Page 8 THE NORTON TELEGRAM Junior Huskies team defeats Triplains/Brewster

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The Northern Valley Junior High School Huskies earned their first victory of the season with an easy 54-20 win over the Triplains/Brewster Titans on Thursday, Sept. 20 in Long Island.

Eighth grader Carson Wallace had an outstanding performance for the Huskies. In the first quarter, Wallace got things started with a nine yard touchdown run. He ran in for the 2-point conversion as well, 8-0 Huskies.

The defense stuffed Triplains/Brewster in its own end zone for a safety and a 10-0 Huskies

In the second quarter, Wallace found the end zone from six yards out and eighth grader Drake Shearer scored the conversion, 18-0 Huskies.

Later in the second, the Huskies took to the air. Shearer connected with Wallace on a 14 yard touchdown pass. Seventh grader Caden Kinderknecht scored the 2-point conversion giving Northern Valley a 26-0 halftime lead.

In the third quarter, the Huskies extended their lead with a 28 yard touchdown pass from Shearer to eighth grader John Towery, 32-0 Huskies.

Then it was back to the ground game. Kinderknecht muscled his way into the end zone from the one yard line. Eighth grader Damian Wellman hauled in a Shearer pass for the 2-point conversion and a 40-0 Huskies lead.

Beginning of the fourth quarter, Triplains/ Brewster avoided the shutout with a four yard touchdown run from Jaden Schmidt, Titans trailed

But the Huskies and Wallace were far from done. Wallace broke loose on a 68 vard kickoff return for a touchdown and the Huskies lead was back to 40 points, 46-6.

The Titans still had some fight left in them. Schmidt cut through the Huskies defense for a 47 yard touchdown run, Titans trailed 46-14.

Schmidt cut further into the Huskies lead with a 2 yard touchdown run, 46-20 Huskies.

But the Carson Wallace show had one final act remaining, scoring on a 15 yard pass from Kinderknecht. Shearer scored the 2-point conversion and the Huskies earned their first win of the season in convincing style, 54-20.

"The Huskies came out ready to play, building a 40-0 lead after three quarters. We had good balance on offense, running for three touch downs and also throwing for three touchdowns," said Huskies head coach Jim Cole.

Wallace had five touchdowns in the game. He rushed 14 times for 88 yards, two touchdowns, three receptions for 42 yards and two touchdowns and a 68 yard kickoff return for a touchdown.

But it wasn't just Wallace contributing to the Huskies win. Kinderknecht had 13 carries for 58 yards, one touchdown, a 2-point conversion and his only passing attempt was good for a 15 yard touchdown.

Shearer had 10 rushes for 51 yards, two 2-point conversions and was four for seven passing for 58 yards, two touchdowns and a 2-point conversion. Towery's one reception was good for 28 yards

and a touchdown and Wellman's one reception was a 2-point conversion. The Huskies had 270 yards of total offense with

197 yards coming on the ground and 73 yards through the air. "Our defense did a great job the whole game. Our tackling has improved from the first two

games of the season," said Cole.

The Huskies leading tacklers were Kinderknecht with seven tackles and seven assists, Wellman six tackles and two assists, Shearer five tackles and five assists and seventh grader Dalton McDowell had three tackles and four assists.

The Huskies next game was Thursday, Sept. 27 when they traveled to Bird City to take on



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Tennis takes second in tourney

By Dick Boyd

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com Coach Jim Green's Norton Community High School varsity tennis team was just edged by Larned for the championship of the Russell Tennis Tournament held Tuesday, Sept. 20 in

Larned scored 12 points and Norton was right behind in second with 11 points. Third place went to Osborne, 9, followed by Victoria, 7; Colby, 6; Hoisington, 4; Russell, 3; Phillipsburg,

"We had great weather for the tournament but there were some other things that were not so great," said coach Green.

"Russell has a new tennis coach this year. This had always been a bracketed tournament but the new coach changed it to pool play. We were placed in the pool with Larned, the strongest team. Worse yet, all our first round matches were with Larned.

