

Player receives top honors

By DICK BOYD

Neal Philpot, Pittsburg State University's junior quarterback from Norton, has been named the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Offensive Most Valuable Player for the 2003 season and earned unanimous first team All-Association honors.

Philpot, a 2000 graduate of Norton Community High School, rushed 202 times for 1,068 yards and 14 touchdowns and completed 72 of 148 passes for 1,470 yards and 14 touchdowns for 2,538 total yards during the regular season.

Pittsburg State ended their season on Saturday with a 9-3 record. The Gorillas were ranked No. 13 in NCAA Division II and traveled to Grand Forks, N.D. for the first round of the NCAA II playoffs against the University of North Dakota, who was 9-1 and ranked seventh in NCAA Division II.

Pittsburg State lost to North Dakota by a score of 24-14. The Gorillas trailed only 7-0 at half-time, despite some turnovers, and drove 80 yards in 10 plays with their first possession of the second half to tie it at 7-7 when Philpot scored from the 1 yard line.

North Dakota also scored in the third period to take a 14-7 advantage and outscored Pittsburg State 10-7 in the final stanza.

Pitt State drove 80 yards in 10 plays, capped by a nine yard touchdown pass from Philpot to Tim Austin to pull within 17-14 with 6:45 remaining.

Philpot completed 13 of 38 passes for 193 yards and rushed 20 times for 76 yards in the game. He entered the North Dakota game needing 48 yards of total offense to set the school single season record so he broke the record by 221 yards.

Twice this season he earned MIAA Offensive Player of the Week honors. He becomes a three-time All-MIAA performer after earning honorable mention All-MIAA honors the past two seasons.

Philpot leads the MIAA in pass efficiency (153.8) and total offense (230.7). He became just the seventh player in Division II history to pass and rush for 1,000 yards in a single season.

For his career, Philpot has 2,939 rushing yards (seventh all time at PSU) and 44 touchdowns and 4,006 passing yards (fourth all-time) for 36 touchdowns. He holds the school record for career total offense (6,945 yards) and for rushing by a quarterback (2,939 yards).



Northern Valley eighth grader Jessica Largent (No. 33) puts in a basket for 2 points in a game Saturday at the Jennings Junior High Tournament. The Northern Valley girls took first place beating Damar 23-20. Northern Valley's junior high boys won second losing to McCook St. Patrick's 45-20 in the final round.

—Telegram photo by Susie Marble

BOWLING

TUESDAY HOUSEWIFE

Standings Nov. 18: The 4 Dots, 39-17; Irene's, 31-25; D/M Service, 23-33; Norton Co-op, 19-37

Results Nov. 18: High Game Scratch: J. Wright, 169; J. Wentz, 168; S. Horesky, 166; High Game Handicap: J. Wentz, 218; V. Kanive, 210; S. Horesky, 206; High Game Series: S. Horesky, 454; B. Miller, 440; J. Wright, 426; High Series Handicap: S. Horesky, 574; G. Moser, 544; J. Wentz, 525; J. Wright, 525

Results Nov. 11: High Game Scratch: L. Leidig, 166; S. Smith, 165; B. Bruinekool, 163; High Game Handicap: V. Kanive, 221; B. Bruinekool, 205; L. Leidig, 198; S. Smith, 198; High Game Series: L. Leidig, 448; S. Smith,

440; V. Kanive, 425; High Series Handicap: V. Vernene, 605; I. Rolland, 555; L. Leidig, 544.

LADIES INTER-CITY

Standings Nov. 17: Superior Livestock, 38.5-13.5; Nelson Bros., 35-17; Land Surveyors, 33.5-18.5; Mortensen Computer, 23-29; Jamboree, 21-31

Results Nov. 17: High Game Scratch: Olivia Krehbiel, 165; Vida Perrill, 164; Laura Leidig, 159; High Series Scratch: Laura Leidig, 458; Olivia Krehbiel, 442; Ramona McKinley, 438; High Game Handicap: Vida Perrill, 212; Olivia Krehbiel, 210; Vendla Tacha, 206; High Series Handicap: Olivia Krehbiel, 577; Vendla Tacha, 570; Laura Leidig, 545

Seventh-grade girls win 32-29; eighth graders lose to Panthers

Norton's seventh grade girls basketball team managed to win out over Phillipsburg with a score of 32-29 on Nov. 18, but the eighth grade girls weren't as lucky as they were defeated 32-14 by the Panthers.

