

Athlete finishes indoor track season with strong placing

By DICK BOYD

Jered Sloan, a former prep star for Norton Community High School who competes for Fort Hays State University, Hays, completed the indoor track season on Saturday, February 25 with an outstanding performance in the heptathlon in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference indoor track and field championships.

Sloan placed second behind teammate Alan Yoder, a junior who scored a school-record 4,814 points to exceed Sloan by just three points. Sloan also broke the Fort Hays school record. The seven events in the heptathlon are the 55 meter sprint, 55 meter high hurdles, high jump, long jump, shot put, pole vault and 1,000 meter run.

Sloan placed first in the high jump with a personal best height of 6-feet-6.25-inches.

Sloan was a sophomore for indoor track this season but will be a freshman for outdoor track. He redshirted the 2005 outdoor season due to knee surgery.

The RMAC indoor meet is considered to be the best conference meet in the nation. Both men's and women's Fort Hays track teams placed fifth.

Yoder was the fifth individual champion from Fort Hays.

Fort Hays will begin the outdoor track season on Saturday, March 18 in the Colby Community College Invitational. Next competition for the Tigers will be at Kearney State on March 25 with the annual Alex Francis Relays set for April 1 in Hays.

Sloan is expected to compete in the open hurdles and high jump and decathlon in the outdoor season.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Sloan, Norton.

Norton senior signs as college kicker

By DICK BOYD

William Wilhite, 5-foot-9-inch, 185 pound senior kicker for the Norton Community High School football team, has signed a letter of intent to kick for Dodge City Community College this fall.

A two-year letterman for the Blue Jays, Wilhite was chosen first team kicker by Mid-Continent League coaches the past two years.

His junior year, he was a perfect 3 of 3 on field goals, which included a last second field goal to beat Phillipsburg in District play. He was also successful on 16 of 20 extra point kicks for 80 percent accuracy. He shared kickoff duties his junior year with senior Michael Sprigg. He had 10 kickoffs and averaged 47.6 yards per kickoff.

Wilhite was second leading scorer for Norton this past season with 36 points. He kicked 2 of 4 field goals and 30 of 33 extra point tries for 91 percent accuracy!

He was Norton's only kickoff man and kicked off 43 times, averaging 47.9 yards per kickoff.

"We graduate our kicker from this year," said Dodge City head coach Marcus Garstecki. "From watching Wil on film, we think he's got a good shot at coming in and helping us win some games. Right now he's our No. 1 guy."

This was Garstecki's first year as head coach at Dodge City and his team had a 7-5 record, the best since 1983. They finished second to Coffeyville in the Jayhawk Conference, considered to be one of the toughest in the nation. Their biggest win was an upset of Butler County Community College in El Dorado. Butler County was ranked No. 1 in the nation at the time.

Dodge City played in the Heart of Texas Bowl in postseason and lost 40-28 to Cisco Junior College.

"We've got the building blocks set in place to bring this program up to a championship level," the coach said.

"Wil is an accurate kicker; he is very reliable in game situations," said Norton head coach Bruce Graber.

"He had knee surgery after his



Norton's senior kicker William Wilhite signs a letter of intent to kick for Dodge City Community College this fall. Observing are, from left, Norton Community High School Head Football Coach Bruce Graber and Wil's father Bill Wilhite. His mother, Norma, was unable to be present.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

junior year. It's not an easy road back after surgery but he came a long way back. His range was just as good his senior year. He hurt a different knee in wrestling this year but is recovering from that," the Blue Jay coach said.

"In college, you kick off the ground instead of a tee. He hasn't started kicking that way but will do so in order to get ready for college.

"He'll be successful if he gets healthy. Getting to kick at the junior college level is a plus for him. Accuracy is so important and he is accurate. Dodge City's program is much better than it has been. They are very competitive in the

league," said Graber.

Wilhite is the son of Norma and

Bill Wilhite, Norton.

ARCHERY LEAGUE

Norton Archery Club results for week 8 compound bow scratch scores are — Harold Mizell, 589; Rick Schillereff, 576; Mike Cliff, 575; Brett McChesney, 574; Rick Doeden, 572; John Baker, 560; R.D. Wait, 552; Chad Kier, 545; Justin Baker, 543; Cheryl Baker, 541; Mick Kier, 532; and Bob Readle, 458.

Week 8 compound handicap scores are — Brett McChesney, 613; Mike Cliff, 605; Harold Mizell, 604; Cheryl Baker, 604; Rick Doeden, 603; Rick Schillereff, 601; Chad Kier, 599; R.D. Wait, 597; Mick Kier, 590; John Baker, 590; Justin Baker, 583; and Bob Readle, 560.

Week 8 recurve scratch scores are — John Baker, 230; Jake Kramer, 229; R.D. Wait, 201; Justin Baker, 176; Kelly Gaer, 170; and Dominic Urban, 126.

Week 8 recurve handicap scores are — Jake Kramer, 317; Dominic Urban, 301; John Baker, 297; Kelly Gaer, 277; R.D. Wait, 271; and Justin Baker, 270.

Week 9 compound scratch scores are — Rick Schillereff, 585; Harold Mizell, 578; Justin Baker, 569; John Baker, 566; Mike Cliff, 563; Rick Doeden, 557; R.D. Wait, 543; Cheryl Baker, 541; Chad Kier, 527; Mick Kier, 523; and Bob Readle, 493.

Week 9 compound handicap scores are — Rick Schillereff, 610 with most X's; Justin Baker, 610; Cheryl Baker, 602; Bob Readle, 596; John Baker, 596; Harold Mizell, 593; Mike Cliff, 592; R.D. Wait, 588; Rick Doeden, 587; Mick Kier, 581; and Chad Kier, 580.

Week 9 recurve scratch scores are — Jake Kramer, 212; R.D. Wait, 211; John Baker, 209; Justin Baker, 186; Kelly Gaer, 159; and

Dominic Urban, 99.

Week 9 recurve handicap scores are — Jake Kramer, 296; R.D. Wait, 282; Justin Baker, 281; John Baker, 275; Dominic Urban, 270; and Kelly Gaer, 266.

Results of the IBO Shoot on Feb. 26 are — Harold Mizell, 568; Rick Doeden, 549; Justin Baker, 546; Mick Kier, 530; Rick Schillereff, 526; Brett McChesney, 517; John Baker, 510; Chad Kier, 493; Carla Schillereff, 445; Josh Kier, 317; and Casey Robinson, 237.

The next IBO animal target shoot will be at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12. Recurve bows will start at approximately 3:30 p.m.

1A basketball games to be telecast

By DICK BOYD

Smoky Hills Public Television has announced that it will telecast taped, delayed broadcasts of the Kansas State High School Activities Association's Class 1A Girls and Boys Basketball State Championship games.

The girls championship contest will air at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24 and the boys championship game is scheduled to be broadcast at 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 31.

Both games will be played today in Gross Memorial Coliseum on the campus of Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Jeremy McGuire, Hays, will be the play-by-play announcer and Larry Jantz, Hays, will be the color commentator. Larry Calvery, host of Smoky Hills Public

Television's popular weekly fall high school sports roundup show, *Scoreboard Show*, will serve as the course announcer.

Videotapes of the station's broadcasts of the games will be available by contacting Melinda Walker at (785) 483-6990 or through email at mwalker@shptv.org.

This is the first year that Smoky Hills Public Television has presented a taped, delayed broadcast of the Class 1A Basketball State Championship games. The station has broadcast the KSHSAA 8-Man Football Division I and Division II State Championships for the past four years and the Class 3-2-1A Wrestling State Championships for more than 20 years.


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SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2006

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