

Northern Valley defeated 38-26 by Palco

Huskies will play Logan in home contest Friday

The Northern Valley Huskies were defeated 38-26 by Palco Friday night in Palco.

The Roosters got off to a 12-point lead in the first quarter when Rodney Landis ran three yards for a touchdown with 6:58 showing and then rushed 54 yards to score at 3:53.

The Huskies made it on the board with 2:39 left in the quarter on a 50-yard run from Clarke Nelson.

Northern Valley took the lead in the second quarter on a 40-yard run from Avery Thalheim.

Joey Copper ran for the conversion, giving the Huskies a 14-12 lead.

With 2:05 on the clock, the Huskies upped their score by 6 when Copper dashed two yards into the end zone.

With 15 seconds left in the half, Palco closed the gap a bit when Shay Simoneau rushed 6 yards to score. The run for extra points failed, leaving the tally 20-18 in Northern Valley's favor.

At 6:05 in the third quarter, Clarke Nelson ran 65 yards for a final Husky touchdown.

Palco began to close the gap shortly after on a 40-yard run from Landis.

The Roosters took back the lead in the fourth on a 21-yard run from Landis and then made one last touchdown when Landis rushed another 40. Travis Desbien ran in the points after, making the final tally 38-26.

"This was a tough, hard hitting football game," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We gave up two early touchdowns, but our kids battled back to take the lead. We had a very good lead going into the fourth quarter, but couldn't hold it.

"We will have to re-group by Friday. We must win the rest of our games if we expect to make the playoffs."

Nelson led rushing with 168 yards on 17 carries, followed by Copper, 60 yards on 16 carries; Thalheim, 53 yards on 4 carries;

and Lowry, 0 yards on 1 carry. Copper completed 3 of 8 passes for 4 yards. Receiving were Thalheim, 1 for 4; Cole Kinderknecht, 2 for 0.

Copper led tackles with 16 solos and 2 assists. He was followed by Andrew Sheley, 11-4; Nelson, 6-1; Kinderknecht, 5-3; Richie Kersch, 5-0; Patrick Hammond, 4-1; Renier Deetlefs, 4-0; Cody Lowry, 3-2; Thalheim, 3-2; Braden Kersch, 2-1; and Zac Miller, 0-1.

The Huskies will host Logan in Almena on Friday. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

Game Statistics		
N. Valley		Palco
9	First Downs	14
281	Yards Rushing	408
4	Yards Passing	12
285	Total Yards	420
3-8	Passes Completed	2-9
7-50	Penalties	8-55
0-0	Fumbles	1-0
6-240-40	Punts	3-102-34



In Northern Valley's football game against Palco, Avery Thalheim (top) races down the sideline on his way to a 40-yard touchdown for the Huskies with Palco's Butch Hamel in hot pursuit. Northern Valley's Zac Miller, No. 58, is also pictured. (Bottom) Clarke Nelson, No. 22, gets a handoff from quarterback Joey Copper and gains yardage with some blocking from Zach Miller, No. 58; Andrew Sheley, No. 64; and Patrick Hammond, No. 70.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Junior High Huskies football team edged in overtime

The Northern Valley Junior High football team was edged by Western Plains 48-42 in overtime on Sept. 23 in Ransom.

In the first quarter, Western Plains made it on the board first on a seven-yard run by Eric Dysinger. Dysinger ran in the extra points.

The Huskies tied the tally when Matt Dole rushed one yard into the end zone. Jacob Gallentine ran for the conversion.

Dysinger ran 30 yards for Western Plains and then ran for the points after, taking back the lead.

Before the quarter ended, Gallentine rushed 29 yards to get Northern Valley within two points.

In the second quarter, the Huskies took the lead when Dusty Eagleburger passed 17 yards to Colton Lowry. Eagleburger ran in the conversion, making the score 22-16.

Alan Hartman ran 29 yards for

Western Plains to tie the score 22-22.

In the third, Dysinger rushed 41 for 6 points. Gallentine responded with a 22-yard run for the Huskies. Dysinger then regained the lead for Western Plains on a one-yard dash into the end zone. Dysinger ran for extra points on the second touchdown, making the score 36-28.

In the fourth, Gallentine found himself in the end zone on a 52-yard run, getting the Huskies within two points.

Dysinger rushed one for another Western Plains touchdown, but then Gallentine tied the score at 42-42 on a two-yard run for a touchdown and a good conversion run.

