

Two Blue Jays continue seasons

Zach Bainter

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Zach Bainter, 3-2-1A state champion wrestler for Norton Community High School who compiled a 21-1 senior season for the Blue Jays, competed in the annual Kansas Wrestling-Senior Classic 2009 dual on Friday in the Expo Centre in Topeka.

The Senior Classic is sponsored by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association and the USA Wrestling-Kansas.

The top senior wrestlers were invited to compete. Wrestlers from Class 3-2-1A and 4A comprised the Small Schools Team and the Big Schools Team consisted of wrestlers from Classes 5A and 6A. The Blue (Big Schools) won the dual by a 56-24 score.

Zach wrestled Linwood Peoples of Blue Valley in a 140-pound match. It was a very competitive match but Peoples edged Bainter in a 4-3 decision.

"I thought Zach competed well and represented Norton Community High School well in a really

close match," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"He just got out of position a few times and wrestled to his opponent's strengths, which were upper body, and gave up two takedowns.

"Zach should feel proud of his accomplishments during his high school career. He became just the ninth wrestler in Norton history to be a four-time state medal winner."

Other match results

125 - Lawrence, Olathe South, decided Frye, Eureka, 4-3

103 - Windham, Derby, pinned Cole, Abilene

119 - Weigel, Plainville, decided Wilson, Wichita North, 4-2

119 - Vesta, Manhattan, pinned Callahan, Baldwin

130 - Cox, Maize, decided Geist, Osborne, 3-0

135 - Maple, Wichita Heights, decided Napier, Columbus, 3-1

135 - Tovar, Emporia, won by injury default over Hewitt,

Beloit

140 - Jesseph, Chanute, decided Dikin, Emporia, 3-1

145 - Means, Goddard, won a major decision over Spangler, Beloit, 13-5

145 - Crank, Hutchinson, decided Trevor Rempe, Smith Center, 6-4

152 - Fullbright, Maize, decided McCall, Smith Center, 7-1

160 - Caldwell, Goddard, won a major decision over Wuthnow, Abilene, 12-4

160 - Detmer, Wichita Carroll, pinned Travis Rempe, Smith Center

171 - Arnberger, Colby, decided Feldkamp, Derby, 5-2

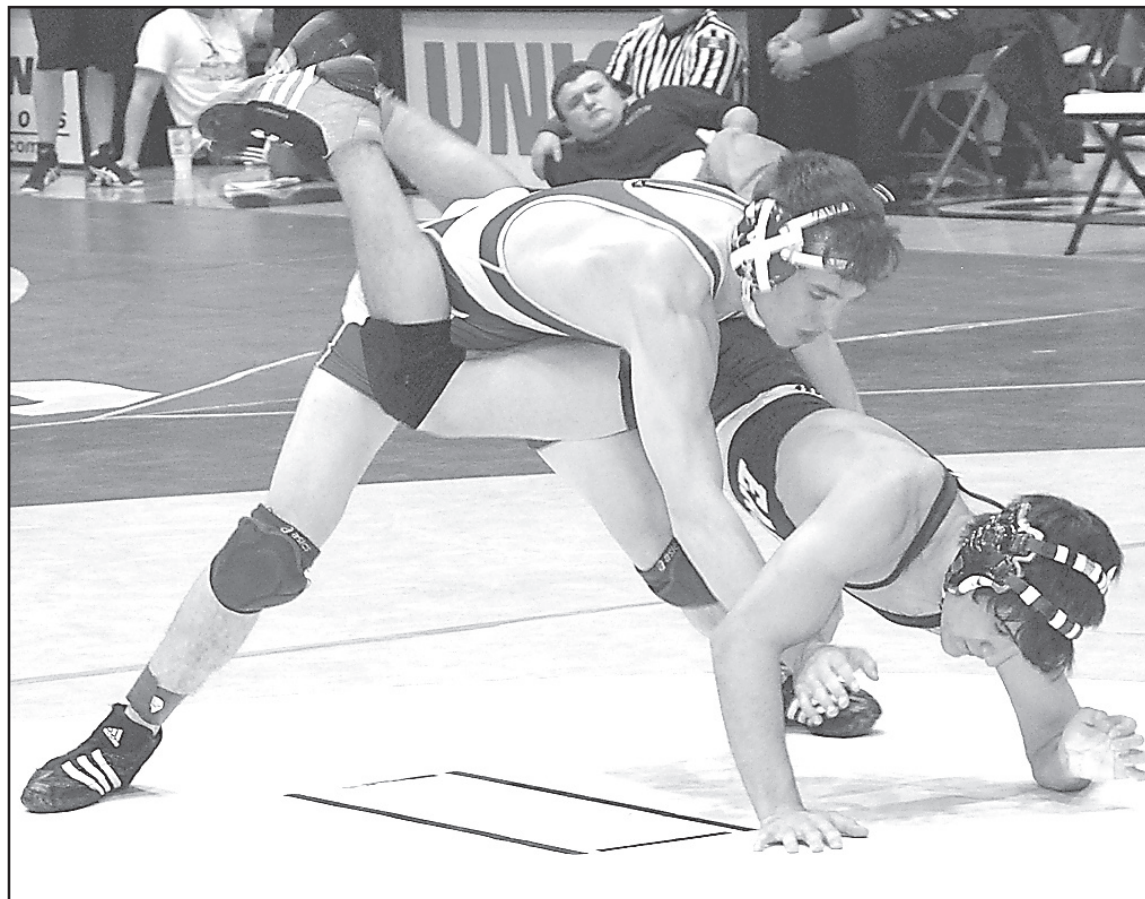
189 - Davis, Liberal, decided Krone, Beloit, 6-1

