

Norton football players named All-League

By DICK BOYD

Nine members of the 2005 Norton Community High School football team received post-season recognition from coaches in the Mid-Continent League during voting on Monday evening.

Coach Bruce Graber's Blue Jays tied for second in the league this season and were also district and bi-district runnerup.

In compiling a 6-4 record, Norton's only losses were to state-ranked teams. Two of the Blue Jay losses were to unbeaten Smith Center, defending state champion who will play Pittsburg Colgan on Saturday in Hays in a bid for a second straight title, and Oakley, who lost only to the Redmen in the state playoffs.

Norton also lost in district play to Phillipsburg and in bi-district play to Riley County, both of which had outstanding teams. Phillipsburg lost only to Smith Center and Southeast of Saline, which will play Silver Lake on Saturday for the Class 3A state championship. Norton graduate Pat Haxton is the Southeast of Saline coach.

Riley County defeated Norton 15-14 and lost to Silver Lake by just 14-7 during the regular season.

Luke Pfannenstiel, Norton's 5-foot, 10-inch, 155-pound senior defensive back was a unanimous first team choice. Pfannenstiel was also the Blue Jay quarterback and received honorable mention for this play at that position.

Pfannenstiel received honorable mention as a defensive back in 2004.

Blake VanEaton, 5-11, 160-pound junior, was named to the first team as a linebacker and also received honorable mention as a running back.

VanEaton received honorable mention at linebacker last season.

Norton's other first team choice was William Wilhite, 5-9, 185-pound senior kicker. Wilhite was the first team all-league kicker in 2004.

David Stanley, 6-1, 225-pound senior, was chosen to the second team as an offensive tackle and received honorable mention as a defensive end.

Stanley received honorable mention at center at the end of last season.

Austin Brooks, 5-8, 155-pound senior, was named to the second team as a defensive tackle.

Named to the second team as a linebacker was 5-9, 160-pound senior Lance Roe. He was an honorable mention linebacker in 2004.

Clay Madden, 5-7, 135-pound senior, was voted to the second team as a wide receiver.

Nathan Broeckelman, 5-10, 150-pound junior, was named to the second team as a defensive back.



L. Pfannenstiel



Blake VanEaton



William Wilhite



David Stanley



Austin Brooks



Lance Roe



Clay Madden



N. Broeckelman



Chris Davis

Chris Davis, 6-foot, 170-pound junior, was chosen second team punter and received honorable mention as a linebacker. He received honorable mention as a punter in 2004.

Named to the first team defense with VanEaton and Pfannenstiel were: Cody Jarvis, Phillipsburg senior; Jake Nichols, Smith Center senior; Brett Mickelson, Ellis junior, tackles; Taylor Lyon, Smith Center senior; Garrett Wickham, Phillipsburg junior, ends; Michael Hubbard, Smith Center senior; Cole Erbert, Ellis junior, Kirby Rice, Smith Center sophomore, linebackers; Taylor Jones, Smith Center senior; Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg junior, unanimous; Josh Conway, Osborne senior, defensive backs.

First team offensive selections were: Kirk Palmer, Smith Center sophomore, center; Michael Hubbard, Smith Center senior; Cody Jarvis, Phillipsburg senior, guards; Taylor Lyon, Smith Center senior; Keith Thomas, Phillipsburg sophomore, tackles; Drew Joy, Smith Center sophomore, tight end; Andrew Casey,

Ellis junior; Taylor Dix, Plainville senior, wide receivers; Joe Windscheffel, Smith Center sophomore, quarterback; Taylor Jones, Smith Center senior; Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg junior; Kirby Rice, Smith Center sophomore, running backs.

First special team choices, in addition to Wilhite, were: Garrett Wickham, Phillipsburg junior, punter; Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg junior, kick return specialist.

Named to the second team defense with Brooks, Roe and Broeckelman were: Grady Godsey, Smith Center sophomore; Josh Brungardt, Plainville junior, tackles; Cody Garrett, Trego senior; Justin LaBarge, Ellis senior, ends; Darren Haas, Ellis senior; Kyle Spena, Trego senior; Tyler Brungardt, Plainville senior, linebackers; Eric Gaschler, Ellis senior; Joe Windscheffel, Smith Center sophomore; Justin Casey, Plainville senior, defensive backs.

On the second team offense with Stanley and Madden were: Randy Hamel, Ellis junior, center; Jake Nichols, Smith Center senior; David Hadley, Phillipsburg junior,

guards; Matt Seaman, Smith Center sophomore, tackle; Justin LaBarge, Ellis senior, tight end; Leneal Weiser, Stockton junior, wide receiver; Josh Conway, Osborne senior, quarterback; Mitch Schmidt, Trego senior; Darren Haas, Ellis senior; Travis Yoxall, Phillipsburg senior, running backs.

