

Huskies run in meet at Hays

The Northern Valley cross country team placed eighth in the Hays Invitational on Sept. 30.

Colby took first with 42 points, followed by Scott City, 53 points; Abilene, 81; Ulysses, 111; Thomas More Prep/Marian, 123; Hill City, 164; Trego, 178; Northern Valley, 180; Stockton, 221; and Dighton, 260.

In the individual 2-mile girls run, Janelle Fritz clocked in first for the Huskies in 23rd place with a time of 14:30, a personal record for the year.

In 34th place, was Amanda Hopkins, who also had a season best time of 15:27. Right behind her was Joni Hilburn in 37th place at 15:42, a 23 second improvement.

Jessie Redeker had an improvement of 1 minute to take 46th place in 16:37. In 50th place was Lindsey Jessup clocking in at 16:59. Jessup cut 43 second off her time in one week. Jena Jessup took 57th place in 19:11.

In the boys individual 3.2 mile run, Bryce Marble took 22nd place with a time of 20:33. Cody Lowry placed 32nd in 21:36 and Casey Dole placed 40th with a season best time of 22:20. Blake Johnson took 54th at 23:04.

"It was a tough meet for us with many great 1-6A runners," said



The Northern Valley Huskies cross country team competed in the Hays Invitational on Sept. 30. Janelle Fritz (left) came in 23rd place with a personal best time of 14:30 on a windy day.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Coach Lonnie Brungardt. "However, I was very pleased with our competitive nature. Overall, everyone ran good times for such a windy day.

"We need to focus on two issues: 1) Getting out early and out of our comfort zone and 2) Strong last 400 meter finish. If we work on these issues this will help in our overall individual and team placing."

Norton Junior High football team loses

The Norton Junior High School varsity football team lost to Ellis on Sept. 16, McCook on Sept. 23, and Phillipsburg on Sept. 30.

Ellis

Ellis made the first three touchdowns of the game — two in the first quarter and one in the second. The first quarter touchdowns were made on a 32-yard run and a 55-yard run. Neither attempt for extra points worked. The second quarter touchdown was made on a 6-yard run. The pass for points after touchdown was good, giving Ellis a 20-point lead.

The Junior Jays scored in the fourth quarter on a 2-yard dash made by Zach Dreher. Jordan Bebb caught a pass from Zach Bainter for the extra points.

As this was the last touchdown of the game, the final tally was 20-8.

"This game was two halves," said Coach David Stover. "We came out very tentative early and Ellis took advantage by hitting many big plays. Our play from midway in the second quarter on was very good, but the deficit was too much to overcome.

"We saw improvement in many areas, but we also have much to work on as well."

Dreher led rushing with 64 yards on 12 carries. He was followed by Brad Nuzum, 50 yards on 21 carries; Matt Stanley, 8 yards on 2 carries; and Bainter, 2 yards on 4 carries.

Bainter completed 3 of 6 passes for 26 yards, while Nuzum completed 1 of 2 passes for 25 yards. Receiving were Breyer Simmons, 1 for 25 yards; Stanley, 1 for 12 yards; Dreher, 1 for 11 yards; Jordan Bebb, 1 for 3 yards.

Norton had 2 turnovers — 1 fumble and 1 interception. Ellis had no turnovers.

McCook

McCook scored all the points, 18-0.

Norton's competition made a 10-yard pass for a touchdown and completed the run for extra points in the first quarter, and then made a 1-yard pass with a successful conversion in the second quarter.

In the third quarter, McCook scored 2 on a safety, giving them 18 points.

"Despite the final score, we were able to have some positive performances," said the coach. "Our run defense was very good all night, but we did not defend the throw very well at all.

"We struggled offensively all evening, and we continue to com-



mit too many turnovers, especially in our end of the field, giving the opponent a short field to score. We were much more physical than we have been in previous games. We will continue to work to improve as we enter the stretch run of the season."

Nuzum led rushing with 44 yards on 16 carries, followed by Landon Hamel, 23 yards on 1 carry; Dreher, 16 yards on 3 carries; J. D. Gall, 1 yard on 1 carry; and Bainter, -1 yard on 1 carry.

Bainter completed 1 of 3 passes for 12 yards, and Nuzum completed 0 of 1 for 0 yards. Receiving was Dreher, 1 for 12 yards.

Simmons made 1 fumble recovery. Norton had 4 turnovers — 2 fumbles and 2 interceptions. McCook had 1 turnover, which was a fumble.

Phillipsburg

Because of bad weather, the game was called early with Phillipsburg having the only touchdown, which was made on a 20-yard run in the second quarter. The run for extra points was good.

