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Jackson County Central football players Sam Dunker (from left), Keaton Storm, Andrew Hesebeck, Matthew Stubbe, Bradley Buhl, Trace Michelson, Damian Meyer-Andre and Kobe Foster celebrate their Class AAA state quarterfinal victory over Waseca Saturday at the Lakeville South High School.

NEXT STOP: THE BANK

JCC overcomes early turnovers, 14-0 deficit to beat Waseca in state quarters

by DAN CONDON
Sports Editor

Jackson County Central senior Bradley Buhl punished defenders every time he carried the ball during Saturday's Class AAA state quarterfinal game against Waseca.

So when the Huskies faced fourth-and-2 late in the first half of a tie game, he was the obvious choice to get the ball.

And to just about everyone at the Lakeville South High School football field, it appeared as though he did.

But quarterback Rudy Voss faked to Buhl on an option, kept the ball and went untouched for a 20-yard touchdown that gave the Huskies the lead for good.

JCC, which erased an early 14-0 deficit, went on to win 31-21 to advance to Saturday's semifinals against Pierz (see preview on B3).

"That's obviously the most talented team we've seen by light years this year and I'm really proud to get by a team like this," JCC head coach Tom Schuller said. "It took everything we had and the guys came through. I can't be more proud of the guys."

Turnovers cause early hole for the Huskies

Voss' touchdown run came after the Huskies dug themselves out of an early hole caused by a pair of turnovers.

JCC fumbled on its second offensive play of the game, giving the Bluejays the ball just 14 yards from the end zone.

It took Waseca just three plays to score, then just two to score again after an interception was returned to the Husky 10-yard line on

JCC's next drive.

The second Waseca touchdown came when quarterback Ryan Dufault broke several tackles and made the Huskies look foolish trying to make a tackle.

"I feel like the Vikings that one time when they accused Barry Sanders of having silicone on his jersey," Schuller said. "I mean, we could not tackle him. We were literally missing him with four or five guys. He's a tremendous athlete."

Linebacker Alex Bretzman said Dufault provided quite the challenge.

"He had that really good play where he basically jukeed nine of our 11 guys on defense and scored," he said. "It got better as the game went on, but he was sure a tough player to tackle."

Huskies bounce back

After turning the ball over on their first two drives, the Huskies were tough to stop the rest of the game.

JCC went 71 plays on 11 yards on its third drive, which ended when Buhl ran for a 17-yard touchdown on the first play of the second quarter.

Buhl was met by Dufault at the 6-yard line, but put his shoulder down and bulldozed his way into the end zone with two Bluejays trying to bring him down.

"He was outstanding," senior lineman Sam Dunker said. "He lowered his shoulder and if there was nothing there, he made something there. It was unbelievable."

The Jays drove into JCC territory on their next drive, but a tackle-for-loss by Bretzman on first down and sack by Bretzman and Levi Lindley on second down helped force Waseca to punt.

JCC then struck quick, going 76 yards in just three plays.

Elijah Meium-Bratrud ran for 12 yards and Buhl

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Rudy Voss (left) and Jack Brinkman celebrate Voss' game-tying touchdown run during Saturday's 31-21 state quarterfinal victory over Waseca.

Wolff earns honorable-mention all-state honors for third time

Senior is one of three Huskies honored by BSC

Jackson County Central senior Alaina Wolff has been named to the Class AA all-state honorable-mention volleyball team for the third straight season.

Wolff was also a first-

team all-Big South Conference selection for the West Division. Earning honorable-mention all-conference honors are senior setter Jordan Rogotzke and sophomore outside hitter



Alaina Wolff

Sadie Voss. Wolff finished the season with 307 kills, 49 ace serves and a team-high 248 digs. In her career, Wolff had 1,059 digs, 1,051 kills and 184 ace serves.



Jordan Rogotzke

set assists, 67 digs, 29 kills and 23 ace serves this season. She had 885 set assists, 151 digs, 47 kills and 50 aces in her career.



Sadie Voss

this season and was second with 209 digs. Voss has amassed 733 kills, 487 digs and 195 ace serves in her career.

Team awards handed out

Members of the JCC volleyball team received awards at their year-end banquet Sunday night.

Wolff was named the team's most valuable player, as well as the defensive

MVP. She also earned the Husky Award as the most inspirational player.

Voss was named the team's serving MVP and offensive MVP.

Rogotzke earned the Leadership Award. Receiving the Hustle Award were Cali Cranston, Regan Farmer and Maci Farmer.