

'Great experience,' Blue Jay says of Shrine Bowl

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Defense has been the name of the game for Norton Community High School's Zac Dreher during his four-year career with the Blue Jays and it was again Saturday, July 25 when the 6-foot-2-inch, 195 pound linebacker was a rock-solid member of the defense on the West team which defeated the East 14-7 in the 36th annual Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Dreher recorded 262.5 tackles in his Norton career and added more to his final prep total as an outside linebacker for the West squad. Zac and his West teammates limited the East to a total of 131 yards of offense and a mere four first downs in the game. All of the scoring was in the first half.

After holding the East on downs on the opening possession, the West scored quickly. Ty Zimmerman, Junction City quarterback who is the grandson of former Norton residents Bobbi and Duane Hand and son of their daughter Steph and Randall Zimmerman, capped a 12-play, 53-yard drive with a 1-yard quarterback keeper to make it 7-0 with 4:32 remaining in the opening period.

The East answered when Topeka Hayden's T.J. McGreevy

found Gardner-Edgerton's Isaac Mallory wide open behind the West defense for a 61-yard touchdown pass to pull the teams even. That play accounted for one of only two first downs for the East in the first half and was a big part of the East's 98 yards of total offense before halftime.

The West regained the lead for good on its first possession of the second quarter. After a short punt by the East, the West went 37 yards on six plays, with Liberal's Nate Davis going the final four yards for a 14-7 lead with 9:12 remaining before half.

Zimmerman, who has a scholarship to play at Kansas State, completed 9 of 16 passes in the game for 62 yards. He also kept the East pinned deep in their territory with his tremendous punting. Ty punted the ball six times for 296 yards and an average of 49.3 yards per punt!

It was the fourth consecutive win in the all-star contest by the West squad. The West now holds a 22-13-1 advantage in the series. The players are chosen by the Kansas news media from among senior prep players nominated by their coaches.

Also competing for the West squad from this area were: Cas Spangler, Beloit running back; Justin Nixon, Smith Center line-

man; Jordan Ottley, Victoria defensive back; Ethan Zweygardt, St. Francis lineman; Levi Kuntzsch, Scott City running back and Marshall Musil, La Crosse running back and linebacker.

"It was a great experience. I learned a lot from it," said Dreher

"Going to the Shrine Hospital in St. Louis, meeting the children and seeing where the money that we raised goes was great.

"Words can't really describe what it's like to be a part of this. It's really indescribable.

