Huskies fall to Weskan in bi-district game

The Northern Valley High School football team ended its season Tuesday night after being defeated 52-6 by Weskan in the bidistrict football game in Sharon Springs.

Weskan scored twice in the first quarter, once on a three-yard pass from Gabe Cox to Jason Young and again on a 17-yard pass from Cox to Young. Cox ran in the conversion on both touchdowns.

The Huskies got on the board less than two minutes into the second quarter when Clarke Nelson rushed 21 yards into the end zone to score. The conversion failed, leaving Northern Valley with its only 6 points of the game.

With 5:55 left in the half, Weskan scored a third time on a 6-yard run from Cox. Shaun McKinney ran in the points after, giving the Coyotes at 24-6

Two minutes into the third, McKinney rushed 37 yards for another Weskan touchdown and then ran in the extra points. With 7:45 on the clock, Cox ran

36 yards to score. Then with 1:22 left in the quarter, Cox passed the ball 29 yards to Jesse Welsh. McKinney ran for the conversion on the second touchdown. At 11:16 in the fourth, the game

was called due to the 45-point rule after Cox dashed 31 yards for a final touchdown.

"This was a tough way to end the season," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We made mistakes on offense, defense and in the kicking game. It was hard to believe that this was the same team we had last Thursday night.

"On the other hand, Weskan played a great game and we wish them the best of luck in the play-

"We are really going to miss this senior class. They have played a lot of football for us over the past three years. Their numbers and athletic ability have been crucial to our success in recent years."

Nelson led rushing for the Huskies with 88 yards on 16 carries, followed by Joey Copper, 35 yards on 16 carries; and Avery Thalheim, 23 yards on 5



In the Bi-District playoff game Tuesday evening against Weskan, Northern Valley seniors Clarke Nelson and Braden Kersch, above, sack Weskan's quarterback, Gabe Cox. Avery Thalheim, below, gains some yardage on this play with some blocking from Cameron Duede; Andrew Sheley, No. 64, and Joey Copper, No. 13. In the other photo, senior Cody Lowry returns a kickoff. Zac Miller, No. 58, is also a senior for the Huskies.

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for 19 yards. He also made one drew Sheley, 5-2; Braden Kersch, interception. Receiving were 2-0; Lowry, 1-2; Hammond, 1-1; Thalheim, 1 for 11 yards; and Zac Thalheim, 1-0; Frans Laubscher, Miller, 1 for 8 yards.

Copper punted 4 times for 125

Pat Hammond made 2 kick-offs for 66 yards. Making kick-off returns were Cody Lowry, 3 for 21 yards; and Casey Dole, 2 for 16

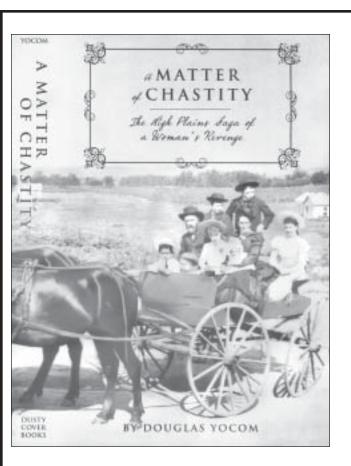
Cole Kinderknecht led tackles with 10 solos and 5 assists. He was followed by Nelson, 7-3; Copper, 4-125-31.2 Punts

Copper completed 2 of 5 passes 6-7; Nathaniel Graham, 6-4; An-1-0; and Richie Kersch, 0-2. Came Statistics

Game Statistics		
N. Valley		Weskan
9	First Downs	5
146	Yards Rushing	238
19	Yards Passing	54
165	Total Yards	292
2-5	Passes Completed	1 4-7
4-30	Penalties	3-20
1-1	Fumbles	0-0
4-125	-31.2 Punts 1-	38-38 0









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