

Norton tennis takes seventh in tourney

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed seventh in the Colby Junior Varsity Girls Tennis Invitational held Saturday, Oct. 1 in Colby.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 44 points, followed by Trego Community, 40; Colby, 32; Garden City, 23; Tribune, 17; Scott City, 17; Norton, 12; Liberal, 9.

"Our junior varsity team had some great wins and some disappointing losses on Saturday," said Norton assistant tennis coach Crystal Montgomery.

"We can be playing great in one game and then lose our momentum the very next. It's important to keep your rhythm going throughout a tournament."

Sophomore Jessica White played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She lost to Marie Lorent, Colby, 6-0; defeated Trego's Elli Sherwood, 6-5(8-6) and won by a bye. In the finals, she lost to Phillipsburg's Arika Aiken, 6-2 and lost to Garden City's Kylie Owen, 6-5(7-3) to place fourth.

"Jessica had an outstanding comeback in her second match of the day," said coach Montgomery. "Jessica was down 1-4

but was able to come back and win in a tiebreaker. She didn't give up during that match and it showed with her victory."

Playing No.1 doubles for Norton were junior Carla Jo Robinson and senior Rhees Carlson. They lost to Colby's Kim DeBie and Samantha Lindberg 6-5(7-3), lost to Trego's Tabitha Wolf and Kimberly Day, 6-1 and lost to Tribune's Marissa Patton and Hannah Whitaker, 6-5(7-1). In the finals, they defeated Liberal's Ana Gonsaley and Kariak Morena, 6-1 and lost to Tribune's Pattan and Whitaker 6-2 to finish sixth.

"Carla Jo and Rhees played each of their opponents tight," said coach Montgomery. "They played in two tiebreakers. Unfortunately, they weren't comfortable enough in the wind and lost both tiebreakers. Both Carla Jo and Rhees had great cross court returns."

Freshman Brooke Sumner played No.2 singles for the Lady Jays. She defeated Colby's Alexa Schindler 6-4, lost to Trego's Bethany Schneider, 6-3 and defeated Tribune's Amanda Berggren 6-3. In the finals, she lost to Phillipsburg's Victoria Main, 6-4; then defeated Garden City's Tania Pastrana, 6-3, to place third.

"Brooke was very consistent at No.2 singles," said coach Montgomery.

"Brooke is one of our most improved players from the beginning of the season. She was able to win some close matches and was able to pull out a third place finish."

At No.2 doubles, playing for Norton were sophomores Jordyn Gosselin and Danielle Wagoner. They lost to Colby's Olivia Wetter and Tresta Urban, 6-3; lost to Trego's Cheyenne Phillips and Shaylee Flax, 6-1 and lost to Tribune's Michaela Blakely and Mariah Brown, 6-0. In the finals, they lost to Scott City's Cheyann Osborn and Anna Miller, 6-1 and lost to Liberal's Jane Pohereckie and Cristina Potina, 6-4, to place eighth.

"Jordyn and Danielle played doubles together in a tournament for the first time but they played well together," said coach Montgomery. "They lost two close matches and, if things had gone the other way, they could have pulled out those matches for wins."

"Jordyn played very well at the baseline, getting many shots back over, and Danielle played very well at the net."



Norton junior Carla Jo Robinson returns the ball during competition in the Norton Junior Varsity Round Robin Tournament on Sat., Sept. 10 on the tennis courts in the Norton City Park. Carla Jo was playing doubles with Ruth Kendell, also a junior, and they placed third in the tournament.

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Northern Valley improves record with win over Osborne

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Last Thursday the Northern Valley Junior Huskies took their record to 4-1 by beating Osborne 30-14.

The first touchdown of the game came for Northern Valley when Jesse Courtain caught a 28 yard pass from Josh VanLaeyes followed by Carson Wallace catching another pass from VanLaeyes for the extra points. These were the only points put on the board in the first quarter leaving the Huskies leading 8-0.

In the second quarter, Northern Valley dominated. Ryan Thraikill scored the second

Husky touchdown on an 11 yard run but the attempt for the extra points failed.

This brought the score to 14-0. Regan Kats scored the third touchdown of the game for the Huskies on a 13 yard run followed by Austin Tien catching a pass from VanLaeyes for the extra points ending the first half of the game leading 22-0.

No points were scored during the third quarter by either team.

Osborne came back in the fourth quarter. Cullen Grabast made the first touchdown for Osborne on a six yard run bringing the score to 22-6.

Northern Valley retaliated with their fourth touchdown

when Matt Florence had a 60 yard kick return followed by Drake Shearer making the extra points on a run which brought the score to 30-6.

The final touchdown of the game went to Osborne when Lance Hall ran in a three yard touchdown followed by a successful attempt for the extra points ending the game with another Husky win of 30-14.

Husky head coach Jim Cole said, "The Northern Valley/Logan Junior High Football team improved their record to 4-1 with a 30-14 win over Osborne. The Huskies played a great defensive game. Regan Kats led the defense with a season high

12 tackles and Matt Florence had his best game of the season with seven tackles and three fumble recoveries. Josh VanLaeyes had a good game throwing the ball, connecting with Jesse Courtain for a touchdown. The Junior Huskies will travel to Hoxie Thursday."

