

Blue Jay, Husky, Trojan named All State

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Norton Community High School junior Terrell Lane, Northern Valley senior Alison Cole and Logan sophomore Caley Greving are among Norton Telegram area basketball players who received All State honors from the Hays Daily News, Topeka Capital-Journal and Wichita Eagle-Beacon in recognition of their play this past season.

The Salina Journal no longer selects post-season prep all state teams.

Hays Daily News

Terrell Lane was chosen to the boys third team, Alison Cole to the girls second team and Caley Greving received honorable mention.

Lexi Hardiek, Hill City junior who was a member of the Lady Ringneck team which was the Class 2A state runner-up, was chosen the co-Player of the Year with Kaylee Hoffman, who was a member of the Thomas More Prep-Marian quintet which won the Class 3A state tournament.

Hardiek and Hoffman were chosen to the All-Class Team along with Rachel Jacobs, sophomore, TMP-Marian; Jenna Ulrich, senior, Lucas-Luray and Payton Walker, senior, Weskan.

Girls' Coach of the Year was Alan Billinger, TMP-Marian.

Named to the boys' All-Class Team were Tate Andrews, senior, Sharon Springs; Matt Bird,

senior, Quinter; Dillon Corbett, senior, Smith Center; Reggie Jordan, junior, Hill City and Kevin Wissman, senior, Otis-Bison.

Matt Bird was chosen Player of the Year and Chris Drees, Palco, was named Coach of the Year.

Chosen for the Girls Second Team with Alison Cole were: Hillary Chvatal, sophomore, Atwood; Nichelle Erskine, senior, Brewster; Kelsey Keith, sophomore, Hill City and Dayna Kuhlman, junior, Oakley.

On the Girls Third Team were: Taylor Arnold, senior, Smith Center; Kara Gfeller, senior, Triplains; Catie Riedel, senior, Trego; Lindsey Schmeidler, junior, Hays High and Jordyn Sturgeon, junior, Osborne.

Girls receiving honorable mention along with Caley Greving were: Ashley Archer, junior, Goodland; Amanda Casey, senior, Plainville; Eastin Casey, senior, Natoma; Emily Girard, senior, Osborne; Katherine Kaus, junior, Colby; Sammy Krueger, junior, Thunder Ridge; Kisha O'Meara, senior, Lucas-Luray; Jesse Stramel, senior, TMP-Marian; Hayley Strutt, senior, Stockton.

Selected to the Boys Second Team were: Garrett Dreiling, senior, Victoria; Blake Gehring, senior, Palco; Patrick Loftus, junior, Oakley; Taylor Rall, senior, Hoxie; Dal Schultz, senior, Wheatland-Grinnell.

On the Boys Third Team with

Terrell Lane were: Matt Erbert, senior, Ellis; Marcus Moeder, junior, La Crosse; Dexter Pfeifer, senior, Hays High; Matt Raile, senior, St. Francis.

Boys receiving honorable mention were: Mason Angel, senior, Natoma; John Clarke, junior, Ness City; Caleb Keltz, junior, Cheylin; Corey Lewis, senior, Hill City; Scott Ochs, senior, Quinter; Sage Penner, senior, Stockton; Jaden Perkins, senior, Plainville; Kelton Schuckman, sophomore, TMP-Marian; Connor Shoemaker, junior, Lakeside; Michael Yoxall, senior, Thunder Ridge.

Wichita Eagle-Beacon

Alison Cole and Caley Greving both received honorable mention in Class 1A.

Others from this area receiving honorable mention were: Danica Casey, freshman, Natoma; Hallie Kuhlman, sophomore, Sharon Springs; Audrey Mote, senior, Sharon Springs and Peyton Walker, senior, Weskan.

Lexi Hardiek was named to the Class 2A First Team and Catie Riedel, Trego, was selected to the Second Team.

Among those receiving honorable mention from Class 2A were: Amanda Casey, senior, Plainville; Emily Girard, senior, Osborne; Dayna Kuhlman, junior, Oakley; Bethany Polifka, senior, Ellis; Courtney Waldschmidt, junior, Ellis and Dani Winters, junior, Plainville.

In Class 3A, Kaylee Hoffman and Rachel Jacobs of TMP-Marian were both named to the First Team.

Those receiving honorable mention included Taylor Arnold, senior, Smith Center; Cami Engelbert, sophomore, Beloit; Jade Herl, junior, Goodland and Emily Pahls, senior, Beloit.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 4A were Kayla Hockersmith, junior, Colby and Carissa Chelemedos, junior, Scott City.

