

# Junior Huskies win at Quinter

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The Northern Valley Junior High football team took on Quinter last Thursday and won 66-28.

The Junior Huskies dominated the first quarter of play when Eli Lowry made the first touchdown with a 24 yard run. It was followed up with Austin Tien catching a pass from Josh VanLaeys for the two extra points. This started the game with Northern Valley in the lead 8-0. Tien then made the second touchdown for the Huskies when he caught a 24 yard pass from Van Laeys and then Carson Wallace ran it in for two more to bring the score to 16-0. The third Husky touchdown of the game was by Jesse Courtain who latched onto a 20 yard pass from VanLaeys and ran it into the endzone. Wallace then caught a pass from Van Laeys for the extra points, ending the first quarter 24-0.

The Huskies did not slow down in the second quarter. Courtain caught another of VanLaeys passes for his second touchdown which was followed up with two points when Ryan Thraikill ran it in. This brought the score to 32-0. VanLaeys then turned around and intercepted the ball and ran for a 45 yard touchdown which brought

the tally to 38-0. Quinter then had their first score of the night when Lane Keith had a four yard run followed by the two extra points earned by a pass from Waggoner to Wentte. The score at the end of the first half stood at 38-8.

The Huskies were the only team to score in the third quarter. Tien made a five yard interception return followed by a run by Wallace for the extra points. This ended the quarter with the Huskies leading 46-8.

The playing field evened out in the final quarter of play. It started with Jonah Ruckman of Quinter getting a four yard touchdown run, putting the score at 46-14. Northern Valley hit back with Thraikill running a 64 yard kick return for six more to bring the tally to 52-14. Then, Devin Spargo of Northern Valley had a 57 yard touchdown run followed by Damian Wellman landing a pass from Cody Land for the extra points, bringing it to 60-14. Quinter's Keith then had a 42 yard touchdown run and that was followed by a passing run for the extra two points for Quinter leaving the score at 60-22. Quinter then had a seven yard touchdown run to bring the score to 60-28. The final touchdown of the game was made by the Huskies. Ryan Thraikill made a 66 yard kick

return to end the game with a huge win of 66-28 for the Huskies.

The Huskies' Head Coach Jim Cole stated, "The Northern Valley/Logan Junior High football team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 66-28 win over Quinter. Our offense was very effective both running and passing the ball. Our offensive line did a great job of blocking and our backs ran hard. We also did a great job of throwing and catching the ball. Our defense was much better this week, especially our pass defense as we had four interceptions in the game, returning two for touchdowns. The Huskies will play in Long Island against Damar next week."

Northern Valley had a total of 228 yards rushing, Eli Lowry had three carries and 40 yards rushing which included one touchdown. Devin Spargo carried the ball one time for a 57 yard touchdown followed by John Towery with two carries for two yards and Cody Land with one carry for four yards.

The Huskies had 63 yards passing. VanLaeys passed the ball five times, hitting his mark every time for 60 total yards passing which led to three touchdowns and two two point conversions. Land was one for one and three yards passing and had one two

point conversion. Shearer had one incomplete pass.

Jesse Courtain caught the ball twice for 30 yards and two touchdowns. Austin Tien had two catches for 27 yards and one touchdown as well as one two point conversion followed by Wallace with one catch for three yards and one two point conversion. Damian Wellman also caught the pigskin one time for three yards and a two point conversion.

There were several tackles in this game. VanLaeys had five and one assist followed by Wallace with four and one, Thraikill, Towery and Kats with four tackles each and Shearer with three tackles and two assists. Courtain made three tackles and one assist, Matt Florence had three and three, Land had three and one, and Tien and Adam Woomer with two tackles each. Spargo and Chase Archer each had a tackle and an assist followed by Dalton Smith with three assists, Colten Bach with one assist and Camden Cox with one assist.

Regan Kats blocked one punt. VanLaeys recovered one fumble and Wallace, VanLaeys, Tien and Shearer all had interceptions.

The Huskies' next game will be at Long Island against Damar at 6 p.m. this Thursday.

# Norton Junior Jay football team played the Phillipsburg Panthers

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The Norton Junior High School football team faced off with Phillipsburg on September 1 and lost 36-24.

The game had a slow start for the Junior Jays. In the first quarter, the Phillipsburg team was the only team to score. They had two touchdowns and both attempts for the extra points were good, ending the quarter 16-0.

In the second quarter, the Junior Jays were unable to score again and Phillipsburg put six more on the board ending the first half 22-0.

The third quarter was much the same with Norton scoreless and Phillipsburg making a touchdown and the two extra points putting the score at 30-0.

