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Eighth graders post a 4-2 record

The Norton 8th grade football Jays lost a 32-14 decision to Plainville on Oct. 11.

Norton scored 6 points in the first period and 8 in the fourth. Plainville put up 8 points in the first, 16 in the second and 8 in the third.

"I felt the young men played their hearts out. Plainville was undefeated and a very good team and I felt we played even with them most of the game," said Coach George Rossi.

"We told the team to leave it all on the field and I felt they did just that. This group of kids continued to work hard and improve each week," the coach said.

"I would like to thank our stats keepers, Bob and Charlotte Stephenson for a fantastic job of providing the statistics for each game. The parents and fans who supported the team all year, the cheerleaders and pep club who were fantastic each game. Also to the Norton School District staff for a great field each week. This was a successful season and I wish the boys luck next year," Rossi said.

"Thanks for the write up each week in the paper. It's so nice that our town paper gets junior high stuff in so quick," he said.

The varsity record was 4-2 on the year and the jayvee record was 3-1.

Scoring for the varsity were Jordan Wahlmeier on a 12-yard pass to Dillon McConney in the first quarter, PAT failed, and Trey Millan on a 2-yard run in the fourth period.

The seventh grade fifth quarter game was won by Norton 6-0, on a 48-yard run by Jacob Brooks.

Here are some statistics from the game:

Rushing (carries-yards-average): Tye Nickell, 12-38-3.17; Trey Millan, 6-10-1.67; Jordan Wahlmeier, 1-11-11; Jacob Brooks, 4-60-15; Jarod Bohl, 1-4-4; Dalton Miller, 2-3-1.5; Lane Archer, 2-24-12.

Passing: Wahlmeier, 14 attempts, 8 completions for 97 yards and 1 TD; Miller, 2, 1 completion for 3 yards; Drew Ellis, 1, not completed.

Receptions: Dillon McConney, 3 for 59 yards and 1 TD;

Trey Millan, 4 for 26 yards; Zach Hartwell, 1 for 14 yards; Ryan Bainter, 1 for 3 yards.

Interceptions: Wahlmeier, 2 for 20 yards.

Punting: Nickell, 1 for 23 yards.

Kick offs: Seth Antrim, 2 for 55 yards (27.5 average); Nickell, 1 for 25 yards.

Returns: Casey Temmel, 1, 0 yards; Nickell, 1 for 30 yards; Millan, 1 for 5 yards.

Tackles: RJ Ellis, 1; Nickell, 8; Antrim, 3; Millan, 15; Wahlmeier, 4; Robert Blecha, 1; Justin Waggoner, 2; Temmel, 10; Damion Davis, 2; Cayleb Campbell, 7; Alec Gittenback, 4; Tyler Lewis, 2.

Tackles in the 5th quarter game: Brooks, 1; Jared Bohl, 2; Trevor Rossi, 1; John Risewick, 1; Ryan Bainter, 1.

In the varsity game, Norton had 8 first downs vs. 9 for Plainville; net yards gained Norton, 67; total offense, 164 yards; fumbles/lost, 2/1; fumbles recovered, 1; penalties, 6 for 25 yards.

(Note: The Telegram thanks Coach Rossi and his statisticians for their great cooperation. -td)

Young Huskies end season big

The combined football team of Northern Valley and Logan finished off a great season by beating Golden Plains 42-14 in Rexford on Oct. 18, posting a season's record of 5-1.

Despite the game being played in very windy conditions, the Huskies played a solid game on both offense and defense.

"With the win the squad finished the season with an outstanding 5-1 record. The Huskies and Trojans had a lot of fun playing together during the season. I am very proud of this team. The boys played well together and were a good group to work with," Coach Jim Cole said.

"Thanks to all the players and coaches on the team for making this a season to remember," he said.

Here are the stats:

By quarters:
Northern Valley 14-8-8-12 42
Golden Plains 6-0-0-8 14

Rushing — Austin Herman 14 carries for 165 yards, 3 T.D.'s; Nate Land 10 carries for 49 yards, 1 T.D. and 2 (2pt) conversions; Tracy Archer 11 carries for 60 yards, 1 T.D.; Calen Bach 3 carries for 15 yards; Tyson Callaway 2 carries for 18 yards; Gage LeRoux 3 carries for 4 yards; Gunnar Hays 1 carry for 5 yards; Phillip Compton 1 carry for 0 yards.

Passing — Austin Herman 2 for 4 for 40 yards, T.D. and 1 (2pt) conversion; Gunnar Hays 0 for 1 for 0 yards.

Receiving — Phillip Compton 2 catches for 40 yards, 1 T.D. and 1 (2pt) conversion.

Tackles, Assists — Austin Herman 8-1; Calen Bach 6-2; Tracy Archer 5-2; Lane Archer 3-1; Dillon Hogan 2-2; Gage LeRoux 2-1; Gunnar Hays 2-0; Nate Land 1-3; Daniel Field 1-2; Tyson Callaway 1-1; Tyler Montgomery 1-0; Brandon Kats 0-2.

