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## JCC FOOTBALL



Bradley Buhl celebrates a second-quarter touchdown run that came after breaking a tackle attempt by New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva's Blake Ihrke during last Thursday's season-opening win over the Panthers. PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

# Huskies pummel Panthers in season opener

by DAN CONDON  
Sports Editor

The Jackson County Central football team took advantage of an early miscue by New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva and never relinquished control in a 46-0 season-

opening win last Thursday in Jackson.

The Panthers fumbled the opening kickoff and JCC scored four plays later and then added two more first-quarter touchdowns in the dominant win.

"We looked sharp," head coach Tom Schuller said.

"We're experienced; we're supposed to look sharp."

**Voss breaks record, scores twice early**

After Will Freking recovered a fumble on the opening kickoff, the Huskies wasted little time putting points on the board.

Senior quarterback Rudy Voss capped a four-play, 34-yard drive with a 6-yard touchdown run and then ran in the two-point conversion for an 8-0 lead less than two minutes into the season.

After a punt on the next NRHEG drive, Voss broke

a school record and then scored another touchdown.

A 6-yard completion from Voss to Trevin Gaus-tad gave Voss two completions for the game and a school-record 232 for his career (see sidebar on B5).

Five plays later, Voss was in the end zone again, this

time on a 24-yard run after following the blocks of linemen Sam Dunker and Keldon Bennett and sneaking into the corner of the end zone ahead of a defender.

Voss completed a pass to Jack Brinkman for the two-point conversion and

See **FB** on **B5**

## Grosz and Mueller win Jackson Nationals titles

Victory Lane was jubilant on Sunday evening at Jackson Motorplex, where Lee Grosz wrapped up a track championship in style.

Grosz and Mike Mueller were the feature winners during Sea Foam Products Night, which concluded the DeKalb/Asgrow 360

Nationals presented by Kuhlman Lake Service & Welding Inc. and Tweeter Contracting.

Grosz won the dash and led all 30 laps of the DeKalb/Asgrow presents the Midwest Power Series and Midwest Sprint Touring Series 360 sprint cars main event to garner his

third win of the season at the track.

"You lead these things from the green (and) you don't know where to go," he said during an emotional interview in the Winner's Circle. "That red came out and I didn't really know where to go. I went to the top and felt pretty good. (On the last lap) I seen him show his nose. I drove into turn three and didn't lift and let her eat."

After two stoppages before the first lap was completed, the only other cau-

tion came on Lap 20 when there was a red flag. Grosz maintained the top spot after the restart, but Justin Henderson stayed within striking distance before diving to the bottom in turns one and two on the final lap. The duo raced side by side through turn two, but Grosz had momentum on the top groove and held on for the victory by 0.429 of a second.

Josh Baughman  
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**B3**

Three men were inducted into the Jackson Racing Hall of Fame during a ceremony Saturday afternoon.

## JCC VOLLEYBALL



Sadie Voss (from left), Cali Cranston, Rachel Anderson, Alaina Wolff, Jordan Rogotzke and Regan Farmer celebrate match point in last Tuesday's win over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda. PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

# Huskies overcome slow start to beat Coyotes

To say the Jackson County Central volleyball got off to a slow start in its home opener against Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda last Tuesday is an under-

statement.

The Huskies trailed 5-0 and soon found themselves in a 12-5 hole.

They nearly rallied all the way back, scoring six

points when the Coyotes had set point, but lost 25-22.

JCC rebounded to win the next three sets by scores of 25-19, 25-20 and

29-27 in a 3-1 victory that improved the Huskies to 2-0 on the season.

A 5-0 run in the first set got the Huskies back

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## JCC CROSS COUNTRY



Olivia Anderson keeps a lead over a pair of runners during a seventh-place finish at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake. PHOTO BY DAN CONDON

# Anderson finishes seventh in Mt. Lake

JCC boys finish in fourth place

by DAN CONDON  
Sports Editor

Olivia Anderson started strong and finished even better during a seventh-place finish at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake. Anderson covered the 5,000-meter course in 21 minutes, 31.5 seconds and earned seventh place by a nose.

Anderson was passed by Katie Hartke of Mar-

tin County West down the homestretch, but Anderson turned on the jets just ahead of the finish and beat Hartke by one-tenth of a second.

The strong performance is a result of off-season and preseason work by the sophomore.

"Olivia is driven to succeed this season," head coach Rafe York said. "She came in in good shape and she pushes herself to improve in practice daily."

The only other JCC girl in the varsity race was Emma Singler, who placed

See **CC** on **B4**



## SPORTS CALENDAR

**Thursday, Sept. 5**  
No events

**Friday, Sept. 6**  
FB (A) vs Worthington

**Saturday, Sept. 7**  
CC (B&G) at Luverne

**Sunday, Sept. 8**  
No events

**Monday, Sept. 9**  
VB (ABC) vs New Ulm  
FB (C) at Worthington

**Tuesday, Sept. 10**  
VB (ABC) vs Marshall

**Wednesday, Sept. 11**  
No events

## BSC STANDINGS

### VOLLEYBALL

West Team	BSC	All
Redwood	1-0	2-1
JCC	0-0	2-0
Marshall	0-0	4-0
Pipestone	0-0	1-1
Windom	0-0	2-1
Worthington	0-0	1-1
Luverne	0-1	0-1

East Team	BSC	All
St. Peter	1-0	1-3
Waseca	1-0	2-1
New Ulm	0-0	0-1
St. James	0-0	0-1
BEA	0-1	0-2
Fairmont	0-1	0-2

## SECTION 3AAA STANDINGS

### FOOTBALL

Team	All
JCC	1-0
Luverne	1-0
Fairmont	0-1
Sibley East	0-1
Tri-City United	0-1
Worthington	0-1

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# Time to stick a fork in summer

Now that Labor Day is over, for all practical purposes, summer is over. Kaput. It is like a well-done steak. Stick a fork in it. Put it on a serving platter and serve it up to fall.

Technically we still have a little more than two weeks of summer left, but I have never been one to quibble over technicalities. Unless it is to my advantage, that is.

At least I can still do some of my favorite summer pastimes. Like golf. It is very comfortable playing golf on a nice fall day.

Granted, I am not always comfortable with the score I have to record on my scorecard, but at least I only get hot under the collar, not a full-body meltdown like in the hot summer sun.

