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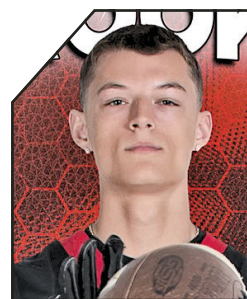
Huntington North VIKINGS (2-1)

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
8/23	@ Eastbrook	W 38-21
8/30	Northrop	W 58-37
9/6	East Noble	L 16-28
9/13	@ Columbia City	7 PM
9/20	Bellmont	7 PM
9/27	@ DeKalb	7 PM
10/4	@ Leo	7 PM
10/11	Norwell	7 PM
10/18	New Haven	7 PM



TONIGHT: If Huntington North wants to get back into the NE8 conversation, the Vikes will need to take care of business at 3-0 Columbia City. The Eagles are off to their customary good beginning after last week's 61-0 beatdown over Belmont. "Columbia City plays hard and is well coached," Eshbach said. "We will need to match their intensity and make sure we have the little things in good shape for Friday night." The Vikings' O-line of (L-R) Isaac Lahr, Gage Joseph, Will Graceless, Wyatt Doctor and Kyler Landrum will need a stronger showing tonight, especially in the HN ground attack. Senior speedster Marcus Linker was relegated to just 27 yards on 17 carries (1.6 ypc) vs. EN, so you know HN will emphasize its rushing game vs. an aggressive CC "D." The Vikings were battling a bug last week, which fatigued some of their players. "As of right now," Eshbach said, "we expect everyone to play."

LAST WEEK: The Vikings were leading heavily-favored East Noble last Friday night at The Ship, 10-7 at halftime, before a 14-point Knights third quarter squelched their plan for an upset. East Noble would eventually win the game, 28-16. "I thought we played hard most of the night," coach Mike Eshbach said. "There are some areas we certainly need to clean up." Defensive breakdowns (especially in the second half on a couple of third-and-long situations) and missed opportunities on offense were the dirty little culprits in the Vikes' demise. "I thought we blew opportunities in the first half to get into the end zone," Eshbach said. "There were a couple of times in the second half where we had them backed up and we let them off the hook with long runs." East Noble out-gained Huntington North 364-169 and recorded four interceptions on defense. The HN running game accounted for only 47 yards on 28 official tries. Senior QB Tony Decker – who was featured on the cover of last week's GameNight – was just 10-of-23 passing for 125 yards, and was responsible for the four picks. He was also held to just 20 rushing yards on 11 attempts, well below his 10.4 ypc average coming into the game. Tatum Brooks was Decker's primary dude, hauling in four balls for 113 yards (28.3 ypr) and one touchdown. Punter Eric Frey averaged 38.2 yards per punt on five boots. Brooks, Jimmy Linker and Decker "all had solid games on defense," Eshbach said.



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- > Favorite food: Cheeseburger
- > Favorite movie: Smokey and the Bandit
- > Dream job: Own my father's scrapyard
- > If you could talk with one person, dead or alive, whom would it be: Waylon Jennings
- > Go-to person(s) when you need advice: Dad
- > Favorite all-time pet: Maxine our dog
- > Something about you nobody knows: I'm Batman
- > Favorite teacher (K-12): Mr. Stevens, 4th-grade Andrews Elementary