

North/St. Paul Harding football game

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An early two touchdown deficit may have allowed doubt to creep in for some of the North Community High School players and fans, but that doubt didn't last long.

The North Polars rallied and by halftime the team had an insurmountable lead against the St. Paul Harding High School squad in their Friday, Oct.11 matchup.

There was concern on the North side during the week of practice about quality of attitude on the part of some of the individual players. Missed practices and suspensions from school for one reason or another and the usual bumps and bruises complaints and official injuries sidelining some of the lineup, which may have led to a feeling of doubt.



By the end of the first quarter, North was trailing 14-0. But that head start on the part of Harding may have been just the shock required for the Polars to come to their committed senses.

By halftime North lead 31-14. The usual performances of quarterback Tyler Johnson and receiver Malik Matthews were on display as the two connected four times in the game. Nate Hampton, Matthew Goodman and Marcus Johnson all found the end zone for North as the team rolled up a lopsided 51-22 victory.

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The shocking Polars now have a 5-2 overall record for the season.