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At the Game

Excitement mounts as football season begins

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Four returning letter winners step on the football field this fall after having received Northwest Kansas League honors following the 2009 season. They are Adam Guthmiller, who was honored as a first team defensive linebacker and second team offensive tackle; Cody Sherlock, who was honored as a second team running back; Brooks Hobrock, who was honored as a second team defensive tackle and offensive tackle and Garrett Figgins, who received honorable mention as an offensive tight end. All of the athletes are seniors.

Guthmiller and Sherlock also have a year of experience as team captains. There were four of them last year, two juniors and two seniors. Joining Guthmiller and Sherlock as captains this year will be Figgins and a sophomore, Zach Gienger.

"To have a sophomore chosen as a team captain shows his level of commitment," said Coach Nate Smith.

Other returning letter winners include seniors Cody Killingsworth, Tyler Lauer and Braden Schmid; juniors, Martin Hnizdil and Nathan Lamb. Finishing last season with provisional letters were seniors, Alex Draper and Brett Lampe; juniors, Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper and Ty Zwegardt and sophomores, Thomas Douthit and Zach Gienger. At this time Lauer is on the injured list and is helping as a manager.

"I am excited about the upcoming season," Coach Smith said. "We have great community support and a quality group of kids, including the seniors who are proving to be great leaders."

St. Francis opens play Friday night when they entertain Colby in the first of four non-district games.

"Colby had a 7-3 winning record last year," Coach Smith said. "They have 35 letter winners and have a number of good quality kids"

The other non-district games are with Norton, Holyoke and Wray. Coach Smith said that Norton has a lot of letter winners back. Last year the Blue Jays defeated St. Francis quite handily by the score of 36-0. The Indians will be preparing for them as they are the second game on the schedule.

Among the players returning on the line are Hobrock and Hnizdil with Draper, Robbie Herman, Killingsworth and Ty Zwegardt also potential linemen.

Some of these players gained a lot of experience on the junior varsity team, which went undefeated last year, Coach Smith said.

Gienger, Dylan Peter and Dillion Straub, all sophomores, will be used as tight ends.

"Lampe will be the starting quarterback and Sherlock will be returning to the backfield," Coach Smith said. "Figgins is being moved to the back field this year."

"Our secondary has kids that can run, have some size and also athletic ability. The aim of our offense is to control the ball."

The defense is expected to be tough and hold their opponents to three-and-out many times.

"We have a lot of sophomore and freshman players and they will be one of the keys to our success. Another key that is important is injuries" said Coach Smith.

"All the guys came in to the summer weight program at least at some point. Our juniors have been involved in quite a bit of varsity action, along with the strong junior varsity play. They have developed a lot. We have depth this year and a lot of kids will be playing" Coach Smith added.

"Our skill level is coming along well." This will be the second season the team will be under the leadership of Nate Smith, who directed them into a regional playoff game last year after being named District 15 champions and earning the District 15-16 Bi-District Championship.



THE ANNUAL SOAP SCRIMMAGE introduced fans to the football players before they took to the field for a practice session. Quarterback Brett Lampe carries the ball as the offensive line opens a hole for him.

Herald staff photo by Casey McCormick

The Kansas High School Athletic Association has changed the playoff system beginning this year. The 2-1A schools now have more teams in each district, either five or six compared to four/three teams in each district in the past. The Indians will be in a six-team district, District Seven. This will give the Indians more district games to play beginning with week five. Other teams in the district include Atwood/Rawlins County; Ellis; Leoti-Wichita County, Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community.

"This is a tough district," Coach Smith said. "Oakley and Ellis are strong."

Another change this year is the elimination of Goodland and Colby from the Northwest Kansas League, leaving only six teams total with four of them playing 11-man football. This includes Rawlins County, Oakley, Oberlin/Decatur Community and St. Francis while Hoxie and Quinter, play eight man.

Roster:

Seniors: Alex Draper, Garrett Figgins, Adam Guthmiller, Robbie Herman, Brooks Hobrock, Cody Killingsworth, Brett Lampe, Ryan Owens, Cody Sherlock.

Juniors: Jonathan Butler, Gavin Cooper, Martin Hnizdil, Sam Reed, Matt Tygart, Brock Zwegardt, Ty Zwegardt.

Sophomores: Lucas Carmichael, Thomas Douthit, Zach Gienger, Foster Grant, Blaine Guggenmos, Gus Jardine, Casey Keller, Michael Leibbrandt, Joey McCormick, Dylan Peter, Tyler Raby, Keegan Sherlock, Dillion Straub, Dylan Wolaver, Kaleb Zwick.

Freshmen: Jacob Butler, Gaten Cooper, Lane Hofman, Logan Lampe, Tyler Lee, Wyatt Landenberger, Mason Schiltz, Derek Queen, Scott Warren, Austin White, Matt White.

