

Area football players chosen for Shrine Bowl

By DICK BOYD

Seven area senior high school football players are among those chosen to play for the West squad in the 33rd annual Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football game, said David Mize, executive director.

The game will be played July 29 at Pittsburg State University.

The 34 team members selected by media representatives, including *Norton Telegram* sports editor and former publisher Dick Boyd, and the bowl coaching staff include: Toliver Bird, Hoxie; D.J. Fulhage, Beloit; Michael Hubbard and Taylor Jones, both of Smith Center; Calder Keller, Oakley; Guy Miller, Scott City and Mark Starr, Goodland.

Also selected but not from the immediate area were: A.J. Heckel, Ulysses; Justin Schropp, Southeast of Saline; Zach Schultz, Garden City and John David Willimon, Liberal.

Other players chosen to the West squad are: Michael Allard, Rose Hill; David Arkin, Wichita Kapaun; Derek Bair, Canton-Galva; Justin Balbierz, Wichita Kapaun; Matt Bruner, Andover; David Diener, Salina Central; Harrison Dreiling, Augusta; Zeb Elliott, Hope; Grady Fowler, Chase County; Kerry Gamble, Hutchinson; Jerrod Goetz, Hutchinson; Seth Homolka, Great Bend; John Houlik, Wichita Collegiate; Tyler Jensen, Wichita Northwest; Nick Kammerer, Bishop Carroll; Scott Krehbiel, Pratt; James McCartney, Hesston; Jacob McKenzie, Eureka; Joel Pumphrey, Wichita Heights; Luke Schuckman, Bishop Carroll; Jeran Trotter, Wichita Northwest; Trevor Viers,

Little River.

Coaches for this year's West squad will be: Marvin Diener, Salina Central, head coach; Pat Haxton, Southeast of Saline; John Petrie, Hoxie; Jason Kenny, Ulysses; Mike Smith, Garden City; Alan Schuckman, Wichita Carroll.

The all-stars for both squads were selected from more than 450 players nominated by their high school coaches. Media voters chose 22 of the players with ties broken by a media panel. The other 12 were chosen by the six coaches, each of whom selected two.

Bird was a 6-foot, 200-pound running back and linebacker for Hoxie and was also the Indians' kicker. He was an all-league and all-area selection.

Fulhage was an all-purpose player who was a running back, defensive back, punter, kicker and returner for the Trojans, who won the league title and qualified for the state playoffs for the first time since 1998. On offense, he compiled 1,175 total yards. His 40.5 yard punting average has attracted the interest of several Division I schools. He also kicked four field goals, the longest being 48 yards. His father, Scott, who punted for Kansas State before punting in the National Football League, was also chosen for the Shrine Bowl his senior year but unable to play due to a pole vault injury in track.

From his offensive guard spot, Hubbard helped the Redmen rush for 5,931 yards and average nearly 51 points in repeating as the Class 2A state champion. On defense as Smith Center's middle linebacker, Hubbard recorded a team-best 99

tackles.

Jones rushed for 2,430 yards, a new Smith Center single-season record. He did it on 216 carries for an 11.3 yards per carry average. He also rushed for 34 touchdowns. On defense, Jones had 78 tackles from his safety position.

On just 188 attempts this season, Keller rushed for 1,562 yards for an 8.3 yards per carry average and 25 touchdowns. Keller also led Oakley in receiving yards with 445 and six touchdowns, kick-off returns with 39.3 yards per attempt and punt returns with a 34.8 yard average and two touchdowns. From his free safety position on defense, Keller recorded 107 tackles and had three interceptions.