Norton's Terrell Lane received honorable mention in Class 3A. Also earning honorable mention from Class 3A were Aaron Catlin, senior, Beloit and Dillon Corbett, senior, Smith Center.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 2A were: Alex Dreher, senior, Plainville; Matt Erbert, senior, Ellis; Gideon Fuchs, senior, Ellis; Reggie Jordan, junior, Hill City; Patrick Loftus, junior, Oakley; Sage Penner, senior, Stockton; Jaden Perkins, senior, Plainville; Derek Racette, junior, Hutchinson Trinity; Matt Raile, senior, St. Francis; Trent Raile, senior, St. Francis; Scott Voss, senior, Stockton.

Tate Andrews, Sharon Springs senior, received honorable mention in Class 1A along with Garrett Dreiling, senior, Victoria; Blake Gehring, senior, Palco; Jaxsen Moss, sophomore, Hoxie; Scot Ochs, senior, Quinter; Taylor Rall, senior, Hoxie; Brady Reed, senior, Quinter; Cade Rietzke,

senior, Thunder Ridge; Michael Yoxall, senior, Thunder Ridge.

Topeka Capital-Journal

Alison Cole and Caley Greving both received honorable mention.

Also named for honorable mention in Class 1A were: Hallie Kuhlman, sophomore, Sharon Springs; Hillary McKinney, junior, Weskan; Audre Mote, senior, Sharon Springs.

In Class 2A, Lexi Hardiek of Hill City was named to the Girls First Team and Emily Girard of Osborne and Dayna Kuhlman, Oakley, were named to the Second Team. Hillary Chvatal, Atwood, was selected for the Third Team.

Honorable mention selectees included: Amanda Casey, senior, Plainville; Bailey Hemmert, senior, Oakley; Kelsey Keith, sophomore, Hill City; Jordan Mizer, senior, Atwood; Paige Noel, senior, Osborne; Catie Riedel, senior, Trego; Hayley Strutt, senior, Stockton; Courtney Waldschmidt, junior, Ellis; Dani Winters, junior, Plainville.

Kaylee Hoffman of TMP-Marian was chosen to the Class 3A Girls First Team and Rachel Jacobs of TMP-Marian was named to the Third Team.

Those receiving honorable mention included: Ashley Archer, junior, Goodland; Taylor Arnold, senior, Smith Center; Cami Engelbert, sophomore, Beloit; Jade Herl, junior, Goodland; Emily

Pahls, senior, Beloit; Jess Stramel, senior, TMP-Marian.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 4A were Carissa Chelemedos, junior, Scott City; Kayla Hockersmith, junior, Colby; Kathy Klaus, junior, Colby.

Among Class 3A boys, Terrell Lane received honorable mention.

Ron Baker, junior, Scott City, was named to the Class 4A Third Team.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 2A were Alex Dreher, senior, Plainville; Matt Erbert, senior, Ellis; Gideon Fuchs, senior, Ellis; Reggie Jordan, junior, Hill City; Patrick Loftus, junior, Oakley; Sage Penner, senior, Stockton; Jaden Perkins, senior, Plainville; Matt Raile, senior, St. Francis; Trent Raile, senior, St. Francis; Derek Racette, junior, Hutch Trinity; Scott Voss, senior, Stockton.

Tate Andrews, senior, Sharon Springs and Matt Bird, senior, Quinter, were both named to the Class 1A Second Team.

Receiving honorable mention were: Garrett Dreiling, senior, Victoria; Blake Gehring, senior, Palco; Jaxsen Moss, sophomore, Hoxie; Scott Ochs, senior, Quinter; Tyler Rall, senior, Hoxie; Brady Reed, senior, Quinter; Cade Rietzke, senior, Thunder Ridge; Michael Yoxall, senior, Thunder Ridge.

BB Gun team qualifies again for international shoot

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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team qualified for international competition for the second time this year by placing runner-up in the 15th annual State 4-H Shooting Match on Saturday, April 17 in the Wabaunsee High School Gym in Alma.

They had already qualified for the International BB Gun Championships in Rogers, Ark. on July 3 and 4 by winning the championship of the Kansas State BB Gun Championships hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association in the same location on March 13.

The young Norton marksmen qualified to compete in the state 4-H shoot by winning the championship of the 2010 Northwest Kansas Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Match on February 27 in Oakley.

The top three teams in both state shoots qualified for international

marksmanship competition.

Record number of shooters

With a record number of 193 girl and boy shooters competing, the Norton marksmen compiled a team score of 1837 to place behind champion Wyandotte who shot an 1857.

Norton had the same marksmen who were on the Norton Yellow Team when they won the Rifle Association sponsored state championship with a shooting score of 1845. Norton also won the written test at that time; there is no written test in 4-H shooting competition.

In addition, five Norton shooters competed as individuals.

Wyandotte was runner-up to Norton in the Rifle Association sponsored shoot.