Plus, there are fewer leaves to get in my ball's way as it travels through the woods. I like a challenge and golf is way more challenging when you hit an errant shot or two, or maybe 10, into the trees lining the fairways. Thus, the sending of my ball into the woods.

Anyone can play the fairways; they are mowed short and have no obstructions. No challenge. There is nothing to get your dander up.

It takes a real golfer to play out of a cove of trees where, if there is any grass, it is long. And the other trees provide ample obstructions. Where you test the theory that the shortest way to the green is not a straight path, but rather a plinko course as the ball bounces from tree to tree.

Sitting by a campfire on a cool, crisp fall evening is also very comfortable and enjoyable. Until you get away from the radiated heat. Then you might get cold enough to really appreciate the fire.

Another of my favorite evening pastimes is sitting outside star gazing and watching for meteorites. Oftentimes it even takes me well into the wee hours of the night.

Yes, I know the wee hours of the night are for sleeping. But, I have lived my life with the adage that sleep is overrated. Especially when compared to star gazing. To me, it is well when star gazing takes me well into the wee hours of the night.

While star gazing can be done year 'round, I really enjoy doing it on warm summer nights. A close second would be on a crisp fall night.

Sometimes you can even star gaze and golf at the same time. Night golf, using glow-in-the-dark balls, is a lot of fun. And, if you have an errant shot? No worries; no one saw you hit.

The only thing I did not really like — well, I did but I did not — was all too often I would see a streak travel across the sky and, thinking I saw a meteor, I would get pumped. Until I realized the meteor was really only a glow-in-the-dark golf ball. Then I would deflate. Deflate more the Tom Brady's footballs.

Watching things in the sky is fun. Seeing a bald eagle float by always perks me up. Even seeing hawks perched along the highway waiting for a nice road-cooked slab of roadkill.

I like seeing planes fly by. As my Aunt Diane used to be a stewardess, or flight attendant, I still internally say, "Hi, Auntie Di" whenever I see a plane fly over.

Saying hi to my aunt has been engraved in me from my childhood. Back when Diane flew. That was way back when you

would still hear sonic booms.

Hot air balloons are fun to watch. Someday I would like to ride in one. Not too far off the ground my fear of heights would kick in. Eventually I would relax enough to enjoy the ride.

This weekend, on Saturday, there will be a lot of kites flying over the Jackson airport during the Prairie Winds Kite Fly. Now, that is a really, really enjoyable sight to see. Seeing all the kites up in the air is simply beautiful.

Seeing the Jackson County Central Middle School athletes perform is also enjoyable. This afternoon (Thursday) the volleyball team is at the Fairmont Elementary playing the Cardinals. On Saturday, the Huskies will host a jamboree at the JCC High School.

Next week, the team will host Mt. Lake Area on Tuesday before traveling to Worthington on Thursday.

The JCC Middle School football team will host Windom in Lakefield on Tuesday and scrimmage St. James Area next Thursday in St. James.

And now you get to see what you enjoy seeing: the end of Wide Write for this week. Until next week, enjoy what is left if summer as you help cheer on our athletes. Go, Huskies!



**WIDE WRITE**  
Stephen A. Condon

## Football contest starts this week

The annual Pilot/Standard Football Contest starts this week and runs for eight straight weeks.

This week's games can be found on B6 and online at [jacksoncountypilot.com](http://jacksoncountypilot.com) and [lakefieldstandard.com](http://lakefieldstandard.com).

Each weekly winner will

receive a \$10 gift certificate to be redeemed at the sponsor of his or her choice.

At the conclusion of the eight-week contest, the top three finishers will get a gift certificate to use at the sponsor of his or her

choice. Entries are due each week by 5 p.m. on Friday and can be submitted online, through the mail or dropped off at the Livewire office in downtown Jackson or Standard office in downtown Lakefield.



## HUSKIES NEARLY PERFECT IN FOOTBALL OPENER

One year ago, Sept. 6, 2018

Six drives, six touchdowns. That's how the Jackson County Central football team opened the season against Lake Crystal-Wellcome Memorial. And the JCC defense was just as good, holding the Knights to just 15 yards of offense in the first half. The Huskies led 32-0 at the half and finished with a 56-7 win. Zach Neal ran for two touchdowns and Elijah Meium-Bratrud, Bradley Buhl and Coltan Bents each ran for one. Rudy Voss ran for a touchdown and threw a 19-yard touchdown to Matthew Stubbe and 51-yard score to Noah Carr. Voss completed seven passes for 174 yards, with Carr catching two for 74. Meium-Bratrud rushed for 71 yards.

## HUSKIES KNOCK OFF WILDCATS

Five years ago, Sept. 4, 2014

It took four games, but the Jackson County Central volleyball team improved to 2-0 on the season with a 3-1 win over Heron Lake-Okabena. The Huskies opened with a 25-12 win, but lost the second 25-20. The Huskies then won 25-12 and 25-19 for the win. Kaylee Burmeister finished with 18 kills and nine digs. Sydney Nyborg had 11 kills and nine digs and was 18-for-20 serving. Sydney Eddy had five kills and three block assists and Abby Benson had seven block assists. Rachel Johnson had 17 set assists and 16 digs and was a perfect 22-for-22 serving. Lacey Wacker had 16 set assists and seven digs and Kathryn Nasby had a team-high 22 digs.

## SERVING UP A WIN

10 years ago, Sept. 3, 2009

The Jackson County Central volleyball team scored the first six points of the season against Southwest Star Concept and swept the Quasars by scores of 25-13, 25-13 and 22-15. Briel Hendricksen finished the night with 12 kills and was good on all 17 of her serves. Whitney Burmeister had eight kills and 15 digs, while Mollie McClure had seven kills. Erika Voss was 12-for-13 serving with six aces. She also had four ace blocks and six kills. Stacey Schuller had 20 set assists and Jasmine Timko had 13. Schuller also had 11 digs and Chelsey Mitchell had 10.

## JHS HARRIERS OPEN SEASON

25 years ago, Sept. 8, 1994 – Jackson County Pilot

Jackson's boys' cross country team finished seventh and the girls placed 11<sup>th</sup> at the Wolverine Invitational in Mt. Lake. Matt Williams was the top finisher for the Jackson boys, placing 18<sup>th</sup> in a time of 17:11 for the three-mile course. Dan Draine was 26<sup>th</sup> in 17:26. Ethan Thurmer and Sid Nestegard placed 48<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup>, respectively in times of 18:07 and 18:15. Hannah Robertson was the top finisher for the Jackson girls, placing 34<sup>th</sup> with a time of 17:40 on the 4,000-meter course. Kristin Hett was 47<sup>th</sup> (18:10) and Amanda Draine 64<sup>th</sup> (19:06). Melissa Evans placed 72<sup>nd</sup> and Holly Shearer 75<sup>th</sup>.

