

# Papers tap top players

## Salina, Topeka, Hays, Wichita name area best

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School seniors Dan Roeder, Charlie Foley, C.J. Thiele, Jered Sloan, Joel Griffiths, Sean Lauer, Jordon Haussermann and Kai Mann, Logan senior Tyson Triplett and Northern Valley senior Ryan Shearer have received All-State honors for the 2003 season from the *Hays Daily News*, *Salina Journal*, *Wichita Eagle* and *Topeka Capital-Journal* daily newspapers.

Roeder, a 6' 1" 175-pound quarterback and linebacker, was named to the *Hays Daily News* All-Area Super 11 and the *Salina Journal* All-Area Top 11. He also received honorable mention in Class 3A in the *Eagle* and *Capital-Journal*.

During his two seasons as starting quarterback at Norton, Roeder threw for 2,688 yards and ran for 2,128 yards, for a total of 4,816 yards of total offense.

Foley was a first team Class 3A kicker in the *Eagle* and *Capital-Journal* and was named to the 11-Man Second Team by the *Hays Daily News* and received honorable mention in the *Salina Journal*. Foley is 5' 8", 162 pounds, and the all-time leading kicker in Norton Community High School 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, Foley has been successful on 142 extra-point kicks, which ranks him No. 3 in the state of Kansas all-time in all classes.

Sloan was the leading pass receiver for Norton and also a starter in the defensive secondary. He caught 30 passes for 558 yards, had an 18.6 yards per catch average, and made seven touchdowns.

He was chosen to the 11-Man First Team by the *Hays Daily News* and received honorable mention in the *Eagle*.

Thiele, who is 6' 2", 170 pounds,



A Bluejay fan showed her spirit and hoped for the best as the Norton football team headed for Conway Springs and the 3A Sectional competition.

— Telegram photo by Veronica Monier

is a three-year letterman and two-year starter at center and defensive end for the Blue Jays. He was the second leading tackler for Norton with 72 total stops.

Thiele was named to the 11-Man Second Team by the *Hays Daily News* and the Class 3A first team by the *Wichita Eagle* and *Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Griffiths is a 6' 4", 253-pound offensive tackle and defensive end. He was chosen to the All-Area Second 11 by the *Salina Journal* and honorable mention in Class 3A by the *Capital-Journal*.

Lauer is a 210-pound offensive and defensive tackle. He received honorable mention in Class 3A in the *Eagle*.

Haussermann, a 174-pound full-back and linebacker, received honorable mention in Class 3A as a linebacker by the *Capital-Journal*.

Mann was a 225-pound offensive and defensive tackle. He received honorable mention in Class 3A in the *Capital-Journal*.

Triplett is a 6' 2", 235-pound offensive and defensive lineman. He was named to the 8-Man Second Team by the *Hays Daily News* and received honorable mention from the *Salina Journal*, *Capital-Journal* and *Eagle*.

Shearer is a 6', 205-pound offensive and defensive lineman. He

was chosen on the 8-Man Second Team by the *Hays Daily News* and named honorable mention by the *Salina Journal*.

Other area players receiving recognition from the *Hays Daily News* were: Brett Beinke, Oberlin; Austin Kingsbury, Smith Center; Keith DeWolf and Lucas Scott, Smith Center; 11-Man First Team; Ryan Honas, Ellis; Alex Smetana, Plainville; Tyson Troyer, Phillipsburg; 11-Man Second Team; Ty Brunswig and Mitch Newcomer, Trego; Blaise Kriley, Stockton; Craig Mans, Osborne; Travis Smith, Phillipsburg; Taylor Vap, Hill City; 11-Man Third Team; Tyson Dreiling, Victoria; Austin Panter, Kensington; Bryce Trumpp, Palco; 8-Man First Team; Jeremy Lapka, Victoria; Jesse Miller and Landon Truetken, Golden Plains; 8-Man Second Team; Josh Keller and Chuck Knipp, Palco; Terek Wisinger, Eastern Heights, 8-Man

Third Team.

Other area players honored by the *Salina Journal* were: Scott, Smith Center, All-Area Top 11; Beinke, Oberlin; Kingsbury, Smith Center, All-Area Second 11; Honas, Ellis; Panter, Kensington; Smetana, Plainville; Trumpp, Palco, All-Area Third 11; Justin Hall, Stockton; Mans, Osborne; Miller, Golden Plains; Newcomer, Trego; Garret Rome, Victoria, and Troyer, Phillipsburg, honorable mention.

Also receiving recognition in the *Wichita Eagle* were: Scott, Smith Center, first team 3A; DeWolf, Kingsbury and Caleb Wick, Smith Center, 3A honorable mention; M.J. Klein, Joel Hrabec, Justin Casey, and Ross Bolthazar, Plainville; Beinke and Brett Keck, Oberlin; Adam Conway, Mans, Austin Spears, and Tyler Schultze, Osborne; Smetana, Plainville; Vap

and Casey Atkins, Hill City; 2A honorable mention; Lapka, Victoria; Knipp, Palco, first team, 8-man; Keller, Trumpp and Brandon Hamel, Palco; Truetken, Miller and Brent Moss, Golden Plains; Panter, Kensington; Dustin Bain, Ransom; Chase Rogers, Ransom; 8-man honorable mention.

Also honored by the *Capital-Journal* were: Scott, Smith Center, All-Class 3A; DeWolf and Kingsbury, Smith Center, 3A honorable mention; Beinke, Oberlin, All-Class 2A; Brunswig, Trego; A.J. Garcia, Hrabec and Casey, Plainville; Honas, Ellis; Newcomer, Trego; Keck, Oberlin; Smetana, Plainville, 2A honorable mention; Keller, Trumpp and Hamel, Palco; Lapka, Victoria; Miller and Truetken, Golden Plains; Panter, Kensington; 8-man honorable mention.

# Jennings wins one, loses one

The Jennings High Coyotes beat Golden Plains on Dec. 16, but the boys fell to Healy three days later.

The Coyotes went to Rexford to take on the Golden Plains Bulldogs in basketball competition, and Adam Miller led the team with 30 points.

In the first quarter, the Coyotes jumped out to a 16-10 lead as Miller found the basket for 10 points. In the second quarter, it was the Bulldogs' turn to howl, as the home team outscored Jennings 24-12, hitting eight out of 10 at the charity line. At the half, it was Golden Plains 34-28, but the third and fourth quarters belonged to the Coyotes.

In the third, Miller hit 8 points and Adam Wahlmeier put six out of six in the basket from the free-throw line. Golden Plains dropped behind with 12 points to give Jennings a 48-46 lead.

In the fourth quarter, Jennings again came on strong, hitting 16 points to Golden Plains' 12 for the win.

Also scoring were Grant Bailey, 16 points; Wahlmeier, 12; and Brett McKenna, 6.

Miller was the top rebounder with 17; followed by Grant Bailey and Nick Wahlmeier, six each; McKenna, two; and A. Wahlmeier, one.

On Dec. 19, the Coyotes traveled to Healy. The Eagles got the upper hand, winning 53-46.

Scoring were A. Wahlmeier, 24 including six three-point shots; Miller, 12; Bailey, 6; M. McKenna, 2; and B. McKenna and N. Wahlmeier, 1 each.

McKenna led in rebounding with five, followed by Bailey and N. Wahlmeier, four each; A. Wahlmeier, three; Kinser, two; and M. McKenna and Miller, one each.

The junior varsity Coyotes fell 65-50 to Golden Plains.

Scoring were Kinser, 14; Seth Ritter and Brian Miller, 12 each; M. McKenna, 5; Brett Linden, 4; and Josh Vahling, 3.

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