189 - Bortz, Pratt, decided West, Manhattan, 3-2

215 - Kyler, Ellsworth, pinned Gutierrez, Kansas City-Turner

197 - Kriss, Colby, pinned Beard, Goddard

125 - Rose, Emporia, decided Frye, Eureka, 6-3



Norton senior Zach Bainter controlled Dustin Zahorsky, Silver Lake, in their championship semifinals match in the Class 3-2-1A State Tournament in February in Hays and won a 9-7 decision to advance to the finals where he won the 140 pound state championship! Zahorsky was a familiar opponent who won the 135 pound championship for Phillipsburg the year before.

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Lacey Wallingford

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Rosters for the 16th annual high school All-Star Basketball Classic have been announced by Colby Community College and among the chosen players is Lacey Wallingford, 5-feet-10-inch forward from Norton Community High School

The All-Star games will feature high school senior basketball players from Northwest Kansas and will be held this Sunday in the Colby Community Building.

The women's game is set to tip-off at 5 p.m. with the men's game to follow at 7 p.m.

Many other star players will join Wallingford on the women's roster. They are: Kendra Spresler, Darra Stithem, Brittany Schamburger, Bailey Ochs, all of Hoxie; Crystal Kinderknecht, Hill City; Haley Wolf, Whitney Taylor, both of Ellis; Lindsay Dusin, Phillipsburg; Stephanie Plowman, Osborne; Lauren Billinger, Trego; Cassandra Welsh, Danica Cox, Raney Okeson, all of Weskan; Britt Kammer, Brewster; Shelby Kite, Scott City; Sarah Smith, Wichita County; Kelsey Hubin, Dighton; Lauren Elder, Sharon Springs.

Coaches for the women's game will be Landon Steele from Sharon

Springs and Parker McKee from Colby.

Named to the men's roster were: Dylan Frantz, Phillipsburg; Spencer Hemmert, Trego Community; Lucas Juenemann, Oberlin; Levi Schlick, Stephen Dinkel, both of Colby; Drew Basgall, Elijah Kasten, both of Atwood; Greg Farris, Goodland; Reese Latoush, Luke Johnson, both of Healy; Ed Machen, Quinter; Tate Bruggeman, Golden Plains; Matt Weis, Hoxie; Chase Waldman, Wheatland; Taylor Kuhlmann, Matt Teselle, both of Thunder Ridge; Chip Schneider, Greeley County; Tyler O'Connor, Sharon Springs;

Norton senior Lacey Wallingford scored inside during the Lady Jays' basketball win over Hill City in Norton in February. Wallingford scored 17 points in the game for Norton's Mid-Continent League champions.

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T.J. Preston, Brewster; Zach Daner, Hays.

John Crist from Quinter and Greg Kuhlmann from Thunder Ridge will be the coaches for the men's game.

For more information, contact Ryan Sturdy, athletic director, at (785) 460-5548.

Three Lady Jays named All-League

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Norton Community High School senior girls basketball players Hayli Bozarth, Laura Lee Baird and Lacey Wallingford have been chosen to the Mid-Continent League All-League Basketball Team by vote of the league coaches.

GIRLS

Bozarth, a 5-feet-10-inch post player for the league champion Lady Jays, was a unanimous choice for the first team.

She was also chosen to the first team as a junior.

Bozarth was the leading scorer for Norton's 17-5 quintet this season, averaging 17.1 points per game.

She was also the most accurate shooter on the team, hitting 56.9 percent from the field. Bozarth also led the team in rebounds with 117 for the year and was second in steals with 44.

Baird, a 5'9" guard, received league honors for the fourth year. She was chosen to the second team this year, was on the first team as a junior and sophomore and received honorable mention after her freshman season.

Baird was second high Norton scorer, averaging 13.9 points per contest. She was also the most accurate Lady Jay free throw shooter, averaging 67.9 percent. She was also most accurate on three-point shots, hitting 30.8 percent of her tries from beyond the arc.

Baird also led the Norton quintet in steals with 68.

