

Norton gridders end Phillipburg's season

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Coach Lucas Melvin's Norton Community High School football team dominated a favored Phillipburg eleven in a 20-7 win in a final District game on Tuesday evening in Phillipburg to end the Panthers' season and extend the Blue Jays' into Bi-District play!

Despite the teams' records, Norton and Phillipburg usually play each other tough but the favorite on Thursday night had to be the Panthers who had lost only to unbeaten Beloit 32-27. Despite just one loss, Phillipburg's season ended and Norton, with losses to just Plainville and Beloit, will continue on in the playoffs.

The victory also earned the Mid-Continent League football championship for Norton (7-2).

The Blue Jays Bi-District game this evening will be against Sacred Heart of Salina (8-1), who won their District on Thursday by a decisive 39-6 score over Lyons (2-7). The game will be played at 7 p.m. in Salina Stadium.

Bruce Graber, former Norton head football coach, is the head coach of the Sacred Heart team.

On Tuesday night, Norton was the dominant team on both sides of the ball. The Blue Jays gained 347 yards, most of it on the ground, while averaging 6.9 yards per play.

In comparison, Phillipburg gained 185 yards, most of it passing, for a 3.1 yard average.

"We prepared, focused and really wanted this game," said coach Melvin. "If we didn't win, we knew our season would end and we didn't want that."

"We still had some mistakes but we played hard the whole game. Our young men knew what they had to do and did it. Our offensive and defensive lines owned the line of scrimmage."

"I'm so proud of our guys for being focused and doing things right. We wanted to be league champions and make the playoffs and they were the team standing in our way!"

First quarter

Phillipsburg received the kickoff but fumbled on second down. Norton's Lucas Engel recovered the ball on the Panther 36 yard line. Norton tailback Jacob Brooks, who ended the night with 199 yards rushing, got his first carry of the night, lost his grip on the ball and Phillipburg's Hunter Kohler grabbed the ball and ran it down to the Norton 26 before being tackled.

The Panthers did not get into the end zone however. Hurt by an unsportsmanlike penalty, they gave up the ball on the Norton 47. With Brooks and fullback Jared Bohl carrying the ball, Norton moved to the Panther 13. A fourth down field goal try by Austin Hager was wide and the game was still scoreless with 4:55 left.

Two running plays by Phillipsburg gained one yard and Panther quarterback Sean Newlan was sacked on the 11. They punted to the Norton 45. Brooks broke two tackles for a 9 yard gain, then quarterback Dalton Miller passed over the middle to a wide open tight end Carson McKenna for a first down on the Panther 35. In two plays, Bohl carried the pigskin to the 12. Brooks got two carries to the 5 before tailback Tanner Furbush got good blocking and burst into the end zone. Austin Hager split the uprights and Norton led 7-0 with 35 seconds left.

Second quarter

After Hager's kickoff, Phillipburg put together a drive, with the help of a holding penalty against Norton. The Panthers moved the ball all the way to the Norton 6-yard line, where they had a first down. The Blue Jay defense answered, allowing them only 3 yards and taking over the ball!

Brooks ran to the 15 on first down, then got a great hole from his offensive line, got in the open and outran the Panther defense for an 85-yard touchdown! Hager split the uprights again and suddenly Norton was on top 14-0.

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lipsburg was hurt by a block-in-the-back penalty and a holding penalty and punted back to the Blue Jays on their 40. Furbush returned the punt but a block-in-the-back against Norton moved the ball back to the Norton 9. Norton was helped by a pass interference against Phillipburg but Brooks punted to the Norton 43.

Phillipsburg got close enough for a field goal try but it was no good and Norton still led 14-0 at halftime.

Third quarter

Phillipsburg kicked off and, despite another pass over the middle to McKenna and good gain by Brooks, holding penalties forced Norton to punt to the Phillipburg 19.

The Panthers picked up one first down before McKenna intercepted a Newlan pass on the Phillipburg 42. This time, Norton had no penalties and the offensive line opened up holes that allowed Bohl, Miller and Brooks to run through and Brooks scored from the 12-yard line with 4:04 left. A fake extra point kick and try for two extra points on a pass was no good but the Blue Jays had opened up a 20-0 lead.

After Hager's kickoff, Phillipburg was helped by a pass interference on Norton and moved to the Blue Jay 48-yard line. The Blue Jay line had stiffened and it was fourth and two for the Panthers. Instead of punting, Newlan got the call, found one of the few holes in the Norton defense all night long, squeezed through it and ran for the Panthers' only points of the game. Justin Juenemann kicked the extra point, making the score 20-7 with 1:38 left.

Phillipsburg recovered their outside kick but the Blue Jay defense held once again and took over on the Norton 31. Brooks ran for 14 more yards as the quarter ended.

