

Norton Junior High varsity football team defeats Osborne

The Norton Junior High varsity football team defeated Osborne 14-0 on Oct. 7, but lost to Smith Center 20-14 on Oct. 14. The junior varsity team also lost to Smith Center 14-8 on Oct. 14.

Osborne

Norton's Zach Dreher made the first touchdown of the game in the first quarter on a 39-yard run. The conversion points were made when Breyer Simmons caught a pass from Zach Bainter.

The next and last touchdown was made by Dreher on an 11-yard run in the second quarter. No extra points were scored, making the final tally 14-0.

"From beginning to end, this was probably our best team effort of the season," said Coach David Stover. "We were good offensively, defensively, and in special teams play the entire game."

"The team created some good scoring opportunities early in game, of which we were able to take advantage. It was truly a team effort, as all players were able to give positive contributions this evening. I was very proud of our team effort."

Dreher led rushing with 9 carries for 91 yards. He was followed by Brad Nuzum, 11 carries for 43 yards; Bainter, 2 carries for 3 yards; Landon Hamel, 4 carries for 5 yards; J.D. Gall, 1 carry for -2 yards; Corey Lewis, 1 carry for -2 yards, and Kaenon Keiswetter, 1 carry for -10 yards.

Bainter completed 2 of 3 passes for 12 yards, Hamel completed 1 of 1 passes for 29 yards, and Nuzum completed 0 of 2 passes for 0 yards. Receiving were Simmons, 1 for 3 yards; Dreher, 1 for 9 yards; and Keiswetter, 1 for 29 yards.

Cody Bredemeier made 1 fumble recovery.

Norton had 0 turnovers to Osborne's 1.

Smith Center

Smith Center made the first three touchdowns. The initial one was in the first quarter on a 20-yard run with no extra points, the sec-

ond was in the second quarter on a 34-yard pass and had the conversion points, and the third was in the third quarter on a 44-yard run with the attempt for points after falling short.

Norton scored twice in the fourth quarter. The first Blue Jay touchdown was made by Bainter on a 2-yard run with Matt Stanley catching a pass from Bainter for the extra points. Dreher made the second touchdown when he snagged a 68-yard pass from Bainter. The run for conversion points fell short, leaving the score 20-14 in Smith Center's favor.

"I was very proud of the way we fought from start to finish against a good Smith Center team," said Coach Stover. "But, unfortunately, we came up short."

"Smith Center was able to control the game for most of the night, but I was especially proud of the way we hung in there and were able to put together a great fourth quarter comeback with two touchdowns and a chance to tie or win in the final minute."

"I was very pleased with the improvement this group made as a whole not only from last season to now, but also from the beginning of the season to the end."

Rushing for Norton were Nuzum, 10 carries for 24 yards; Dreher, 4 carries for 28 yards; Bainter, 4 carries for 13 yards; and Hamel, 1 carry for 9 yards.

Bainter completed 5 of 9 passes for 80 yards. Receiving were Dreher, 3 for 74 yards; and Stanley, 2 for 6 yards.

The Blue Jays had two turnovers, both of which were fumbles, while Smith Center had one turnover, which was also a fumble.

The varsity team's season record is 3-4.

Junior Varsity

Smith Center scored once on a 35-yard run in the first quarter and again on a 1-yard run in the second quarter. Extra points were only made on the first touchdown.

In the third quarter, Norton made its only touchdown on a 14-yard run from Hamel. Keiswetter caught a pass from Connor Pfannenstiel for the extra points, making the final score 14-8 in Smith Center's favor.

"This was a game of two different halves — Smith Center controlling the first half and Norton the second half," said Coach Stover. "Unfortunately, we were not able to make up the deficit and win the game."

"Our second half was the best half of football this group has played this season. They gave themselves the opportunity to win the game in the final minutes."

"This group came together in the second half as a team and their play was a reflection of that teamwork."

Hamel led rushing with 11 carries for 115 yards. He was followed by Pfannenstiel, 6 carries for 13 yards; Gall, 5 carries for 12 yards; and Lewis, 1 carry for -1 yard.

Pfannenstiel completed 3 of 5 passes for 15 yards, Hamel completed 0 of 2 for 0 yards, and Lewis completed 0 of 1 for 0 yards. Receiving were Ronne Tafoya, 2 for 12 yards; and Keiswetter, 1 for 3 yards.

