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Norwich running back Orwin Etkins (#23) picks up three yards the hard way against Western New England at Sabine Field last Saturday afternoon. The cadet offense was in mid-season form as the Cadets rolled over the Blue and Gold 35-7 in the season opener. The Cadets racked up 442 total yards of offense while the Maroon and old Gold defense held Western New England to a total of just 124 yards. The cadets will travel to St. Lawrence this Saturday.

Norwich Slams Western New England 35-7

Sabourin amasses 273 yards total offense

Norwich Sports Information

Sophomore QB Kris Sabourin amassed 273 yards of total offense and threw for three touchdowns as the Norwich University football team rolled past Western New England College, 35-7, in the team's season opener Saturday afternoon at Sabine Field.

Sabourin passed for 143 yards and the three TDs, while also leading the Cadets' ground game with 114 rushing yards. Norwich piled up 287 rushing yards and 442 yards of total offense, compared to just 124 offensive yards for WNEC.

Norwich (1-0) got on the board late in the first quarter when the Cadets marched 52 yards in four plays. Sophomore WR Chris Denton cashed in the drive when he hauled in a five-yard TD pass from Sabourin. Sophomore RB Andrew Fulford broke off a 36-yard run to set the Cadets up inside the WNEC 20-yard line. Three plays later, NU was in the end zone.

The Cadets added two more touchdowns in the second quarter to take a commanding 21-0 lead into halftime. Norwich used a 10-play, 67-yard drive, which culminated in a two-yard rush-

ing TD for sophomore RB Danny Triplett. Sabourin took off for a 22-yard run to put the Cadets in position to score.

Norwich scored again with just 46 second remaining in the half as Sabourin found Denton with an 18-yard pass into the corner of the end zone. Denton had to go up and rip the ball away from the defensive back for his second TD of the day.

After holding WNEC to a three-and-out on its first possession of the second half, Norwich increased its lead to 28-0 as Sabourin connected with senior WR Emilio Martinez on a 52-yard touchdown pass. The play came immediately after NU converted a fourth-and-one play on a three-yard rush by Triplett.

WNEC (0-1) finally got on the scoreboard early in the fourth quarter when James Georges capped an 80-yard drive with a two-yard TD run.

Norwich capped the scoring midway through the fourth quarter when senior RB Kyle Marzeoti scored on a one-yard plunge. The Cadets' final scoring drive was set up by a 49-yard kickoff return by sophomore RB Orwin Etkins. The return, which was almost taken

to the end zone, set up the Cadets at the WNEC 37-yard line.

Fulford finished with 56 rushing yards on eight carries, while Marzeoti posted 40 yards on the ground. Martinez was the Cadets leading receiver with six receptions for 88 yards and the one score, while Denton pulled down five receptions for 49 yards and the two TDs.

The Cadets' defense was dominant throughout, holding WNEC to just 59 rushing yards and 65 passing yards. Junior DL Brandon Fowler led the charge with a team-high eight tackles. Senior DB Charles Stiles chipped in with seven stops.

Norwich possessed the ball for nearly 35 minutes in the contest.

The Cadets picked up right where they left off last year, extending their win streak to nine straight games.

Norwich returns to action on Saturday, Sept. 11, when the Cadets travel to Canton, N.Y., to battle longtime rival St. Lawrence University. Kickoff for the non-conference showdown is set for 1 p.m.



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Northfield Scrimmages Rice

Northfield's Michael Davison beats a Rice defender to the ball in last Thursday's annual scrimmage with the Burlington school. The Annual scrimmage with Rice features not only a high level workout but also a cookout for both teams after the "game". The Marauders take to the pitch for real this week when they host Hazen today (Thursday) at 4:30 and then take on Montpelier in an 11 a.m. match this Saturday at Garvey Field.



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Northfield Senior Girls Are Ready!

The seniors on this year's Northfield High Girl's soccer team took time out to pose with their coach after practice last Friday. From Left: Keli McLellan, Kaitlyn McMullen, Morgan Lamorey, Mary DeFelice, Kristi Luce, Melissa Kelsey and coach John Diebold. The Girls' team has been hard at work for the past three weeks and will open their regular season this Friday Against Div. I powerhouse, Burlington. The Lady Marauders will host their first home game next Tuesday (Sept. 14) when they host Randolph in a 4:30 p.m. match.

Norwich Blue Line Club Holds Chicken & Rib Feed

By BILL CRONEY
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It will be a while before the first puck is dropped on Kreitzberg ice but that didn't stop the Blue Line club from holding their first formal event of the upcoming hockey season.

Last Sunday afternoon over 100 Blue Line Club members, fans, Norwich players and coaches all gathered at the Fagan farm on Little Northfield Road for an afternoon of camaraderie with this year's players and to enjoy a feast of chicken and ribs provided by Fred Drown's "Redneck Bar-B-Cue." Fans and their children had a chance to play baseball or bocce. Or toss a football with the players (there was even a rumor of some fishing in the pond), or just converse in a relaxed and bucolic Vermont setting before sitting down under the tent to enjoy their meal.

Coach Mike McShane felt that this was a terrific way to reach out to the community and to welcome back the veterans from last year's Div.III National

Champions as well as a great way for his eight incoming freshmen to see just what Norwich hockey means to the community. "We've had a welcome party for about the last ten years," the coach said, "But this is the second year we have had it here and we hope we've found a home."

Jim Fagan is Tony Carbone's son in law and he agreed to have it here. This is a great way to let all our players but especially the new guys see just what they mean to the community and what the community should mean to them," coach McShane said. The owner of "Fagan farm", Jim Fagan, isn't so sure about the man for the property. Mr. Fagan, a 1987 Norwich graduate and native of Lynnfield Mass., maintains the "farm" as a second home has a good idea about Vermont place names. "First, it isn't a farm. And, we don't have any animals. We refer to it as the "Politi Lower House". Mr. Politi was a great guy, the owner before us and as most people know in Vermont your place carries the name of the previous

owner until you leave. Then it is named as your place. But whatever you call it we love it and we just can't get enough of Northfield," Mr. Fagan said.

He also felt that community relations should be a big part of Norwich hockey. "I think the hockey program has been a great out reach program to the community. The level of community interest is remarkable. Something like this cookout lets the new kids meet some community members and shows just what impact that they have," Mr. Fagan said.

The Norwich Hockey team can't officially hit the ice until the first of November but the players can skate on their own once the Kreitzberg ice is laid down in the middle of October. They even have been keeping their skills sharp by skating in Montpelier on their own now. "This is just a way of team building and keeping sharp but there are no official practice sessions or that sort of thing. They do however have a conditioning program that they are following to be ready for November 1," coach McShane said. But on last Sunday afternoon all thoughts of ice time and Div. III competition were far from the minds of the Norwich players as they enjoyed themselves surrounded by some of their fans and their fan's children in a tranquil, typically Vermont setting.



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The Division III National Championship trophy was on prominent display when the Blue Line Club held it's first formal event of the season last Sunday afternoon. Over 100 Norwich players, fans, supporters and Blue Line club members were on hand for a welcome back cookout at the "Fagan farm" on Little Northfield Road. The event gave the returning veterans and the newcomers a chance to meet community members and to see just how important Norwich hockey is to the community.

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