, 1 for 7 yards; and

Norton gridders 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', 180 pound junior; Tyler Brungardt, a 5'll", 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 Paul Juenemann, 6' 3", 180 pound 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-Contenint League. Other returning starters are: Josh Hrabe, 6'4",

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

Norton's returning lettermen are Kyle Kats, 5'll", 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 senior guard and defensive end.

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

Kats carried the ball ll times for

Hillebrand was leading tackler with ll solos, five assists and 16 total tackles. Maddy was second with seven solos, four assists for ll 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 game, will not play tonight but should be ready next week.

175 pound junior wide receiver; 67 yards and a six yards per carry

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

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 Hardy, 6 digs, 7 kills; Graham, Coach Christine Eveleigh. "All 3 blocks, 7 kills; and Cole, 8 three matches counted toward our setting assists, 3 blocks. 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 bigger and more aggressive 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, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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:

"We struggled mentally against both Norton and Phillipsburg," said the coach. "Due to the teams both being 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

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 Husmade.

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.

from Grob to Barrett. Triplains got Hilburn, 1 for -4 yards. the extra points with a pass from Grob to Sam Smith.

With :54 left in the third, Henry Griffiths made the Huskies' last 4 solos, 1 assist; Thalheim, 3 sotouchdown of the game when he los, 2 assists; David Harris, 2 socaught a 7 yard pass from Brynton los, 3 assists; Chris Lee, 3 solos, 1 Anderson.

At 3:14 in the fourth, Barrett Cole Kinderknecht, 2 solos, 2 asmade the final score of the game sists; Duede, 1 solo, 3 assists; Tom kies' tally. No extra points were on a 25 yard run. The attempt for Bartley, 3 solos; Copper, 1 solo, 2 extra points failed, making the fi-assists; Chase Miller, 1 solo, 2 asnal tally 54-20 in the Huskies' favor.

> in the first quarter and built a big lead," said Coach Chuck

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 perfor- 2-5 mance," said Coach Johnson. 2-1 "Victoria has some talented singles 10-91 players but they are down a little this year in overall team strength. They have only six players on their team .. "

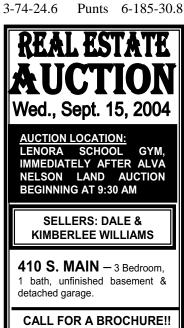
Next action

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.



Ostmeyer led tackles with 10 solos and 2 assists, followed by Griffiths, 4 solos, 3 assists; Lowry, assist; Nelson, 2 solos, 2 assists; sists; Hilburn, 3 assists; Chance Miller, 3 assists; Scott Shearer, 2 "Our first team played very well solos; Josey Shearer, 2 solos; Andrew Sheley, 1 assist.

GAME STATISTICS N. Valley Triplains 10 First Downs 10 Yards Rushing 79 364 Yards Passing 132 367 211 **Total Yards** Passes Completed 12-31 Fumbles 4-3 6-30 Penalties





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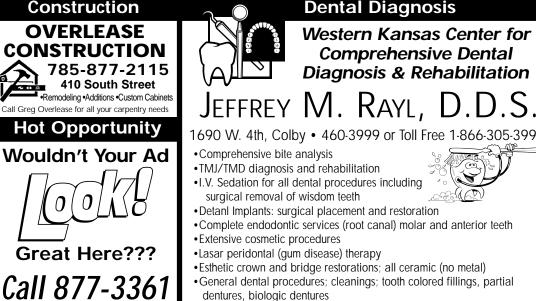
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