

# Norton players receive honors

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Eight Norton Community High School football players received post-season honors from the state's large daily newspapers following a very successful 2009 season which saw the Blue Jays go deep into the playoffs and finish in the final four teams in Class 3A with a 9-4 record.

Norton's senior fullback, defensive back Zane Perez; senior quarterback, defensive back Connor Pfannenstiel; senior wide receiver, defensive back Landon Hamel; senior wide receiver, defensive back Ashton Draper; senior tight end, linebacker J.D. Gall; junior center, linebacker Kaid McKenna; junior tailback, linebacker Terrell Lane; and junior tailback, defensive end Jeremy Sproul were among those honored.

Draper and Lane were repeat honorees.

The 5'9", 180 pound Perez was fourth leading tackler for Norton with 76 stops and had 913 yards of total offense rushing, pass receiving and returning kickoffs. He scored 10 touchdowns. He was chosen to the Class 3A first team by the Topeka Capital-Journal, received honorable mention on defense from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and was named to the All-Class first team by the Hays Daily News.

The Salina Journal no longer selects players for post-season honors.

Landon Hamel, 5'11", 170 pounds, was second high in Norton's all-purpose yardage. He had 599 yards on punt returns and kickoff returns, 558 yards on pass receptions and 78 yards rushing for a total of 1,235 yards of offense. He scored 8 touchdowns, and had 6 pass interceptions. Hamel was second leading tackler on the Blue Jay eleven with 85 for the season.

Hamel was chosen to the Super Eleven by the Hays Daily News, to the first team on defense by the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and received honorable mention in the Topeka Capital-Journal.

The 5'10", 185 pound Kaid McKenna led the Blue Jays in tackles for the season with a total of 131. He was chosen to the first team defense in Class 3A by the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and received honorable mention in the Topeka Capital-Journal and the Hays Daily News.

Terrell Lane, who is 5'11", 210 pounds, was the Blue Jays' all-purpose yardage leader. He had 1,051 yards rushing for a 6.6 yard average, had 58 yards in pass receptions and 216 yards on kickoff returns for 1,325 yards of offense.

He was named to the first team in the Hays Daily News and received honorable mention from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and the Topeka Capital-Journal. Lane scored 9 touchdowns. He was named to the Super Eleven by the Hays Daily News and received honorable mention from the Topeka Capital-Journal last season.

The 6', 180 pound Ashton

Draper was second leading pass receiver for Norton and tied Hamel for the most pass interceptions with 6. He was named to the first team in the Hays Daily News and received honorable mention in the Topeka Capital-Journal. Draper received honorable mention on defense last year in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon.

Connor Pfannenstiel, who is 5'10", 155 pounds, was named to the second team by the Hays Daily News. Connor passed for 1,132 yards and 11 touchdowns on 60 of 121 attempts this season. He had 4 pass interceptions.

The 5'11", 180 pound J.D. Gall received honorable mention at linebacker from the Topeka Capital-Journal. J.D. had the third highest number of tackles for the Blue Jays with 84 stops. He was also third high in pass reception yardage.

Jeremy Sproul is 6', 200 pounds and he received honorable mention from the Topeka Capital-Journal.

### Other area players honored

In addition to Hamel, other players honored on the Hays Daily News All-Area Super Eleven were: Matt Erbert, senior lineman, Ellis; Jordan Hargitt, senior running back, linebacker, Quinter; Ethan Jirak, senior lineman, Oakley; Zach Nemechek, senior center, defensive lineman, Quinter; Travis Pfannenstiel, senior fullback, linebacker, Hays High; Trent Raile, senior halfback, defensive back, St. Francis; Cade Rietzke, senior quarterback, defensive back, Thunder Ridge; Colt Rogers, senior halfback, defensive back, Smith Center; Kevin Wissman, senior quarterback, defensive back, Otis-Bison.

Named with Lane, Perez and Draper on the first team were: Logan Tuxhorn, Smith Center senior; Guy Fullmer, Ness City-Dighton sophomore; Preston Werth, Thomas More Prep senior; Toby Peters, Oberlin senior; Gideon Fuchs, Ellis senior; Casey Sedbrook, Hays High junior; Tad Parsons, Oakley senior; J.J. Rice, Phillipsburg senior.

Those on the All-Class second team with Pfannenstiel were: Trevor Oliver, Osborne senior; Kevin Wolters, Atwood senior; Tanner Willhoft, Hays High senior; Matt Atwood, Smith Center senior; Jesse Roush, Smith Center senior; Trevor Smith, Phillipsburg junior; Jacob Kinderknecht, Ellis junior; Lex Parsons, Oakley senior; Patrick Ahrens, Oakley senior; Andrew Flanagan, Colby junior.

Receiving honorable mention with McKenna were: Brady Stoppel, Russell senior; Jay Cotter, Goodland senior; Jacob VonLintel, Thomas More Prep senior; Timur Schubart, Smith Center junior; Clem Felhoelter, Oakley senior; Weston Coomes, Phillipsburg senior; Brandon Maurath, Oakley senior; Dylan Pfeifer, Ellis senior; Ryan Zachman, Russell junior; Josh Nixon, Smith Center junior.

