

## Junior high girls get wins

The Northern Valley Junior High volleyball players came out on top when they went head-to-head with Logan Thursday in their season opener.

The A-team defeated Logan 25-9, 25-13.

"The girls were nervous this first game out, but they played an excellent game," said Coach Kristen Baird. "Now we can relax and set up the ball more."

Serving leaders were Megan Cole, 18 of 19 for 17 points, Alison Cole, 13 of 14 for 11; Christina Anderson, 9 of 10 for 8; Miriah Florence, seven of nine for 7; Amber Sheley, six of seven for 4; and Karen Wenzl, three of five for 3.

M. Cole was the super server at 95 percent.

The B-team won 25-12, 25-18.

"We served the ball well," said the coach. "Our passing is coming along. They played a great first game of the season."

Top servers were Melissa Hawks, 15 of 15 for 13 points; Staci Dole, 14 of 15 for 13; Cassie Field, 10 of 11 for 9; Caitlyn Patterson, eight of nine for 7; Kenzie Chandler, six of seven for 5; and Kayla Field, three of four for 3.

Hawks and Dole were the super servers at 100 percent and 93 percent.

The C-team beat Logan 25-13, 19-12.

Serving leaders were Kelsey Raburn, 19 of 20 for 18 points; Savannah King, nine of 11 for 9; Kenzi Husted, seven of nine for 7; Kynzie Stevens, five of six for 4; Sarah Whitney and Ashley Constable, 4 of 5 for 3 each.

Raburn was the super server at 95 percent.

Also on the team is Callie Read.

The junior Lady Huskies will next play Arapahoe in Long Island starting at 4 p.m. Thursday.

### Northern Valley Junior High Volleyball

Thursday, Sept. 15 — Arapahoe, at Long Island, 4 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23 — Western Plains, at Bazine/Ransom, 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 — Logan, at Long Island, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6 — Damar, at Long Island, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13 — Eastern Heights, at Agra, 5 p.m.

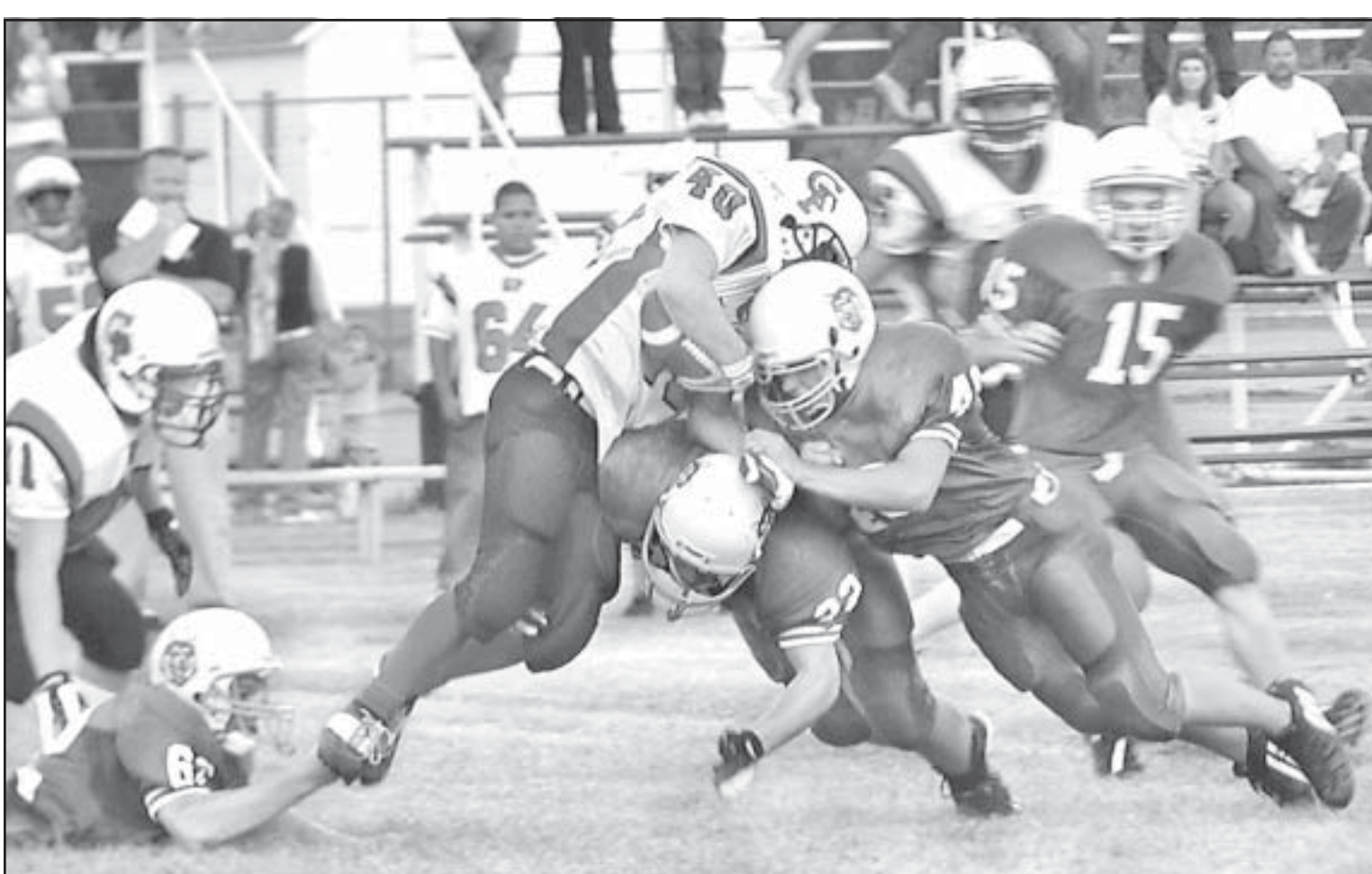
Thursday, Oct. 20 — Kensington, at Kensington, 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 25 — Greater Northern Elementary Conference Tournament, noon



