

Local gridiron stars honored by daily papers

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Three Norton Community High School senior football players have received All-State recognition from the major daily newspapers in Kansas following the 2013 season.

Honored by the newspapers were tailback Tanner Furbush, center and defensive lineman Cole Renner and kicker and defensive back Austin Hager.

Furbush, who is a receiver, defensive player and kick and punt returner in addition to running from the tailback spot, was named to the Hays Daily News second team. Furbush led Norton with 1,460 all-purpose yards this season.

Renner received honorable mention on both offense and defense in Class 3A from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon and honorable mention from the Topeka Capital-Journal.

Hager was chosen honorable mention as a specialist by the Eagle-Beacon and Capital-Journal.

The Hays Daily News also selected an 8-Man All-Area Team.

Northern Valley senior Hunter Chandler was named to the first team, Husky senior Jordan Baird was chosen to the second team and Northern Valley senior Ian Vincent received honorable mention.

Two Logan-Palco players, seniors Kyle Pakkebie and Brett Pinkerton, received honorable mention from the Hays Daily News.

The Huskies' Vincent received honorable mention in the Eagle-Beacon and Capital-Journal. Chandler and Phillip Bryant of Northern Valley were honorable mention in the Capital-Journal.

Chad Becker of Logan-Palco was named honorable mention in both the Eagle-Beacon and Capital-Journal and Richard Zeiters of Logan received honorable mention in the Eagle-

Beacon.

Other players honored

Named to the Hays Daily News Super 11 were: Jack Garcia, QB, DB, La Crosse; Kyle Gfeller, QB, S, K, Sharon Springs; Jay Marshall, RB, LB, La Crosse; Connor Katt, RB, DB, Hoxie; Ryan Kuhn, OL, DT, Oakley; Cody Lee, OL, DL, La Crosse; Maverick LeRock, FB, DL, Osborne; Trent Rietzke, RB, DB, KR, Thunder Ridge; Kenton Ubelaker, RB, DB, KR, Osborne; Preston Weigel, RB, Hays High; Grant Wickham, RB, LB, P, K, Phillipsburg.

The Hays Daily News named Jon Webster of La Crosse as the "Coach of the Year".

Chosen to the Hays Daily News 11-man First Team were: Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg; Kody Burns, La Crosse; Alex Delton, Hays High; Dayton Dreher, Oberlin; Dylan Gassmann, Oakley; Brandon Hardwick, Hays High; Andrew Jay, La Crosse; Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg; Hayden Kruetzer, Hays High; Clint Rogers, Smith Center.

Selected, along with Norton's Furbush, for the Hays Daily News second team were: Austin Baalman, Oakley; Lane Clark, Hays High; Rex Diederich, Oberlin; Darius Herl, Oakley; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center; Clayton Riedel, Hays High; Dax Ruhs, Goodland; Alex Wahrman, Plainville; Taylor Yohe, La Crosse.

Honorable mention went to: Haley Gillum, Plainville; Key Keller, Oakley; Skyler Tebo, Ellis; Hunter Kohler, Phillipsburg; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center; Oscar Macias, Oakley; Ryan Mayorga, TMP-Marian; Max Megaffin, TMP-Marian; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center; Andrew Taylor, Colby.

Named to the Hays Daily 8-Man All-Area Team with Chandler, Baird and Vincent of Northern Valley and Pakkebie and Pinkerton of Logan-Palco were: Bryan Dome, Victo-

ria; Mitchell Johnson, Hoxie; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie; Garrett Krueger, Thunder Ridge; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs; Jake Tiernan, Osborne; Brandt Wolters, Osborne, first team; Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge; Nate Klinge, Sharon Springs; Nathan Kuhn, Victoria; Jackson Meiers, Natoma; Rhett Mizer, Atwood; Tyrell Springsteel, Sharon Springs; Hayden Walker, Weskan, second team; Devon Ghumm, Trego; Cameron Ginther, Atwood; Elijah Holmes, Natoma; Joel Simon, Osborne; Kole Urban, Otis-Bison, honorable mention.

Those named to the Eagle-Beacon Class 3A All-State Team included: Bryce Black, Beloit lineman; Bowe Behymer, Beloit running back; Warren Kropp, Scott City lineman; Trey O'Neill, Scott City defensive back, first team; Brandon Strine, Scott City offensive end; R.J. Jackson, Beloit offensive end; Elliot Kimminau, Beloit offensive lineman; Keiguin Wells, Scott City offensive lineman; Trey O'Neill, Scott City quarterback; Payton Vetter, Beloit quarterback; Tanner Niemczyk, Beloit running back; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg running back; Bryce Black, Beloit defensive lineman; R.J. Jackson, Beloit defensive lineman; Andrew Makings, Phillipsburg defensive lineman; Matt Tuttle, Scott City defensive lineman; Bowe Behymer, Beloit linebacker; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg linebacker; Tanner Niemczyk, Beloit defensive back; Payton Vetter, Beloit defensive back, honorable mention.

