

Blue Jay Wrestler is named All-American

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Kaenon Keiswetter, 2010 graduate of Norton Community High School, has been chosen Honorable Mention High School All-American by Wrestling USA magazine.

Keiswetter was chosen, along with other high school wrestling All-Americans from across the country, after nominations from coaches, sportswriters and Wrestling USA state editors were screened.

Keiswetter's picture and biographical information along with that of the other All-Americans will be featured in the May 30 edition of Wrestling USA magazine. To order a copy of this issue or view it on-line, go to web site www.wrestlingusa.com and click on the 2010 High School All-

Americans link.

Kaenon Keiswetter was a 2010 state champion at 145 pounds in Class 3-2-1A. He was a state qualifier in 2009 and 2007 and third in the state his sophomore season. He compiled a 36-6 win-loss record this season and is 115-26 overall.

He led the 2010 state wrestling champion Norton Blue Jays in reversals this season with 30, tied for the most major decisions with seven, was second in technical falls with five, second in three point near falls with 24, tied for second in team points with 169, was third in takedowns with 53 and fourth in winning percentage at 85.7 percent.

Kaenon received the most prestigious of Norton wrestling awards at the conclusion of this season when he was named the

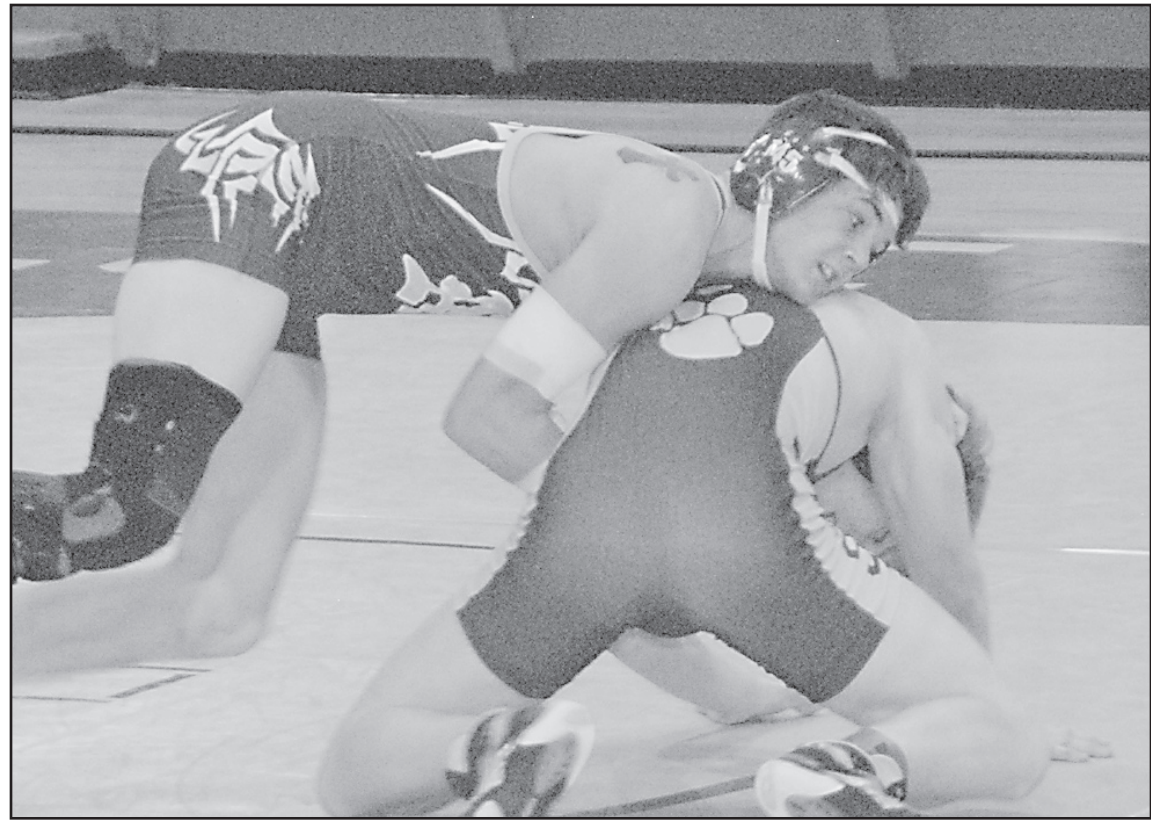
"Most Outstanding Wrestler" for the season. He also received a special award from the Norton coaches, "The Most Courageous Wrestler of the Year".

