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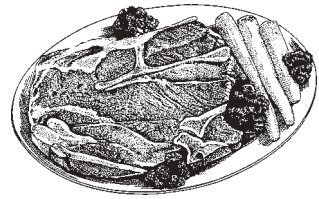
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# Junior Jays defeat Plainville, WaKeeney

The Norton Junior High School football team opened their season with a 6-0 win over Plainville on Sept. 2, and then followed it with another victory (20-0) over WaKeeney on Sept. 9.

### Norton over Plainville

The only six points of the game were made when Norton's Matt Stanley intercepted the ball and returned it 15 yards for a touchdown in the first quarter. The run for extra points fell short, leaving the tally 6-0 for the rest of the game.

"This was a very good win for this group," said Coach David Stover. "We had some missed opportunities early in the game, but the players were able to hang tough and make the plays necessary to preserve the win—especially with a great goalline stand late in the fourth quarter to earn the victory.

"We were able to learn a great deal from this performance, and will look to improve as the season progresses."

Brad Nuzum led rushing for the Jays with 72 yards on 16 carries. He was followed by Zach Bainter with 3 yards on 5 carries and

Stanley, 3 yards on 1 carry for a total of 78 yards on 22 carries.

Bainter completed 4 of 5 passes for 45 yards, and Nuzum completed his only pass for 21 yards. Receiving were Zach Dreher, 3 for 33 yards; Kaenon Keiswetter, 1 for 21 yards; and Stanley, 1 for 12 yards.

Brock Lauer made one fumble recovery, while Stanley had a pass interception.

Norton had 3 turnovers and Plainville had 2.

Other members of the 2004 Junior Jays football team are: eighth graders — Phillip Becker, Breyer Simmons, Jordan Bebb, Kyle Mindrup, Nish Millan, Coady McMullen, Kerby Brandyberry, Cody Bredemeier, Donny Hildebrand, Logan Kelly, Jacob VanSlike, and Cody Nickell; seventh graders — Adam Myers, Connor Pfannenstiel, Alex Simoneau, Matthew Pollock, Landon Hamel, Andrew Soderlund, Justin Chandler, Corey Lewis, Marcus Herman, Ashton Draper, J. D. Gall, Casey Robison, Jordan Crow, Jake Romey, Gage Hoft, Caleb

Vanover, Tyler Cook, Dakota Roes, Robert Derauf, Grant McClymont, Jordan Frey, Chris Strickland, Jacob Mannel, Cole Miller, Christopher Maddy, and Ronne Tafoya.

Bainter, Nuzum, Stanley, Dreher and Lauer are all eighth graders, while Keiswetter is a seventh grader.

### Norton over WaKeeney

Stanley got Norton off to a good start with a touchdown on a 2 yard run in the first quarter. Nuzum ran in the points after touchdown, making the score 8-0.

No one scored in the second quarter, but Nuzum dashed 3 yards in the third for another six points. The pass for extra points fell short, making the tally 14-0.

The last touchdown of the game was made in the fourth quarter when Hamel rushed 19 yards into the end zone. No attempt was made for extra points, and the final score was 20-0.

"I was pleased with our overall performance in this game," said the coach. "We definitely made improvements on both sides of the

ball from week one.

"Defensively we were good, and I felt we were able to see improvement on the offensive side of the ball. I was very happy with the fact that we were able to get solid contributions from each and every player on the team, making this a complete team effort."

Nuzum led rushing with 108 yards on 18 carries, followed by Bainter, 23 yards on 4 carries; Hamel, 24 yards on 3 carries; Gall, 4 yards on 1 carry; and Stanley, 2 yards on 2 carries.

No passes were completed. Five attempts were made by Bainter and 1 by Nuzum.

Dreher recovered 1 fumble.

Norton and WaKeeney both made 1 turnover.

### Norton Junior High Football Schedule

Sept. 20 — Phillipsburg, there, 7th, 5 p.m.  
Sept. 23 — McCook, here, 7th, 5 p.m., 8th, 7 p.m.  
Sept. 30 — Phillipsburg, here, 7th, 5 p.m., 8th, 7 p.m.  
Oct. 7 — Alton-Osborne, there, 8th, 6:30 p.m.  
Oct. 14 — Smith Center, there, 7th, 5 p.m., 8th, 7 p.m.

# Seventh grade girls open season with two wins

Norton's seventh grade Lady Jays opened their season with a win over Plainville on Sept. 2, and then went on to defeat WaKeeney on Sept. 9 in their first home game.

### Norton over Plainville

The Junior Jays seventh grade volleyball team started their careers with a solid win over the Cardinals of Plainville, outscoring them 25-15, 25-5.

"During the first game the ladies were noticeably nervous," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We were so excited, we served the ball before the referee even blew her whistle, not once but twice. But we did keep our heads enough to remember the fundamental skills we have been drilling on and those skills came through in fine fashion as we passed the ball well and even had some nice combinations — pass, set, spike."

Members of the 2004 team are Jessica Weaverling, Kendra Engelbert, Raven Brown, Beth

Winkel, Lacy Keilig, Hannah Waggoner, Kaitlyn Wolf, Ashlie Stewart, Amanda Ray, Alyssa Thomson, Shelby Jones, and Austine Dole. Brandi Graham is the team's manager.

