



Gunnar Hays, a senior for the Northern Valley cross country team, sprints to the finish line during the Norton Invitational cross country meet last week.

– Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Northern Valley team competes at this year’s Norton Invitational

By Kirk Kasson

Despite 100 degree heat and sultry conditions, the Northern Valley Cross Country team put together a solid performance at the Norton Invitational this past Thursday. Gunnar Hays finished second in the varsity race, followed closely by Jon Compton, who also got a medal, placing eleventh.

“Gunnar ran a good race,” coach Kasson said. “It was a nice way for him to start the season. He is a great leader for our team, in practice as well as on the race course.”

“I was pleased with how strong Jon ran today,” added Kasson. “He’s playing football so he hasn’t been able to put on

as many miles. He said he felt good until the last 500 meters. I can see him improving a lot as the season progresses.”

In Junior Varsity competition, two of the three Huskies got medals. Philip Rupp finished 4th and Macy Kasson followed him to finish 5th. “This was the first ever meet for all three of our JV runners. I thought they ran very intelligently considering their lack of experience. Brandon McDowell is another runner who is playing football, so I think we will see his times improve a lot as the season progresses. I hope to see Macy and Philip improve to the point that they can compete at the varsity level at some of our meets.

“The heat was a huge factor today. It was very hard on the runners.”

Northern valley travels to Mankato this Thursday. “It will be a very different course than the one we just ran on,” cautioned Coach Kasson. “More hills and slower times; but we like to think hills are to our advantage. Hopefully the weather will be cooler.”

“I think the boys were surprised to see the cheerleaders make it to the finish line for the varsity meet. They must have really hustled from volleyball practice to make it in time. That’s part of what makes Northern Valley such a great place for our kids.”

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Junior Husky football team wins opener

By Dana Paxton

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The Northern Valley Junior Huskies took on Thunder Ridge last Thursday at Agra and won the first game of the season, 38-8.

Thunder Ridge was the only team to score in the first quarter. Gavin Taylor had a 41 yard run for the first touchdown of the night. ending the quarter 8-0.

In the second quarter, Eli Lowry started out with a 37 yard touchdown run and then Austin Tien passed the ball to Josh VanLaey's for the extra two points bring the score to 8-8. Lowry also made the second touchdown on a 34 yard run followed by Kats rushing it in for two more which led the score at 16-8. The third Husky touchdown was made by Jesse Courtain who completed a 28 yard pass from VanLaey's. This touchdown was followed by a two point run by Lowry. This brought the score to 24-8. The final score of the first half was run in once again by Lowry who caught a 41 yard pass from VanLaey's. VanLaey's then ran it in for the two extra points, ending the first half of the game at 32-8.

Northern Valley was the only team to score in the third quarter. Ran Thraillkill brought it home with a 42 yard run ending the third quarter 38-8.

Neither team scored in the final quarter of the game leaving the Huskies victorious and starting their season with a win, 38-8 over Thunder Ridge.

The Huskies did well in rushing with Eli Lowry carrying the ball three times for 74 yards. He had two touchdowns and one two point conversion. Regan Kats carried the ball six times for 66 yards and one two point conversion. Josh VanLaey's had three carries for 67 yards and one touchdown. Carson Wallace carried the pigskin four times for 17 yards followed by Drake Shearer with two carries for seven yards and Kelson Kats with three carries for six yards.

Junior Husky ladies take on Thunder Ridge

The Northern Valley Junior Husky volleyball team faced off with Thunder Ridge last Thursday and walked away with one win and two losses.

In A-Team volleyball action, the Junior Lady Huskies won in two sets, 25-8 and 25-10.

In B-Team play, the Huskies lost in three sets. They lost 17-25 in the first set but won the second set 25-19. The final set sealed the deal and Northern Valley lost 14-16.

In C-Team action, Thunder Ridge won the only set played, 13-25.

Quarterback, Josh VanLaey's completed three of six passes for 72 yards, two touchdowns and one two point conversion.

In receiving, Eli Lowry caught the ball once for 41 yards which gained him a touchdown. Jesse Courtain also caught one pass for a 28 yard touchdown and Austin Tien caught the third completed pass for a three yard two point conversion.

In tackles, Josh VanLaey's had eight with four assists followed by Eli Lowry with six and three assists, Jesse Coutain with five and two assists, Matt Florence with four and three assists and Ryan Thraillkill with four and three assists as well. Drake Shearer had four tackles with two assists followed by Regan Kats with three and three assists, Dalton Smith with three and one assist, and Carson Wallace and Cody Land with two tackles each. Colten Bach had one tackle and three assists followed by Devin Spargo with one tackle, John Towery with one tackle and one assist, and Austin Tien

and Kelso Kats with one assist each.


Three fumbles were recovered. Tien, Towery and Thraillkill each had one. Carson Wallace was the only Husky to get an interception.

Overall the Huskies had 261 yards rushing, 72 yards passing, with a total offense of 333 yards. Thunder Ridge had 164 yards rushing and no yards passing for a total of 164 offensive yards.

Husky Head Coach Jim Cole said, “The combined team of Northern Valley and Logan got their season off to a great start with a 38-8 win over Thunder

Ridge in Agra on a hot Thursday evening. Thunder Ridge controlled the ball the first quarter and took an 8-0 lead. The Huskies took control of the game in the second quarter, scoring 32 points. Fifteen of the 19 Northern Valley players had a tackle or an assist in the game and seven different players ran the ball. We played pretty well for our first game and look to improve in next week’s game with Quinter.”

The next game will be played at Long Island against Quinter at 6 p.m.



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