

Fifth grade team gets five wins

By DICK BOYD

The 2004 Norton fifth-grade football team placed fourth in the Western Kansas Football League and compiled a 5-4 season record. Norton was 4-2 in regular season play.

Norton lost to Phillipsburg 32-12 in the season opener, then shut-out the Hays Gamblers 12-0 and Colby 24-0. After losing to the Hays Outlaws 30-12, the young Blue Jays outscored Colby 29-6 and Victoria 28-6.

Norton was seeded No. 5 in the league tournament, which was held in Hays. In their first game, Norton played No. 4 seed Ellsworth at Hays High School on Oct. 23 and, with the help of a safety, won 9-8. Norton's final two tournament games were on the artificial turf at Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

On Oct. 30, Norton played Phillipsburg, who was seeded No. 1, and lost 39-19. Norton played No. 3 seed Pratt on Oct. 31 and lost 12-6 in double overtime.

Phillipsburg won the tournament and advanced to the Midwest States Championship in Lawrence where they won the championship and completed an undefeated season.

Norton had only 15 players this season so each player had to play both offense and defense. "Conditioning was a big part of our practices since we had to play both ways," said head coach Fig Millan. "It turned out to be good experience for our players. I'm really proud of them and their outstanding season."

Millan said they recruited three players from out of town and a fourth grader in order to have enough to play 11-man football.

The players were Tye Nickell, halfback, cornerback, Beaver City; Damian Davis, offensive and defensive tackle; Austin Herman, halfback, linebacker, both from Alma; Justin Waggoner, tight end, defensive end; R.J. Ellis, receiver, cornerback; Seth Antrim, halfback, defensive end; Trey Millan, tight end, linebacker; Jordan Wahlmeier, quarterback, safety; Casey Temmel, center, nose guard; Robert Blecha, wingback, cornerback; Taylor Meder, offensive guard, linebacker; Kurt Douglas, offensive guard, defensive tackle; Dillon McConney, receiver, cornerback; Joseph LeClair, offensive tackle, defensive end; Cody Ellis (fourth grade), offensive guard, defensive tackle.

In addition to being the head coach, Millan also coached the offense. His defensive coach was Ted Davis and special teams coach was Pat Douglas.

Wahlmeier was the leading offensive player for Norton. He rushed for 697 yards, passed for 281 yards and had 110 yards on returns for 1,088 yards of total offense. Nickell rushed for 282 yards and Herman gained 280 yards. Nickell also caught five passes for 189 yards and had 80 return yards. Herman had 63 return yards.

On defense, Herman had four fumble recoveries. Leading tackler was Temmel with 94 total tackles, followed by Millan, 90; Waggoner, 73; Meder, 70; Davis, 61; Nickell, 59; Wahlmeier, 49; R.J. Ellis, 35; Antrim, 34; Douglas, 31; Herman, 28; LeClair, 24; McConney, 20; Blecha, 12; Cody Ellis, 6. Temmel had five sacks while Waggoner and Davis had three each. Nickell intercepted two passes.



About 200 hungry hunters and local residents of Norcatat United Methodist Church. — Telegram photo by Carolyn Plotts

Junior high Huskies go undefeated

The Northern Valley Junior High football team finished its season undefeated after beating Kensington 54-8 on Oct. 21.

In the first quarter, Drew Eagleburger made the first touchdown on a 25-yard run with Drew Britt running for the conversion. The lead was widened by another 8 points when Jacob Gallentine rushed five yards. Eagleburger ran in the extra points.

In the second quarter, Gallentine added another 6 to the tally with a five-yard run. Eagleburger then dashed three to score again. Britt ran in the points after, giving the Huskies a 30-8 lead.

Kensington got on the board in the second quarter when Blayne Bienhoff caught a 20-yard pass from Cade Rietzke. Matt Toselle received a pass from Rietzke for

the extra points. Eagleburger made the only touchdown in the third quarter on a seven-yard run. Gallentine ran in the conversion.

In the fourth quarter, Northern Valley scored twice more. The first was made by Gallentine on a 27-yard run with Eagleburger running in the extra points. The last touchdown of the game was made by Tanner Jessup on a 25-yard run with Chaim McMillin running in the points after, for a final tally of 54-8.

"The junior Huskies played their best all around game of the season to beat a good Kensington team," said Coach Jim Cole. "With the win, the Huskies finished the season with a perfect 7-0 record and were crowned Greater Northern Elementary Conference

league football champions!

"Northern Valley ran their mid-way offense to perfection as all three backs rushed for over 100 yards. The offensive lineman came off the ball hard and blocked well the entire game. The linemen are center Tanner Jessup, guards Nathaniel Graham and Derek Horacek, and ends Travis Redeker and Cody Callaway."

"On defense, the Huskies did a good job of tackling the K-Town runners and put on a good pass rush to help stop their passing game."

"I am very proud of this team. They put together a great football season."

Eagleburger led rushing with 138 yards on 12 carries. He was followed by Britt with 112 yards on 11 carries; Gallentine, 106

yards on 11 carries; Jessup, 25 yards on 1 carry; and McMillin, 3 yards on 1 carry.

Britt completed 1 of 3 passes for 7 yards and Eagleburger completed 1 of 1 for 14 yards. Receiving were Britt, 1 for 14 yards; and Cody Callaway, 1 for 7 yards.