Managers: Tony Meyer, David Leibbrandt, Trevor Reed and Lauer, who is on the injured list. Zach Zwegardt will be filming the games.

Junior high volleyball/football teams set

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Decatur Community/Oberlin and Goodland will be the opponents for the opening action of the season for the St. Francis junior high volleyball teams today (Thursday). The competitions will take place in Oberlin. The junior high football players will be playing Decatur Community, also in Oberlin. Both events will begin at 4 p.m.

Jeff Beims, head coach, and David Morrow, assistant coach, will again be leading the football squad and Tina Elliott is returning as the volleyball coach.

The volleyball program will be playing A-team and B-team ball as they did last year. Action in St.

Francis will take place with Rawlins County on Sept. 9, Oakley on Sept. 16, and Decatur Community on Sept. 23.

The football team has six games on the schedule. Home action takes place with Rawlins County on Sept. 9, Oakley on Sept. 16 and Decatur Community on Sept. 23.

Volleyball roster

The eighth grade roster includes: Echo Jones, Justice Wiley, McKayla Taylor, Kyla Bandel, Valerie Wurm, Abby Fernandez, Ashlee Orth, Mariah Beikman.

Seventh grade: Kayla Reed, Kylie Sherlock, Hannah Stafford, McKenzie Taylor, Journey Lee, Emily Elfers, Sydney Sundstrom, Caroleve Harris, Kattie Jenik.

Manager: Dallas Reed.

Volleyball schedule

Thursday, Sept. 2: Decatur County/Oberlin, Goodland, at Oberlin.

Thursday, Sept. 9: Rawlins County, here.

Thursday, Sept. 16: Oakley, here.

Saturday, Sept. 18: Oakley Tournament, Oakley.

Thursday, Sept. 23: Decatur Community, here.

Saturday, Sept. 25: Hoxie Tournament, Hoxie

Thursday, Sept. 30: Dundy County, at Dundy County.

Thursday, Oct. 21: Northwest Kansas League Tournament.

Football roster

The eighth grade roster includes: Riley Shay, Cade Bracelin, Tanner Gilliland, Ian Schmid, Matt

Howell, Jonathon Hoard, Nicky Easter, Kyler Zwegardt, Shakotah Blanka.

Seventh grade: Clay Cassaw, Justin Pacheco, Seth Hart, Travis Rogers, Lane Hobrock, Payton Beims, Chris Hoard, Blake Meyer, Jude Faulkender, Jason Owens, Philip White, Zach White.

Manager: Jakob Church.

Football schedule

Thursday, Sept. 2: Decatur County/Oberlin, at Decatur County.

Thursday, Sept. 9: Rawlins County, here.

Thursday, Sept. 16: Oakley, here

Thursday, Sept. 23: Decatur Community, here.

Thursday, Sept. 30: Dundy County, at Dundy County.

Thursday, Oct. 7: at Goodland,



THE LAUER TEAM, Greg (pictured) and Gerald took the top prize at the Riverside Rendezvous this year.

Herald staff photo by Betty Jean Winston

Annual tourney held

The 32nd annual Riverside Rendezvous was held the weekend of Aug. 13-15. One hundred golfers enjoyed the weekend.

The two-man team of Gerald Lauer and Greg Lauer took the top prize, as winners of the championship flight. The teams of Dale Crabtree and Derek Crabtree and Tim Poling and Andy Poling tied for second place. Taking fourth was Jason Johnson and Travis Daise.

The first flight winners were AJ McAtee and Neal McAtee, first place; the teams of Matt Smull and Dax Hayden and Justin McAtee and Jared McAtee tied for second place and three teams tied for fourth, Brett Petersen and Bryant McCuiston, Tim Neitzel and Rollic Halligan, and Brett Lampe and Tyler Lampe.

Terry Rieger and Larry Hawks won the second flight with Bob

Lippert and Monte Arends placing second and Wade Quiggle and Tyler Lauer, third. Three teams tied for fourth place including the teams of Rodney Bracelin and Keith Bracelin, Bob Brenner and Larry Larsen and Gene Dodd and Marcus Dodd.

Third flight honors went to Jon Waters and Al Gunther. Placing second was Troy Hilt and Sam Crabtree while the teams of Shannon Grover and Mike Battin placed third and Gene Kincheloe and Chad Kincheloe placed fourth.

Friday night Shoot Out

The Friday Night Shoot Out had the following results: Tim Poling/Andy Poling, first place; Gerald Lauer/Greg Lauer, second place; Justin McAtee/Jared McAtee third place; Chris Bracelin/Wade Porter, fourth place and Troy Burr/John Wahrman, fifth place.



KAITLIN FIGGINS has a strong return Friday night at the open house. She received league honors last year at the conclusion of the season.

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