



Northern Valley High School was represented at Saturday's 1A State Cross Country Meet with both girls and boys teams participating. The girls team members, from left, Amanda Hopkins, Jena Jessup, Andrea Lowry and Jessie Redeker, line up at the starting line of the girls race. The boys team, from left, Blake Johnson, Bryce Marble, Casey Dole and Stanton Nelson, take off as the race begins. — Telegram photos by Susie Marble

Husky teams compete in 1A State Cross Country

By DICK BOYD

The Northern Valley girls team placed 10th and the boys team 12th in the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet held Saturday on the golf course at Wamego. It was the first time Northern Valley had both boys and girls cross country teams competing the same year in the state meet. "It was a good experience for us," said Coach Bill Lowry. "This is the most difficult course we run each year. It is always a challenge. At the state meet, you run among a lot of people. You run a long ways

with people on both sides of you. During the rest of the season, you run more spread out. "Overall, we all had a fairly good day. We didn't set any personal records but all competed well. All but one of our girls and boys runners will be back next year." Olpe won the girls championship with 39 points, followed by Macksville, 61; Grainfield, 66; Stafford, 75; Deerfield, 88; Pike Valley, 89; Tribune, 103; Wakefield, 108; Lawrence-Bishop Seabury, 126; Northern

Valley, 174; Burrton, 185; Sylvan Grove, 211. Junior Andrea Lowry placed 47th individually and 28th among team runners in 15 minutes, 5.01 seconds for the two miles. This was her first time in the state meet and only her second race of the season. She ran in the regional the week before but, until that time, she was a member of the Lady Husky volleyball team. The other three Lady Husky runners have competed in the state meet previously and all bettered their state meet times of a

year ago. Sophomore Amanda Hopkins placed 52nd and 33rd among team runners in 15:38.74. Junior Jessie Redeker placed 72nd and 53rd among team runners in 17:16.75. Junior Jena Jessup was 79th and 60th among team runners with a time of 18:59.02. "All of our girls ran hard and will be back next year," said Coach Lowry. Motezuma-South Gray won the boys championship with 36 points, followed by Deerfield, 46;

Pike Valley, 64; Tribune, 78; Brewster, 101; Goessel, 105; Hanover, 109; Pretty Prairie, 130; Mankato, 135; Grainfield, 161; Stafford, 172; Northern Valley, 204. Sophomore Bryce Marble had the best Husky boys' time. He finished 54th and 37th among team runners in 20:01.54 for the three miles. Casey Dole, the only senior on the Northern Valley team, placed 70th and 51st among team runners in 20:51.52. Sophomore Blake Johnson was

75th and 56th among team runners in 21:16.97. Completing Stanton Nelson who finished 80th and 60th among team runners in 21:51.62. "It was the first time ever for our boys runners," said Coach Lowry. "It was a good experience for them and will help them for next year. We will lose Casey since he is a senior. Casey, Bryce and Blake are members of the football team so were doing double duty."

Northern Valley defeats Natoma in last district game

Huskies rack up 631 yards

It was a back-and-forth game at first but Northern Valley High took the lead in the second quarter and beat Natoma 88-66 in the Huskies' last District football game Thursday night. Joey Copper put 6 on the board for Northern Valley with 10:44 showing in the first quarter on a seven-yard run. About a minute later, Natoma evened the score on a six-yard pass from Jason Crawford to Jared Schamberger. Copper tallied another 6 for the Huskies at 8:22 on a 28-yard run. But, Natoma got a 2-point lead when Crawford passed 10 to Cody Dunlap with 5:28 showing. Crawford passed to C.J. Lawson for the conversion. Copper made a third touchdown on an 18-yard run and then ran in the extra points. Then, with 2:01 left in the quarter, Natoma regained the lead on a 25-yard pass from Crawford to Lawson. Crawford passed to Dunlap for the points after, making the score 22-20.



Joey Copper runs a keeper for the Huskies in the game against Natoma last Thursday. Copper ran for 245 yards on 25 carries. Clearing the way for Copper are No. 64

Andrew Sheley and Avery Thalheim. Northern Valley won the high scoring matchup, 88-66. — Telegram photo by Susie Marble

kick-offs for 557 yards. Kick-off returns were made by Kersch, 5 for 76 yards; Kinderknecht, 1 for 34 yards; and Thalheim, 2 for 24 yards. Copper led tackles with 13 solos and 2 assists. He was followed by Lowry, 6-2; Thalheim, 5-3; Kersch, 5-2; Kinderknecht, 4-1; Braden Kersch, 4-0; Andrew Sheley, 3-3; Zac Miller, 2-1; Nathaniel Graham, 2-1; Hammond, 2-0; Nelson, 1-2; and Tanner Jessup, 1-0. Northern Valley will travel to Sharon Springs where they will play Weskan in the Bi-District game tonight. Kick-off is set for 7 p.m.

Game Statistics		
N. Valley		Natoma
21	First Downs	14
628	Yards Rushing	153
3	Yards Passing	371
631	Total Yards	524
1-1	Passes Compl.	27-56
4-32	Penalties	6-35
0-0	Fumbles	2-0
0-0	Punts	1 blocked



zone with 3:32 left on a 13-yard run. Copper passed to Nelson for the extra points. Then, with 1:17 left, Copper rushed 17-yards for another Husky touchdown. Seven seconds into the fourth, Natoma's Crawford ran four to score. Less than a minute later, he was back in the end zone on a 14-yard run for another 6. Seven seconds after that, Cole Kinderknecht made a 34-yard kick-return for Northern Valley. Nelson ran in the extra points. At 9:25, Copper ran 12 into the end zone. With Nelson running in the points after, the Huskies had an 80-52 lead. About a minute and a half later, Crawford threw the ball 22 yards to Tyler Masters for a touchdown. Crawford passed to Masters for the extra points. With 5:01 left, Nelson rushed

seven yards for the final Husky touchdown. Cody Lowry ran in the conversion, giving the green team 88 points. With 1:12 left Natoma made a last-ditch effort, scoring on an 11-yard run from Adam Zeigler. The pass for extra points failed, leaving the tally 88-66 in the Huskies' favor. "This was a wild, wild football game," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We were able to run the ball very effectively. They had a lot of success passing. "We played error free football and that turned out to be the difference in the game. We had no turnovers and we were able to intercept three passes. "Our next game will be against Weskan Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Sharon Springs." Nelson and Copper led rushing for Northern Valley. Nelson had 300 yards on 38 carries, while Copper had 245 yards on 25 carries. Also rushing were Thalheim, 79 yards on 12 carries, and Lowry, 3 yards on 1 carry. Copper completed his only pass for 3 yards. Nelson received. Lowry, Copper and Richie Kersch each made a pass interception. Patrick Hammond made 13

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