Joey Copper races around the outside on a quarterback keeper and gains good yardage in Northern Valley's game Friday against Golden Plains. Copper ran for five touchdowns with a total of 213 yards on 20 carries. Cole Kinderknecht (below) grabs an ankle as teammates Clarke Nelson and Avery Thalheim join in to stop the Golden Plains ball carrier.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble



## Husky junior high loses

The Northern Valley Junior High football team lost its opening game 52-18 to Logan Thursday in Logan.

The Trojans made the only touchdown in the first quarter on a five-yard run by Cody Leggett. Leggett ran in the extra points.

In the second quarter, Colton Lowry put the Huskies on the board when he caught a six-yard pass from Dusty Eagleburger. No extra points were made.

Logan added another 8 to their tally on a six-yard pass from Bryce Sammons to Tyson Pabst. Leggett ran in the extra points.

In the third, Leggett made it to the end zone on a 31-yard run and then again on a 30-yard run for two touchdowns. He then ran for the points after, making the tally 30-6 in the Trojans' favor.

Dusty Eagleburger scrambled one to score for Northern Valley. No extra points were made.

Leggett rushed another 37-yards for 6 points and the Trojans gained 2 on a pass from Sammons to Pabst.

Jacob Gallentine ran in the last Husky touchdown, rushing 45-yards. The points after attempt fell short.

In the fourth, Sammons ran 26 for Logan to score. Charlie Becker dashed one into the end zone for the last score of the game. Girard

passed to Pabst for the extra points.

"We started our football season with a 52-18 loss to a very good Logan team," said Coach Jim Cole. "We did a good job of tackling in the first half, but struggled on defense in the second half. We did many good things during the game, but need to cut down on our mistakes. We are playing a lot of seventh graders and look to improve with each game."

Gallentine led rushing for the Huskies with 94 yards on 13 carries, followed by Eagleburger, 25 on nine; and Matthew Dole, 20 on six.

Eagleburger completed two of five passes for 35 yards. Receiving were Lowry, one for six; and Gallentine, one for 29 yards.

Gallentine led tackles with 16 solos and five assists, followed by Dole, six and two; Hutch Gehrke, five and three; Eagleburger, three and three; Lowry, one and three; Michael Callaway, one and one; and Zachery Vincent, Ethan Gallentine, and Caleb Bach, 1 solo each.

Other members of the team are Chris Pinzenscham, Skylar Harris, Samuel Field, Bryant Tharman, Sean Braun and Brandon Towery.

The junior Huskies will play Arapahoe in Long Island on Thursday with kickoff at 5:30 p.m.

### Northern Valley Junior High Football

Thursday, Sept. 15 — Arapahoe, at Long Island, 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23 — Western Plains, at Bazine/Ransom, 4 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 29 — Logan, at Long Island, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6 — Damar, at Long Island, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 13 — Eastern Heights, at Agra, 6:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 20 — Kensington, at Kensington, 6:45 p.m.

## Northern Valley harriers compete in Mankato Invite

The Northern Valley cross country team competed in the Mankato Invitational Thursday in 96 degree heat over a course with numerous hills and switch backs.

"More runners and faster times from a year ago made this invite a very challenging meet," said Coach Bill Lowry. "I felt we stepped up and met the challenge today. The course today was more difficult than last week and the temperature 14 degrees warmer. We competed very well."

In the varsity run, Bryce Marble took eighth in 21 minutes, 58 seconds.

"Bryce ran in the sixth to eighth position the whole race," said Coach Lowry. "He worked the hills hard and improved his time 1:52 from last year."

