

2011 football stats

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Norton Community High School head football coach Lucas Melvin has released the statistics for the Blue Jays' 2011 season.

As a team, Norton rushed for 1,719 yards on 356 carries for an excellent average of 4.83 yards per run. The Jays also passed for 876 yards for a grand total of 2,595 yards of offense.

Individual rushing yardage was distributed fairly evenly among four different backs. Senior running back Tye Nickell was leading rusher with 465 yards on 133 carries for an average of 3.5 yards. He was followed by senior running back Trey Millan with 413 yards on 69 tries for an average of 5.99 yards per tote.

Gaining 364 yards on 64 carries for an average of 5.69 yards was junior running back, wide receiver Jacob Brooks. Averaging 6.57 yards per carry with 54 tries for 355 yards was senior quarterback Jordan Wahlmeier.

Wahlmeier was the team's passer. He completed 49 of 133 attempts for all of the 876 aerial yards and passed for nine touchdowns.

Leading pass receiver was Brooks with 13 catches for 349 yards and an average of 26.85 yards. Junior wide receiver Carson McKenna also had 13 pass receptions but for 205 yards and an average of 15.77 yards. Senior wide receiver Dillon McConney caught 5 passes for 131 yards and a 26.20 yard average. Senior tight end Robert Blecha had 9 catches for 110 yards and an average of 12.22 yards per reception.

Leading tackler was senior defensive tackle Damien Davis with 36 tackles, 23 assists and 59 total stops. Junior defensive end Eli Bozarth and senior defensive back Tye Nickell tied for runner-up. Bozarth had 40 tackles, 17 assists for 57 total tackles and Nickell recorded 42 tackles, 15 assists for 57 total stops. Junior defensive back Carson McKenna had 41 tackles and 12 assists for 53 total.

Senior linebacker Cayleb Campbell had 35 tackles, 16 assists for 51 total and junior linebacker Dalton Miller recorded 35 tackles and 15 assists for 50 total stops.

Nickell led the team with 5 pass interceptions while McKenna had 2 and Brooks and

Millan had 1 each.

McKenna led the team in fumble recoveries with 3, followed by John Risewick, Nickell, Brooks, Millan, Taylor Meder, Justin Waggoner, Campbell, Bozarth, 1 each.

Brooks was scoring leader with 10 touchdowns, followed by Wahlmeier, 9; Millan, 6; McKenna, 3; Nickell, 2; Risewick, McConney, Bozarth, 1 each.

Sophomore Austin Hager was the Norton place kicker. He was successful on 14 of 22 extra point kicks for 64 percent accuracy.

Brooks and Nickell were special team leaders. Nickell returned 9 punts for 120 yards and 19 kickoffs for 448 yards for a total of 568 yards. Brooks had 2 punt returns for 42 yards and 16 kickoff returns for 403 yards for a total of 445 yards.

Wahlmeier punted for the Blue Jays. He punted 30 times for 1,079 yards and an average of 35.97 yards per kick.

Hager kicked off for Norton. He had 41 kickoffs for 1,729 yards and an average of 42.2 yards.

J.R. Durham Tourney this Saturday

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The 47th annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Teams from Atwood, Beloit, Cozad, Thomas More Prep-Hays, Hoxie, Leoti, McCook, Oakley, Scott City, Silver Lake and Smith Center will compete along with the Norton varsity and junior varsity teams.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will include the first round, quarterfinals, semifinals/consolation first round, consolation quarterfinals and consolation semifinals. Wrestling will be on three mats.

Session two will begin 30 minutes after completion of the consolation semifinals. It will

consist of fifth and sixth place matches on two mats, followed by consolation and championship finals on two mats. First and third place matches will be wrestled simultaneously.

Honored prior to the finals will be state tournament wrestling medal winners from 1942, 1952, 1962, 1972, 1982, 1992 and 2002.

Each will be introduced to the crowd and each will receive a certificate of wrestling excellence from J.R. "Jake" Durham in honor of the anniversary of their state medal.

The longtime Norton tournament was renamed 14 years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former longtime wrestling coach for the Blue Jays.

Jake's many honors include

membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

This tournament is traditionally a very tough, competitive event with many state ranked wrestlers competing.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. There will be no public recognition for fifth and sixth place finishers and they will receive no points.

An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the coaches.

Dual with Silver Lake
Norton will dual Silver Lake on Friday night in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, beginning at 6 p.m.

Lending rates for this year announced

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Commodity Credit Corporation announced interest rates for January 2012. The Commodity Credit Corporation borrowing rate-based charge for January 2012 is 0.125 percent, unchanged from 0.125 in December 2011. For 1996 and subsequent crop year commodity and marketing assistance loans, the interest rate for loans disbursed during January 2012 is 1.125 percent, unchanged from 1.125 in December 2011.

