

Norton, Northern Valley football players honored

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Ryan Maddy, Blake Hillebrand, Justin Shirk and Michael Sprigg and Northern Valley's Joey Copper, Cole Kinderknecht, Thomas Ostmeyer and Clarke Nelson have received post-season football honors from the state's large daily newspapers.

Maddy, a 6-foot-2-inch, 195-pound senior tight end and line-backer, was named to the Salina Journal All-Area third team, the Hays Daily News All-Area third team, the Topeka Capital-Journal All-Class 3A defensive team and the Wichita Eagle All-Class 3A defensive team and honorable mention on offense.

Hillebrand, a 5-8, 210-pound senior offensive guard and defensive tackle, received Class 3A honorable mention from the Capital-Journal.

Sprigg, 280-pound senior offensive and defensive tackle, received honorable mention from the Capital-Journal and honorable mention on defense from the Eagle.

Shirk, a 6-2, 195-pound senior tight end and defensive end, was named to the All-Area third team by the Hays Daily News.

Copper, a junior quarterback and safety, was named to the 8-Man second team by the Hays Daily News and to the 8-Man honorable mention defensive selections by the Eagle.

Ostmeyer, a senior offensive end and defensive back, was chosen to the 8-Man defensive team as a returner by the Capital-Journal and to the 8-Man third team by the Hays Daily News.

Kinderknecht, a junior offensive and defensive lineman, was also chosen to the 8-Man third team by the Hays Daily News.

Nelson, a junior running back and linebacker, received 8-Man honorable mention from the Hays Daily News.

Among the area players named to the Hays Daily News All-Area Super 11 Team were: Jarrett Abell, sophomore, kick returner, Phillipsburg; Austin Kingsbury, senior, running back-linebacker, and Jared Kingsbury, senior, running back-defensive end, Smith Center; Austin Panter, senior, run-

ning back-linebacker, Kensington; Matt Smith, senior, running back-safety, Oakley; Derek Ross, senior, running back-linebacker, St. Francis; Jordan Vickers, senior, running back-defensive back, Hoxie.

Members of the Daily News 11-Man second team included: Connor Barnes, David Boucher and Kale Shank, Smith Center; Ty Brunswig, Trego; Devin Cooper, Hoxie; Derrick Raymer and Lane Winter, Goodland; Seth Swihart and Gabe Walz, St. Francis; and Kurt Thomas, Phillipsburg.

Among those named to the Daily News 11-Man third team were: Jeff Dennis, Oakley; Michael Gerstner, Hill City; Brock Lohr, Goodland; Gannon Reichert, Oberlin; Adam Rorabaugh, Smith Center; Dustin Spears, Osborne.

Making the Daily News 11-Man honorable mention list were: Andy Bartz, Trego; Justin Casey, Plainville; Cole Ebert, Ellis; Lance Fortin, Oberlin; Tom Kriley, Smith Center; and Tyler Schultze, Osborne.

Players named to the 8-Man second team included: Tyson Dreiling, Victoria; Jason Sales, Kensington; Bryce Trumpp, Palco. Also named to the 8-Man third team were James Brungardt, Victoria, and Rodney Landis, Palco. Among those receiving 8-Man honorable mention were Mark Belisle, Palco; Clayton Hoffman, Victoria; and Grant Levin, Kensington.

Coach Chris Windholz of Victoria's 8-Man state championship football team was named "Coach of the Year" by the Daily News.

The Salina Journal's All-Area Top 11 Team included: Dreiling, Austin and Jared Kingsbury, Raymer and Smith. Also included was Justin Schropp, Southeast of Saline's junior quarterback and defensive back.

Players named to the Journal's All-Area second 11 included Barnes, Lohr, Panter, Ross and Vickers.

Making the Journal's All-Area third 11 were Abell, Brunswig, Dennis and Matt Myers, Southeast



Norton's Ryan Maddy, No. 88, and Michael Sprigg, No. 75, tackle Southeast of Saline quarterback Justin Schropp for a loss during the Blue Jays' 21-7 Regional championship defeat that ended Norton's season with an 8-3 record. Also pictured are, from left, Andy Clifford, No. 53; David

of Saline's running back and line-backer.

