

Norton student at K-State wins tourney, bowl tickets

By **DICK BOYD**

Andrew Walter, a junior in political science from Norton, is the winner of this year's Electronic Arts NCAA football tournament, sponsored by Best Buy and Xbox, in the student union at Kansas State University, Manhattan.

Walter, who was runnerup in the same competition last year, was one of 75 students, predominantly male, who displayed their video game skills. In addition to receiving a T-shirt for entering, Walter

won two tickets to this year's Citrus Bowl.

The tournament competition will be held in 15 other colleges and the winner at each school will later compete in the final contest for a grand prize of \$10,000.

An emcee announced play-by-play actions of the games and drew crowds on the ground floor of the K-State Student Union. Students could be seen on all levels of the union watching the event over the ledges. Students crowded around

the most exciting games and cheered according to good and bad plays made by competitors.

Several former contestants gathered around a couch to watch the final match on the big-screen television between Walter and Jason Mann, junior in sociology.

Walter played with his Florida State Seminoles against Mann's Ohio State Buckeyes. Walter's team was able to slice through the Buckeye defense with the greatest of ease with a series of quick

passes and slant routes which were continuously open. He said he had one play with five options and all five options could not be stopped. This was evident when he jumped out to an early lead.

On the first play of the game, Florida State recovered a fumble. On a subsequent play, the Seminoles went deep and were able to put the ball in the end zone. Ohio State quickly responded with a touchdown of their own to tie the game at 7-7. This was the closest

Ohio State would get.

The Seminole offense was too powerful to contain. They have the components to match up with anyone in America. Three straight touchdowns by Florida State proved to be too much to overcome.

After an interception right before the half, Florida State was able to take it to the house and secure the 21 point rule skunking.

Tim Brown, tournament commissioner for the challenge, said

the game played for the tournament was EA's NCAA Football '07. "It's a very hot game now and probably one of the best, if not the best," he said.

Walter said he didn't know who he will give the other Citrus Bowl ticket to but looks forward to the next competition.

"It's pretty cool and will be the experience of a lifetime," Walter said.

"And, if I win the \$10,000, I'm throwing a big party."

Huskies on short end of score vs. Bulldogs

Golden Plains proved a bit much for the Northern Valley varsity football Huskies last Friday night, 62-6.

For the Huskies, it's a case of a season of growing pains after losing many highly-talented members to graduation last spring.

Northern Valley got its lone 6 points in the second quarter. The Golden Plains Bulldogs, on the other hand, scored 30 points in the first quarter and 32 in the second.

The statistics show, in rushing, the Huskies getting 66 yards on 18 carries vs. 257 yards on 37 carriers for Golden Plains. Northern Valley was 0-4 in passing with 2 interceptions, while the Bulldogs were 5-7 for 32 yards.

The Huskies got 2 first and tens vs. 9 for Golden Plains. Both teams were penalized 15 yards. In the fumbles category, the Huskies lost 3 of their 4 miscues, and Golden Plains 1 of 2.

Northern Valley punted 4 times for 130 yards (a 32.5 yard average).

Northern Valley's 6 points in the second quarter came on a 35-yard run by Jacob Gallentine. Here's how the Bulldogs put points on the scoreboard:

Dan Rogers, 1-yard run, Andrew Broeckelman PAT run, 8-0; Rogers, 21-yard run, PAT pass to Bruggeman from Drew Stevenson, 16-0; Stevenson, fumble recovery in the end zone, Broeckelman, PAT run;

Bruggeman, 17-yard pass from Stevenson, PAT run failed; Stevenson, 5-yard run, Shaw PAT run; Broeckelman, 51-yard run, Broeckelman, PAT pass from Bruggeman; Rogers, 32-yard fumble return, Bruggeman, PAT run; and Brett Spresser, fumble recovery in the end zone; Moss, PAT pass from Bruggeman.

Individually, for the Huskies: Travis Redeker carried the ball 4 times for 9 yards (2.3 average); Jacob Gallentine, 6 carries for 53 yards (8.8 avg.); Blake Johnson, 4 carries for 6 yards (1.5 avg.); and Ethan Hays, 2 carries, minus 1 yards (minus .5 avg.).

