

# Huskies' comeback falls short by 8 points

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Things look promising for the 2008 edition of the Northern Valley Husky football team after their first game of the season vs. Palco Friday, Sept. 5 at home. Although a loss, the Huskies can crow about putting up numbers.

The final was 46-38 in the Roosters' favor. Northern Valley trailed by only 2 points at the half, 20-18, and going into the final quarter found themselves down by 16 — 34-18. But the drive and spirit was still there and in the final frame they put up 20 points while holding Palco to 12.

The Huskies will be home again Friday night of this week to entertain the Stockton Tigers. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m.

Here is how the scoring unfolded:

**1st Quarter**  
Palco, Gehring 40-yd. pass to Gosselin, PAT failed. 0-6 Palco.

**2nd Quarter**  
Palco, Gehring 6-yd. pass to Keller, PAT Gehring pass to Keller; Huskies, Dusty Eagleburger 4-yd. pass to Woodside, PAT run failed; Palco, Gehring 3-yd. run, PAT pass failed; Huskies, Jeffries 75-yd. kick return,

PAT pass failed; Huskies, Dusty Eagleburger 33-yd. run, PAT run failed. 18-20 Palco.

**3rd Quarter**  
Palco, Gehring 25-yd. run, PAT Gehring pass to Keller; Palco, Gehring 36-yd. pass to Keller, PAT pass failed. 18-34 Palco.

**4th Quarter**  
Palco, Keller 65-yd. kick return, PAT failed; Huskies, Jeffries 65-yd. kick return, PAT Hays run; Huskies, Dusty Eagleburger, 21-yd. pass to Drew Eagleburger, PAT run failed; Huskies, Dusty Eagleburger 1-yd. run, PAT failed; Palco, Nordyke 38-yd run, PAT run failed. 38-46 Palco.

**By Quarters:**  
Huskies 0 - 18 - 0 - 20 = 38  
Roosters 6 - 14 - 14 - 12 = 46

**Statistics:**  
Rushing, Huskies 53/209 yds., Palco, 33/141  
Passing, Huskies 9/21/120 yds., Palco 15/25/243  
Total yds. — Huskies 329, Palco 384  
First downs — Huskies 15, Palco 10  
Penalties — Huskies 2/20 yds., Palco 15/110 yds.  
Fumbles — Huskies 2 lost 1, Palco 6 lost 3  
Punts — Huskies, 4 for 111

yards, 27.8 average, Palco 3 for 99 yards, 33.0 average

**Individually:**  
Rushing — Hays, 16 carries, 62 yds., 3.9 average; Dusty Eagleburger, 21/118/.5.6; Jeffries, 10/17/1.7; J. Gallentine, 1/0/0; Drew Eagleburger, 4/11/2.8  
Passing — Dusty Eagleburger, 21 passes, 9 completions, 120 yards, 2 TDs  
Receiving  
Woodside, 1 for 4 yds., 1 TD; Hays, 4/47/1; Callaway, 2/43/0; Drew Eagleburger, 2/26/1  
Pass interceptions — Hays 1, 0 yds  
Punting — Dusty Eagleburger, 4 for 111 yds, 27.8 average  
Punt returns — Hays, 1,0  
Kickoffs — McMillin, 7 for 218 yds., 31.1 average  
Kickoff returns — J. Gallentine, 1 for 11 yds., 11.00 average; Hays, 2/33/16.5; Jeffries, 4/159/39.8, 2 TDs.; Callaway, 1/3/3.0  
Tackles — Dusty Eagleburger, 1, 0 assists, 1 total; McMillin, 3/3/6; Jeffries, 5/3/8; Callaway, 7/8/15; J. Gallentine, 3/5/8; Hays, 9/1/10; Drew Eagleburger, 5/2/7; Graham, 8/7/15; Woodside, 6/6/12; Gehrke, 7/4/11  
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Northern Valley's Dusty Eagleburger (16) was shouting a play call to Ethan Hays (40) in this action shot during the Huskies' 2008 season opener against Palco at Almena Friday night. The Huskies lost, but not by much, signaling what could be the beginning of a good season.

— Photo for the Telegram by Christina Anderson, yearbook student

## Cross country ladies place first

By DICK BOYD

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Coach Tom Hehn's Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams opened the 2008 season with outstanding performances in the Norton Invitational on Thursday at the Prairie Dog Recreation Association golf course south of Norton.