Players chosen to the 8-Man first team included Reggie Jordan, Hill City junior; Austin Roth, Victoria senior; Joel Struckhoff,

Thunder Ridge sophomore; Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge senior; Brett Ottley, Victoria senior.

Those on the 8-Man second team included: Garrett Dreiling, Victoria senior; Clinton Johnson, Hill City senior; Gabe Duncan, Stockton senior; Brady Reed, Quinter senior; Matt Bird, Quinter senior; Cody Corwin, Quinter senior.

Honorable mention in 8-Man included Kameron Dinkel, Victoria senior and Andrew Kaplin, Victoria senior.

Adam Weber, Colby, received honorable mention as a lineman in Class 4A from the Topeka Capital-Journal. Making the first team offense in Class 3A were Brett LeMaster, Wichita Collegiate senior end and Blake Jablonski, Wichita Collegiate senior quarterback.

On the Capital-Journal Class 3A first team defense were Jordan Funk, Scott City senior lineman; J.J. Rice, Phillipsburg senior lineman; Tyler Coughenour, Wichita Collegiate senior linebacker; Michael Mesh, Hutchinson Trinity junior back.

Those receiving honorable mention included: Tre Bailey, Wichita Collegiate senior end; Jordan Funk, Scott City senior end; Michael Mesh, Hutchinson Trinity junior end; Trace Clark, Wichita Collegiate senior lineman; Jay Cotter, Goodland senior lineman; Josh Fugate, Beloit senior lineman; Juan Gardea, Scott City senior lineman; Colby Hamel, Lakin junior lineman; Clayton Johnson, Ness City-Dighton senior lineman; Chase Jones, Hutchinson Trinity senior lineman; Logan Eck, Beloit senior back; Tanner Engweiler, Hutchinson Trinity senior back; Guy Fullmer, Ness City-Dighton sophomore back; Derek Racette, Hutchinson Trinity junior back; Alex Swan, Scott City senior back; Calvin Ervin, Scott City senior linebacker; Anthony Mendoza, Hutchinson Trinity senior linebacker; Kaleb Moeller, Beloit senior linebacker; Zach Reed, Lakin senior linebacker; Zach Birney, Ness-City Dighton senior specialist; Jordan Hebigar, Scott City senior specialist.

Named to the Topeka Capital-Journal Class 2A first team offense were Toby Peters, Oberlin senior end; Matt Erbert, Ellis senior lineman; Ethan Jirak, Oakley senior lineman; Trent Raile, St. Francis senior back; Colt Rogers, Smith Center senior back.

Matt Atwood, Smith Center senior lineman; Logan Tuxhorn, Smith Center senior linebacker and Tad Parsons, Oakley senior back, were named to the first team defense.

Receiving honorable mention were Patrick Ahrens, Oakley senior lineman; Dillon Corbett, Smith Center senior lineman; Clem Felhoelter, Oakley senior lineman; Jesse Roush, Smith Center junior lineman; Wiley Farr, Oberlin senior back; Gideon Fuchs, Ellis senior back; Jacob Kinderknecht, Ellis junior back; Lex Parsons, Oakley senior back; Matt Raile, St. Francis senior back; Gideon Fuchs, Ellis senior

linebacker; Trevor Oliver, Osborne senior linebacker; Monte Schmitt, Trego junior linebacker; Will Papes, Trego junior specialist; Timur Schubart, Smith Center junior specialist.

Zach Nemechek, Quinter senior lineman, was named to the Capital-Journal's 8-Man first team offense and Brett Ottley, Victoria senior back, was named to the first team defense.

Honorable mention went to Matt Bird, Quinter senior end; Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge senior end; Blake McKeever, Hill City senior lineman; Cory Rahjes, Thunder Ridge senior lineman; Jordan Hargitt, Quinter senior back; Garrett Dreiling, Victoria senior back; Reggie Jordan, Hill City junior back; Cade Rietzke, Thunder Ridge senior back; Clinton Johnson, Hill City senior linebacker; Marcus Goetz, Hill City junior specialist.

Dillon Corbett, Smith Center senior lineman; Trent Raile, St. Francis senior running back and Colt Rogers, Smith Center senior running back, were chosen to the Wichita Eagle-Beacon first team offense in Class 2A.

On the first team defense were Matt Erbert, Ellis senior lineman; Logan Tuxhorn, Smith Center senior linebacker and Tad Parsons, Oakley senior defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention on offense in Class 2A were Jared Herl, Ellis sophomore end; Toby Peters, Oberlin senior end; Kraig Siruta, Oakley senior end; Matt Erbert, Ellis senior lineman; Robbie Herman, St. Francis junior lineman; Ethan Jirak, Oakley senior lineman; Josh Nixon, Smith Center junior lineman; Lex Parsons, Oakley senior quarterback; Matt Atwood, Smith Center senior running back; Gideon Fuchs, Ellis senior running back; Timur Schubart, Smith Center junior kicker.

