

Norton football season kicks off Friday night

By Dick Boyd

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The Norton Community High School football team will begin the 2012 and Mid-Continent League season this Friday night at 7 p.m. by hosting the Smith Center Redmen at Travis Field.

Following a 9-1 season in 2010, the Blue Jays are coming off a 2011 season where younger players moved up to play varsity for the first time and their inexperience made victories scarce.

This year will see 16 lettermen on the 46-player squad. Eight returnees received All-Mid-Continent League accolades last year.

Smith Center is coming off an 8-2 season but, just as Norton did in 2010, they lost all eight players that garnered Mid-Continent League honors last season.

"Our potential to be good is there but we will have to work hard," said seventh-year head coach Lucas Melvin. "We'll have to cut down on mistakes this season. We lost games last season to Perryton, Texas and Thomas More Prep due to mistakes after leading in both games. I've seen some things in practice that lead me to believe the potential is there. We've made progress."

"Our younger players are getting better and that will help us. Smith Center lost a lot of seniors last year but they are always very good. They have very good coaches and they play consistent and very hard."

Coach Melvin said this season opener will be just the start of an always tough Mid-Continent League schedule, which will include Plainville, Phillipsburg and Ellis.

Returning lettermen

Returning lettermen are John Risewick, 5'9", 150 pound wide receiver and linebacker; Jacob Brooks, 6'3", 195 pound running back, wide receiver, defensive back; Dalton Miller, 6'190 pound quarterback, linebacker; Andrew Ellis, 6'3", 160 pound wide receiver, defensive back.

Carson McKenna, 5'10", 165 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Jared Bohl, 5'11", 175 pound running back, linebacker; Treven Rossi, 5'8", 175 pound offensive lineman, linebacker; Eli Bozarth, 5'10", 160 pound offensive lineman, defensive end; Lane Bigge, 6', 220 pound offensive lineman, defensive end.

Lucas Engel, 6', 200 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle, seniors; Austin Hager, 5'10", 150 pound running back, defensive back; Tanner Furbush, 6', 165 pound running back, linebacker; Cole Renner, 5'10", 180 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle; Kolton Harting, 6', 190 pound offensive lineman, defensive end, juniors.

Stewart Whitney, 5'8", 160 pound running back, linebacker; Wyatt Harting, 6'3", 210 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle, sophomores.

Other squad members

Dylan Sprigg, 6'4", 165 pound offensive lineman, defensive end, senior; Toby Nickell, 5'7", 155 pound running back, defensive back; Drew Schrum, 5'10", 145 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Trever Lewis, 5'8", 140 pound tight end, defensive back.

Ethan Ross, 5'5", 125 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Travis Cressler, 6', 175 pound offensive lineman, defensive end; Cody Temmel, 5'9", 150 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle, juniors; Mickey Hahn, 5'11", 170 pound running back, tight end, linebacker; Kendall Miller, 6', 155 pound quarterback, linebacker.

Derick Campbell, 5'9", 150 pound running back, defensive back; Kobie Unterseher, 5'10", 130 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Christian Boser, 5'11", 160 pound running back, linebacker; Jared Tallent, 5'7", 140 pound running back, linebacker; Breven Sondergaard, 6'2", 180 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle.

Derek Rowh, 5'7", 140 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle; Tyler Kuhn, 6'4", 175 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle; Jordan Karnopp, 6'1", 165 pound

offensive lineman, defensive end; Conor Cox, 6'5", 180 pound tight end, defensive end, sophomores.

Riley Hager, 5'4", 125 pound running back, defensive back; Gavin Lively, 5'11", 150 pound running back, linebacker; Quinton Porter, 5'6", 105 pound quarterback, defensive back; Ryan Thrailkill, 5'6", 130 pound running back, defensive back; Nic Peterson, 5'10", 170 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle.

Mike Kasson, 5'5", 145 pound offensive lineman, linebacker; James Berry, 5'11", 150 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle; Cameron Heikes, 5'11", 180 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle; D.J. Nickell, 6'190 pound offensive lineman, defensive tackle.

Dalton Pfannenstiel, 5'9", 110 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Kyle Bell, 5'8", 125 pound wide receiver, defensive back; Tevin Brown, 5'8", 150 pound offensive lineman, tight end, defensive end, freshmen.

