

Huskies play first football game of season

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On Sept 3, despite a 46-34 loss, the Northern Valley Huskies opened their 2010 football season with a competitive game against Weskan in Almena.

“It was a very close game,” said Head Coach Chuck Fessenden. Calen Bach had a 12 yard run for the first touchdown and Dusty Eagleburger ran it in for two more to end the first quarter with the Huskies leading 8-0.

The second quarter started with a Weskan 12 yard touchdown, then a successful run for two more to tie the score 8-all. This tied the score up. Austin Herman then had a one yard run for a touchdown and Eagleburger then ran it in for two more, bringing the Husky lead to 16-8. Weskan turned around and had a one yard touchdown followed with a two point pass to even the score. The Huskies weren’t slowing down and Herman passed to Eagleburger for another touchdown but the run for the extra two points failed. This ended the first half with a score of 22-16 in favor of the Huskies.

In the second half Weskan evened the score with one touchdown followed by a failed run attempt. Weskan continued to gain momentum when they ran in an 18 yard touchdown with a failed extra point run. This put the score at 28-22 in favor of Weskan. They continued with a seven yard pass completion and a failed run to bring the score to 34-22. The Huskies held them when Bach ran in a 26 yard interception return for another touchdown yet the extra point was unsuccessful. This ended the third quarter with a score of 34-28.

In the fourth quarter Weskan once again scored on a huge 74 yard run and a failed extra point carry which took the score to 40-28. The Huskies fought back with another touchdown by Eagleburger who ran it in for six more but the extra point attempt failed. The final score of the game oc-

curred when Weskan scored on a 25 yard run and then their pass failed for the extra points, making the final score 46-34.

Coach Fessenden said, “The second half and our fumble on the next possession really hurt us. Weskan threw a lot of different formations at us but our players did a good job of adjusting to them.”

Northern Valley had 51 rushes for a total of 260 yards. Eagleburger had 18 carries for 131 yards, Herman had 20 carries for 66 yards, Bach had 13 carries for 63 yards. Weskan had 44 carries for 299 total yards.

In passing, the Husky quarterback Herman threw eight passes and completed four for a total of 73 yards. Colton Lowry caught the pigskin twice for 52 yards, Eagleburger had one reception for 15 yards and Bach one for six yards.

The Huskies had 11 first downs and Weskan had 12. The Huskies had six penalties for 53 yards while Weskan had nine for 50 yards. Northern Valley had four fumbles and lost one and Weskan had two and lost one.

The Husky punter, Lowry, punted five times for 134 yards with an average of 26.8 yards per punt. Weskan had no punts in the game.

Herman was leading tackler for Northern Valley with 10 solos, 9 assists with a total of 19, followed by Lowry with 11 solos, 6 assists, 17 total. Matt Dole with 10 solos, 3 assists, 13 total; Bach 7 solos, 6 assists, 13 total. Bryant Tharman, 5 solos, 7 assists, 12 total; Eagleburger, 5 solos, 6 assists, 11 total; Ian Vincent, 8 solos, 3 assists, 11 total; Dillon Hogan, 2 solos, 5 assists, 7 total; Steven Brown, 1 solo, 3 assists, 4 total; Hunter Chandler and Philip Compton, 1 solo each.

“We had a few break downs on defense but we can get them corrected. We played hard but just came up a little short,” Coach Fessenden stated.

Junior varsity tennis places fourth at Russell

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team tied for fourth place in the seven-team Russell Invitational JV Tournament on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Ellinwood won the championship with 24 points, followed by Beloit, 16; Sterling, 14; Norton, 8; Hays, 8; Russell, 8; Trego Community, 6.

No.1 singles
Sierra Black played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays and was the runner-up. She defeated Ashley Moore, Hays, 6-1; outscored Ryce Stuckey, Sterling, 6-1 and lost the championship match to Rachel Morales, Ellinwood, 5-1.