The final quarter of the game is when the Norton team started scoring and they gave the Panthers a run for their money scoring a total of 24 points. Gavin Lively had an 11 yard touchdown run followed by a pass from Quinton Porter to Skylar Johnson for the extra two. Porter then ran a 13 yard touchdown followed by a two point run by Lively. The third Junior Jay touchdown was a 31 yard run made by Lively and the extra point run attempt by Porter was good. But that wasn't enough to take the win as Phillipsburg added one more touchdown to their tally ending the game 36-24.

Head Coach Shane Miller said, "This was a tale of two halves. Phillipsburg jumped out to a quick 16-0 lead and domi-

nated the first half of the game. By halftime the lead was 22-0. We regrouped and held them to only eight points in the second half and played with a lot more emotion and desire. We had a tremendous finish to the ball game and scored 24 points in the fourth quarter. We actually had our chances at the end of the game to win. I was pleased the kids put themselves in a situation to have an opportunity to win.

"I was very proud of how we responded and to score 24 points in the fourth quarter says a lot about the character of this team.

"I am hoping that we can take the way we played in the second half and build upon it for the rest of the season. You can learn a lot from a loss and I think we can take away many positives from the game."

The Junior Jays', Gavin Lively had 23 carries for 88 yards rushing followed by Jacob Green with five carries and 35 yards, Riley Hager with four carries for 10 yards and Quinton Porter with five carries for three yards rushing.

Porter made eight passing attempts completing four for 14 yards. Alec Otter caught two for ten yards and Skylar Johnson also had two for four yards.

Gavin Lively led in tackles with 11 followed by Kyle Bell with 10, Jacob Green with six, Riley Hager with three and Alec Otter with two. Quinton Porter, Michael Kasson, Nick Peterson, Cameron Heikes and Weston Erbert each made one tackle for the game.

# Huskies have first loss of the season

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The Northern Valley Husky football team played Weskan to open the season. The team held strong but ended up with a 24-20 loss at the final whistle.

There were no points scored in the first quarter of the game by either team.

In the second quarter the Huskies were the first to score when Hunter Chandler made a one yard touchdown run. The run for the extra point failed. With ten seconds left on the clock in the first half Weskan quarterback, Sam McKinney made a 13 yard pass to Derek Frasier for a touchdown and then S. McKinney completed another pass to Jared McKinney for the extra two points ending the first half in the lead, 8-6.

Into the third quarter, Weskan scored again with a 39 yard pass from S. McKinney to Brandon Escamilla. They gained two more points when quarterback McKinney passed the ball to Hayden Walker. Before the quarter was up the Huskies scored again. This time Jordan Baird ran 52 yards for the touchdown. The attempt for the extra points failed ending the quarter with Weskan leading, 16-12.

Hunter Chandler had his second touchdown of the game in the fourth quarter when he had a two yard run. Jordan Baird followed up with a run for two more points to bring the score to 20-16. With five minutes and 36 seconds left on the clock Weskan's quarterback McKinney made a 33 yard touchdown run to win the game 24-20.

The Huskies had a total of 285 yards rushing. Jordan Baird had 24 carries for 147 yards, Tyson Callaway had 11 carries for 39 yards and Hunter Chandler had 22 carries for 99 yards. Weskan had 30 carries for 89 yards.

Chandler passed the ball six times, completing four for 23 yards and two touchdowns. J. Baird caught three of the passes for 20 yards and Callaway caught one for three yards. Weskan passed the ball 12 times completing nine for 119 yards and two touchdowns.

Callaway punted the ball three times for 112 yards, averaging 37.3 yards per kick. J. Baird had one punt return for 26 yards.

Northern Valley had 41 tackles and 24 assists. Chandler made 19 tackles with 4 assists followed by Dillion Hogan with

seven tackles and five assists, Calen Bach with ten tackles and one assist, Ian Vincent with six tackles and five assists and Tyler Montgomery with four tackles and three assists. Nate Land made two with two assists, Callaway and Baird both had one tackle and two assists and Daniel Field had one tackle.

Head Coach Chuck Fessenden said, "It was a hard fought and fairly well played football game. We were able to move the ball but penalties hampered our progress. Weskan came up with a couple of big pass plays when we should have had the quarterback sacked. Our kids never gave up and we had a chance to score at the end of the game but were unable to get into the end zone."

*Go Norton Blue Jays!*



*Go Northern Valley Huskies!*

# Norton's cross country teams are champion, runner-up at Wamego

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Following team championships in their own invitational meet to open the season, the Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams traveled to Wamego on Saturday and returned with a girls championship and boys runner-up which was an exact repeat of 2010!

## GIRLS

"Our girls ran with great intensity and desire today in defending their title from last year," said Norton head cross country coach George Rossi.

"Our team average was 28 seconds faster than last year at this meet. Katelyn Engelbert and Darcy Bainter were in the top ten the entire race. Julia Kent and Kamilla Jones did a great job in the final few hundred yards and Marisa Maddy was able to pass five or six girls in the chute to seal the victory.