Post-season honors

Norton has eight returning players who were honored at the end of last season by vote of Mid-Continent League coaches.

Assistant coaches

Assistant coaches this season are Tony Fiscus, Jeremy Hawks, Ben Gordon and Kendall Fiscus.

Managers are Dustan Daniels and Jarrett Wente. Filmer is Connor Griffey. Rick Green will keep statistics.

Coach Melvin's background

Coach Melvin is a graduate of Colby High School. He attended Hutchinson Community College for two years and Fort Hays State University for two years and played football all four years.

For 15 years in Norton, he has been a junior high and high school track and football assistant coach and has been the head football coach the past six seasons.

Norton Football Schedule

Friday, Aug. 31 - Smith Center (H) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 7 - Goodland (A) 7:30 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 14 - Plainville (H) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 21 - Oberlin (A) 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 28 - Ellis (A) 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 5 - Colby (H) 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 12 - Minneapolis (A) 7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 19 - Beloit (H) 7 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 25 - Phillipsburg (A) 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 30 - Bi-District (A) TBA
Saturday, Nov. 3 - Regional (A) TBA
Friday, Nov. 9 - Sectional (A) TBA
Tuesday, Nov. 16 - Sub-State (A) TBA
Saturday, Nov. 24 - State (A) TBA
Junior Varsity Football
Tuesday, Sept. 4 - Smith Center (A) 6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 10 - Goodland (H) 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 17 - Plainville (A) 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 24 - Oberlin (H) 5:30 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 1 - Hays High Freshmen (H) 4 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 1 - Hays High JV (H) 6 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 8 - Colby (A) 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 11 - McCook High Freshmen (H) 7 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 15 - Phillipsburg (H) 5:30 p.m.

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Huskies set to kick off football season

By Mike Stephens

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The Northern Valley Huskies varsity football team is primed to kick off the 2012 season with head coach Chuck Fessenden at the helm for the 36th season.

The Huskies had a very successful 6-3 record in 2011 and are looking to use last year's winning season as a building block for the 2012 season.

The Huskies have a young team with only four seniors, three juniors, seven sophomores and six freshmen, but they have experience and playing time, except for the freshmen.

"Expectations are pretty high," said Fessenden.

The Huskies don't have a lot of size on offense or defense but they have speed on both sides of the ball.

Offensively, the Huskies are led by junior quarterback Hunter Chandler.

"He did a decent job last year.

He ran the ball well but didn't throw as well as we would have liked," said Fessenden, but "Hunter has played really well in practice."

At running back, sophomore Phillip Bryant should see extensive action this season for the run-dominated Huskies (about 80-20, according to Fessenden).

"Phillip Bryant will have a good year for us. He has quite a bit of ability and we will need him to step up. We will use the run to set up the pass."

The offensive line is anchored by sophomore center Carson Montgomery, junior guard Ian Vincent and sophomore guard Ame Baird.

Senior Tyson Callaway will play the end position this season and is "expected to step up as a leader on the team being the lone senior with experience," said Fessenden.

Opposite Callaway at end position, the Huskies would like

senior Phillip Compton to fill the void, but according to Fessenden, Compton may have suffered a broken hand in practice and an eligibility issue concerning Compton has clouded the situation.

Defensively, the Huskies will rely on speed and quickness.

"We need to move around and run slants because we have no size, but we have good tacklers. We can tackle in the open field," said Fessenden.

The Huskies 2012 campaign begins Friday, Aug. 31 at home against Alma with kickoff at 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 31-Alma (H)-7 p.m.
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 Saturday, Nov. 3-Regionals-TBA
 Friday, Nov. 9-Sub-State-TBA
 Saturday, Nov. 17-State-TBA

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- Two Erics
- Poseidon's realm
- Deliberate loss
- Refueling area
- Study at the last minute
- Suppressed, as emotions
- Sacagawea denomination
- A dwarf planet
- Tubular fare
- Two Eriks
- Dustin's "Tootsie" costar
- Boom box sound
- Model Carol
- Nag's pad
- Duke it out, in practice
- Teachers' org.
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- Subtle glow
- Long piano
- Try hard
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- Offers for dinner
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- Street of nightmares
- Big Three summit site
- Playing marble
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