

Two volleyball players selected

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Norton Community High School seniors Hayli Bozarth and Katharine Roy have received Mid-Continent League post-season honors by vote of the league coaches.

The 5-foot-9-inch Bozarth was named to the first team and the 5'7" Roy received honorable mention.

Bozarth was a second team selection last year and received

honorable mention her sophomore year. Named to the All-League first team, along with Bozarth, were: Lindsay Dusing, 5'9" senior, Phillipsburg; Makenzie Weinman, 5'9" junior, Phillipsburg; Taylor Arnold, 5'10" junior, Smith Center; Catie Riedel, 5'10" junior, Trego Community and Lexi Hardiek, 5'7" sophomore, Hill City.

Second team selections were: Ariel Robinson, 6' senior, Smith Center; Bethany Polifka, 5'8" junior, Ellis; Kaitlyn Davis, 5'9"

junior, Hill City; Alex Orr, 5'5" senior, Phillipsburg; Emily Girard, 5'9" junior, Osborne; Kyle Pywell, 5'10" sophomore, Plainville.

Receiving honorable mention along with Roy were: Morgan Darden, 5'11" junior, Smith Center; Elizabeth Schoenberger, 5'8" senior, Trego Community; Terra Rempe, 5'6" junior, Smith Center; Hayley Strutt, 5'10" junior, Stockton and Kelsie Nickelson, 5'7" senior, Hill City.

Husky junior high girls go 1-1

The Northern Valley junior high basketball A-team girls beat Brewster 13-7 in the Brewster Pre-Season Tournament on Nov. 8.

Scoring for the Huskies were Sheila Stillion 8; Erika Chandler 2; McKinsey Evans 2; Haley Graham 1.

Northern Valley lost to Grinnell/Wheatland 23-19 in double overtime. Scoring for Northern Valley were Stillion 9; Evans 2; Chandler 2; Regan Simpson 2; Graham 2;

Patience Coffman 2.

The Northern Valley B-team girls lost to Golden Plains 25-13.

Scoring for Northern Valley were DaKota Hilburn 4; Khrissanna VanPatten 3; Crysta Stanton 2; Kortney Cunningham 2.

The girls lost to Grinnell/Wheatland 22-2. Northern Valley's lone scorer was Hilburn.

Comments from coach Amy McKinney: "The Brewster tournament is good experience for the

girls. It provided plenty of playing time and an opportunity for improvement. The girls worked hard and made great gains as the day progressed. Even though the B-team could not conquer a victory, we were pleased with their effort. The A-team's second game was very exciting with the double overtime even though it did not end like we would hope. We are looking forward to the upcoming season."

Tennis season ends at regional

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Coach Marianne Wicker's Norton Community High School girls tennis team completed their 2008 season with an impressive showing in the Class 3A Regional Tournament on Thursday, Oct. 9 in Phillipsburg.

"We thought going into the Regional Tournament that we had a really good chance of being able to move on to substate," said coach Wicker. "Although all our girls stayed positive and played awesome, the competition proved tough."

Competing teams, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, were Osborne, Belleville and Beloit. Junior Emily Juenemann played Treymeka Dyke, Belleville, in No. 1 singles and lost 6-1, 6-1.

"Emily has been one of our girls

who always has a smile and stays focused, even while up against her most challenging competitors," said coach Wicker.

Senior Hannah Fulton and junior Allie Corbin played No. 1 doubles for the Lady Jays. They played Ashley Wiles and Jamie Boeckman, Beloit. They lost the first set 7-5, won the second in a tie-breaker 6-2 and lost the third 7-6. "Allie and Hannah played outstanding together," said coach Wicker. "It's unfortunate that they were eliminated so quickly because I know they have so much potential."

Playing No. 2 singles for Norton was senior Stephanie Shepard. Her opponent was Shelbi Wiles, Beloit. Stephanie lost 6-0, 6-1.

"Stephanie and Hannah both ended their high school tennis careers but they are both going out

winners with positive attitudes. As co-team captains, they were great role models to our younger girls all season," said coach Wicker.

Norton's No. 2 doubles team members were junior Kelsey Nuzum and sophomore Meaghan Peterson. They played against Lacey Evert and Jennifer Olsen, Belleville, in their first match. They won with set victories of 6-1, 6-4. In their second match they opposed Jessica Gregory and Terah Stroup, Osborne. They lost their first set 6-4, won the second 6-4 and lost the third 6-2.

"Meaghan and Kelsey won their first round with ease," said coach Wicker. "Their second round, they were up against Osborne's No. 1 doubles team and, although they were defeated, they were able to win one set, of which they can be proud."

Seventh grade boys beat Redmen

Norton's 7th grade basketball boys toppled Smith Center 37-26 on the road on Nov. 11.

