

# Class 3A Substate Tournament underway

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The Norton Community High School boys basketball team began Class 3A Substate Tournament play versus Phillipsburg on Monday evening in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton. Results were not available at press time. Norton was seeded No.3 in the

tournament with a 14-6 record and Phillipsburg was No.6 with a 10-9 record. In other first round games, which were played at the location of the higher seeded team, No.1 seed Belleville (19-1) hosted No.8 Ellsworth (3-17), No.4 Thomas More Prep of Hays (11-8) hosted No.5 Beloit (11-9) and No.2 Sacred Heart of Salina (16-4) hosted

No.7 St. John's Military (6-8). Norton is the host school this year so all games after the first round will be played in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton. Winners of the Belleville-Ellsworth and Thomas More Prep-Beloit games will play in the semifinals on Thursday at 6 p.m. The Sacred Heart-St. John's Military and Norton-Phillipsburg

winners will play at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. The championship final will be Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with the winner advancing to the Class 3A State Tournament in Hutchinson next week. The Norton Community High School girls basketball team is seeded No.3 and will take a 13-7 record into their first round game

with No.6 Belleville (10-10) at 7 p.m. today. In other first round girls games this evening, No.4 seed Beloit (13-7) will host No.5 Phillipsburg (12-7) and No.2 Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays (13-6) will host No.7 Ellsworth (3-17). No.1 seeded Sacred Heart of Salina (15-5) received a bye and will not play until the semi-finals.

In semi-final games on Friday, Sacred Heart of Salina will play the winner of the Beloit-Phillipsburg game at 6 p.m. and winners of the Thomas More Prep-Marian-Ellsworth and Norton-Belleville contests will play at 7:30 p.m.. Semifinal winners will play Saturday at 6p.m. for the championship and a berth in the Class 3A State in Hutchinson next week.

## State's big papers pick area athletes

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Norton's senior tailback and defensive back Todd Bolt, senior wide receiver Wes Georgeson and junior linebacker Zac Dreher and Logan's senior lineman Payton Chestnut and junior back Levi Kiser have received post-season football honors from the state's large daily newspapers.

defensive back, kicker, Jeff Hennick, senior quarterback, free safety, Sharon Springs; Ethan Kuhlmann, senior quarterback, linebacker, Kensington; Aaron Racette, senior running back, defensive end, Oakley; Braden Wilson, senior running back, defensive end, Smith Center and Joe Windscheffel, senior quarterback, safety, Smith Center.

Plains senior; Joe Suchsland, Eastern Heights senior. Also named to the Class 3A offensive stars by the *Wichita Eagle* along with Horesky was Caleb Kruse, senior running back, Ellsworth. On the *Eagle's* Class 3A defensive all-stars with Bolt was Chaston Hoeme, junior linebacker, Scott City.

Named to the *Capital-Journal's* Class 2-1A stars on offense were Kirk Palmer, senior lineman, Smith Center; Shawn Warren, junior lineman, St. Francis; Daniel Gottschalk, senior kicker, Ellis. Those chosen to the Class 2-1A defense included Aaron Racette, senior lineman, Oakley; Braden Wilson, senior lineman, Smith Center; Brayton Gillen, senior linebacker, Smith Center; Kelly Younkin, senior linebacker, Oakley; Ted Crabtree, senior back, St. Francis; Joe Windscheffel, senior back, Smith Center.

## Husky ladies advance to 1A Substate

The Northern Valley varsity basketball Huskies advanced to the Class 1A Substate Tournament at the Colby Community Building at 7:30 p.m. Friday. The trip to Colby came as the result of the Lady Huskies' thrilling 63-61 victory over Palco in the regional finals Saturday at Palco. The Lady Huskies will take on Hoxie, who lost to Wheatland-Grinnell 45-27 in the regional at Quinter on Saturday. Regional winners and runners-up advance to substate. The Huskies had a first round bye in the regional and then beat

Kensington 69-47 last Friday night in the semifinals. Palco drew a first-round bye also and in the semifinals on Friday, they upended Logan, 52-38 to set up the regional championship showdown with Northern Valley on Saturday night. Scoring for the Huskies in their win over Placo were: Megan Cole 16, Alison Cole 20, Staci Dole 14, Christina Anderson 5, Brittney Braun 5 and Jessica Largent 5. Vs. Kensington the Husky scorers were: M. Cole 8, A. Cole 27, Dole 2, Joni Hilburn 3, Anderson 13, Braun 3 and Largent 13.