SEVENTH GRADE

It was a fierce competition as the seventh grade Lady Jays battled Phillipsburg for their victory.

"These girls gave 100 percent," said Coach Kim Pakkebier. "I never noticed any let down from our girls. This game was a true test of how competitive we can really be. I think we passed that test."

Kara Jo Jones and Hayli Bozarth led scoring for the Jays, with Bozarth making 12 points and Bozarth scoring 11. Also scoring for Norton were Laura Lee Baird and Wiyanna Paxton with 4 points apiece, and Taylor Rossi with 1 point.

Jones also headed up rebounding, grabbing 8. She was followed by Kayla Foley, 6 rebounds; Bozarth, 5; Paxton, Ashley Colip and Baird, 3 apiece; and Rossi, 1. The Lady Jays managed to make a total of 29 rebounds and 15

steals. **EIGHTH GRADE**
The Norton eighth grade girls suffered their first defeat at the hands of the Phillipsburg girls defensive prowess, losing 32-14.

"The Panther guard taught us a lesson on how to play aggressive defense and as a result, kept us from getting into any offense the entire game," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "As a team, we hope to learn from this game and make corrections on the practice floor so that our following games will not be anything like this one."

Chantille Campbell led scoring with 6 points, followed by Jessica Strickland with 4 points, and Megan Kats and Haley Jones with 2 points each.

Other stat leaders were Campbell with 2 deflects, Kats with 4 steals, Strickland with 5 rebounds, and Jones with 2 assists.

The junior varsity played their was to a very impressive 36-14 victory over the Panthers.

"All the players contributed greatly throughout this game," said the coach. "This group of girls moved the ball well against the

Phillipsburg defense and were patient enough to find the open girls for a score. Defensively, they helped each other and caused the Panthers quite a bit of trouble."

Strickland was the lead scorer with 8 points, followed by Courtney LeClair, Kylie Morel and Bryttani Porter, 6 points apiece; and Stephanie Shepard, Amanda Delimont, Ashley Smith Maybon, McKenzie Linner, and Lacy Ellis, 2 points apiece.

Deflect leaders were Linner with 3, followed by Hannah Fulton, Strickland and Ellis with 2 each.

Steal leaders were Linner with 6, followed by Morel with 4, and Fulton and Strickland with 3 each.

Rebounding honors went to Linner and Fulton as both guards had 4 boards, followed by Delimont with 3.

Assists were handed out by Smith Maybon, Morel and Linner, who each found 3 teammates open for scores.

The Norton Junior High School basketball teams will travel to Hill City on Thursday, Dec. 4. Play will begin at 4:30 p.m.

Seventh-grade boys lose a pair

The Junior Jay seventh grade basketball team were defeated 37-27 by Phillipsburg on Nov. 18 and 25-24 by Alton-Osborne on Nov. 20.

PHILLIPSBURG

"We knew Phillipsburg was a good team," said Coach Jim Myers. "We thought we could beat them, but to their credit, they responded to every run we made at them."

"I am proud of our kids. They really gave the effort, but just didn't execute at the level we needed to against a very good team."

Scoring for Norton were Zac Dreher with 10 points, Zach Bainter with 9 points, and Jordan Bebb with 8 points. The Jays made 29 percent of their field goals and

33 percent of their foul shots.

Rebounding honors went to Dreher for capturing 13 of the team's 21. Also making rebounds were Bebb, 3; Brad Nuzum, 2; and Matt Stanley, Bainter and Brock Lauer, 1 each.

The junior varsity defeated the Panthers 7-2.

Scoring for Norton were Breyer Simmons, 4 points; Michael Zink, 2 points; and Lauer, 1 point.

ALTON-OSBORNE

"This was a very ragged game with a lot of turnovers and a lot of whistles," said the coach. "It was very difficult to get into an offensive flow."

"The kids gave an outstanding effort, but our experience level doesn't allow the kids the opportunity to know what to do in cer-

tain situations.

"One point losses are tough for the kids, but I know they will bounce back."


Dreher led scoring with 10 points, followed by Bainter with 7 points, Bebb with 3, and Nuzum and Simmons with 2 apiece. The team made 23 percent of their field goals and 57 percent of their foul shots.

Dreher once again captured the rebounding honors with 11. He was followed by Nuzum with 4, Bebb and Lauer with 3 each, and Simmons with 1. The Jays totaled 22 rebounds and 20 steals.

Next action

The Norton Junior Jays will travel to Hill City on Thursday, Dec. 4. Play will begin at 4:30 p.m.

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