Although 4-H shooters compete in the same prone, sitting, kneeling and standing positions, a shooter fires from all four positions during one time on the firing line as opposed to shooting each

position separately.

Placing third behind Norton in the state 4-H shoot was Wabaunsee with a score of 1793 and they were followed by Phillips/Rooks, 1785; Jefferson County, 1777; Riley/Pottawatomie, 1774; Jackson/Nemaha, 1750; Sedgewick County, 1742; Thomas County, 1628; Johnson County, 1611; Edwards County, 1600; Lyon/Greenwood, 1599; Logan/Sheridan/Gove, 1577.

Members of the Norton team and their ages and scores were: Lane Archer, 14; 96 prone, 93 standing, 96 sitting, 92 kneeling, 377 total; Gabriel Bird, 14; 94 prone, 86 standing, 95 sitting, 93 kneeling, 368 total; Erin Archer, 12; 95 prone, 83 standing, 97 sitting, 91 kneeling, 366 total; James Berry, 11; 93 prone, 92 standing, 93 sitting, 88 kneeling, 366 total; Zachary Bird, 14; 93 prone, 88 standing, 90 sitting, 89 kneeling, 360 total.

Norton's individual marksmen

and their ages and scores were: Trenton Sprague, 11; 91 prone, 84 standing, 90 sitting, 93 kneeling, 358 total; Justis Posson, 10; 96 prone, 79 standing, 91 sitting, 90 kneeling, 356 total; Cameron Heikes, 12; 86 prone, 83 standing, 93 sitting, 89 kneeling, 351 total; Dalton Vanover, 12; 90 prone, 83 standing, 84 sitting, 93 kneeling, 350 total; Cody Campbell, 11; 90 prone, 65 standing, 90 sitting, 89 kneeling, 334 total; Scott Sansom, 9; 88 prone, 72 standing, 82 sitting, 88 kneeling, 330 total; Dylan Goss, 9; 67 prone, 79 standing, 89 sitting, 73 kneeling, 308 total; Shane Cozad, 9; 73 prone, 71 standing, 86 sitting, 77 kneeling, 307 total.

Individual awards

Five Norton marksmen received individual awards. Team members can be from any age group but awards are given for individuals in both age groups.

In the junior division, ages 9-11, James Berry was fourth

high aggregate with a 366 and won the gold medal in standing with a 92.

Justis Posson was third in prone with a 96 and Trenton Sprague placed fourth in kneeling with a 93.

In the senior division, ages 12 to 14, Lane Archer placed second in standing with a 93 and third in aggregate with a 377. Erin Archer finished third in sitting with a 97.

Coach's comments

"We shot well as a team again and we'll keep practicing to get better," said Norton head coach Cameron Archer.

"We are now practicing twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays and our shooters also each have a schedule for practicing at home.

"We continue to work on the written test because that is very important for the international shoot.

"Each of our shooters has set

a goal for themselves and I have also set a goal for them.

"Our shooters are going to work harder in preparation for the big international shoot. We want to represent Norton County well again."

Coach Archer thanked his assistant coaches Mike Campbell and Ted Hull for their help on the firing line and parents Keri Vanover, Joni Berry and Jodi Sprague for assistance with grading targets.

He thanked all the parents for encouraging their youngsters to be dedicated to the shooting education program.

Coach Archer also thanked Keith VanSkike, Norton County Extension director, and Jeana Yost, his office professional, for their help with registration for the 4-H shoot.

The shoot was organized and hosted by the 11 person State 4-H Match Committee.

Blue Jay golf team places third in Hill City Invitational

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With all four Norton Community High School golfers medaling, the Blue Jays shot their best team score of the 2010 season to place third in the Hill City Invitational tournament on Friday, April 23.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 334, followed by Hoxie, 345; Norton, 349; Trego Community, 361; Plainville, 369;

Oakley, 370; Ellis, 375; Ness City, 375; Osborne, 388; Hill City, 400; Stockton, 403; Hill City JV, 450; Oberlin, 553.

Norton senior J.D. Gall was low scorer for Norton with a 41-41-82 and was followed by senior Marcus Herman, 46-41-87; senior Connor Pfannenstiel, 47-43-90 and junior Cole Archer, 44-46-90.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were freshmen John

Risewick, 49-52-101 and Eli Bozarth, 53-54-107.

Medalists were Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 78; Eric Linnell, Hoxie, 81; J.D. Gall, 82; Tyler Compton, Plainville, 82; Chris Ceman, Phillipsburg, 84; John Boyington, Phillipsburg, 85; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 86; Patrick Loftus, Oakley, 86; Taylor Rall, Hoxie, 86; Cameron Staples, Trego, 86; Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 87; Marcus Her-

man, 87; Cayle Taylor, Hoxie, 87; Coby Beougher, Stockton, 88; John Clarke, Ness City, 89; Connor Pfannenstiel, 90; Cole Archer, 90; Eric Albers, Oakley, 90; Brandon Hall, Ellis, 90; Andrew Plowman, Osborne, 90.

