

# Blue Jays sock Osborne by 40-0 count

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Coach Lucas Melvin's Norton Community High School football team extended their season record to 3-1 with an impressive 40-0 shutout of Osborne in Mid-Continent League action on the Bulldogs' field on Friday night.

The Blue Jays gained 348 yards of total offense while limiting Osborne to 54. Norton scored two touchdowns in the first quarter, three in the second and their final one in the fourth quarter.

Norton's sophomore tailback Terrell Lane appeared to score on a long run on the Blue Jays' first possession but it was nullified by a penalty. The Blue Jays then drove in for their first touchdown and this time Lane's 7 yard touchdown run was good. J.D. Gall kicked the extra point and it was 7-0 with 8:09 left in the first quarter.

Osborne responded with their best drive of the night but junior cornerback Landon Hamel intercepted a Bulldog pass in the end zone. Norton was forced to punt to midfield. Lane recovered an Osborne fumble on the Bulldog 42 and Norton drove for their second touchdown. Gall's nice 10 yard run for the score made it 13-0 with 55 seconds left in the first quarter.

Early in the second quarter, the Blue Jays put together their best drive of the game when they went 86 yards for their third touchdown. Senior fullback Matt Stanley plunged the final yard and Gall kicked the extra point to extend the Blue Jay lead to 20-0 with 5:47 left.

On Norton's next possession, the Blue Jays tallied again when junior quarterback Connor Pfannenstiel connected with Hamel on a beautiful 45 yard touchdown pass! A run for two extra points was no good but Norton led 26-0 with 1:57 remaining in the first half.

Junior Ashton Draper added to Norton's first half momentum when he intercepted an Osborne pass and returned it to the Bulldog 20. Pfannenstiel then passed to Draper for another Blue Jay touchdown. Sophomore Caleb Laughlin kicked the extra point, making it 33-0 with 28 seconds left in the half.

After the kickoff, Norton recovered an Osborne fumble but a long field goal try by Laughlin was no good and the score stood at 33-0 at halftime.

Norton's final score came with 10:22 left in the game when Lane finished a Blue Jay drive with a 6 yard run to paydirt and Laughlin kicked the extra point to make the final 40-0.

The Norton junior varsity played the last 5:40 of the contest.

"Our defense played well all night but we were a little inconsistent at times on offense," said Norton head coach Lucas Melvin.

"We didn't execute very well offensively in the third quarter but some of it was that we were trying some different things.

"We did not do a very good job of covering kickoffs. They had 112 yards on kickoffs.

"We are pleased with the win but have got to get better."

**Starters for Norton**

Coach Melvin started the fol-

lowing players in the game: Nish Millan, left tackle; Brock Lauer, left guard; Kaid McKenna, center; Luke Ninemire, right guard; Tyler Cook, right tackle; Zac Dreher, tight end; Connor Pfannenstiel, quarterback; Matt Stanley, fullback; Terrell Lane, tailback; Ashton Draper, Landon Hamel, wide receivers, offense; Lauer and Kyle Mindrup, ends; Millan and Donny Hildebrand, tackles; Dreher, Stanley, Lane, linebackers; Draper, Hamel, cornerbacks; Brad Nuzum, Pfannenstiel, safeties, defense.

**Individual statistics**

Terrell Lane was leading rusher for Norton with 140 yards on 23 carries for a 6.1 yard average. He was followed by Matt Stanley, 8 for 24; Connor Pfannenstiel, 5 for 23; Brad Nuzum, 1 for 6; J.D. Gall, 2 for 12; Landon Hamel, 1 for 10; Tye Nickell, 4 for 9; Trey Millan, 2 for 4; Spencer Shirk, 2 for 4.

Pfannenstiel completed 8 of 14 passes for 116 yards and 57 percent accuracy. Shirk was 1 for 1 for 7 yards and Lane was 0 for 2.

Receivers were: Landon Hamel, 1 for 44; Ashton Draper, 2 for 26; Matt Stanley, 2 for 12; Zac Dreher, 1 for 12; Billy Broeckelman, 1 for 7.

Gall kicked off 6 times for a 34.5 yard average and Laughlin kicked off 2 times for a 28 yard average. Lane punted 2 times for a 31 yard average. Lane had one kickoff return for 54 yards.

Leading ball carrier for Osborne was Dan Pfannenstiel with 19 yards on 7 carries.

