

# Blue Jay football players honored by Mid-Continent League

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Thirteen members of the 2009 Norton Community High School football team have been selected All-Mid-Continent League by vote of the league coaches.

The Blue Jays compiled a 9-4 record this season en route to a sub-state playoff contest with eventual state champion Wichita Collegiate.

Receiving honors for the Blue Jays were Connor Pfannenstiel, Zane Perez, Landon Hamel, Ashton Draper, Tyler Cook, J.D. Gall, Marcus Herman, seniors and Kaid McKenna, Landon Keiswetter, Jeremy Sproul, Justin Griffith, Caleb Laughlin and Terrell Lane, juniors.

### First team offense

Four members of the first team offense were from Norton. They were Pfannenstiel, 5'10", 155 pound senior quarterback; Perez, 5'9", 180 pound senior fullback; Hamel, 5'9", 160 pound senior wide receiver and Draper, 6', 180 pound senior wide receiver.

Both Hamel and Draper were unanimous selections.

Pfannenstiel received honorable mention at quarterback last year, Hamel was chosen to the second team on offense last year along with Draper.

### First team defense

Perez received a double first team honor this year as he was chosen to the first team defense as a defensive back. Perez was a second team defensive selection last season.

Kaid McKenna, 5'9", 175 pounds, was chosen first team linebacker and Hamel was selected to the first team as a kick returner.

### Second team offense

McKenna also made the second team offense as a center. Last year, he received honorable mention as a center.

Landon Keiswetter, 5'9", 175 pounds, was chosen to the second team offense from his tackle position.

### Second team defense

Selected to the second team defense were: Tyler Cook, 5'10", 215 pound senior tackle; Justin Griffith, 6', 180 pound junior tackle; Jeremy Sproul, 6', 200 pound junior defensive end and Hamel at defensive back. Hamel repeated as a second team defensive back.

Caleb Laughlin, 5'7", 160 pound junior, repeated as a second team kicking specialist.

J.D. Gall, 5'11", 180 pound senior, was named to the second team as a punting specialist.

### Honorable mention

Honorable mention on offense went to Terrell Lane, 5'11", 210 pound junior tailback, Marcus Herman, 5'8", 175 pound senior guard and Gall at tight end.

Lane was a first team choice last season on offense and was also a first team punter, and second team kick returner.

Lane also received honorable mention as a running back his

freshman season.

Gall also received honorable mention on defense from his linebacker position and Lane repeated from last year with an honorable mention at linebacker. Draper was also a repeat honorable mention as a defensive back.

### Other team choices

Also named to the first team offense were: Colt Rogers, senior running back, unanimous; Logan Tuxhorn, senior center; Kaden Roush, junior guard, unanimous; Josh Nixon, junior tackle, all of Smith Center; Jared Herl, sophomore tight end; Gideon Fuchs, senior running back; Matt Erbert, senior tackle, unanimous; all of Ellis; J.J. Rice, senior guard, Phillipsburg.

Others on first team defense were: Kelly Wiig, senior tackle; Matt Atwood, senior end; Tuxhorn, linebacker, unanimous; Rogers, defensive back, all of Smith Center; Erbert, tackle, unanimous; Jacob Begler, senior end; Fuchs, linebacker, unanimous; Jacob Kinderknecht, junior defensive back, all of Ellis; Rice, tackle, unanimous; Weston Coomes, senior defensive back, both of Phillipsburg; Trevor Oliver, senior linebacker, Osborne.

First team specialists included Timur Schubart, junior kicker, unanimous, Smith Center and Alex Dreher, senior punter, Plainville.

On the second team offense with McKenna and Keiswetter were: Atwood, running back; Dillon Corbett, senior tight end; Van Tucker, junior guard, all of Smith Center; Kinderknecht, quarterback; Dylan Pfeifer, senior running back; Scott Fuller, junior guard; Begler, tackle, all of Ellis; Trevor Smith, junior running back; Matt Schneider, sophomore end, both of Phillipsburg; Kyle Becker, sophomore end, Plainville.

Others on the second team defense were: Zach Herdt, junior tackle; Corbett, end; Louis Frazier, sophomore linebacker; Aaron McNary, junior defensive back, all of Smith Center; Cody

Derr, junior tackle; Zach Jacobs, senior linebacker; Smith, defensive back, all of Phillipsburg; Herl, linebacker; Aaron Gnad, senior defensive back, both of Ellis; Dreher, linebacker, Plainville; Joe Sumpter, senior defensive back, Osborne.

Rogers of Smith Center was a second team specialist as a kick returner.

Also receiving honorable mention on offense were: Spencer Vandergiesen, senior end; McNary, running back, both of Smith Center; Ethan Slothower, sophomore quarterback; Jason Knoll, senior guard; Trevor Oliver, senior tackle, all of Osborne; Andrew Casey, sophomore running back; Dreher, tight end, both of Plainville; Jake Cole, senior tight end; Jacobs, center; Nick Beard, senior guard, all of Phillipsburg; Jimmy Gosser, senior guard, Trego; Logan Mattheyer, junior center, Ellis.