Wallingford, a 5'10" forward, received honorable mention this season.

She moved this year to Norton so played for the Lady Jays for the first time.

She was second high in rebounds with 108 total for the season and second high in free throw percentage at 66.7 percent. Wallingford was also third high in steals with 41.

OTHERS HONORED

All other members of the girls first team were also unanimous choices.

The only sophomore chosen to the entire girls team was Lexi Hardiek, 5'5" Hill City guard, who was the leading scorer in Northwest Kansas this season. She is the daughter of Colleen

(Strayer) and Jeff Hardiek, both Norton Community High School graduates.

Also named to the first team with Bozarth and Hardiek were senior Lindsay Dusin, 5'8", Phillipsburg; senior Haley Wolf, 5'3", Ellis and senior Whitney Taylor, 5'8", Ellis. Wolf and Taylor were instrumental in the Lady Railroaders' runner-up finish in the Class 2A State Tournament.

Second team selections, in addition to Baird, are all juniors. They are: Emily Girard, 5'8", Osborne; Catie Riedel, 5'10", Trego Community; Makenzie Weinman, 5'7", Phillipsburg and Amanda Casey, 5'6", Plainville.

Receiving honorable mention along with Wallingford were Amber Kriley, 5'8", Stockton junior; Crystal Kinderknecht, 5'9", Hill City senior; Jeni Walters, 5'3", Osborne senior; Blake Nichols, 5'9", Osborne senior; Morgan Lorenzen, 5'7", Smith Center senior and Taylor Arnold, 5'10", Smith Center junior.

BOYS TEAM

Spencer Hemmert, 5'10", Trego Community senior who was the leading scorer in Northwest Kan-

sas this season, was a unanimous choice to the boys first team.

Other unanimous selections were Dylan Frantz, 6'1", Phillipsburg senior and Jaden Perkins, 6'2", Plainville junior.

Also chosen to the first team were Andrew Casey, 6'1", Plainville freshman and Matt Erbert, 6'3", Ellis junior.

Second team selections were: Ben Suchsland, 6'2", Phillipsburg senior; Eric Cunningham, 6'2", Trego senior; Reggie Jordan, 5'10", Hill City sophomore; Dylan Sherfick, 5'10", Trego senior and Andrew Niblock, 6'4", Stockton senior.

Receiving honorable mention were: Seth Thompson, 5'11", Hill City senior; Dylan Vap, 5'4", Hill City senior; Chris Miller, 5'11", Hill City senior; Nathan Mick, 6'1", Osborne senior; Steven Mick, 6'1", Osborne sophomore; Trenton Terrill, 6', Smith Center senior; Dillon Corbett, 6'2", Smith Center junior; Alex Dreher, 6', Plainville junior; Scott Voss, 6'3", Stockton junior; Cory Post, 5'10", Stockton senior; Tanner Thompson, 6', Phillipsburg senior.

Cheyenne Conference All-League Teams

Cheyenne Conference All League Boys Basketball 2008-2009

1st Team

Eric Dysinger, Jr. - Western Plains; Blake Gehring, Jr. - Palco; Taylor Kuhlmann, Sr. - Thunder Ridge; Matt Teselle, Sr. - Thunder Ridge; Chris McClain, Sr. - Western Plains.

2nd Team

Michael Greenway, Sr. - Western Plains; Gregg Whisman Sr. Palco; Cody Callaway, Sr. - Northern Valley; Michael Yoxall, Jr. - Thunder Ridge; Jordon Kirk, Sr. - Thunder Ridge.

Honorable Mention

Tyson Pabst, Jr. - Logan; Levi Kaiser, Sr. - Logan; Blake Kirchoff, Sr. - Thunder Ridge.

Cheyenne Conference Girls All Conference Teams

1st Team

Christina Anderson, Jr. - Northern Valley; Alison Cole, Jr. - Northern Valley; Megan Cole, Jr. - Northern Valley; Caley Grevling, Fr. - Logan; Sammy Krueger, So. - Thunder Ridge.

2nd Team

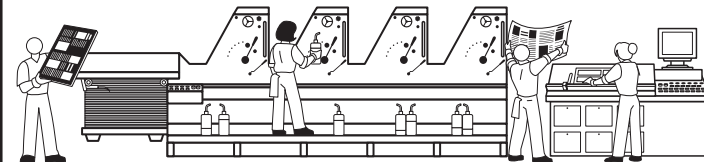
Kim Adams, So. - Thunder

Ridge; Alethea Bennett, Fr. - Logan; Staci Dole, So. - Northern Valley; Cheyenne Grauerholz, Jr. - Thunder Ridge; Kelli Henderson, Sr. - Thunder Ridge.

3rd Team

Shelby Haug, Jr. - Western Plains; Trista Jenner, Jr. - Western Plains; Traci Knipp, So. - Palco; Anna Zillinger, Sr. - Logan.

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