Bolt, who is 5-feet-9-inches and 160 pounds, was named to the Class 3A defensive team by the *Topeka Capital-Journal*, to the Class 3A defensive team by the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* and to the 11-Man Second Team by the *Hays Daily News*. The *Salina Journal* did not select any players for post-season honors this year. Dreher, who is 6'2" and 185 pounds, received honorable mention in the *Wichita Eagle*. The 6'4", 195 pound Georgeson received honorable mention in the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. Bolt led the Norton defense this year with seven pass interceptions and was third high tackler. He was also the Blue Jays' leader in all-purpose yards on offense. Dreher was Norton's leading tackler for the second year in a row. Georgeson was the Blue Jays' leading pass receiver and was third high in all-purpose yards. Logan's Kiser was chosen to the *Hays Daily News* 8-Man First Team and received honorable mention from the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. The Trojans' Chestnut was named to the *Hays Daily News* 8-Man Second Team and also received honorable mention from the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. Cameron Horesky, a 6'3", 205 pound senior running back for Hoisington, was also chosen to the Class 3A offense by both the *Wichita Eagle-Beacon* and the *Topeka Capital-Journal*. Cameron is the son of John Horesky, a former star player for Norton Community High School. Among the area players named to the *Hays Daily News* All-Area Super 11 Team were: Ted Crabtree, senior quarterback, free safety, St. Francis; Taylor Elder, senior running back, linebacker, Sharon Springs; Brayton Gillen, senior offensive lineman, linebacker, Smith Center; Daniel Gottschalk, senior wide receiver,

Roger Barta, head coach of Smith Center's four-time Class 2A state champions, was named "Coach of the Year" by the *Hays Daily News*. Members of the *Daily News* 11-Man First Team included Kelly Younkin, Oakley senior; Kirk Palmer, Smith Center senior; Grady Godsey, Smith Center senior; Matt Seemann, Smith Center senior; Justin Nixon, Smith Center senior; Taylor Dirks, Trego senior; John Binning, Atwood senior; David Guthmiller, St. Francis senior. Included on the 11-Man Second Team, in addition to Bolt, were: Ethan Zwegardt, St. Francis junior; Shawn Warren, St. Francis junior; Ethan Jirak, Oakley sophomore; Jared Sperber, Oakley senior; Justin Gnad, Ellis senior; Shannon Bird, Hoxie senior; Pat Eland, Hoxie senior; Spencer Hemmert, Trego junior. Players named 11-Man Honorable Mention included: Kenny Slattery, Hill City senior; Aaron Becker, Plainville senior; Keath Thomas, Phillipsburg senior; Andrew Conway, Osborne senior; Chase King, Ellis junior; Drew Basgall, Atwood junior. Named to the *Daily News* 8-Man First Team, along with Kiser, were Wesley Landis, Palco senior; Tyler O'Connor, Sharon Springs; Sam Smith, Triplains-Brewster senior; Brock Williams, Sharon Springs senior; Taylor Barrett, Triplains-Brewster senior. Included on the 8-Man Second Team with Chestnut were: Drew Frasier, Weskan senior; Ethan Bretz, Lucas-Luray senior; Ben Griffin, Natoma senior; Tate Andrews, Sharon Springs sophomore; Brett Keller, Sharon Springs senior. Those receiving Honorable Mention from the *Daily News* included Trevor Jenner, Western Plains junior; Ben Suchsland, Eastern Heights junior; Lincoln Pochop, Cheylin senior; Kevin Wissman, Otis-Bison sophomore; Seth Bixenman, Wheatland-Grinnell senior; Dan Rogers, Golden