Placing four girls in the top six, the Lady Blue Jays easily repeated as champions. The Norton boys, missing one of their top runners due to injury, finished third, just five points out of first.

The Lady Blue Jays had 18 points to easily outdistance second place Hoxie with 47 and third place Oberlin with 64.

Trego won the boys division with 42, followed by Oberlin, 46; Norton, 47; Phillipsburg, 92.

"We had a perfect day for the Norton Invitational," said coach Hehn.

"I was very pleased with our performance. Our freshmen Bryan Henry and Abby Bainter ran like veterans and Laura Lee Baird and Zach Bainter dominated their races.

"Our girls look like they'll be better than they were last season. Our boys ran much better than I had expected.

"Chris Maddy was sick all week but still ran well enough to place eighth. Freshman Zach Hartwell has been our fourth or fifth best runner in practice and he was out with a bad ankle."

### GIRLS

Norton senior Laura Lee Baird won the gold medal in the girls 2.5 mile run with a time of 16:35.

Haley Wolf, Ellis, was second in 16:55 and Kayla Field, Northern Valley, won the bronze medal with a time of 17:30.

Lady Blue Jay senior KaraJo Jones placed fourth in 17:47 and Norton freshman Abby Bainter was fifth in 18:15. She was followed by Norton senior Taylor Rossi in sixth with an 18:36 clocking.

Lady Jay sophomore Kaylen Rossi placed 14th with a 19:37 time to complete the five-girl team.

Other Norton varsity girls running and their times and finishes were: sophomore Dustyna Sprigg, 20:45, 16th and junior Amanda Ray, 22:39, 21st.

Emilie Coca, Phillipsburg, was seventh in 18:50, followed by Stephanie Eberle, Hoxie, 18:52, eighth; Kelsey Vincent, Hill City, 19:01, ninth; Shayla Niermeier, Hoxie, 19:03, tenth; Amanda Eckols, Hill City, 19:17, 11th; Kaycee Niermeier, Hoxie, 19:22, 12th; Salena Gano, Trego, 19:29, 13th; Tamara Ketterl, Oberlin, 19:59, 15th.

Northern Valley's Kenzie Stevens won the junior varsity girls race in 19:35, followed by Morgan Cade, Hill City, 21:18; Sara Schurz, Phillipsburg, 22:01; Maggie Spires, Stockton, 22:02; Aftan Winters, Stockton, 22:11; Maggie Zody, Ellis, 23:22; Desirae Mel-

goze, Wheatland, 24:01; Jacy Buchholz, Trego, 26:33; Rebekah Niblock, Stockton, 32:16.

### BOYS

Norton senior Zach Bainter was the gold medal winner in the boys 3.1 mile race with a time of 17:34.

Blue Jay junior Chris Maddy placed eighth in 19:38, Norton sophomore Troy Bainter was 14th in 20:18, freshman Bryan Henry was 17th in 20:28 and sophomore Zach Porter was 31st in 22:30.

Other Norton boy runners and their time and place were: senior Josh Gallentine, 36th, 23:28 and junior Adam Myers, 38th, 23:55. Andrew Richards, Oberlin, won the silver medal with a time of 18:41 and winner of the bronze medal with a clocking of 18:47 was Brady Johnson, Ellis.

Fourth place finisher was Luke Friess, Hoxie, in 18:53, followed by Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 19:05, fifth; Dalton Jones, Oberlin, 19:21, sixth; Chris Ceman, Phillipsburg, 19:28, seventh; Mason Gillespie, Wheatland, 19:44, ninth; Skyler McGann, Trego, 19:52, tenth; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 19:54, 11th; Tyler Shields, Oberlin, 20:00; Lewen Ninemire, Hill City, 20:11, 13th; Tyler We-

ber, Wheatland, 20:20, 15th.

Cole Matheyer, Trego, won the junior varsity boys race in 21:30, followed by Kyle Weber, Ellis, 21:40; Cole May, Oberlin, 22:48; Josh Crain, Phillipsburg, 22:49; William Poland, Ellis, 22:50; Eli Sherwood, Trego, 22:51; Chandler Nyp, Stockton, 22:54; Patrick Weber, Hoxie, 23:16; Tim Larson, Oberlin, 23:40; Ray Zodrow, Oberlin, 23:59.

