

Huskies boys, girls qualify for state!

Boys team third at regionals, girls team takes second

The Northern Valley boys cross country team took third in the Class 1A Regional Cross Country Meet Saturday to qualify for the state meet.

Brewster took first with 26



Sophomore Bryce Marble placed fourth at the regional meet in Grainfield.

points, followed by Wheatland, 28; Northern Valley, 42; and Sylvan Grove, 52.

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Individually, Bryce Marble and Casey Dole both qualified for state. Marble took 4th place with a time of 19:40, while Dole came in 8th at 20:12.

"Bryce ran a good race today," said Coach Lowry. "He ran between third and fifth and had to run the majority of the race alone. He will be ready for the race next week."

"Casey ran a very good race, improving 2:38 from last year on this course. Casey will like the hills at the state meet Saturday."

Blake Johnson took 21st for the Huskies with a time of 22:16, while Stanton Nelson was right behind him in 22nd, clocking in at 22:27.

"Blake had a good race," said the coach. "This was his first of the season and he competed hard and finished strong."

"Stanton ran a strong race, improving 1:05 from just last week. He is still recovering from an illness, but is getting stronger every week."

The Husky Harriers will travel to Wamego for the State Cross Country Meet Saturday at the Wamego Country Club. The Class 1A boys run is set to start at 10 a.m.



Casey Dole, senior, finished in eighth place at the regional meet in Grainfield.

The Northern Valley High School girls team took second to qualify for state at the 1A Regional Meet Saturday in Wheatland.

Wheatland won the meet with 12 points, followed by the Lady Huskies, 29, and Sylvan Grove, 37.

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Individually, both Andrea Lowry and Amanda Hopkins qualified for state. Lowry came in 8th with a time of 13:41, while Hopkins took 10th, clocking in at 13:59.

"Andrea had a great race," said Coach Lowry. "She worked with Amanda to run a good time and place in the top 10."

"Amanda also ran a great race. This was a personal best, improving 9 seconds from last year. She teamed with Andrea to compete for a good time and place."

Jessie Redeker came in 16th at 15:55, while Jena Jessup placed 18th in 17:07.

"Jessie had a great race, improving 14 seconds from last year on this course," said the coach. "She showed a lot of courage coming back after an illness."

"Jena ran a good race. She improved 1:05 from last week. She is also still recovering from an illness, but will be ready to go next week."

The Lady Husky Harriers will travel to Wamego for the State Cross Country Meet Saturday at the Wamego Country Club. The Class 1A girls run is set to start at 9 a.m.



Northern Valley's Andrea Lowry, front, and Amanda Hopkins work together to finish in the top ten at the regional cross country meet on Saturday. The girls team qualified for state with a second place finish.

Northern Valley defeats Mustangs for district win

The Northern Valley Huskies defeated the Eastern Heights Mustangs 66-26 Friday night in Agra.

The Huskies started off well in the first quarter, making five unanswered touchdowns to take a 38-0 lead.

Clarke Nelson started it off just under three minutes into the game on a 13-yard run. Just over a minute later, Joey Copper put the ball in the end zone on a 43-yard run and then passed to Nelson for the extra points.

With 4:11 showing, Nelson ran in another touchdown, rushing 52 yards to score. Copper passed to Cole Kinderknecht to get the points after. Just about two minutes later, Avery Thalheim made his first score of the game on a 2-yard dash and then added another two points to the Husky tally with the conversion.

With 22 seconds left in the quarter, Copper made his second touchdown on an 11-yard run. Nelson ran in the extra points, giving Northern Valley a 38-0 lead.

Eastern Heights made it on the board with 7:47 left in the second quarter on a 55-yard run from Drew Kirk.

But, 25 seconds later, the Huskies retaliated with a 65-yard rush from Nelson for another 6 points.

Bryton Anderson was in the end zone for Northern Valley with 4:34 showing on a nine-yard run. Frans Laubscher ran for the conversion, making the tally 52-6.

Casey Dole put one more in for the Huskies when he dashed three yards to score with 2:02 on the board.

The Mustangs scored a second time with 1:13 left in the half on a 26-yard run from Kirk. Kirk passed to Don Lowe for the points after.

Ben Suchsland made it to the end zone in the middle of the third on a three-yard run for six more Eastern Heights points.

Early in the fourth, the Mustangs made their final touchdown on a 58-yarder from Michael Iman.

About a minute and a half later, Nelson found himself in the end zone one last time after rushing 51 yards. Thalheim passed to Copper for the extra points, making the final tally 66-26.



Northern Valley's Clarke Nelson runs for a touchdown in the game against Eastern Heights on Friday. Nelson ran for four touchdowns on eight carries for a whopping 222 yards, an average of 27.8 yards per carry.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

game early and were able to get our back-ups a lot of playing time," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "Clarke Nelson had a big night rushing. Our line did a good job of blocking for him."

"We were pleased with the way we threw the ball. This is something we have been working hard to improve upon."

"We're looking forward to our final district game with Natoma."

Nelson led rushing for Northern Valley with 222 yards on 8 carries. He was followed by Copper, 54 on 4; Bryce Marble, 30 on 3; Thalheim, 19 on 4; Dole, 22 on 4; Anderson, 10 on 7; and Laubscher, 8 on 6.

Copper completed 3 of 5 passes for 34 yards, while Anderson made 3 of 3 for 32 yards, Drew Britt made 1 of 3 for -3, Thalheim made 1 of 1 for 3, and Blake Johnson made 0 of 1 for 0.

Receiving were Kinderknecht, 2 for 31 yards; Dole, 2 for 26; Nelson, 1 for 3; Copper, 1 for 3; and Richie Kersch, 1 for 2.

both made a pass interception.

Tanner Jessup and Sheley led tackles; Jessup had 7 solos, while Sheley came away with 6 solos and 2 assists. Others making tackles were Thalheim, 5-2; Travis Redeker, 5-0; Marble, 4-1; Kinderknecht, 4-1; Dole, 4-0; Anderson, 4-0; Copper, 3-3; Cody Callaway, 3-2; Chase Miller, 3-2; Nelson, 3-1; Braden Kersch, 3-0; Nathaniel Graham, 2-3; Patrick Hammond, 2-2; R. Kersch, 2-1; Taylor Hammond, 1-2; Zac Miller, 1-0; Chance Miller, 0-1; Cody Lowry, 0-1; and Ethan Hays, 0-1.

The Northern Valley Huskies will travel to Natoma on Thursday for their last district game. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

| Game Statistics | | |
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| N. Valley | E. Heights | |
| 7 | 14 | First Downs |
| 372 | 279 | Yards Rushing |
| 66 | 36 | Yards Passing |
| 438 | 315 | Total Yards |
| 8-13 | 3-10 | Passes Completed |
| 6-2 | 5-2 | Fumbles |
| 7-65 | 5-32 | Penalties |
| 3-60-20.0 | 4-123-30.8 | Punts |

Good Luck at State!

Northern Valley Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams

in Wamego Saturday, October 29

1A Girls run at 9 a.m.; 1A Boys run at 10 a.m.



Front row: Amanda Hopkins, Jessie Redeker, Jena Jessup, Andrea Lowry; Back row: Blake Johnson, Bryce Marble, Casey Dole, Stanton Nelson, Coach Bill Lowry

Congratulations on your Regional Placings:

Girls Team: Second Place • Boys Team: Third Place

INDIVIDUAL MEDALISTS:

**Bryce Marble, Fourth Place • Casey Dole, Eighth Place
Andrea Lowry, Eighth Place • Amanda Hopkins, Tenth Place**

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