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## Huxtable, North Stars rumble past East Aurora

AURORA – Jordan Huxtable’s night pretty accurately characterized the level of ease with which the St. Charles North football team was able to move the ball Friday at East Aurora.

The North Stars running back carried the ball twice in the 55-6 win, scored two touchdowns and ran for 43 yards. The yardage was limited only by the field ending as the senior who missed the first two games of the season looked 100 percent as he turned the corner on each run.

His ankle doesn’t quite feel 100 percent, but he said the adrenaline supplied by taking the field again made up for it. He hopes to be closer to full health and take on a larger role next week against Waubonsie Valley.

“We came into this not overlooking anything, but we wanted to get ready for Waubonsie,” Huxtable said. “[The ankle is] a lot better. It kicked in and I didn’t really feel much. I wouldn’t say it’s 100 [percent] but next week it should be.”

North (3-0, 1-0 Upstate Eight Conference) didn’t score on its first possession, but took control of the game in a hurry.

On the second play of its second possession, Huxtable went 33 yards for the score on his first carry of the season and gave North a 7-0 lead with 4:31 left in the quarter.

On the second play of the Tomcats’ ensuing possession, North defensive back Connor Mohs returned an interception 22 yards for the score.

East Aurora (0-3, 0-1) then fumbled the kickoff, and five plays later quarterback Matt Shiltz scored from a yard out. After a missed extra point, North led 20-0 with 42 seconds left in the opening quarter, and the 40-point running clock rule was enacted with 4:08 left in the half.

Shiltz started, but Connor McShane and Jake Bergren also saw plenty of time at quarterback for North. Coach Mark Gould said that will change next week against Waubonsie Valley, but he wouldn’t say who would get most of the time.

“As coaches now we’ll talk about it this weekend,” Gould said. “We won’t have a three-man rotation. It’s nice to have some good backups who could go in in a moment’s notice. And actually there may be certain situations where another guy will go in because he does something a little bit better, but it won’t be necessarily a quarter rotation or a half rotation.”

No matter who it is, with Huxtable presumably healthy enough to carry a good deal of the load at running back, there should be a level of consistency in the backfield North hasn’t seen since last year.

At 3-0, the North Stars are off to their best start in school history and never before had started 2-0.

They’ll try to keep it up next week against Waubonsie Valley.

“In the past we’ve always had that one loss right in the beginning,” Gould said. “That loss gives you focus, and now it’s kind of a different type of motivation to keep focused. It’s keeping their heads on straight and grounded and realize it’s not going to be scores like they’ve had the last few games. It’s going to get tougher from now on.”

### ST. CHARLES NORTH 55, EAST AURORA 6

St. Charles North	21	19	0	15	– 55
East Aurora	0	0	6	0	– 6

#### First quarter

SCN – Huxtable 33 run (Harmon kick), 4:31.

SCN – Mohs 22 interception return (Harmon kick), 3:20.

SCN – Shiltz 1 run (kick failed), 0:42.

#### Second quarter

SCN – Stolzenburg 44 pass from McShane (Harmon kick), 8:42.

SCN – Huxtable 10 run (kick failed), 5:59.

SCN – Schmitt 4 run (Harmon kick), 4:08.

#### Third quarter

EA – Thompson 4 run (pass failed), 0:14.

#### Fourth quarter

SCN – Jones 2 run (Pohl kick), 10:32.

SCN – Jones 11 run (Ghanem pass from Shiltz), 1:43.

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

RUSHING – St. Charles North: Schmitt 8-76, Novak 7-73, Huxtable 2-43, Jones 4-39, Havens 3-18, Ghanem 4-15, Bergren 1-6, Shiltz 2-5, McShane 2-minus 7. Totals: 33-268. East Aurora: Robinson 18-66, Thompson 9-34, Salgado 1-1, Morgia 4-minus 16. Totals: 32-85.

PASSING – St. Charles North: McShane 3-3-0-66, Shiltz 2-5-0-31, Bergren 2-2-0-10. East Aurora: Robinson 3-6-1-10, Alvarado 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING – St. Charles North: Stolzenburg 1-44, Elliott 2-26, Ghanem 1-14, Jones 1-13, Novak 1-3. East Aurora: Morgia 2-12, Green 1-minus 2.

TOTAL YARDS: St. Charles North 345, East Aurora 102.

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