"His record and accomplishments make Kaenon Keiswetter a true Honorable Mention All-American," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"Kaenon's leadership and determination to succeed helped lead Norton Community High School to the team title this season by an overwhelming margin.

"Even a dislocated knee cap only eight days before the regional tournament could not stop Kaenon's charge to the state championship! He has overcome some major obstacles to reach his goals.

"This is an amazing ending to a great wrestling career!"



Norton's 145 pound state wrestling champion Kaenon Keiswetter is shown taking Kearney, Neb. wrestler Matt Drimil down during his 10-2 major decision over Drimil in the dual in Norton on January 26. Kaenon has just been named Honorable Mention High School All-American by Wrestling USA magazine.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Kaenon received a framed certificate of recognition from Wrestling USA magazine. The same

certificate, including Kaenon's picture, will hang in the NCHS Wrestling Room.

Kaenon is the son of Jana and Louis Keiswetter of Norton.

Blue Jay senior competes in state golf tournament

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Norton Community High School senior Marcus Herman graduated on Sunday and competed on Monday in the Class 3A Golf Tournament at Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays.

During his second competition in the state tournament, life after graduation did not get off to as good a start as he had hoped as he and all the other competitors faced very high winds all day.

Marcus shot a 50-50-100, higher than all season, and was out of the medalists.

"I was very proud of Marcus

Herman's efforts today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "Qualifying for the state tournament two seasons in a row, as Marcus did, is a great accomplishment and an achievement of which to be proud.

"Unfortunately, the day did not go as we had hoped. Marcus got off to a solid start, then ran into adversity, the momentum shifted and he was never able to recover in the extremely difficult playing conditions.

"Although the final result was not what we had hoped, I was very proud of Marcus today and during his entire career."

Wichita Collegiate was the Class 3A champion with a score of 322, followed by Kansas City Christian, 348; Lakin, 356; Caney Valley, 360; Phillipsburg, 364; Halstead, 366; Hillsboro, 367; Sabetha, 369; Southwestern Heights, 377; Council Grove, 382; Minneapolis, 383; Riverton, 397.

Phillipsburg's fifth place finish was a team accomplishment since none of their golfers were medalists.

The medalists were: Daniel Kunantaev, Hillsboro, 75; Tyler Keplar, Council Grove, 76; Ben Hatfield, Wichita Collegiate, 76;

Joseph Lambert, Kansas City Christian, 76; Michael Gellerman, Sterling, 77; Harrison Morris, Wichita Collegiate, 79; Mark Cunningham, Ellsworth, 79; Gabe LaForge, Caney Valley, 80; Tyler Vincent, Wichita Collegiate, 80; Taylor Olson, Horton, 81; Mark Nichols, Kansas City Christian, 84; Chris Ramos, Lakin, 84; Nathan Johnson, Osage City, 84; Joey Krueger, Halstead, 85; Wes Winfrey, Southwestern Heights, 85; Colton Lamborn, Frontenac, 85; Logan Wedel, Minneapolis, 86; Brandon Gamache, Halstead, 87; Tony Martin, Riverton, 87; Jason Burger, Sabetha, 87; Andrew

Munds, Wichita Collegiate, 87; Tague Conrad, Larned, 87.

Other team results

Norton Community High School graduate Matt Overlease is the head golf coach at Ness City and his team qualified for the state tournament in Class 1A, which was held in McPherson.

The Ness City team placed eighth in the state and John Clarke tied for No. 17 medalist with an 87. Hoxie also competed in the state tournament in Class 1A and finished fourth as a team with one medalist, Eric Linnell, who shot an 82 to earn No. 7 medalist.

Other Mid-Continent League

teams, Plainville and Trego Community, competed in the Class 2A state tournament in Pittsburg. Atwood also had a team in the tournament. Plainville placed ninth, Trego, tenth and Atwood eleventh.