## BULLET SPIKERS OPEN WITH WIN OVER JAYS

25 years ago, Sept. 8, 1994 – Lakefield Standard

The Heron Lake-Okabena-Lakefield volleyball team opened the season with a 3-1 win over Jackson. The Blue Jays won the first game 15-10, but the Silver Bullets won the next three 15-11, 15-8 and 15-9. The Bullets took a big lead each of the final three games and held off any Blue Jay rally. Katy Madsen had 20 ace spikes and Lindsay Voss had 14 ace spikes. Sue Resch had 11 ace spikes off the bench. Jenny Prochaska served 12 points and Michelle Hummel and Suzann Ford each served nine.

## ATHLETES OF THE WEEK



**Name:** Olivia Anderson  
**Grade:** 10  
**Sport:** Cross country  
**The week that was:** Anderson placed seventh at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake with a time of 21:31.  
**Coach's comments:** "Olivia is driven to succeed this season," Rafe York said. "She came in in good shape and she pushes herself to improve in practice daily."



**Name:** Sam Dunker  
**Grade:** 12  
**Sport:** Football  
**The week that was:** Dunker dominated on both the offensive and defensive lines in JCC's season-opening 46-0 win over NRHEG last Thursday.  
**Coach's comments:** "I thought Sam did a great job on both sides of the line, helping to lead us to 292 yards rushing and holding NRHEG to just 28 yards rushing," Tom Schuller said.

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# HL-O CORNER

## Coyotes fall to Huskies despite hot start

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda team scored the first five points of the night and won the opening set last Tuesday at Jackson County Central, but lost the next three to fall to the Huskies. Set scores were 22-25, 25-19, 25-20 and 29-17 in favor of JCC.

Hailey Leopold had 12 kills, 15 digs and seven blocks for the Coyotes and was a perfect 15-for-15 serving with a pair of aces.

Ellyson Bang had 25 set assists, 18 digs and four blocks. Sam Untiedt finished with 17 digs and Meakin Bang and Madison Ruesch had five kills. Chrissy Hermeling was 18-for-18 serving.

## Salentiny leads Wildcats in Mt. Lake

Paul Salentiny was the leading Heron Lake-Okabena runner at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake.

The Wildcat junior covered the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 39 seconds to place 26<sup>th</sup> out of 74 runners in the boys' race. The only other varsity runner for HL-O was Preston Katona, who placed 62<sup>nd</sup> (22:19).

Skylar Fisher was the top finisher in the junior-varsity race. She finished second in the girls' 4,000-meter race (21:00). The top HL-O boy in the race was Josh Eigenberg, who was 24<sup>th</sup> (20:02).

## Wildcats fall to Patriots in season opener

The Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda football team lost its season opener 58-22 to Hills-Beaver Creek last Thursday in Fulda.

The Coyotes trailed just 14-8 after the first quarter, but found themselves down 42-16 at the half.

Eli Fest threw two touchdown passes to Tyler Madison of 60 and 9 yards. Madison finished with 11 catches for 160 yards and the two scores. Fest completed 15 passes for 212 yards.

Matt Madsen had the other touchdown for the Coyotes on an 80-yard kickoff return.

Zach Thier was the leader on defense with seven tackles.

The Coyotes play at Renville County West Friday night.

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# Three inducted into Jackson Racing Hall of fame

A trio of men were inducted into the Jackson Racing Hall of Fame during a ceremony Saturday afternoon near the Jackson Motorplex.

Enshrined this year were Guy Forbrook, Jason Krohn and Jerry Richert Jr.

## Fourth hall of fame induction for Forbrook

Forbrook was born into a racing family. His father, Dick, was a successful driver whose own career was finishing just as Guy was coming of age. Forbrook wheeled a sprint car to more than a dozen victories in 1984-1985 at various tracks, including in Jackson; Fairmont; Rock Rapids, Iowa; and even five in a row at Huset's Speedway in Brandon, S.D.

Forbrook was quickly making a name for himself in the racing community when a passenger car accident would forever change the path he would take in racing. The accident caused a significant spinal cord injury.

Following the accident, Forbrook stayed away from racing for more than a year when Ron Kohls "dragged him out of the house" and convinced Forbrook to come to a sprint car race. Kohls and Forbrook would soon put together their own team and the Forbrook 5 was born.

Forbrook has put together an impressive career over the past 30 years. He is best known for his success at Knoxville, including 87 victories and 11 track championships, but a quick browse through his career stats finds more than 270 feature wins at 63 different race tracks, with drivers such as Steve Kinser, Sammy Swindell, Danny Lasoski, Jac Haudenschield, Terry McCarl, Tim Kaeding, Jeff Shepard — a virtual who's who in racing. An amazing career for an amazing driver, mechanic and car owner.

Forbrook's induction into the Jackson Racing Hall of Fame goes alongside his inductions into the Knoxville Raceway Hall of Fame in 2009, the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame in 2017 and Huset's Speedway Hall of Fame in 2018.

The 1988 season was the start of a long and successful career as a mechanic, crew chief and car owner. Jerry Richert Jr. began the season with three victories before Lasoski took over driving duties, forming a partnership that would for-

ever change the landscape of sprint car racing in the Midwest. Lasoski and Forbrook won an astonishing 54 races in just their first two years together, including track championships at both Knoxville, Iowa, and Huset's, and had victories against the World of Outlaws and All-Star Circuit of Champions.

In 1991, there was the first split of the Lasoski/Forbrook combination when Forbrook hired Jac Haudenschield to pilot the now-famous Forbrook 5. Haudenschield went on to win 14 times on the way to Forbrook's third Knoxville Raceway track championship. The 1992-1993 seasons saw Lasoski back behind the wheel for another two dominating years. The duo combined for 47 more victories, two Knoxville Raceway track championships, a third Huset's Speedway track championship and wins across the country from California to Ohio. Despite all their success, the two split again in 1994.

McCarl piloted the Forbrook 5 to five wins before Johnny Herrera took over in 1995. Herrera and Forbrook won 25 features, including that year's Jackson County Fair Outlaw Sprint special. That year Forbrook also picked up his sixth Knoxville title. Lasoski was once again back in 1996 for another 21 feature wins on their way to Forbrook's seventh Knoxville track championship.