“She met a talented Ellinwood player in the finals,” said Norton assistant coach Crystal Montgomery. “Sierra has become a very consistent player who runs the court well. Her opponents have trouble against her because she can get to a lot of balls that come over the net.”

No.1 doubles
Rickele Green and Hannah Pollock played No.1 doubles for Norton. They lost to Megan Schroeder and Julie Settle, Sterling, 6-3 and lost to Angelica Hernandez and Rachel Moravek, Hays, 6-3.

“This was Rickele and Hannah’s first time at No.1 doubles,” said coach Montgomery. “They played against two tough doubles teams. I was very impressed with some of the shots they got back

and hit. They focused on getting the ball back over and didn’t try to overpower their shots.”

No.2 singles
Katie Koch was Norton’s No.2 singles player. She defeated Brenda Soto, Hays, 6-1, in her first match but lost to eventual champion Oma Thomas, Ellinwood, 6-0 in the semi-finals. In the consolation bracket, Katie lost to Taylor Degarmo, Beloit, 6-1.

“Katie played well but was outplayed by Degarmo,” said coach Montgomery. “Katie has some great volleys, so we need to practice coming up to the net more to take advantage of her net play. At the junior varsity level, opponents are caught off guard when someone comes to the net. The more we can volley and make the points, the more we will win.”

No.2 doubles
Desiray Skrdlant and Jessica White placed fourth in No.2 doubles. They drew a first round bye, then lost to Madeline Trout and Katie Wasinger, Hays, 6-2. In the consolation bracket, they outscored Kimberly Day and Sonya Stanton, Trego, 6-5. They played Hannah Sander and Tristen Hayes, Russell B, for the consolation championship and lost a close 6-3 match.

“The Trego match was a very close match but Desiray and Jessica stayed strong,” said coach Montgomery. “I’m proud of them for sticking with it. This win allowed them to play for third.”

Annual punt pass and kick competition at Eisenhower

By JOAN BOLT
The Eisenhower Elementary School held the Annual Punt Pass and Kick competition during their physical education classes this fall. One hundred sixteen students participated in the competition. The cumulative total of one punt, one pass, and one kick determined the participants, scores.

These youngsters earned the top 3 places in their respective age groups.

Girls 8/9 year olds :
First went to Madison Stephens with 99’, second to Chloe Nielsen and third to Carlie Voss

Girls 10/11 year olds:
First went to Caitlyn Cox with 177’4”, second was Baylee Miller and Jessica Ambrosier placed third.

Girls 12/13 year olds:
First place was Miah Melvin with 164’11”, second Kendra Cadwalader and third, Taylor Wahlmeier

Boys 8/9 year olds:
Connor Haresnape got first with 170’9” then Nick Davis got second and Judson Wiltfong took third.

Boys 10/11 year olds:
Landon Porter took first with

233’1”. Hayden Wiltfong took second and Trenton Wright got third.

Boys 12/13 year olds:
First place was Jacob Green with 291’8”. Tyus Henson got second and Collin Robinson-Long got third.

The First Place Winner in each age group will have the opportunity to go on to Scott City for the Sectional Competition held in October. The top 5 scores of the combined sectionals will get an opportunity to advance to the Team Championship held during a Kansas City Chiefs Football Game. The NFL Pepsi Punt, Pass, and Kick football competition allows youngsters to showcase their talents in punting, passing, and place kicking with scores based on distance and accuracy.

“The Punt, Pass and Kick Competition is a great experience for the students. Along with getting an opportunity to compete for a ribbon by showcasing their individual skills, students learn how to run such a competition, how to subtract for accuracy and learn the importance of being organized and efficient when running an event.” said Bolt.



Sophomore Juliana Miller and senior Bekah Streck timed their jump perfectly to reject a ball hit by a Goodland player during the Lady Jays’ volleyball match with the Cowgirls in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium on Thursday in Norton. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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