Honorable mention on defense also went to: Joel Carlin, senior tackle, Osborne; Blake Fritts, sophomore end; Monte Schmitt, junior linebacker, both of Trego; Thomas Rachow, junior linebacker, Phillipsburg; Becker, defensive back, Plainville; Kinderknecht, defensive back, Ellis.

Honorable mention specialists were: Will Papes, junior kicker, Trego; Smith, kick returner, Phillipsburg; Sumpter, kick returner, Osborne.

### MCL 8-Man Team

Named to the All Mid-Continent League 8-Man Team were: Reggie Jordan, junior quarterback; Dalton Breinig, senior running back; Eric VanLoenen, junior center, all of Hill City; Gabe Duncan, senior running back, Stockton, offense; Clinton Johnson, senior linebacker; Justin Helberg, senior defensive back; Adam Pfeifer, sophomore defensive back, all of Hill City; Stephen Moll, senior defensive end, Stockton, defense; Nathan Hanna, junior punter; Marcus Goetz, junior kicker, both of Hill City, special teams.

# Wrestling season opens

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The Norton Community High School wrestling team will open the 2009-10 season on Saturday with split squads competing in the Hoxie Invitational and St. Francis Gabel/Jenkins Invitational.

Competing teams at Hoxie, in addition to Norton and Hoxie, will be Cimarron, Holcomb, Lakin, Oakley, Oberlin, Plainville and Trego.

Teams competing at St. Francis, in addition to Norton and St. Francis, will be Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Leoti, and Burlington, Sterling and Wray, Colo.

The Hoxie Invitational will begin at 9 a.m. Wrestling for Norton will be Taylor Gordon, 103; R.J. Ellis, 112; Carson McKenna, 119; Open, 125; Cody Ellis, 130; Eli Bozarth, 135; Jared Bohl, 140; Rylee Stanley, 145; Open, 152; Spencer Shirk, 160; Kaid McKenna, 171; Open, 189; Open, 215; Tyler Cook, 285.

The St. Francis tournament will begin at 9:30 a.m. On the mat for the Blue Jays will be John Risewick, 103; Open, 112; Justin Waggoner, 119; Troy Bainter, 125; Open, 130; Trey Millan, 135; Connor Pfannenstiel, 140; Kaenon Keiswetter, 145; Landon Keiswetter, 152; Open, 160; Zane Perez, 171; Casey Robison, 189; Open, 215; Open, 285.

# Northern Valley Junior High basketball kicks off

The Northern Valley Junior High School A and B teams competed in the Brewster tournament Nov. 17 with both teams playing well but losing.

"Stockton was an incredible opponent for us. We faced size and experience, two factors that we can do little to change," said

Coach Amy McKinney.

The A team lost 30-10 despite Kirsten Burger scoring 4 points, Brooke Baird scored 4 points and Kortney Cunningham scored 2 points.

The B team lost 28-5 with Shayna Vincent scoring 2 points, Brianna Martin scoring 2 points

and Sarah Baird scoring 1 point.

"We were able to work on improving our offense when the game plan changes. We will keep working on our skills and look forward to the abundance of games that we have after Thanksgiving," McKinney said.

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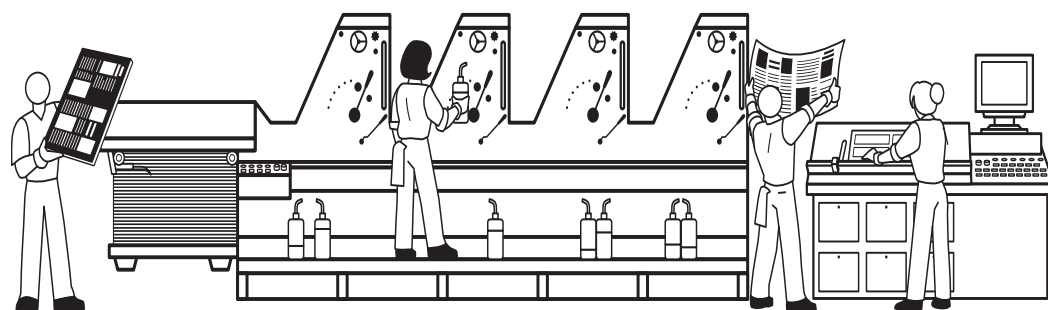
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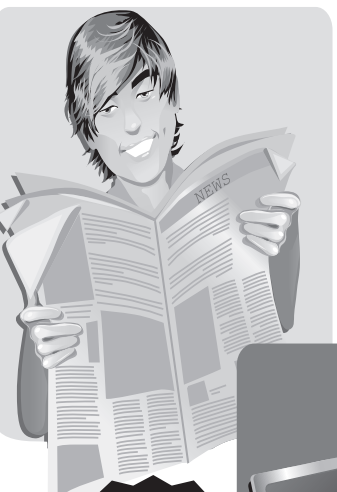
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