

Thirteen Blue Jay grididders receive all-league honors

Norton junior named all-league

By DICK BOYD

Thirteen members of Coach Bruce Graber's 2004 Norton Community High School football team received post-season recognition by coaches of the Mid-Continent League during voting on Monday evening.

The Blue Jays placed second in the Mid-Continent League this season and were also District champions, Bi-District champions and Regional runnerup en route to an 8-3 season. Their only losses were to state ranked teams, all three of whom were unbeaten when Norton played them. Smith Center, the league champion, is still undefeated and will play unbeaten Pittsburg Colgan for the Class 2A state championship at 1 p.m. on Saturday in Lewis Field Stadium in Hays.

Justin Shirk, Norton's 6'1", 195 pound senior tight end, was named to the first team on offense and also received honorable mention as a defensive end.

William Wilhite, the Blue Jays' 5'10", 170 pound junior kicker, was also named to the first team.

Blake Hillebrand, 5'8", 210 pound senior guard, was named to the second team on offense and second team on defense as a tackle. Ryan Maddy, 6'2", 195 pound senior, was honored as a second team tight end on offense and second team linebacker on defense. Senior tailback Aaron Overlease, who is 5'10", 150 pounds, was chosen for the second team on offense.

Kyle Kats, 5'11", 175 pound senior, was honored three times. He was second team defensive back, honorable mention running back and honorable mention as a kicker.

Norton's 6'0", 285 pound senior tackle Michael Sprigg was named second team on defense and honorable mention on offense. Also named honorable mention on offense were Blake VanEaton, 5'10", 150 pound sophomore linebacker; Lance Roe, 5'8", 140 pound junior linebacker; Luke Pfannenstiel, 5'9", 139 pound junior defensive back

and Chris Davis, 5'11", 160 pound sophomore punter.

Named to the first team of offense, in addition to Shirk and Wilhite, were: quarterback

Jordon Hommon, running back Austin Kingsbury, running back Jared Kingsbury, running back Kale Shank, tackle Adam Rorabaugh, guard Connor Barnes, center David Boucher, all from Smith Center; guard Ty Brunswig, Trego; tight end Dustin Spears, wide receiver Adam Conway, both of Osborne; tackle Kurt Thomas, Phillipsburg. All first team offensive players, except Wilhite, are seniors.

First team defensive selections were: tackle Tom Kriley, end Jared Kingsbury, linebacker Connor Barnes, linebacker Austin Kingsbury, defensive back Taylor Jones, defensive back Kale Shank, all of Smith Center; tackle Kurt Thomas, defensive back Taylor Redinger, kick returner Jarrett Abell, all of Phillipsburg; tackle Andy Bartz, linebacker Ty Brunswig, both of Trego; end Dustin Spears, linebacker Tyler Schultze, defensive back, Josh Conway, all of Osborne; punter Chris Pulec, Stockton. Bartz, Redinger, Jones and Conway are juniors, Abell is a sophomore and all the rest of the first team players are seniors.

Selected for the second team offense, in addition to Overlease, Hillebrand and Maddy, were: senior quarterback Miguel Mendoza, junior running back Travis Yoxall, senior tackle Matt Koelsch, junior center Cody Jarvis, sophomore kicker Jarrett Abell, all of Phillipsburg; junior running back Casey Corbett, Osborne; junior running back Mitch Schmitt, Trego; junior tackle Taylor Lyon, junior guard Mike Hubbard, both of Smith Center; junior wide receiver Michael Gerstner, Hill City; junior wide receiver Dylan Lang, Ellis.

Honored on the second team defense, in addition to Sprigg,



C. Davis



B. Hillebrand



P. Juenemann



K. Kats



R. Maddy



A. Overlease



L. Pfannenstiel



L. Roe



J. Shirk



M. Sprigg



D. Stanley



B. VanEaton



W. Wilhite

Hillebrand, Maddy and Kats, were: junior tackle Jake Nichols, junior end Taylor Lyon, senior linebacker David Boucher, senior defensive back Jordon Hommon, senior kick returner Taylor Jones, all of Smith Center; senior end Mark Aschenbrenner, Trego; senior linebacker Adam Conway, junior defensive back Casey Corbett, senior punter Tyler Schultze, all of Osborne; senior linebacker Brian Hadley, Phillipsburg; sophomore linebacker Cole Erbert, Ellis; junior defensive back Justin Casey, Plainville.

Receiving honorable mention on offense, in addition to Kats, Juenemann, Sprigg and Stanley, were: junior quarterback Josh Conway, senior wide receiver and kicker Tyler Schultze, both of Osborne; senior running back Justin Hall, Stockton; senior tackle Ross Balthazor, junior guard Brock McDowell, senior wide receiver Josh Hrabe, all of Plainville; junior running back Eric Gaschler, sophomore guard Brett Mickelson, senior tight end Jerome Gottschalk, all of Ellis.

Defensive honorable mention selections, in addition to Shirk, VanEaton, Roe, Pfannenstiel, Davis and Kats, were: senior tackle Ross Balthazor, sophomore tackle Matthew Hageman, both of Plainville; junior tackle Kyle Spena, senior defensive back Josh Pfeifer, both of Trego; senior end Brad Rachow, Phillipsburg; senior linebacker Jordan Stithem, Stockton; senior linebacker Marcus Nutting, junior defensive back Jeff Radcliffe, both of Hill City; senior defensive back Clay King, Ellis.

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Chelsea Cox, a 6' junior member of the Norton Community High School volleyball team, has been named to the 2004 Mid-Continent League All-League First Team by vote of league coaches.

Also named to the first team were: Toni Fuller, Smith Center senior; Courtney Riedel, Trego senior; Maggie Keeler, Phillipsburg senior; Stacy Rachow, Phillipsburg junior; Jessica Kuhn, Victoria senior.