Norton took a first-quarter 7-2 lead, was in front at the half 15-7, and 25-20 at the end of three. Norton popped in 12 points in the final frame while limiting Smith Center to just 6.

Norton statistics:
Scoring — Travis Cressler 9; Austin Hager 8; Koltan Harting 3; Drew Schrum 7; Toby Nickell 2; Tanner Furbush 8
Rebounds — Cressler 9; Hager 7; Harting 4; Furbush 1; Trever Lewis 1.

Kody Mohlzahn was top scorer for Smith Center with 8 points.

Norton was 13 of 43 shooting from the field for 30 percent vs. Smith center's 12 of 42 for 29 percent.

From the line, Norton was 11 of 25 for 44 percent vs. Smith Center's 2 of 7 for 28 percent.

Coach Myers had these comments: "I thought our kids played hard. We tried to play an aggres-

sive man-to-man defense the whole game.

"We have to rebound better and we need to take advantage of the other team's mistakes better. But overall it was a pretty good performance.

"We got to the free throw line 25

times, which is excellent, but we need to hit a little better percentage. We will work on that."

The junior varsity won their game 31-27.

The 8th grade played the first half of the junior varsity game.

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Former Blue Jay wrestler ranked #2 in country

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James Annon, Norton, a senior member of the Fort Hays State University wrestling team, was an 8-4 winner over a teammate at 141 pounds in the annual Black and Gold Scrimmage at Gross Memorial Coliseum in Hays on Friday, Nov. 7.

Eight matches were contested in weight classes ranging from 125 to 184 pounds against wrestlers who see each other every day in the wrestling room.

Annon was 24-11 as a junior last season and was a fifth place finisher at the national tournament.

The returning All-American is ranked second in the country in his weight class and is one of the Tiger wrestlers considered to be a national championship contender.

Annon had a 14-12 record his

freshman year. He compiled a 16-11 record and placed second in the NCAA Division II West Regional/RMAC Championships his sophomore season.

Annon was a two-time state wrestling champion for Norton Community High School where his career record was 128-23.

He is the son of Lydia and Robert Annon Jr. of Norton.

Also wrestling were two of the other three returning national qualifiers, 157 pound junior Danny Grater and 184 pound junior Tyler Gonzales, both of whom are No. 7 nationally ranked entering the season and won their matches on Friday. Senior 165 pounder Blake Malloy, who also qualified for nationals last year, did not wrestle.

At 174, Oakley native and junior Shawn Kuhlman also won his match.

Junior Levi Younkin, a three-

time Class 3-2-1A state champion from Oakley, is a transfer to the Tiger program this season and also won an impressive victory.

The Gold team, which featured Annon, defeated the Black 16-11.

The Tigers' first year head coach Chas Thompson took over for former coach Cody Bickley during the summer. Thompson is a former Fort Hays wrestler and assistant coach. He finished his collegiate career in 2002 before he was a Tiger assistant, then later a head coach at Pratt Community College.

"Almost all the matches went exactly how I expected," said coach Thompson. "We're where we need to be. I didn't see anybody gassed out there. We don't need to be in peak condition now."

Junior high Husky boys 2-0 in Brewster tourney

The Northern Valley A-team junior high basketball boys went 2-0 in the recent Brewster Pre-Season Tournament, beating Brewster 42-28 and Grinnell/Wheatland 40-17.

Scoring vs. Brewster were Phillip Compton 20; Ian Vincent 8; Jordan Baird 6; Hunter Chandler 4; Tyson Callaway 2; and Alex Tharman 2.

Against Grinnell/Wheatland, scoring were: Compton 16; Callaway 8; Chandler 7; Baird 7; and Vincent 2.

The Huskies' B-team also picked up two wins, over Golden Plains 28-11 and Grinnell/Wheatland 32-27.

Scoring in the game against Golden Plains were: Matt Stutsman 10; Clint Cole 6; Brant Cox 6; Dallas Stillion 4; and Phillip Bryant 2.

Scoring in the game against Grinnell/Wheatland were: Stut-

man 16; Cole 10; and Stillion 6.

The C-team lost to Cheylin 40-9 and to Brewster 21-18.

Scoring in the game vs. Cheylin were: Stewart Whitney 5; Kobie Unterseher 2; and Ame Baird 2.

Against Brewster the scorers were: Unterseher 8; Whitney 6; Baird 2; and Aron Pinzenscham 2.

Coach Jim Cole's comments: "The Northern Valley Junior High Basketball teams began their season on Nov. 8, competing in the Brewster pre-season tournament. The A-team boys and B-team boys both won both of their games on the day. The C-team boys lost both games, but were in a close one in their second game. I thought all the boys played hard and everyone improved as the day went along. We have 24 boys out for basketball this season and it was a fun day in Brewster and an excellent way to begin our season."

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