



Charlie Kohfeld (No. 33), Norton's senior tailback, ran with reckless abandon in the Blue Jays' 42-14 District win over Beloit on Thursday night. He rushed for a career best 146 yards as he took advantage of his veteran line's holes

to run through and around the Trojan defense. Also shown is Norton senior offensive guard Mark Smith-Maybon (No. 51).

—Telegram photo by Larry Boyd

Blue Jays beat Beloit Trojans 42-14

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High Blue Jay football team remains undefeated after downing the Beloit Trojans 42-14 Thursday night.

First quarter

Beloit kicked off and junior running back Kyle Kats returned the ball to the 34. Kohfeld gained six yards, then ran through a big hole over right tackle for a first down on the Beloit 46. After Haussermann gained six yards on two carries, senior quarterback Dan Roeder pitched to Kohfeld on the option and he rolled to the 27 for another first down. Haussermann plunged to the 21, then Kohfeld plowed ahead to the 10 for another first down. Kohfeld churned ahead for seven more yards on two carries, then Haussermann barreled three yards over the middle for the touchdown. Senior kicker Charlie Foley split the uprights and it was 7-0 with 7:23 left.

Senior back Taner Litton returned Foley's kickoff to the 25 yard line where senior end C.J. Thiele tackled him. Sophomore quarterback D.J. Fulhage completed a pass to junior running back Logan Spangler on the Norton 36. Thiele tackled senior fullback Matthew Wright for a three yard loss. A pass fell incomplete, then Litton got loose, broke several tackles and was finally tackled by senior defensive back Jered Sloan on the 1 yard line. Fulhage sneaked for the touchdown but the Trojan extra point kick attempt was blocked by Norton and the Blue Jays led 7-6 with 5:47 remaining.

Kats returned the kickoff to the 35. Roeder ran the keeper for a first down on the Norton 45, then Haussermann burst through the line to the Beloit 49. Kohfeld got a good gain but fumbled when hit and Beloit recovered on their 33. Fulhage fumbled the exchange with his center but recovered for no gain. Following an incomplete pass, Fulhage completed a screen pass over the middle to Spangler and he carried the ball to the Norton 49.

Wright gained three yards before senior tackle Sean Lauer and senior linebacker Bo Pfannenstiel tackled him. The screen pass worked so well that Beloit threw it again. This time Spangler got a first down on the Norton 38. Litton tried to run outside but junior linebacker Ryan Maddy came up hard to tackle him for a two yard loss. Following an incomplete pass, Litton gained three yards and Fulhage punted into the end zone.

Overlease gained 10 yards and a first down on two plays, then Roeder passed to senior wide receiver Bruce Rushton for a first down on the Beloit 42.

Second quarter

Haussermann churned ahead for eight yards, then Roeder connected with junior tight end Justin Shirk for a 35 yard touchdown. Foley kicked the extra point and it was 14-6 with 11:06 left in the first

half.

Foley boomed the kickoff into the end zone. Litton plowed ahead for one hard yard as Lauer and junior lineman Blake Hillebrand stopped him. Fulhage passed to Wright for a first down on the Beloit 40. Wright got nothing, Spangler gained two yards, then Roeder intercepted a Fulhage pass and returned it to the Beloit 24. The Jays went to the air, and Spangler intercepted Roeder's pass and returned it to the Beloit 6. Fulhage sneaked for one yard, then threw a flat pass to Spangler. Senior defensive back Kevin Lentz came up hard to tackle Spangler for a two yard loss. Senior tackle Kai Mann batted down Fulhage's next pass and he punted.

The ball rolled dead on the Beloit 33. Kohfeld plunged for three yards, then Overlease ran to the 17 for a first down. Kohfeld rushed to the 11 and Roeder ran the keeper to the 9. Two passes fell incomplete, however, and Beloit took over on their 9.

Wright ran for three yards and Litton picked up two. Fulhage ran a keeper and was run out of bounds on the 18. He punted to Overlease on the Norton 49. Roeder ran a keeper for a first down on the Beloit 31, then legged the ball to the 25 after being run out of the pocket.

Overlease found running room over right tackle for a first down on the 12. Overlease ran over the left side of the Blue Jay line on the next play and ran untouched into the end zone for Norton's third touchdown. "Mr. Automatic" Foley boomed the extra point kick and it was 21-6 with 2:36 left.

