



Northern Valley's Huskies and Kensington's Goldbugs scramble for a loose ball in Friday's Homecoming contest at Almena. The Huskies were within one touchdown

at half, but Northern Valley was held scoreless in the second half. Northern Valley will travel to Ransom to play Western Plains on Friday. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Huskies take hard-fought loss

The Northern Valley Huskies were defeated 62-20 by Kensington in their homecoming game Friday night.

Clarke Nelson made the first 6 points for Northern Valley with close to 8 minutes left in the first quarter.

With 4:17 showing, Kensington took the lead on a three-yard dash from Grant Levin, who then ran in the extra points.

In the second quarter, Joey Copper gave the lead back to the Huskies on a 3-yard run. The conversion attempt fell short.

The Goldbugs edged back up again when Ethan Kuhlmann passed 47 yards to Randall Irving with 4:51 on the clock. Levin ran in the extra points.

Kensington scored on a safety with 2:15 showing.

Kuhlman passed 26 yards to Levin with 1:30 on the clock for 6 more Goldbug points. Jess Rietzke ran in the conversion.

With :11 left in the half, Avery Thalheim caught a 9-yard pass from Copper for a Husky touchdown. Thalheim ran in the extra points, making the half-time tally 26-20 in Kensington's favor.

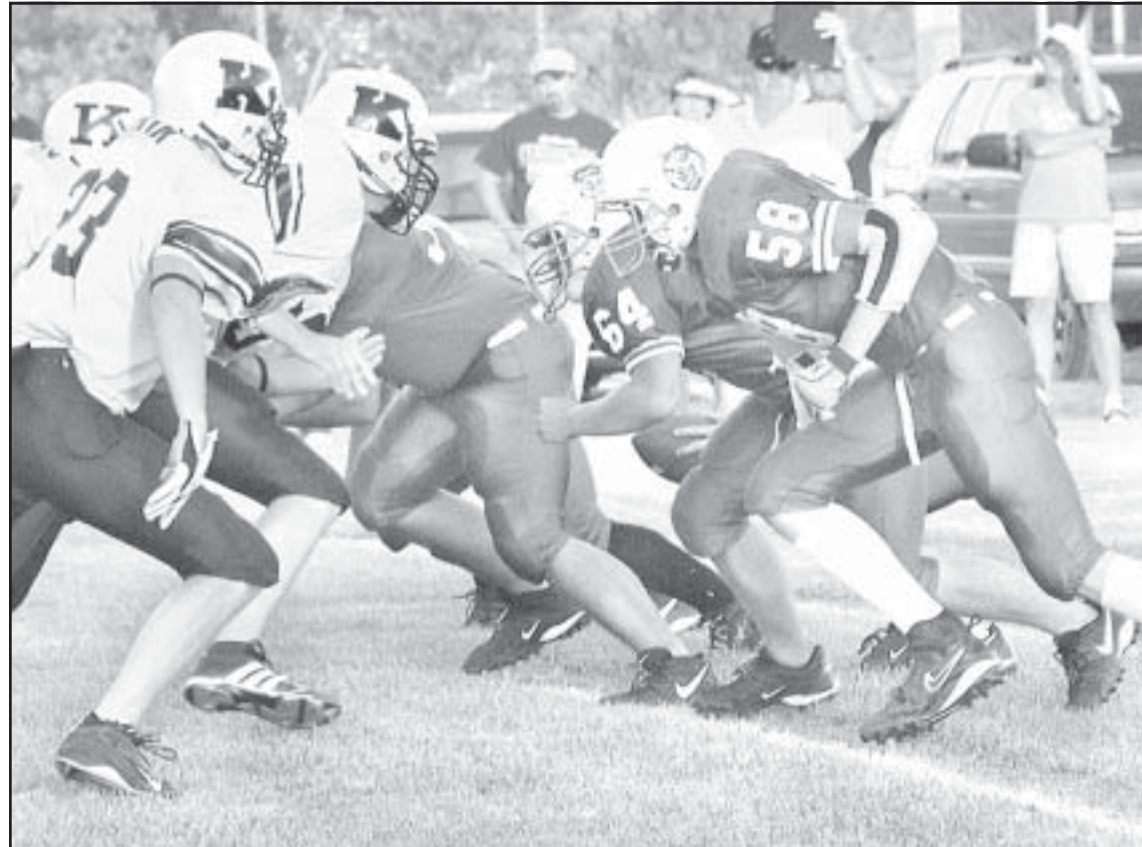
After half-time, Kensington managed to make it into the end zone five more times.

Early in the third, Levin rushed 44 yards to score. He then rushed another 45 yards with 4:57 on the clock. Rietzke ran in the conversion on the second touchdown.

