

Norton girls named all league

By DICK BOYD

Norton seniors Chelsea Cox, Rebecca Ebert and Whitney Newell have been named to the 2005 Mid-Continent League All-League Team by vote of the league coaches.

Cox was a unanimous choice for first team selection. She is a 6-foot, 1-inch setter/outside hitter. Also named to the first team were Brittney Trexler, 6-foot senior middle blocker, Hill City; REXANNE SCHILOWSKY, 5-10 junior middle blocker, Phillipsburg; Rebekah Burgess, 5-10 junior middle blocker, Smith Center; Stacy Rachow, 5-9 senior outside hitter, Phillipsburg; Demi French, 5-4 sophomore setter/outside hitter, Osborne; Jannica Schultze, 5-4 junior outside hitter/defensive specialist, Osborne.

Ebert is a 5-11 middle blocker. Joining her on the second team were: Amber Hockman, 5-9 junior middle blocker, Phillipsburg; Whitney Lang, 5-8 junior middle blocker, Ellis; Samantha Kriley, 5-2 junior setter, Smith Center; Brooke Newcomer, 5-8 senior



C. Cox



R. Ebert



W. Newell

outside hitter, Trego; Jamie Alexander, 5-7 junior middle blocker, Hill City.

Newell is a 5-6 outside hitter who received honorable mention. Honored along with her were: Lindsey Dusin, 5-7 freshman setter/hitter, Phillipsburg; Shayla McMurdo, 5-3 sophomore libero, Smith Center; Savannah Lowry, 5-6 senior setter/outside hitter, Stockton; Liz Miller, 5-6 junior setter, Hill City and Hannah Thibault, 5-7 junior outside hitter, Osborne.

"Chelsea served 36 aces this season and had 241 assists," said Norton Head Coach Jill Lively. "She was lethal at the net, racking up 238 kills. She also contributed 22 blocks and 90 digs.

"Chelsea is a great all around player. She has worked hard at every aspect of the game as well as getting in the weight room and working on her

strength. She is an honor roll student."

She is the daughter of Peggy and Clark Cox.

"Becca served 25 aces this season," said Coach Lively. "She was a crucial member of our defense, ending rallies 42 times with her block.

"Becca added versatility to the offense with 102 kills. Consistent is a good word to describe Becca's play. She worked very hard to read the opponents' offense and nearly always had her block up in time.

"Also an honor student, Becca remained positive on the court no matter what came our way."

She is the daughter of Sue and Ed Ebert.

"Whitney did a tremendous job

at the outside hitter position this year," said Coach Lively.

"She had 126 kills for the season and helped out defensively with 12 blocks and 21 digs.

"Whitney carried a fiery, competitive spirit with her on the court that really motivates her teammates to work hard.

"She is a tough girl who will play through an injury in order to help her team win.

"Whitney is also an honor roll student."

She is the daughter of Patty and Dave Newell.

"I am very pleased to see three of our athletes recognized by the Mid-Continent League," said Coach Lively.

"As a coach, I commend them for their accomplishments. Their teammates also deserve applause as many of them worked hard at aspects of the game that aren't often remembered.

"We always have more players who deserve recognition and, to me, the players who start the plays are just as important as those who end them."

Junior high wins championships

An undefeated Northern Valley Junior High volleyball team was the Greater Northern Elementary Conference champion and also champion of the league tournament.

The tourney, held Oct. 25 in Agra and Kensington, was a total victory for the Junior Lady Huskies as they beat Damar, Eastern Heights, Logan and Kensington.

"Expectations were high at the beginning of the volleyball season in August," said Coach Kirsten Baird. "After all, five of last year's starters were back from a team that went 10-1 and 4-0 to win league and were 4-0 to win the 2004 GNEC (Greater Northern Elementary Conference) Volleyball Tournament. The A-team girls did not disappoint as they exceeded expectations and never lost a single game of any match, winning each game against their opponents.

"The A-team girls went 11-0 and won the league's regular season and the 2005 league volleyball tournament. The B-team girls were young and inexperienced, but still went a respectable 5-2. C-team girls were undefeated with a 2-0 record.

