

# Dozen lettermen return for Northern Valley team

The Northern Valley Huskies high school football team will start its season Friday in a home game against Triplains.

With 12 returning lettermen among the 33 players, the Huskies should have a decent season.

"We should be pretty strong on defense," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We also have good numbers, which should provide us with some depth."

Coach Fessenden said seniors Joey Copper and Clarke Nelson will be leading the team this year. Copper had 804 yards running and 473 yards passing last year, while Nelson had 584 yards running.

As a team, the Huskies took second in the Cheyenne Conference League, with a league record of 5-1 and an overall season record of 8-2.

The team's goals, Coach Fessenden said, are to win the district title and advance to the playoffs. In order to do so, he said the team must have two players develop into quality defensive ends.

On the team this year are:

- Seniors: Copper — 6 foot, 3 inches, 160 pounds, quarterback; Cody Lowry — 5-10, 148, running back; Nelson — 5-7, 167, running back; Frans Laubscher — 5-9, 135, running back; Casey Dole — 5-7, 137, running back; Avery Thalheim — 5-10, 167, running back; Josey Shearer — 5-8, 191, guard; Zac Miller — 6-3, 170, end; Braden Kersch — 6-0, 210,

### Northern Valley Football Schedule

Friday, Sept. 2	— Triplains, Alma, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 9	— Golden Plains, Alma, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 16	— Kensington, Alma, 7 p.m., Homecoming
Friday, Sept. 23	— Western Plains, Ransom, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 30	— Palco, Palco, 7 p.m.*
Friday, Oct. 7	— Logan, Alma, 7 p.m.*
Monday, Oct. 17	— Arapahoe (junior varsity), Arapahoe, 6 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 21	— Eastern Heights, Agra, 7 p.m.*
Thursday, Oct. 27	— Natoma, Natoma, 7 p.m.*
Tuesday, Nov. 1	— Bi-District
Wednesday, Nov. 5	— Regionals
Tuesday, Nov. 11	— Sub-State
Wednesday, Nov. 19	— State

\* district games

guard; Cole Kinderknecht — 5-11, 182, end; Andrew Sheley — 5-10, 181, guard; Patrick Hammond — 5-6, 185, guard; Tony Simants — 5-11, 174, end; and Brynton Anderson — 5-9, 160, quarterback;

- Juniors: Cameron Duede — 6-0, 248, center; Chance Miller — 6-2, 205, center; and Chase Miller — 6-1, 167, end;
- Sophomores: Blake Johnson — 5-5, 106, quarterback; David Harris — 5-11, 171, guard; Richie Kersch — 5-11, 150, end; Bryce Marble — 6, 145, running back; Justin Lee — 6-1, 215, center; and Cody Hardy — 5-9, 163, guard;
- Freshmen: Drew Britt — 6-1, 156, quarterback; Ethan Hays — 5-3, 139, running back; Drew Eagleburger — 5-6, 156, running back; Taylor Hammond — 5-7, 129, running back; Cody Callaway — 5-10, 152, end; Travis Redeker — 5-10, 193, end; Nathaniel Graham — 5-10, 170, guard; Eric Woodside — 5-6, 193, center; Tanner Jessup — 6-1, 180, end; and Chaim McMillin — 5-7, 131, end.

Starters will be Copper, Nelson, Duede, Thalheim, Kinderknecht and Sheley.

Returning lettermen are Copper, Lowry, Nelson, Duede, Thalheim, Shearer, Z. Miller, Kinderknecht, Sheley, Chance Miller, Chase Miller and Anderson.

Assistant coaches are Abner Williams and Jason Dibble.

Coach Fessenden said Kensington is expected to be the Husky's toughest match-up of the year, but Palco, Logan and Natoma should all be good in the district games.



Sophomore Kelsey Kinderknecht serves the ball in a game against Lakeside on Friday as Northern Valley got their volleyball season off to a start with a triangular in Alma. Northern Valley plays at Kensington today. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

## Northern Valley starts volleyball season with triangular at home

The Northern Valley High School volleyball team started its season Friday in a triangular against Lakeside and Tipton in Alma.

Coach Christine Eveleigh said she thinks they have a strong passing team this year, but lack experience on the floor because of being so young.

This year's Lady Huskies do, however, have four returning letter winners — Serena Woodside, Alysia Shearer, Kelli Cole and Andrea Lowry — all four will be joining the starting team. Other starters are Stephanie Tubbs, Kelsey Kinderknecht and Jessica

Holmes.

Coach Eveleigh said their goals for this year are to become a stronger offensive team. They also would like to make it to sub-state.

To reach their goals, she said they will need to constantly work on fundamentals in practice.

Last year's team placed fourth in the Cheyenne Conference League with a 6-7 league record and a 11-21 overall record.

On the team this year are:

- Senior — Woodside, 5 foot, 9 inches;
- Juniors — Cole, 5-7; Lowry, 5-4; Holmes, 5-4; and Shearer, 5-10;
- Sophomores — Tubbs, 5-9;

Joni Hilburn, 5-1; Kylena Hager, 5-9; Kinderknecht, 5-4; and Jessica Largent, 5-8;

- Freshman — Hannah Hawks, 5-4.

Coach Kevin Largent is assistant Coach Eveleigh this year. Managers are Jessica King, Amy Shearer and Amanda Turman.

The Lady Huskies will play again tonight in Kensington, facing off with the Lady Goldbugs and Western Plains. The first match starts at 4 p.m.

## Huskies cross country opens Thursday

The Northern Valley cross country team will start its season in Norton Thursday.

Coach Bill Lowry, who is filling in for Coach Lonnie Brungardt, while he is on duty with the National Guard, said the team's goals are to improve throughout the year.

To help with that are last year's top runners — sophomores Bryce Marble and Amanda Hopkins.

Joining Marble on the boys team are senior Casey Dole, junior Henry Griffiths and freshman Stanton Nelson.

On the girls side are juniors Jena

Jessup and Jessie Redeker, in addition to Hopkins.

The Norton Invitational will

begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Prairie Dog Golf Course.

### Northern Valley Cross Country Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 1	— Norton Invitational, Norton, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 8	— Mankato Invitational, Mankato, 4:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 22	— Hill City Invitational, junior/senior high, Hill City, 5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 29	— Hays Invitational, Hays, 3:45 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 6	— Phillipsburg Invite, Phillipsburg, 4:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8	— Riley County Invitational, junior/senior high, Leonardville, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday, Oct. 13	— Wheatland Invite, junior/senior high, 3 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 22	— Regionals
Saturday, Oct. 29	— State, Wamego

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### Northern Valley High School Volleyball Schedule

Friday, Aug. 26	— Lakeside, Tipton, at Alma, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 30	— Kensington, Western Plains, at Kensington, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 6	— Norton, Phillipsburg, at Norton, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 13	— Palco, Eastern Heights, at Agra, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 20	— Alma, Logan, at Alma, 5 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 1	— Ellis Tournament, at Ellis, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 4	— Golden Plains, Wheatland, at Grainfield, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 8	— Hill City Tournament, at Hill City, 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 11	— Stockton, Western Plains, Eastern Heights, at Stockton, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 15	— Cheyenne Conference, at Kensington, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 18	— Regional Tournament
Saturday, Oct. 22	— Substate Tournament
Friday/Saturday, Oct. 28-29	— State Tournament

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