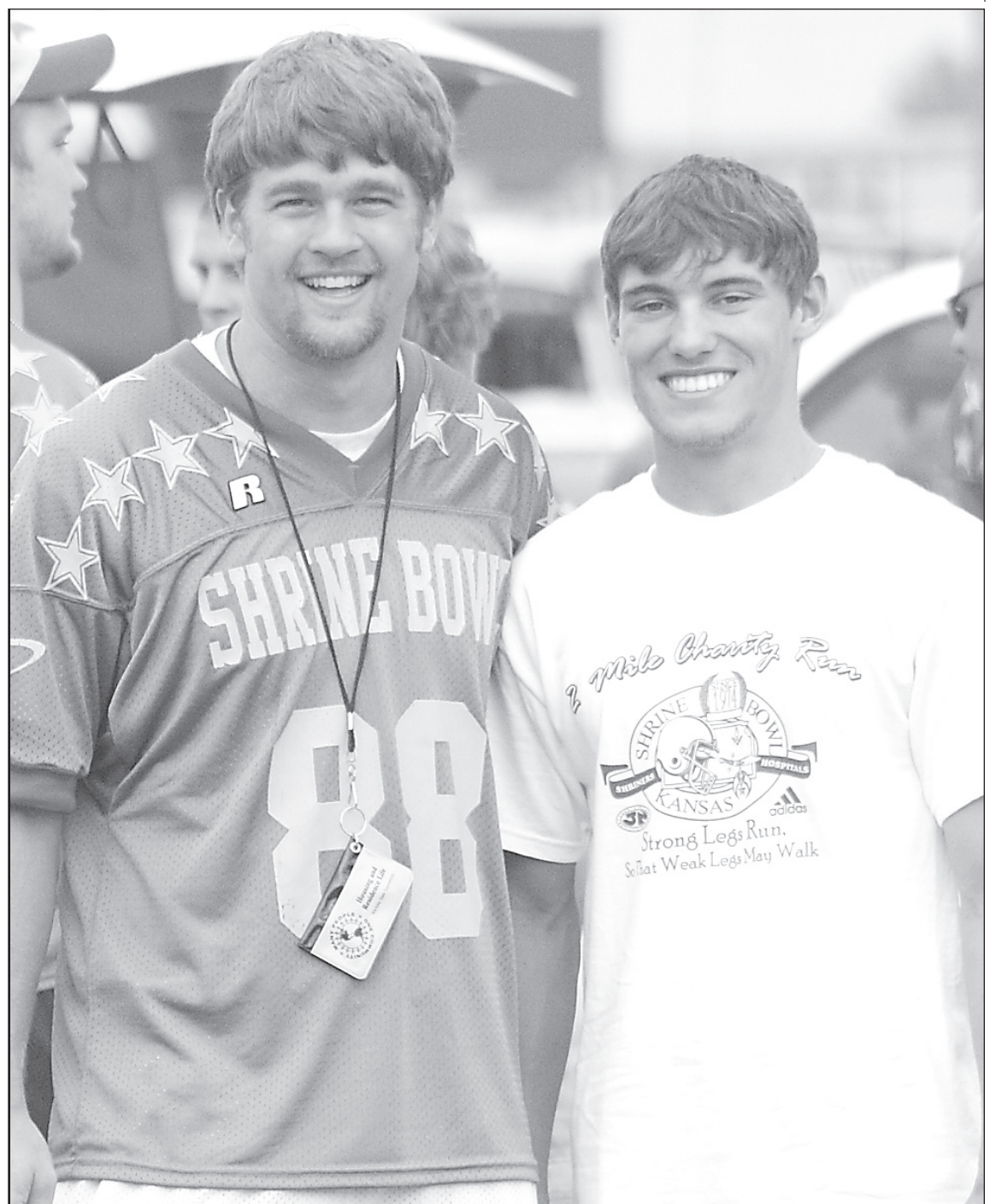
"It makes you thankful for being able to get up and do what you can every day. I was very impressed by what they do for the children. They said the Shriners raised around \$100,000 with our game.

"Playing in the game was really fun. We were playing with high caliber players and it elevated your level of play.

"It's such a great atmosphere. Ending my high school career with a win was a good thing."

Zac is enrolled in the College of Architecture at Kansas State University and will be a student assistant this fall for the K-State football team. He will have the opportunity to walk on as a player in the spring.

Zac is the son of Jamie and Ray Dreher of Norton.



Norton's star athletes Zac Dreher, left, and Zach Bainter were among the select few recent high school graduates chosen to compete in Kansas Shrine Bowl events on Saturday, July 25 in Wichita. Dreher played for the victorious West in the Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game and Bainter ran for the championship West squad in the Shrine Bowl Cross Country Run.

- Courtesy photo by Vicki Bainter

Norton runner 9th in Shrine Bowl Cross Country Run

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Zach Bainter, recently graduated Norton Community High School track and cross country star, competed in the second annual Kansas Shrine Bowl Cross Country Run prior to the annual

Shrine Bowl Football Game on Saturday, July 25 in Wichita.

Zach, who will be running this fall for Garden City Community College, placed ninth in the two-mile race which was run over a rolling course and ended with a 200 meter loop on the Cessna

Stadium track during pre-game festivities for the football game.

Zach's time was 10:04.68, which was just 35 hundredths of a second out of seventh.

Just as in the football game, the race featured West versus East. In all, 49 of the state's top graduated

seniors ran in the boys and girls races.

Haley Wolf of Ellis also competed and placed fourth with a clocking of 11:46.28.

The West boys were winners over the East by a score of 71-140.