Both Norton and Smith Center had 1 turnover each; they were both fumbles.

The junior varsity's season record is 2-3.



Congressman Jerry Moran was in Norton this morning after spending the night here. He said he was helping the local economy by staying here at a motel, filling his car and eating breakfast. After visiting with Sonya Montgomery and the rest of the staff at The Telegram, the congressman was headed for the courthouse to shake hands and then was heading home to Hays. — Photo by Cynthia Haynes

Take the dryland corn hybrid test to evaluate your yields

Every year, farmers evaluate crop hybrids and use the information to make better decisions.

Typically, however, if a farmer down the road has a test, the two may be unaware of each other's results, and miss out on sharing each other's evaluations.

In order to provide an evaluation for many hybrids in one location, I tried over the past few year to set up test sites around my counties to assess corn, grain sorghum and sunflower hybrids. Unfortunately, Mother Nature did not cooperate for the summers of 2002 and 2003. This year, I chose a different route in which farmers could evaluate different hybrids.

This new direction involves a lot of farmer participation. Farmers are encouraged to send in yield results from dryland corn hybrid tests completed on their farm. The test could range anywhere from evaluating three hybrids to 40. The plot could have been weighed us-

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ing a weigh wagon, or the results could have been obtained from using a yield monitor.

As long as you are willing to put your name by it, I will put it in a book. The evaluations will be sorted by county. This way, farmers will be able to look at and evaluate hybrids from tests done by their fellow farmers on hybrids across the area.

I will make the book available during the Cover Your Acres Winter Conference on Feb. 3. If you would like to participate, send the following information by Nov. 30: 1. Your name, 2. Location of the

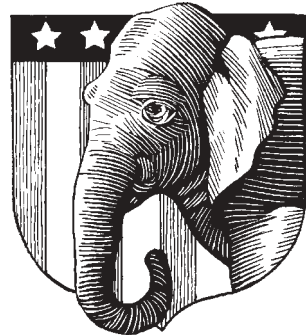
plot (ex. southeast Sheridan county), 3. Date of planting, 4. Tillage system (ex. no-till or conventional), 5. Plant population, 6. The hybrid numbers, hybrid companies, and yield in bushels per acre. Please mail this information to Northwest Area Extension Office, Attn: Brian Olson, Box 786, Colby, Kan., 67701, or email to bolson@oznet.ksu.edu.

I hope everyone that put in a dryland corn hybrid test will take time to send this information in because the more evaluations there are, the better decisions everyone can make.

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LEADERSHIP AND COOPERATION HAVE RESULTED IN:

County Auditor said that of the counties he audits we went from the worst county financially to the best the last few years

- Lowered mill levy on county budget 7 mills \$273,380.00 for 2005 budget to help residents in tough economic times.
- The county, city, and businesses together laid a new and larger water line to the industrial park east of Norton for better fire protection and lower insurance rates.
- The county built a bridge in southwest part of the city and the city chip sealed some asphalt roads for the county for more efficient use of equipment that each governmental agency already owned.
- The just completed new concrete taxiway from runway to the terminal at the airport was an essential improvement for economic development and was a state-county-city joint venture.
- The county provided monetary support for the new sewer line to Whispering Pines Assisted Living Center which provided 15 new jobs for the community.
- The commissioners arranged for Revenue Bonds for part of the Norton County Hospital renovation project that was recently completed.
- The county and city reached a new airport agreement to more efficiently use tax payer dollars.
- The county and city are currently engaged in preliminary talks for hiring an economic director.
- 90 miles of new roads were built in the county, 120 miles of roads were reshaped with millings applied and 21 new bridges were built in Norton County.
- Revolving Economic Development Loans were made in the last 3 years to: (1.) Miltech (2.) Town and Country Kitchen (3.) Mortensen Computers (4.) Hot Shots Photography (5.) White Fields Coffee House (6.) Oak Shop in Almena
- County provided assistance to Natoma Corporation and Miltech which resulted in the addition of 20 new jobs for the community.
- Funds were contributed for park improvements in Norton, Almena and Lenora.
- The county acted as a Grant Host for District #2 Rural Fire Department's recent application for a Community Block Development Grant for a new fire truck.
- The Commissioners were effective in securing a state permit for Norton County's Solid Waste Disposal Site for resident's use for the next 35 years.



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