Chosen to the first team in Class 2-1A by the Eagle-Beacon were: Ryan Kuhn, Oakley offensive lineman; Nick Johnson, Smith Center offensive lineman; Jack Garcia, La Crosse quarterback; Lucas Moeder, La Crosse linebacker; Taylor Yohe, La Crosse defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 2-1A were Andrew Jay, La Crosse offensive end; Taylor

Zabel, Smith Center offensive end; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center offensive lineman; Alex Wahrman, Plainville offensive lineman; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center quarterback; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center running back; Clint Rogers, Smith Center running back; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center defensive lineman; Alex Wahrman, Plainville defensive lineman; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center linebacker; Dylan Wiesner, Plainville linebacker; Dayton Dreher, Oberlin defensive back; Jack Garcia, La Crosse defensive back; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center defensive back.

The Eagle-Beacon named Maverick LeRock, Osborne running back; Luke Eilert, Beloit St. John's defensive lineman and Kenton Ubelaker, Osborne defensive back, to their 8-Man First Team.

Chosen 8-Man honorable mention were: Luke Eilert, Beloit St. John's offensive end; James Peterson, Atwood offensive end; Brandt Wolters, Osborne offensive end; Cameron Ginther, Atwood offensive lineman; Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge offensive lineman; Trenton Klaus, Victoria offensive lineman; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs offensive lineman; Quintin Silsby, Beloit St. John's offensive lineman; Tanner Smith, Hoxie offensive lineman; Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. John's quarterback; Kyle Gfeller, Sharon Springs quarterback; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie quarterback; Dylan Tiemeyer, Atwood quarterback; Jake Tiernan, Osborne quarterback; Connor Eilert, Beloit St. John's running back; Trent Rietzke, Thunder Ridge running back; Kenton Ubelaker, Osborne running back; Aaron Gengler, Beloit St. John's kicker; Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge defensive lineman; Nathan Kuhn, Victoria defensive lineman; Cody Hrabe, Stockton linebacker; Garrett Krueger, Thunder Ridge linebacker; Maverick LeRock, Osborne

linebacker; Luke Schemm, Sharon Springs linebacker; Brandt Wolters, Osborne linebacker; Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. John's defensive back.

In Class 4A, the Eagle-Beacon chose Dax Ruhs, Goodland offensive end; Trey Teeter, Goodland quarterback; Tyler Gastineau, Goodland defensive lineman and Garrett Taylor, Goodland linebacker for honorable mention.

The Capital-Journal selected Dax Ruhs, Goodland end; Tyler Gastineau, Goodland lineman; Trey Teeter, Goodland quarterback and Andrew Taylor, Colby linebacker, for honorable mention in Class 4A.

The Capital-Journal's Class 3A first team included Bryce Black, Beloit offensive lineman; Bowe Behymer, Beloit running back; Warren Kropp, Scott City defensive lineman; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg linebacker

Receiving honorable mention in 3A were R.J. Jackson, Beloit end; Ryan Mayorga, TMP-Marian end; Brandon Strine, Scott City end; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg lineman; Andrew Makings, Phillipsburg lineman; Eliott Kimminau, Beloit lineman; Matt Tuttle, Scott City lineman; Keigin Wells, Scott City lineman; Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg back; Tanner Niemczyk, Beloit back; Trey O'Neill, Scott City back; Payton Vetter, Beloit back; Seth Boswell, Phillipsburg linebacker.

Chosen to the Capital-Journal's Class 2-1A squad were Nick Johnson, Smith Center offensive lineman; Cody Lee, La Crosse offensive lineman; Jack Garcia, La Crosse quarterback; Ryan Kuhn, Oakley defensive lineman; Taylor Yohe, La Crosse defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 2-1A were Andrew Jay, La Crosse end; Mason Rains, Oakley lineman; Jordan Shockley, Smith Center lineman; Skyler Tebo, Ellis lineman; Alex Wahrman, Plainville lineman;

Darius Herl, Oakley back; Dayton Dreher, Oberlin back; Nick Lehmkuhl, Smith Center back; Lucas Moeder, La Crosse back; Kody Molzahn, Smith Center back; Taylor Zabel, Smith Center back; Clint Rogers, Smith Center back; Marshall Jay, La Crosse linebacker; Lucas Moeder, La Crosse linebacker; Dylan Weisner, Plainville linebacker.

Chosen to the Capital-Journal 8-Man Team were Kenton Ubelaker, Osborne running back; Luke Eilert, Beloit St. John's defensive lineman; Maverick LeRock, Osborne defensive lineman; Dalton Walker, Sharon Springs defensive lineman; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie defensive back; Kyle Gfeller, Sharon Springs specialist.