"Members of the 2005-'06 team were: eighth graders Christina Anderson, Alison Cole, Megan Cole, Miriah Florence, Caitlyn Patterson, Amber Sheley and Karen Wenzl and seventh graders Kenzie Chandler, Staci Dole and Kayla Field; 6th graders — Ashley Constable, Cassie Field, Melissa Hawks, Kenzi Husted, Savannah King, Kelsey Raburn, Callie Read, Kynzie Stevens and Sarah Whitney. C.J. Woodmansee was the team manager. Jim Springer was the assistant coach."

The Lady Huskies defeated Damar 25-4, 25-9.

"This match gave the girls a chance to get settled in the Eastern Heights gym," said Coach Baird. "Our serving was consistent along with our passing.

Alison was the super server."

Alison Cole led serving with 22 of 22 for 20 points, followed by Megan Cole, 16 of 17 for 15; Karen Wenzl, 10 of 10 for 9; Miriah Florence, 3 of 5 for 3; Christina Anderson, 3 of 3 for 2; and Amber Sheley, 1 of 2 for 1.

The green team beat Eastern Heights 25-11, 25-16.

"The girls set up the ball 90 percent of the time," said the coach. "We communicated and were very aggressive on the net. Alison was the super server."

A. Cole led serving with 18 of 19 for 16 points, followed by M. Cole, 14 of 18 for 14 points; Florence, 13 of 13 for 9 points; Sheley, 8 of 8 for 6 points; Wenzl, 5 of 6 for 3 points; and Anderson, 3 of 4 for 2 points.

In Kensington, Northern Valley beat Logan 25-11, 25-9.

"This is one of the better teams I have coached over the years," Coach Baird said. "Their team work and determination to win is outstanding. Amber was the super server."

Sheley led serving with 18 of 18 for 16 points, followed by Florence, 12 of 15 for 12; Anderson, 9 of 10 for 8; Wenzl, 9 of 10 for 7; M. Cole, 5 of 6 for 4; and A. Cole, 5 of 5 for 3.

In the final match, the Lady Huskies beat Kensington 25-10, 25-12 to be the league and tournament champions.

"Megan and Christina are aggressive on the net and awesome setters," said Coach Baird. "Karen, Miriah and Amber are consistent at serving and passing. That is what makes a strong team. Alison's spikes were hard and straight down.

"Karen was the super server this match.

"These girls were a joy to coach this year. Congrats!"

Wenzl led serving with 19 of 19 for 17 points, followed by Anderson, 10 of 10 for 8; A. Cole, 8 of 9 for 7; Florence, 8 of 10 for 7; M. Cole, 6 of 9 for 6; Sheley, 8 of 8 for 5; and Staci Dole, 0 of 1.

Junior High team beats Kensington

The Northern Valley Junior High football team won its last game on Oct. 20, beating Kensington 64-38.

The Goldbugs were first in the end zone with Michael Yoxall making 6 on a 20-yard run.

But, Northern Valley took the lead with two touchdowns from Dusty Eagleburger — the first on a 42-yard run and the second on a 20-yard run. Jacob Gallentine ran for the conversion on the second, giving the Huskies a 14-6 lead.

Before the quarter ended, Yoxall scored another 6 for Kensington on a 35-yard run. But, with no extra points, the Bugs stayed behind.

In the second quarter, the Huskies were the only ones to score, bringing in two touchdowns. For the first, Gallentine found himself in the end zone twice, once on one-

yard dash for 6 and again for 2 more on the conversion. The second touchdown was made by Eagleburger, also on a one-yard run. Colton Lowry threw to Eagleburger for the extra points, giving the green team a 30-12 lead.

In the third, Matt Dole, Gallentine and Eagleburger each scored. Dole rushed 45 yards for 6, while Gallentine made a 65-yard interception return with Dole running the extra points in. Eagleburger rushed 10 yards. Hutch Gehrke ran for the points after.

Kensington made it on the board for 6 more before the quarter ended when Yoxall ran 12 yards to score.

In the fourth, Dole rushed 43 yards for a Husky touchdown, making the tally 58-18.

Yoxall brought two more in for

the Goldbugs — once on a 50-yard run and again on a 25-yard run — before Dole ran 25 yards for a final Northern Valley touchdown.