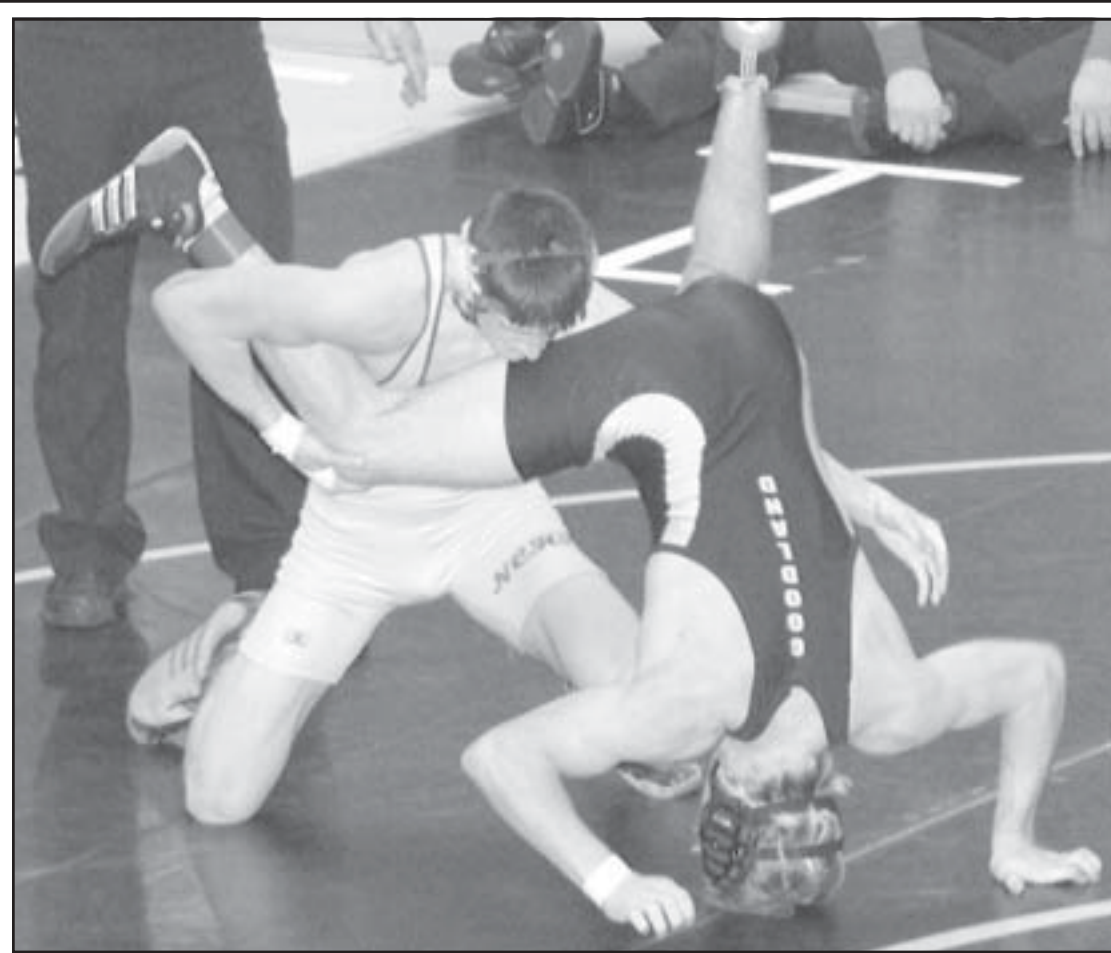
At 6-3, 275 pounds, Miller was a dominating player for Scott City at offensive and defensive tackle.

Starr is a 6-5, 240-pound offensive and defensive lineman for Goodland who is being recruited by Division I schools.

Schropp was the quarterback who led Southeast of Saline to their first ever state championship. This season, he passed for 2,197 yards and rushed for 1,757 yards for 3,954 total yards of offense and 47 touchdowns. He completed 54 percent of his passes and rushed for nearly 7 yards per carry.

The Kansas Shrine Bowl Game benefits Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Crippled children, regardless of race, religion, national origin or relationship to a Shriner, are treated free of charge at the hospitals. The Kansas Shrine Bowl has generated more than \$2.3 million for the hospitals.



Luke Pfannenstiel, Norton's senior 152 pound wrestler, turns Brett Schields, Goodland, upside down during their match in the Goodland Holiday Classic. Both wrestlers scored lots of points but Schields came out on top 16-12. It was Pfannenstiel's only loss in the two-day tournament. He finished with a 7-1 record. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton, Northern Valley teams to compete in C-Team tourney

By DICK BOYD

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

Also competing will be teams from Quinter, Phillipsburg, Osborne, Plainville, Oberlin and Northern Valley.

Play will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday with No. 1 seed Quinter versus No. 8 seed Phillipsburg.

That contest will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by the No. 4 seed Osborne versus No. 5 seed Norton game.

At 4 p.m., No. 2 seed Plainville will play No. 7 seed Oberlin. In the final first round contest, No. 3 seed Hill City will play No. 6 seed Northern Valley at 5:30 p.m.