In the passing department, Johnson tossed 2 and both were intercepted, and Hays put up 2 and had 0 completions.

Punting found Tanner Jessup kicking 3 for 99 yards for a 33-yard average, and Gallentine kicking 1 for 31 yards.

Kickoff returns: Redeker, 1 for 5 yards and Hays 4 for 88 yards (22.0 average).

Chase Miller had 2 kickoffs for 83 yards (a 41.5 average).

Tackles-assists-totals: Johnson, 1-0-1; Hays, 0-1-1; Taylor Hammond, 3-5-8; Cody Callaway, 3-3-6; Cameron Duede, 2-3-5; Gallentine, 3-2-5; Drew Eagleburger, 4-4-8; Redeker, 0-1-1; Ben Rojas, 2-1-3; Nathaniel Graham, 6-5-11; Eric Woodside, 0-1-1; Hutch Gehrke, 0-1-1; Jessup, 6-0-6; Miller, 4-1-5.

Norton varsity tennis girls finish fourth in conference tournament

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School girls tennis team placed fourth in the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Sept. 30 in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg won the team championship with 55 points, followed by Osborne, 38; Trego, 21; Norton, 13; Plainville, 7.

"It was one of the nicest weather days we have had this season for tennis," said Norton head coach Jim Green. "I had hopes that we might finish third but we lost some matches with Trego that dropped us to fourth place."

Lisa Jones and Tiffany Marx played No.2 doubles for Norton and placed third. They lost 8-5 to Sarah Gregory and Andrea Kooops, Osborne, defeated Olivia Fabrizius and Tasha Welch, Trego

8-4; outscored Jessica Collins and Kendra Husmann, Plainville, 8-4 and lost 8-0 to Kali Asher and Jodie Mongeau, Phillipsburg.

"Lisa and Tiffany had another strong finish to place third in No.2 doubles," said coach Green.

Kayleigh Brooks placed third in

No.2 singles for Norton. She drew a first round bye over Osborne, lost 8-4 to Dana Diec, Trego, drew a bye over Plainville and lost 8-2 to Kady Malmberg, Phillipsburg.

"Kayleigh gave us good points at No.2 singles with her third place finish," said coach Green.

In No.1 doubles, Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgare placed fourth.

They lost 8-3 to Jeni Wolters and Felicia Efken, Osborne; lost 8-3 to Julia Albin and Samantha Augustine, Trego, shutout Emily Jones and Katelyn Thyfault, Plainville, 8-0 and lost 8-1 to Kayla Jarvis and Shayne Runnion, Phillipsburg.

"Hannah and Reesa played great against Plainville but we are still having trouble against Phillipsburg and Osborne," said coach Green.

Brianne Nelson placed fifth in No.1 singles. She lost 8-0 to Sloane Hardman, Osborne; was beaten 8-3 by Cassie Dietz, Trego; lost 8-1 to Vanessa Owings, Plainville; and was outscored 8-0 by Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg.

Blue Jay volleyball goes 1-2 in tourney

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team won one match and lost two in the annual Mid-Continent League Tournament last Saturday in Stockton.

Osborne

Norton opened pool play with Osborne and lost 11-25, 14-15.

"We did not respond well as we got behind early in both games and could not recover against a balanced team," said Norton coach Chuck Zimmerman.

"Our passing was low at 1.5, which kept our setters on the run, and we set at only a 91 percent rate, one of our lowest of the season. We had only 12 kills on 83 percent accuracy in spiking."

Ellis

In their second match, the Lady Jays lost 22-25, 23-25 to Ellis.

"We had heard that Ellis was very good at keeping the ball off the floor but, what we encountered, was remarkable," said coach Zimmerman. "They were good enough and quick enough that, even on a deflection off their

own teammate, they got the ball over to our side and we were not ready to react.

"We did compete in this match, which is all I ask.

"Our serving was good at 96 percent as we only missed two. Our passing was at a good 1.8 as Lacey Roe led with 2.0 with Sara Lentz at 1.8 and Hayli Bozarth at 1.7.

"Our setters benefited from the better passing as they recorded 17 assists. Courtney Cox led with nine and Katharine Roy had eight.

"Our hitters did well as they hit at an 87 percent success rate with 15 kills. There would have been more but they were reacting well with their digs. Bozarth led with five, followed by Courtney LeClair with four."