"We really did not know how we would do after our race last week in which we were not really happy with our performance. Our girls answered many of those questions today.

"These girls run with great determination and do what they need to do as a team to get the job done.

"Sierra Griffith ran in the junior varsity race and did an unbelievable job coming in second out of 114 runners. Sierra's time would have placed her 16th in the varsity race. Sierra really stepped up today!"

The Norton girls won the championship with 61 points, followed by Overland Park Christ Prep, 64; Riley County, 77; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 96; Lawrence Bishop

Seabury, 132; Sabetha, 134; Kaw Valley, 151; Allen-Northern Heights, 194; Olpe, 212; Doniphan West, 262; Eskridge-Mission Valley, 280.

Lady Jay sophomore Katelyn Engelbert placed highest for Norton, finishing in sixth place with a time of 16:59. She was followed by sophomore Darcy Bainter, ninth, 17:20; junior Julia Kent, 13th, 17:44; junior Kamilla Jones, 23rd, 18:19 and sophomore Marisa Maddy, 27th, 18:31 to round out the top five placers for the team.

Also running for the Norton girls and their times and places were: freshman Jesika Smith, 54th, 20:04; junior Steph Hager, 63rd, 21:16.

As noted by coach Rossi, freshman Sierra Griffith ran the junior varsity race and placed second with a time of 17:55.

The top ten runners in the girls race were: Heather Ruder, TMP, 15:48.87, first; Caley Shaffstall, Overland Park Christ Prep, 16:00.20, second; Emily Sechrist, Hillsboro, 16:23.29, third; Jennifer Flack, Manhattan Flint Hills, 16:28.19, fourth; Allison Pfeifer, TMP, 16:34.97, fifth; Katelyn Engelbert, Norton, 16:59.97, sixth; Kate Albrecht, Lawrence Bishop Seabury, 17:04.63, seventh; Stacy Pachta, Riley County, 17:19.21, eighth; Darcy Bainter, Norton, 17:20.29, ninth and Kelsey Dallimore, Overland Park Christ Prep, 17:31.04, tenth.

## BOYS

"Our boys ran a very gritty race today," said coach Rossi. "Most of our boys improved their times from last year on the tough Wamego course.

"Marc Miller and Alec Hager greatly improved their place from last year's race and both

ran great the entire race. Ryan Bainter had a great day, setting a personal record on the hills of Wamego.

"Our 1-5 split on the boys also improved and was around one minute, thirty seconds and that is great improvement.

"As with the girls, our boys continue to run better each race.

"We have many tough races coming up but Wamego always points out where we need to improve."

The Overland Park Christian Prep team won the boys championship with 31 points, followed by Norton, 89; Pike Valley, 99; Wellsville, 149; Silver Lake, 165; Sabetha, 171; Hillsboro, 171; Thomas More Prep-Hays, 209; Alma-Wabaunsee, 215; Kaw Valley, 231; Lawrence Bishop Seabury, 250; Riley County, 268; Marysville, 322; Council Grove, 429.

Senior Zach Hartwell led the way for the Norton boys, placing eighth in 18:44.

He was followed by sophomore Marc Miller, 12th, 18:53; sophomore Alec Hager, 14th, 18:59; senior Bryan Henry, 28th, 19:46 and junior John Renner, 39th, 20:20 to round out the five man team.

Also running for Norton and their places and times were: freshman Dalton Vanover, 53rd, 20:56 and junior Ryan Bainter, 62nd, personal best 21:23.

The top ten individual runners were: Kenneth Froebe, Overland Park Christ Prep, 17:42.68, first; Caden Callaway, Scandia-Pike Valley, 18:05:34, second; Trenton Smith, Silver Lake, 18:30.41, third; Trey Tallant, Pretty Prairie, 18:34.30, fourth; Samuel Schmidt, Overland Park Christ Prep, 18:36.11; fifth; Trae Lane, Burrton, 18:43.13,

sixth; Simeon Brewster, Overland Park Christ Prep, 18:44.24, seventh; Zach Hartwell, Norton, 18:44.91, eighth; Joshua Gillett, Overland Park Christ Prep, 18:46.98, ninth; Cole Meyer, Wellsville, 18:50.64, tenth.

The top 40 runners in the girls and boys categories received medals.

## Next action

The Norton girls and boys cross country runners will have another good test when they compete in the Hays Invitational on Thursday in Hays with starting time set for 3:45 p.m.

Competing in addition to Norton and Hays High will be teams from Thomas More Prep-

Marian of Hays, Colby, Dodge City, Garden City, Great Bend, Junction City, Liberal, Ness City, Oakley, Plainville, Salina Central, Salina South, Stockton.

The junior varsity girls race will begin at 3:45 p.m. and will be followed by the junior varsity boys, varsity girls and varsity boys races.

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