

Norton Junior Varsity ends season with victory

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team completed their 2011 season with an impressive 28-14 win over Plainville on Monday evening in Plainville.

The junior varsity Blue Jays finished the season 4-3.

Norton's Austin Hager kicked off and put the Cardinals deep in their territory. The Norton defense was equal to the occasion, forcing a punt.

The Blue Jay offense earned two first downs before fumbling the ball. The Norton defense showed toughness again, however, and forced Plainville to punt. After a 40 plus yard run by Hager, quarterback Dalton Miller found receiver Andrew Ellis in the corner of the end zone and hit him for a touchdown with 3:00 left in the first quarter. Norton's two-point conversion attempt was stopped but the young Blue Jays led 6-0.

Action went back and forth

in the second quarter before Plainville scored on a quarterback sneak at 3:21. Norton's defensive unit stopped a run for two-points short of the goalline, leaving the score tied at 6-6.

Norton scored again before intermission on a pass from Miller to Ellis with just :25 remaining.

Again, Norton's two-point conversion try was unsuccessful, leaving the score at 12-6 in favor of the visitors.

Plainville tried to answer with

a score of their own but cornerback Drew Schrum spoiled the Cardinals' plans with a pass interception with just two seconds left.

The teams fought back and forth through much of the third quarter. A pass interception by Ellis brought the Norton offense back on the field but the Blue Jays fumbled, leaving the Cardinals in a good position to score.

Plainville did score with 1:14 left in the third period. A suc-

cessful two-point conversion pass gave Plainville their only lead of the game at 14-12. Norton's offense had no trouble driving the length of the field to score and retake the lead.

Long runs by Tanner Furbush and Hager were followed by another touchdown pass from Miller to Ellis. Miller ran for two extra points, putting the Blue Jays back on top 20-14.

Plainville got a short return of Hager's kickoff, tried passing to no avail and punted. The Jays

had no trouble driving downfield for another touchdown. Furbush punted the end zone and a two-point run by Miller extended the Norton lead to 28-14.

The game ended with a great effort from the Norton freshman defensive squad and the offensive squad alike. A long run by Jared Tallent almost scored but time expired before the Blue Jays could reach the end zone for a fifth time and Norton ended the season on a winning note by a 28-14 score.

Northern Valley varsity football defeats Wilson, 63-38

By Dana Paxton

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Last Friday the Northern Valley football team took on Wilson and won 68-38.

In the first quarter, Husky player, Jordan Baird was the first to score on a 20 yard touchdown run. The extra point attempt failed starting the game with a Husky lead of 6-0.

Wilson then scored on a five yard run followed up with a two point run bringing it to 8-6.

Tyson Callaway then made a 23 yard touchdown run for the Huskies and another failed attempt at the extra point but that brought the score to 12-8. Hunter Chandler was next to score for the Huskies on a 37 yard run and the pass for the extra points failed but ended the first quarter with Northern Valley leading 18-8.

Baird got his second touchdown at the first of the second quarter on a five yard run then Callaway followed up with a successful run for the extra

points putting the score at 26-8. Callaway then made an 11 yard run followed by a run by Baird for the extra points bringing the score to 34-8 for the Huskies.

Wilson then made their second touchdown on a 38 yard pass and the extra points were good. This put the score at 34-16. Before the first half was up, Callaway made his third touchdown of the night on a five yard run and no extra points. The score at the end of the first half stood at 40-16.

The Huskies continued dominating the game in the third quarter. Chandler started the second half of play with a ten yard touchdown run followed by Callaway running it in for the extra points for a 48-16 lead.

Wilson came back with another pass which led to their third touchdown of the night. The extra point attempt was good and brought the score to 48-24. Before the quarter was up, Baird picked up a fumble and returned it 14 yards for another Husky touchdown ending the

quarter 54-24.

The final quarter of play was half and half. Northern Valley started with a six yard touchdown run by Callaway followed by Nate Land running it in for the extra two points which brought the score to 62-24.