"I was happy with our second place finish. We had a good day. We played Larned even and were only one point out of first place."

Norton senior Tawni Griffey continued unbeaten in No.1 singles. She defeated Jessica Johnson, Larned, 6-1; beat Rhett Brown, Russell, 6-2 and shutout Deiah Curtis, Hoisington, 6-0, in pool play. Then, she shutout Jenne Dibble, Osborne, winner of the other pool, 6-0 to win the gold medal.

"Tawni's first match was against Jessica Johnson of Larned, which was last year's final at No.1 singles. It would be better to have at least one match before playing your toughest competition. Tawni had no problems in the match, however.

"Out of pool play, Tawni met Dibble of Osborne and won playing flawless tennis."

Playing No.1 doubles for Norton were sophomore Brooke Sumner and junior Ashley Hil-

They lost 6-2 to Bailey Schartz and Alex Lessard, Larned, 6-2; defeated Abby Dreher and Brooklyn Sidebottom, Russell, 6-1 and lost to Katy Barrett and Kayla Reisner, Hoisington, 6-4. They tied for second in pool play so played Phillipsburg, the No.2 finisher in the other pool. They lost to Brooke Boyington and Michaela Gower of Phillipsburg 6-1 to place fourth.

"Brooke and Ashley were playing together for the first time," said coach Green. "They struggled through the pool and ended up in a three way tie for second. They had the best percentage of games won to games played and were awarded second place in the pool.

"Phillipsburg was too strong

at the net for us to win the match."

At No.2 singles, Norton senior Sierra Black finished in second. She defeated Alexis Langdon, Larned, 6-3; outscored Hayle Mader, Russell, 6-1 and beat Jessica Schauf, Hoisington, 6-4 to win her pool. In the finals, she played Taylor Noel, Osborne, who had won her pool. Sierra lost 6-1.

"Sierra rose to the challenge, winning her match against Larned and continued to be very consistent in winning her pool. In the finals, she met Taylor Noel of Osborne, who is a very talented and athletic player. Sierra played well but lost."

Sophomore Molly Scott and junior Jessica White played No.2 doubles for the Lady Jays and placed third. They lost 6-4 to Braeden Bert and Corrine

Quick, Larned; defeated Lizzy Rhodes and Tristen Hayes, Russell, 6-4 and shutout Erica Schwager and Kylie Broeder, Hoisington, 6-0 in pool play. They played Jenessa Williams and Alexa Schindler, Colby, for third place and won 6-3.

"Both of our doubles entries lost to Larned but Molly and Jessica won the rest of their matches in their pool and gave a strong performance to win the third place match against

Next action

Norton competed in the Colby Tournament today but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

Norton will play in the annual Mid-Continent League Tennis Tournament this Saturday in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9

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Huskies split in volleyball action

The second match on the night

for Northern Valley was against

Western Plains. The Huskies

By Mike Stephens

mstephens@nwkansas.com The Northern Valley Lady Huskies split their two matches against Palco and Western Plains on Tuesday, Sept. 18 in

The Huskies lost in three sets to the Palco Roosters, 14-25, 25-19 and 14-25.

"We came out flat and didn't move or talk, but our servereceive is improving. Palco did have some good serves," said head coach Kirsten Baird.

The Lady Huskie hoped avenge the loss to the Roosters when they played again on Tuesday, Sept. 25 in Almena.

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won easily in two sets, 25-8 and 25-28. Communication and team cohesion were not an issue for the Huskies in this match as they dominated Western Plains with big scores. "We talked and worked much

better as a team. It was mostly a serving game. Western Plains had a harder time returning the ball," said Baird. The Huskies' junior varsity

team pushed Palco to three sets but lost 25-21, 19-25 and 11-15. Tea Van Patten was the leading scorer for the Lady Huskies with 16 points.

"Our JV is improving each game. They are setting the ball up and we are getting some good hits," said Baird. "Brianna Martin and Tea Van Patten are our setters and (they) are improving at the net."

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