"It was an unfortunate ending to what was to be a good junior high football game," said Coach Stover. "The game was called early in the second quarter due to heavy lightning strikes in the area.

"We gave Phillipsburg too many opportunities with short fields after turnovers and they were able to capitalize.

"I was proud of our effort in this abbreviated game, especially on the defensive end."

Rushing for Norton were Dreher with 3 yards on 2 carries, and Nuzum with 1 yard on 6 carries.

Bainter completed his only pass for 4 yards. Stanley received.

Bainter made 1 pass interception.

Norton had 2 turnovers, which were both fumbles. Phillipsburg's only turnover was an interception.

The Huskies Harriers will travel to Riley County-Leonardville tomorrow. The meet begins at 10 a.m.

Junior High junior varsity Jays win one

The Norton Junior High School junior varsity football team lost to Southern Valley on Sept. 14, beat Phillipsburg on Sept. 20 and Sept. 30, and was defeated by McCook on Sept. 23.

Southern Valley

Southern Valley made the first touchdown on a 15-yard run and added another 2 to their tally on the conversion in the first quarter.

Norton's only 6 points came from a 78-yard kick-off return made by Landon Hamel. The run for extra points was no good.

Southern Valley scored twice more in the second quarter — once on a 45-yard run and again on 78-yard run — with the first touchdown's extra points pass being made.

The Jays' opposition scored again in the fourth quarter on a 58-yard fumble return. No extra points were made, making the final tally 28-6.

"Although the score of the game did not come out the way we hoped, we gained valuable experience competing primarily against varsity competition," said Coach David Stover. "For most of the game we did a good job defensively, but we gave up too many big plays.

"I was extremely pleased with our special teams play, primarily our kickoff return game. We were able to score our only points on a kickoff return, and all other kick returns were well executed also. It was a definite learning experience for us."

Corey Lewis led rushing with 51 yards on 3 carries, followed by Hamel, 6 yards on 12 carries; J.D. Gall, 5 yards on 5 carries; and Connor Pfannenstiel, -2 yards on 4 carries.

Pfannenstiel completed 1 of 2 passes for 6 yards, while Hamel completed 0 of 1 passes for 0 yards. Receiving was Ronne Tafoya, 1 for 6 yards.

Phillipsburg I

The only points were in the third quarter by Norton.

Hamel made the first on a 51-yard run. The conversion fell short.

The second touchdown was made by Gall on a 7-yard run. Kaenon Keiswetter caught a pass from Pfannenstiel for the conversion.

"Overall, we played very well in earning our first victory at this level this season," said the coach. "Offensively, we were able to move the ball consistently throughout the game, and we were very solid defensively as well. We were able to get positive contributions from each and every player and were able to show improvement in many aspects of the game."

Hamel led rushing with 142 yards on 14 carries. He was followed by Lewis, 50 yards on 8 carries; Gall, 19 yards on 6 carries; Pfannenstiel, -3 yards on 2 carries; and Marcus Herman, -1 yard on 1

Logan's ladies go 4-0 at Osborne

The Logan Lady Trojans were 4-0 at the Osborne Round Robin Tournament on Sept. 25, and were 1-1 at a triangular in Ransom on Sept. 28.

Osborne

Logan, Osborne, Sylvan Grove, Stockton and Lakeside high schools participated in the Osborne Round Robin Tournament.

"It was a long day for everyone involved," said Coach Robin VanLaey, "but, the tournament turned out to be a very successful venture for our team."

After four matches, the Trojans went home with the first place medals.

Logan started the day against Lakeside High School, who won the first game 18-25. In the second game, the Trojans were behind 19-24, but were persistent and able to fight back to win the game 26-24. Logan's ladies then won the third game 25-20 for the match victory.

They went on to beat Sylvan Grove 25-19, 25-15 and Stockton 25-7, 21-25, 25-15.

The final match was against Osborne, who was also 3-0 in the tournament. Logan's ladies won 25-20, 25-18, making their season record 6-6.

Overall game statistics for the Lady Trojans were:

Hitting — Vanessa Van Diest, 52 of 58 with 30 kills; Lanee

Webb, 51 of 55 with 26 kills;

Dinks — Kati Chestnut, 13 of 15 with 7 kills;

Serving — Megan Brumbaugh, 46 of 47 with 3 aces; Webb, 47 of 48 with 6 aces; and Heather Boys, 9 of 9 with 2 aces;

Setting — Jenny Noel, 98 of 105 with 34 assists; Brumbaugh, 119 of 129 with 37 assists;

Defensive digs — Van Diest, 22 of 32; Noel, 14 of 21;

Serve receives — Van Diest, 36 of 51 for 70.6 percent; Webb, 38 of 55 for 69 percent.

