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STEELE COUNTY TIMES

FOOTBALL

Huskies 'D' seizes spotlight in state semifinals

Owatonna back in state title game after 39-8 rout of Elk River

BY DENNIS MARSHALL SPORTS EDITOR

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — The much-celebrated Owatonna offense took a back seat to its formidable defense in posting a 39-8 victory over No. 4 Elk River on Friday in the Class 5A semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

The Huskies kept the normally explosive Elks' rushing attack in check and limited Elk River to 125 rushing yards after the team was averaging more than 400 per game.

"Really pleased with how these guys played today,' Owatonna head coach Jeff Williams said. "Our defense has been really salty against the run all year. We knew that this was going to be big challenge. Elk River runs the ball better than anybody we've seen over the last three years. To be able to hold these guys to eight and actually force them to throw in order to get their touchdown, we felt that's a major accomplishment."

The sure-tackling Huskies held the Elks to a $\stackrel{-}{\text{measly 2.8}}$ yards per rush on 45 attempts in the game.

"We have been pretty stingy against the run this year," Owatonna defensive lineman Lewis said. "Holding them to, what, 100-some yards, something like that?' Feels pretty good. They come off the ball low and hard, so we just had to get lower, get up under their pads and get after them."

Lewis finished the game with five tackles and wreaked havoc on defense all game long.

"The bottom line is you have to block people," Elk River head coach Steve Hamilton said. "If they are better than you upfront it's tough because you have to double team everyone and then you can't get to the second level.

"That's what we have faced for two years in Owatonna," he continued. "We knew going into both games that they were going to be handful and if we couldn't win one-on-one battle then we can't win."

Elk River is known for its unconventional philosophy and that was on display the first play of the game when the Elks attempt an onside kick.

'We knew we had to steal possessions," Hamilton said. "We thought that was our only chance. We told our guys that we would have to steal two possessions at least to have

It took Owatonna just three plays to march 36 yards for the first score of the game, a 26-yard touchdown run by Jason Williamson, after the onside kick attempt went out of bounds and drew a penalty.

Williamson added his second touchdown from 44 yards out near the end of the quarter after the Huskies' defense stonewalled the Elks' rushing attack.

'We got the football back and we capitalized," Williams said. "Putting them behind the eight-ball a little bit, making them have to throw, make some decisions on fourth down and getting them off schedule, our defense, led by [Lewis], really did a nice job of that.'

In the second quarter, quarterback Sol Havelka ran in a touchdown from inside the 10-yard line to give the Huskies a 19-0 advantage at halftime.

"It's pretty easy when you have the best [offensive] line in the state of Minnesota, Havelka said. "Any scheme we draw up, they run perfectly. Throw anything at them and



Owatonna defender Zach Stransky celebrates with teammates after stopping Elk River on fourth down during the Huskies' 39-8 victory at U.S. Bank Stadium.

they can do it. We did have a pass game, so we went to the run game and they kick their butts, physically all night, defensively and offensively. It's pretty easy to run behind them. I'm happy for those guys. They had an amazing game upfront."

The Elks completed just their eighth pass of the season and their only one in the game during the third quarter when Tyler Leshovsky found Carter Otto for a 44-yard touchdown.

However, it only took Owatonna five plays and a little more than two minutes to answer with a 10 yard score by Williamson to make the score 26-8 with three minutes

and 32 second remaining in the quarter.

Havelka dashed for a huge 34-yard pickup to convert third-and-5 at midfield during the drive on an option play.

"It's pretty easy with [Williamson] back there," Havelka said. "All eyes are on him. Then you got offensive linemen pulling in front of you and knocking everybody down. There are just big gaping holes. I'm not that fast but I make it work."

Williamson added two more touchdown in the fourth quarter to finish with a total of five scores and 200 yards on

SEE OWATONNA, C2



Owatonna running back Jason Williamson glides by the Elk River defense for a touchdown on Saturday at U.S. Bank Stadium.