Fumble, Recoveries (3) —

Alex Tharman, Lane Archer, Daniel Field.

Rushing, 316 yards
Passing, 40 yards
Total Offense, 356 yards

Scoring:
(1st Quarter) — N. Valley, Austin Herman 47 yard run, (2pt) Land run 8-0; N. Valley Austin Herman 46 yard run, PAT failed, 14-0

(2nd Quarter) — N. Valley Phillip Compton 37 yard pass from Austin Herman, (2pt) Compton pass from Herman, 22-0. G.Plains Cole Christensen 7 yard pass from Tyler Stevenson, 22-6.

(3rd Quarter) — N. Valley Austin Herman 10 yard run, (2pt) Land run, 30-6.

(4th Quarter) — N. Valley Tracy Archer 1 yard run, PAT failed, 36-6. G.Plains Tyler Stevenson 1 yard run, (2pt) Jacobs run, 36-14; N. Valley Nate Land 7 yard run, PAT failed, 42-14.

Runners fourth in Lakeside Invite

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The Norton Community High School boys and girls cross country teams placed fourth in the annual Lakeside Invitational on Thursday in Downs.

BOYS

Southeast of Saline won the boys championship with 86 points, followed by Belleville, 94; Ellsworth, 101; Norton, 103; Beloit, 119; Osborne, 131; Sacred Heart of Salina, 137; Victoria, 196; Lakeside, 212; Minneapolis, 244; Pike Valley, 261; Stockton, 300. Runners also competed from Lincoln, Phillipsburg, Quivira Heights, Rock Hills, Smith Center and Southern Cloud.

Norton's Zach Bainter placed second individually with a personal record time of 17:06. Chris Maddy was 16th in 18:40 and David Counter 27th in a personal record time of 19:07. Jordan Bebb ran the 3.1 mile distance in 19:13 to place 29th.

Troy Bainter was the fifth Norton runner to finish and he was in 40th place with a personal record time of 19:51.

Also running for the Blue Jays were Luke VanSkike, 54th in 20:22 and Kerby Brandyberry, 74th in a personal record time of 21:58.

Max McClure, Southeast of Saline, won the individual gold medal with a time of 16:57. Others in the top 10 were: Jimmy

Pitts, Belleville, third, 17:38; Martin Hojda, Osborne, fourth, 17:44; Trask Engel, Southeast of Saline, 17:55, fifth; Ethan Cook, Victoria, 18:04, sixth; Kristofer Bailey, Ellsworth, 18:12, seventh; Drake Reynolds, Phillipsburg, 18:17, eighth; Aaron Catlin, Beloit, 18:20, ninth; Ethan Michels, Beloit, 18:21, tenth.

Team scores were kept in the junior varsity boys race and Norton was the winner with 40 points, followed by Ellsworth, 49; Phillipsburg, 52; Smith Center, 87.

Norton's Keegan Vanover placed fifth with a personal best time of 21:37. Cole Archer was 23th in 23:30, followed by Matt Miller, 24th in a personal record time of 23:35; Grant McClymont, 25th in 23:38; Zach Porter, 34th in 25:01 and Adam Myers, 36th in a personal record time of 25:35.

"We all ran well but Zach Bainter ran phenomenal," said Norton head cross country coach Tom Hehn. "Our junior varsity boys runners also impressed me. Kegan Vanover would have placed high in the varsity race.

GIRLS

Osborne was the girls team winner with 68 points, followed by Southeast of Saline, 74; Sacred Heart of Salina, 92; Norton, 97; Belleville, 130; Lakeside, 142; Ellsworth, 147; Beloit, 169; Pike Valley, 198. Runners also competed from Jewell, Lincoln, Minneapolis, Quivira Heights, Rock

Hills, Southern Cloud, Stockton and Sylvan Unified.

Norton's Laura Lee Baird placed fourth individually with a season's best time of 16:10 in the 2.5 mile course. Kara Jo Jones placed 16th in 17:18 and Taylor Rossi 20th in 17:38. Kaylen Rossi recorded the Lady Jays' fourth best time with a 29th place finish in a personal record time of 18:09. Dustyna Sprigg was the fifth Norton finisher and she placed 38th in a personal record time of 18:35.

Also running for the Lady Jays were Amanda Ray, 50th in 19:21 and Kylie Morel, 57th in 19:47.

Other girls in the top ten were: Ally Balderston, Sacred Heart of Salina, 15:28, first; Hillary Callaway, Rock Hills, 15:56, second; Shanae Porter, Beloit, 16:05, third; Rachel Renken, Lakin, 15:25, fifth; Katy File, Beloit, 16:34, sixth; Paige Noel, Osborne, 16:38, seventh; Shelbi Hamilton, Minneapolis, 16:39, eighth; Tifany Cleveland, Southeast of Saline, 16:43, ninth; Megan Burch, Osborne, 16:47, tenth.

"Our girls also ran well against good competition," said Hehn.

