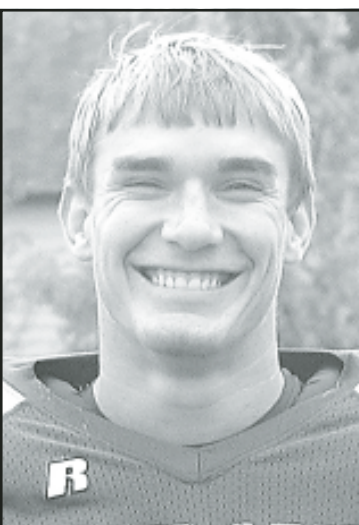
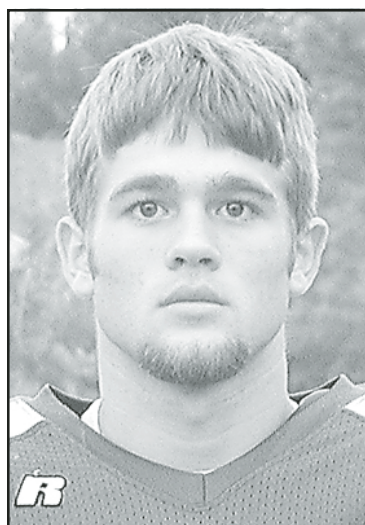


Conference recognizes 15 Blue Jay grididders



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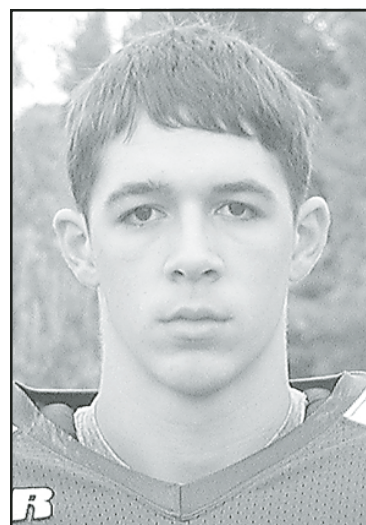
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Nathan Broeckelman



Chris Davis



Jared Cox



Pat Burton



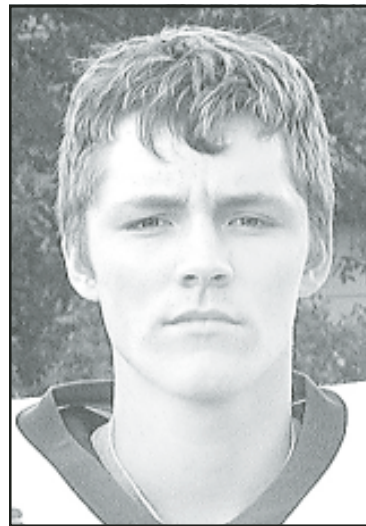
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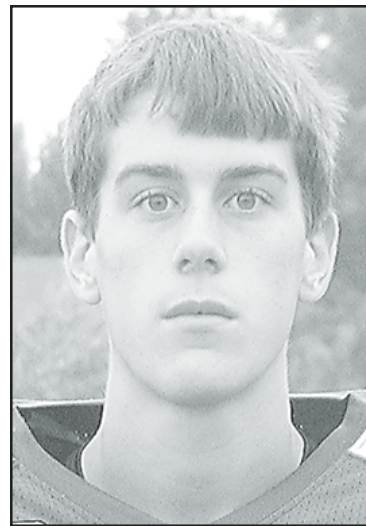
Zach Mannel



Logan Kats



Wes Georgeson



Nic Lewis



Mark Scheetz

Tie for second in the league

By DICK BOYD

Fifteen members of first-year head coach Lucas Melvin's 2006 Norton Community High School football team have received All-Mid-Continent League recognition in voting by the league coaches.

The Blue Jays compiled a 7-3 record this season and tied for second in the league with Phillipsburg behind champion Smith Center. Norton lost to Phillipsburg but that was a district game and did not figure in league standings. Both teams lost to Smith Center, who continued on to win their third straight Class 2A state championship.

Norton's only losses were to state ranked teams. The Blue Jays held the Redmen to their lowest point total in two years in a 14-3 loss in the season opener. Norton's third loss was to Southeast of Saline in bi-district play.

Four Norton players were named to the league's first team. Blake VanEaton, 5-foot-11-inch, 165 pound senior running back and linebacker, was chosen to the first team on both offense and defense.

VanEaton was also a first team linebacker and honorable mention running back as a junior and honorable mention linebacker as a sophomore.