Receiving honorable mention on defense in Class 2A from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon were: Matt Atwood, Smith Center senior lineman; Dillon Corbett, Smith Center senior lineman;



Norton senior wide receiver, defensive back and special teams punt and kickoff returner Landon Hamel is shown gaining yardage in the sub-state game with Wichita Collegiate. Hamel was second highest in the Blue Jays' all-purpose yardage this season with 1,235 total yards.

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Clem Felhoelter, Oakley senior lineman; Brandon Maurath, Oakley senior lineman; Jacob Kinderknecht, Ellis senior defensive back; Matt Raile, St. Francis senior defensive back.

Wichita Collegiate's LeMaster and Jablonski were named to the Class 3A first team offense by the Wichita Eagle-Beacon. Named to the Class 3A first team defense with McKenna and Hamel was Collegiate's Coughenour.

Honorable mention on offense was received by: Tre Bailey, Wichita Collegiate senior end; Michael Mesh, Hutchinson Trinity junior end; Trace Clark, Wichita Collegiate sophomore lineman; Josh Fugate, Beloit senior lineman; Chase Jones, Hutchinson Trinity senior lineman; Ryan McCoy, Wichita Collegiate senior lineman; Anthony Mendoza, Hutchinson Trinity senior lineman; J.J. Rice, Phillipsburg senior lineman; Derek Racette, Hutchinson Trinity junior quarterback; Logan Eck, Beloit senior running back; Tanner Engweiler, Hutchinson Trinity senior running back; Brendan Lowden, Wichita

Collegiate junior kicker.

Honorable mention on defense went to: Jordan Funk, Scott City senior lineman; Calvin Erven, Scott City senior linebacker; Kaleb Moeller, Beloit senior linebacker; Morgan Numrich, Scott City senior linebacker; Raymond Taylor, Wichita Collegiate junior linebacker; Bryce Cornejo, Wichita Collegiate senior defensive back.

The Wichita Eagle Beacon named Zach Nemechek, Quinter senior lineman and Jordan Hargitt, Quinter senior running back, to their 8-Man first team offense. Named to their 8-Man first team defense was Brett Ottley, Victoria senior defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention on offense were: Matt Bird, Quinter senior end; Garrett Dreiling, Victoria senior quarterback; Reggie Jordan, Hill City junior running back.

Recipients of honorable mention on defense were Zach Nemechek, Quinter lineman and Matt Bird, Quinter senior defensive back.

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# Lady huskies compete in Trego

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Smith Center

The Lady Huskies opened the Trego tournament against Smith Center and started off on the wrong foot by digging ourselves a huge hole (getting behind by 10) before we started to dig our way out.

We did eventually pull ahead by one at the end of the third quarter but the Redmen out-scored us by 4 in the final frame to win 49-52.

Our statistical leaders in deflections were Alison Cole with 4 with three being blocks followed by Megan Cole with 3.

Steals were taken by Kenzie Chandler, Christina Anderson and Megan Cole with 2 each.

Our rebounding leader was A. Cole who grabbed 11 off the boards with Anderson following with 4.

Assists were dished out by Staci Dole who found 5 teammates open for scores.

We played well from the second quarter on just not enough to finish on top of the score.

### Jetmore

We then took on Jetmore and ran into a buzz saw literally, as they were on us so tight we could not move then we did not adapt to their pressure plus their getting off more shots in which they had more baskets in every category - handed us a defeat by the score of 45-57.

Our deflections leader was Alison Cole with 3 (2 blocked shots) with Staci Dole tipping 2.

Our steals leader was Alison Cole with four while Christina Anderson swiped 2.

Rebounding honors went to Alison Cole with 12 with Megan Cole grabbing 4 while Dole and Anderson each took down 3.

Assists were handed out by Anderson with 5.

### Western Plains

Our final game in the tournament was against former league foe Western Plains.

We jumped out to an 18-1 lead at the end of the first quarter and then started working with different lineups and making sure we

ran our offenses. This allowed our newcomers to get some very valuable playing time and everyone contributed positively in some fashion.

The final score was 43-24.

Our deflections leader was Staci Dole with 4 followed by Megan Cole, Alison Cole and Erika Chandler with 2 each.

Megan Cole swiped 7 balls from the Bobcats and she did it without the help of deflections on most of the steals. Chris Anderson took 3 during the game.

Rebounds were grabbed by Alison Cole with 8 followed by Karen Wenzl with 7, Megan Cole and Anderson with 6 each and Kayla Lowry and E Chandler each with 5.

Assists were issued by Dole with 3 with Anderson and the Cole sisters each finding 2.

A good game to get back on track for the final game of the pre-Christmas segment of our schedule as we will travel to Mankato to take on the Grizzlies.