Haudenschield and the World of Outlaws came calling in 1997 in Jack Elden's famous Pennzoil 22. Forbrook and Haudenschield won six times together before Forbrook joined forces with Steve Kinser in July of 1998, following Scott Gerkin's departure as crew chief. Kinser visited victory lane eight times with Forbrook through the end of the 1998 season on their way to the World of Outlaws championship.

The next year found Forbrook back at Knoxville with McCarl again in the cockpit. They found more success than their previous attempt, scoring 12 victories on their way to Forbrook's eighth Knoxville Raceway track title and his fourth at Huset's Speedway. Forbrook teamed up with Jimmy Vassar in 2000 to take on the World of Outlaws with Greg Hodnett behind the wheel of the No. V12. Hodnett won

twice before an injury sidelined him in April, with Tyler Walker taking over the driving duties to finish the year.

In 2001, Jeff Shepard drove the Forbrook 5 to five World of Outlaws victories before Haudenschield took over in 2002 for three more World of Outlaw wins. Following a couple lean years, Swindell drove the Forbrook 5 in 2005-2006 for eight victories together, including three World of Outlaw wins at Eldora.

In 2008, Lasoski was back and the duo won five more times on their way to Forbrook's ninth Knoxville Raceway track championship. Dennis Roth hired Forbrook in 2009 with Kaeding piloting the Roth Motorsports 83. They won nine races together. The next five seasons would find Forbrook working with Erin Crocker, JD Johnson, Mark Dobmeier and Craig Dollansky with some success, but nothing like he was used to.

Both he and Lasoski had experienced some down years leading up to 2015, but their careers were jump started when they once again joined forces. This time it was with owner Tod Quiring. They won 13 races on their way to the inaugural National Sprint League championship and Forbrook's 10th Knoxville track championship. The 2016 season was much of the same as he and Lasoski won their second NSL championship and his 11th Knoxville Raceway track title, pushing Lasoski and Forbrook's career victory totals to an astonishing 149 victories together.

## Three track titles for Krohn in Jackson

Krohn's racing career started by helping a friend as a pit crew member in 1990. He got behind the wheel of his first racecar and began his driving career at the Murray County Speedway in Slayton when he entered an enduro race in August 1992. He was the seventh driver to enter the race and that would be his car number. A total of 63 cars entered that race and he ended up winning it.

Krohn began racing weekly in 1993 at Slayton. He was now in the bomber division and went on to win eight races that year and a track championship.

In 1994 he moved to the hobby stock class, won two track championships and was third in national points

with 14 feature wins.

The next year he moved up to the stock car class and raced Slayton, Worthington and Jackson. He continued in the stock car class through 2002. Along the way he won the Jackson Nationals in 1998 and 2000 and numerous track championships, including the Jackson Speedway track championships in 1996, 1997 and 1999. Through his years of racing in the stock car class, Krohn saw victory lane a total of 55 times at Jackson alone.

In 2003 he moved to the modified class and started traveling on and off with the United States Modified Touring Series and won his first USMTS feature that year. In 2007 he won the USMTS national championship.

To date he has more than 40 USMTS feature wins and has raced in 23 states.

Krohn also raced late models for a couple years in 2016 and 2017, winning four features in the WIS-SOTA division.

His most memorable feature win came in Jackson in August 2012 when he won the USMTS feature that night. That would be the last victory lane photo with his daughter, Natalie Anne, as the family lost her the following month.

## Richert Jr. sets record

Richert Jr. grew up going to sprint car races. His dad raced and, although he was not able to go all the time, he went as much as possible. Kids or women were not allowed in the pits at that time.

He had fired up sprint cars and drove them slowly around tracks until one time at the Sioux Empire Fairgrounds he was doing slow warm-ups and they threw the green flag. That was the first time he went somewhat fast.

Finally, in 1981 at the age of 19, he got the chance to race in a car in which his dad had raced and won. In his third race at Centuria, Wis., he won his first feature. Richert Jr. won his second feature the following year at Owatonna.

In 1983 Richert Jr. started the year racing at Knoxville and finished the year running at Jackson. He was named Knoxville rookie of the year and set a new track record at the Jackson Nationals with the first official sub-19-second lap at Jackson.

In 1984 and 1985 he ran the L.L. Woodke car

at Fairmont on Fridays, Jackson on Saturdays and Huset's Speedway on Sundays. He was top five in points at Jackson both years and had some wins, including his first win at Jackson on June 16, 1985.

In 1986 Richert Jr. was in the Taggart/Johnson blue No. 81 car for the first time. He won the Jackson season championship and followed it up in 1987 with another championship. He also won the Huset's Speedway championship that year.

In 1987 he also raced a USAC midget at Cedar Lake Speedway in Wisconsin and ended up fourth in the feature. In 1988 they took the blue No. 81 Taggart/Johnson car to Knoxville to race weekly, won the season opener and qualified for the A-main at the nationals for the first of four times. That year he also had a couple of wins in the Ron Kohl-owned car wrenched by none other than Forbrook. He also obtained his pilot's license to assist in getting to the races more efficiently. His instructor was Bill Hanson, who owned the car he raced in 1982 and 1983. In 1989 he raced weekly at Knoxville for Phil Durst and again won the season opener and finished second in season points.

In 1990 Richert Jr. was hired to drive the Cahill Brothers car. At the season opener he had the worst crash of his career, which sidelined him for a month-and-a-half. The highlight of that year was he made the Knoxville Nationals A-main for the second time. The 1991 season was OK, with the highlight that year when Forbrook's driver at the time, Haudenschield, had some medical issues and Forbrook asked Richert Jr. to drive and they picked up a win at Knoxville. The 1992 and 1993 seasons had a couple of wins, one which was the tune-up the week before the Knoxville Nationals.

The 1994 season was not a great year, but once again, he made the Knoxville Nationals A-main in the Taggart/Johnson No. 81 car. In 1995 and 1996 he was in the Taggart/Johnson car full time again and won the season opener at Knoxville for the third time and also qualified for the A-main at the nationals for the fourth time and was fourth in season points. In 1997-1998 Richert Jr. was back in the Woodke 1W full

time and had a few wins. In 1999 he raced at Knoxville in the Mike Vanderecken car.