Winners of the Quinter-Phillipsburg and Osborne-Norton games will play in the championship semi-finals at 4 p.m. on Friday and losers will play in the consolation bracket at 1 p.m. Winners of the Plainville-Osborne and Hill City-Northern Valley games will play at 5:30 p.m. on Friday and losers will play at 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The semi-finals winners on the championship side will play for the championship at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Championship semi-finals losers will play at 1 p.m. on Saturday for third place.

The winners of Friday's consolation games will play at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday for fifth place and the losers will play at 10 a.m. on Saturday for seventh place.

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 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 Coach and Athletic Director Joe Green.

Norton seventh-grade girls lose two games

The Norton seventh-grade Lady Jays were beaten by Smith Center in the first game of the Smith Center Basketball Tournament on Dec. 8, and then lost to Belleville 18-12 in the second game.

Smith Center

"The seventh-grade girls traveled to Smith Center to play two games in the tournament," said Coach Anne Stiles. "They first played a league game against Smith Center.

"Smith Center pressed our team the whole game and the girls handled the press very well. Our confident ball handlers got the ball down the floor and set up the offense.

"Defensively, the girls needed to get a few more rebounds and get a little more aggressive. Leading in rebounds was our point guard, Kaylen Rossi, with four, followed by Shaylyn Boteler, who had three rebounds in the fourth quarter alone! The total rebounds for the team was 16. Leading in steals were Kelsie Griffith with three, and Lindsey Tacha and Meaghan Peterson was one each.

"Offensively, the girls realized they need to shoot more and have the confidence to shoot more."

Peterson led scoring for the Jays with 4 points, followed by Griffith, Rossi and Dustyna Sprigg, 2 each.

Belleville

"The seventh-grade girls played Belleville for their second game of the day," said Coach Stiles. "Belleville should have been easily beaten by our Lady Jays, but after a long day and a lot of injuries, Belleville came away with a win of 18-12. The girls played a tough game and worked well together with the few members they had.

"Defensively, rebounding was a very strong point for our team, which the coaches are very excited about since we have been focusing on rebounds. Sprigg came away with an amazing 10 rebounds, next was Griffith fighting for four, and

trailing her were Rossi and Tacha, each with three. The team achieved a total of 21 rebounds.

"The was the last game of the season, which came upon us very fast. The girls did a great job this year and improved tremendously on fundamentals. We tried to focus a lot on just basic fundamentals. So, even though our record wasn't a winning record, the girls' foundation is now strong and they have a lot to build on. I look to see a lot of success with these girls, as many are very hard workers."

Sprigg led scoring for Norton with 6 points, followed by Peterson, 4; and Rossi, 2.

Northern Valley Junior High girls win

The Northern Valley Junior High girls team beat Logan 32-23 on Dec. 19 but the boys lost 23-17.

Girls

"The junior high girls won all three of their games with Logan," said Coach Jim Cole. "The A-team girls struggled with their shooting, but kept working hard on defense the whole game. The Lady Huskies improved their record to 8-0 going into Christmas break.

"The B-team girls outscored Logan 12-4 in the fourth quarter to

come from behind to win the game.

"The C-team got their first win of the season 10-8."

Christina Anderson led scoring for the Lady Huskies A-team with 12 points, followed by Megan Cole, 11; Karen Wenzl, 4; Alison Cole, 3; and Miriah Florence, 2.

On the B-team, Staci Dole led with 12 points, followed by C.J. Woodmansee with 7, Kenzie Chandler with 4, and Cassie Field with 2.

Kenzi Husted led for the C-team with 8 points. Sarah Whitney added the team's other 2 points.

Boys

"The A-team boys hustled and played good defense, but had trouble making their shots and lost a close game to Logan 23-17," said Coach Cole. "We need to improve our shooting.

"The B-team boys played hard, but came up short 26-18."

On the A-team, Jacob Gallentine led scoring for the Hus-

kies with 6 points, followed by Hutch Gehrke, 4; Michael Callaway, 3; Dusty Eagleburger, 2; and Colton Lowry, 2.

Austin Herman led scoring for the B-team with 6, followed by Brandon Towery, 4; Calen Bach, 2; Sean Braun, 2; Caleb Bach, 2; and Bryant Tharman, 2.

The Northern Valley Junior High teams will host Kensington on Thursday, Jan. 5, in Almena. The first game is set to start at 4:30 p.m.

