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Blue Jay players make all-state team

By DICK BOYD

Seniors Dan Roeder, C.J. Thiele and Charlie Foley have been named to the Class 3A All-State Football Team by the Kansas High School Football Coaches Association.

Quarterback Roeder led Norton's 11-1 Blue Jays in total offense this season. He rushed for 960 yards, passed for 1,365 yards, returned kickoffs for 160 yards and had 26 yards on two punt returns for 2,511 yards of offense.

Although he was named to the All-State team on offense, the 6'1", 175 pound Roeder was also a starting linebacker on defense the past three seasons. He was named All-Mid-Continent League first team as a quarterback and linebacker the past two seasons.

Thiele, who is 6'2", 170 pounds, was a three-year letterman and two year starter at center and defensive end. He was named All-State on defense where he made 72 tackles, second best on the Norton team.

Foley is 5'8", 162 pounds. He was named All-State as a kicker. He is a three year letterman and first team All-Mid-Continent League selection as a kicker. This season, he was successful on 54 of 56 extra point kicks for a 96.4 percent average.

One of his missed kicks was blocked. He also kicked 6 of 8 field goals for a 75 percent average. One of his field goals was from 44 yards out and set an NCHS record for distance.

Foley is the all-time leading kicker in NCHS history. He had 53 consecutive extra point kicks this season before missing which ranks him second all-time in Kansas in all classes. In three years of kicking for the Blue Jays, Foley has been successful on 142 extra point kicks, which ranks him No. 3 in the state of Kansas all-time in all classes.

Foley also kicks off for the Blue Jays. This season he averaged 49 yards on 74 kickoffs.

Also named to the All-State offense from teams played by Norton were Lucas Scott, 6'4", 215 pound tight end, Smith Center and Brent Andrea, 6'1", 235 pound lineman, Conway Springs. Also named All-State on defense were Travis Cook, 6', 220 pound linebacker, Conway Springs; Cody Engle, 5'11", 180 pound linebacker, Ellinwood and Caleb Wick, 5'11", 170 pound defensive back, Smith Center.

Others named All-State on offense were: Josh Cooper, 5'8", 165 pound running back, Neodesha; Forrest Sutherland, 5'10", 165 pound running back, Cherryvale; Steven Boone, 5'10", 205 pound running back, Marion; Nic Hillman, 5'10", 155 pound wide receiver, Cheney; Kyle Linnemann, 6'2", 170 pound wide receiver, Rossville; Dusty Washburn, 6'1", 220 pound lineman, Thomas More Prep-Marian, Hays; Jason Edge, 5'10", 250 pound lineman, Frontenac; Brian Korbelick, 6'2", 290 pound lineman, Southeast of Saline; Matt Boss, 6'5", 306 pound lineman, Cherryvale.

Others named All-State on defense were: Brody Vandergrift, 6'1", 277 pound lineman, Medicine Lodge; Jason Mann, 6'2", 240 pound lineman, Southeast of Saline; Sam Jackson, 6'1", 189 pound lineman, Jayhawk-Linn; Zeke Jones, 6'2", 170 pound linebacker, Cherryvale; Matt Heslet, 5'10", 165 pound linebacker, Rossville; Andy Bartell, 5'11", 165 pound defensive back, Hesston; Russell Knaup, 5'9", 165 pound defensive back, Frontenac; Caleb Marsh, 5'10", 170 pound defensive back, Hillsboro; Paul Hiemenz, 6'2", 175 pound punter, Wichita Independent.

Junior varsity wrestlers start season at tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity wrestlers opened the 2003-2004 season on Saturday with competition against varsity teams in the Alma Invitational Tournament in Alma.

Due to sickness and injury, only eight Norton wrestlers competed out of 14 weight classes.

Eustis-Farnam won the championship with 129 points, followed by Alma, 119; Wauneta-Palisade, 118; Overton, 101; Kearney Catholic, 72 1/2; Norton JV, 66; SEM, 45 1/2; Loomis, 32; Wilcox-Hildreth, 21; Pleasanton, 12; Unattached, 7.

Placing second in their weight classes were Jon Harding, 125 pound sophomore; Curtis Black, 130 pound senior and Mark Maybon, 189 pound senior. Finishing in third place were Jared Bebb, 119 pound freshman and Chris Davis, 135 pound freshman. Blake Jacques, 275 pound sophomore, placed fourth. Also competing were Korey Look, 152 pound junior and Kyle Douglas, 160 pound junior.