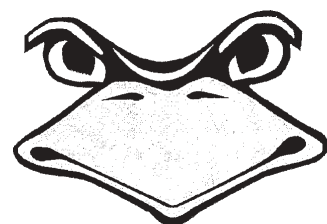
The special second team selection, in addition to Davis, was Taylor Jones, Smith Center senior, kicker and kick return specialist.

Receiving honorable mention on defense, in addition to Stanley and Davis, were: Andy Bartz, Trego senior; Randy Hamel, Ellis junior; Joe Princ, Osborne senior; Jeremy Nelson, Stockton senior, tackles; Drew Joy, Smith Center senior; Brock McDowell, Plainville senior, ends; Tobi Dirks, Trego junior; Lee Hadley, Phillipsburg senior; Kade Bloom, Phillipsburg junior; Conner McMullen, Plainville senior, linebackers; Nick Giest, Trego junior; Willie Keesee, Phillipsburg junior, defensive backs.

Named honorable mention on offense, along with Pfannenstiel

and VanEaton, were: Michael Thummel, Phillipsburg senior, center; Brett Mickelson, Ellis junior; Cody Garrett, Trego senior, guards; Dustin Patee, Osborne senior; Mike Hiss, Phillipsburg junior; Brock McDowell, Plainville senior, tackles; Tyler Kennedy, Phillipsburg senior, tight end; Nick Giest, Trego junior; Willie Keesee, Phillipsburg junior, wide receivers; Cole Erbert, Ellis junior; Justin Casey, Plainville senior, quarterbacks; Tobi Dirks, Trego junior; Tate Arnold, Smith Center sophomore; Eric Gaschler, Ellis senior, running backs.

Special team players who received honorable mention were: Ryan Jackson, Hill City senior; Taylor Jones, Smith Center senior, punters; Jason Walker, Hill City junior, kicker; Josh Conway, Osborne senior, kick return specialist.



Norton's Kaid McKenna, No. 21, shoots a free throw in the seventh-grade game against WaKeeney on Monday. McKenna scored 11 points in the contest. The seventh-

grade team remained undefeated with a 48-20 win. Also shown for Norton are Spencer Shirk, No. 23, and Luke Ninemire, No. 40. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

Seventh-grade wins two games in WaKeeney

The seventh-grade boys Junior Jays basketball team remained undefeated after beating WaKeeney 48-20 on Monday.

"WaKeeney played us very tough for a half, but in the second half our kids stepped it up a notch and put the game away," said Coach Jim Myers. "I was very proud of how our kids responded in a close game early on. They didn't get rattled, they just battled their opponents."

Landon Keiswetter led scoring for Norton with five two-pointers and four free throws for 14. He was followed by Kaid McKenna, 11; Spencer Shirk, 9; Dakota Dreher, 8; Troy Bainter, Luke Ninemire

and Bill Broeckelman, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Dreher with 10, followed by Bainter, seven; Ninemire, six; McKenna and Keiswetter, four each; Shirk, two; and Broeckelman, one.

Steals were made by Keiswetter, five; Shirk, Dreher and Bainter, four each; McKenna, three; Ninemire, two; and Broeckelman, one.

The junior varsity won 11-7.

Ninemire led scoring with 5 points, followed by Brett Terrell, 3; Broeckelman, 2; and Andrew Otter, 1.

The Junior Jays will travel to Hill City on Thursday, Dec. 1. Play is set to start at 5:30 p.m.

Eighth-grade girls edge WaKeeney, 25-24

The Norton eighth-grade girls basketball team edged WaKeeney 25-24 on Monday.

"Same scenario, different outcome — thank goodness," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "The eighth grade Lady Blue Jays played host to a very determined WaKeeney team in our third of three-in-a-week games and allowed the Hornets to pull a 10-2 lead midway through the first quarter. We were being outplayed. What saved us was their inability to build on that lead for the rest of the first half.

"In the third quarter, we only gained two points, but it was a big two points as in the final stanza we came alive again with our defense leading the way and outscored them 10-4 to come back and win 25-24.

"The difference in this game from the defeat to Osborne was that we learned to keep playing hard on defense and take care of the ball on offense.

"Our deflect leader in this final game before Thanksgiving was Amanda Ray, who was all over the floor in this game with 7. Hannah Waggoner, Shelby Jones and Ashlie Stewart each got a hand on 2. Ray also led the team in steals with 8, a remarkable hustle night for this "big sister". Jones took the ball away from the Hornets twice. "Rebounds were very few for

the Blue Jays on this evening as again we were out-rebounded. Ray grabbed 4, while Jones and Lacy Keilig each took 3 off the boards and Kaitlyn Wolf and Stewart each hauled in 2.

"Jones found two teammates open for scores for the assist leadership.

"We are learning as we play each game and hopefully by the end of the season these lessons learned will allow us to meet these same tough teams in this tough week of play in the league tournament.

"The team wishes to thank the great fan support we received during this stretch of home games as you were very instrumental in helping with our comebacks, being our sixth player."