Blossoms' dream season ends in semifinal loss

BY DENNIS MARSHALL SPORTS EDITOR

MINNEAPOLIS, Mn. — The Blooming Prairie had its chances to make statement early in the game, but couldn't find the end zone after recovering two turnovers deep inside of Bird Island-Olivia-Lake Lillian District territory.

The missed opportunities signaled the start of what would be a frustrating offensive performance in the season-ending 37-7 loss to BOLD in the Class A state semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.

"We had opportunity early and we didn't cash in on a couple of early turnovers,' Blooming Prairie head coach Chad Gimbel said. "That made it hard and could have changed the outcome a little bit. We could get things going, but we just couldn't sustain a

The Warriors lead 10-0 at halftime, but the Blossoms recovered an onside kick to start the third quarter and narrowed the lead to 10-7 after Kaden Thomas found Payton Simon on a 21-yard touchdown.

However, that's where things really went awry for Blooming Prairie.



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC JOHNSON / AUSTIN DAILY HERALD

Blooming Prairie's Tim Wolf watches as the Awesome Blossoms' season come to end at U.S. Bank on Saturday.

BOLD scored three touchdowns in the next six minutes of action to extend its

lead to 30-7. "They are very good football team," Gimbel said. "We felt like we could hold upfront and we did for a quiet a while, but their size wore us down more anything."

The Warriors finished the game with 333 rushing yards

on 48 attempts. "They run a really good option," Gimbel said. "The option is hard enough to stop when when your able to load the box, but when you have to double team their top threat, that makes it even more

difficult."

The Blossoms held Mr. Football finalist Lucas Ryan without a catch.

"We held him in check. but you have to pick your poison and we decided that we wanted them to have drive the field by running the football," Gimbel said. "That was our



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC JOHNSON / AUSTIN DAILY HERALD Awesome Blossom Karson Vigeland tries to escape from Warriors

decision to try to take away the big chunk plays from the wide receivers. He's really good. We had plenty of tape on

defenders during Blooming Prairie 37-7 loss to BOLD.

him torching defenses." Despite the loss this Blooming Prairie team will be remembered as one of the top squads in school history. Not only was the team extremely successful on the field, they persevered through adversity and tragedy to do so.

"Being able to overcome adversity comes from great leadership and we had five

great senior leaders in Payton Simon, Seth Peterson, Tim Wolf, Colin Lerum and Trenton Swenson," Gimbel said. "That's the thing we will remember. Success starts with your seniors and those kids definitely did everything we asked of them.

"These kids weren't just good football players," he continued. "They were good citizens and great students in the classroom. When someone

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OWATONNA: No. 1 Huskies will meet No. 2 St. Thomas Academy on Saturday in Prep Bowl



Huskies' defender Nick Staska makes a picture-perfect tackle in the backfield during the Class 5A state semifinals on Saturday.

29 carries.

During four games this postseason, Williamson has rushed 131 times for 1,428 yards and 24 touchdowns.

"I just trust the game plan," Williamson said. It's always good every week. They know [opponents] are going to scheme for me, so they scheme for them scheming for me. That's kind of how it's been all

"Coach always says to play Owatonna football," he continued. "It doesn't matter who we are playing.

They can say we played a weak schedule and all that, then people come see us and that's the result like you saw out there."

Williams said asked after the game if the win was especially meaningful after some believed the team wasn't as good as it was a year ago and benefited from playing in a weak section.

"Without the ability to play intersectional until you get the state playoff, I think the strongest and weakest sections, it's purely speculation," Williams said. "People can say what they want. The team we saw throughout the course of the season prepared us for where we are right now. Our kids just continued to execute and they have all year."

No. 1-ranked Owatonna (12-0) will play No. 2 Saint Thomas Academy (12-0) at 4 p.m. on Saturday in the Prep Bowl at U.S. Bank Stadium.

The Huskies are in search of their second consecutive state title and their third in the past six seasons. The teams last met when

Owatonna defeated Saint Thomas Academy 30-27 in 2012 in the state semifinals.