Harding was seeded No. 2 at 125 pounds. He pinned A.C. Werner, UNA, in 36 seconds of their first round. In the semi-finals, he pinned No. 3 seed Jake Smith, WP, in 5. In the championship finals, he was pinned by No. 4 seed Ben Kahle, KC, in 15 seconds.

No. 1 seed Drew Boston, AL, placed third with a fall in 1:20 over Smith.

At 130 pounds, Black was seeded No. 1. He pinned Nick Kammann, AL, in 56 seconds in the first round. In the championship finals, he lost a 5-1 decision to No. 2 seed Jess Vapenik, WP.

Maybon was seeded No. 2 at 189 pounds. He drew a first round bye, then pinned No. 3 seed Shawn Rupp, EF, in 5:46. In the champi-

onship finals, he was pinned in 2:57 by No. 1 seed Charlie Rudeen, OVT.

Jared Bebb was seeded No. 3. He lost by a fall in 1:46 to No. 2 seed Jesse West, WP, but won a 14-6 major decision over No. 4 seed Ryan Sheffield, UNA, for third.

No. 1 seed Will Craig, EF, won the championship.

Coach Deyton Hager named Bebb the "Junior Varsity Wrestler of the Week".

At 135 pounds, Davis was seeded No. 4. He drew a first round bye, then was pinned in 30 seconds by No. 1 seed Patrick Kohl, EF. In consolation, he pinned No. 3 seed Brett Bebensee, WH, in 53 seconds. In the consolation finals, he won a 10-3 decision over Derrick Brown, OVT, to place third.

Kohl won the championship.

Jacques was seeded No. 4 at 275 pounds. In the first round, he wrestled No. 1 seed Orion Mathies, OVT, and was pinned in 27 seconds. Then, he wrestled No. 3 seed Justin Hood, PL, and was pinned in 13 seconds for fourth.

Mathies won the championship. At 152 pounds, Look was seeded No. 6. In the first round, he was pinned in 1:53 by No. 3 seed Brandon Hansen, WP. In consolation, he lost a 6-5 decision to No. 4 seed Brendon Parks, WH.

No. 1 seed Tell Sever, EF, won the championship.

Douglas was seeded No. 7 at 160 pounds. In the first round, he lost an 11-1 major decision to No. 2 seed Jacob Frost, SEM. In the consolation bracket, he was pinned in 2:51 by No. 6 seed T.J. Norwood, KC.

No. 1 seed Shaun Pfeil, AL, won the championship with a fall in 1:12 over Frost. No. 3 seed Henry Cross, EF, placed third with a 6-4 decision over No. 4 seed Hondo Fanning, WP.

Atwood downs Husky boys 53-42

The Northern Valley Huskies fell to Atwood 53-42 during their season opening game in Atwood on Friday.

"One of the first things a coach thinks about after losing four starters from the previous year is 'How are the kids going to respond to a varsity game situation?' Of course the only way you can find that out is by playing the first game," said Coach Jason Dibble.

"One area that haunted us last year was scoring productivity and that was one area I felt we appeared more balanced going into this season. The lack of scoring reared its ugly head in the first game again with us only scoring 24 points through the first three quarters, but coming on in the fourth with 18.

"One of the other concerns was lack of depth with only about six or seven players in the rotation and what we would be able to do in case of foul trouble. This situation worsened in the second quarter

when Avery Thalheim went down on the floor and dislocated his right index finger. Fortunately, our defense and some good free throw shooting kept us in the game. We were down by nine going into half after a late bucket, 14 at the end of the third, and by as much as 20 at one point in the fourth.

"One thing that we relied on a great deal last year was our resilience. Due to some foul trouble, we were unable to play man defense as much as we would like and Atwood did a good job getting shots on our zone. They did not make too many that hurt us, but their offensive rebounds and second-chance points did.

"In the fourth, we knew we needed to make a run and that's just what we did by getting back to within 9 with about a minute left in the game by pressing, getting steals and converting them into baskets.

"I always know the players will never give up, but we need to play

more consistently for four quarters and not get behind by so much and have to come back from a large deficit. If we can do a better job of moving the ball, cleaning up the defensive boards and showing a sense of urgency earlier in the game, we will have a chance to be successful."

Scoring for the Huskies were Joey Copper, 16 points; Garth Gebhard, 13 points; Thomas Ostmeyer, 6 points; Jesse Hilburn, 5 points; and Cole Kinderknecht, 2 points.

