

Homecoming not enough to close the deal

Huskies fall to Trojans

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The score might have been 56-6, with host Northern Valley Huskies on the short end, but there was a lot more to the festivities than the game. After all, it was Homecoming '07 and the spirit of the occasion carried on Friday and Friday night.

The Huskies gave it a good effort, but they were up against a strong Logan Trojan bunch who were relentless in their attack.

The Huskies are now 0-4 on the season and are working hard under the watchful eye of coach Chuck Fessenden this week as they prepare to take it to Cheylin on Friday night at Bird City. The toe will touch the ball at 7 p.m.

Ethan Hays scored Northern Valley's only touchdown, on a 79-yard kick off return. The attempt at a 2-point conversion run failed.

Logan's scoring went like this: First quarter — Levi Kiser on a 47-yard run, PAT failed; Cody Leggett, 3-yard run, pass from Zach Long to Ethan Gottschalk for the 2-point conversion; Long, 17-yard pass to Kiser, PAT failed.

Second quarter — Kiser, 78-yard run, pass from Long to Tyson Pabst for a 2-point conversion; Kiser, 5-yard run, Kodi Wallgren

run for 2-point conversion; Kiser, 30-yard run, Bryce Sammons 2-point run; Sammons, 2-yard run, PAT failed; and Long, 15-yard run, PAT failed.

Team Statistics:

Rushing — Northern Valley carried the ball 14 times for 49 yards, vs. Logan's 43 carries for 323 yards.

Passing — Northern Valley 6, 2 completions for 26 yards, Logan 11 passes, 4 completions for 40 yards.

First downs — Northern Valley 2, Logan 10.

Penalties — Northern Valley 7 for 42 yards, Logan 3 for 17 yards.

Fumbles, Northern Valley 2 and lost both, Logan 1 and lost 0.

Punts, Northern Valley 5 for 143 yards for a 28.6 average, Logan 1 for 41 yards.

Individual statistics:

Rushing — Blake Johnson, 2 carries for 4 yards for a 2.0 average; Justin Jeffries, 4 for 11 yards, 2.8 average; Brian Sproul, 8 for 34 yards, 4.3 average.

Passing — Johnson, 6 attempts, 3 completions, 26 yards. Logan, 11 attempts, 4 completions, 40 yards, 1 TD.

Passes caught — Sproul, 1 for 9 yards, Cody Callaway, 1 for 17 yards. Logan, 4 for 40 yards, 1 TD.



Northern Valley senior quarterback Blake Johnson, #12, looks to hand the ball off during Friday night's homecoming game vs. the Logan Trojans. Also in the picture are #54 Nathaniel

Graham and #34 Zachary Vincent, paving the way. The Trojans won the contest. The Huskies travel to Bird City Friday night.

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Punts — Tanner Jessup, 4 for 112 yards, 28.0 average, Drew Eagleburger, 1 for 31 yards.

Kickoffs — Jessup, 2 for 47 yards, 23.5 average. Logan 8 for 336 yards, 42.0 average.

Kickoff returns — Hays, 3 for 139 yards, 46.3 average (1 for TD,

79 yards), Jeffries, 1 for 14 yards.

Tackles (solo, assists, total) — Hays, 3-1-4; Sproul, 8-2-10; Jeffries, 6-4-10; Callaway, 5-5-10;

Eagleburger, 4-3-7; Nathaniel Graham, 5-3-8; Eric Woodside, 0-3-3; Jessup, 2-1-3; and Hutch Gehrke, 1-1-2.

Tennis coach pleased with showing at Goodland

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School tennis team competed with junior varsity players except for one in the Goodland Varsity Invitational on Tuesday, September 11.

Team scores were: Colby, 35; Tribune, 24; Ulysses, 20; Trego, 20; Scott City, 17; Goodland, 16; Garden City, 11; Norton, 8.

"We actually had two varsity tournaments on this day," said Norton head coach Lisa Henderson. "We knew that today was going to be tough because most of our regular varsity girls competed in the Phillipsburg Tournament.

"Our junior varsity girls were nervous and excited at the same time because they knew the competition was going to be extremely tough.

"We didn't get many wins but I was impressed with how well our junior varsity girls handled the varsity competition. Our girls weren't used to such fast serves so we struggled a lot with our serve return. All our girls made attempts to approach the net and we got quite a few great smashes out of doing that.

"Our girls were split up as Goodland chose to use two different tennis courts in different locations. This was done partly to try

to speed things up. Towards the end of the day, our girls started to get really tired and it seemed like we were slowing down and not moving around as much."

During the last matches, it seemed like we regained our momentum and we pulled away with a couple of wins.

"Our No.1 doubles team finished their last match around 10:45 p.m., so it was a very long day for all of us.

"For never having any varsity experience, I think our junior var-

sity squad did a pretty good job. Our girls were very nervous and the pressure was on to see how they would perform. If anything, I think the tournament gave our girls something to shoot for in the future. They all have the potential to work up to the varsity level."

Valerie Wagoner played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She had a 2-2 record and placed fifth. She lost 6-0 to Olivia Fabrizius, Trego; lost 6-0 to Logan Wark, Colby; defeated Janie Gunther, Scott City, 6-1; and outscored Kathy Wood,

Goodland, 6-1.

In No.1 doubles, Allie Corbin and Kayla Scheetz compiled a 1-3 record and placed seventh. They lost 6-2 to Samantha Augustine and Dana Diec, Trego; lost 6-0 to Lindsey Wilson and Caitlin Wark, Colby; lost 6-4 to Debbie Kough and Haley Wilcoxson, Scott City and defeated Stephanie Shore and Erin Horton, Ulysses, 6-2.