Norton junior varsity boys runners and their placing were: sophomore Cole Archer, 24:19, 13th; junior Matt Miller, 25:19, 16th; junior Grant McClymont, 25:25, 17th; junior Casey Robinson, 26:26, 23rd.

### Next action

Norton will compete Saturday in the prestigious Wamego Cross Country Invitational at the Wamego Country Club.

The course layout will be the same as will be run in October for the state meet.

The Class 1-2-3A girls race will begin at 11 a.m. and the Class 1-2-3A boys race will start at 11:30 a.m.

The girls will run four kilometers and the boys will run five kilometers at Wamego."

## Tennis team places 4th at Colby

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team placed fourth in the Colby Varsity Invitational on Saturday.

"I was pleased that all of our girls received medals," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker.

Colby won the team championship, followed by Osborne, second; Liberal, third; Norton, fourth; Plainville, fifth.

Emily Juenemann played No. 1 singles for the Lady Blue Jays and placed fifth. She lost to Jessica Collins, Plainville, 7-4; to Barbara Bickner, Colby, 7-0; to Susan Nguyen, Liberal, 7-0 and to Jen Wolters, Osborne, 7-0.

Playing No. 1 doubles for Norton

were Stephanie Shepard and Allie Corbin and they placed fifth.

They lost to Kendra Husmann and Katelyn Thyfault, Plainville, 7-0; lost to Colby's Lindsey Wilson and Caitlyn Wark, 7-0; defeated Caitlyn Workman and Valerie Rito of Liberal and lost to Jessica Gregory and Terah Stroup, Osborne.

The Lady Jays' Hannah Fulton played No. 2 singles and placed fifth. She defeated Kaci Axelson, Plainville, 7-2; lost 7-1 to Kayla Hockersmith, Colby; lost 7-2 to Alyssa Canfield, Liberal and lost 7-2 to Aubrey Apist, Osborne.

Playing No. 2 doubles for Norton were Meaghan Peterson and Kelsey Nuzum and they placed third.

They defeated Sara Crawford

and Dani Winters, Plainville, 7-3; lost 7-4 to Kim Gerstner and Lauren Shoaff, Colby; lost a 7-6 tiebreaker to Liberal's Jarity Marsh and Allison Bagwell and defeated Osborne's Ashley Oliver and Jamie Cockerham 7-2.

### Next action

The Norton junior varsity will compete in the Trego JV Round Robin at 1 p.m. Thursday in Wakeeney.

On Saturday, the junior varsity will host the Norton JV Quadrangular beginning at 10 a.m. in the Swimming Pool Park.

The Norton varsity's next action will be Tuesday when they play in the Goodland Varsity Tournament, and Phillipsburg Quad, both beginning at 3 p.m.

## Eighth grade football punishes Phillipsburg 36-12

The Norton Junior High 8th grade football boys rolled over Phillipsburg 36-12, prompting this comment from coach George Rossi: "This was a great year to start the year. We knew Phillipsburg would be tough and the boys really came out ready to play."

He added, "The intensity was great the entire game and on offense the line did a very good job of blocking and opening big holes for the backs.

"Defensively, we did a great job of hitting hard and making

big tackles.

"There are many things we need to work on, but I like where we are at this early in the season. We have no easy games this year and Ellis this week has an explosive offense that we need to be ready for."

### By quarters:

Norton 8 - 0 - 6 - 22 = 36

P'burg 0 - 6 - 0 - 6 = 12

### Scoring

1st quarter — Jacob Brooks 23-yd run, PAT Brooks run; 3rd quarter — Brooks 1-yd run, PAT failed; 4th quarter — Austin Hag-

er, 3-yd run, PAT failed; Brooks

30-yd interception return; Hager 51-yd run, PAT Dalton Miller run. Rushing — Brooks, 23 carries, 118 yards, 2 TD; Hager, 6/68/2; Miller, 6/68/0. Passing — Miller, 2 completions, 4 attempts, 19 yds. Receiving — John Risewick, 1 catch, 9 yds., John Renner, 1/10. Tackles — Treven Rossi 3 solo, 4 assists; Brooks 3/6/1 interception; Hager 2/4; Eli Bozarth 2/3; Ryan Bainter 2/1; Risewick 1/6; Carson McKenna 1/1/1; John Renner 0/5; Andrew Ellis 0/1; Miller 2/1



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