Zac Dreher, a 6'2", 185 pound sophomore, was also named first team linebacker.

Senior defensive back Nathan Broeckelman, who is 5'9", 155 pounds, was chosen to the first team. He was a second team defensive back choice last season.

Norton's other first team selection was 6', 165 pound senior Chris Davis, who was chosen as a kicker.

Davis was also named to the second team as a punter, a repeat from 2005. Davis received honorable mention as a punter in 2004.

Four other Norton grididders were named to the league's second team. They were junior tight end Jared Cox, senior guard Pat Burton and junior tackle Preston Herman on offense and junior tackle Zach Mannel on defense.

Broeckelman also received honorable mention as a wide receiver on offense and Cox was an honorable mention choice on defense as a linebacker.

Other Norton honorable mention selections were: junior quarterback Logan Kats, junior wide receiver Wes Georgeson and senior center Nic Lewis on offense and senior tackle Mark Scheetz, senior end Brett Thomson, junior back Travis Ray and junior back Todd Bolt on defense.

Other team choices

Named to the first team offense with VanEaton and Davis were: Joe Windscheffel, junior quarterback, Smith Center, unanimous selection; Kerby Rice, junior running back, Smith Center, unanimous selection; Tate Arnold, junior running back, Smith Center; Andrew Casey, senior wide receiver, Ellis; Willie Keesee, senior wide receiver, Phillipsburg; Drew Joy, junior tight end, Smith Center; Kirk Palmer, junior center, Smith Center, unanimous selection; Brayton Gillen, junior guard, Smith Center; Brent Mickelson, senior guard, Ellis; Matt Seamann, junior tackle, Smith Center; Justin Nixon, sophomore tackle, Smith Center, and Jarrett Abell, senior kick returner, Phillipsburg.

First team defensive selections with VanEaton, Dreher and

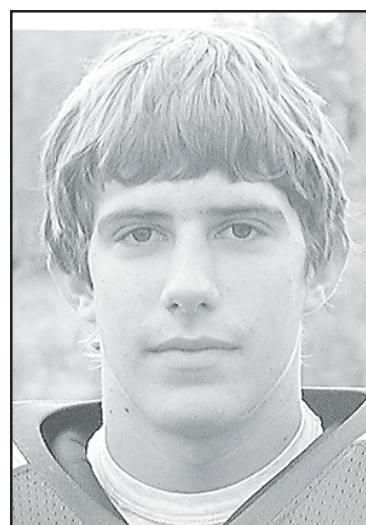
Broeckelman were: Matt Seamann, junior tackle, Smith Center; Brett Mickelson, senior tackle, Ellis; David Hadley, senior tackle, Phillipsburg; Brayden Wilson, junior end, Smith Center; Garrett Wickham, senior end, Phillipsburg; Kerby Rice, junior linebacker, Smith Center, unanimous selection; Tobi Dirks, senior linebacker, Trego; Jarrett Abell, senior back, Phillipsburg, unanimous selection; Joe Windscheffel, junior back, Smith Center; David Gerstner, junior back, Hill City; Tobi Dirks, senior punter, Trego.

Second team offensive choices with Cox, Burton and Herman were: Cole Erbert, senior quarterback, Ellis; Jarrett Abell, senior running back, Phillipsburg; Brayden Wilson, junior running back, Smith Center; Justin Gnad, junior running back, Ellis; Kade Bloom, senior running back, Phillipsburg; Leneal Weiser, senior wide receiver, Stockton; Nick Geist, senior wide receiver, Trego; Randy Hamel, senior center, Ellis; David Hadley, senior guard, Phillipsburg; Mike Hiss, senior tackle, Ellis; Daniel Gottschalk, junior kicker, Ellis; Tate Arnold, junior kick returner, Smith Center.

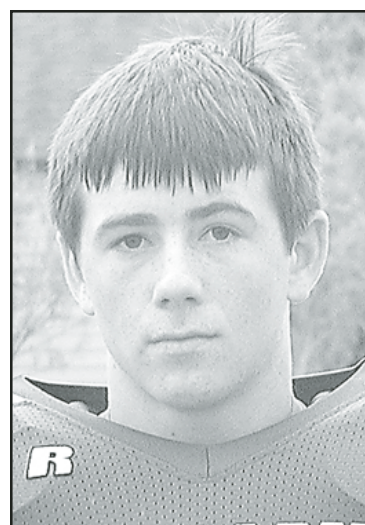
On the second team defense with Mannel and Davis were: Grady Godsey, junior tackle, Smith Center; Mike Hiss, senior tackle, Ellis; Randy Hamel, senior end, Ellis; Drew Joy, junior end, Smith Center; Cole Erbert, senior linebacker, Ellis; Garrett Sauer, senior linebacker, Phillipsburg; Kade Bloom, senior linebacker, Phillipsburg; Brayton Gillen, junior linebacker, Smith Center; Nick Geist, senior back, Trego; Willie Keesee, senior back, Phillipsburg; Tate Arnold, junior back, Smith



