

Norton athletes continue to perform at college level

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The high quality of the Norton Community High School football program is evidenced by the fact five former Blue Jay gridders were recruited following outstanding prep careers to compete in college.

They are Brock Lauer, senior at Hastings College; Kaid McKenna, sophomore at Hastings College; Terrell Lane, sophomore at Hutchinson Community College; Zane Perez, sophomore at Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colo. and Luke Ninemire, sophomore at Highland Community College.

Brock Lauer

Brock Lauer is a senior member of the Hastings College football team.

A 6'190 pounder, he plays inside linebacker where he is fighting for a starting position this fall.

Brock has been a steady member of the Hastings team and has worked hard to become a starter.

The Broncos have a young defense and experienced offense and have their sights set on a conference championship.

His prep career at Norton Community High School was outstanding. He was an All-Mid-Continent League selection on both offense and defense by league coaches and also received All-State honors from the large daily newspapers in Kansas.

Brock was also an outstanding wrestler and track athlete for the Blue Jays. He was a wrestling state tournament competitor his junior and senior seasons.

He is the son of Teresa and Dan Lauer.

Kaid McKenna

Kaid McKenna played linebacker for Hastings College last season as a freshman.

He has chosen this year to attend the college as a student.

The 5'11", 200 pound McKenna was a three-year starter at center and linebacker for the Norton Blue Jays and a four-year letterman.

Kaid was second leading tackler for Norton with 119 total stops his senior season.

He was an All-Mid-Continent League selection by league coaches and received many post-season accolades from large daily newspapers in Kansas.

Kaid was also an outstanding wrestler and was a state wrestling medal winner.

He is the son of Jennifer and Brian McKenna.

Terrell Lane

The former all-state running back from Norton, Terrell Lane fit right in with the Hutchinson Blue Dragons of the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference in his freshman season last year. He was the second leading rusher for the team, picking up 461 yards and averaging 6.3 yards per carry.

He scored nine touchdowns, including two runs of 60 or more yards, one going for 85 yards. Ter-

rell also excelled on special teams where he had a punt return for a touchdown and averaged 16.2 yards per kickoff return. He also blocked two punts.

He is going into the fall as the starting tailback. The 5'11", 220 pound Terrell was an all-state, all-league performer who lettered for four years at Norton Community High School. His senior season, he ran for 1,766 yards on 148 carries for an average of 11.93 yards per carry. He also gained 2,278 all purpose yards his senior season as he also returned punts and kickoffs.

Terrell also played for the victorious West Team in the annual Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star football game.

In his four years as a running back for Norton, Terrell gained 5,011 yards and rushed for 59 touchdowns.

He was also a starting guard on Norton's basketball team and a Blue Jay track letterman.

Terrell's mother is Heidi Lane Davis, his grandmother is Patty Fisher and his great-grandmother is Lila Fisher.

Zane Perez

Zane Perez was an outstanding football player and wrestler for Norton Community High School and was also a letterman in track.

He is 5'10" and 190 pounds and is beginning his third year as a member of the Colorado School of Mines football team in Golden, Colo.

Since he redshirted one year, he is a sophomore in eligibility.

Zane was a first team all-league selection as a fullback on offense and defensive back during his senior year for the Blue Jays and also received post-season honors from the large daily newspapers in Kansas. He was also a state medal winner for the NCHS wrestling team.

He was converted from running back to defensive back at School of Mines prior to last season.

Zane is fighting for a starting position at cornerback this season.

During the Spring Game this past April, he was sharing the No.1 spot with another player.

Zane is the son of Kelli and Rudy Perez.

Luke Ninemire

Luke Ninemire, a former rugged offensive and defensive lineman for Norton, played inside linebacker for Highland Community College.

The 6'220 pound Ninemire started at the bottom of the depth chart but moved up fast and became a starter early in the season. He played most of the season with a leg injury.

Unfortunately, Luke suffered three concussions in spring ball that have ended his football career.

He has returned to Highland this fall as a student.

Luke was an All-Mid-Continent League player on both offense and defense for Norton Community High School. A four-year letterman, he was one of the leading tacklers on the Blue Jays' 9-1 season in 2010.

Luke is the son of Peggy and Jim Ninemire.



(Above) Terrell Lane, former football player for Norton Community High School who is currently a running back for Hutchinson Community College, demonstrates his all-around athleticism by blocking a punt during a game with Coffeyville Junior College last season.



(Left) Zane Perez (29) is pictured playing defense for the Colorado School of Mines football team last season. A former star for Norton Community High School, Perez is fighting for a starting position at cornerback in his sophomore year.

-Photos contributed

BOWLING RESULTS

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of Aug. 20

1. Nelson Bros.- 3 wins, 1 loss
2. Logan Gals- 3 wins, 1 loss
3. BEB & Assoc.- 2 wins, 2 losses
4. Animal Health- 2 wins, 2 losses
5. Geezeretts- 1 win, 3 losses

High Line: Margeret Thomas-162, Evah Dougherty-158, Lyndelle Linde-153, Logan Gals-393, BEB & Assoc.-387, Animal Health-385.

High Line Handicap: Evah Dougherty-224, Margeret Thomas-219, Lyndelle Linde-209, Jackie Wright-209.

High Series: Lyndelle Linde- 402, Margeret Thomas-398, Kathleen Berlier-392, BEB & Assoc.-1103, Animal

Health-1080, Nelson Bros.-1052.

High Series Handicap: Lyndelle Linde-570, Margeret Thomas-569, Kathleen Berlier-569, BEB & Assoc.-1694, Animal Health-1692, Nelson Bros.-1688.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of Aug. 27

1. Logan Gals- 7 wins, 1 loss
2. BEB & Assoc.- 5.5 wins, 2.5 losses
3. Animal Health- 5 wins, 3 losses
4. Nelson Bros.- 4 wins, 4 loss
5. Geezeretts- 1 win, 7 losses

High Line: Jean John-

son-169, Lynn Nelson-145, Jean Johnson-143, Animal Health-389, Animal Health-386, Logan Gals-358.

High Line Handicap: Jean Johnson-248, Charlene Hildebrand-237, Jean Johnson-222, Logan Gals-594, Animal Health-593, Animal Health-590.

High Series: Jean Johnson- 417, Lynn Nelson- 414, Kathleen Berlier-395, Animal Health-1112, Nelson Bros.-1008, BEB & Assoc.-992.

High Series Handicap: Jean Johnson-654, Lynn Nelson-633, Charlene Hildebrand-610, Animal Health-1724, Logan Gals-1689, Nelson Bros.-1644.

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