Rebounding honors went to Ostmeyer with 5, Gebhard and Copper with 4 apiece, Kinderknecht with 2, and Avery Thalheim with 1.

Copper led steals with 3. Assists leader was Hilburn, who found 3 teammates open for a basket.

The junior varsity also fell to the Buffaloes 57-35.

"Always being concerned about first game jitters, I felt good about the kids' effort on both ends of the

floor," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "We came out with some confidence after hitting a few shots early and then transferred that to the defensive end of the court.

"At times we did a good job of getting the ball into the post and other times we tried to force the issue. Through three quarters, we played pretty well and held our own against a much bigger Atwood team until the fourth quarter when we had a player get injured. We got a little tired and our shots quit falling.

"All in all the kids played hard and statistically the only downsides were our two-point field goal percentage and a few too many turnovers. With the loss of Henry Griffiths for the next two weeks, the rest of the kids are going to have to step up and contribute a little more."

Scoring for Northern Valley were Henry Griffiths, 10 points; Scott Shearer, 7 points; Cody Lowry, Kinderknecht, Thalheim, and Andrew Sheley, 4 points apiece; and Chase Miller, 2 points.

Rebounding honors went to Clarke Nelson and Shearer, 4 apiece; Lowry and Griffiths, 3 each; Sheley, 2; and Miller, 1.

Nelson led steals with 4. Griffiths led assists with 4.

The Northern Valley Huskies will host Hill City on Friday in Alma.

Atwood 53, Northern Valley 42

Score by quarters:
Atwood 12 13 13 15—53
N. Valley 6 10 8 18—42

Northern Valley (42)
Joey Copper 3 1 7-11 16, Garth Gebhard 2 2 3-3 13, Thomas Ostmeyer 2 0 2-2 6, Jesse Hilburn 0 0 5-7 5, Cole Kinderknecht 1 0 0-2 2.

Atwood (53)
Snodgrass 8 0 0-0 16, Green 3 1 4-6 13, Fiken 3 0 4-6 10, Werda 0 2 1-4 7, A. Holste 1 0-0 5, Finley 1 0 0-0 2.

Northern Valley girls lose 50-37

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies were defeated 50-37 by Atwood in the season opening basketball game in Atwood on Friday.

The Lady Huskies trailed in every quarter: 18-2, 29-11, 35-24, 50-37.

"We got off to a really slow start," said Coach Bill Lowry. "I felt like we were too nervous.

"I was very proud of the girls for not giving up after falling behind by 20 early in the game. We closed the gap to 10 twice in the fourth quarter.

"We will need to learn from this game and start getting ready for Hill City on Friday."

Lindsey Graham led scoring for the Huskies with 2 two-pointers and 5 of 9 free throws for 9 points.

She was followed by Regan Fessenden and Lindsey Jessup, 8 each; Serena Woodside, 6; Kelli Cole, 3; and Jessica Holmes, Jena Jessup and Alasia Eagleburger, 1 apiece.

Rebounding honors went to Graham with 13, Eagleburger with 7, and Holmes with 6. As a team, Northern Valley had a total of 41 rebounds.

Steal leaders were Graham with 4, and Woodside and Eagleburger with 2 each. The team had 11.

L. Jessup made 4 of the Huskies' 7 assists.

The junior varsity lost to Atwood 54-34.

Scoring for Northern Valley were J. Jessup, 13 points; Holmes, 6 points; and Cole, 5 points.

The Northern Valley Lady Hus-

kies will host Hill City on Friday in Alma.

Atwood 50, Northern Valley 37

Score by quarters:
Atwood 18 11 6 15—50
N. Valley 2 9 13 13—37

Northern Valley (37)
Lindsey Graham 2 0 5-9 9, Regan Fessenden 2 1 1-2 8, Lindsey Jessup 1 0 6-6 8, Serena Woodside 3 0 0-0 6, Kelli Cole 0 1 0-0 3, Jessica Holmes 0 0 1-2 1, Jena Jessup 0 0 1-2 1, Alasia Eagleburger 0 0 1-2 1.

Atwood (50)
Emily Timm 5 1 0-0 13, Emily Walters 5 0 2-6 12, Jade Green 4 0 0-0 8, Ariel Dunker 3 0 1-2 7, Shantel Leitner 2 0 0-2 4, Rachel Woody 2 0 0-4 4, Chelsie Kramer 1 0 0-0 2.

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