In overtime, Western Plains made it to the end zone to take the win on a 10-yard run from Dysinger.

"We played our best game of the season against Western Plains, but lost in overtime 48-42," said Coach Jim Cole. "It was a very well played game and close the whole way.

"We ran our offense extremely well and did a good job of gang tackling the Bobcats' big running back. Western Plains scored late in the game to take an 8-point lead. In less than a minute, the Huskies moved the ball down the field and scored. We converted our extra point play to send the game into overtime.

"We got close, but failed to score on our possession in overtime and Western Plains scored on their first play to win the game.

"Jacob Gallentine had a great game, rushing 210 yards and scoring four touchdowns. The Northern Valley linemen, for the second week in a row, did a nice job of

blocking. Matthew Dole led the defense with 13 tackles and 9 assists. Everyone on defense is improving their tackling skills.

"I am very impressed by how hard our boys played every game. We are not very big, but we play with a lot of heart. We have improved each week to become a competitive football team."

Gallentine led rushing with 210 yards on 28 carries, followed by Eagleburger, 37 yards on 7 carries; and Dole, 24 yards on 9 carries.

Eagleburger completed 2 of 6 passes for 27 yards. Receiving were Lowry, 1 for 17 yards; and Bryant Tharman, 1 for 10 yards.

Dole led tackles with 13 solos and 9 assists, followed by Gallentine, 12 solos, 9 assists; Eagleburger, 5-2; Zachary Vincent, 5-2; Lowry, 2-5; Hutch Gehrke, 202; Brandon Towery, 2-

1; Ethan Gallentine, 1-2; Michael Callaway, 1-0; Samuel Field, 1-0; and Skylar Harris, 0-1.

Gallentine made two fumble re-

coveries.

The Junior Huskies will host Damar in Long Island on Thursday. Kick-off is set for 6:45 p.m.

Northern Valley Junior High volleyball defeats Ransom, Logan to stay unbeaten

The Northern Valley Junior High volleyball team is still undefeated after beating Ransom and Logan.

The Junior Lady Huskies defeated Ransom 25-10, 25-21 on Sept. 23.

"Every week I can see improvement," said Coach Kristen Baird. "The girls are doing a great job."

Alison Cole led serving with 14 of 15 for 13 points. She was followed by Miriah Florence, 12 of 12 for 9; Megan Cole, 10 of 12 for 9; Karen Wenzl, 8 of 9 for 7; Amber Sheley, 7 of 8 for 6; and Chris-

tina Anderson, 6 of 8 for 6.

A. Cole was the super server.

The junior varsity won in three games 25-21, 26-28, 15-4.

"We only missed two serves throughout the entire match," Coach Baird said. "Our passing has really improved, along with our serving. Great job."

Melissa Hawks led serving with 21 of 21 for 18 points, followed by Kenzie Chandler, 9 of 9 for 7; Caitlyn Patterson, 8 of 8 for 6; Kenzi Husted, 8 of 8 for 6; Sarah Whitney, 8 of 8 for 5; Kelsey Raburn, 7 of 7 for 5; Kayla Field, 6 of 6 for 5; Savannah King, 7 of 7

for 4; Kynzie Stevens, 5 of 6 for 4; Staci Dole, 5 of 5 for 3; Cassie Field, 3 of 4 for 2; and Ashley Constable, 2 of 2 for 1.

Hawks was the super server.

Northern Valley beat Logan 25-14, 25-9.

"We had great net play," said the coach. "The girls were aggressive and were after everything."

A. Cole led serves with 13 of 16 for 13 points, followed by Sheley, 12 of 12 for 10; Dole, 11 of 13 for 10; Wenzl, 9 of 10 for 7; M. Cole, 6 of 7 for 5; and Anderson, 5 of 7 for 5.

A. Cole, Dole and Sheley were

all super servers.

The junior varsity Lady Huskies won 25-15, 25-18.

"This was our best game so far," said Coach Baird. "We set it up and had some nice hits."

Patterson led serves with 15 of 15 for 12 points, followed by Hawks, 14 of 15 for 11; Chandler, 10 of 11 for 8; Field, 9 of 10 for 7; Husted, 9 of 10 for 7; and Raburn, 8 of 8 for 5.

Patterson was the super server.

The junior high Lady Huskies will host Damar Thursday in Long Island. The first match is set to start at 5 p.m.

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