Leading tacklers for Norton were Zac Dreher with 4 solos, 3 assists, 7 total and Landon Hamel, 5 solos, 1 assist, 6 total. They were followed by: Ashton Draper, Dakota Dreher, Matt Stanley, 4 solos each; Tyler Cook, J.D. Gall, Spencer Shirk, 2 solos each; Robert Derauf, Brock Lauer, 1 solo, 1 assist, 2 total each; Donny Hildebrand, Landon Keiswetter, Connor Pfannenstiel, 1 solo each; Billy Broeckelman, 1 assist.

**First quarter**

J.D. Gall kicked off for Norton and Joe Sumpter returned the ball to the Osborne 26 where Dakota Dreher made the tackle. After an incomplete pass, Pfannenstiel gained 3. On third down, Zac Dreher and Hildebrand stopped Pfannenstiel after 1. They punted to the Norton 47. The Bulldogs were penalized 5 yards for illegal formation and punted again. This time the ball rolled dead on the Norton 48.

After an incomplete pass, Lane ran for an apparent Norton touchdown but a blocking in the back penalty nullified the run and the ball came back to the 20. Stanley gained 4, Lane 10, Lane lost 1, then Lane ran over the middle for a 7 yard touchdown. Gall kicked the extra point and it was 7-0 with 8:09 left.

Gall kicked off again and Justin Pruter found a hole in the Norton defense and ran all the way to the last man, kicker J.D. Gall, who came through with a touchdown saving tackle on the Norton 35! Pfannenstiel ran for 4, then Lauer stopped him for no gain. Jason Knoll gained nothing and a pass was incomplete but a penalty against Norton moved the ball to the Blue Jay 15. Damon Schurran

a reverse but Draper wasn't fooled and tackled him after 1. Schurr got the call again and Stanley dropped him for a 1 yard loss.

Osborne's chance to score ended quickly on the next down when an Aaron Geist pass was intercepted by Hamel in the end zone. The ball was moved out to the 20 where it was first down for the Blue Jays. Lane lost yardage, a pass was incomplete, Pfannenstiel was sacked and Norton was penalized for holding. Lane punted and Sumpter was tackled by Draper on the midfield stripe.

On first down, Lane tackled Pfannenstiel for no gain and the next down Lane picked up a fumble and ran it to the Osborne 42. Lane gained 9, Stanley got a first down on the 27, then caught a pass from Pfannenstiel on the 22. A flat pass to Draper was good for a first down on the 17. Pfannenstiel ran the keeper and pitched to Lane who bulled to the 10. Gall got the call and ran over the right side for Norton's second touchdown of the evening. Gall's extra point kick attempt was wide and Norton led 13-0 with 55.2 seconds left.

Osborne's Pruter proved that his first kickoff return was no fluke when he returned Gall's kick to the last man again, Gall, who made another fine tackle, this time on the Norton 44. Pfannenstiel gained 6 yards before Zac Dreher tackled him. After an incomplete pass, a host of Norton players threw Knoll for a 6 yard loss as the quarter ended with the Blue Jays on top 13-0.

**Second quarter**

Osborne punted to the Norton 14. Pfannenstiel ran a keeper for 5 and Lane made 4. Stanley ran over the left side of the line, broke several tackles and appeared to have an outstanding touchdown run; however, there were four penalties on the play and Norton ended up back on the 14.

The Blue Jays were not discouraged and proceeded to drive 86 yards for their third touchdown. Pfannenstiel connected with Nuzum in the flat and he ran to the 29 for a first down. After an incomplete pass, Stanley bulled for 4, then Lane caught a flat pass for a first down on the 39. Pfannenstiel gained 5 yards on 2 carries, then kept the ball again for a first down on the Osborne 30!

Lane ran for 2, then broke three tackles before the Bulldogs got him down on the 7. Nuzum ran around right end to the 1 and Stanley ran up the middle for the touchdown. Gall kicked the extra point and Norton had extended their lead to 20-0 with 5:47 left.

Gall kicked off and Pruter returned to the Osborne 40 where Landon Keiswetter tackled him. Pfannenstiel was stopped by Zac Dreher for no gain, then Sumpter gained 5 before Dreher again made the tackle. After a 3 yard Osborne run, they punted out of bounds on the Norton 28.