Ray led scoring for the Lady Jays with 9 points, followed by Stewart, 8; Jones, 4; and Keilig and Wolf, 2 each.

The junior varsity team conquered WaKeeney 42-5.

"The Lady Jays defeated the Trego Eagles with a score of 42-5," said Coach Lynnette Archer. "The team has really come together and they are all getting stronger as the season progresses. Our defensive game has improved and we are getting more rebounds but we still need to work on our defensive positioning. Our opponents are able to score when we are

out of position, which has led to easy baskets.

"Defensively, we have been hustling and the number of deflections has increased each game. We had a higher number of rebounds this game. The first half shooting percentage was 32 percent, making 8 out of 25. The second half was slightly better with 38.7 percent, making 12 out of 31. For the game total we had a 35.7 shooting percentage. We are taking good shots with many just not falling in.

"The ladies have been working hard and listening well. We have 12 members on our team and they have to share playing time. Many are begging to be put back in but

know that everyone has put in the time at practice and deserves court time. After each game, they can't wait to see their stats and many are asking what they need to work on.

"As a coach I am proud of the eagerness my team displays."

Raven Brown led scoring with 10 points, followed by Austine Dole, 8; Emily Juenemann and Beth Roy, 6 each; and Steph Eagleburger, Kelsey Nuzum, Kendra Englebert, Kyra Fulton and Shaylyn Boteler, 2 each.

Rebounding honors went to Roy with eight and Dole with four. Brown was the steal leader with five.

The Junior Lady Jays will travel to Hill City for a 5:30 game on Thursday.

The Northern Valley Junior High girls basketball team defeated Kensington 39-11 on Monday, but the boys lost 46-28.

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"The Northern Valley Junior High boys traveled to Kensington to play the Goldbugs," said Coach Cole. "The A-team boys played hard, but lost 46-28. The B-team boys lost a close game 27-20. After the Thanksgiving break, we will continue to work hard on our fundamentals. We need to improve our passing and shooting."

Jacob Gallentine led scoring for

the A-team with 12 points, followed by Hutch Gehrke, 4; Colton Lowry, 4; Michael Callaway, 3; Dusty Eagleburger, 3; and Brandon Towery, 2.

On the B-team, Matthew Dole and Austin Herman led scoring with 6 points each, followed by Zachary Vincent, 4; Caleb Bach, 2; and Bryant Tharman, 2.

The Junior Huskies and Lady Huskies will travel to Agra on Thursday to play Eastern Heights, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

BOWLING

TUESDAY NIGHT MEN'S

Standings Nov. 8 — Trigard Vaults, 68-42; Carpet Munchers, 59.5-50.5; D & M Service, 57.5-52.5; Don's Floor Coverings, 55.5-54.4; Norton Sports Center, 51.5-58.5; Affordable Classic Limousines, 38-72; High Scratch Game: Mike Terrell, 202; Rusty Miller, 193; Rick Green, 191; Joe Karabin, 176; High Scratch Series: Mike Terrell, 530; Rick Green, 508; Rusty Miller, 502; Sara Kindall, 457; High Handicap Game: Sara Kindall, 256; Gilbert Courtain, 235; Mike Terrell, 230; Rusty Miller, 229; High Handicap Series: Sara Kindall, 718; Gilbert Courtain, 624; Joe Annon, 614; Mike Terrell, 614

Results Nov. 1 — High Scratch Game: Bobby Rutherford, 188; Rick Green, 185; Chuck Vsetecka, 183; Warren Francis, 180; Mark Saintz, 180; High Scratch Series: Rick Green, 511; Chuck Vsetecka, 493; Mark Saintz, 492; Bobby Rutherford, 473; High Handicap Game: Warren Francis, 248; Mark

Saintz, 242; Bobby Rutherford, 229; Jan Maley, 228; High Handicap Series: Mark Saintz, 678; Warren Francis, 617; Jan Maley, 604; Bobby Rutherford, 596

Results Oct. 25 — Mike Terrell, 202, 200, 198; Rick Green, 189; High Scratch Series: Mike Terrell, 600; Rick Green, 527; Chuck Vsetecka, 515; Vance Poage, 510; High Handicap Game: Curt Wahlmeier, 237; Jan Maley, 235; Vance Poage, 231; Mike Terrell, 229; High Handicap Series: Mike Terrell, 681; Vance Poage, 663; Curt Wahlmeier, 630; Chuck Vsetecka, 605

Results Oct. 18 — High Scratch Game: Bobby Rutherford, 204; Mike Terrell, 202; Louie Keiswetter, 190, 188; High Scratch Series: Mike Terrell, 552; Louie Keiswetter, 526; Bill LaSalle, 517; Bobby Rutherford, 489; High Handicap Game: Bobby Rutherford, 245; Joe Karabin, 235; Mike Terrell, 235; Louie Keiswetter, 231; High Handicap Series: Wanda Daniels, 653; Mike Terrell, 651; Bill LaSalle, 649; Louie Keiswetter, 649