

Huskies end season in victory over Bulldogs

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The Northern Valley Huskies closed out the 2013 campaign with a 58-12 road victory over the Golden Plains Bulldogs on Thursday in Rexford.

Senior Jordan Baird set the tone with a dominating 1st quarter performance, scoring four touchdowns. Baird scored on runs of 29, 73, 50 and 17 yards. The Bulldogs managed to get on the board on a Shane Ryburn 1 yard run, but the Huskies had a commanding lead going into the second quarter, 30-6.

Senior Hunter Chandler picked up where Baird left off, scoring on long runs of 46 and 32 yards. Chandler also threw a 33 yard touchdown pass to Baird as time expired in the first half. The Huskies took a 40 point lead, 52-12, into halftime.

The game ended early in the third quarter, via the 45-point rule, when Drake Shearer scored from six yards out, giving the Huskies a big 58-12 victory over the Bulldogs.

Coach's comments-

"We were able to move the ball with relative ease. We did

not play very well defensively early in the game," said head coach Chuck Fessenden. "However, we came around as the game wore on. Jordan Baird and Hunter Chandler each had big games. Jordan with 181 yards and Hunter with 104. Hunter and Jordan were also able to hook up on a touchdown pass to end the half. Our second team came in at the start of the third quarter and put together a nice drive to end the game. This game was a good way for us to end the season on. The season did not go quite as we had

hoped. A lack of depth and size at some of the positions made it tough to compete with some of the teams on our schedule. The loss of Ian Vincent to injury was a critical blow. We will miss Ian, Hunter, and Jordan next year. They were important pieces on our team over the past four years."

Huskies rushing:

Jordan Baird - 8 rushes, 181 yards, 4 TD's
Hunter Chandler - 6 rushes, 104 yards, 2 TD's
Phillip Bryant - 2 rushes, 13 yards

Carson Wallace - 5 rushes, 20 yards
Philip Rupp - 4 rushes, 34 yards
Drake Shearer - 4 rushes, 26 yards, 1 TD

Huskies passing:

Hunter Chandler - 1 for 1, 33 yards, 1 TD
Huskies receiving:
Jordan Baird - 1 reception, 33 yards, 1 TD

Huskies tackling:

Phillip Bryant - 10 solo, 4 assists
Matt Stutsman - 7 solo, 3 assists, 1 Int.

Ame Baird - 8 solo, 2 assists
Hunter Chandler - 4 solo, 5 assists
Clint Cole - 6 solo, 3 assists
Brant Cox - 4 solo, 3 assists
Philip Rupp - 1 solo, 0 assists
Carson Wallace - 1 solo, 0 assists
Jarell Seals - 1 solo, 0 assists
Jordan Baird - 4 solo, 1 assist
Colton Bach - 2 solo, 0 assists
Matt Florence - 1 solo, 1 assist
Carson Montgomery - 1 solo, 1 assist

Norton Junior High football team wraps up season

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The Norton Junior High Bluejays closed out their season on the road at Smith Center on Thursday, Oct. 17, with an impressive 36-6 victory over the Redmen.

The Bluejays opened up the game with a 63 yard touchdown run by Jace Ruder. Ruder scored the PAT as well, and it was quickly 8-0, Bluejays.

Smith Center answered back by taking the ensuing kickoff 90 yards for the score, the PAT failed, making it 8-6, Bluejays.

That would be the end of the Redmen scoring on the night as the Bluejays scored the next 28 points unanswered.

Ruder would add three more

touchdowns on runs of 41, 62 and 14 yards. Tevin Petrie had a big 55 yard touchdown run as well. The Bluejays cruised to a 30 point victory, 36-6, over the Redmen and ended the season with a 5-2 overall record.

Coach's comments-

"This was a great way to end our season! Tonight, I was proud of the players desire and will to win," said head coach Shane Miller. "Everyone had to be disciplined in his assignment for us to come away with the victory."

"Offensively, we played hard and again were able to break some big plays. Once we got up on them by a couple of touchdowns we mentally wore them down. After our first touch-

down, we allowed them to return the kickoff back 90 yards for the score. We stopped them on the PAT attempt and dominated them from that point on. Our kickoff coverage has been our Achilles Heel all year long. We will definitely have to improve in that area. However, we have been able to put a lot of points on the board offensively, and that is attributable to our offensive line and team speed."