Lane made a good, hard run to the Osborne 45. Norton lost 5 on an offside penalty but Lane ran for 5. After an incomplete pass, Lane was stopped for no gain. Pfannenstiel went to the air and connected with Hamel over the middle on a 45 yard scoring strike! A run for two extra points was short but the Blue Jays had



Norton sophomore tailback Terrell Lane lowers his head to make contact with a would-be Osborne tackler as he completes a 20-yard run in the third quarter of the Blue Jays' 40-0 win Friday night. Lane powered his way to 140 yards rushing in addition to running a kickoff 54 yards.

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increased their lead to 26-0 with 1:57 left in the half.

Sumpter returned Gall's kickoff to the Osborne 37 where Hildebrand made the tackle. Schurr ran for 7 before Dakota Dreher tackled him. Jakob DeMars ran up the middle for Osborne's initial first down of the game. He got the ball to the midfield stripe but, on the next down, Draper intercepted quarterback Aaron Geist's pass and returned it to the Osborne 20!

On first down, Draper caught a pass from Pfannenstiel in a crowd for the Blue Jays' fifth touchdown! Laughlin came in and booted the extra point to put Norton ahead 33-0 with 28.5 seconds left in the first half.

Laughlin also kicked off. Pruter returned the ball to the Osborne 33. DeMars fumbled on first down and it was recovered by Norton on the 31. Pfannenstiel passed to Stanley to the Osborne 23. Laughlin attempted a field goal but it was wide and Norton was on top 33-0 at halftime.

**Third quarter**

Lane returned the kickoff 54 yards to the Osborne 36 to start the second half but the Blue Jay offense bogged down and Osborne took over. The Norton defense was equal to the occasion, however, and forced the Bulldogs to punt. Draper returned the ball to the Norton 44. Norton was 3 and out and Lane punted to the Osborne 43. Hamel and Draper tackled Pruter after 2 yards but Geist ran the keeper to the Norton 49 where Stanley made the tackle.

Pfannenstiel gained 1 and picked up a rare Osborne first down. Schurr was dropped for a 10 yard loss by Lauer, Lane and Pfannenstiel. Lauer tackled Knoll for no gain and a pass was incomplete. Osborne punted and the ball rolled dead on the Norton 10. Lane gained 7, Pfannenstiel 1 and Stanley got a first down on the 34.

Stanley gained 2, Lane 3 and then 0. Next Lane made a 20 yard run to the Bulldog 41. After an

incomplete pass, Stanley lost 2 but a screen pass to Lane was good to the 37 as the third period ended with the score still 33-0.

**Fourth quarter**

Five plays into the final quarter and the Blue Jays had their sixth touchdown. Pfannenstiel passed to Zac Dreher for a first down on the Osborne 25. Lane ran for 13 yards to the 12, then bulled to the 6. Stanley was stopped for no gain but Lane got the call again and responded with a touchdown around left end. Laughlin's extra point kick made it 40-0 with 10:22 left in the contest.

Laughlin kicked off and Pruter returned the ball to the Osborne 40. Geist went back to pass and Derauf sacked him for a 5 yard loss. Schurr gained 7 on a counter. DeMars gained 3 before Zac Dreher tackled him. An Osborne pass was incomplete and Norton took over on the Bulldog 45 with 5:40 left.

The Norton junior varsity played the rest of the game. They drove to the Osborne 30 where they fumbled and Osborne recovered as time ran out with Norton winning 40-0.

**Next action**

This week is Homecoming for Norton Community High School and the Blue Jays will host one of their toughest foes this season in a 7 p.m. game Friday night versus the St. Francis Indians.

Playing in Class 2A, St. Francis lost only to Oakley and four-time defending state champion Smith Center last season. The Indians' head coach Tim Lambert played high school football for Smith Center and his team mirrors the wishbone offense run by Coach Barta's eleven.

The Indians have eight starters back from last year's 11-2 squad. They are 4-0 so far this season with wins over Colby, Phillipsburg, Goodland and Oakley.

Their most recent win was Friday night by a score of 24-11 over Oakley. Quarterback Matt Raile passed 53 yards to Trent Raile in the first quarter for the Indians' first touchdown of the night but Oakley also scored on a 52 yard pass from Lex Parsons to Kraig Siruta. Both teams ran for two extra points, making it 8-all after one quarter.

Trent Raile ran a kickoff back for a touchdown in the second quarter after a 26 yard field goal by Loftus of Oakley. The run for two extra points by St. Francis was good, giving them a 16-11 advantage at halftime.

After a scoreless third quarter, Trent Raile ran 55 yards for the last St. Francis touchdown. The run for two extra points was good, making the final 24-11.