"Serving plays a huge role in seventh grade volleyball as we received quite a few gifts from the Plainville servers," said the coach. "We as a team served 41 over out of 46 attempts, which is 89 percent. We can accept that on our first outing, but will strive as a team to serve 90 percent or better for a match."

The junior varsity also started their season with a fine 25-9 victory over their counterparts.

"In this game, you can see by the serving stats just how important it is to get the ball over," he said. "We served only 14 times, of which 11 points were won by us. That means the other team missed a serve or made a mistake on a volley that they started with a serve 11 times. With rally scoring, it has become very

important that the fundamentals are perfected in practice so they can be counted on during the matches."

### Norton over WaKeeney

The seventh grade Lady Jays took on WaKeeney for their first home game, leaving with a 25-17, 25-21 victory.

"We did not play as well as we did in our last match," said Coach Zimmerman. "The biggest difference was our serving, as we gave the Hornets 10 'gifts', which I really don't like to do. Call me a miser, call me a scrooge, but I do not like giving our opponents anything."

"I still believe we should make them earn every point they get. So, we must work on improving our serving accuracy. Again, in junior high volleyball, if you just get the ball over and in that puts a lot of pressure on your opponent, making them return the ball to your side."

Waggoner and Dole were the team's perfect servers in this match, but Thomson came to service and

got the team rolling with 4 straight service points as the team rallied and took the lead for good in the first game.

In the second game, Stewart helped jump start the team with 10 service points. The girls used her serves to start some finer rallies where Norton ended up with the points.

Other team member service points are: Winkel, 4; Keilig, 5; Wolf, 2; and Jones, 2.

"Our junior varsity players evidently were just messing with the Hornets minds — and the fans and coaches for that matter — as they allowed the WaKeeney group to jump ahead by six points, only to catch up with some fine serving and floor play," he said. "They finally almost put them away with Wolf serving 7 in a row to get the score to 24 for us."

"We used a 'monster' play by Brown to finish the game and won 25-23."

Team service points were: Weaverling, 1; Brown, 2; Wolf, 8; Ray, 1; Thomson, 1; and Dole, 4.

### Norton Junior High School Volleyball Schedule

Sept. 20 — Phillipsburg, there, 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 23 — McCook, here, 4:30 p.m.  
Sept. 25 — Hoxie, there, 9 a.m.  
Sept. 30 — Phillipsburg, here, 4:30 p.m.  
Oct. 2 — Smith Center, there, 10 a.m.  
Oct. 7 — Alton-Osborne, there, 4:30 p.m.  
Oct. 9 — Mid-Continent Elementary League Tournament, Phillipsburg, 9 a.m.

# Junior varsity team 1-1 in Phillipsburg

By DICK BOYD

Coach Peggy Cox's Norton junior varsity volleyball team defeated Northern Valley 25-23, 25-8 but lost to Phillipsburg 13-25, 23-25 last Tuesday in Phillipsburg.

### Win over Northern Valley

"In the first game, the score was close," said Coach Cox. "Both teams had several servers with streaks going from the back line. We gave up too many points that should have been passes into sets into attacks. Not moving our feet and lack of communication played a large part in the Huskies' score."

"We dominated the second game. We took control and didn't look back. We were strong from the service line with seven aces. While kills did not play a significant part of the game, we capitalized on the Huskies' weaknesses."

Match statistics were: serving—Courtney Cox, 14 of 14, two aces; Alexi Wolf, 11 of 12, two aces; Naomi Streck, 5 of 5, one ace; Darci Darling, six of seven, two aces; Lacey Roe, four of five, one ace; Maggie Nielsen, three of four, two aces and Courtney LeClair, two of two.

Hitting—Nielsen, three kills; LeClair, Streck and Darling, two kills each; blocks—Streck two for points; LeClair and Nielsen, one each; assists—Wolf, four for kills; Cox, three for kills.

### Match with Phillipsburg

"We struggled with serve/receive in the first game with Phillipsburg and let it affect our entire game," said Coach Cox. "Passes were all over the floor and the setters were scrambling to keep the ball in play. We just couldn't get any kind of offense going and you just can't do that against Phillipsburg."

"By the second game, we had adjusted and were playing as a team. We handled the ball much better and allowed our setters to get them the ball. We converted many of the sets into kills, putting easy points on the scoreboard."

Match statistics were: serving—Alexi Wolf, 12 of 13, six aces; Courtney Cox, six of six, one

ace; Courtney LeClair, two aces; Darci Darling and Lacey Roe, one ace each; passing—Naomi Streck, Roe, Felton and Amber Waggoner started the offense with good passes to the setter. "These three players were the reason we put up the kill numbers we did," said Coach Cox.

"Maggie Nielsen was the hitter of the night with 11 hits and two kills," Streck had seven hits, three kills, followed by Darling, six hits, three kills; LeClair, three hits, three kills; Dana Hildebrand, two hits, two kills. Leading with assists for those hitters was Wolf with nine assists.

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