Ransom

The Logan volleyball team traveled to Ransom on Sept. 28 to compete against Western Plains and Palco.

The Trojans fell to the state ranked Ransom Bobcats 17-25 and 21-25. But, Logan was able to bounce back for a 25-15, 25-18 victory over the Palco Roosters.

This extended their overall record to 7-7 and 2-2 in the league.

The junior varsity team gained two more wins as they defeated Western Plains 21-25, 26-24, 16-14 and Palco 25-16, 15-25, 15-9.

"Ransom very fundamentally sound," said Coach VanLaey. "They are the best team we have seen this year and I felt we competed fairly well against a good team. We had our worst serving match of the year and because of their ability to pick apart a defense,

we were not able to get into an aggressive offensive set.

"Palco has several tall, long-armed girls. I was impressed with how aggressively our girls hit the ball against a bigger front row."

The Lady Trojans' game statistics were:

Against Western Plains:

Hitting — Van Diest, 13 of 17 with 5 kills; Webb, 7 of 8 with 4 kills;

Blocks — Michaela Berg, 2 assists;

Serving — Webb, 7 of 7;

Setting — Noel, 25 of 28 with 8 assists; Brumbaugh, 17 of 17 with 3 assists;

Defensive digs — Van Diest, 5 of 5;

Serve receives — Melanie Berg, 6 of 7; and Chestnut, 3 of 4;

Against Palco:

Hitting — Van Diest, 11 of 11 with 8 kills; Michaela Berg, 8 of 8 with 5 kills;

Blocks — Chestnut, 1 solo, 2 assists; Webb, 3 assists;

Serving — Noel, 15 of 15 with 3 aces; Van Diest, 12 of 12 with 1 ace;

Setting — Noel, 20 of 22 with 11 assists; Brumbaugh, 27 of 28 with 11 assists;

Defensive digs — Melanie Berg, 4 of 4;

Serve receives — Van Diest, 8 of 9; Melanie Berg, 3 of 4; and Chestnut, 3 of 4.

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Pfannenstiel completed 4 of 5 passes for 42 yards, while Hamel completed 0 of 1 for 0 yards. Receiving were Gall, 3 for 39 yards; and Keiswetter, 1 for 3 yards.

Phillipsburg II

Norton started the game with a touchdown on an 8-yard run by Lewis in the first quarter. No extra points were made.

The Panthers evened the score in the third quarter.

The Junior Jays took the lead again in the fourth quarter when Gall rushed 3 yards to score. Lewis ran in the extra points for a final tally of 14-6.

"It was truly a team effort in earning a victory," said Coach Stover. "We needed many players to step up their level of play in this game and they were able to come through.

"We played well defensively all night, and made a crucial stop late in the game to set up our winning

touchdown. I was proud of the effort we gave and was able to see improvement across the board."

Hamel led rushing with 60 yards on 7 carries, followed by Gall, 38 yards on 10 carries; Lewis, 29 yards on 10 carries; Herman, 6 yards on 3 carries; and Pfannenstiel, 6 yards on 4 carries.

Pfannenstiel completed 1 of 3 passes for 18 yards, while Hamel completed 0 of 2 for 0 yards. Receiving was Tafoya, 1 for 18 yards.

McCook

McCook made all the points, with the first 8 on a 79-yard pass and conversion.

The team scored again in the third quarter on a 32 yard pass. The run for points after failed. The last touchdown was made in the fourth quarter on an 80-yard run. The conversion was good, giving McCook a 22-0 lead.

"Although we did not win the ballgame, we played very well against McCook's eighth grade

junior varsity team" said the coach. "Defensively, we played well, but gave up too many big plays for scores. We moved the ball through the air, but we not able to sustain a running game after the first quarter.

"We did complete every snap of the game, which was one of our goals coming into this contest. This group showed improvement on the field every night out.

Hamel led rushing with 46 yards on 13 carries. He was followed by Keiswetter, 16 yards on 1 carry; Gall, 7 yards on 6 carries; Pfannenstiel, -16 yards on 4 carries; and Lewis, -2 yards on 5 carries.

Pfannenstiel completed 4 of 7 passes for 51 yards; Hamel completed 2 of 4 for 49 yards; and Lewis completed 0 of 2 for 0 yards. Receiving were Keiswetter, 3 for 60 yards; Tafoya, 2 for 28 yards; and Gall, 1 for 12 yards.

Robert Derauf made 1 fumble recovery.

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