

# Junior varsity Blue Jay team flattens Oakley



Norton linebacker Jared Cox, No. 21, and a Blue Jay teammate bring down an Oakley running back during Friday's football game at Travis Field. Coming up

to assist are Davvid Stanley, No. 74 and Austin Brooks, No. 61.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Norton takes on Plainville tonight

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School football team will be in Plainville this evening in search of its first victory this season.

Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

For the second straight season, Norton lost its opener to Oakley. Although the Plainsmen won 24-3, the game was much closer than the final score. Several Norton offensive plays were just one man away from touchdowns. Blue Jay miscues as well as Norton's inability to take advantage of Oakley errors led to the loss.

"I thought we would play and execute much better than we did last Friday night," Coach Bruce Graber told the Blue Jay Booster Club on Wednesday evening.

"At times we played well defensively but we didn't contain their quarterback or tackle their big running back.

"Offensively, we did well inside

with the trap but didn't do a very good job with our option game.

"I was proud of our special teams play.

"Plainville was shutout by a very good Phillipsburg team. The Cardinals have not beaten us in my 10 years in Norton. Both of us took a whipping and you know they will be hungry to beat us.

"They are much larger than we are. They average 230 pounds across the front. Their quarterback, Justin Casey, is an outstanding athlete and their tailback is a 200 pounder.

"We have had some outstanding practices this week and have corrected many of last Friday night's mistakes. I feel you will see a different Norton team against Plainville."

Plainville has eight returning starters on offense and nine returning starters on defense. Four are all-league players. Casey, 6 foot,

185 pounds, also plays defensive back where he was a second team All-Mid-Continent League choice the last two seasons.

Brock McDowell, 6-foot, 210-pound senior offensive and defensive lineman, was named honorable mention all league last season as an offensive guard. Matt Hageman, 5-11, 245-pound junior defensive tackle, was also honorable mention all league in 2004.

Tyler Brungardt, 5-10, 190-pound senior running back and linebacker, was honorable mention all league at running back and defensive end as a sophomore.

Lance Roe, an honorable mention all league linebacker for Norton last season as a junior, did not play in the opener but will play tonight. He is recovering from a bout with mononucleosis. Roe is the leading returning tackler for Norton, having recorded 74 total stops in 2004.

Luke Pfannenstiel, the Blue Jay quarterback, also plays defensive back where he was chosen honorable mention all league last year as a junior. Pfannenstiel was third leading returning tackler and led tackles last Friday against Oakley with eight solos, four assists.

Norton junior Blake VanEaton, the Blue Jay tailback, was also an honorable mention all league selection last season at linebacker where he recorded 71 total tackles, second best of the returnees. VanEaton recorded seven tackles last Friday against Oakley.

Senior linebacker Andrew Ables was second leading tackler last Friday with nine and junior defensive back Nathan Broeckelman was third with eight stops from his defensive back position.

Coach Graber said that junior lineman Lucas Bailey will not be ready to play for about three weeks due to a knee injury. Bailey is the only Norton player not available to play tonight against Plainville.

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team exacted a measure of revenge for their varsity teammates, who lost to Oakley Friday, by shutting out the junior varsity Plainsmen 50-0 Tuesday in Oakley.

Coach Lucas Melvin's Blue Jays kicked off to Oakley and the Norton defense forced the Plainsmen to punt after three downs.

The Blue Jays took over on their 40-yard-line. On second down, quarterback Logan Kats connected on a pass with wide receiver Brian Juenemann that carried to the Oakley 20. The next play, tailback Todd Bolt took a pitch from Kats and ran inside the 10. After three rushing attempts, the Blue Jays fumbled on fourth and goal from the 4.

The Norton defense got the ball right back on a Plainsmen fumble recovered by Zach Mannel. Bolt took a pitch from Kats and scored the first Blue Jay touchdown.

Kats ran a keeper for the two-point conversion and the young Blue Jays led 8-0.

After the kickoff, the Norton defense again forced Oakley to go three-and-out. The Plainsmen punted and Norton took over on the Oakley 48.

Kats went upstairs and connected again with Juenemann, this time for a touchdown. The two-point conversion attempt failed and Norton led 14-0.

After the kickoff, the Blue Jay defense once again forced Oakley to go three-and-out.

Juenemann scooped up the punt and returned the pigskin for 25 yards to the Oakley 40. Kats hooked up with tight end Wes Georgeson on a long play action pass that carried to the 8-yard-line.

Kats ran the option for Norton's third touchdown and also ran for two extra points to make the score 22-0 as the first quarter came to a close.

The second quarter began with the Norton defense once again limiting the Plainsmen to three-and-out but, this time, the Oakley punt was blocked by Zach Dreher and Matt Stanley scooped up the ball and scampered into the end zone from 15 yards out.

The two-point conversion was

scored by Bolt on a sweep around left end, extending the Norton advantage to 30-0.

The Norton defense continued its dominance by shutting down the Oakley offense. The Jays then received the punt and drove for another touchdown. This time, Kats threw another scoring strike to Juenemann in the front corner of the end zone from 20 yards out.

The two-point conversion run by Stanley came up short and the half ended with the Blue Jays on top 36-0.

The Norton defense did not allow a single first down for Oakley in the first half.

The third quarter began with Norton driving the ball down field until the Jays turned over the ball with a fumble.

Third quarter action went back and forth in the middle of the field until Norton drove deep into Plainsmen territory. The drive finally stalled inside the Oakley 10-yard-line.

Fourth quarter time elapsed without much action until Kats ran the option and hit pay dirt on a 65-yard dash. The two-point conversion failed but the young Blue Jays' lead was now 42-0, which put the continuous clock rule into effect.

The Blue Jays continued their dominance. Juenemann caused a fumble on a quick pass and Georgeson picked up the ball and scampered for a 35-yard touchdown.

Kats scored the two-point conversion on an option keeper over the left side of the line, making the final score 50-0.

"Overall we played well tonight," said Coach Melvin. "Our offense moved the ball and our defense produced a shutout while allowing only two first downs all night.

"Our effort was terrific. This group has been working very hard in practice and it showed in the way we performed.

"If we play that hard every week, good things will continue to happen."

The next Norton junior varsity football game will start at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Travis Field in Norton when the Blue Jays play Plainville.

## Forum to be held for farm bill Monday

A farm bill forum will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Dillon Hall in the Encampment Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds in Hutchinson.

Admission to the fair is \$1 on this day only.

The public is invited to attend. Those who wish to will be given two minutes to speak on the following topics:

- How should farm policy address unintended consequences and ensure that such consequences

do not discourage new farmers and the next generation of farmers from entering production agriculture?

- How should farm policy be designed to maximize U.S. competitiveness and our country's ability to effectively compete in global markets?

- How should farm policy be designed to effectively and fairly distribute assistance to producers?

- How can farm policy best achieve conservation and environ-

mental goals?

- How can federal rural and farm programs provide effective assistance in rural areas?

- How should agricultural product development, marketing and research-related issues be addressed in the next farm bill?

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