Receiving Class 3A honorable mention on defense by the *Eagle* with Dreher was Logan Numrich, senior lineman, Scott City. On offense in Class 2-1A, the *Eagle* honored Daniel Gottschalk, senior end, Ellis and Kirk Palmer, senior lineman, Smith Center. Chosen on the defensive team were Aaron Racette, senior lineman, Oakley; Braden Wilson, senior lineman, Smith Center; Brayton Gillen, senior linebacker, Smith Center; Joe Windscheffel, senior defensive back, Smith Center and Ted Crabtree, senior defensive back, St. Francis. Receiving honorable mention on offense in Class 2-1A were Drew Joy, senior end, Smith Center; Joe Becker, senior lineman, Plainville; Grady Godsey, senior lineman, Smith Center; Shawn Warren, junior lineman, St. Francis; Ethan Zwegardt, junior lineman, St. Francis; Chase King, junior quarterback, Ellis. Justin Nixon, junior lineman from Smith Center, received honorable mention on defense along with Kelly Younkin, senior linebacker, Oakley and Justin Gnad, senior defensive back, Ellis. The *Eagle's* Eight-Man offense included Sam Smith, senior lineman, Brewster and Taylor Elder, senior running back, Sharon Springs and Tyler O'Connor, junior linebacker, Sharon Springs, was named to the Eight-Man defense. Named Eight-Man honorable mention on offense was Jeff Hennick, senior quarterback, Sharon Springs. Receiving honorable mention on defense were Drew Frasier, senior lineman, Weskan and Jeff Hennick, senior defensive back, Sharon Springs. Horesky and Spangler were both chosen by the *Topeka Capital-Journal* to the Class 3A offense. Receiving honorable mention along with Georgeson were:

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## Loss ends boys' season

The boys' basketball season came to an end last Monday when the Northern Valley Huskies lost 42-33 to the Logan Trojans in the first round of the Class 1A Tournament. Logan advances to play Kensington Thursday night. Kensington received a first round bye. Natoma, which also received a bye, will play Eastern Heights Thursday. Eastern Heights defeated Palco 61-55. In the Husky-Trojan matchup, the game was knotted at 10 at the end of the first quarter. At half-time, Logan took the lead into the lockerroom 22-17. When the buzzer brought the third period to a close, the Trojans held a 32-23 advantage. In the final quarter, Logan and

Northern Valley closed out like they opened up, both team scoring 10 points. The statistics show Eric Woodside leading the way for the Huskies with 7 points; Tanner Jessup put in 6; Bryce Marble, Ethan Hays and Blake Johnson each scored 5; Drew Eagleburger pocketed 3; and Cody Callaway 2. For Logan, Zach Long bucketed 13; Ethan Gottschalk and Payton Chestnut 9 each; Jordan Girard 4; Bret VanDerWege 3; Mark Pakkebie 2; and Eli Rundle and Charley Harmon 1 each. The Huskies connected on 10 2-pointers, 4 3-pointers and 1 free throw. For the Trojans, it was 12 2-pointers, 3 3-pointers and 9 charity tosses.