Northern Valley had 107 yards in rushing and Ryan Thraikill lead the Huskies with seven carries for 21 yards and one touchdown followed by Carson Wallace with six carries for 38 yards, and Josh VanLaeyes with eight carries for 16 yards. Regan Kats had three carries for 24 yards and a touchdown followed by Drake Spearer with

one carry for three yards and Devin Spargo with one carry and five yards.

VanLaeyes threw the ball eleven times completing five passes for 70 yards, one touchdown, one two point conversion and two interceptions.

Jesse Courtain caught two passes for 51 yards and a touchdown followed by Austin Tien's two catches for 16 yards and one two point conversion and Carson Wallace with one catch for three yards and one two point conversion.

Several tackles were made by the team. Regan Kats led with 12 and three assists followed by Matt Florence with seven and

three assists,

Josh VanLaeyes also had seven tackles with one assist and Carson Wallace making three tackles and three assists. Jesse Courtain made three tackles and had two assists followed by Austin Tien with three tackles. Ryan Thraikill and Larry Wilcox each made one tackle and two assists. Devin Spargo, Dalton Smith and Damian Wellman each made one tackle.

The team had four fumble recoveries, three made by Matt Florence and one by Jesse Courtain.

Northern Valley football defeats Palco

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The Northern Valley high school football team played Palco last Saturday and won 50-34.

The first quarter of the game was a high scoring quarter for the Huskies. their first touchdown came when Tyson Callaway ran back a 75 yard kick return for six. The attempt at the extra points failed. Next, Hunter Chandler had two in a row. First, he made a five yard run for a touchdown followed with the extra points when Callaway run it in bring the score to 14-0. Chandler got his second touchdown on a 10-yard run but this time the extra point attempt failed leaving the score at 20-0. Palco then scored when Kody Hamel scored on a four yard run and no extra points which brought the score to 20-6. The final touchdown of the first quarter came by Husky, Jordan Baird who caught a nine yard pass from Chandler to end the first quarter at 26-6.

In the second quarter, Palco was the only team to score when Hamel made an 18 yard touchdown run ending the first half with the Huskies leading 26-18. Palco continued to score in the

third quarter with a three yard pass from Hamel to Kaleb Garcia. This brought the score to 26-18. Northern Valley then scored another touchdown, Chandler's third of the night on a 34 yard run followed by a failed pass attempt. This brought the score to 32-18. Palco scored again when Anthony Keller made a one yard touchdown run followed by a completed pass from Hamel to Newell. This ended the quarter with the Huskies still leading 32-26.

During the fourth quarter, Baird made a five yard touchdown run followed by a failed attempt at the extra points bringing the score to 38-26. Baird repeated his last touchdown when he got another five yard touchdown run which was once again followed by a failed attempt at the extra points. This put the score at 44-26. Dillon Hogan got the next touchdown for the Huskies. He did it on a one yard run. The extra point attempt was no good but left the score at 50-26. The final score of the game went to Palco when Hamel made a five yard run followed by a pass from Hamel to Benoit for the extra points. Even though they gave a great

effort it was not enough to beat the Huskies. The final score of the game was 50-34.

Husky head coach Chuck Fessenden said, "We got off to a very good start with two big plays on special teams. Tyson Callaway returned the opening kick off and we sacked the punter for a big loss on Palco's first possession. We needed all of those points as Palco fought back into the game. Several of our kids showed some toughness and fought through some injuries. Our players showed a lot of determination and character. After Palco closed the lead to six we responded with three unanswered touchdowns in the fourth quarter. It was a great win for us against an undefeated Palco team."

Northern Valley carried the ball 68 times for 296 yards to Palco's 35 carries for 154 yards. Jordan Baird led the Huskies with 25 carries and 130 yards followed by Hunter Chandler with 24 carries and 121 yards. Tyson Callaway carried the ball 16 times for 43 yards, Nate Land and Dillon Hogan each carried the ball once for one yard each.

The Huskies passed the ball six times and completed two

for 39 yards. Palco passed it 28 times for 13 completions and 154 yards. Chandler threw it five times with Baird catching one for nine yards and then Callaway threw it once to Calen Bach for 30 yards.

The Huskies fumbled the ball once losing it and Palco fumbled seven times losing it four times.

Northern Valley punter, Callaway kicked the ball twice for 56 yards where Palco had no punts.

The Huskies had many tackles in this game. Ian Vincent led with five tackles and eight assists followed by Calen Bach with ten and one assist, Hunter Chandler with six tackles and three assists and Tyson Callaway with five and four assists. Dillon Hogan had six tackles and two assists followed by Tyler Montgomery with five tackles and one assist, Nate Land with four and one assist and Jordan Baird with three tackles and two assists. Jon Compton had two tackles and one assist, Alex Stevens with one and one assist and Daniel Field with one tackle for the game.

The Huskies next action will be tonight against Victoria at home at 7 p.m.

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