

# Huskies, Trojan competed in All-Star game

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The 29th annual 8-Man All-Star Football Games were held on Saturday in Beloit and three local area players were participants in one of the games.

Playing for the West team in the Division II game were Jordan Baird, 5'11", 175 pound running back for Northern Valley; Ian Vincent, 6', 220 pound offensive guard for Northern Valley and Brett Pinkerton, 5'10", 160 pound defensive back from Logan.

An assistant coach for the Division II West squad was Chuck Fessenden, longtime head foot-

ball coach at Northern Valley.

Although both the West and East teams spent most of the time passing, on his few runs, Baird proved to be the rugged, hard-running back that he has always been for the Huskies. Baird also caught a pass for a 14-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter and had 6 total receptions for 59 yards in the game.

Vincent played the whole game on offense for the West and spent most of his time pass blocking.

Pinkerton also played the entire contest as a defensive back and made his share of tackles as he was kept busy by the on-

slaught of passes from the East quarterbacks.

With both teams filling the airways, the West held a slim 15-14 lead after one quarter but the East led by 22-21 at halftime. Both teams scored 8 points in the third period as the East held a 30-29 advantage with one period remaining.

The fireworks really increased in the final stanza with the East scoring 22 points and the West tallying 12 as the East prevailed 52-41 for a total of 93 points!

The East completed 25 of 39 passes with none intercepted for 306 yards. The West passing total was 421 yards on 25 of 46 with 2 interceptions.

The East gained 73 yards on the ground for 379 total yards and the West gained 65 rushing yards for total offense of 486 yards.

A defensive gem by end Dustin Davidson of Hope on the first play of the fourth quarter gave the East an advantage that they didn't give up. With the West driving for a possible lead, Davidson anticipated a West screen pass by quarterback Kyle Gfeller of Sharon Springs. He intercepted the pass and returned it 35 yards for a touchdown.

East quarterback Dustin Rottinghaus of state champion Baileyville B&B ran in the two

extra points, giving the East a 38-29 advantage.

The West answered with a 29-yard touchdown pass from Gfeller to Ty Clark of Fowler but Rottinghaus passed for two more touchdowns to put the game out of reach for the West by the time Baird ran into the end zone with only 2:49 remaining in the game.

Rottinghaus finished with 297 passing yards on 24 of 36 and an all-star game record six touchdowns and Gfeller completed 25 of 45 with 2 interceptions for 421 yards and passed for five touchdowns.

The Division I game was played first and did not feature

as much offense as was seen in the second contest. Both teams had more rushing than passing yards as the East edged the West 20-16.

Among the East players were three from the state champions: Kenton Ubelaker, Osborne running back; Maverick LeRock, Osborne running back and Col-lin Berkley, Osborne lineman.

Players for the West team included Dylan Tiemeyer, Atwood defensive back; Cameron Ginther, Atwood lineman; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie quarterback and Mitchel Johnson, Hoxie lineman.



Northern Valley guard Ian Vincent was a stalwart on offense for the West squad during the 8-Man All-Star Football Game in Beloit on Saturday. He is shown here pass blocking for his quarterback but was also capable of opening a hole in the East line on the few occasions when the West team ran the ball.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Jordan Baird, hard-running back for Northern Valley, used his power on Saturday to pick up extra yardage for the West team after being hit by defenders.

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Logan defensive back Brett Pinkerton of the West All-Stars timed it perfectly as he hit an East pass receiver just as he was attempting to catch a pass during grid action on Saturday in Beloit. Pinkerton played the entire game for the West squad and did an outstanding job of covering in the secondary against the pass-oriented East squad.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Legion team loses to Holdrege

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For their second action of the young season, the Norton American Legion baseball team traveled to Holdrege on Tuesday, June 3 for one six-inning game and lost by an 11-3 score to the traditionally tough Holdrege team.

Norton's first run came in the top of the second inning when Jacob Brooks singled and Jordan Dole doubled him home. Holdrege had scored one run in the bottom of the first stanza and added four more in the bottom of the second to lead 5-1.

The Blue Jays earned another run in the top of the third inning when Dalton Miller singled and Jacob Green doubled him home.

Holdrege added four more runs in the bottom of the third to extend their lead to 9-2.

Norton's final run came in the top of the sixth when Travis Cressler walked and Mickey Hahn drove him home.

Holdrege added two more runs in the fifth and two more in the sixth inning for the 11-3 win.

Norton had 8 hits, 4 walks and 7 strike outs. Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Dalton Miller, who was 2 for 2 and Mickey Hahn, who went 2 for 4 at the plate.

Norton had three pitchers in the game. Dalton Miller started on the mound and hurled for two innings, allowing 3 hits, walking none and striking out 2

batters. He was relieved by Austin Hager and Gavin Lively.

"Holdrege is a very smart, hard playing ball club," said coach Ellis. "Due to errors, we gave them six outs in the second inning and just could not recover those runs after that.

"We continued to hit the ball hard all over the field."

**Next action**

Norton will host Smith Center in a doubleheader on Wednesday, June 11 at John Ryan Field.

Games will begin at 6 and 8 p.m.

**Schedule change**

The doubleheader with Holdrege at John Ryan Field in Norton was scheduled for July 15 but has been moved up to Tuesday, June 17.

## Norton runner transfers to Bethany College

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John Renner, a former outstanding runner for Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to continue running at Bethany College in Lindsborg after one year of running for Manhattan Christian College.

He will run cross country and track for Bethany in the 2014-15 academic year.

John was a four-year cross country and track letter winner for Norton Community High School. He was part of four Mid-Continent League Championships. He was also a four-year member of the Norton Community High School basketball team.

He completed his freshman year at Manhattan Christian College by finishing fourth with his team in the NCAA National Championships.

While in high school, John was a four-year member of the Future Farmers of America and was a member of the Jay Singers.

"We are very excited to add John Renner to our team at Bethany," said head cross

country coach Aaron Yoder. "He is the epitome of the individual we are looking for to build the track and field program. I am encouraged to see John develop as a person, student and athlete at Bethany College. He is a strong competitor and represents qualities of discipline, commitment and devotion towards school and the teams he is a part of."

"We are excited to have John on board," added Bethany head track and field coach Ken Ciolek. "I am looking forward to seeing how he develops at Bethany College."

John is the son of Cheri and Craig Renner. He has a 3.0 grade point average and plans to major in sports management.

The Bethany Swedes compete in 18 intercollegiate sports in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Bethany participates in the NAIA Champions of Character program which encourages integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership in student-athletes, coaches and

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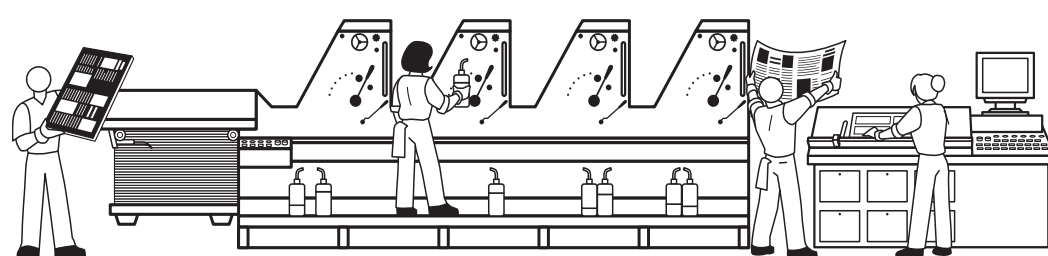
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