BOWLING

INTER-CITY LEAGUE

Standings Dec. 22 (Final First Half) — Select Seeds, 91-53; Almena State Bank, 76-68; Bailey Electric, 75.5-68.5; Buff, 71-73; Ram Roofing, 62.5-81.5; Total, 56-88; High Scratch Game: Dale Carson, 198; Rusty Miller, 186; Vance Poage, 179; Karol Evans, 179; High Handicap Game: Dale Carson, 249; Vance Poage, 224; Rusty Miller, 222; Karol Evans, 219; High Scratch Series: Dennis Balderston, 497; Bill LaSalle, 489; Karol Evans, 489; Rusty Miller, 482; High Handicap Series: Dennis Balderston, 629; Dale Carson, 613; Karol Evans, 609; Dennis Corbin, 606

Results Dec. 15 — High Scratch Game: Rusty Miller,

186; Bill LaSalle, 178; LeRoy Burks, 178; Stan Miller, 178; High Handicap Game: Mark Saintz, 224; Rusty Miller, 223; Dennis Balderston, 222; Stan Miller, 222; High Handicap Series: Rusty Miller, 507; Dennis Balderston, 506; Bill LaSalle, 487; Dennis Lechlitter, 462; High Handicap Series: Dennis Balderston, 641; Rusty Miller, 618; Mark Saintz, 614; Katrina Heskett, 597

Results Dec. 8 — High Scratch Game: Dennis Lechlitter, 214; Dale Carson, 202; Mark Bailey, 175; Stan Miller, 172; High Handicap Game: Dennis Lechlitter, 255; Dale Carson, 254; Mark Bailey, 239; Dustin Juenemann, 232; High Scratch Series: Dennis Lechlitter, 518; Dale Carson,

496; Stan Miller, 493; Bill LaSalle, 491; High Handicap Series: Dale Carson, 652; Dennis Lechlitter, 641; Mark Saintz, 633; Stan Miller, 628

LADIES INTER-CITY

Standings Dec. 19 — Land Surveyors, 43-21; Nelson Bros., 40.5-23.5; Animal Health, 37.5-26.5; Superior Livestock, 33.5-30.5; Jamboree, 32-34; High Game Scratch: Jean Johnson, 167; Carol Ross, 161; Jackie Wright, 159; High Series Scratch: Carol Ross, 429; Jackie Wright, 424; Helen Muirhead, 416; High Game Handicap: Jean Johnson, 224; Helen Muirhead, 223; Carol Ross, 197; High Series Handicap: Helen Muirhead, 623; Jean Johnson, 55; Lynn Tacha, 550; Vendla Tacha, 550

Northern Valley Junior High girls improve basketball record to 7-0

The Northern Valley Junior High girls added another basketball win to their record after beating Damar 47-8 on Dec. 15. The boys varsity team lost 31-17.

Girls

"The A-team girls improved their record to 7-0 with a 47-8 victory over Damar," said Coach Jim Cole. "They used their fast break offense to score many lay-ups. Our girls were a lot quicker than Damar. Eight girls scored points for the Huskies."

Christina Anderson led scoring with 13 points, followed by Alison Cole, 12 points; Megan Cole, 8; Staci Dole, 4; Kenzie Chandler, 4; Kayla Field, 2; Karen Wenzl, 2; and Miriah Florence, 2.

Boys

"The A-team boys played a very good game, but lost to an undefeated Damar team 31-17," said Coach Cole. "I was very proud of our effort, especially on the defensive end. We played hard the whole game and never quit. We did a good job of taking care of the ball against the taller Damar players."

Dusty Eagleburger led scoring for the Husky boys with 7 points, followed by Colton Lowry with 6, Matthew Dole with 2 and Jacob Gallentine with 2.

"The B-team boys lost 45-17," said the coach. "Damar shot the ball extremely well against our B-team."

Bryant Tharman led scoring with 6 points, followed by Austin Herman, 3; Samuel Field, 2; Zachary Vincent, 2; Sean Braun, 2; and Brandon Towery, 2.

"The C-team boys from Northern Valley won an exciting game 9-8," said Coach Cole. "Zane Miller made the winning basket late in the game."

Zane Miller led scoring for the green team with 4 points, followed by Gunnar Hays with 3 and Daniel Field with 2.

The Northern Valley Junior Huskies and Lady Huskies will host Kensington in Almena, beginning at 4:30 p.m., on Thursday, Jan. 5.