Yoxall made it in the end zone one last time on a 51-yard run for Kensington's final 6 points.

"We ended our season on a high note, beating Kensington 64-38 in a 6-man game," said Coach Jim Cole. "The game was close at the end of the first quarter, 14-12. After the first quarter, our linebackers got more aggressive and started making tackles and we were able to shut down their offense.

"Our offense did well, scoring a season high 64 points. Everyone on the team got to play quite a bit of football. We ended our season with a 2-5 record and finished in third place in the Greater Northern

Elementary League.

"I am very proud of this team. We played in many close ball games and improved throughout the season."

Dole led rushing for the Huskies with 154 yards on 12 carries, followed by Eagleburger, 134 on 12; Gallentine, 91 on 11; Gehrke, 16 on 9; Caleb Bach, 6 on 2; Michael Callaway, 3 on 3; and Skyler Harris, 3 on 2.

Eagleburger completed 1 of 3 passes for 3 yards. Lowry received.

Brandon Towery and Callaway each made a fumble recovery, while Gallentine made 1 interception.

Eagleburger led tackles with 14 solos and 3 assists, followed by Gallentine, 11-3; Dole, 10-7; Gehrke, 8-1; Lowry, 2-3; Callaway, 2-1; Ethan Gallentine, 0-1; and Samuel Field, 0-1.

Pittsburg going to Kearney Saturday

By DICK BOYD

The University of Nebraska-Kearney football team will play Pittsburg State tomorrow in Kearney in the first round of the NCAADivision II playoffs.

Kickoff is set for noon. Senior Chris Delimont from Norton is a two-year letterman and plays inside linebacker for the Lopers.

His older brother, Chuck, was also a member of the team until an injury sidelined him. Chuck is one of the team's student volunteer coaches.

Chris and Chuck are sons of Mr.

and Mrs. Jeff Delimont, Norton.

Nebraska-Kearney (9-2) is the 2005 Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference champion and is fourth seed in the Southwest Region while Pittsburg State (8-3) is the fifth seed. The winner will play at top seeded West Texas A&M (10-1) next Saturday.

This is the seventh post-season appearance for Nebraska-Kearney.

Pittsburg State is one of the most storied programs in Division II history, having made 13 previous trips to the Division II playoffs. The Gorillas won the national title

in 1991 and were runners up in 1992, 1995 and 2004.

Norton's Neal Philpot was the Pitt State quarterback from 2000 to 2004.

Pitt State led the nation in scoring and rushing heading into the Gorillas game with Central Missouri State on Nov. 5 but they lost that game 83-21, their worst loss in recent memory. Pitt State's running back Germaine Race is among the national leaders in rushing yards but played sparingly at Central Missouri due to a hamstring injury.

Former Blue Jay playing for Tabor

By DICK BOYD

Freshman Seth Mills from Norton is a backup defensive cornerback for the No. 6 nationally ranked Tabor College football team.

Seth, who missed two weeks earlier in the season due to a concussion, has also played on special teams for the 9-0 Bluejays.

Seth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Mills, Norton.

Tabor will conclude the regu-

lar season tomorrow in a game with the Saint Mary Spirens in Hillsboro. Kickoff is set for 1:30 p.m. at Reimer Field.

Last Saturday, Tabor clinched their second consecutive outright Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference championship with a 33-22 win over Friends University.

Jake Schenk, former Smith Center player, led the Bluejay defense against Friends with 13 tackles.

Norton grad playing for K-State

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Terry Petrie is a sophomore member of the Kansas State University football team.

He walked on at K-State after averaging 8.8 yards per carry while playing a running back for national champion Butler County Community College in 2003 and sitting out the 2004 campaign with an injury.

Since coming to Kansas State, he has switched to defensive back and has seen the most action on special teams. He was named K-State's special teams "Player of the Week" following the Wildcats' win over North Texas State earlier this year.

As a running back for Norton, Petrie rushed for 3,470 yards and 57 touchdowns, received many first team all-state and all-league honors and was chosen to play in the Kansas Shrine Bowl all-star game. He was also an outstanding basketball player and track athlete. He is the son of Terry Petrie, Sr., Norton and Johnella Holmes.

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