



The Northern Valley girls got a good start in the Class 1A State Cross Country two mile run on Saturday in Wamego. Pictured are, from left, Joni Hilburn, Janelle Fritz, Lindsey Jessup, Amanda Hopkins, Jena Jessup and

Jessie Redeker. Lady Husky senior Lindsey Jessup (right) concentrates as she runs up a hill during the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet on Saturday in Wamego.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

# Huskies' girls ninth at state

By DICK BOYD

Coach Lonnie Brungardt's Northern Valley High School girls team placed ninth in the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet on Saturday in Wamego.

Olpe won the team championship with 33 points, followed by Macksville, 50; Tribune, 66; Langdon-Fairfield, 84; Wakefield, 88; Lawrence-Bishop Seabury, 90; Wheatland, 92; Pike Valley, 110; Northern Valley, 145; Stafford, 149; Centre-Lost Springs, did not finish.

Janelle Fritz placed highest for the Lady Huskies. She was timed in 14 minutes, 59 seconds for the two-miles on the country club golf course and placed 41st. Fritz was just off the 14:55 she ran in the regional meet to place seventh individually.

Joni Hilburn finished 55th in 15:36 and bettered her mark of 15:55 which placed her 13th in the regional.

Third best for Northern Valley was Amanda Hopkins who placed 58th in 15:40, which also bettered her regional time. Hopkins was 11th in the regional with a clocking of 15:49.

Fourth best for the Lady Huskies was Lindsey Jessup in 17:25, which placed her 76th. Jessup was 20th in the regional in 17:25. Jessie Redeker placed 77th, also in 17:25. She was 21st in the regional in 17:28. Jena Jessup placed 78th in 19:45. Jessup was 22nd in the regional in 19:28.

Twenty-eight schools were represented in the meet. In addition to the teams, runners competed from Caldwell, Montezuma-South Gray, Natoma, Rosalia-Flint Hills, Brewster, Rolla, Hanover, Clifton-Clyde, Grinnell, Goessel, Kensington, Sharon Springs, Pratt-Skyline, Minneola, Centralia, Melvern-Marais des Cygnes and Burrton.

"I was very happy with this year's performance and the heart given by all the girls," said Coach Brungardt. "Our girls met many of their goals this year. One of them was qualifying a team for the state meet. Our times on Saturday were okay but I thought we would place



higher. We have nothing to be ashamed of this season. We got the opportunity to run at the state meet and many don't get this opportunity.

"I know our girls are already thinking of next season and setting their goals. We hope to pick up a couple of new girls to replace seniors Janelle and Lindsey and build with the team we have returning. With the same dedication and work we had this year, we have a good chance of being stronger as a team next season.

"We will miss Lindsey and Janelle next season but they have instilled their values for our future teams."



Northern Valley's Jesse Hilburn gets good blocking and finds an opening to the end zone in the game against

Natoma in Alma on Thursday. Hilburn scored five touchdowns in the game.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

## Northern Valley beats Natoma 64-20 in district game Thursday

The Northern Valley Huskies overpowered Natoma 64-20 in Thursday night's district game.

The Huskies dominated the first half, allowing Natoma only one touchdown in the second quarter, while making seven themselves.

Joey Copper was the first Husky in the end zone with 8:32 left in the first quarter to score on a 37-yard run. Jesse Hilburn ran in the conversion points. Just over a minute later Hilburn scrambled 56 yards for a second touchdown and then ran for the extra points, giving Northern Valley a 16-0 lead.

Copper was back in the end zone with 5:48 on the clock on a 38-yard run. Clarke Nelson ran in the points after. Hilburn made his second touchdown with 3:59 left in the first quarter. Avery Thalheim ran in the extra points.

Eleven seconds into the second quarter, Hilburn was back in the end zone for a third time on an 11-yard run. He ran in the extra points. With 8:02 showing, Hilburn dashed four for his fourth touchdown. Thalheim ran in the conversion, giving Northern Valley a 48-0 lead.

Natoma made it on the board with 4:42 left in the half when Jason Crawford threw a seven-yard pass to Jared Shamberger. The pass for conversion points fell short.

The Huskies made one last touchdown for 8 points in the first half with 2:57 remaining, when Hilburn scrambled six to score and then ran in the points after.

In the third quarter, Natoma scored first on a nine-yard run made by Crawford with 3:33 on the clock. Kenneth Eickhoff caught a pass from Crawford for the extra points.

Cody Lowry made the Huskies' only second half touchdown on a six-yard run with 9:50 showing. Frans Laubscher ran in the points after.

Natoma made the last touchdown of the game when Crawford rushed 19 yards with 5 minutes left. The pass for extra points fell short, leaving the final tally 64-20 in Northern Valley's favor.

"We had a very good night running the football," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "Our defense also played tough against the run. We struggled some on pass defense when they went to their spread offense.

"We will need to play better pass defense in Tuesday's game against Brewster."

Hilburn and Copper led rushing for the Huskies. Hilburn had 160 yards on 10 carries and Copper had 123 yards on 5 carries. They were followed by Nelson, 25 yards on 4 carries; Bryce Marble, 22 yards on 5 carries; Thalheim, 21 yards on 3 carries; and Thomas Ostmeyer, 7 yards on 1 carry.

No passes were completed. Copper made one punt return for 9 yards. Kick-off were made by Copper, 6 for 269 yards; Ostmeyer, 2 for 62 yards; and Zac Miller, 1 for 49 yards. The team's three kick-off returns were made by Lowry, 1 for 16 yards; Brynton Anderson, 1 for 4 yards; and Chance Miller, 1 for 3 yards.

Copper led tackles with 10 solos and 2 assists, followed by Ostmeyer, 6 solos, 2 assists; Nelson, 2 solos, 5 assists; Cole Kinderknecht, 5 solos, 1 assist; Chris Lee, 4 solos, 2 assists; Andrew Sheley, 2 solos, 4 assists; Hilburn, 5 solos; Thalheim, 5 solos; Chance Miller, 4 solos; Henry Griffiths, 1 solo, 2 assists; David Harris, 3 assists; Chase Miller, 2 solos; Scott Shearer, 2 solos; Marble, 2 solos; Cameron Duede, 1 solo, 1 assist; Lowry, 1 solo; Braden Kersch, 1 solo; and Anderson, 1 solo.

GAME STATISTICS			
N. Valley		Natoma	
12	First Downs	12	
430	Yards Rushing	90	
0	Yards Passing	175	
430	Total Yards	265	
0-1	Passes Completed	17-38	
1-1	Fumbles Lost	1-0	
5-40	Penalties	8-55	
0-0-0	Punts	3-71-23.7	

## Huskies lose 72-70 to Brewster

The fans were on their feet most of the game as the Northern Valley High School Huskies narrowly lost their bid to continue in post season football play to the Brewster Bulldogs Tuesday night in Alma.

It was touchdown after touchdown as the offensive forces of both teams ran and passed without much opposition. When the dust settled, however, the Bulldogs were ahead 72-70 on the strenth of their passing game.

A full story of the game will be in Friday's *Norton Telegram*.

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