The Cadet average 34.5 points per game while surrendering just 6.7.



Owatonna defenders Ben Zappa and Jake Miller seal the edge against the Elk River Elks.

Owatonna 39, Elk River 8

Owatonna 12 7 7 13 — 39 **First Quarter**

O — Jason Williamson 26 run (Kick failed), 10:45 O— Williamson 44 run

(Conversion failed), 1:43 **Second Quarter**

O — Sol Havelka 7 run (David

Keller kick), 1:09

Third Quarter

ER — Carter Otto 44 pass from Tyler Leshovsky (Kevin Egbujor

O — Williamson 10 run (Keller kick), 3:32

Fourth Quarter

run), 5:44

O — Williamson 6 run (Kick failed), 11:55

O — Williamson 1 run (Sam Henson kick), 5:04

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

FROM C1

RUSHING—Elk River: Carter Otto 16-42; Adam Nelson 12-53; Kevin Egbujor 7-24; Tyler Leshovsky 5-(-3); Arik Nordenstrom 4-8; Saul Gonzalez 1-1. Owatonna: Jason Williamson 39-200, 5 TDs; Sol Havelka 8-71, TD; Zander Johnson 3-17; Matt Seykora 2-10; Hunter Menden 1-0; Brayden Truelson 1-(-1). PASSING—Elk River: Leshovsky 1-4-44-0, TD. Owatonna: Havelka 0-1-0-0. RECEIVING—Elk River: Otto 1-44, TD. TACKLES—Owatonna: Nick

Staska 10; Ben Zappa, Carson DeKam, Isaac Gefre, Ethan Rohman 6; Chris Lewis 5; Jake Miller, Mason Oland 4; Joseph Stransky 3; Zach Stransky, Johnson 2; Ethan Walter, Sam Henson, Eli Tellijohn 1. TACKLES FOR LOSS—

Owatonna: Rohman 2; Miller, Zach Stransky, Johnson, Lewis 1. FORCED FUMBLES—Owatonna: Rohman, Johnson 1. **FUMBLE RECOVERY—** Owatonna: Johnson.



FROM C1

Huskies' defender Zach Stransky make a tackle during the team's Class 5A semifinal victory over Elk River.

BLOSSOMS: 8 of the team's starters return on offense and 7 on defense next year



PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC JOHNSON / AUSTIN DAILY HERALD

Blooming Prairie football players stand for a photo with Jaxson Harbert at the Class A state semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium on Saturday.

PHOTO COURTESY OF ERIC JOHNSON / AUSTIN DAILY HERALD Gabe Hagen and Payton Simon tackle a BOLD ballcarrier on Saturday at U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis.



wasn't doing things right they were willing to step up tell them what they needed to do to correct it and do it what we call the Blossom way.'

Blooming Prairie has been knocking on the door of a state title for nearly the past decade and next season should be no different with eight starters returning on offense and seven returning on defense.

"It all starts with leadership and we have some juniors who look to be very good leaders too," Gimbel said.

BOLD (12-0) will face he Mahnonmen/ Thunderbirds (12-0) on Saturday in Class A Prep Bowl at U.S. Stadium.



Blooming Prairie Alex Baldwin is brought down by a BOLD defender during the Class A state semifinals.

Football state rankings

CLASS A

- 1. Minneota
- 2. BOLD
- 3. Mahnomen-Waubun 4. Blooming Prairie
- 5. Otter Tail Central
- 6. United South Central 7. Goodhue
- 8. Dawson-Boyd
- 9. Ada-Borup/NCW

10. Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg

Others receiving votes: Red Lake County, Polk County West

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SWIMMING AND DIVING

Huskies swim team athletes make waves at state meet

Owatonna diver Allison An put the finishing touches on a storied career on Friday at the Class 2A girls' state swimming and diving meet at the Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center in Saint Paul.

An finished fourth in one meter diving competition with score of 371.75. She finished her career with three consecutive trips to the state meet and owns many Owatonna High

Owatonna eighth-grader Logan Norrid also appeared at the state meet and finished 12th in the 100-yard butterfly with time of 58.28

Owatonna finished 22nd as a team with 20 points.