Spangler took a handoff on Foley's kickoff and got a good return. Norton was penalized for illegal participation and Beloit suddenly had the ball on the Norton 45. The good field position did not help the Trojans. Spangler caught a flat pass but Lentz tackled him after a two yard gain. Two more passes were incomplete and Fulhage punted out of bounds on the 33.

Roeder carried to the 36 and a face mask penalty against Beloit moved the ball to the 41. Roeder connected with tight end Maddy for a first down on the Beloit 47. Roeder weaved through traffic for another first down on the 24. On the next play, Roeder followed his blockers as they escorted him to the Beloit 10 for another first down. Overlease gained seven yards on two carries. Sloan caught a pass in the end zone but was out of bounds. On fourth down, Kohfeld plunged over the right side of the line for another Blue Jay touchdown. Foley was perfect again on the extra point kick and the Norton lead was 28-6 with 25 seconds left.

After the kickoff, Beloit ran several plays for little gain and it was halftime with Norton leading 28-6.

Third quarter

Litton returned Foley's kickoff to the 19. Litton ran for seven yards

before Pfannenstiel tackled him. Fulhage tried a quarterback sneak but Lauer put up a brick wall for no gain. Litton got loose around right end on a pitch and gained a first down on the 32. The next play, Lentz tackled Litton for a one yard loss. Spangler ran for one yard before Lauer nailed him. Things went from bad to worse for the Trojans as Fulhage was sacked by senior linebacker Tom Graham. Fulhage punted and the ball rolled dead on the Norton 33.

It took Norton just eight plays to cover the 67 yards to the end zone. Roeder ran a keeper to the 38, then Haussermann picked up a first down on the Beloit 49. Kohfeld got a first down on the 35, then plowed ahead for four more yards to the 31.

Kohfeld got the carry again and carried would-be tacklers with him as he plowed ahead. It took four Trojan defenders to finally bring him to the turf on the 15! Haussermann churned ahead to the 7 and Kohfeld got two more yards to the 5. Roeder ran the keeper for a touchdown, Foley kicked the extra point and Norton was on top 35-6 with 5:34 remaining in the third period.

Litton returned Foley's kickoff and senior Josh Green tackled him on the 24. Following an incomplete pass, Hillebrand and Mann sacked Fulhage on the 20. Fulhage completed a pass to Blaine Crawford for a four yard gain and Fulhage punted out of bounds on the Beloit 49.

Kats replaced Roeder at quarterback for this series of downs.

An illegal procedure penalty cost Norton five yards. Overlease ran for seven yards, then got loose for a first down on the 36. Illegal procedure cost Norton another five yards but Overlease ran for five. After an incomplete pass, Overlease ran for two yards. Roeder punted into the end zone. It was Norton's only punt of the game!

Litton gained two yards before Mann tackled him. Fulhage threw a flat pass to Litton and he threw the ball down field. The Blue Jay defenders were very alert and batted the ball to the turf. After another incomplete pass, Fulhage punted again. This time, Kats returned the ball to the Beloit 47. Norton struck quickly for their sixth touchdown of the game. Overlease found running room over the right side and scooted down the sideline for a 47 yard touchdown! Foley kicked the extra point and it was 42-6 with eight seconds left in the third quarter.

Levi Anderson returned Foley's kickoff to the 18. Wright carried the ball to the 30 as time ran out in the quarter.

Fourth quarter

Litton ran to the 36 but Wright was stopped by Mann and Green for no gain. After an incomplete pass, Fulhage punted to Overlease on the Norton 30. Kohfeld earned a first down on the Norton 44, then rambled to the Beloit 46. Kohfeld plowed ahead to the 35 and Coach Graber put in the junior varsity.

Freshman running back Blake VanEaton gained 11 yards on two carries, then freshman fullback Chris Davis ran to the 18. VanEaton gained four yards on two carries for a first down on the 14.

Sophomore fullback Lance Roe ran to the 10 and then to the 6. The junior varsity fumbled on the 6 and Beloit recovered. With Litton getting most of the carries, Beloit moved 94 yards against the Norton junior varsity for their final touchdown. Litton scored on a 52 yard run and Fulhage ran the two extra points to make it 42-14 with 2:16 remaining in the game.