The Journal's honorable mention selections included: Tolliver Bird, Hoxie; David Boucher, Jordan Hommon, Adam Rorabaugh and Kale Shank, Smith Center; James Brungardt, Victoria; Andy Clifford, Southeast of Saline; Michael Gerstner, Hill City; Jerome Gottschalk, Ellis; Matt Koelsch and Kurt Thomas, Phillipsburg; Grant Levin, Kensington; and Bryce Trumpp, Palco.

Roger Barta of the undefeated, Class 2A state champion Smith Center football team was the Journal's "Coach of the Year".

Rorabaugh was named to the Capital-Journal's All-State, All-Class First Team and Austin Kingsbury was chosen for the All-State, All-Class third team.

Abell and Myers were on the Capital-Journal's Class 3A defensive team. Named honorable mention in Class 3A were Andy Clifford, Justin Schropp, Southeast of Saline, and Kurt Thomas, Phillipsburg. On their Class 2-1A Team were Rorabaugh, Austin Kingsbury and Vickers on offense and Dennis, Jared Kingsbury, Ross and Smith on defense.

Named honorable mention in Class 2-1A by the Capital-Journal were Gerstner; Tanner Kinen, St. Francis; Barnes; Bartz; Boucher; Cooper; Jason Hyde, Hill City; Reichert; Walz; Casey; Josh Conway, Osborne; Calder Keller, Oakley; Shank; Schultze; Tolliver Bird, Hoxie; Brunswig; Erbert; Adam Martin, Oakley.

Jeremy Lapka, Victoria, was named to the 8-Man Team on offense and Panter was named to the defense. Honorable mention 8-Man selections by the Capital-Journal included Belisle; Brungardt; Dreiling; Rodney Landis, Palco; Jeff Brull and Jared Pfeifer, both of Victoria; and Trumpp.

Coach Barta was also named "Coach of the Year" by the Capital-Journal.

Rorabaugh was chosen to the Wichita Eagle's All-Class Top 11. Lohr was selected to their All-Class second 11 and Austin Kingsbury was on their All-Class third 11.

Myers was on the Eagle's Class 3A defensive team. Receiving Class 3A honorable mention on offense were Joe Rollins of Southeast of Saline, Clifford, Thomas and Schropp. Thomas also re-

ceived honorable mention on defense. Named to the Eagle's Class 2-1A offensive team were Dennis, Rorabaugh, Austin Kingsbury and Vickers. Named to their 2-1A defensive team were Jared Kingsbury; Barnes; Tolliver Bird, Hoxie and Smith.

Receiving honorable mention on offense were Adam Conway, Osborne; Boucher; Walz; Jared Kingsbury; Ross; Smith; Gabe Smull, St. Francis. Named honorable mention on defense were Boucher; Brunswig; Austin Kingsbury; Ross; Casey; Adam Conway; Josh Conway; Casey Corbett, Osborne. Panter and Pfeifer were named to the Eagle's 8-Man defensive team. Receiving 8-Man honorable mention on offense were Jeremy Lapka, Victoria; Brungardt; Dreiling and Panter. Named honorable mention on defense were Lapka and Trumpp. The Eagle also named Coach Barta of Smith Center as "Coach of the Year".

Norton in boys C-team tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys C-Team will compete in the annual Joe Green Invitational Basketball Tournament today, Wednesday and Thursday in the high school gymnasium in Hill City.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Hill City, will be teams from Northern Valley, Oberlin, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville and Quinter.

Play was to begin at 1 p.m. today and will begin at 1 p.m. on Wednesday. Thursday's games will begin at 11 a.m.

Norton's first game is to begin

at 5:30 p.m. today against Quinter.

Medals will be awarded to the top three teams and a plaque to the tournament champion. A 10-member All-Tournament Team will be selected by the Booster Club committee and each honored player will receive a medal.

The holiday basketball tournament has evolved from its original concept as a freshmen boys' tournament and is now played each year in honor of longtime Hill City High School Coach and Athletic Director Joe Green.

Norton eighth-grade girls win Smith Center Tournament

The Norton Junior High School eighth grade girls basketball team beat two teams in one day to win the Smith Center Tournament on Dec. 11.

Smith Center

"The varsity team traveled to Smith Center for a round robin tournament this year and we took on host Smith Center first and came away with a victory by the score of 35-22," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"This game was not what we expected as we were behind at half time 13-11, but a 14-13 third quarter put us ahead. Keyed by our defense, we went on to win the first game of the tournament.