Class 2A State Meet Results

at Jean K. Freeman Aquatic Center on the University of Minnesota Campus.

Team Results: Edina 365, Minnetonka 231, Wayzata 186, Eden Prairie 178.5, Robbinsdale Armstrong 131, Stillwater 117, Eagan 115, Saint Michael-Albertville 107, Prior Lake 92, Andover 81, Hopkins 72, Minneapolis Southwest 71, Lakeville North 70, Lakeville South 61, Chanhassen 60.5, Anoka 58, Rosemount 47, Eastview 41, Buffalo 31, Coon Rapids 29, Apple Valley 26, Owatonna 20, Saint Louis Park 19, Saint Cloud Tech 17, Blaine 16, Saint Anthony 14, Minneapolis Washburn 13, Farmington 12, Burnsville 8, East Ridge 6, Forest Lake 6, Rogers 5, Woodbury 5, Mounds View 4, Osseo 4, Maple Grove 2, Champlin Park 1, Brainerd 1.

200-yard Medley Relay: 1, Eden Prairie (Chloe Skogg, Kylie Rydland, Grace Logue, Grace Witherspoon) 1:44.15. 200 Freestyle: 1, Claudia Chang (Edina) 1:49.49. 200 Individual Medley: 1, Reese Dehen (Anoka) 2:02.10. 50 Freestyle: 1, Lily Gremmels (Edina) 23.66. One meter diving: 1, Megan Phillips (Edina) *new state record 417; 4, Allison An (Owatonna) 371.75. 100 Butterfly: 1, Peyton D'Emanuele (Minneapolis Southwest) 54.45; 12, Logan Norrid (Owatonna) 58.28. 100 Freestyle: 1, Jordan McGinty (Wayzata) 50.54.500 Freestyle: 1, Chang 4:54.64.200 Freestyle: 1, Edina (Brecken Merkel, Chang, Nora Clarkowski, Lily Gremmels) 1:34.43. 100 Backstroke: 1, Skogg 54:47. 100 Breaststroke: 1, Emma Lezer (Saint Michael-Albertville) 1:01.98. 400 Freestyle Relay: 1, Edina (Merkel, Gremmels, Chang, Clarkowski) 3:26.73.

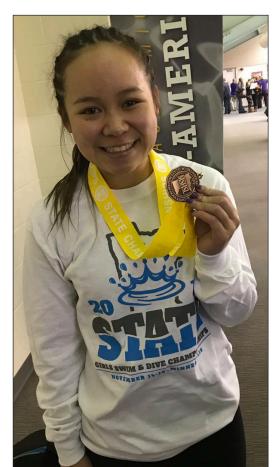


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Owatonna diver Allison An shows off her fourth place medal after Class 2A state meet on Friday.



Owatonna's Logan Norrid is all smiles after finishing 12th in the 100-yard butterfly at the Class 2A state meet.

CHEERLEADING

NRHEG cheerleaders to perform in London New Year's Day Parade

BY DENNIS MARSHALL

SPORTS EDITOR

Continuing its tradition of excellence, New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva cheerleaders Hailey Westrum, Laura Worrell and Avery Hill will perform in the world-renowned London New Year's Day Parade along with more than 800 other high school cheerleaders from across the United States.

The girls were invited to perform in the London celebration are part of the All-American program, selected from Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA) and National Cheerleaders Association (NCA) at summer camps across the country. All-Americans are chosen based on superior athletic and leadership skills. Only the top 12 percent of athletes who attend camp earn the chance to perform in the holiday spectacular.

"I'm very honored to go to London and represent my school and community," Hill said. "I'm going to do a lot of shopping because I love shopping. But really I'm looking forward to meeting new people and learning more about the culture and heritage. I can't wait to try the food and just enjoy this incredible experience.