The East girls won 88-118.

Zach was the winner of two gold medals in the State Track Meet this past season in addition to winning a state championship in wrestling for Norton Community High School.

He competed in the annual

Kansas Wrestling Senior Classic dual in Topeka.

He is the son of Vicki and David Bainter. His grandparents are Rose and Bill Bainter and Frieda and Bernie Goetze and Victor Ritter.

Former Blue Jay concludes super track career at Wichita

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Jared Foley of Norton completed an outstanding track career at Wichita State University with some excellent performances this spring.

with a time of 48.32, then placed sixth in the finals with a time of 48.61, less than a second out of first place!

Jared also ran in the 4 x 400 meter relay at the K.U. Relays and the Shocker foursome earned bronze medals with a third place finish in 3:12.96, less than a second behind runner-up Kansas!

The Oregon Relays were held on April 23-25 in Eugene, Ore., and Jared and his teammates had a very successful day. Jared won the bronze medal with a third place finish in the 200 meter dash with a clocking of 21.83, just over a second out of first!

Jared and his teammates in the

4 x 100 meter relay won silver medals with a second place finish in 41.69!

In the 4 x 400 meter relay, they placed fifth in 3:13.60.

Next came the Nebraska Triangular on May 2 in Lincoln, Neb. on the campus of the University of Nebraska. Jared ran in just two races and was competitive. He finished fifth in the 200 meter dash behind one Kansas State, one Northern Iowa and two Nebraska sprinters. His time of 21.55 was just over one-half second out of first place!

Jared's Shocker 4 x 400 meter relay team placed fourth in 3:11.84, about one-half second

out of the runner-up spot!

The Missouri Valley Conference Championships were held on May 15-17 at Indiana State University in Terre Haute, Ind. and Jared had strong performances in four events. He placed fifth in the 400 meter dash in 48.65, which was less than a second out of second place and sixth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 21.48, which was less than one-half second out of first place!

Also, Jared helped his 4 x 100 meter relay team to a third place finish in 41.25, which was just over one-half second out of first! Jared's 4 x 400 meter relay team was clocked in 3:12.15 to place

fourth, just 21 hundredths of a second out of second!

At the end of the season, Jared was named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar Athlete Track and Field Team by league officials. He had a 3.03 grade point average in sports management.

Jared has been working this summer with the Wichita State track coaches and this fall he will assist the sprints coach. He will be involved in all aspects of the track program--recruiting, operations and coaching. He will also continue to travel with the track team.

Jared will also continue his employment with the Wichita

State University Foundation as a supervisor for the call center. He has worked there the past three years.

In addition, he plans to keep training for competition in the 200 meter dash.

Still Norton record holder

Jared is the record-holder at Norton Community High School in the 400 meter dash with a time of 49.6.

He is the son of Anna and Craig Foley of Norton.

Jared graduated from Wichita State University in December, 2008 with a bachelor of arts degree in Sports Administration and a minor in Business.

In the 4 x 400 meter relay, his foursome qualified for the finals by placing ninth in the preliminaries with a time of 3:13.29. In the finals, they finished eighth in 3:14.69.

Jared's 4 x 100 meter relay team was clocked in 42.22 in the preliminaries and missed the finals by less than two seconds.

Next, the Shockers hosted their K.T. Woodman Classic, their only home meet of the season, on April 10-11. Wichita State's 4 x 100 meter relay team, with Jared anchoring, was just edged at the tape to place second in 41.44.

The 4 x 400 meter squad, with Jared anchoring again, completed a successful meet by capturing the gold medal in a time of 3:12.02. Jared ran in the race despite some struggles he had been having with his hamstrings.

The K.U. Relays were held on the weekend of April 17-18 in Lawrence and attracted some of the top track athletes in the nation. Jared ran the 200 meters and 400 meters for the first time outdoors this season. He was tenth in the 200 meter dash preliminaries with a time of 21.68, missing the finals by 27 hundredths of a second!

In the 400 meter dash, Jared placed third in the preliminaries

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