Making tackles were Eagleburger, 8 solos, 1 assist; Travis Redeker, 8 solos, 1 assist; Gallentine, 6 solos, 2 assists; Nathaniel Graham, 5 solos, 4 assists; Britt, 5 solos, 2 assists; Derek Horacek, 3 solos; Taylor Hammond, 2 solos, 1 assist; Callaway, 2 solos; McMillin, 2 assists; Jessup, 1 assist; Hutch Gehrke, 1 assist.

Gallentine and Eagleburger each made a fumble recovery. Eagleburger made an interception.

High school students can win cash

By DICK BOYD

Kansas high school students can win a cash prize of \$200 in the annual essay contest, "Kansas! Say It Above A Whisper".

Essays must be limited to 250 words and postmarked no later than Sunday, Dec. 12. Send entries to: Boyd Contest Chairman, 1100 SW Belle Ave., Topeka, Kan. 66604-2043.

The telephone number for those with questions is (785) 272-2831.

The contest title, which deals with pride in the state of Kansas, was coined by early-day Kansas

newspaperwoman Mamie Boyd. The cash award for the winner is provided by the Boyd Family. Past essays have described the people of Kansas, the state's wheat fields, diversity in population, the state's beauty and the emotions and pride evoked by that beauty.

Sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas, the essay contest is judged by a panel of Kansas Professional Communicators (formerly Kansas Press Women). The judges look for originality, creativity and sincerity in expressing pride in the state

of Kansas.

The winner will be announced and recognized by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas at their annual banquet on Friday, Jan. 28 at Maner Conference Center, Topeka. The 2004 winner was Ashley Lundblom of Newton.

Distinguished Kansans will also be honored at the banquet.

This contest is open only to Kansas students grades 8-12. No entries will be returned. They will be turned over to the Kansas State Historical Society to be preserved in the manuscript department.

Kansas Story Contest entries due soon

By DICK BOYD

Entries are being accepted for the 2005 Kansas Factual Story Contest which is sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

This contest encourages writing factual, unpublished happenings and anecdotes in the lives of Kansans. Olive Ann Beech of Wichita provided cash awards for winners for more than 30 years. Following her death, this support has been continued by her daughter, Mary Lynn Oliver of Wichita.

Beech Memorial cash awards are: first place \$175; second place, \$125; third place, \$100; two honorable mentions, \$50 each.

Entrants are asked to keep copies of their entries; none will be returned. All stories will be preserved in the manuscript department of the Kansas State Historical Society.

Stories should have taken place in Kansas in earlier days, be limited to 750 words and be true and unpublished. The contest is open to anyone and more than one story

per person may be entered. Entries must be postmarked no later than Thursday, Dec. 9.

A panel from the Kansas State Historical Society will judge the stories. Winners will be announced at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas on Friday, Jan. 28, in Topeka. The banquet is open to all who wish to join for an evening to honor the Great State of Kansas. Distinguished Kansans will also be honored at the event.

This contest encourages the preservation of stories which pro-

vide a glimpse into the lives and times of the real world of Kansans in times past; stories which might not otherwise be preserved.

Winners for 2004 were first place, George Paris, Topeka; second place, Joy Green, Spring Hill; third place, Loyd Ivey Jr., Fort Scott; honorable mention, Beverly Lyons, Fulton, and Diane L. Salisbury, Pittsburg.

Submit entries or direct questions to June Windscheffel, contest chairman, 1100 SW Belle Ave., Topeka, Kan. 66604-2043. The phone number is (785) 272-2831.

Leaf rust causes concern for early planted wheat

Many farmers are noticing a yellowing in their early planted wheat.

Typically, yellowing in the fall is caused by a nutrient deficiency or wheat streak mosaic. However, on closer inspection, orange pustules are observed on the older leaves. These indicate another cause for the yellowing — leaf rust.

Leaf rust is normally a spring wheat pathogen, which can cause significant yield loss once it infects the flag leaf. Fall infections are unusual, but can occur. Moisture and warm temperatures have been great for sprouting wheat, but it has also provided great growing conditions for pathogens like leaf rust.

There are two possible sources for the leaf rust spores. First, during harvest there was a lot of rainfall. This moisture could have al-

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lowed leaf rust spores to survive until volunteer wheat emerged. Wind and moisture during the end of September provided an ideal environment for the spores to transfer onto the newly emerging early planted wheat. The second source, according to Jim Stack, K-State wheat pathologist, could have been a spore shower that occurred around the first part of October. Either way, the infections are greatest on early planted wheat.

Right now, control options such as spraying a fungicide are

not economically justified. Cold weather will slow and kill the leaf rust pustules. Stack said that leaf rust will spread when day temperatures are above 60, but pustules will die when temperatures sink to 24 to 28 at night.

Farmers should watch infected fields closely over the winter and make sure these pustules have died. If by chance they do not, and there is viable leaf rust when the wheat starts to joint, please let me know. An early spring infection of leaf rust could be damaging to next year's wheat crop unless early fungicide applications control the problem. The chance of leaf rust surviving the winter is small, but please watch infected fields.

For more information on leaf rust and a picture, click on the link at: www.ozne.ksu.edu/agronomy-block2/.

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