In 2000 he raced a limited schedule with only three races. In the years 2001 through 2004 he drove for George Sibet and picked up a win with the IRA at Cedar Lake Speedway. In 2002 good friend Joe Kouba suggested he put together a 360 car so they could run the 360 and the Sibet 410 at selected races.

He was able to win several races in the 360 during this period. In 2005 and 2006 he raced his 360 and the Kouba 410 at IRA races. From 2007 through 2010 Richert Jr. and Kouba partnered up on a 410 and he still had his 360. Both cars in 2007 were painted retro to resemble the Frank Wagner cars his dad drove in the 1960s.

Richert Jr. had several wins in the 360 with a second and third in points with the newly formed Upper Midwest Sprint Car Series in 2009-2010, respectively. In 2011 and 2012 he raced mainly the 360 and had several wins. He won the UMSS season championship both years. In 2013 he was sixth in UMSS points with a win. In 2014 he won his third UMSS championship with several wins. In 2015 he was third in UMSS points with a memorable win at the Deer Creek Speedway in the Donnahue 34DD. In 2016 he won the season opener for the UMSS at Cedar Lake Speedway in the 34DD in what would be his last win. He finished the year second in UMSS points. The 2016 season was Richert Jr.'s last year of racing and his last feature win at Jackson was in 2007.

Richert Jr. raced in 16 different states and in Australia. It was a great ride and a tremendous amount of fun. The only thing he would change is to take out a few of the bad crashes.

Some of the car owners Richert Jr. has driven for over the years include George Dabruzzo, Bill Hanson, LL Woodke, Marty Johnson-Terry Taggart, Ron Kohls, Phil Durst, Larry Cahill, Larry Ball Sr, Bill Kain, Glen and Rich Stewart, Forbrook, Jensen Construction, Jordan Brothers, Mike Vanderecken, Robucks, George Sibet, Kouba, Patrick Donnahue and for himself, JR Racing.

## NATIONALS: Grosz, Mueller win features

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rounded out the podium with Jack Dover finishing fourth and Trey Starks ending fifth.

Matt Juhl, Dover, Thomas Kennedy and Clint Garner each won a heat race. Sawyer Phillips was the B Main winner.

## Mueller wins non-wing feature, Halverson wins track championship

Mueller took the lead at the midpoint of the 25-lap National Sprint League Mastell Brothers Touring Series non-wing sprint cars presented by HitchDoc main event en route to his second straight triumph at Jackson Motorplex, winning the feature by 1.996 seconds.

"I had way too many frosty beverages last night," he quipped in a Victory Lane interview. "I just had to get this over so I could have some more."

Cam Schafer recorded a runner-up result with Eric Schulz placing third and Brandon Halverson fourth, earning him the track championship. Alex Schriever, who led the first 12 laps of the race, was fifth.

Halverson won the heat race and Schriever claimed the dash.

## Kennedy, Mueller win Saturday night features

Kennedy and Mueller were triumphant Saturday during Big Country 107.7 Night for the DeKalb/Asgrow 360 Nationals presented by Kuhlman Lake Service & Welding Inc. and Tweeter Contracting.

Kennedy was one of three different leaders during the DeKalb/Asgrow presents the Midwest Power Series and MSTs 360 sprint cars 25-lap A Main, which served as the Paul "Too Tall" Jerousek Memorial. Henderson led the first 10 laps before Kennedy took over the top spot in traffic. A restart on Lap 18 allowed Juhl to close to Kennedy's rear bumper and he took advantage.

A lap later Juhl slid Kennedy for the lead in turns one and two. Kennedy regained the top spot down the backstretch before Juhl drove around Kennedy for the lead through the middle of turns three and four. Both drivers smacked the backstretch wall off turn two on the ensuing lap and Juhl slowed in turns three and four.

Kennedy checked up as Josh Baughman, who won the opening-night feature on Friday, dove into the corner and made contact with Juhl. Kennedy was able to avoid contact and he took over the lead as Juhl spun during the incident with six laps remaining.

Kennedy survived the ensuing restart, as well as a restart with three laps remaining, to win the feature by 1.538 seconds over Baughman.

"I know (Baughman) is really fast," Kennedy said during a Victory Lane interview following his first win of the season at Jackson Motorplex. "To get the win on the second night means a lot to us as a team."

Track points leader Grosz rounded out the podium with Dover advancing to a fourth-place finish and Dusty Zomer ended fifth.

Grosz set quick time during qualifying out of the 47 drivers competing in the division. Dover, James Broty, Lee Goos Jr., Zomer and Wayne Johnson were the heat race winners. Monty Ferriera claimed the C Main and Eric Lutz won the B Main.

Mueller advanced fourth to earn his first NSL Mastell Brothers Touring Series non-wing sprint cars presented by HitchDoc victory of the season at the track. Johnny Parsons III placed second and moved within one point of the lead in the track's championship standings. Schulz maneuvered from 11th to third with Schafer, who won on Friday, placing fourth. Brad Peterson was fifth.

Schriever set quick time during qualifying before Jeremy Kerzman, Peterson and Schulz each picked up a heat race win.

## Baughman and Schafer win opening night

Baughman and Schafer each earned their first feature triumph of the season at Jackson Motorplex this past Friday evening during the opening night of the DeKalb/Asgrow 360 Nationals presented by Kuhlman Lake Service & Welding Inc. and Tweeter Contracting.

Both drivers survived a late scare to score a victory during Holiday Inn

Fairmont Night and accumulate a stout point total on the first of two preliminary nights leading into Sunday's event finale.

Baughman led the distance after grabbing the lead by riding the cushion around turn two as pole-sitter Justin Henderson slid up the track. It turned out to be the race-winning move, but a caution with five laps remaining set up a late showdown with Jackson Motorplex 360 sprints points leader Grosz in second.

Baughman maintained the top lane and the open track was beneficial as he cruised to the DeKalb/Asgrow presents the Midwest Power Series and Midwest Sprint Touring Series 360 sprint cars main event win by 1.757 seconds.

"I'm tired," he said during a Victory Lane interview. "I've led a lot of laps here and could never pull it off. This means a lot. The curb got really big at the end. I'm glad we didn't give that one away."

Grosz finished second with Henderson third, Starks fourth and Brooke Tatnell fifth.

Zomer paced the 47-car field early in the night by setting quick time during qualifying before Justin Jacobsma, James Broty, Johnson, Cody Hansen and Jordan Martens each won a heat race. Tommy Barber claimed the C Main and Kennedy won the B Main.

