

Jennings loses last game of season

The Jennings football team fell to Northern Valley with a score of 32-0 last Thursday night in the District 11 Championship game in Almena.

Jennings made it into the end zone in the first quarter, but because a flag was thrown on the play, the Coyotes couldn't count the touchdown. The play was made by Adam Wahlmeier who, after making a pass interception, ran almost the entire length of the field for what he thought would be 6 points. That was the only time Jennings would find one of its players in the end zone that night.

"I think the stats speak for themselves," said Coach Russ Amuller. "Coach Fessenden had his team better prepared for this game."

"It was a great chance for our team. Unfortunately, we weren't able to get or keep any momentum throughout the game."

"The second quarter was what hurt us the most. I'm proud of the way our boys did not give up after

getting down by 18 points at the half.

"We finished our season with four wins and five losses. Our league record was 3-4."

Wahlmeier and Grant Bailey led rushing for the Coyotes. Wahlmeier had 35 yards on 9 carries and Bailey had 33 yards on 17 carries.

The Coyotes completed 4 of 11 passes. Jake Kramer received 1 for 25 yards.

Leading tacklers were Josh Vahling, 7 solos, 12 assists; A. Wahlmeier, 4 solos, 13 assists; Kyle Kinser, 3 solos, 12 assists; Nick Wahlmeier, 5 solos, 6 assists; and Bailey, 1 solo, 11 assists.

GAME STATISTICS

Jennings	N.Valley
6	16
65	372
21	63
86	435
4-11	5-9
1	0
2-20	4-30
8-267	2-73



Whether Ellinwood was passing or rushing, Norton's defense put a lot of pressure on the Eagles during the Blue Jays' 42-7 district football win last night at Travis Field. Putting a heavy rush on Ellinwood quarterback

Cody Engle (No. 9) are, from left, senior end C.J. Thiele (No. 67), senior linebacker Josh Green (No. 20) and senior tackle Sean Lauer (No. 77).

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton beats Ellinwood 42-7

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School football team extended their unbeaten record to 10-0 and won the Bi-District championship on Tuesday evening with a 42-7 win over Ellinwood at Travis Field in Norton.

Ellinwood was a District runner-up to Russell. The Eagles ended the season 7-3. Russell played Smith Center, the runner-up in Norton's District, on Tuesday and lost 53-0.

The Blue Jays will travel to Holcomb on Saturday for a 2 p.m. Regional contest.

Playing before another large crowd, Norton jumped on Ellinwood from the opening whistle. The Blue Jays went 65 yards on the opening kickoff to score their first touchdown. Senior fullback Jordan Haussermann ran 19 yards for the score. Senior kicker Charlie Foley split the uprights and it was 7-0 with 8:11 left in the first quarter.

After forcing Ellinwood to go three-and-out, junior running back Kyle Kats returned the Ellinwood punt 50 yards for a touchdown. Foley's kick put Norton on top 14-0 with 6:37 left.

Again the Blue Jay defense held but this time Norton fumbled and Ellinwood drove 56 yards to score their only touchdown of the game. It was 14-7 with 35 seconds left in the first quarter.

The next time they got the ball, the Blue Jays scored again. This time, senior quarterback Dan Roeder threw a perfect pass down the middle of the field to senior wide receiver Jered Sloan for a 50 yard touchdown. Foley's extra point kick made the score 21-7 with 9:52 left in the half.

Norton held Ellinwood and took over the ball but the Blue Jays could not move and punted for the only time in the contest. Roeder's punt rolled dead on the 6 yard line. On third down, a quarterback pass was batted into the air by rushing Norton defenders and the ball was caught by senior end C.J. Thiele for a touchdown. Foley's extra point kick made the score 28-7 with 2:26 left in the half.

Norton scored again on their second possession of the second half when Roeder got loose for a 79 yard touchdown ramble. Foley split the uprights again and Norton led 35-7 with 4:00 left in the third quarter. The Blue Jays held the Eagles and forced them to punt. Early in the fourth quarter, with 9:54 left in the game, Norton drove in for another touchdown. Kohfeld tallied from five yards out and Foley kicked the extra point to make it 42-7. Ellinwood had the ball two more times but failed to threaten. Norton had the pigskin another time and was held and forced to punt. Roeder's punt was blocked.