Land then had a five yard touchdown run and since the extra point attempt failed the score stood at 68-24. Wilson came back with two in a row. An eight yard touchdown pass and a one yard run. Both touchdowns followed up with successful attempts for the extra points. The final score of the game left Northern Valley the winners 68-38.

Head coach Chuck Fessenden said, "We had a good night running the ball. All three of our starting backs went over a hundred yards. Nate Land came in the game and ran very hard also. We were disappointed with our defense in the first half. We let some receivers behind us. This was a good game for us. Our younger kids got to see considerable playing time in the fourth quar-

ter."

The Huskies had 55 carries rushing for 438 total yards. Wilson carried the ball 40 times for 125 yards rushing. Baird carried the ball 17 times for 162 yards followed by Chandler with 13 carries and 106 yards, Callaway also with 13 carries and 104 yards, Land had seven carries for 56 yards, Matt Stutsman had three carries but no yardage gained and Brandon McDowell carried twice for three yards.

Northern Valley passed the ball four times, all incomplete and Wilson threw the ball 29 times with 14 completed passes and one interception for 146 yards.

Callaway punted the ball once for 48 yards and Wilson punted the ball three times for 81 yards.

There were four fumbled balls during the game. One by Northern Valley and no yardage lost and Wilson fumbled it three times and lost 81 yards with one being blocked.

The Huskies made 92 tackles during

the game. The leading tackle was Calen Bach with 13 and two assists followed by Ian Vincent with eight tackles and five assists, Nate Land with seven tackles and six assists and Tyson Callaway with seven tackles and five assists.

Dillon Hogan had five and three assists, Hunter Chandler had three and four assists, Jordan Baird had three tackles and one assist, and Brandon McDowell had one tackle and four assists. Matt Stutsman made three tackles, Tyler Montgomery had two tackles and one assist, Alex Steven had one tackle and two assists, Ame Baird had two tackles, Clint Cole had one tackle and one assist and Brant Cox made one assisted tackle.

The Huskies played against Natoma last night so watch for the whole story in next week's issue of the Telegram. Bi-Districts start for the Huskies next Tuesday then Regionals next Saturday, Sub-State on November 11 and hopefully State on November 19.

Northern Valley junior high volleyball wins league, tournament championships

It has been an exceptional season for the Northern Valley Junior High girls volleyball team. They started the season with defeating Thunder Ridge and didn't realize they would end up playing them three times this season. The second time the Huskies played Thunder Ridge was on Oct. 17 to knock them out of the finals at the Pike Valley/GNEC League tournament in Beloit, and the final defeat was overpowering them in Alma on the Oct. 20 to win the GNEC tournament.

Regular Season

The girls ended up with a 6-1 season in regular season. The only loss was to Hoxie on the road. Teams played during regular season were Thunder Ridge, Quinter, Damar, Hill City, Logan, Osborne, and Hoxie.

Pike Trail (PTL) and Great Northern Elementary Conference (GNEC) combined Tournament

This tournament was played on Monday, Oct. 17 in Beloit. Teams at Beloit were Damar, Lakeside, Logan, Pike Valley, Rock Hills, Southern Cloud, St. John's and Thunder Ridge.

The NVJH team was not ranked first due to an unbeaten St. John's team from Beloit. The first successful match for the Huskies was Lakeside, second match defeating Pike Valley, next defeating Thunder Ridge, and finally upsetting St. John's to win the tournament. This was a big day for the Junior Huskies since there were nine teams at this tournament. The girls came home with a first place plaque and individual gold medals.

GNEC Tournament

There are only four teams in the GNEC league: Northern Valley, Thunder Ridge, Damar, and Logan. The first match was #1 ranked Northern Valley against number four ranked Damar. The Huskies easily won that match in two sets. The second match of the day was Thunder Ridge against Logan. Thunder Ridge defeated Logan in three sets to make it to the finals against Northern Valley. In the championship match, the Junior Huskies defeated Thunder Ridge in two sets for the third time to win the GNEC League tournament. Their final record for the 2011 season was 12-1.