Schafer also held on during several anxious moments in the closing laps of the NSL Mastell Brothers

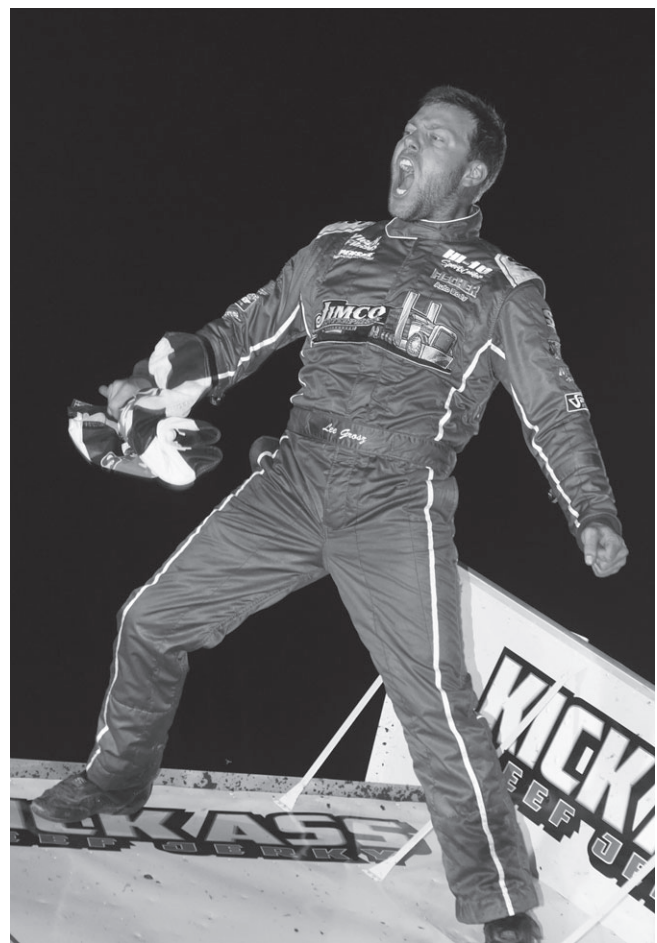


PHOTO COURTESY OF JEFF BLYSMA  
Lee Grosz celebrates after winning the Jackson Motorplex 360 Nationals Sunday.

Touring Series non-wing sprint cars presented by HitchDoc main event. The leaders were thick in traffic and Schriever went for a last-lap slide job in turns one and two that barely came up short.

Schulz rounded out the podium with Parsons III placing fourth and Jake Kouba fifth.

Halverson set quick time during qualifying. Schriever, Parsons III and Schulz were the heat race winners.

## Season wraps up later this month

The next and final event of the season at Jackson Motorplex is Sept. 20-21 for the Casey's Open Wheel Nationals presented by Sea Foam featuring the IRA Sprint Car Series and Outlaw Sprint Cars Fueled by Casey's General Stores 410 winged sprint cars, as well as the Heartland Steel RaceSaver sprint cars presented by Wyffels Hybrids and NSL non-wing sprint cars presented by HitchDoc.





PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON  
Clayton Cavness gives it his all as he nears the finish line at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake.

## CC: JCC boys finish in fourth

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38<sup>th</sup> out of 67 runners with a time of 25 minutes, 13 seconds.

Top-ranked Morgan Gehl of Murray County Central/Fulda finished first overall (19:29), coming in one-tenth of a second ahead of Fairmont's Laura Thompson. MCC/F (38) won the team title over Fairmont (55).

### JCC boys finish fourth

The JCC boys finished fourth out of nine complete teams thanks to a balanced attack.

Simon Pell led the way for the Huskies, covering the 5,000-meter course in 19 minutes, 13 seconds. That put him one second and one place ahead of teammate Clayton Cavness.

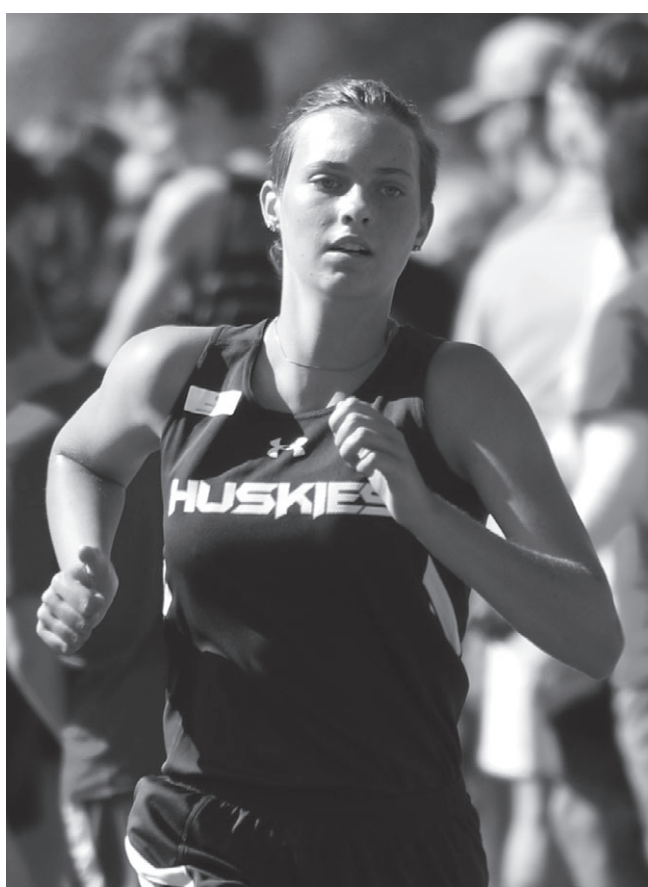
Mason Bobb (19:45) and Evan Paplow (19:47) also finished back-to-back, placing 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, respectively.

Rounding out JCC's team score was Andrew Boyum, who edged Kie Anderson for that honor. Boyum placed 38<sup>th</sup> (20:18) and Anderson came in 39<sup>th</sup> (20:23).

Also running for the Huskies were Carter Johnson (48<sup>th</sup>, 21:27), Evan Insichienmay (56<sup>th</sup>, 21:50), Ridge VanWesten (59<sup>th</sup>, 21:58), Kaden Cother (64<sup>th</sup>, 22:42) and Caleb Thurmer (68<sup>th</sup>, 22:56).