Named to the second team were: Amy Foster, Hill City senior; Vanessa Beilman, Ellis senior; Chelsey Dreiling, Victoria junior;



Cox

Receiving honorable mention were: Tiffani Long, Hill City senior; Jessica Patee, Osborne senior; Brooke Newcomer, Trego junior; Kelcee Meitler, Plainville senior; Allison Baughman, Stockton senior; Brittany Trexler, Hill City junior.

Amber Fose, Trego senior; Jannica Schultz, Osborne sophomore; Lishe Isom, Smith Center senior.

BOWLING

INTER-CITY

Results Oct. 21 — High Scratch: Joe Karabin, 191; Rusty Miller, 186; Dale Henry, 179; Vance Poage, 179; High Series: Joe Karabin, 496; Vance Poage, 480; Rusty Miller, 456; Mary Upson, 451; Dale Henry, 451; High Handicap: Joe Sanko, 233; Gene Matzek, 233; Rusty Miller, 229; Vance Poage, 222; High

Handicap Series: Joe Sanko, 633; Mary Upson, 622; Gene Matzek, 613; Vance Poage, 609; Most Over Average (Game): Joe Sanko, 49; Gene Matzek, 45; Rusty Miller, 37; Brian Dicks, 34; Most Over Average (Series): Joe Sanko, 81; Mary Upson, 55; Travis Meyers, 53; Gene Matzek, 49

Pre-season wrestling scheduled for Tuesday

Final pre-season ranking matches for the Norton Community High School wrestling team will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday in the junior high gymnasium.

All fans are invited. Admission is one non-perishable food item,

which will be donated to God's Pantry.

Results of the matches will determine the Norton wrestlers who will compete in the season-opening Hoxie Invitational Tournament on Saturday, December 4.

Eighth-grade girls have four wins

The eighth-grade Lady Jays basketball team won 37-27 over Phillipsburg on Nov. 16 and 36-21 over Osborne on Nov. 18 to remain undefeated with a 4-0 record.

Phillipsburg

"When we took on the Panthers from Phillipsburg, we came away with a good 37-27 victory against a good team that gave us a much needed challenge," said Coach Zimmerman.

"We responded well to their press early in the game and made them pull it off, then we adjusted to their changing defenses by making the outside shots instead of taking the ball inside and we, in the second half, dominated the boards only allowing them seven total rebounds.

"But the main ingredient to our win was our total team defense. This group of players understands the importance it has to being successful. They work hard on their fundamentals, which you can tell by watching how they 'help' each other.

"Deflect leaders were Laura Lee Baird and KaraJo Jones with four each. Both girls helped their teammates by coming off to stop a penetration or doubling down to cause havoc.

"Steal leader was Jones with three, while Baird took two.

"Rebounding honors went to Hayli Bozarth, who cleaned the boards with eight, while hustling and keeping her girls from having any. Wiyanna Paxton grabbed four, while Taylor Rossi and Jones brought down three each.

"Assist leader was Baird, who found six teammates open on out-of-bounds plays. Paxton found our weak side guard for open shots that led to three baskets.

"The 'sixth man' of this group is Ashley Colip, who comes in to start our rotation. Being a 'swing' player (plays both guard and forward positions), I can sub for which ever position needs rest or adjust to the defense that is presented.

"The 'quarterback' of this group is Rossi, who is in charge of getting the offense into the correct play set as the defense warrants. Rossi also sets the pace for our break and did a very good job of keeping us under control in this game."

Scoring for the Lady Jays were Jones with 11; Colip, 8; Bozarth, 6; and Baird, Rossi, and Paxton, 4 apiece.

"Our junior varsity upped their record to 2-0 with a 29-4 victory over their counterparts," he said. "This group keeps getting better with practice and are starting to catch on to what we expect them to do on a regular basis.

"Deflect leaders were Amanda Delimont with five followed by Raven Brown with four and Kayla Foley with three.

"Steals leader was Brown as she took six away from the Panthers. Foley followed with three while Jessica Gilgenbach and Delimont had two each.

"Rebounds were taken by Alyssa Thomson with nine and Austine Dole with six. Assists leader was Foley with two."

Scoring for Norton were Brown with 5; Kendra Engelbert, Dole and Amanda Ray, 4 apiece; and Hannah Fulton, Foley, Gilgenbach, and Delimont, 2 each.

Osborne

"The girls welcomed the Bulldogs of Osborne to our home court

in our second tough game of the week," said the coach. "We applied our defensive pressure to see if they could handle it and 28 turnovers later we posted a good 36-21 victory.

"Our deflect leaders in this game were Paxton and Jones with four each, followed by Bozarth and Baird with three each. Steals were taken by Baird with six and Bozarth with three.

"We did out rebound the taller Bulldogs by one as Paxton grabbed four with Colip and Bozarth each taking three off the boards.

"Assists were dished out by Baird, who found six teammates open, and Bozarth with three."

Scoring for the Junior Ladies were Baird, 10; Colip and Paxton, 6 apiece; Foley and Jones, 4 each; Rossi, Delimont and Bozarth, 2 each.

"Our junior varsity team continued it's path of improvement as they handed their opponents a 21-10 defeat," said Zimmerman.

"Deflects were tipped by Fulton and Foley with three each, followed by Delimont and Ray with two each. Steals were taken by Brown with five, Engelbert with four and Foley and Delimont with three each. Assists were handed out by Fulton, Brown, Engelbert and Waggoner."

Scoring for Norton were Delimont and Thomson, 6 apiece; Foley, 5; Waggoner, 2; and Brown and Engelbert, 1 each.



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