Trego

Norton finished pool play and play for the day with a 25-22, 17-25, 25-11 win over Trego Community.

"We had the type of match against Trego that I had envisioned all season," said coach Zimmerman.

Norton varsity volleyball finishes fourth

By **DICK BOYD**

Coach Chuck Zimmerman's Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team placed fourth in the annual Scott City Tournament on Oct. 7.

"We started pool play against Holcomb and lost the first game 16-25," said coach Zimmerman.

"But, to the credit of our girls, we fought back and won the second 25-23. In the third, we got a quick lead, though a small lead, and held it throughout the rest of the game to win 25-23.

"Very good serving, which has been our strength all season, was to be our strength throughout this day. We served 94 percent as a team with perfect serving coming from Courtney LeClair, 4; Maggie Nielsen, 12 with 2 aces; Thea Wiseman, 5; Brianna Felton, 8 and Hayli Bozarth, 8 with 3 aces.

"Our passing was not as good the entire day. Give credit to our opponents as they hit the ball at us all day, which meant we were giving them too many 'free' balls. Our team passed at a 1.5 rating. This means that our setters were having to convert these passes into something our hitters could hit. Katharine Roy finished with 8 assists while Courtney Cox was credited with 12. "Setters get

credit for our good 91 percent hitting, of which 22 were kills. Bozarth had 8, followed by Felton and Cox with 4 each."

"Our next opponent was host Scott City and our team was too nice to them on their senior day and we lost in two 20-25, 11-25," said coach Zimmerman.

"Serving was very good at 97 percent. We missed only one serve. Passing was the culprit in this game as we only passed at a season low 1.4, which set the pace for the rest of the game. Our setters were only credited with 7 assists and our hitters with 8 kills."

"We then went up against

Oakley, the No.1 seed from the other bracket, and again our passing came in subpar as we again only had 6 kills with 6 assists," said coach Zimmerman.

"Serving was still good at 95 percent with only one missing."

"In our final match of the day, we played Scott City again and were defeated 18-25 in the first game," said coach Zimmerman. "But, a switch was turned on and the girls started playing as they know how and the result in the second game was a 25-18 win for us.

"We had much better passing as Lacey Roe passed at a 1.9 rate to lead the team to a 1.6 overall rat-

ing. This led to more kills. Bozarth had 11 and Nielsen had 4.

"Our setters were credited with more assists. Cox had 12 and Roy had 5. Plus, an added wrinkle, we had 10 stuff blocks during this match with Nielsen being in on 4 and Sara Lentz and Ashli Hageman in on 2.

"But, alas, the switch, as it has all season long except in our home match against Trego, didn't stay on.

"In the third game, we allowed Scott City to get a big lead, which we did trim down as the game went on. But, we could not catch them and went down to defeat 17-25."

Speedway final point standings

IMCA Modified

1. Jason Schoenberger 576
2. Tim Watts 556
3. Rich Schwab 544
4. Marty Clark 517
5. Mitch Kline 487
6. Nate Schaben 485
7. Brian Calhoun 420
8. Brice Riley 362
9. Doug Shearer 306
10. David Murray Jr. 298

IMCA Stock Cars

1. Caleb Peters 575
2. Jason Rogers 574

3. Josh Hudson 568
4. J.R. McCreery 559
5. Cory Struckhoff 552
6. Tyler Hahn 548
7. Jason Davis 512
8. Jason Schoenberger 496
9. Michael Zajic 471
10. Jay Hachmeister 465

IMCA Hobby Stocks

1. Kelly Karnopp 592
2. Brady Schoen 587
3. Adam Balthazor 573
4. Dustin McClurg 522
5. Phil Hinger 508

6. Laura Hinger 500
7. Jerry Hudson 466
8. Brent Schoen 464
9. Wade Wagenblast 396
10. Gene Sneath 317

Cruisers

1. Jim Carter/Joe Carter 598. 2. Michael Hockemeier/Jim Ellis 592. 3. Kimberly Thomas/Macy Thomas 587. 4. Jim Palmer/Joann Ellis 555. T5. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger 425. T5. Tim Horn/Nick Horn 425.

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