JCC had a team score of 131, putting the Huskies fourth behind Worthington (29), St. James (47) and Fairmont (119). The Huskies beat MCW (142), Windom (149), Mt. Lake Area (164), Blue Earth Area (183) and MCC (209).

York was pleased with the way the Huskies ran in



Emma Singler keeps a steady pace at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake.

their first 5,000-meter race of the season.

"I'm happy with how we performed in Mt. Lake," he said. "We had a couple of personal records by Mason and Kaden and most of the kids ran faster this year than they did last season. We're hoping to keep that going all season."

### Nine Huskies run in junior-high race

Nine Huskies ran in the 2,000-meter junior-high race, with Rylie Cother turning in the best finish. She placed third in the girls' race (9:00). Madilynn

Singler placed 34<sup>th</sup> (11:06) and Lily Johnson was 43<sup>rd</sup> (11:40).

In the boys' race, Ben Spaeth finished fifth (7:42.0) and Quinn Landherr was sixth (7:42.3). EJ Peterson placed 24<sup>th</sup> (8:31), Caden Thurmer was 29<sup>th</sup> (8:41), Hudson Austin finished 52<sup>nd</sup> (10:12) and Chase Adkins placed 56<sup>th</sup> (10:56). The Huskies were third out of six teams.

### Up next

The Huskies are back in action Saturday with a meet in Luverne.



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON  
Grace Brinkman gets ready to set the ball as Regan Farmer (top right) and Rachel Anderson charge toward the net during last week's win over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda.

## VB: Huskies win in four sets

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in it at 12-9, but the Coyotes distanced themselves with another run to lead 23-14. HL-O/F had set point with a 24-16 lead before the Huskies rattled off six straight points to make things interesting.

Alaina Wolff had a pair of kills during the run and Rachel Anderson one before the Coyotes were able to finish off the first-set victory. The tables turned the second set as the Huskies jumped out to a 5-2 lead and then used a 6-0 run to lead 12-4.



Sadie Voss



Cali Cranston

Wolff started the run with a kill and added another later in the streak. Regan Farmer and Alicia Brandt also picked up kills during the momentum-building run. The Coyotes twice

used hot stretches to hang around, but a kill by Georgianna Wenzel sealed a 25-19 win to pull the teams even at one set each.

The third set was tied at every point from one to six before the Coyotes took a 9-6 lead.

The Huskies rallied to tie the set at 10 and it was tied again at 11 and 13 before the Coyotes took a 16-14 lead.

The Huskies later rattled off six straight points to turn a 17-15 deficit into a 21-17 lead. Wolff started the run with a pair of kills and Brandt had a kill and block during the run.

Brandt ended a long rally — which included a diving, one-handed save by Megan Gallagher — with a block for a 24-18 lead and Sadie Voss finished off the important third set with a kill for a 25-20 win.

The fourth set was tied 16 times, including every point from 22 to 27.

That's when the Huskies finally finished off the win to earn the match victory.

Gallagher served an ace to cap a 3-0 run that put the Huskies up 10-7 early, but the Coyotes soon had a 14-12 lead.

Five straight points — two coming on kills from Anderson and another on a Jordan Rogotzke ace serve — put the Huskies

ahead 18-15, but the Coyotes scored the next five to lead 20-18.

Voss bookended a 4-0 rally with kills for a 22-20 lead, but the Coyotes again responded to lead 23-22.

The Huskies fended off set point three times and the Coyotes once before the Huskies finally finished off the win on a Coyote error.

Voss had a huge night, recording team highs with 20 kills and 25 digs. She was also 12-for-12 serving with a pair of aces.

Wolff also had a double-double with 15 kills and 16 digs. Wenzel and Brandt each had eight kills and Brandt added five digs.

Farmer finished with six kills and four digs and Anderson had four kills.

Cali Cranston was a perfect 21-for-21 serving and had 14 digs.

Gallagher finished with 23 set assists and five digs and was good on all 15 of her serves, with two aces.

Grace Brinkman put up 21 set assists and Rogotzke had six set assists while going six-for-six serving.

### Up next

The Huskies played their first Big South Conference West Division match Tuesday at Redwood Valley. JCC is at New Ulm next Monday and hosts Marshall the next night.



Evan Insichienmay leads a pack of runners at the Paul Metcalf Invitational last Wednesday in Mt. Lake.



Alaina Wolff hammers one of her 15 kills in last week's non-conference win over Heron Lake-Okabena/Fulda.





Rudy Voss completes a pass against New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva last Thursday. Voss broke the school record for career completions in the win.

## Rudy Voss breaks completions record

Senior quarterback Rudy Voss set a new Jackson County Central record in this past Friday's season-opening win when he completed the 232<sup>nd</sup> pass of his career.

That came on Voss' second completion of the night. He added eight more to currently sit at 240 career completions. The previous record of 231 was held by Tanner Menke.

Voss is third on the career list for passing yards with 3,282. Menke is first with 3,848 and Jon Hummel is second (3,321).

Menke has the lead in career touchdown passes with 40, followed by Easton Bahr (31) and Hummel (30). Voss now has 28 career touchdown passes after throwing one last week.

## Huskies look to carry momentum into game against Worthington

Coming off a 46-0 win over New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva in the season opener, the Jackson County Central football team will try to continue its momentum in Friday's matchup against Worthington.

The Trojans opened the season with a 41-12 loss against Luverne.

Worthington threw the ball a lot in the game, with quarterback Will Brandner going 16-for-35 for 250 yards and a score.

JCC head coach Tom Schuller said the Trojans were forced to throw the ball after getting behind early, but it's something they will likely try to do again against the Huskies.

"They throw a lot," he said. "They play a lot of spread."

To combat the Trojan aerial attack, the Huskies will have to put pressure on Brandner like they did against NRHEG in the opener.

"The key is getting them to be one dimensional," Schuller said. "We want to make them throw the ball. I thought our pass rush was really good last week. If it can be that good again, I like our chances. The best pass defense is getting pressure on the passer."

On offense, the Huskies will try to stay balanced against a Trojan team that

plays primarily a four-man front.

While that differs from what the Huskies saw against NRHEG and certain plays will work better against a four-man or five-man front, Schuller said the key for the Huskies is just focusing on preparing themselves.

"It's so early in the year we're still worrying about us," he said.

That means finding the right position for everybody, even if he's played somewhere else in the past.