Kade Brown, Oberlin, was entered as an individual and was No. 3 medalist with a 77 score. Cole Werner, Plainville, and Tyler Compton, Plainville, tied for No. 11 medalist with 83s.

Colby's team finished sixth in the Class 4A state golf tournament in Hesston. They had one medalist, Ryley Haas, who shot a 76.

Two senior Blue Jay grididders in Army All-Star game

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Zane Perez and Landon Hamel, recent 2010 graduates of Norton Community High School, and Tyson Pabst, recent 2010 graduate of Logan High School, have been selected to play in the United States Army Midwest High School Friendship Senior Bowl all-star gridiron contest on Saturday, June 5 at Hummer Sports Park in Topeka.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. Zane, Landon and Tyson will be members of the North team who will play a South team of all-star grididders.

Also chosen to the North team

were Patric Ahrean, defensive end, tight end; Les Parson, defensive back, quarterback; Tad Parson, safety, defensive back; Brandon Maurath, strong safety; Ethan Jirak, defensive line, all of Oakley; Gabe Duncan, linebacker, running back; Stephen Moll, defensive end, tight end, both of Stockton; Blake Gehring, defensive back, quarterback; Landon Keller, defensive back, wide receiver, both of Palco; Kaleb Moeller, offensive line, linebacker; Jordan Adams, defensive end, quarterback; Josh Fugate, defensive line, offensive line; Paul Fuller, defensive line, offensive line; Jarrod Beam,

defensive line, fullback, all of Beloit; and James Gosser, defensive line, offensive line, Trego Community High School.

The players will report Wednesday morning to begin pre-game practices. They will have a full day of practices on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday with some special entertainment scheduled as well.

Both Hamel and Perez were first team All-Mid-Continent League selections at the end of the 2009 season and also received honors from the large daily newspapers.

Perez will continue his football career through a scholarship at

Colorado School of Mines and Hamel will continue as a member of the Hutchinson Community College grid squad.

The 5'11", 170 pound Hamel was a wide receiver, defensive back and special teams player for the Blue Jays.

He gained the second highest all-purpose yards for Norton, totaling 1,235 yards last season on punt and kickoff returns, pass receptions and rushing. He was also second leading tackler with 85 for the season.

The 5'9", 180 pound Perez gained 913 all-purpose yards rushing, pass receiving and on kickoff returns. He was fourth

leading tackler for Norton with 76 stops.

Pabst was a tight end and defensive end for the Logan Trojans and was an All-Cheyenne Conference selection.

Zane is the son of Kelli and Rudy Perez. Landon is the son of Melanie Mortensen and Jan Hamel. Tyson's parents are Kathy and Dan Pabst.

Annual Biking across Kansas event set

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The 36th year of the most extensive bicycling event in Kansas history, a 492-mile ride across the state known as Biking Across Kansas, begins on Saturday, June 5.

Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Jeff Porter, both of Norton, will be among the approximately 800 riders on the week-long trip.

The eight-day ride will originate at the Kansas-Colorado line west of Goodland. The riders will have overnight stops in Colby, Hill City, Osborne, Minneapolis, Herington, Osage City and Eudora.

Each overnight stop community will have special welcoming events for the bikers, who will stay in gymnasiums or pitch tents outside. Each day, their suitcases

and duffle bags filled with extra clothes, riding outfits and personal belongings will be transported to the next overnight stop by truck so the cyclists can just ride their bicycles without being overloaded.

The cyclists' final night together in Eudora will be followed on Saturday morning when they cycle to the Missouri River near Leavenworth, where they will finish and enjoy a celebration picnic

at David Brewer Park.

This will be the first Biking Across Kansas trip for Wahlmeier and the second consecutive for Porter.

Many of the riders will be from Kansas but this year's entries also include riders from New York, Maryland, Vermont, California, Ohio, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Michigan and New Mexico.

Participants will enjoy the

state's favorable cycling conditions but the main goal of Biking Across Kansas is to have fun, get some exercise and experience the beauty of the Kansas landscape and people.

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