Alexis Mangold played No.2 singles for Norton and had a 1-3 record for seventh place. She lost 6-0 to Cassie Dietz, Trego; lost 6-

0 to Barbara Bickner, Colby; lost 6-0 to Elizabeth Huck, Scott City and defeated Haylie Greeson, Tribune, 6-4.

In No.2 doubles, Norton's Kelsey Nuzum and Nicquel McVey placed seventh with a 1-3 record. They defeated Amanda Gosser and Kristi Hallagin, Trego, 6-3; lost 6-1 to Laura Dougherty and Kayla Hockersmith, Colby; lost 6-1 to Christina Chambliss and Ericka Wright, Scott City and lost 6-4 to Hidee Lawson and Nico Wallis, Goodland.

Good trip for 7th volleyball

The Norton Junior High 7th grade varsity volleyball girls traveled to Hoxie for a round-robin tournament on Saturday.

The ladies came home victorious.

"We played 4 different teams and defeated each one," said a happy and pleased coach Lynette Archer.

The starters for the day were Katherine Boteler, Kami Jones, Juliana Miller, Alec Melvin, Teslee Nickell and Rachel Slipke. Brianna Karnopp and Kayleigh Norwood were the first to come off the bench.

The first match of the day was against the Oberlin Red Devils with scores of 25-21, 16-25, 15-10. "We started out a little slow but really communicated and found our footing on the court," coach Archer said.

The second match was against the Hoxie Indians. The scores were 25-15, 25-22. "The Hoxie team is always tough and this year was no different," the coach said. "Our ladies just rose to the occasion. They served very well and attacked the net very aggressively."

She said the team had a few calls that did not go our way, but it didn't seem to shake them. "I saw a team of leaders as this game was played. If one player made a mistake, her teammates encouraged and refused to let it get them down."

The third match of the day was against Trego. "We had just played them Thursday and I was worried about being over confident and overlooking them. They are a great team and I enjoyed watching and coaching this match because we were able to see some great volleyball at this level," coach Archer said.

The scores were 25-21, 28-26. "This was a match where all the fans were smiling at the end because it was great to watch," she said.

The last match of the day was against the St. Francis Indians. The

scores were 25-12 and 25-9.

"This game we showcased our serving and the depth we have on our bench," coach Archer said.

"All 12 players played. This is a great group of girls that just gel and that were just in synch with each other," she said.

Between games, the coach added, they sat with me and watched the other teams and discussed what we could work on next week.

"They are continually looking forward to the next practice and competition. Saturday, to me, was every coach's dream. A team that had a job to do and they did it. A team that craves the next step, wants to compete and loves the game of volleyball. What more could a coach ask for," coach Archer said.

Vs. WaKeeney Sept. 20

The team traveled to WaKeeney and picked up a nice road win, with scores of 25-17, 25-10.

"The team started out extremely slow, but after a short time out they stepped back on the court with confidence and determination to stop the Eagles from taking this match," said coach Lynette Archer.

"Katherine Boteler stepped up to serve 4 in a row, Alec Melvin then served 4 in a row and Kami Jones then served 5. Our serving has improved greatly," the coach said.

"Brianna Karnopp later served 5 in a row and Juliana Miller served very well in the second game. She was up to serve twice and totaled 10 service points, with 8 of them being aces," the coach said.

"The team," the coach continued, "has been working hard and they want to be on the court. They have been working on attacking the ball aggressively and defensive coverage. We are continuing to improve."

Junior high football topples Trego

Norton Junior High's varsity football team took a 20-6 win over Trego last Thursday. Norton scored 8 points in the second quarter and 12 in the third. Trego got on the scoreboard with 6 points in the fourth quarter.

"This is the story of Clark Kent and Superman; the first half we acted like Clark Kent, meek and mild, and then at halftime it seems the boys put on a Superman suit and played great," said coach George Rossi.

"In the second half, the boys really hit and played aggressive football. We will need that in all four quarters the next varsity game against Smith Center, if we are to be successful," he said.

Tye Nickell put the Blue Jays on

the scoreboard in the second quarter with a 1-yard run. Jordan Wahlmeier tossed to Dillon McConney for the 2-point conversion.

Nickell again went in for 6 points in the third quarter on a 27-yard run. The PAT failed.

Casey Temmel scored on a 5-yard run, also in the third period. Again, the PAT failed.

Individual statistics: Total carries, yards gained, average: Tye Nickell, 19-83-4.4; Trey Millan, 4- minus 3-0; Jordan Wahlmeier, 3-28-9.3; Jacob Brooks, 5-29-5.8; Casey Temmel, 2-9-4.5

Passing: Wahlmeier, 5, 2 completions, minus 12 yards.

Passes caught: Seth Antrim, 1-

1, Millan, 1 -minus 13.

Punts: Nickell, 1, 33 yards.

Kick offs: John Risewick, 1 for 10 yards, Seth Antrim, 3 for 146 yards, 48.6 average.

Kick off returns: Antrim, 1 for 5 yards, Millan, 1 for 0 yards.

Tackles: Nickell 4; Antrim 3; McConney 1; Dalton Miller 2; Millan 9; Wahlmeier 2; John Renner 3; Brooks 1; Zach Hartwell 2; Robert Blecha 2; Temmel 7; Damian Davis 1; Kurt Douglas 1; Eli Bozarth 1; Tyler Lewis 2; Mike Courtain 1; and Carson McKenna 2.

John Renner was credited with blocking a punt, Trey Millan recovered an onside kick and pass interceptions were by Wahlmeier, Nickell and Antrim.

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