

# F.Y.I.

## WE'RE COMING UP



"I feel like I am stepping up as a player with a positive mindset and body language."  
- NOAH NELSON (10)

**RUSH HOUR** Crouching in a defensive stance, **Noah Nelson (9)** stands ready to rush the line at the snap on Aug. 30. The freshman team played and won 38-7 against Kearney. (Photo by Loren Uden)



"I feel like I've developed a ton as a linebacker and hope to learn even more next year."  
- JACKSON UDEN (9)

**CRASH THE LINE** Swarming the ball carrier, multiple freshmen defenders stack the box and drive the Waverly player back for a stop on Sept. 4. (Photo by Loren Uden)



"I believe that I have become a better player this year, and I did what I was needed to at the varsity level."  
- BRYCE BOYER (9)

**STRETCHING THE PLAY** Running the ball upfield, **Bryce Boyer (9)** holds the ball as Blair defenders close in. The game ended in a 6-6 tie. (Photo by Loren Uden)



# the point of the HUDDLE

## JV coach shares his post-game point of view

Story by Macy Plummer

"THE POST-GAME SPEECHES FROM COACH BORJA ARE SUPER ENCOURAGING FOR US."

- Landon Heinert (10)

"Post-game, we talk about the 'sugar and the salt', our strengths from the game and what we need to sharpen moving forward. We also take time to spotlight players who stepped up, made big plays or showed outstanding effort.

I want the players to be proud of their effort, knowing that the hard work put in during practice week paid off on game day. Now it's about coming back tomorrow with the same focus and putting in the work on the things that will make them successful.

These huddles help build confidence in players, knowing that their coaches recognize their hard work and are fully invested in helping the team and each player reach their goals. It means a lot to the athletes. Emotion is a huge part of football, so it's important to acknowledge the effort, passion and intensity that the team and each individual bring to the field."

- JV head coach Eric Borja



**HUDDLE AT SUNSET** After their game against Gretna on Sept. 2, the JV team kneels in front of **Eric Borja (JV Head Coach)** and listen to his speech after beating the Dragons 35-0. Borja had these end-of-game talks to recognize hard work, discuss what they could improve on next game and to give any other finishing comments. (Photo by Loren Uden)

**DRAGON DOWN** Wrapping up a Gretna offensive player, **Hudson Rethwisch (10)** and **Dominic Borja (11)** get a take down on the 32-yard line while their teammates come to give backup. during their Sept. 2, JV game, against the Dragons. "It felt great because Gretna is our rival, and it always feels good to beat them," Borja said. "It felt even better because we held them scoreless for the entire game." (Photo by Loren Uden)

**TOUCHDOWN TREK** Pushing an Elkhorn defender out of the way, quarterback **Tillman Melsheimer (10)** runs the ball in for a touchdown on Sept. 29. The team beat the Antlers 42-12. "When I ran for the touchdown, I was very shocked considering it was my first time starting in a game," Melsheimer said. (Photo by Aidan McClaren)

**BADGER BLOCK** Blocking a Bennington defender, **Jacob Clark (11)** helps to protect **James Given (11)** as he carries the ball for a first down during the JV team's Sept. 15 home game. The Badgers won 16-13 with a last second field goal. "I love the competition in the tight games, they're the most fun to play in, but you have to come out with a win," Given said. (Photo by Leah Logan)



**RUN IT** Running down the field, **Noah Parsons (11)** makes it to the 18-yard line before getting pushed out after receiving a pass from quarter back **Tillman Melsheimer (10)** on Oct. 11. The Griffins earned a 19-12 victory against the Monarchs. (Photo by Ranae Duncan)

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**PICK CELEBRATION** After achieving a 70-yard pick-six against Papillion-La Vista, **Brekken Modlin (10)** jumps up in celebration as **Aston Moore (10)**, **Jonah Joor (10)** and **Dominic Borja (11)** run to celebrate with him in the end zone. "When I got the pick, I thought about how my hard work finally payed off and I was excited to be able to celebrate it with my friends and teammates," Modlin said. (Photo by Ranae Duncan)