Trent Raile piled up 1,398 yards rushing and 22 touchdowns last year as a sophomore. From the defensive secondary, he had 99 tackles and 6 interceptions in 2007.

The Indians boast a huge offensive line with three big returning starters: Shawn Warren, 6'2", 250 pounds; Ethan Zwegardt, 6'3", 260 pounds and Sam Sowers, 6'5", 220 pounds. They also anchor the defensive line.

"St. Francis is ranked No.3 in the state in Class 2A," said coach Melvin.

"They run a lot of the same plays as Smith Center but pass more.

"They will be a real challenge for us."

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**GAME STATISTICS**

Norton	Osborne
15	First Downs 2
234	Yards Rushing 54
124	Yards Passing 0
348	Total Yards 54
9-17-0	Passes Compl 0-7-2
2-31	Punts 5-26
2-2	Fumbles Lost 1-2
8-51	Penalties 3-10

# Northern Valley rolls 50-40

By TOM DREILING

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The Northern Valley football Huskies took their show on the road Friday night to play the Southern Cloud Warriors at Miltonvale. And after the scorefest was over, the Huskies brought a 50-40 victory back home.

It was a big night for the Huskies as they rolled up 379 yards offensively — 336 on the ground and 43 in the air. The Warriors rushed for 197 yards and passed for 126 for 323 offensive yards.

The Huskies held a 2-point 16-14 lead at the end of the first quarter, were down by 4, 28-24 at the half, but then gained the upper hand after three quarters of action 42-34, and closed it out with 8 points in the fourth period vs. 6 for the Warriors for the 50-40 triumph.

In addition to the rushing/pass-

ing statistics, the Huskies gained 12 first downs vs. 13 for the Warriors; committed 3 penalties for 25 yards vs. 3 for 20 yards; fumbled the ball 6 times and lost 3 vs. 2 fumbles; and punted once for 35 yards vs. 2 for 108 yards and one blocked.

Here's how the scoring went: 1st quarter — Northern Valley, safety; Dusty Eagleburger 5-yard run, PAT Jeffries run;

J. Gallentine 49-yard run, PAT pass failed; Southern Cloud, 20-yard pass play, PAT pass failed; 14-yard run, PAT run.

2nd quarter — Northern Valley, Drew Eagleburger 11-yard pass from Dusty Eagleburger, Drew Eagleburger PAT run; Southern Cloud, 7-yard run, PAT run; 30-yard run, PAT run, PAT run.

3rd quarter — Northern Valley, Drew Eagleburger blocked punt, recovered in the end zone, PAT

pass failed; Hays 37-yard run, PAT pass failed; Dusty Eagleburger, 30-yard run, PAT run failed; Southern Cloud, 11-yard run, PAT run failed.

4th quarter — Northern Valley, Jeffries 35-yard run, PAT pass Eagleburger to Hays. Southern Cloud, 3-yard pass, PAT run failed.

**Individual statistics**

• Rushing — J. Gallentine, 12 carries/151 yards/12.6 average; Dusty Eagleburger, 16/74/6.1; Jeffries, 11/61/5.5/Hays, 8/57/7.1; Drew Eagleburger, 1/3/3.0.

• Passing — Dusty Eagleburger, 9 attempts, 4 completions, 43 yards.

• Pass Receiving — Woodside, 1 for 21 yards; Hays, 2 for 11 yards; Drew Eagleburger, 1 for 11 yards and one TD.

• Pass Interceptions — Drew Eagleburger, 1 for 7 yards

• Punting — Dusty Eagleburger, 1 for 35 yards.

• Kick Offs — J. Gallentine, 7 for 195 yards for an average of 27.8

• Kick Off Returns — Woodside, 1 for 10 yards; Jeffries, 1/13; Callaway, 2/15; Herman, 1/9; Lowry, 1/2.,

• Tackles (solo, assists) — Dusty Eagleburger, 2-2-4; Herman, 1-0-1; McMillin, 4-3-7; Jeffries, 12-4-16; Callaway, 6-11-17; J. Gallentine, 4-2-6; Drew Eagleburger, 10-8-18; Woodside, 5-6-11; Vincent, 5-4-9; Gehrke, 7-5-12.

**Score by quarters**  
Huskies — 16 - 8 - 18 - 8 = 50  
Warriors — 14 - 14 - 6 - 6 = 40

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**Next game**  
Friday — Cheylin at Almena, 7 p.m., Cheyenne Conference game