Those receiving honorable mention in 8-Man included James Peterson, Atwood end; Brandt Wolters, Osborne end; Riley Gates, Beloit St. John's lineman; Cameron Ginther, Atwood lineman; Benton Hrabe, Thunder Ridge lineman; Mitchell Johnson, Hoxie lineman; Trenton Klaus, Victoria lineman; Nathan Kuhn, Victoria lineman; Deric McKeever, Hill City lineman; Rhett Mizer, Atwood lineman; Clay Schemm, Sharon Springs lineman; Quintin Silsby, Beloit St. John's lineman; Tanner Smith, Hoxie lineman; Michael Capo, Atwood back; Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. John's back; Connor Katt, Hoxie back; Trent Rietzke, Thunder Ridge back; Dylan Tiemeyer, Atwood back; Jake Tiernan, Osborne back; Benny Martinez, Golden Plains linebacker; Sam Ottley, Victoria linebacker; Luke Schemm, Sharon Springs linebacker; Seth Smith, Triplains-Brewster linebacker.



Durham Tournament this Saturday

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The 49th annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament will be held Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Competing, in addition to the Norton varsity and junior varsity wrestling teams, will be squads from Atwood, Beloit, Cimarron, Cozad, Thomas More Prep of Hays, Hoxie, Lakin, Garden City, McCook, Oakley, Scott City, Smith Center, Tribune and Ulysses.

The first session will begin at 9:30 a.m. It will include the first round, the championship quarterfinals, semifinals/consolation first round, consolation quarterfinals, consolation cross-bracket and consolation semifinals. Wrestling will be on three mats.

Session two will begin 30 minutes after completing the consolation semifinals. It will consist of consolation and championship finals on two mats. First and third place matches will be wrestled simultaneously.

Junior varsity wrestlers will also have an opportunity to compete in the adjoining Norton Junior High Gymnasium

Honored prior to the finals will be state tournament wrestling medal winners from 1944, 1954, 1974, 1984 and 2004.

Those former medal winners invited to be honored are: the 1944 team which placed fourth in the state tournament, including Keith Sanderson, 103, first; Duane Mulder, 112, third; Eldon Archer, 120, first; Ralph Mason (deceased), 127, second; Richard Hemphill (deceased), 175, first; 1954 team, Ronnie Lemon, 145, fourth; 1974 team which placed third in the state tournament, including Rob Madden, 98, fourth; Bill Klein, 105, third; Dave Ward, 112, first; Evan Whitney, 138, first; Mark Anderson, 185, second; 1984 team, Chuck Dalton (deceased), 138, first; Shane Wyatt, 185, third; 2004 team which won the state tournament, including Kent Mann, 103, fifth; Clay Madden, 112, first; Nathan Broeckelman, 119, second; James Annon, 130, first; Lance Roe, 135, fourth; Scott Goldsby, 140, second; Jordan Hausermann, 152, third; Bo Pfannenstiel, 171, fifth; Michael Sprigg, 275, first.

Each of the former state medal winners will be introduced to the crowd and each will receive

a certificate of wrestling excellence from J.R. "Jake" Durham in honor of the anniversary of their state medal.

The longtime Norton tournament was renamed 17 years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton, the former longtime wrestling coach for the Blue Jays.

Jake's many honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

This tournament is traditionally a very tough, competitive event with many state ranked wrestlers competing.

Plaques will be awarded to the top three teams and medals to the top four wrestlers in each weight class. There will be no public recognition for fifth and sixth place finishers and they will receive no points.

An "Outstanding Wrestler" will be chosen by vote of the team coaches.

Dual on Friday

On Friday evening, beginning at 6 p.m., Norton will host Ulysses in a dual for varsity and junior varsity wrestlers in the NCHS Stull Gym.

JENNINGS NEWS

By **Louise Cressler**

Keith and Helen Muirhead, Dresden, enjoyed their girls being home for Christmas week. Mignon Barry, Wellsfleet, Mass.; Tamala Schulze, Dresden; Michelle Zodrow and Austin, Grapevine, Texas; Tefani Zadeh, Natalia and Dylan, Chicago, Ill.

Christmas Day evening guests of Wayne and Louise Cressler were their son, Russell Cressler, Bison. Other Christmas week visitors of Wayne and Louise were, Leatha Bohl, Henry and Danielle Bohl, Phillipsburg. Jennings City Council meet-

ing will be Monday, Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m. Council meets every month on the second Monday of the month.

Sunflower Senior Citizens will gather on Tuesday, Jan. 14 for a soup dinner at noon. If you would like, you can bring a dessert or relish dish. Soup and crackers will be furnished. Anyone is welcome. You do not have to be a senior citizen.

Several people braved the cold winter elements Sunday morning to attend church. A skiff of snow fell during the day. Today (Monday) the temperature was well below zero.

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