Coach's comments

"The course, the weather and the competition were excellent," said Hehn.

"It was good for us to run against some of the same runners we will see in the regional meet."

(Fast forward: the teams are at state this weekend.)

Next stop: STATE!



Northern Valley's Kayla Field qualified for Saturday's state cross country championships at Wamego, on the strength of her 4th-place showing in the Class 1A regionals on Oct. 19. Her time at regionals was 17:25. She will run at 10:30 a.m.

- Telegram photo Laryl Rous



Norton junior Zach Bainter ran an excellent race in the Class 3A Regional Cross Country meet on Saturday in Norton, to place second individually and qualify for the state meet Saturday in Wamego for the third straight year.

- Telegram photo Dick Boyd



Sophomore Chris Maddy finished 12th individually for Norton with a season's best time of 18:26 in the Class 3A Regional meet here on Saturday. He qualified for the second straight year for this coming Saturday's state meet in Wamego.

- Telegram photo Dick Boyd

Tennis fourth in tourney at Colby

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team placed fourth in the Colby Junior Varsity Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 29 in Colby.

Liberal won the championship, followed by Phillipsburg, Scott City, Norton, Colby, Garden City, Ulysses and Tribune.

"This was the last junior varsity tournament of the season and I was very pleased all of our junior varsity girls were able to play today, said Norton head tennis coach Lisa Henderson.

"Alexis Mangold played No.1 singles for Colby since there was an open slot and Kaitlyn Ross played No.2 singles for the Scott City team. Even though they couldn't earn any points for Norton, it was nice for them to be able to compete.

"Today was a fun day for all our girls. Our junior varsity squad had a great season and all our girls should be extremely proud of their accomplishments."

Meaghan Peterson played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays reserves and placed fifth with a 2-2 record. She lost 8-6 to Chelsy Troyer, Phillipsburg; lost 8-1 to Kaitlin Stockman, Scott City; defeated Kristen Torres, Ulysses, 8-2 and defeated Alexis Mangold, Norton, playing for Colby, by an 8-4 score.

"Meaghan's first match against Phillipsburg was pretty intense," said Henderson. "Earlier in the season, Chelsy Troyer defeated Meaghan 8-1 during a match. This time around, the score was 8-6. Even though Meaghan couldn't pull through with the win, she definitely showed much improvement."

Kelsey Nuzum and Nicquel McVey played No.1 doubles for Norton and compiled a 3-1 record to place second. They defeated Tristin Troyer and Kim Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 8-7 (8-2); outscored Karrin Wessel and Chelsea Warta, Scott City, 8-6; defeated Ali Ybarra and Karrie Meredith, Ulysses, 8-3 and lost 8-3 to Katie Plunk and Maddie Plunk, Liberal.

"Pairing Kelsey and Nicquel together this season was a great decision," said Henderson. "Kelsey's a sophomore and Nicquel's a

freshman. They've really gotten themselves established as a doubles team. They have won more matches together this season than any of our other doubles team, including varsity. They've earned several medals at different tournaments and have had a very victorious season. They were so close to placing first but I'm very happy that they placed the way they did. Second out of eight teams is excellent and they should be very proud of themselves."

No.2 singles player for Norton was Ashley Millan. She placed sixth with a 2-3 record. She lost 6-0 to Mary Ann Schremmer, Phillipsburg; defeated Kaitlyn Ross of Norton playing for Scott City, 6-5 (7-3); outscored Kayla Smith, Ulysses, 6-5 (7-4); lost 6-4 to Shannon Blair, Scott City and lost 6-3 to Julie Damien, Garden City.

"Ashley had some really close matches today," said Henderson. "Two of her matches ended in tie-breakers and she won both of them. I think she's still getting the hand of playing singles but she'll improve with practice."

"It's difficult going from being able to rely on a doubles partner to having control over the entire court.

"Ashley has improved so much. With each match, she gains that much more experience."

Playing No.2 doubles for the

Lady Jays were Kyra Fulton and Katie Scott. They compiled a 3-2 record to place fifth. They lost 6-3 to Brooke Lawyer and Clara Coomes, Phillipsburg; received a bye; defeated Lacy Rundel and Kim Meredith, Ulysses, 6-4; lost 6-1 to Ashlee Sauer and Anna Yeager, Scott City and defeated Christi Murillo and Michelle Murillo, Garden City, 6-1.

"Kyra and Katie did a great job together today," said Henderson. "Katie's serving has drastically improved and her overall level of play has continued to impress assistant coach Nan Smith and myself. She's done a great job and her attitude's been great. She's worked hard to improve and it shows."

"Kyra and Katie worked well as a team despite never having been paired together. Kyra's serving is much better and she really hustles on the court. She is also better about not being intimidated at the net and had some really nice net shots today."

"Both of these girls will be wonderful returning players next year. They started the season unsure of themselves and their confidence level has really improved. I am thrilled they pulled away with three wins today."

"They kept their heads and had fun. I tell the girls that, if they don't have fun playing tennis, it's not worth their while."

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