In accordance with the 2008 Farm Bill, interest rates for Farm Storage Facility Loans approved for January 2012 are as follows, 1.375 percent with seven-year loan terms, down from 1.500 in December 2011; 2.000 percent with 10-year loan terms, down from 2.125 in December 2011 and; 2.250 percent with 12-year loan terms, down from 2.375 percent in December 2011. The interest rate for Sugar Storage Facility Loans for January 2012 is 2.375 percent, down from 2.625 in December 2011.

The maximum discount rate applicable for January 2012 for the Tobacco Transition Payment Program is 5 percent, unchanged from December 2011. This is based on the 3.250 percent prime rate plus 2 percent, rounded to the nearest whole number.

Past monthly releases announcing interest rates charged by Commodity Credit Corporation on commodity and marketing assistance loans disbursed for that particular month reflect the interest rate the U.S. Treasury charged Commodity Credit Corporation for that month. This was the interest rate specified by Commodity Credit Corporation since Jan. 1, 1982, but the process of establishing the interest rate was changed by a provision of the Federal Agriculture

Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (the Act), enacted on April 4, 1996.

Section 163 of the Act requires that monthly interest rates applicable to commodity and marketing assistance loans are to be 100 basis points - or 1 percent - greater than the rate determined under the applicable interest rate formula in effect on Oct. 1, 1995. This formula resulted in a rate equivalent to the amount the U.S. Treasury charged Commodity Credit Corporation for borrowing, for the month.

Further program information is available from United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency's Financial Management Division at 202-772-6041.

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Norton Senior named to the All-State Football Team

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Tye Nickell, Norton's 5'9", 150 pound senior running back, defensive back, has been named to the Kansas High School Football Coaches Association Class 3A post-season All-State Team on defense.

Nickell tied for second leading tackler for the Blue Jays and also led the defense with

five pass interceptions. He was also leading punt and kickoff returner for Norton.

Nickell was also leading rusher for Norton on offense.

Other players honored on defense included: Colborn Couchman, Scott City, defensive line; Austin Werth, Thomas More-Prep-Hays, linebacker; Alex Niemiczyk, Beloit, defensive back.

Among those honored on offense were: Jacob English, Beloit, offensive lineman; Luke Hays, Scott City, tight end; Braeden Robinson, Scott City, receiver; Nick Hammeke, Thomas More Prep-Hays, quarterback and Drew O'Brien, Thomas More Prep-Hays, punter/kicker.

BOWLING

Inter-City League Standings as of Dec. 29

1. Jett SS- 6 wins, 3 losses
 2. The Where Evers- 5 wins, 4 losses
 3. Bailey Electric- 4.5 wins, 4.5 losses
 4. BLD's- 4.5 wins, 4.5 losses
 5. Heartland Partners- 4 wins, 5 losses
 6. Hawks Depot- 3 wins, 6 losses
- High Line: Mark Bailey-188, Rusty Miller-188, Luke Bailey-186, Robert Daniels-180, BLD's-650.

High Line Handicap: Luke Bailey-248, Robert Daniels-232, Mark Bailey-230, Rusty Miller-227, Jett SS-831.

High Series: Mark Bailey-513, Rusty Miller-491, Bill LaSalle-472, Brian Dicks-464, BLD's-1843.

High Series Handicap: Mark Bailey-639, Luke Bailey-636, Brian Dicks-632, Vaughn Newman-612, BLD's-2377.

Tuesday Night Mens League Standings as of Dec. 27, final 1st half

1. Don's Floor Coverings- 82 wins, 62 losses
2. D & M Service- 75 wins, 69 losses
3. WGAHA- 72 wins, 72 losses
4. The WTF's- 59 wins, 85 losses

High Line: Rusty Miller-202, Fig Millan-182, Jane Engelhardt-172, Don's Floor Coverings-616.

High Line Handicap: Rusty Miller-238, Fig Millan-234, Jane Engelhardt-817.

High Series: Rusty Miller-497, Doug Ray-497, Fig Millan-474, D & M Service-1731.

High Series Handicap: Fig Millan-630, Merle Hawks-623, Doug Ray-608, Don's Floor Coverings-2318.

Tuesday Housewife League Standings as of Dec. 28

1. Lenora Nutrition Center- 42.5 wins, 25.5 losses
2. BEB & Assoc.- 35.5 wins, 32.5 losses
3. Moffet Drug- 31 wins, 37 losses
4. Amateurs- 27 wins, 41 losses

High Line: Cheri Brooks-197, Sharron Smith-189, Kathleen Berlier-152, Moffet Drug-495.

High Line Handicap: Sharron Smith-235, Cheri Brooks-234, Pam Menagh-227, Moffet Drug-680.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-540, Sharron Smith-453, Kathleen Berlier-412, Moffet Drug-1333.

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