In addition to performing in the parade, the cheerleaders will take part in tours that include Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, Saint Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament and a firsthand look at some of London's other most magnificent sites.

"It's not just all about cheer," Hill said. "It's about friendships and it's just a great sisterhood.'

NRHEG cheer coach Kari



NRHEG cheerleaders Hailey Westrum, Laura Worrell and Avery Hill, who will perform in the London New Year's Day Parade, stand for a photo.

Buendorf will join the girls for the nine-day trip.

"I'm just excited to be able to share this experience with the girls," Buendorf said. "It's an opportunity for them to cheer with girls from around the United States, meet new people and experience another culture.

"This also gives them a good chance to see what the cheer world is all about," she continued. "I don't know what the future holds for them and if they will cheer in college, but this experience can show them how cheerleading can open the doors to great opportunities and experiences.

NRHEG cheerleader Brenlee Knudson and Grace Wilkerson was also selected as an All-Americans, but

elected to not make the trip. "The All-American program is celebrating its 31st year in 2018, and our talented cheerleaders, dancers and drum majors

really enjoy the opportunity

to show their skills to a very enthusiastic international audience," says Mike Fultz, International Event Coordinator for Varsity Spirit.

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It certainly didn't end the way Awesome Blossom players and fans had hoped, but nobody can say that they played the last game without a lot of class. The game was closer than the final score would indicate, but a couple of mistakes, some missed tackles and empty trips in the red zone all contributed to the loss

Actually, one must give a lot of credit to the BOLD defense. Three times the Blossoms drove into the red zone, and the Warriors stopped the drive each time. A score in one or two of those times may have made a difference. In the end BOLD had the better team in this game.

However, that will take nothing away from the exceptional season for the Blossoms. A district championship, a semi-final loss in her state playoffs, and a sparkling 12-1 season record will be something long remembered in Blossom football history. The team played with a lot of heart and desire and talent, and they had one of the most close-knit teams it has been a privilege

Personally the team has been one of the most entertaining teams in memory, and a lot of credit goes to head coach Chad Gimbel and his entire coaching staff. Another 12 wins will go down in Gimbel's already gaudy victory record. Here is one last tip of the hat to the 2018 Awesome Blossom football team. Congratulations!

BPHS GRAD IS WINNER

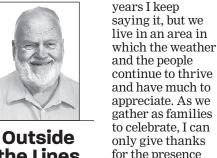
BPHS graduate and star quarterback John Rumpza got a thrill a week ago when he came into a football game and promptly led the Winona State Warriors to a winning touchdown late in the game. The score made the warriors a 24-20 winner and left the college with an 8-3-season record. Rumpza replaced the Warriors' starter, who left the game with an injury.

It has been quite a year and a half for Rumpza, who had to leave football for a time to battle testicular cancer. Through radiation treatments and a long rehab process, Rumpza conquered the cancer and returned to the team this fall. He will be vying for playing time again next fall. A tip of the hat this week goes to a courageous John Rumpza.

ANOTHER GREAT HOLIDAY

Thursday, we will celebrate another favorite holiday, when families get together to discuss the year so far and send time giving thanks for all the good things we are afforded. Unlike much of the rest of the country, we here in Minnesota have a plethora of things for which to be thankful.

We have had no deadly fires or floods, farmers have had a good crop, although down a little from last year, and community and school activities have enjoyed banner



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only give thanks for the presence the Lines of loved ones and wish everyone else an appreciative Thanksgiving.

> Enjoy the day. **LOCAL BUSINESS SATURDAY**

Next Saturday has been designated as small business Saturday around the nation, and it is an opportune time to remind shoppers that it

is only the local businesses that profit and keep money in our own community. There may be occasions when a trip out of town is necessary, but there are a lot more times when shopping locally is more convenient and helpful to the community.

A stop at the local hardware store, the grocery store, or any of another two dozen local retailers not only saves some time, but also puts another sum of money into the local economy. Think about that the next timed you sit down to make up your shopping list.

