

Terrific 12: football rankings

October 21, 2009

Yorktown (3-3)

The Huskers' loss to rival Lakeland on Friday obviously had to sting. But WR/DB Matt Fedro didn't let it get in the way of congratulating Hornets' wide receiver Chris Fazio.

Fazio, as you well know, had a career night with six catches for 153 yards and two touchdowns. As I noted in the game story (S4), Fazio basically transformed into the North County's version of Randy Moss.

Fedro, meanwhile, was stuck covering him one-on-one. Normally a safety, Fedro accepted the challenge at cornerback. In reality, I don't think he could've covered Fazio any better. Seriously, Fazio could have easily scored against Jets' cornerback Lito Shepard Sunday.

Despite getting torched, Fedro recognized the effort and, more importantly, respected it. With that said, Fedro did his own share of torching Lakeland's secondary, running precise routes to match Fazio's total of six catches.

Now, can you imagine if a secondary was forced to deal with a tandem WR duo of Fazio and Fedro? That would be something to watch. — IC

September 23, 2009

9) Yorktown (1-1)

Too bad Matt Fedro's TD catch against Peekskill was called back due to a flag away from the play.

"It was one of the best catches I've seen in awhile," Yorktown Head Coach Mike Rescigno said. "It was an acrobatic grab in the end zone on a fantastic pass from Justin Mabus."

Now, the Huskers will look to catch lightning in a bottle.

Like last year, the winner of Yorktown vs. Lakeland could earn a postseason berth. This year's game is on Oct. 16, so circle it on your calendars.

Just don't tell Rescigno.

"Right now, we are 1-0 in the league," the coach said. "Every game is going to be a war. I think the kids understand that. I think they are very aware that they will have to dial it up every week.

"We have to be undefeated." — IC

October 28, 2009

8) Yorktown (4-3)

Nobody was happier that Matt Fedro had a big game against Brewster than Head Coach Mike Rescigno. Lakeland WR Chris Fazio burned Fedro in Week 6.

"He took the weight of the world on his shoulders after the Lakeland game," Rescigno said. "He's in such a critical position on offense and defense. At the end of the Lakeland game, there was a call [on Fazio's first TD catch in the back corner of the end zone] and Matt intercepted that ball outright. We saw it on film and it wasn't even close. They ruled it a touchdown, which was disgraceful. I don't know if it

cost us the playoffs or not, but you never know. Matt took responsibility for that play. He takes things personally because he's a heck of a player. For him to bounce back was great."

Fedro will look to lead the Huskers past Harrison in a rematch of their season-opener, which Harrison won. — IC

October 14, 2009

5) Yorktown (3-2)

Who is ready for Friday's clash between the Huskers and Hornets? Like last year, this is a must watch game. So, you might as well just cancel the lame date to the movies.

"It's one of those games that I know the kids are going to be fired up for," Head Coach Mike Rescigno said. "This is going to be the signature game of the season. We said that tonight [against Panas] was going to be. And now that tonight's in the books, we have to beat Lakeland to get into the playoffs. I know our kids will be ready."

If the Huskers wish to duplicate last year's win they have to find a semblance of a passing game and tighten their play in the secondary.

Passing game: In my opinion, this game will wind up being a shootout. With that said, Lakeland's offense has a few more bullets in the chamber with FB Mike Fraioli, QB Conor Prunty and WR Chris Fazio. Yorktown QB Justin Mabus must rise to the occasion and hit his targets early to gain confidence. **Look for Matt Fedro to have a breakout game and the combo of scatbacks Alex Terry and Ty Schuldt to make a big play on a screen pass.**

Secondary: Yorktown really struggled to contain Panas' aerial attack — especially tall WR Jerry Jackson. "No. 80 just has great hands," said Terry, a starting cornerback on defense. "We tried to shut him down, but he's just a great player." Well, here's some bad news: Lakeland's version of Jackson — 6-foot-6 Fazio — is even better. The Huskers lack height in the secondary, so I'd look for standout safeties Tom Falcone and Matt Fedro to pay a little extra attention to Fazio.

Now, I'll stop pretending to be Ron Jaworski and go shed some more tears in the wake of the Jets' loss to the Dolphins and their gimmicky Wildcat offense. — IC