Norton had another good rush-

ing game. The Blue Jays averaged eight yards per carry as they rushed for 322 yards. Norton passed for 70 yards for a 392 yard performance. Defensively, the Blue Jays limited the Eagles to 150 yards on 36 carries for a 4.2 yards per carry average. The Norton defense gave up 108 yards passing for a 258 yard total for Ellinwood.

Roeder carried the ball 14 times in the contest for 183 yards and a 13 yards per carry average. Kohfeld rushed 14 times for 65 yards, Haussermann carried the ball seven times for 49 yards and a seven yards per carry average.

Sloan was the leading pass receiver. He caught two passes for 56 yards. Haussermann had one reception for nine yards and Rushton had one for five yards.

Kats had two punt returns for 57 yards. Overlease had one punt return for minus six yards. Overlease had one kickoff return for 35 yards and Roeder had one kickoff return for 18 yards.

Foley averaged 53 yards on seven kickoffs.

Josh Williams was leading rusher for Ellinwood with 17 carries for 70 yards. He was followed by quarterback Cody Engle who gained 68 yards on 15 carries.

"Our No. 1 goal was to go out and dominate the opening on both sides of the ball," said Coach Graber. "We went 65 yards in nine plays for our first touchdown, then stuffed them and Kyle ran back the

punt for another score. We did what we wanted to do and were in great shape, then Dan Roeder lost the handle on the ball going for extra yardage. They completed a couple of passes and went down and scored. We went right back and scored on a six-play, 70 yard drive on a pass from Roeder to Sloan. From that point, we dominated the game.

"Offensively, we played pretty well with almost 400 yards gained. Dan had a tough night throwing the ball since there was moisture on it and that made it hard to catch.

"Defensively, I didn't think we tackled well enough. We got some sacks and their passing didn't hurt us but the run game hurt us. We didn't do a very good job of filling the lanes on defense but we still gave up only seven points.

"Our players were really focused. I'm proud of them. We didn't handle some things real well at one point but got settled in and had a nice effort the rest of the game. Our players know what's at stake and want to win."

Senior tackle Kai Mann suffered an injured shoulder in the game and will not play this Saturday. Aaron Overlease injured a hand but should be available against Holcomb. Senior Brandon Otter has been lost for the season with a broken hand.

GAME STATISTICS

Norton	Ellinwood
17	14
322	150-36
70	108
392	258
4-12-0	9-27-2
2-3	0-1
8-70	5-36
1-33	5-36

Runners do well at state

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School senior Amy Myers placed 38th and junior Derek Volgamore finished in 49th place in the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet on Saturday at Wamego.

Amy's time for the two-mile course was 13:23.61, which was a personal best for her on the Wamego course. There were 100 girls in Amy's race.

Derek's clocking was 18:15.09 for the three-mile course, which was also a personal best for him on the Wamego course. There were 104 runners in Derek's race.

"It was a great day to run," said Norton coach Deyton Hager. "Just knowing that Derek and Amy would be running with the best in Kansas was exciting enough to me."

"They ran for themselves and the pride of their team. Just making it to the state meet is the hard part. They knew it would be very hard to place in the top twenty for a medal but that, on a good day, it would not be out of their reach. I was very proud of both of them. They ran personal records on a very tough course against the best runners Kansas had to offer.

"Derek had a good run to finish the season. With some rest and a good summer, I look for him to have a big season in 2004. "It will be hard to replace some-



Amy Myers



Derek Volgamore

one like Amy. She seemed to peak at the right times. Going to the state meet for her first time and knowing it would be her last run as a Lady Jay made it that much more gratifying to finish it with a personal best on this tough course.

"This race is the most fun of all of them during the season. So many people are running from line to line to cheer their teams and runners that it truly is a great atmosphere!"

Sydney Cole, a freshman from Phillipsburg, placed 43rd in the girls race with a time of 13:27.82.

Katie Kersenbrock, a senior from Oakley, finished in 48th place with a time of 13:36.51. She

is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dwayne Kersenbrock, Oakley, and granddaughter of Rev. and Mrs. Jack Kersenbrock, Norton.

Brock Glenn, a senior from Riley County, placed third in the boys race with a time of 16:31.35. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Glenn, Manhattan, nephew of Karen Glenn of Norton and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joy Glenn, Norton.

Also running well were the Ginther brothers from Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays. Cole Ginther placed fifth with a time of 16:37.95 and Tyler Ginther finished in 59th place with a clocking of 18:23.11.

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