For the junior varsity girls, Amanda Hopkins took first in 17:27.

"With her second win in a row, she improved 27 seconds from last week and 21 seconds from last year," said Coach Lowry. "She looked strong throughout the race. Great job." Jessie Redeker was next in

fourth place at 19:12, with Jena Jessup close behind in fifth at 19:22.

"This was Jessie's first race of the season after being ill last week," he said. "She ran a great race, improving 1:01 from last year. She ran extremely strong at the end and had a great first race."

"Jena ran the hills tough. She conquered the course this year and improved 18 seconds from last week, finishing strong at the end."

For the junior varsity boys, Casey Dole took first in 22:46. Behind him was Stanton Nelson in fourth at 26:15.

"Casey ran the hills extremely well and he really looked great running," said Coach Lowry. "This was Casey's best race yet. He will move up to the varsity boy's race at the next meet."

"Stanton showed a lot of determination. The hills were very tough but he did not give up and competed hard throughout the race. He's getting stronger every time."

The Husky cross country runners will be at the Hill City Invitational on Thursday, Sept. 22, starting at 5 p.m.

# Huskies defeat Golden Plains

The Northern Valley High Husky gridders started slow Friday night, but then picked up some momentum to defeat Golden Plains 48-28.

The Bulldogs made it on the board first at just over two minutes into the game on a 58-yard run from Drew Stevenson. The extra points attempt fell short.

With 8:10 showing, Joey Copper tied the score for Northern Valley, carrying the ball a yard into the end zone. The pass attempt for points after failed.

Just 10 seconds later, Golden Plains took back the lead on a 55-yard run by Dan Rogers. Ryan Stevenson ran in the points after.

The Huskies managed to tie the score again in the first on a 49-yard run from Copper. Avery Thalheim ran in the extra points, making the tally 14-14.

In the second quarter, Northern Valley took the lead with two unanswered touchdowns.

The first was made with 8:07 on the clock on a 13-yard run by Copper. Copper dashed two for the second with 6:23 showing. The extra points attempt fell short after the first touchdown, but Thalheim ran in the second for a half-time score of 28-14 in Northern Valley's favor.

At 2:53 in the third, Clarke Nelson rushed 50 for another Husky touchdown. The points after pass failed.

Golden Plains added another 8 with 1:52 left in the quarter on a 30-yard run by R. Stevenson. Stevenson passed to Josh Lahnanen for the extra two.

Just 18 seconds later, Nelson was back in the end zone for the Huskies on a 58-yard run and then again when he ran in the points after.

With 2:45 left in the fourth, Copper made Northern Valley's final touchdown on a 13-yard run. The run for extra points fell short, leaving the Huskies with a 48-22 lead.

With 37 seconds left, R. Stevenson managed to score for the Bulldogs on a one-yard scramble into the end zone. The point after failed, making the final tally 48-28 in the green team's favor.

"Golden Plains was a very solid football team," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We made a couple of mental mistakes early, which cost us two touchdowns. Fortunately, our kids did not panic and we answered their scores."

"Our three backs ran the ball with some authority and the line did a nice job of blocking."

"We will have to play better next week if we expect to compete with Kensington."

Copper led rushing for Northern Valley with 213-yards on 20 carries, followed by Nelson, 190-21; Thalheim, 62-16; and Frans Laubscher, 1-1.

Copper completed 1 of 5 passes for 7 yards. Thalheim received.

Making kick-off returns for the Huskies were Drew Eagleburger, 3 for 31 yards; Casey Dole, 1-21; and Cody Lowry, 1-9.

Patrick Hammond made 7 kick-offs for 261 yards.

Copper led tackles with 10 solos and 8 assists. He was followed by Nelson, 9-3; Thalheim, 7-5; Cole Kinderknecht, 7-4; Andrew Sheley, 7-4; Lowry, 4-3; Braden Kersch, 3-4; Eagleburger, 3-0; Josey Shearer, 2-1; Hammond, 1-3; Cameron Duede, 1-2; Nathaniel Graham, 1-1; Dole, 0-1; and Chase Miller, 0-1.

The Huskies will play Kensington this Friday in Almena beginning at 7 p.m. The half-time show will include the crowning of the homecoming royalty.

### Game Statistics

| N. Valley   | G. Plains            |
|-------------|----------------------|
| 13          | First Downs 8        |
| 469         | Yards Rushing 283    |
| 7           | Yards Passing 66     |
| 476         | Total Yards 349      |
| 1-5         | Passes Completed 6-9 |
| 0-0         | Fumbles Lost 0-0     |
| 6-37        | Penalties 9-60       |
| 4-113-28.25 | Punts 4-145-36.25    |



Northern Valley's Casey Dole runs to a first place finish in the boys junior varsity race at Mankato Thursday.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble