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INDEPENDENT SPORTS

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Fast start powers unbeaten Humboldt past Gilbert, 31-6

District title on the line Friday night at Nevada

By PHIL MONSON

Humboldt senior quarterback Will Orness has mastered the learning curve in a short amount of time.

Orness, playing only his fourth full game at the position after playing wide receiver the last two and one-half seasons, accounted for 286 yards of offense to lead the top-ranked Wildcat football team past the Gilbert Tigers, 31-6 at Mason Maach Field in Humboldt last week (Oct. 7).

Orness passed for 135 yards and rushed for 151 yards as Humboldt improved to 7-0 overall, 3-0 in Class 3A District 2. It was Humboldt's final regular season home game where the seniors were recognized prior to kickoff.

Orness has provided a dangerous rushing element to the Humboldt offense, similar to what Caden Matson meant to the Wildcats a year ago when Humboldt reached the state semifinals.

"Will has really grown. I am

very proud of the way he has embraced the move to quarterback," Humboldt fifth-year head coach Derrick Elman said.

"He is such a competitor and you can see that every time the ball is in his hands. Will never gives up on a play and his teammates keep working because they know what he's able to do," Elman said.

"I feel that this team has really come together. I had a rough start to quarterback but am slowly getting more comfortable," Orness said. "The biggest transition for me is I have more responsibility than I'm used to having."

Humboldt scored on each of its first three possessions to take a 21-0 lead midway through the second quarter.

On its first play from scrimmage from its own 45, Orness found a hole on the left side and then dashed 55 yards for the drive in the first half, it helped score. Trever Beach kicked the extra point.

Humboldt's defense stuffed the Tigers on the next series, which included a sack by Hunter

Dery to force a punt. Humboldt mounted a 65-yard, seven-play drive which finished on an 11yard pass from Orness to Beach for a 14-0 lead.

Gilbert's next drive ended at the Wildcat 20. Humboldt took over and ran 10 plays covering 80 yards, capped by Lance Coon's four-yard scoring run. Beach kicked the point-after for a 21-0 lead with 6:31 left in the first half, a lead which they took

into halftime. "Some weird things happened tonight that I've never seen before," Elman said. "We had some completions where Will kept the ball alive by scrambling and was able to get down the field. Gilbert came in and played us a tough game. They gave a tre-

mendous effort and had kids that worked really, really hard. Hats off to them."

"When we scored on every a ton. It set the tone for the game," Elman said. "When they got the onside kick to start the second half, we had talked about

that before but when it happens,

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it's so different when you are out on the field." "But we got a stop after that with the interception, but we couldn't capitalize on that."

"I'm super proud of the kids. I'm super excited for the seniors to get a win in their last regular season game," Elman said.

Gilbert successfully executed the onside kick to start the second half but their hopes were deflated on the very next play when Humboldt's Gaige Allen intercepted an Owen Kautman

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Humboldt quarterback Will Orness follows one of his blockers, teammate Christian Lee (50), for an outside gain in the Wildcats' 31-6 victory over the Gilbert Tigers on Oct. 7 at Mason Maach Field in Humboldt. The Wildcats visit Nevada Friday, Oct. 14, in a game with district title implications. Independent photo by Phil Monson. To buy this photo and more, visit our photo gallery at www.humboldtnews.com.

Humboldt girls dominate Cadets



Wildcats to 5-1 in North Central Conference

By PHIL MONSON

Humboldt won its ninth straight match on the volleyball court by sweeping Iowa Falls-Alden in three sets in the

good. Everyone was swinging hard and aggressive," Waldorf said. "This is what we want to see this time of the season." Humboldt visits Algona on Oct. 13 in their final match of

the regular season. Class 4A

regional tournament action be-

gins on Tuesday, Oct. 18, with

Humboldt to host Spencer in a 7

p.m. match. The winner plays at

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 HUMBOLDT STATISTICS

Assists: Becker 15. Beach 4. Works

Digs: Beach 7. Becker 6. DeWinter 4

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Malo wins title at **EG cross country**

Girls 2nd, boys 5th **By PHIL MONSON**

pretty good," Clasen said. "She's been hovering around the 21:00 mark and on a course like Eagle Grove that's Brynn Malo was the overall hilly and challenging, it's a winner to lead the Humboldt real testament to how she has

15 seconds faster tonight

than she was at Algona. Tori

(Gargano) had been running

with shin splints and ran eight

seconds faster. The girls over-

all ran faster on a tougher

course," Clasen said. "Bella

Metli has been coming on.

Joslyn Orr is coming out fast-

Livvy Becker serves the ball into play for the Humboldt volleyball team in their victory over Iowa Falls-Alden last week (Oct. 6) in the Humboldt gym. Independent photo by Phil Monson.

Humboldt gym on Oct. 6.

In their final home match of the regular season, Humboldt easily dispatched the Cadets by scores of 25-10, 25-12 and 25-6. The triumph moved Humboldt to 16-8 overall, 5-1 in the North Central Conference.

The Wildcats had impressive stats on the night, including 27 ace serves. Livvy Becker and Kayla Gieber each had 10 aces. "Overall, they did the job they

needed to do. We limited errors and were aggressive, especially the serving and passing," HHS coach Kara Waldorf said. "On offense we have tried some different things in practice and it was fun to get out there and control the whole match."

Sets: Darby DeWinter 3. Addie Thompson 3. Jennika Beach 3. Livvy Becker 3. Tayla Wempen 3. Morgan "Our serving was great tonight. Every single girl served aggressive and put them (IFA) Mann 3. Shelbie Heinz 3. Ashlynn Works 3. Kavla Gieber 3. on their heels. We have to be Attacks (kills): Thompson 16-17 (8). Becker 1-1. Wempen 10-11 (6). Heinz 6-8 (4). Works 5-5 (5). Gieber 5-8 (2). right up there with the record for aces in one game," Waldorf said. "It's hard to keep that level of intensity. Sometimes you play with your competition and Thompson 4. Heinz 3. Mann 2. Gieber 1. tonight we didn't do that. We Wempen 1. Blocks (solo-assist): Heinz 0-2.

dominated and controlled."

"We didn't have streaks of errors which we have seen this

Works 0-1. Wempen 0-1. Becker 0-1. Serves (aces): Becker 21-22 (10). Thompson 9-11 (2). Gieber 19-20 (10). Heinz 10-11 (4). Mann 9-9 (1). Beach season. Our offense was really 4-4. Totals: 72-77 (27) for 93.5%

tals: 43-50 (25).

Mia DeWinter is shown here competing for the Wildcat cross country team. Humboldt hosts a state qualifying meet on Oct. 19. Independent photo by Phil Monson.

girls' cross country team to a improved and come on as of runner-up finish in the Eagle late." Grove Dick Bell Invitational "Meg Zweibohmer was

Course. Malo finished first in 21:15 as Humboldt totaled 62 points, second to first-place Gilbert (23).

on Oct. 4 at Eagle Grove Golf

Humboldt's boys placed fifth in the large-school boys field, also won by Gilbert. Gabe Thumma led Humboldt by placing 19th in 19:18.

Humboldt's other counting varsity girls include Meg Zweibohmer (16th), Joslyn Orr (19th), Alana Malo (22nd) and Bella Metli (23rd).

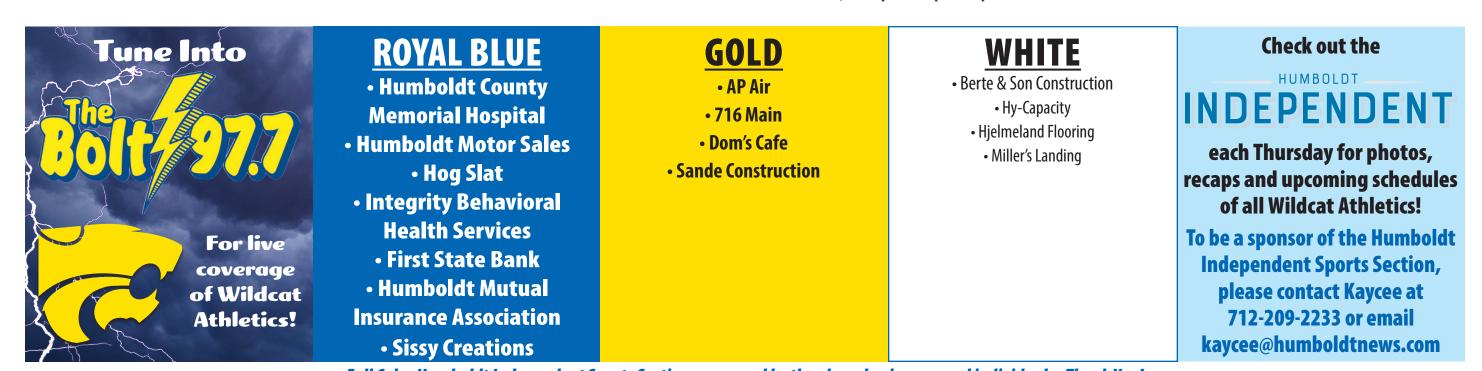
"The last few meets the kids have been competing a lot better and they did so again tonight," Humboldt veteran coach Dean Clasen said.

"You can't control the talent that's in each meet but you can control how hard you compete. I've been really impressed with the large number of kids who are really starting to have those little races within the races," Clasen said. "Our girls had a good night

to finish second. Brynn won by quite a large margin over some Gilbert girls who are er and that's encouraging to see." "Allison Lensing and Reagan Lee are two other girls who continue to improve. Again, those girls improved their times from the Algona meet," Clasen said. " Claire Wevdert had some oxygen problems but was able to fight through that and her last mile was faster than her middle

mile." "Lillian Holm has been competing hard. Sarah Numedahl has been much more competitive the last couple of races. Tielyr Smith reduced her time. Abby Bruening had a tough thing with her allergies but I can't say enough about how our girls fought through some

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Humboldt's Claire Weydert shown here competing for the Wildcat cross country team in a meet last month. Independent photo by Phil Monson.



Mia Sanchez is shown here for Humboldt in recent cross country action. Independent photo by Phil Monson.

Wildcat JV girls move to 7-0 in NCC

Wildcats move record to 9-2

"Iowa Falls was our annual pick out night match. This continues to be my favorite night as the environment is

Malo, Thumma win titles at Boone

Humboldt hosts qualifying meet Oct. 19

said.

Brynn Malo and Gabe Thumma both finished first in their respective races to lead the Humboldt cross country team at Boone on Oct. 6.

The meet, added to the schedule at the start of the season, provided another opportunity for the Wildcats to prepare for post-season.

Malo won the girls' race in 20:25 and Thumma won the boys' race in 17:49.

The Wildcat girls totaled 30 points to finish behind Gilbert at 25. Boone didn't field a full squad. Gilbert won the boys' portion with a score of 24. Boone (24), Ogden JV (78) and Humboldt (92) followed. "We've had kids who were

hurt and missed some early season meets so tonight was helpful for us to get the extra race," Humboldt coach Dean Clasen said.

"It was a fast, flat course and we had a chance to get a fast time so mentally we can run faster and break some barriers psychologically," Clasen said.

"I think only two or three guys are coming back next kids didn't have a season's year. We have a lot of underbest or a personal record, classmen on our girls' team, which we had a lot of tonight," so that will be important for Clasen said. "Brynn ran very us being more competitive well for being out in front by moving forward," Clasen said herself. Meg Zweibohmer had For daily news and sports a good night and Joslyn Orr is updates, visit our website at www.humboldtnews.com.

getting more consistent with her miles and approach to the race."

"Bella Metli and Alana Malo had good races. All five of our varsity girls ran under 23:00, which is a real plus for us," Clasen said. "Reagan Lee took 50 seconds off of her time. Just her fifth race of the season coming back from injury." "Sarah Numedahl and Tori Gargano were our leaders on the JV. We had a lot of girls run faster tonight," Clasen "Gabe went out and ran a personal best by over 30 seconds to finish in 17:49. For him to break 18:00 is really big. It puts him in good company. Austin Little broke 20:00 at 19:47. He's another one who is coming back from an injury." "Our boys had a 2:19 differential from one to five. Everybody was under 21:00 in

> Humboldt's Peyton Van Pelt maintains his pace in a recent cross country meet for Humboldt. Independent photo.

7th, 22:34. Alana Malo 9th, 22:46. Bella Metli 11th, 22:59. Reagan Lee 15th, 24:10. Elsie Stattelman 16th, 24:14

Humboldt varsity boys Gabe Thumma 1st, 17:49. Austin Little 22nd, 19:47. Daylin McDaniel 24th, 20:01. Jayden Gargano 25th, 20:06. Havden Hansen 28th. 20:08. Collin Vik 41st, 21:20. Justin Ash 46th, 21:29.

Humboldt JV girls Sarah Numedahl 18th, 24:19. Tori Gargano 20th, 24:25. Allison Lensing 21st, 25:28. Tielyr Smith 22nd, 25:28 Lillian Holm 27th, 26:39. Jadelyn Greene 28th, 26:49. Claire Weydert 27:52. Mia Sanchez 30th 28:41. Mia DeWinter 31st, 28:42.

Humboldt JV boys Bormann 48th, Henry 21;33 Sterling Scranton 56th. 22:17

Humboldt senior Jace Goodell shown here running in a recent cross country meet. Independent photo.

Grahamn Bakken 58th, 22:25. Keaton Mack Harklau 76th, 26:14. Jason Taylor 65th, 23:38. Joel Thurm 70th, Oxlaj-Mejia 79th, 28:33 24:15. Kaden Caquelin 72nd, 24:36

Wildcat volleyball team rallies past Fort Dodge

Humboldt hosts Spencer in Class 4A regional opener Oct. 18

Humboldt overcame a loss in the first set and rallied for a 3-1 victory over the Fort Dodge Dodgers in non-conference volleyball in Humboldt on Oct. 4.

Humboldt dropped the first set, 25-19, then won by scores of 25-10, 25-18 and 25-15 to improve to 14-8 overall before a Senior Night home crowd.

"We started off the night slow dropping the first set. We made a lot of errors and did not play with the intensity level we needed to be playing with to start the night," HHS coach Kara Waldorf

round Class 4A regional tournament match at 7 p.m. The winner plays Bondurant-Farrar at Bondurant on Oct. 20.

our top five. Collin Vik ran a

21:20. It's amazing where he

had come from in his career,"

make progress and run faster

times. Our varsity boys have

two seniors so the rest of the

Humboldt varsity girls Brynn Malo 1st, 20:25. Meg

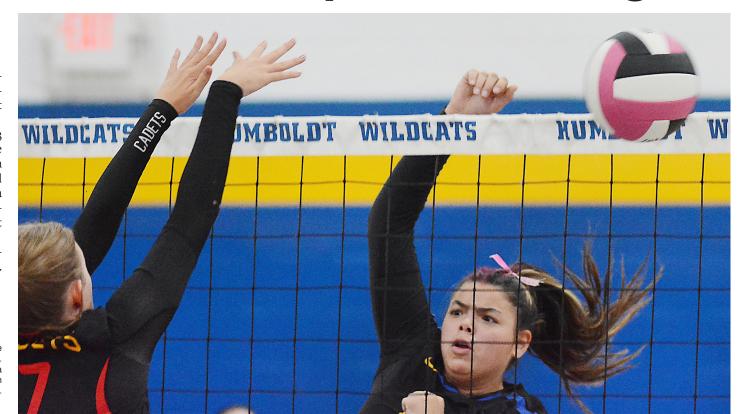
Zweibohmer 6th, 22:19. Joslyn Orr

"Our JV guys continue to

Clasen said.

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overall on the season

Victories over Fort Dodge and Iowa Falls-Alden last week improved the Humboldt junior varsity volleyball team's season record to 9-2 overall, 6-0 in the North Central Conference.

The Wildcats downed Fort Dodge (21-10, 21-16) in non-conference play on Oct. 4 in Humboldt. The Wildcats hosted Iowa Falls-Alden on Oct. 6 and swept the Cadets by scores of 21-13, 15-12, 21-13 and 15-12.

"We played Fort Dodge earlier this year but JV rosters change so frequently I never expect to see the same lineup from a team we play a second time," Wildcat coach Kathi Beach said. "Aside from a fivepoint run we allowed in the middle of the second set, we played well."

"Our offense continues to improve as we had 17 kills as a team. Our serving has also really come on with players hitting zone serves well and compiling seven aces as a team. It was a good win," Beach said.

so positive. I love that we can play a sport we enjoy while giving to a worthy cause,"

Beach said. "And, without a doubt, this

was the best all-around match we have played all season. Two complete sets with no letdowns and high intensity," Beach said. "My second JV squad also competed very well and won in the extra time al-

lotted, 21-13, 15-12." Humboldt travels to Algona

on Oct. 13. Their regular season ends on Oct. 15 in the Lake Mills tournament.

HHS vs. Fort Dodge Kills: Mia Schluter 8. Morgan Mann 3. Assists: Ella Olson 14.

Ace serves: Schluter 3. Olson 2 Alivia Goodell 1. Macey Varangkounh Serving: Schluter 9-9, 3 aces. Olson 1-1, 1 ace. Mann 6-6, 1 ace. Varangkounh 6-6, 1 ace. Digs: Schluter 5. Mann 4. Olson 4. Varangkounh 3 HHS vs. Iowa Falls-Alden

Kills: Larsen Bonnstetter 6. Schluter 4. Olson 3. Assists: Olson 12. Ace Serves: Olson 2. Varangkounh 2. Schluter 1. Goodell 1. Serving: Schluter 3-3, 1 ace. Ava Fischer 1-1. Alivia Goodell 7-7, 1 ace. Morgan Mann 6-6. Sami Varangkounh 4-4. Macey Varangkounh 14-14, 2 aces. Digs: Sami Varangkounh 8 Schluter 6

said "We regrouped after that and controlled the rest of the match. Our passing improved tremendously as the night went on and we were terminating balls in-

stead of making errors," Waldorf said. Thompson led Addie Humboldt with 16 kills. Livvy Becker had 41 assists. Jennika Beach had 17 digs.

"Livvy had a great game. She controlled the offense and was able to mix her setting choices up to help generate holes for our hitters to put balls away. She

hustled hard and was a leader out on the court," Waldorf said. "Jennika Beach did a really nice job passing in serve receive. Overall it was a good win and it was nice to see them buckle down after a slow start," Waldorf said.

Seniors recognized include Kayla Gieber, Shelbie Heinz, Livvy Becker, Jennika Beach, Addison Thompson and Darby DeWinter.

Humboldt visits Algona in their regular season finale on Oct. 13. The Wildcats will host Spencer on Oct. 18 in a first

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HUMBOLDT STATISTICS Sets: Darby DeWinter 1. Addie Thompson 4. Macey Varangkounh 1. Jennika Beach 4. Livvy Becker 4. Tayla Wempen 4. Ella Olson 3. Morgan Mann 3. Larson Bonnstetter 1. Shelbie Heinz 4. Ashlynn Works 3. Kayla Gieber 4.

Attacks (kills): Thompson 26-33 (16). Beach 1-1, Becker 5-5 (2), Wempen 9-11 (5). Olson 2-2 (1). Mann 2-2 (2). Bonnstetter 2-2. Heinz 12-15 (7). Works 8-10 (6). Kayla Gieber 19-23 (8), Totals: 86-104 (47), Assists: Becker 41. Beach Varangkounh 1. Mann 1.

Blocks (solo-assist): Thompson 1-0. Wempen 0-1. Heinz 1-1. Works 1-1. Gieber

Digs: Beach 17. Gieber 7. Thompson 6. Mann 5. Heinz 5. Becker 4. Wempen 4. DeWinter 1. Varangkounh 1. Works 1.

Serves (aces): Thompson 12-13 (2). Varangkounh 4-6. Beach 15-15 (2). Becker 25-28 (5). Olson 5-5. Mann 5-7 (1). Heinz 12-15 (3). Gieber 2-4 (1). Totals: 80-93 (14)

NORTH CENTRAL CONFERENCE **VOLLEYBALL STANDINGS**

As of Oct. 14 Conf All Clarion-Goldfield-Dows .. 6-0 21-3 Humboldt. 5-1 16-8 4-212-14 Algona . Webster City. 4-2 14-9 Clear Lake Iowa Falls-Alden. .2-314-10 .1-5 8-19 Hampton-Dumont-CAL...1-5 3-18 Fort Dodge St. Edmond..0-5 4-13 Oct. 6 matches Humboldt def. Iowa Falls-Alden 25-

10, 25-12, 25-6. Webster City def. Hampton-Dumont-CAL 25-13, 25-22, 25-7. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows def. Algona 25-13, 25-19, 25-19.

Ashlynn Works (right) slammed the ball over the net for a point against Iowa Falls-Alden last week in the Wildcats' volleyball victory over the Cadets. Independent photo by Phil Monson. To buy this photo and more, visit our photo gallery at www.humboldtnews.com.

HHS goes 1-4 at Mason City Invite

Wildcats to 17-12 overall in match play for season

Humboldt's varsity volleyball team had a tough day at the Mason City tournament last Saturday, Oct. 8, going 1-4 overall. Humboldt defeated Mason

City (21-16, 22-20) and lost to Waverly-Shell Rock (17-21, 22-20, 10-15), Clear Lake (19-21, 21-15, 15-17), Osage (16-21, 16-21) and Central Springs (18-21, 21-13, 13-15).

current week with an overall and Wempen had four. Beach record of 17-12 in match play. led in digs with 12 while Against Mason City, Livvy Thompson served 15 of 15 Becker led in assists with 20 with four aces.

while Addie Thompson made Thompson made six kills against Osage. Becker supthree kills at the net. Jennika Beach had nine digs and one plied 12 assists and sevace serve. Shelbie Heinz had en digs. Becker also had one block. 22 assists against Central Against WSR, Becker to-Springs. Wempen made nine

taled 25 assists. Heinz and kills. Beach totaled 15 digs. Tayla Wempen each had Thompson was next with 11. seven kills. Beach made 15 Thompson served 13-for-13 digs while Thompson had 11. with three aces. Thompson and Kayla Gieber

each had an ace serve. Oct. 13 in their final match Gieber had eight kills of the regular season. Class against Clear Lake. 4A regional tournament

Humboldt entered the Thompson followed with six action begins on Tuesday, Oct. 18, with Humboldt to host Spencer in a 7 p.m. match. The winner plays at Bondurant-Farrar on Oct. 20 in a regional semifinal.

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pass.

After an exchange of possessions, the Tigers scored their only points at 3:14 in the third quarter on a one-yard TD run by Kautman. The point-after kick was blocked.

Humboldt needed just six plays before scoring on a 42-yard field goal by Trever Beach at 1:30 in the third quarter.

On the next series, Beach intercepted a Tiger pass and returned it to the Gilbert 36-yard line. Five plays later Lance Coon powered his way into the end zone for a four-yard touchdown run with 7:08 left in the game. Beach booted the PAT for a 31-6 lead.

Corey Dettmann caught three passes for 60 yards to lead the Wildcat receiving. Coon rushed for 36 yards on 12 carries.

Kaleb McCullough, 255-pound senior lineman, led the Wildcat defense with six solo tackles and three assists. Ty Gargano had five solos and four assists. Owen Hubbell made three solos and six assists.

Humboldt visits Nevada this week with the district title on the line. A victory would clinch it for Humboldt. Humboldt leads the all-time series between the two schools, 8-1. The first game in the series was in 1992, the first year of district play across the state.

Last year the Wildcats edged the Cubs in Humboldt in a thriller, 19-15, to clinch the district title.

"Now our focus is on the big game at Nevada next Friday night. It's another game where we will have to be ready to go and prepare well this week," Elman said. "We'll be playing for the district title this week."

"I can't wait for these guys to have that opportunity. It's something special. Again, the senior leadership out of this group has been amazing and I'm so proud of that," Elman said.

"There's probably a lot of people who didn't expect us to be in this position that we are in right now. That's what makes this season even more special is the work that these guys have done to make this even more special," Elman said.

"I'm just proud as heck of them," Elman said.

"We have just got to keep playing for each other. That's Orness said. Look for late-night scores and news updates online at www. humboldtnews.com.



Humboldt senior Trever Beach kicked a 42-yard field goal in the Wildcats' 31-6 victory over Gilbert on Oct. 7 in Humboldt. Independent photo by Phil Monson. To buy this photo and more, visit our photo gallery at www.humboldtnews.com.



the key for us going forward," Humboldt's Tayeton Lohaus (left) and Ty Gargano bring down Gilbert's Jonathon

Swimmers post victories in recent meets

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Aided by the efforts of Emma Winter and Catalina Elizondo of Humboldt, the Fort Dodge High girls' swim team upended the Marshalltown Bobcats, 101-82 in a meet at Marshalltown on Oct. 4.

In a meet at Carroll on Oct. 6, Fort Dodge beat Carroll (59-35) and Spencer (49-44).

The Dodgers return to Marshalltown Oct. 18 and 20

Catalina

Elizondo

for the conference meet.

Oct. 6 at Carroll

Emma Winter

JV 200-yard freestyle relay: Elizondo swam 1st leg of 2nd place relay which timed 2:19.80. Winter swam 3rd leg of 4th place relay which

Division II volleyball.

Hajek had 75 digs from

her outside hitter position

as Iowa Central went 4-1

with wins over two ranked

opponents (No. 12 DMACC

and No. 16 Illinois Central).

JV 100-yard freestyle: Elizondo placed 4th in 1:15.27. Winter placed 8th in 1:41.90.

JV 400-yard freestyle relay: Elizondo swam 1st leg and Winter Varsity 200-yard freestyle relay: Elizondo swam 2nd leg of 5th place unit which timed 2:07.56. 3rd leg of relay which placed fourth in JV

2:38.42

Oct. 4 vs. Marshalltown JV 200-yard Medley relay: Elizondo swam 3rd leg of 1st place JV unit which timed 6:15.70. 200-yard medley relay which clocked

100-yard backstroke: Elizondo placed 3rd in 1:39.67. JV 400-yard freestyle relay: Winter swam 4th leg of 1st place

kills and digs three times last

week to give her seven on the

season. Offensively she had

56 kills in five matches to go

with her 75 digs, averaging

out to 11.2 kills and 15 digs

Sophomore Deni McDaniel

and freshman Marissa

Kaufman, both of Humboldt,

are also on the squad.

per match.

Varsity 200-yard freestyle: Elizondo placed 6th in 2:49.96.

placed 5th in 47.09 second

placed 5th in 1:48.93

JV 50-yard freestyle: Winter

JV 100-yard freestyle: Winter

Jori Hajek named Athlete of the Week

Former Humboldt High standout Jori Hajek, a sophomore at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, was recently named Iowa Community College Athletic Conference Athlete of the Week for the week of Sept. 26 to Oct. 2.

And for the week of Oct. Association's 2, Hajek was named National Junior College Athletic Athlete of the Week for

As a Triton, Hajek leads all ICCAC non-liberos with 377 digs this season, fourth-best National in the conference. "She had double doubles in

Wildcat freshmen post 20-14 victory over Comets

Cael Donahe rushed for two touchdowns and passed for another to help power the Humboldt ninth grade football team to a 20-14 victory over North Polk on Oct. 3 at Alleman.

Jacob Girres caught a touchdown pass while Braiden Swanson intercepted a Comet pass and also recovered a fumble. Donahe also rushed for a two-point conversion.

"As coach Goodenow (Cole) said, it was a gutsy performance from our players," Wildcat coach Jacob Short said. "North Polk had a good

team but our players finished the game strong. We have seen a large improvement in getting off blocks and tackling, which is a testament to the players working hard to get better," Short said.

yard pass from Coen Matson

Jackson Dodd caught a 30-

yard touchdown pass from

Matson in the fourth quarter

"We started out slow in this

game, which was disappoint-

ing. It is tough for the JV guys

to have to travel almost all the

to cap the Wildcat scoring on

for a touchdown.

the night.

"Our defense got timely stops with some big plays, including Nolan Townsend knocking down a potential touchdown pass on fourth down right before halftime and Braiden Swanson intercepted a pass late in the

momentum swing because North Polk had just scored," Short said. "The players then used that momentum to finish the game on a positive note and we were able to run the clock out."

job of controlling the line of scrimmage and our backs ran hard and didn't turn the ball Oct. 17.

way to Des Moines to play on to tie the game late in the

Comets hand HHS JV 1st loss, 36-22

North Polk handed the Humboldt junior varsity football team their first loss of the season, 36-22 at Alleman on Oct. 3.

The Wildcats' first score of the game came in the second quarter on a 99-yard kickoff return by Peyton Pedersen. Later in the second quarter Elliot Carlson caught a 74-

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of that adversity," Clasen said. out of the race. That kind of The Class 3A portion of the Ventura, 17:56. hurt our team score, Our 1-5 difference went

state cross country meet will

over. Cael's touchdown pass to Jacob Girres was a huge

game," Short said. "Our offense did a good

Humboldt, now 6-0 overall, will end its season at home against Nevada on Monday,

fourth quarter, but our drive

line," Wickett said.

short," Wickett said.

end the season.

stalled out on the 10-yard

thing we had but came up a bit

Humboldt, now 5-1 overall,

Humboldt Varsity Girls

Brynn Malo 1st, 21:15. Meg

Humboldt Varsity Boys

Gabe Thumma 19th, 19:18.

hosts Nevada on Oct. 17 to

"We gave North Polk every-

Jori Hajek

Quarter scoring Gilbert 0 0 6 0.....6 Humboldt14 7 3 7....31 Scoring summary H-Will Orness 55-yard run. Trever Beach kick, 10:14 1st quarter. H-Orness 11-yard pass to Beach. Beach kick. 5:51 1st guarter. H-Lance Coon 3-yard run. Beach kick, 6:31 2nd quarter. G–Owen Kautman 1-vard run. Nash Hanson kick, 3:14 3rd quarter. H-Beach 42-yard field goal, 1:25 3rd.

H-Coon 2-yard run. Beach kick,

Stoker in the second half of the Wildcats' 31-6 victory over the Tigers in Humboldt on Oct. 7 in Class 3A District 2 football. Independent photo by Phil Monson.

7:08 4th quarter. HHS DEFENSIVE STATISTICS GAME STATISTICS Tackles (solo-assist): Kaleb Gilbert Humboldt McCullough 6-3. Ty Gargano 5-4. Total net yards 249 338 Michael Illg 4-2. Hunter Dery 3-3. Total plays 64 39 Owen Hubbell 3-6. Will Orness 2-0. 1st downs 14 17 Carrson Bothne 2-3. Trever Beach Rushes-yards37-101 33-203 Passes (CAI)18-27-3 5-6-0 Passing yards 148 135 3rd down conv. 5-16 2-7 4th down conv. 4-8 1-2 0-1. Penalties-yards9-70 2-20 Fumbles-lost 0 0 Possession time30:02 17:58 Sacks: 0.

Interceptions: Beach. Dettmann. Allen.

OFFENSIVE STATISTICS BUSHING-H Will Orness 12-151 1 TD. Lance Coon 12-36, 2 TDs. Corey Dettmann 1-8. Gaige Allen 1-8. Gilbert: Will Hawthorne 14-40. Ben Peterson 9-27, Jonathan Stoker 7-22, Bowen Kruse 2-8. Owen kautman 3-4 Owen Wirth 1-(-1)

PASSING-H: Will Orness 6 of 7 for 135 yards, 1 TD, 0 int. Gilbert: Owen Kautman 18 of 27 for 158 yards, 3 int. RECEIVING-H: Corey Dettmann 3-60. Trever Beach 2-57. Lance Coon 1-18. Gilbert: Brock Christensen 4-67. Will Hawthorne 5-35. Nash Hanson 1-29. Owen Wirth 7-28. Gilbert at Ballard Huxley

IOWA HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL **RANKINGS Class 3A** Associated Press (tie) Humboldt 3. Mount Vernon 7-0 Independence 6-.6-1 . Solon. 5-2 . Creston .6-1 9. North Polk .5-2 10. Van Horne Benton .4-2 (tie) MOC-Floyd Valley ...5-2

from 4:00 range to 3:11. That means the girls in three, four and five are running faster than previously. Our five-runner average was 23:22, matching what we did last year. All of those are positive things," Clasen said.

"On our boys side, we had guys run pretty well. Kaden Caquelin improved by 1:36. He's been battling shin splints. Justin Ash is another one with shin splints and he was faster going from a fast course to a more challenging course," Clasen said.

"Graham Bakken and Sterling Scranton are figuring it out. They keep plugging away. Hayden Hansen and Carson Chambers both were 27 seconds over their Algona meet times. We had a whole

bunch of guys run well," Clasen said. "Daylin McDaniel had been out with a severe blister and

tonight he had a hard time breathing so he had to drop state meet.

said. "Seniors like Jayden Gargano, Collin Vik are running hard and doing what they can. Up and down our lineup we have people who are competing better. That's the biggest thing."