## Coach was right on

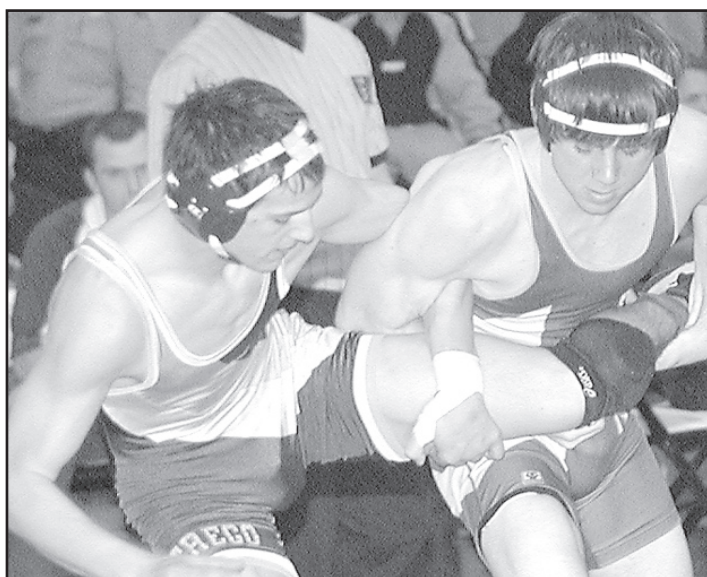
"The Lady Huskies met up with a determined Palco Rooster bunch as the Roosters, evidently, are still mad at us for the fact we beat them in the league tournament for the title. Well, on their home court and on their senior night all the moons were in the right phases as they jumped out to an 11-20 lead and never looked back going on to win 62-43," said Husky coach Chuck Zimmerman. "The Roosters out did us in every phase of the game except free throws as we both made 9 but we accomplished this with three fewer attempts," he said. "We just met a team that was very determined and as a result our totals were all down for this game. Our deflects leader was Joni Hilburn who hustled her way to 4, while Karen Wenzl, Megan Cole and Kenzie Chandler each had 2. "Stealing honors went to Megan C. as she took 7 from the Roosters while Jessica Largent swiped 3. "Rebounds were pulled in by Alison Cole with 10, Largent with 7 and point guard Hilburn crashing the boards for 6. "Assists were dished out by Christina Anderson with 5 while Megan Cole, Staci Dole, Hilburn and Largent each found 2," the coach said. "We will take what we learned from this game, correct it and hope to meet Palco again. When we do, it will be for the Regional Championship," he said.

Scoring for the Huskies were: Megan Cole 9; Alison Cole 19; Staci Dole 7; Christina Anderson 4; Brittney Braun 2; and Jessica Largent 2.

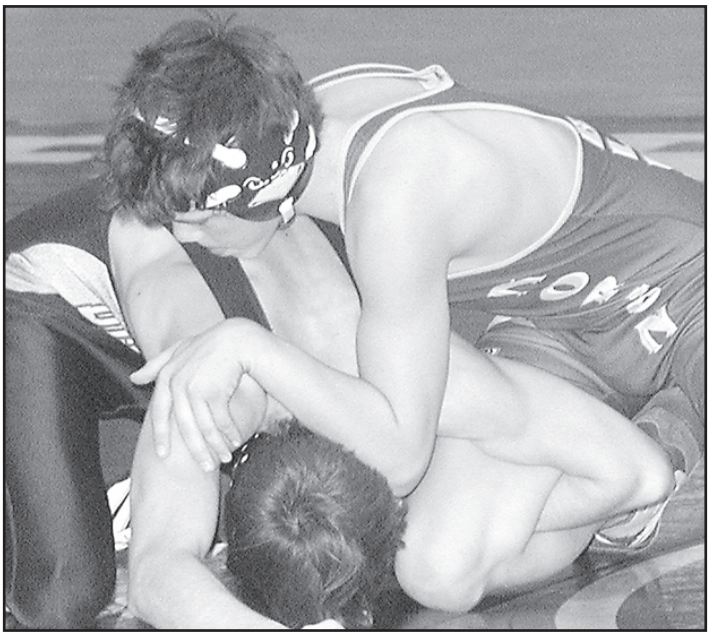
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## State Scenes...



Blue Jay 140-lb. senior Todd Bolt worked for a takedown during his 6-3 decision over Trego's Heath Maley in the state tournament in Hays. Bolt won four matches and lost just two to place fifth at state.  
-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's 119-lb. freshman Landon "Tug" Keiswetter avenged a 10-4 loss to Scott City's Tyrel George in the regional tournament when he decisioned him 3-2 in the consolation quarter-finals of the state tourney in Hays. Keiswetter went on to place sixth and received coach Bill Johnson's "Wrestler of the Week" award for overachieving in the tournament.  
-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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