Coaches Comments

This is a great group of girls.

The eighth graders on the team earned the "Triple Crown" winning the GNEC tournament as sixth, seventh, and eighth graders. I am so proud of these girls. Their basic fundamentals of passing and serving are what win games in Junior High. These girls are also friends on and off the court which makes a big difference.

Head Coach: Kirsten Baird and Assistant Coach: Robbie Griffiths

Team members

8th grade: Brooke Baird, Shayna Vincent, Sarah Baird Allison Keith, Skylar Wright, Brianna Martin, Talia Lowry, Michaela Sorenson and Vanessa Garcia.

7th grade: Brittany Wright and Kylie Kinderknecht.

6th grade: Nicole Thraillkill, Makensy Schroeder, Chaylee Lowry, HalLee Linner, Mrogan Wright and Katie Johnson.

Stats

Sept. 1-Thunder Ridge
Ateam 25-8 25-10 WIN
Bteam 17-25 25-19 14-16 LOSS
Cteam 13-25 LOSS
Sept. 8-Quinter
Ateam 25-17 25-16 WIN
Bteam 25-12 25 14 WIN
Cteam 25-14 10-8 WIN
Sept. 15-Damar
Ateam 25-8 25-9 WIN
Bteam against Logan 16-25 25-23 12-15 LOSS
Cteam against Logan 23-25 11-25 LOSS
Sept. 22-Hill City
Ateam 25-18 18-25 15-5 WIN
Bteam 22-25 25-23 11-

15 LOSS
Cteam WIN
Sept. 29-Logan
Ateam 25-11 25-15 WIN
Bteam 17-25 25-7 15-9 WIN
Cteam 25-21 21-25 15-11 WIN
Sept. 29-Osborne
Ateam 25-4 25-12 WIN
Bteam 25-23 25-14 WIN
Cteam NONE
Oct. 6-Hoxie
Ateam 22-25 23-25 LOSS
Bteam 8-25 16-25 LOSS
Cteam 27-29 25-19 15-8 WIN
Oct. 13-Logan
Ateam NONE
Bteam 25-17 25-20 WIN
Cteam 25-6 25-14 WIN
Oct. 17-Pike Trail/GNEC Tournament in Beloit
Ateam

Lakeside 25-18 25-5 WIN
Pike Valley 25-7 25-10 WIN
Thunder Ridge 25-12 25-12 WIN
St. John's 25-23 25-20 WIN
Oct. 20-GNEC Tournament in Alma
Ateam
Damar 25-10 25-3 WIN
Thunder Ridge 25-13 25-20 WIN
Ateam final record: 12-1
Bteam final record: 4-4
Cteam final record 5-2
Accomplishments
GNEC League Champions
Pike Trail/GNEC Tournament Champions
GNEC League Tournament Champions

Lady Huskies end season on mixed note

By Chuck Zimmerman

The Lady Huskies finished the volleyball season on a mixed note as on Tuesday we traveled to Palco to take on the Roosters and the Knights of Victoria.

Against Palco we played reasonably well as we defended our court well enough to keep the Palco hitters' attempts off the floor while having some success of our own. Our passing allowed us to set and hit so that we were able to win in two sets 25-19, 26-24.

We then took on #3 ranked Victoria and played well forcing the Knights into errors with our serves and attacks. In the first set we were tied at 10 all then all of a sudden we stopped being consistent with each phase of our game and Victoria capitalized on our miscues to

go on to win 14-25. They also won the second 7-25.

This set up our sub state first round game against Palco. To Palco's credit the team that came on the court on this sub state day was not the same that we played against and defeated earlier in the week.

First and foremost we did not come ready to play - secondly Palco did everything right - served well enough that we struggled to return a ball for a set. We then were not consistent when we did get a set to hit. Basically, the day just snowballed and we were defeated in two, 6-25, 11-25 to end our season.

We do wish to thank all those who followed us throughout the season and those who came to support us at sub state.

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