

Norsemen win big, remain undefeated

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The bright lights on Thursday night didn't affect the Norsemen on the field.

Suttons Bay (2-0, 1-0 Midwest) took it to Bellaire (1-1, 0-1 Midwest), as the Norse defeated the Eagles, 45-6 behind a school record breaking day from tight end Erik Halvorsen.

Halvorsen caught five passes for 168 yards and two touchdowns. He now owns the Norse record for the most receiving yards in a single game, set by Chris Capron in 1984. Capron had the record at 159 yards in a game.

"When I started high school I was a center all freshman year and the varsity coach said I wanted to switch to tight end," Halvorsen said. "The rest of sophomore year, I would work on tight end drills, junior year we worked on everything my speed increased a lot and we made the change."

During his workouts, Halvorsen would lift weights with his team and coaches, then head to speed training with now head coach Garrick Opie. Halvorsen said he had to watch what he ate to lose the weight to play tight end.

"I definitely changed the way I eat when I'm training," he said. "I cut out all sugars and pops. I try to eat as healthy as possible."

Since last season, Halvorsen has lost 30 pounds to be in the shape he is for this season. Opie was very happy to see his tight end give all he had in the game.

"I'm proud of him (Halvorsen)," Opie said. "I love his effort, he is a 100 percent effort kid. He did a fantastic job and he plays his heart out each game."

Suttons Bay took their opening drive into the end zone, as Halvorsen caught an 18-yard touchdown pass from Bryce Opie. Kaleb Smith ran in the two point conversion to open the scoring at 8-0 Norse.

After the Norse defense forced a three and out, Lucas Mikesell took the hand off from Bryce Opie to the house. Mikesell scored on a 71-yard touchdown run after a five yard penalty for a false start moved the team back. The Norse would fail to convert the two point conversion, but the lead grew to 16-0.

Bellaire would score the first points of the year against the Suttons Bay



BRYCE OPIE looks for open space as he scrambles out of the pocket on Thursday in the game against Bellaire.

defense, but couldn't convert the two point conversion. The score was 16-6 Norsemen at the end of the first quarter.

"I believe in trying to challenge the guys to play their hardest," Opie said. "I push the kids to push themselves, and we have a lot of really good teams to face so we have to continue to get better."

The Norse opened the second quarter with a long drive and six more points on a one-yard run from Smith.

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Glads run past Lakers behind strong offense

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Friendly banter before the game, opponents on the field.

Traverse City St. Francis (2-0) made the trip Friday to Glen Lake (0-2) and defeated the Lakers, 50-12. No matter the final score, Glen Lake coach Jerry Angers said he is proud of his team.

"The score doesn't dictate what the whole game was about," Angers said. "All I know is my kids grew up from one week to the next and they got 10 times better. They'll do the same thing next week, they'll get 10 times better."

St. Francis opened the scoring with a 52-yard touchdown run midway through the first quarter.

The Glads would add the extra point to take the 7-0 lead. Glen Lake would make defensive stands, but couldn't get anything going on offense.

The Glads completed a 49-yard touchdown pass and add the extra point at the beginning of the second quarter to extend the lead to 14-0. Glen Lake's defense would tighten up, and the score would hold at 14-0 at halftime.

"The kids played hard, and I can't

fault them for that," Glen Lake coach Jerry Angers said of his team. "They left it all out on the table and it was just fun watching them."

At the start of the second half, the Glads turned the intensity up. St. Francis scored a two-yard rushing touchdown and add the extra point for a 21-0 lead. The Glads would add a nine-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion to increase the lead to 29-0.

"This week we kind of played against ourselves, and next week we might play against ourselves a little again," Angers said. "We're just trying to go week to week and trying to make progress."

St. Francis scored again on a five-yard touchdown run and add the two-point conversion to make the score 36-0. The Glads would add another rushing touchdown to cap off a 29-point third quarter against the Lakers.

During the third quarter, Glen Lake starting quarterback Joey Fosmore suffered a foot injury and had to be taken out of the game. The 6'6" 190 pound Reese Hazelton entered the game, and

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ERIK HALVORSEN, right, high fives Michael Wittman after scoring his first touchdown of the night against Bellaire.



JONATHAN WRIGHT looks for open space against the Traverse City St. Francis defense.

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Soccer: Glen Lake vs. Benzie 5 p.m.
Soccer: North Bay vs. Kingsley (@ SB) 7 p.m.
Soccer: Leland vs. Buckley 5 p.m.
Tennis: Glen Lake vs. Traverse City West 4:15 p.m.

Thursday 9/6
Tennis: Glen Lake vs. Cadillac 4:15 p.m.

Friday 9/7
Football: Suttons Bay @ Forest Area 7 p.m.
Football: Glen Lake vs. Mancelona 7 p.m.

Saturday 9/8
Cross Country: Charlevoix Mud Run 10 a.m.
Soccer: North Bay @ Kingsley Tournament 9 a.m.
Volleyball: North Bay and Glen Lake @ Pine River Invite 9 a.m.

Monday 9/10
Soccer: Glen Lake vs. Leland 5 p.m.
Soccer: North Bay @ Buckley 5 p.m.
Tennis: Glen Lake @ Petoskey 4 p.m.

Tuesday 9/11
Cross Country: NWC Jamboree: Buckley Jamboree 4:15 p.m.
Volleyball: North Bay @ Frankfort 7 p.m.
Volleyball: Leland vs. Kingsley 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball: Glen Lake vs. Onekama 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday 9/12
Soccer: Glen Lake vs. North Bay (@ SB) 7 p.m.
Soccer: Leland @ Benzie Central 5 p.m.
Tennis: Glen Lake @ Clay Court Classic 2 p.m.

Next Thursday 9/13
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Volleyball: Glen Lake @ Grand Traverse Academy 6 p.m.

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