Fourth quarter

The Phillipburg defense held and took over after a fake punt and run by Brooks. The Blue Jay defense also held and took over on the Norton 40.



The aggressive Norton defensive line made life miserable for Phillipburg's talented quarterback Sean Newlan on Thursday night when they pressured him continuously and sacked him numerous times. One of those sacks is pictured here as, from left, Cole Renner, Lucas Engel, Kolton Harting, Eli Bozarth, Jared Bohl and Treven Rossi surround Newlan to bring him to the turf.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton drove into Phillipburg territory but fumbled on the Panther 24. Phillipburg passed their way to the Norton 20 before the Blue Jays stopped them, gained two more first downs and ran out the clock.

Starting lineup

Starting on offense for Norton were senior Andrew Ellis, senior John Risewick, wide receivers; senior Carson McKenna, tight end; sophomore Wyatt Harting, left tackle; senior Treven Rossi, left guard; junior Cole Renner, center; senior Lane Bigge, right guard; senior Dylan Sprigg, right tackle; senior Dalton Miller, quarterback; senior Jared Bohl, fullback; senior Jacob Brooks, tailback.

Defensive starters for the Blue Jays were senior Eli Bozarth and Renner, ends; Bigge and junior Kolton Harting, tackles; sophomore Stewart Whitney, noseguard; Rossi and Bohl, linebackers; McKenna and junior Austin Hager, cornerbacks; Risewick and Brooks, safeties.

Individual statistics

Jacob Brooks amassed 199 rushing yards on 23 carries for an 8.7 yards per carry average, followed by Dalton Miller, 8 for 27, 3.6 average; Jared Bohl, 8

for 58, 7.3 average; Tanner Furbush, 7 for 29, 4.1 average.

Miller completed 2 of 3 passes for 34 yards. Carson McKenna caught both aeri-

als. Brooks punted twice for a 34.5 average and Hager kicked off four times for a 38.8 average. Furbush had 1 kickoff return for 18 yards and 1 punt return for 12 yards.

Phillipsburg's Newlan completed 10 of 21 passes for 128 yards but gained just 15 net yards on 16 carries of the pigskin due to being sacked numerous times by the aggressive Blue Jay defense.

Leading the charge of Norton tacklers were: Treven Rossi, 8 solos, 1 assist; Carson McKenna, 7 solos, 2 assists; John Risewick, 6 solos, 3 assists and Eli Bozarth, 5 solos, 4 assists, all with 9 total. They were followed by Lucas Engel, 4 solos, 4 assists, 8 total; Cole Renner, 1 solo, 6 assists, 7 total; Lane Bigge, 4 solos; Jacob Brooks, 3 solos, 1 assist, 4 total; Andrew Ellis, 3 solos, 1 assist, 4 total; Austin Hager, 3 solos, 1 assist, 4 total; Jared Bohl, 2 solos, 2 assists, 3 total; Toby Nickell, 1

solo, 2 assists, 3 total; Tanner Furbush, 2 solos; Mickey Hahn, 2 solos; Stewart Whitney, 2 assists; Trever Lewis, 1 assist.

Next action

Norton (7-2) will begin the playoffs Tuesday at 7 p.m. versus Sacred Heart of Salina (8-1) in the Salina Stadium (on the campus of Salina Central).

They are coached by former Norton head coach Bruce Graber. The Blue Jays' current head coach Lucas Melvin was an assistant under coach Graber while he was in Norton.

"They have a very good team," said coach Melvin. "They have an outstanding quarterback and a very fast running back."

"It will be a challenge but our young men will play as hard as they can."

GAME STATISTICS

Norton	Phillipsburg
14	10
313	10
34	57
347	128
2-4-0	185
3-7	10-22-1
2-34.5	1-3
9-86	2-49.5
	Penalties 6-65

Run for cancer to be held in Kansas City

The inaugural OVERRUN Ovarian Cancer 5K and 1 Mile Ribbon Run/Walk will be held at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 at the Blue Valley Recreation Complex in Kansas City. The OVERRUN is dedicated

to changing the face of ovarian cancer through research and the creation of an early detection test, which does not currently exist.

Rose (Stephens) McFarland of Hays and formerly Lenora is

fighting this form of cancer and her friends are invited to participate as a member of Team Rose.

Rose is a former outstanding athlete for Lenora High School as well as college basketball

player and is currently coach of the Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays basketball team.

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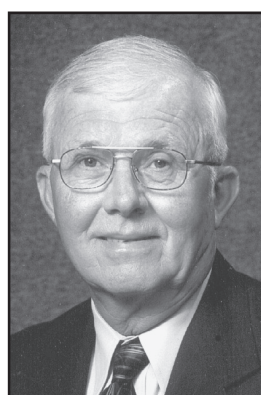
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Constitutional amendment that - if passed - will allow for fairer taxation of watercraft (boats) and make Kansas watercraft taxation competitive with surrounding states.