"With just a few meets left, that's what you hope for. Gabe Thumma was aggressive early and was very, very competitive. I like how he's competing. We're coming around. The biggest thing is we want to be better at the end of the season compared to the first, which we are now. Now it's just a matter of taking some bigger steps and see if we can improve on our times at home in the conference meet," Clasen said.

Humboldt hosted the North McGuire, Gilbert, 21:29. Jaselyn Central Conference meet Anderson, ELC, 21:33. Abby Patel, Gilbert, 21:35 on Tuesday, Oct. 11 at lower Sheldon Park. Humboldt will also host the state qualifying meet on Wednesday, Oct. 19. Ryan Stundahl, Algona, 17:18. The top 15 individuals and top three teams advance to the Zain Mueller, Gilbert, 17:56. Connor Hammitt, Garner-Hayfield/

be held on Saturday, Oct. 29, at Lakeside Golf Course north Zweibohmer 16th, 23:34. Joslyn of Fort Dodge. Orr 19th, 23:44. Alana Malo 22nd,

a Monday night, but we have

to be ready to go every time

out," Humboldt coach Greg

"Once we settled in, we

plaved alright, but had dug

ourselves a hole. The best part

about tonight was that our

kids never gave up. We kept

fighting back and had a chance

Wickett said.

24:20. Bella Metli 23rd, 24:26. For daily news and sports Reagan Lee 33rd, 25:28. Tori updates, visit our website at Gargano 39th, 25:40. www.humboldtnews.com.

Oct. 4 at Eagle Grove Justin Ash 43rd, 21:04. Hayden **GIRLS TEAM SCORING** Gilbert 23, Humboldt 62, Garner-Hayfield/Ventura 89, Estherville-LC 90, Algona 114. No team score for

BOYS TEAM SCORING

Gilbert 21, Algona 60, Garner-

Hayfield/Ventura 70, Eagle Grove

123, Humboldt 161, Estherville-LC

161, Webster City 162. Clarion-

Girls Individual Leaders

Brynn Malo, Humboldt, 21:15.

Boys Individual Leaders

William Wadsley, Gilbert, 17:18.

Preston Stensland, Gilbert, 17:46.

Clare Stahr, Gilbert, 21:16. Abby

Goldfield-Dows no team score

Hansen 46th, 21:11. Austin Little 54th, 21:34. Jayden Gargano 56th, 21:49. Collin Vik 72nd, 22:51. Carson Chambers 73rd, 23:04. Webster City, Eagle Grove and Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

Humboldt JV Girls

Sarah Numedahl 40th, 25:45 Elsie Stattelman 45th. 26:33 Allison Lensing 46th, 26:42. Tielyr Smith 47th, 265:43. Abby Bruening 55th. 27:39. Lillian Holm 59th. 28:03. Jadelyn Greene 62nd, 28:21. Claire Weydert 63rd, 28:50. Mia Sanchez 67th 30.13 Mia DeWinter 68th, 30:23.

Humboldt JV Boys

Sterling Scranton 77th, 23:26 Henry Bormann 78th, 23:27 Graham Bakken 79th. 23:33 Kaden Caquelin 88th, 26:04. Joel Thurm 90th, 26:08. Keaton Taylor 92nd, 26:34, Mack Harklau 94th 27:21. Jase Goodell 95th, 27:28. Jason Oxlaj-Mejia 99th, 30:07. Colby Caquelin 107th, 36:17.

2-1. Gaige Allen 2-2. Tayeton Lohaus 2-5. Josh Beldin 2-3. Jayse Allen 1-1. Mason Brown 1-0. Jayden Drewis 1-0. Josh Thurm 1-2. Mason Van Pelt

> Tackles for loss: Dery 2.5. Bothne 1. Lohaus 0.5.

8th grade football team downs FD

football team got back into the win column by beating Fort Dodge in a pair of games run. on Oct. 4 in Humboldt, winning by scores of 20-6 and 8-0.

on an 8-yard touchdown pass on defense for Humboldt. from Chase Hansen to Nico Christensen. Cash McIntire Christensen scored on a 65-

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yard run. P.J. Ellis scored the Humboldt's eighth grade was successful on the twopoint conversion. McIntire later scored on a two-yard Carter Reed teamed up

with Hansen on a 65-yard TD pass play. Avyon Sutterfield

The Wildcats scored first had two pass interceptions In the second game, Lex season

two-point conversion run. 1. Harlan.. Christensen also aided the Wildcat defense with a fumble recovery. 5. Adel ADM 6. Nevada Humboldt, 5-2-1 overall,

hosts Iowa Falls-Alden on Oct. 18 to end their regular

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