With :05 left in the third, Levin was in the end zone again on a 54-yard run. The pass for extra points failed.

At 9:45 in the fourth, Rietzke rushed 67 yards to add 6 more to the Goldbug tally. Levin caught a pass from Kuhlman for the points after.

Levin made his last touchdown



The Husky line provides a push for a gain in Friday's football contest against Kensington. Shown are center Cameron Duede, No. 64 Andrew Sheley and No. 58 Zac Miller for Northern Valley. Northern Valley was first to score with a touchdown run by Clarke Nelson.

just under two minutes later on a 57 yard run. The conversion was made, leaving Kensington with a 62-20 lead.

"We played a good solid first half of football except for a 45-second period," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "A blocked punt for a safety and a quick touchdown after that was a big turning point. We had a chance to take the lead at the start of the second half, but a turnover cost us the ball."

"Our kids competed very well against a talented Kensington team. We must put this game behind us and get ready for Western

Plains."

Rushing for Northern Valley were Copper, 106 yards on 17 carries; Nelson, 92-18; Thalheim, 69-23; Brynton Anderson, 33-5; Frans Laubscher, 13-5; Casey Dole, 12-5; and Bryce Marble, 2-4.

Copper completed 2 of 3 passes for 11 yards. Anderson's two passes didn't connect. Receiving was Thalheim, 2 for 11 yards.

Making tackles were Copper, 6 solos, 2 assists; Thalhim, 3-1; Andrew Sheley, 3-0; Nelson, 2-2; Patrick Hammond, 2-2; Chase Miller, 2-1; Tanner Jessup, 2-0;

Cole Kinderknecht, 2-0; Anderson, 1-0; and Travis Redeker, 1-0.

The Northern Valley Huskies will travel to Ransom to play Western Plains on Friday. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

Game Statistics		
N. Valley		K-town
15	First Downs	6
327	Yards Rushing	379
11	Yards Passing	91
338	Total Yards	470
2-5	Passes Completed	5-10
4-2	Fumbles	4-4
9-65	Penalties	7-64
7-229-32.7	Punts	1-40-40.0

Norton C-team defeats Hays and Colby

By DICK BOYD
The Norton Community High School C-team volleyball team continued their winning ways on Thursday by defeating Hays 25-18, 13-25, 15-13 and Colby 26-24, 25-12 in Hays.

The Norton C-team has a 5-1 record.

Hays
"We started pretty shaky against Hays," said Coach Joan Bolt. "Having a lineup change due to Wiyanna Paxton having to sit with a sprained ankle gave us something to work through but our girls did a good job of adjusting. Our girls have great perseverance. They came from a deficit in the third game to pull out a victory for us."

As a team, Norton served 88 percent, passed 61 percent, set with 96 percent accuracy, hit with 74 percent accuracy and had a 21 percent kill ratio.

Leading serving was Taylor Rossi with 9 points, 3 aces, followed by Amanada Delimont, 8 points, 1 ace; Ashley Colip and

Ashli Hageman, 4 points each; Thea Wiseman and Lacy Ellis, 3 points each; Lori Ebner, 2.

Kylie Morel and Rossi led passing. Rossi and Colip led setting with 8 and 6 assists, respectively. Kayla Foley led attacks with 15-17 and 4 kills. Ellis was 9-11 with 3 kills. Wiseman, Hageman and Delimont had 2 kills each.

Colby
"Our girls played fundamentally sound and very smart in the win over Colby," said Coach Bolt.

"Our girls recognized the holes in both attacking and serve receive and went to town with it!

"As a team, we only served 79 percent but our ace ratio was a respectable 23 percent. We passed a very good 67 percent, set with 98 percent accuracy, attacked an impressive 75 percent and had an outstanding 50 percent kill ratio."

Leading servers were Ellis and Colip, 9 points each; Foley and Rossi, 4 points each; Wiseman, 3; Ebner and Hageman, 1 each.

Morel and Ellis were passing leaders. Rossi led setting with 12 assists, followed by Colip with 10. Ellis hit 9 for 10 with 9 kills, followed by Wiseman, 7 kills; Foley, 5; Charli Lawson, 2;

Hageman, 1. Wiseman also had 1 stuffed block.

"I am very pleased with our girls' progress thus far," said Coach Bolt.

"We have had to adjust to lineup changes and nagging injuries but always stay determined to keep improving. We're showing tremendous teamwork."

The Norton C-team will play Smith Center and Colby on Thursday in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym on East Campus in Norton.