One example is having linebacker Bradley Buhl pass rusher at defensive tackle," Schuller said. "We want to get kids on the field in situations where they excel — to use every player's ability as much as we can. Some of the guys are pretty versatile and we're going to use them that way."

The Huskies get senior Keaton Storm back this week, giving them the option of kicking extra points after touchdowns. Storm is the school's career leader with 84 extra points. He'll also handle kickoff duties, which Schuller said is an area that needs improvement after the season opener.

The two teams kick off at 7 p.m. Friday in Jackson.

## FB: Win

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a 16-0 lead.

Schuller said the offensive-line play of Dunker, Bennett, Lee Drahota, Kobe Foster, Trace Michelson and Andrew Hesebeck made a huge difference in the game.

"I thought we blocked well," he said, "and I thought we protected well."

Voss said it's that group that makes everything on offense possible.

"The line protected great," he said. "I can't do anything if I don't have those guys. All credit goes to those guys. Nobody realizes how much they mean to the team, but I can't thank them enough."

### Hinkeldey steps in, steps up

Dalton Henning intercepted a pass on the third Panther drive of the game, then the Huskies turned another interception into a touchdown.

On his first play of the game and season, Nathan Hinkeldey intercepted a pass and returned it for a 21-yard touchdown. Bradley Buhl ran in the two-point conversion for a 24-0 lead.

"Nathan, the first play he comes in, he picks one off for a touchdown," Schuller said. "That's pretty good production off the bench."

It was pressure up front that led to the two interceptions, as well as a fumble early in the second quarter and interception by Brinkman later in the quarter.

"We were able to generate some heat and we were able to take the ball away from them," Schuller said. "It's a lot easier to play defensive back when the quarterback is running for his life. I thought the front four did a nice job."



PHOTOS BY DAN CONDON  
Sam Dunker puts pressure on New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva quarterback Blake Ihrke during last Thursday's season-opening win.

The fumble recovery, which came after a sack by Sam Dunker and was recorded by Matthew Stubbe, was followed by a 16-yard touchdown run by Buhl.

Buhl ran over a defender, then drug him into the end zone on a bruising run that gave the Huskies a 30-0 lead.

The Huskies capped a dominant first half with a 25-yard touchdown pass from Voss to Gaustad. Coltan Bents ran in the conversion for a 36-0 lead.

Voss credited Gaustad for doing most of the work on the touchdown after catching a short pass. That was a theme as JCC's stable of receivers made plays all night.

"This is probably the most depth we've ever had at wide receiver," Voss said. "They go six, seven

deep. It's really fun to throw to them. It's nice when I just have to throw an easy ball and they go make a play for me."

### Subs get plenty of action

Schuller said a goal of the season is to get younger players as much in-game action as possible to prepare for next season when this year's 21 seniors are gone.

That was the case in the opener as reserves played a good chunk of the second half.

"It's always good when you can get all the guys in," he said. "Some of these guys have been working so hard. They all got in there and that was awesome to see."

While it'll pay off in the future, Schuller said some of those players can earn more valuable minutes if they produce when given the chance.

"Now we're able to see how they looked, how we can help them get better," he said. "We got all our depth in so we can see it and keep developing it because we need every kid we can get."

The Huskies scored the only points of the second half when Damian Meyer-Andre caught a perfectly placed fade pass from Alex Bretzman in the end zone for a 15-yard score. Levi Lindley ran in the conversion for a 46-0 score that ended as the final.

### Huskies gain 438 yards

The JCC offense gained 438 yards in the game, while its defense held the Panthers to just 105 yards.

"I thought we played well in all phases of the game," Schuller said.

Voss completed 10-of-15 passes for 131 yards and a touchdown. He also ran six times for 48 yards and two scores.

Buhl gained 65 yards

on just five carries, while Gabe Wolff ran for 53 yards, Lindley rushed for 34 yards and Elijah Meium-Bratrud 31.

Brinkman caught three passes for 47 yards, Nathaniel Post caught three for 42 yards and Gaustad hauled in two for 31 yards.

JCC gained 292 yards on the ground and 146 through the air. The defense held NRHEG to just 28 yards on the ground and 77 yards passing.

Henning, Hinkeldey and Brinkman each intercepted a pass and Freking and Stubbe each recovered a fumble as the Huskies forced five turnovers.

### Up next

The Huskies host Worthington Friday night (see preview to the left).



Jack Brinkman intercepts a pass against New Richland-Hartland-Ellendale-Geneva.

JCC vs NRHEG						
NR	0	0	0	0	0	0
JCC	24	14	8	0	46	
<b>Scoring</b>						
JCC	-	Voss	6	run	(Voss two-point)	
JCC	-	Voss	24	run	(Voss to Brinkman two-point)	
JCC	-	Hinkeldey	21	interception return	(Buhl two-point)	
JCC	-	Buhl	16	run	(Two-point failed)	
JCC	-	Voss	25	to Gaustad	(Bents two-point)	
JCC	-	Bretzman	15	to Meyer-Andre	(Lindley two-point)	
<b>JCC leaders</b>						
<b>Rushing</b> - Buhl 5-65; Wolff 4-53; Voss 6-48						
<b>Receiving</b> - Brinkman 3-47; Post 3-42						
<b>Passing</b> - Voss 10-15 for 131 yards						
<b>Fumble recovery</b> - Freking, Stubbe						
<b>Interception</b> - Henning, Hinkeldey, Brinkman						



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## CHEERFUL CHEERLEADERS

Jackson County Central cheerleading coaches and football cheerleaders put on an elementary cheerleading camp last week that concluded with a performance by the youngsters during JCC's football game last Thursday. Taking part in the camp were Danica Wood, Finley Burmeister, Molly Thurmer, Kendalyn Doescher, Addison Fricke, Arianna Hanson, Jillian Bauer, Bregan Riepkne, Kinslee Anderson, Alana Kalvoda, Madelyn Haren, Adeline Wierson, Samantha VanWyhe, Rebecca VanWyhe, Harper Jacobsen, Macy Herring, Regan Endreson, Aliya Mitchell, Bryn Beckel, Ava More, Carly Clark, Cora Condon, Nadia Worthington, Addalynn Anderson, Lily Brinkman, Ready Johnson, Ally Sathoff, Rowan Hill and Regan Hill. Right: Burmeister smiles as she's held up by Haren (left) and Sathoff during the halftime performance. Left: Worthington cheers for the Huskies during the performance last Thursday.





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