Brett Thomson



Travis Ray



Todd Bolt

Center; Kyle Petrik, senior back, Smith Center; Chase King, sophomore back, Ellis; Nathan Palmer, junior punter, Stockton.

On the offensive honorable mention list with Kats, Broeckelman, Georgeson and Lewis were: Ross Bugbee, senior quarterback, Phillipsburg; Lucas Hachmeister, senior running back, Plainville; Tobi Dirks, senior running back, Trego; Jason Walker, senior running back, Hill City; David Gerstner, junior wide receiver, Hill City; Luke Brin, senior tight end, Plainville; Matt

Hageman, senior center, Plainville; Grady Godsey, junior guard, Smith Center; Josh Brungardt, senior guard, Plainville; Michael Malay, senior guard, Trego; Matt Smith, senior tackle, Phillipsburg; Noland Smith, junior tackle, Trego; Joe Becker, junior tackle, Plainville; Kerby Rice, junior kicker, Smith Center; Ethan Kriley, sophomore kicker, Stockton; Andrew Casey, senior kick returner, Ellis.

Receiving honorable mention on defense, in addition to Scheetz, Thomson, Cox, Ray and Bolt,

were: Justin Metcalf, senior tackle, Hill City; Zach Thompson, senior end, Hill City; Michael Malay, senior end, Trego; Josh Brungardt, senior end, Plainville; Luke Brin, senior linebacker, Plainville; Kyle Wallen, senior linebacker, Stockton; Kirk Palmer, junior linebacker, Smith Center; Taylor Dirks, junior linebacker, Trego; Justin Gnad, junior linebacker, Ellis; Jason Walker, senior linebacker, Hill City; Tate Lang, senior back, Trego; Brady Jeffrey, senior punter, Hill City.

Ladies get wins, suffer setbacks

November 14 vs. Eastern Heights at Agra

B-team
Eastern Heights 26, Logan 8
Scoring — Amy Zillinger 6, Kacee Braun 2

Rebounds — Kaylene Reese 8, Paige Buss 5; Val Morris 3, Katie Becker 2, Kacee Braun 2, Whitney Mulder 1, Marcy Gaines 1

Steals — Kacee Braun 1, Amy Zillinger 1, Paige Buss 1

A-team
Eastern Heights 23, Logan 21
Scoring — Caley Greving 11, Alethea Bennett 4, Samantha Tien 2, Hannah Pinkerton 2, Bev Sammons 2

Rebounds — Caley Greving 15, Alethea Bennett 10, Kacee Braun 5, Bev Sammons 5, Samantha Tien 2, Hannah Pinkerton 1, Paige Buss 1

Steals — Hannah Pinkerton 5, Kacee Braun (no number listed)

November 21 vs. Golden Plains at Logan

Logan Junior High Report

B-team
Logan 14, Golden Plains 13
Scoring — Paige Buss 6, Bev Sammons 4, Kaylene Reese 2, Whitney Mulder 2

Rebounds — Kaylene Reese 13, Paige Buss 4, Whitney Mulder 3,

Football awards banquet Dec. 10

The annual Norton Community High School Football Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Blue Jay Booster Club, will be held on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

A carry-in meal will precede the

Val Morris 2, Marcy Gaines 1
Steals — Bev Sammons 4, Val Morris 2, Kaylene Reese 2, Amy Zillinger 1, Whitney Mulder 1

A-team
Logan 28, Golden Plains 15

Scoring — Hannah Pinkerton 8, Alethea Bennett 8, Caley Greving 5, Bev Sammons 4, Samantha Tien 2, Kacee Braun 1

Rebounds — Caley Greving 11, Alethea Bennett 10, Samantha Tien 9, Hannah Pinkerton 2, Kacee Braun 2, Kaylene Reese 1
Steals — Hannah Pinkerton 3, Caley Greving 1, Kacee Braun 1, Amy Zillinger 1

presentations by head coach Lucas Melvin.

The public is invited and asked to bring a meat dish, a vegetable or salad, a dessert and their own table service. Drinks will be provided by the booster club.

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