

Huskies lose thriller in overtime to Stockton

Northern Valley jumped into early 14-8 lead

It was a thriller from start to finish. But when it was all over, the Northern Valley football Huskies suffered a 30-22 overtime loss to Stockton Friday night.

The Huskies enjoyed a 14-8 lead after one quarter of action, and went into the locker-room at half-time still on top, 22-16.

The visiting Tigers posted 6 points in the third quarter, knotting the game at 22. Neither team got on the scoreboard in the fourth, and in the overtime, the Tigers scored 8 to claim the 30-22 victory.

Here are the statistics:

Rushing
Huskies 42/243 yds; Tigers 50,227

Passing
Huskies 4 of 17 for 70 yards (interceptions); Tigers 7 of 14 for 63 yards

First downs
Huskies 13; Tigers 9

Penalties

Huskies 5 for 30 yds.; Tigers 4 for 40 yds

Fumbles
Huskies 1, lost 1; Tigers, 0

Punts
Huskies 3 for 67, yds, 22.3 avg; Tigers 4 for 135, 33.8 avg.

By quarters, individually
1st — Huskies, C. Callaway 52-yd pass from Dusty Eagleburger, Eagleburger, PAT run; Hays, 9-yd run, PAT failed; Stockton, G. Duncan 39-yd run, Duncan PAT run.

2nd — Huskies, Dusty Eagleburger, 3-yd run, Callaway pass from Eagleburger PAT; Stockton, Ty Winters 2 yd run, PAT Thornburg run.

3rd — Stockton, Wilson 29-yd run, PAT failed.

4th — Scoreless

Overtime — Duncan 1 yd run, Thornburg PAT run.

Total carries/yards/average
Hays, 13-14-1.1; Jeffries, 5-13-2.6; Dusty Eagleburger, 18-191-

10.6; J. Gallentine, 2-17-8.5; Drew Eagleburger, 4-8-2.0

Passing (attempts/completed/yds/td)
Dusty Eagleburger, 14-4-70-1 (2 interceptions)

Passes caught, yards, td:
C. Callaway, 2-55-1; Jeffries, 1-8-0; Drew Eagleburger, 1-7-0

Punts
Dusty Eagleburger, 3 for 67 yards, 22.3 average

Punt returns
Hays 3 for 52 yds

Kick off returns
McMillin, 3 for 101 yds, 38.7 avg.

Tackles, assists, total
Dusty Eagleburger, 1-0-1; McMillin, 2-4-6; Jeffries, 8-3-11; Callaway, 14-9-23; J. Gallentine, 1-2-3; E. Hays, 9-3-12; Drew Eagleburger, 10-2-12; Graham, 9-7-16; Woodside, 4-3-7; Hogan, 1-3-4; Vincent, 1-1-2; Gehrke, 4-3-7.



Nathaniel Graham (#54) Northern Valley senior, had a stare down with a member of the Stockton Tigers as they awaited the snap of the ball.
— Photo by Chris Pinzenscham, Northern Valley journalism class

Northern Valley volleyball nearly pulls big upset

The Lady Huskies volleyball team stepped out of the frying pan into the fire last Tuesday against two quality 3A teams and did themselves proud and if not for about 3 millimeters would have pulled off a huge upset.

The Ladies took on Norton, which went to the 3A state tournament last season, and played up to their level and won the first game 25-23. The Huskies then fell into a daze and forgot how to serve as, missing 7 serves in game two — 7. Seven free points given to the

Bluejays. "You cannot do that with a high quality team and survive. Well, we didn't as Norton won 15-25 to set up the deciding game," said coach Chuck Zimmerman.

He continues:
"Oh, and what a game. We started off well and built a small lead with both teams playing the game the way it is to be played in today's world — 'give as good as you get' and both teams did. Both teams played defense and attacked the ball with the Huskies having a slight lead of 24-23 when our

spike landed just 3 millimeters (the lead official stated) out giving Norton the ball and they scored the next two points to win 24-26.

"I was pleased that our girls gave all they had and had a chance to defeat a state caliber volleyball team. We now know we can play with some of the best teams in the state and will hopefully take that confidence into the remaining portion of our schedule."

The coach said that "playing Phillipsburg after an emotional loss taught us another lesson that

we must learn. Forget what happened and take care of the present business at hand.

"Phillipsburg, showing why they should have gone to state last year, gave us a lesson in confidence. They displayed a great amount of confidence in their

game from serving to passing to hitting.

"Every skill they attempted they did with the confidence that they would be successful. That is what we need to develop and confidence in ourselves is something we talk about many times in practice. The

only thing holding us back from being very good is ourselves and the confidence in ourselves to be good."

Phillipsburg won in two 11-25, 15-25 "but we never quit, they just played better on this night," coach Zimmerman said.

On home courts...

Good outing for jayvee tennis

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team hosted the Norton Quadrangular on Saturday on the courts in the Swimming Pool Park and won first place in No. 1 and No. 2 singles and doubles.

Also competing were teams from Phillipsburg and Colby.

"Nan and I were so proud of all our girls today," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker.

"This is the only tournament that will be held in Norton this season. It was a beautiful day and we had a lot of support from the community. It was awesome for our girls to see so many fans in the bleachers!"

Katie Scott won No. 1 singles. She defeated Paige Roopchan, Colby, 6-3 and outscored Sidney Coomes, Phillipsburg, 6-3.

"Katie is such a delight to watch!" said coach Wicker. "She has a great attitude and has gained a lot of confidence this season!"

Rachael Shepard and Niquel McVey won No. 1 doubles by defeating Samantha Reed and Hanna Giebler, Colby, 6-0 and winning a 7-4 tiebreaker over Shelby Christensen and Sage Ratliff, Phillipsburg.

"Rachael and Nikki play really well together," said coach Wicker. "They communicated well and cheered each other on. Both have positive attitudes!"

Ashley Millan won the gold medal in No. 2 singles by defeating Darya Hrechko, Colby, 6-2; beating Norton's Diedra Kramer, 6-0 and outscoring Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg, 6-2.

"Ashley played awesome today," said coach Wicker. "She started the season not wanting to play singles but Nan and I convinced her that she had the potential to play it. She's definitely developed the confidence needed to be a winner!"

Diedra Kramer was an extra No. 2 singles player competing for Norton. She lost a 7-4 tiebreaker to Laurie Beard, Phillipsburg. After losing to Millan in the second round, she won a tiebreaker over Darya Hrechko, Colby.

"We added Diedra into No. 2 singles so she could play today," said coach Wicker.

"This is her first year out for tennis and she started the season two weeks late but she played really

well today!"

Winning first place in No. 2 doubles was the Norton team of Morgan Baumann and Kaitlyn Ross. They shutout Brittany Umberger and Andrea Dizmang, Colby, 6-0 and defeated Cassie Gillihan and Tiffani Eller, Phillipsburg, 6-2.

"Morgan and Kaitlyn were outstanding together today," said coach Wicker.

"They both had some awesome shots and communicated

well and their efforts resulted in victories!"

Next action
The Norton varsity will compete in the Goodland Varsity Tournament and the Phillipsburg Quadrangular at 3 p.m. today.

The Norton junior varsity will compete in the Phillipsburg JV Quad at 3 p.m. on Thursday.

The Lady Jay junior varsity will also compete in the Goodland JV Tournament at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

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