"Laura Lee Baird led the team in deflects with 9, while Taylor Rossi got her hands on 6 and KaraJo Jones tipped 4.

Bozarth, Rossi and Baird, all with 3.

"Rebounds were swiped off the boards by Jones with 5 and Bozarth with 4.

"Assists were dished out by Bozarth and Baird with 3 each, while Rossi found 2."

Scoring for the Lady Jays were Jones with 8 points; Baird, 6; Wiyanna Paxton and Bozarth, 4 apiece; Ashley Colip, Kayla Foley and Rossi, 2 each.

Belleville

"After 'waking up' in the first game, we took on the squad from Belleville and controlled the game from the start as we won by the score of 46-16," said Coach Zimmerman.

"Deflects were tipped by Baird with 5, and Rossi and Jones with 2 each.

with 6, followed by Baird with 5 and Paxton with 4.

"Rebounds were raked off the boards by Bozarth and Baird as they each had 3.

"Assists were handed out by Rossi and Baird as both found 4 teammates open for scores, while Bozarth found 3.

"This was a good tournament to get us ready for the upcoming league tournament in which we also must play two games on one day."

Paxton led scoring for Norton with 18 points, followed by Jones, 9; Baird, 8; Hannah Fulton, Colip and Bozarth, 2 apiece.

League Tournament

The Mid-Continent Elementary League Basketball Tournament will be held on Jan. 8 at Stockton. Norton will play the winner of the Stockton-Plainville game at 9 a.m.

Eighth-grade girls conquer Victoria in 50-15 league win

The Norton eighth grade Lady Jays conquered Victoria, winning 50-15 on Dec. 16.

"We traveled to Victoria and took on the last of the league teams," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "This contest was dominated by our defense as we went into half time leading 30-1 and 44-4 at the end of the third quarter. The final score was 50-15.

"KaraJo Jones led the team with 5 deflects, while Laura Lee Baird tipped 4. Steals were taken by Jones with 6, followed by Baird

Seventh girls end with win

Good shooting and an aggressive press spurred the Norton Junior High School seventh-grade girls basketball team to a 44-21 victory finale over the Knights of Victoria on Dec 16.

This win ended the seventh-grade season with a final record of 8-2.

"I feel like the girls had a great season," said Coach Kim Pakkeber. "There are a couple of games we wish we could replay, but I'm confident that the girls will work hard so that they avenge those losses next year."

Amanda Ray and Ashlie Stewart teamed up to lead the scoring for the Blue Jays. Each had 10 points. Shelby Jones had a good night shooting from outside the lane and scored 8 points. Alyssa Thomson and Hannah Waggoner each added 4. Other players scoring were Lacy Keilig, 2; Kendra Engelbert, 2; Bethany Winkel, 2; and Kaitlyn Wolf, 2.

"We really had a balanced scoring effort," said the coach. "Nine of our players scored, and each team member really did her job to make this game a good example of team success."

and Wiyanna Paxton, who both had 5 while Hayli Bozarth swiped 4.

"Rebounds were gathered by Bozarth with 6, Jones with 5, Paxton and Ashley Colip with 4 each.

"Assists — there were 14 team assists, with Baird and Taylor Rossi finding 3 teammates open for scores."

Scoring for the Lady Jays were Baird, 12 points; Jones, 10; Paxton, 8; Kayla Foley, 6; Bozarth, 4; Rossi, 3; Colip and Jessica Gilgenbach, 2 apiece.

The junior varsity continued to win, defeating Victoria 6-2.

"Our junior varsity closed out their season by playing two quarters with the Victoria team that was short on numbers," said Coach Zimmerman. "But, we continued

on our course as we defeated them

6-2. "Amanda Delimont led the team with 3 deflects, followed by Kendra Engelbert who tapped 2.

"Steals were taken by Foley, Steph Eagleburger, Emily Juenemann and Engelbert.

"Rebounding was dominated by Alyssa Thomson, who grabbed 9 and actually out-rebounded the whole Victoria team, followed by Engelbert with 3 and Delimont with 2.

"Assists were handed out by Engelbert, Foley and Juenemann."

Scoring for Norton were Thomson with 4 points and Delimont with 2.

The eighth grade Lady Jays will host Phillipsburg on Jan. 6. Game time is set to begin at 5:30 p.m.

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