"We made a definite improvement today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "We handled yet another windy day to shoot our best team score of the season.

"J.D. Gall continued his solid play to finish third and Marcus Herman and Connor Pfannenstiel were able to earn individual medals.

"The highlight of the day was the round played by Cole Archer. He bettered his career-best 18-hole score by eight strokes and also earned his first career individual medal.

"Although there is still much room for improvement, we are

definitely moving in the right direction at this point in the season."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity will compete today in the Smith Center JV Invitational tournament which begins at 3 p.m.

The Blue Jay varsity will return to action on Thursday in the Trego Invitational tournament in WaKeeney with tee off time set for 9 a.m.

Lady Jays place tenth, boys finish fourth in Hill City meet

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The Norton Community High School girls placed tenth and the boys finished in fourth in the Hill City Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet on Monday, April 26.

Osborne won the girls championship with 98 points, followed by Hill City, 92; Victoria, 73; Stockton, 67; Trego Community, 50; Palco, 28; Phillipsburg, 28; #Ellis, 27; Hoxie, 15; Norton, 8.

Hill City was the boys champion with 124 points, followed by Stockton, 87.50; Victoria, 87; Norton, 51; Ellis, 47; Phillipsburg, 37; Osborne, 20.50; Palco, 13; Trego Community, 12; Logan, 2.

"We are, once again, pleased with the efforts of those who attended this meet," said Norton head track and field coach Jason

Jones. "They have continued to work hard in practice, every day and it continues to pay off for them.

"Collectively, we were able to post 14 new personal records. Our athletes are continuing to get better as the season progresses and, as I have said before, that is one of the major goals of our program.

"Due to windy conditions, the pole vault was not held. This is the second meet for us this season where this has happened.

"Our athletes competed very well and we are continually proud of their efforts and of their performances!"

GIRLS

Earning points for the Norton girls were sophomore Caren Thomson and freshman Maggie

Henry.

Thomson placed fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.28 and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles in 1:03.21.

Henry finished fifth in the 400 meter dash in 1:14.75.

Times of races in which Thomson and Henry did not place were: Caren Thomson, 15.12, 9th; Maggie Henry, 15.21, 10th, 100 meter dash; Maggie Henry, personal best 31.81, 7th, 200 meter dash.

BOYS

The Norton boys' gold medals were won by their two relays.

The Blue Jay 4 x 100 meter relay team of sophomore Trey Millan, junior Brett Terrell, freshman Carson McKenna and freshman Lane Bigge placed first in 50.08 and the 4 x 400 meter relay foursome of Brett Terrell,

sophomore Damien Davis, freshman John Renner and Carson McKenna was timed in 4:10.87 to earn golds.

John Renner set a personal record in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:21.62 and second place finish. He also placed sixth in the high jump with a personal best clearance of 4'10".

Freshman Jacob Brooks broke his personal record in the 200 meter dash with a 24.84 clocking and third place finish. Brooks also set another personal record of 12.21 with a fourth place finish in the 100 meter dash. He also finished fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:01.05.

Lane Bigge triple jumped 30'4" to place fourth.

Freshman Dylan Sprigg placed fifth in the discus with a personal

best throw of 102'3".

Sophomore Trey Millan finished sixth in the 100 meter dash with a personal record time of 12.35.

Sophomore Kurt Douglas set a personal record of 5:55.00 with a sixth place finish in the 1600 meter run.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: Damien Davis, personal best 31'5", 11th; Trey Millan, 31'1", 12th; freshman Lucas Engel, 28'9.25", 14th; Dylan Sprigg, 28'2", 15th, shot put; sophomore Robert Blecha, personal best 80'3", 12th; junior Josiah Laughlin, 72'11", 13th; Lucas Engel, 70'8", 14th, discus; Damien Davis, 96'8.5", 8th; Trey Millan, 89'11.5", 11th; Dylan Sprigg, 86'3.5", 13th; Robert Blecha,

personal record 75'10.5", 15th, javelin; Lane Bigge, 14'1.25", 11th, long jump; sophomore Justin Waggoner, 12.93, 11th; Lane Bigge, 13.02, 13th; Robert Blecha, 13.18, 14th, 100 meter dash; Justin Waggoner, personal record 26.44, 10th; Lucas Engel, personal record 27.44, 13th, 200 meter dash; Kurt Douglas, personal best 2:46.90, 800 meter run.

Next action

The Norton varsity track team will compete in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney today, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Competing in addition to Norton and Trego Community will be teams from Colby, Holcomb, La Crosse, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell and Victoria.