

Huskies last game was a close one



The Norton Junior Jays block for Kade Unterseher during playoffs in Hays last weekend. The undefeated Junior Jays will play Great Bend Panthers in the Tournament of Champions this Sunday.

—Telegram photo by Sherry Hickman

Junior Jays undefeated

The Norton, fifth grade, Junior Jays will be playing for 1st place against the Great Bend Panthers in the Tournament of Champions this Sunday at 3 p.m.

These boys have not lost a game all season. Their first game was against the Oakley Plainsmen and they won with a score of 37-0.

The second game was played at Norton against the Goodland Jr. Cowboys, with a score of 35-0. They played at Colby with an-

other win, 25-0. The next week, Colby was at Norton and the score once again was 28-0. Their next game was at Goodland, with a final score 50-0. The last game was played against the Hays Enforcers. Once again the Junior Jays defense came through and the final score was 14-0.

Last Sunday the team went to Hays for the playoffs. The Junior Jays played against McPherson. Although McPherson was the first

team to score on them this season, the boys did not allow themselves to be knocked down. The final score was 40-14.

"These boys are very smart and understand the game of football," said head coach, Scott Ellis.

"They are physical and very tough. We will be ready to play Great Bend on Sunday for the championship."

Look at Northern Valley's statistics in their 30-14 football loss to Wheatland-Grinnell last Friday evening and you realize it was a closer game than the score indicates.

In the rushing department, the Huskies rolled up an impressive 256 yards on 47 carries for an outstanding 5.5 yards per carry. Wheatland did just a little better with 289 yards on 51 carries for a 5.7 yard average.

Northern Valley had 16 first downs compared to 12 for Wheatland. The Huskies had only 4 penalties for 35 yards while Wheatland had 9 penalties for 82 yards.

Neither team lost a fumble. Northern Valley punted only twice and Wheatland punted three times.

The passing department was clearly in favor of Wheatland. They completed 5 of 6 aerials for 41 yards. The Huskies completed 6 of 13 for 43 yards but had four interceptions. Also, the two teams played even in the scoring department except for the second quarter.

"We had opportunities to put some more points on the scoreboard but we just couldn't take advantage of them," said Norton head football coach Chuck Fesenden.

"Grinnell-Wheatland was able to take advantage of a couple of defensive breakdowns. Those plays resulted in a pair of long touchdown runs."

Scoring was as follows: Jay Ostmeyer, Wheatland, 14 yard run, Logan Stephens PAT run, 11:54 second quarter, 8-0; Austin Herman, Northern Valley, 65 yard run, PAT run failed, 11:40

second quarter, 8-6; Stephens, Wheatland, 50 yard run, Bixenman pass to Kaiser, PAT, 10:08 second quarter, 16-6; Stephens, 18 yard run, PAT run failed, 1:34 second quarter, 22-6; Ostmeyer, Wheatland, 50 yard run, Bixenman PAT run, 8:00 fourth quarter, 30-6; Calen Bach, Northern Valley, 1 yard run, Gallentine PAT run, 5:03 fourth quarter, 30-14.

Leading rusher for Northern Valley was Herman with an outstanding game carrying the pigskin. He gained 142 yards on 18 carries for a 7.9 yard average. Gallentine rushed 20 times for 72 yards and a 3.6 yard average and Bach carried the ball 9 times for 42 yards and a 4.7 yard average.

Herman completed 6 of 13 passes for 43 yards. Colton Lowry caught 4 passes for 36 yards and Gallentine had 2 receptions for 7 yards.

Gallentine had three kickoffs for 110 yards and an average of 36.7 yards. Zachary Vincent had 2 kickoff returns for 14 yards, Lowry had 1 for 6 and Michael Callaway 1 for 2.

Gallentine was leading tackler for Northern Valley with 10 solos, 3 assists, 13 total, followed by Hutch Gehrke, 7-5-12; Lowry, 8-4-12; M. Callaway, 7-3-10; Vincent, 6-4-10; Dillon Hogan, 5-3-8; Bach, 5-2-7; Steven Brown, 2-3-5; Matt Dole, 2-2-4.



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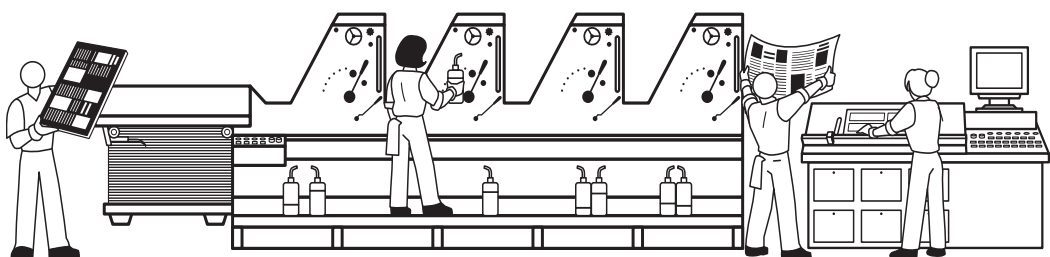
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