

Six Trojans, three Huskies named to All-League Team

Six Logan and three Northern Valley basketball athletes have been voted to the 2006-07 Cheyenne Conference All-Conference Team by vote of the conference coaches.

Girls team

Kelli Cole, Northern Valley, and Anne Hartman, Logan, were named to the first team. The Lady Huskies' Alison Cole and the Lady Trojans' Shelley Kemper were chosen to the second team and honorable mention went to Bethany Clements, Logan.

Hartman were: Rachel Belisle, Palco; Claire Cole, Kensington and Amy Flax, Western Plains.

Bailey Gehring, Palco; JayDee Hudson and JoAnn Yoxall, both of Kensington, joined Cole and Kemper on second team. Making honorable mention, in addition to Clements, were: Brittani Gruber, Eastern Heights and Ashley Lutters, Western Plains.

Boys team

Zach Long of Logan was chosen to the first team and his teammates, Tim McElroy and Kyle Brobst, were chosen on the second team.

Henry Griffiths, Northern Valley, received honorable mention.

Joining Long on the first team were Ethan Kuhlman, Grant Levin, Kyle Bienhoff, all of Kensington and Ben Suchland, Eastern Heights.

Named to the second team with McElroy and Brobst were Randall Irving, Kensington; Donald Lowe, Eastern Heights; Eric Dysinger, Western Plains. Receiving honorable mention with Griffiths were Taylor Kuhlman, Kensington, Travis Desbien, Palco.

By DICK BOYD

Lexi Hardiek, an eighth grader in Hill City, is building a reputation as an expert free throw shooter.

On Sunday, March 4, she was crowned the 2007 Champion in the 13-year-old Girls' Division of the Kansas Knights of Columbus State Free Throw Championships. She swished 24 of 25 free throw shots to win her age group.

En route to the state championships, Hardiek was also the champion of the local, district and regional Knights of Columbus competitions.

The state competition ended the Knights of Columbus contests but winning scores were sent to the Supreme Office in New Haven, Conn., to be compared for possible national honors.

On Sunday, December 17, 2006, Hardiek was the champion in the 12-13 year age group in the annual Hoop Shoot hosted by the Hill City Elks Lodge No. 1995.

In this competition, she was perfect on 23 of 25 charity tosses.

She was also the recipient of a special plaque awarded to the "Outstanding Shooter" of the Hill City competition.

Two years ago, when she competed in the age 10-11 division in the Hill City Elks contest, she was good enough to make it all the way to the national competition where she tied for sixth.

This time, she had a scheduling conflict with junior high basketball which did not allow her to continue on.

Incidentally, her junior high team finished the season undefeated.

Lexi is the daughter of Jeff and Colleen Hardiek, Hill City, who are natives of Norton. Her grandparents in Norton are Roger and Bev Hardiek and Norman and Paula Strayer. Her great-grandmothers in Norton are Helen Keiswetter, Ruby Strayer and Marge Snyder.

Area girl one of best from the line

Norton's Maddy on Bethany team

Ryan Maddy, a sophomore from Norton, was a member of the Bethany College basketball team this season.

Maddy is a 6-foot-2-inch, 200 pound forward for the Swedes.

During the KCAC post-season tournament play-in game on Feb. 19, Bethany defeated Ottawa Uni-

versity 73-64 in overtime but lost in the KCAC quarterfinals 77-51 to Kansas Wesleyan University.

The Swedes were 4-14 this season in the conference and 11-18 overall. Head coach is Clair Oleen.

Bethany basketball has risen to national prominence since 1999, having been nationally ranked

four seasons.

The basketball Swedes played in the NAIA Nationals in 1999, 2000 and 2003 after winning the KCAC Tournament Championship. In 2003, the Swedes played in the NAIA Championship game.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rod Maddy, Norton.

3-on-3 basketball tournament set for Oberlin, registrations now due

The 2007 Sappa Valley Shootout Youth 3-on-3 basketball tourney is scheduled for April 14 at Oberlin. Boys and girls in grades 1-12 are eligible to participate.

The event will be held in the Decatur Community Jr/Sr High gyms. Sponsoring the tournament is the high school's basketball girls to provide funding for summer

activities.

Boys and girls will participate in separate divisions. T-shirts and medals will be awarded to winning teams in each age division, and second place teams will receive medals.

Entry fees are \$30 per team and are due to Barbara Olson. Entry forms are available for download

at sappavalleyshootout.com and will also be available at area schools.

The public is encouraged to attend. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Players and children under age 5 get in free. Concessions will be available all day.

For more information call Barbara Olson at (785) 475-3602.

Action gets underway at 9 a.m.

Blue Jay Booster Club meeting set

All Norton Community High School sports fans are invited to the meeting of the Norton Blue Jay Booster Club at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the NCHS cafeteria.

Norton track coach Jason Jones and golf coach David Stover will report on early season practices and upcoming season opening competition.

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Thursday-7:30 p.m.
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Norton's Wildcat



Terry Petrie, Norton, who will be a senior running back for the Kansas State University football team next fall, caught a pitchout from Wildcat quarterback Josh Freeman and sprinted downfield during the spring football practice on Saturday in Manhattan. The practice was the only one open to the public this spring until the annual spring game later this month. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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