Beloit recovered an onside kick on the Norton 49. Since the Beloit varsity was still on the field, Coach Graber decided to put the Norton varsity back into the game.

Pass interference against Beloit moved the ball back to the 35. Wright tried the line and got nothing as Lauer and Pfannenstiel put the clamps on him. Litton had such a great time running against the Norton junior varsity but he discovered that the Blue Jay varsity defenders were as tough as ever as he picked up one yard before Maddy and Pfannenstiel corralled him.

Fulhage punted for the ninth time in the game. The ball rolled dead on the Norton 25. Freshman quarterback Nathan Broeckelman gained two yards and the game was over with the scoreboard reading Norton 42, Beloit 14.

Other Norton rushers, in addition to Kohfeld and Overlease, and their yardage were: Roeder, 9 carries for 82 yards; Haussermann, 8 for 48; VanEaton, 4 for 16; Davis, 1 for 5; Roe, 3 for 8; Broeckelman, 1 for 2.

Norton receivers were: Rushton, 1 catch for 28 yards; Shirk, 1 for 35 and Maddy, 1 for 6.

Kats had one punt return for 17 yards and Overlease 1 for 3 yards. Kats had two kickoff returns for 49 yards.

Foley averaged 48 yards on seven kickoffs.

Norton wins district title

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School football team dominated the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball Thursday night in defeating Beloit 42-14 to win the District 14 championship and advance to the state playoffs.

The No. 2 state ranked and 9-0 Blue Jays rolled up 435 yards rushing on 55 carries for a 7.9 yards per carry average. They added 69 yards passing for 504 yards of total offense.

Norton earned a season high 25 first downs while limiting Beloit to 10 first-and-tens.

Senior tailback Charlie Kohfeld gained 146 yards on 17 carries for an 8.6 yards per carry average and junior tailback Aaron Overlease rushed for 128 yards on 12 carries for a 10.7 yards per carry average.

Not only did Norton's veteran line rip gaping holes in the Beloit defense all night long, but the horses in the trenches on defense limited the Trojans to 85 yards rushing until the Beloit varsity drove 94 yards against the Blue Jay junior varsity for their final touchdown with 2:16 left in the game.

"Overall, it was a good game for us," said Coach Graber. "Both our offense and defense had good nights. Charlie Kohfeld and Aaron Overlease both ran well. Charlie ran hard and Aaron used speed and quickness to make some different things happen."

"Jordan Haussermann ran like the old Haussermann at fullback tonight. He got off the ball quicker."

Russell defeated Ellinwood 34-20 on Thursday to win their District championship. Runnerup Ellinwood (7-2) will play Norton

in a Bi-District game at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Travis Field in Norton.

"Our defense got caught several times on the middle screen and we missed a lot of tackles one time on their tailback Litton but otherwise we did a nice job on defense," said Coach Graber.

"At halftime, we challenged our starters to put two scores on the board and then let our younger players finish the game and that's what happened."

"Our younger players did a good job. They gave up a touchdown against their varsity but made them earn it."

Norton will host Ellinwood at 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Travis Field.

"I'm thrilled for our seniors that they are 26-1 in the regular season during the past three years," said Coach Graber.

"I tip my hat to them. They've been a large part of our program."

This year's seniors are Jered Sloan, Jared Foley, Charlie Foley, Kevin Lentz, Bruce Rushton, Dan Roeder, Josh Green, Brandon Otter, Jordan Haussermann, Charlie Kohfeld, Bo Pfannenstiel, Kai Mann, Tom Graham, Mark Smith-Maybon, C.J. Thiele, Joel Griffiths, Sean Lauer and Brian Luft.

"Everyone is starting over," said Coach Graber. "You lose and you're gone."

"Ellinwood was young a year ago when we played them. They've had a great year and we'll have to play well to beat them."

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25	First Downs	10
55-435	Yards Rush.	35-179
69	Yards Passing	97
504	Total Yards	276
3-8-1	Passes Compl.	8-20-1
2-2	Fumbles Lost	0-1
3-25	Penalties	2-20
1-35	Punts	9-30-7

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