Matches will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Four from Norton place in disc golf

By DICK BOYD
Don Mordecai, Chad Gasper, Charlotte Gasper and James Fawcett, Norton, placed in the Open Disc Golf Tournament held Sept. 10-11 at Frontier Park in Hays.

The tournament was sanctioned

by the Professional Disc Golf Association.

Mordecai won the advanced masters division and \$180 with a 16 over par 232.

Chad Gasper tied for fifth in the advanced division and got an \$88 gift certificate with a 21 over par

237. Charlotte Gasper placed third in intermediate women with a 386 and won a \$30 gift certificate. Fawcett placed fifth in intermediate with a 47 over par 263 and won a \$65 gift certificate.

Junior varsity tennis teams take second, fourth

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed second and fourth in the Phillipsburg Junior Varsity Round Robin Tournament Thursday.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 34 points, followed by Norton A, 26; Russell, 16; Norton B, 9; and Belleville, 2.

Ashley Maybon of Norton A placed first in No.1 singles with a 3-1 record. She defeated Morgan Sandell, Belleville, 6-1; outpointed Brianna Miller, Phillipsburg, 6-3; lost to Brianna Nelson, Norton B, 4-6 and defeated Becca Zillinger, Phillipsburg, playing for Russell, 6-2.

Norton A's No.1 doubles team of Gena Myers and Sara Campbell placed second, also with a 3-1 record. They shutout Regina Bird and Lacey Evert, Belleville, 6-0; lost to Kali Asher and Jodie Mongeau, Phillipsburg, 0-6; defeated Hannah Fulton and Stephanie Shepard, Norton B, 6-1 and defeated Jessica Pruitt and Savannah Anderson, Russell, 6-1.

Tabitha Vincent of Norton A placed fourth in No.2 singles. She defeated Kari Dake, Belleville, 6-4; lost to Shayne Rynnion, Phillipsburg, 0-6; lost to Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg, playing for Norton B, 3-6 and lost to Rena Detrixhe, Russell, 1-6.

"I am most impressed with Tabitha Vincent," said Coach Shawnee Branek.

"This was her first time to play singles for us. She showed incredible consistency in placing the ball and she really made her opponents work for their wins.

"The games were actually much closer than the scores show. I have high hopes for her in the next couple of years."

Playing No.2 doubles for Norton A were Valerie Wagoner and Tiffany Marx. They compiled a 3-1 mark to place second. They shutout Felicia Paredes and Elizabeth Jarvey, Belleville, 6-0; lost to Courtney Beard and Kadie Hays, Phillipsburg, 3-6; shutout Mariah Gordine and Bethany Wicker, Norton B, 6-0 and outpointed Amy Phillips and Courtney Mead,

Russell, 6-1.

"Valerie and Tiffany are a good fit for doubles; they play well together," said Coach Branek.

Brianne Nelson compiled a 2-2 record in No.1 singles for Norton B and placed fourth. She defeated Morgan Sandell, Belleville, 6-0; outscored Ashley Maybon, Norton A, 6-4; lost to Becca Zillinger, Phillipsburg, playing for Russell, 1-6 and lost to Brianna Miller, Phillipsburg, 5-6 (2-7).

Playing No.1 doubles for Norton B were Hannah Fulton and Stephanie Shepard. They placed fourth with a 1-3 record. They defeated Regina Bird and Lacey Evert, Belleville, 6-3; lost to Gena Myers and Sara Campbell, Norton A, 1-6; lost to Jessica Pruitt and Savannah Anderson, Russell, 3-6 and lost to Kali Asher and Jodie Mongeau, Phillipsburg, 0-6.

Mariah Gordine and Bethany Wicker played No.2 doubles for Norton B and placed fifth. They lost to Felicia Paredes and Elizabeth Jarvey, Belleville, 1-6; lost to Valerie Wagoner and Tiffany Marx, Norton A, 0-6; lost to Amy Phillips and Courtney Mead, Russell, 4-6 and lost to Courtney Beard and Kadie Hays, Phillipsburg, 0-6.

Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg, played No.2 singles for Norton B and placed third. She defeated Kari Dake, Belleville, 6-4; defeated Tabitha Vincent, Norton A, 6-3; lost to Rena Detrixhe, Russell, 5-6 (2-7) and lost to Shayne Rynnion, Phillipsburg, 3-6.

"I am very pleased with how all of our girls played," said Coach Branek.

"They continue to improve and become more confident with every match.

"Ashley Maybon and Brianne Nelson continue to play strong as well as Gena Myers and Sara Campbell in doubles.

"Our doubles teams on the B team did show improvement since our last competition. They are still learning and these tournaments are good experience for them."

The Norton junior varsity tennis team will compete in Goodland today, beginning at 3 p.m.

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