"This was another outstanding game by our defense. On the very first play of scrimmage, Smith Center broke an 82 yard run in which our defense didn't give up on the play. We were able to pursue the ball carrier and tackle him on the eight yard line. The next four plays

our defense "stiffened" up and held them out of the end zone. We talked to the defense before game time about "bending but don't break." With the type of offense Smith Center runs they were going to have some big plays, and they try to wear you down mentally. When they bust a big play you have to put it behind you, that play is done! When we kept them out of the end zone it gave our defense great confidence. The defense has done outstanding towards the end of the season."

"We finished the year with 5-2 record and a second place finish in the MCEL. The athletic gains from the beginning of the year until now were tremendous! This was a very hard

working group and it shows on the field. I would like to thank my assistant coaches; Bill Johnson, Don Burge, and Buzz Palmer for their work with the young men."

Bluejays rushing:

Jace Ruder - 13 rushes, 178 yards
Tevin Petrie - 7 rushes, 80 yards
Ryan Johnson - 4 rushes, 14 yards
Oren Rhea - 1 rush, 3 yards
Bluejays passing:
Jace Ruder - 3 for 5, 57 yards
Bluejays receiving:
Trenton Chisham - 1 reception, 41 yards
Ryan Johnson - 1 reception, 7 yards
Tevin Petrie, 1 reception, 9

yards
Scoring by quarters:
1st Quarter
Jace Ruder 63 yard run, PAT
Ruder run good
2nd Quarter
Jace Ruder 41 yard pass to Trenton Chisham, PAT
Ruder run good
3rd Quarter
Jace Ruder 62 yard run, PAT
pass no good
Tevin Petrie 55 yard run, PAT
Ruder run good
4th Quarter
Jace Ruder 14 yard run, PAT
run no good

Area football teams advance in state playoffs

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A number of area high school football teams advanced in the state playoffs with first round wins on Tuesday evening.

Winning and moving into Saturday contests were Phillipsburg, Beloit and Scott City in Class 3A, Osborne and Hoxie in Eight-Man I and Beloit St. John's, Sharon Springs and Victoria in Eight-Man II.

Losing and ending their seasons were Class 4A Goodland (6-4), who was edged 27-26 by Abilene (6-4); Thunder

Ridge (7-2), who lost to Sharon Springs (10-0) 53-6 and Atwood (8-2), who was edged 34-32 by Hodgeman County (10-0).

Phillipsburg, who barely defeated Norton 20-16 on Tuesday evening in District play to end the Blue Jays' season, traveled to Salina and outscored Sacred Heart of Salina 27-20.

The Panthers jumped out to a 27-7 halftime advantage and were able to hold on in the second half for the victory. Phillipsburg (9-1) rolled up 352 total yards, earned 16 first downs, lost no fumbles, punted twice

and had one penalty for five yards.

Sacred Heart, which ended the season 8-2, is coached by Bruce Graber, former Norton head football coach.

Scott City (9-1) shutout Lakin (5-5) 43-0 to earn a trip to Phillipsburg on Saturday to play the Panthers in Regional action.

No.1 state ranked Beloit (10-0) continued unbeaten by trouncing Southeast of Saline (7-3) 50-7.

Osborne (10-0) remained unbeaten with a 40-34 win over Madison (8-2) and Hoxie (9-1)

got by Spearville (8-2) 44-36.

Victoria (10-0) shutout Ingalls (7-3) 50-0 and Beloit St. John's (10-0) shutout Weskan (8-2) 48-0.

Upcoming contests

Class 2-1A teams did not play on Tuesday but will play Friday. Plainville (5-4) will play at La Crosse (9-0), Elkhart (8-1) will travel to Oakley (7-1); Sterling (4-5) will play at Smith Center (7-2) and Oberlin (5-4) will travel to Meade (8-1).



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Logan sophomore, Austin Tien, running at the Wamego Country Club in the 1A State Cross Country Meet. Austin finished 51st with a time of 20:53.35.

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