Property taxes on watercraft in Kansas are so high that they impede boat ownership, limiting families' opportunity for wholesome water recreation. Compared to surrounding states, Kansas watercraft property taxes are so high that many Kansans register their boats in neighboring states, so Kansas counties lose property tax revenue. The high tax rates also reduce in-state boat sales, impacting our marinas, boat dealers, and reducing state sales tax revenue.

The legislature showed bipartisan, overwhelming support - 121 to 2 in the House and 40 to 0 in the Senate - for placing this amendment on the ballot. The amendment may be difficult to understand because the ballot includes the entire article of the constitution that is affected, not just the change. The only change is the addition of the words "and watercraft." Adding just those two words will give the legislature the opportunity to create a fairer tax treatment of watercraft.

This change is good for Kansas and Kansas families, and I encourage you to vote YES on the amendment.



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A PROPOSITION to amend section 1 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Kansas, relating to classification and taxation of watercraft, to be submitted to the electors of the state at the general election to be held on November 6, 2012.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5017

§ 1. System of taxation; classification; exemption. (a) The provisions of this subsection shall govern the assessment and taxation of property on and after January 1, 2013, and each year thereafter. Except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, the legislature shall provide for a uniform and equal basis of valuation and rate of taxation of all property subject to taxation. The legislature may provide for the classification and the taxation uniformly as to class of recreational vehicles and watercraft, as defined by the legislature, or may exempt such class from property taxation and impose taxes upon another basis in lieu thereof. The provisions of this subsection shall not be applicable to the taxation of motor vehicles, except as otherwise hereinafter specifically provided, mineral products, money, mortgages, notes and other evidence of debt and grain. Property shall be classified into the following classes for the purpose of assessment and assessed at the percentage of value prescribed therefor:

Class 1 shall consist of real property. Real property shall be further classified into seven subclasses. Such property shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Real property used for residential purposes including multifamily residential real property and real property necessary to accommodate a residential community of mobile or manufactured homes including the real property upon which such homes are located.....11 1/2%
- (2) Land devoted to agricultural use which shall be valued upon the basis of its agricultural income or agricultural productivity pursuant to section 12 of article 11 of the constitution.....30%
- (3) Vacant lots.....12%
- (4) Real property which is owned and operated by a not-for-profit organization not subject to federal income taxation pursuant to section 501 of the federal internal revenue code, and which is included in this subclass by law.....12%
- (5) Public utility real property, except railroad real property which shall be assessed at the average rate that all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (6) Real property used for commercial and industrial purposes and buildings and other improvements located upon land devoted to agricultural use.....25%
- (7) All other urban and rural real property not otherwise specifically subclassified.....30%

Class 2 shall consist of tangible personal property. Such tangible personal property shall be further classified into six subclasses, shall be defined by law for the purpose of subclassification and assessed uniformly as to subclass at the following percentages of value:

- (1) Mobile homes used for residential purposes.....11 1/2%
- (2) Mineral leasehold interests except oil leasehold interests the average daily production from which is five barrels or less, and natural gas leasehold interests the average daily production from which is 100 mcf or less, which shall be assessed at 25%.....30%
- (3) Public utility tangible personal property including inventories thereof, except railroad personal property including inventories thereof, which shall be assessed at the average rate all other commercial and industrial property is assessed.....33%
- (4) All categories of motor vehicles not defined and specifically valued and taxed pursuant to law enacted prior to January 1, 198530%
- (5) Commercial and industrial machinery and equipment which, if its economic life is seven years or more, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less seven-year straight-line depreciation, or which, if its economic life is less than seven years, shall be valued at its retail cost when new less straight-line depreciation over its economic life, except that, the value so obtained for such property, notwithstanding its economic life and as long as such property is being used, shall not be less than 20% of the retail cost when new of such property.....25%
- (6) All other tangible personal property not otherwise specifically classified.....30%

(b) All property used exclusively for state, county, municipal, literary, educational, scientific, religious, benevolent and charitable purposes, farm machinery and equipment, merchants' and manufacturers' inventories, other than public utility inventories included in subclass (3) of class 2, livestock, and all household goods and personal effects not used for the production of income, shall be exempted from property taxation.

Explanatory statement. This amendment would allow the legislature to classify and tax watercraft upon a basis different from other property. A vote for this proposition would permit the legislature to provide for separate classification and taxation of watercraft or to exempt such property from property taxation and impose taxes in lieu thereof. A vote against this proposition would continue the taxation of watercraft in the same manner as all other property.