GOBBLE WOBBLE

Thanksgiving morning will be a great time to get a little early exercise and lend support to the BP Youth Club, when the club hosts the annual Gobble Wobble run. As many as 90 individuals have enjoyed this activity in the past, and club sponsors are looking for a great turnout again.

The weather looks ideal, so get registered for the big event by stopping in or calling the club. Run off some of the thanksgiving meal even before it happens and enjoy the company of friends and neighbors on this favorite holiday, Have a great Thanksgiving, congratulate the Awesome Blossoms on an extraordinary season, and we'll talk again.

VETERANS HONORED

Observances honored service veterans over the weekend, and it certainly proved appropriate. Having been one of the fortunate who never had to serve country with service time. I have a deeper than usual feeling of admiration for those many, many individuals who put themselves in harm's way to ensure that our democracy continues to exist.

As the saying often goes, "Democracy may not be perfect, but it is better than any other government." Let me add my thanks to all those who serve or have served in our armed forces in the interest of a free and democratic America. We owe a great debt to those individuals.

MUSICALS ABOUND

Next year will mark the 50th year in which the BPHS music and drama departments have presented all-school musicals to enthusiastic audiences in the community. All of them

have displayed a great deal of talent by high school students and have initiated a tradition of high quality productions.

Some have been more memorable than others, and I am confident that community residents have their own favorites. Personally, the first production of "Cinderella" in 1977, "Music Man" in 1978, the first time for "The Sound of Music" in 1980, "Annie" in 1983 and "Grease" in 2011 remain just a few of my favorites. One reason for that, I would guess my daughters or I had prominent roles in some of those productions.

Whatever the reason may be for choosing a favorite, the fact remains that the local high school has carved out a niche of great musicals through the years. It also has produced some actors who have gone on to make a name for themselves in the theater world, such as Jay Christianson, Josh Braaten and Jamey Isenor just to list three. According to current director Tammy Johnson, the play that will commemorate the 50 years of BPHS theater will be the third time for 'The Sound of Music,' and I can almost guarantee that it will live up to the local tradition of great musical presented at BPHS.

MORE WEATHER THEATRICS

This theater of seasons that signify our Minnesota climate certainly altered the scenery last week. The community morphed from typical autumn temperatures to vistas of snow-covered streets and sidewalks and temperatures that hovered almost 30 degrees cooler than normal. In fact. at least in Minneapolis, the stretch of below normal temperature days marked the longest such stretch since 1951.

One of the side effects of the unusual weather provided the drama that accompanied the Blossom football team in their battle with United South Central at New Ulm last Saturday.

Now we are approaching the middle of November and upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, and the weather has decided to spare us the cold and warm us up again for a few days. We can certainly be thankful for any break in the cold, and we will be very grateful for the respite. Winter will be here soon enough.

OUT AND ABOUT

The KC's hosted another successful spaghetti supper at the Servicemen's Club last Saturday, and again, the musical entertained large audiences over the weekend. Besides the annual Chamber of Commerce meeting at the Pizza Cellar tomorrow night, another round of turkey bingo is on the schedule for Thursday night.

Finally, plans are now well along for the annual Holiday Dazzle celebration in December. Last year, people enjoyed one of the few celebrations that had some normal weather. Hopefully, that will be the case again. Stay tuned, enjoy what is left of fall, Go, Blossoms, and we'll talk again.

Jason Williamson, Owatonna football

The future Golden Gopher has led the Owatonna Huskies to the Class 5A Prep Bowl for the second consecutive season. Williamson rushed 29 times for 200 yards and five touchdowns against Elk River in the state semifinals at U.S. Bank Stadium on Saturday. In four games this postseason, he has ran for 1,428 yards on 131 carries with 24 touchdowns.

Maylynn Prokopec, Owatonna hockey

The senior forward scored two goals in the Huskies' 5-1 victory over Rochester Century on Thursday, November 15. Prokopec is the Owatonna's top returning goal scorer from a season ago and is poised for a huge season. Huskies are back in action on Tuesday against Mankato West at the Four Season Centre.

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