

Three Blue Jays receive All-League recognition

Roe, Cox, Bozarth get volleyball nod

By DICK BOYD

Senior Lacey Roe, junior Courtney Cox and sophomore Hayli Bozarth have received All-League recognition from Mid-Continent League coaches for their volleyball play this season.

Cox was named to the second team.

"Courtney is our veteran setter," said Norton head coach Chuck Zimmerman. "She led our team in assists with 197 with an accuracy of 93 percent."

"But, her statistics also include a 97 percent serving rate with 14 aces and a spiking accuracy rate of 88 percent with 52 kills."

"Courtney had a good season of distributing the ball to the hitters who had the best opportunities of hitting the ball past our opponents."

Roe received honorable mention.

"Lacey was a defensive special-

ist," said coach Zimmerman. "She led our team in passing with a 1.7 rating. She passed the ball 1,433 times this season and was on target most of the time. This position on the floor is the key to starting any offense for, if the pass is not there, the offense cannot function the way it is intended to function."

"Her position is not allowed to serve but is allowed to do a standing spike which she did well. She recorded 74 spikes, of which seven were kills."

Bozarth also received honorable mention.

"Hayli was our team's leader in kills with 114," said coach Zimmerman.

"She hit at an 81 percent accuracy which is actually quite good as, in her position on the floor, she sometimes gets sets that our setters cannot deliver anywhere else and she must, at least, get the ball over to keep it alive. This she did very

well. She also served well as she had 18 aces on 92 percent serving and had seven stuff blocks."

Named to the All-League first team were: Amber Hockman, senior, Rexanne Schilowsky, senior, both of Phillipsburg; Jamie Alexander, senior, Tamra Long, senior, both of Hill City; Rebekah Burgess, senior, Smith Center; Whitney Lang, senior, Ellis.

Named to the second team, in addition to Cox, were: Lindsay Dusin, sophomore, Phillipsburg; Jannica Schultze, senior, Demi French, junior, both of Osborne; Whitney Taylor, sophomore, Ellis; Sara Tucker, junior, Smith Center; Liz Miller, senior, Hill City.

Receiving honorable mention, in addition to Roe and Bozarth, were: Shayla McMurdo, junior, Smith Center; Tracey Mans, junior, Hannah Thibault, senior, both of Osborne; Kristen Waldschmidt, senior, Ellis.

Booster Club meeting set

The Norton Blue Jay Booster Club will meet on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Norton football coach Lucas Melvin and Norton cross country coach Deyton Hager will tell the fans about end of the season com-

petitions for their teams.

The films of Norton's football games with Oberlin and Southeast of Saline will be shown by coach Melvin.

All fans of Norton Community High School athletics are invited and urged to attend.

Girls open new season with big win

The Norton Junior High girls opened their basketball season against the Stockton Tigers and came away with a lopsided 50-4 victory.

The Ladies played well and just out-manned the Tigers in every department, and in the process used all of their players with each having a positive contribution in some phase of the game.

The defensive leader was

Sophie Mills, who got her hands on 4 while Meagan Peterson and Kelsie Griffith each touched 3. Deflects will usually lead to steals in which Mills had 6, followed by Kaylen Rossi and Dustyna Sprigg with 5 each.

Rebounding honors went to Sprigg who hauled in 8 with Diedra Kramer with 7 and point guard Kaylen Rossi with 5.

Assists were handed out by

many as the team looked for the open teammate which resulted in quite a few easy buckets. Rossi was the team leader with 4, while Mills and Kyra Fulton each found 3 teammates open.

"A good win, but the best teams are yet to come."

"How we approach the rest of the season will determine how good our team will be," said coach Chuck Zimmerman.

Trojan Ladies struggle in tourney play

COLBY — The Colby Community College Lady Trojan basketball team struggled last weekend at the South Plains, Texas, Breakfast Rotary Tournament.

After dropping the opening game to South Plains, the Lady Trojans lost to Northern Oklahoma-Tonkawa Friday and Central Arizona Saturday. Colby trailed by just six points at half-time, 42-36, but didn't play well in

the second half and lost 90-63.

Jamie Schroeder had a double-double for the Lady Trojans with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Sandra Sormaz was the only other Lady Trojan in double figures, finishing with 15 points and eight rebounds. The Lady Trojans committed 31 turnovers in the game.

Colby didn't fare any better in the final game of the tournament Saturday, losing 90-51 against

top-10 ranked Central Arizona. The Lady Trojans struggled shooting from the floor and were out-rebounded 40-22. Schroeder was the only Lady Trojan in double figures, finishing with 11 points and eight rebounds.

The Lady Trojans host the Ambassador Classic Thursday. Colby meets South Plains again at 6 p.m. in the Colby Community Building.

Aerial assault



The Blue Jays' junior wide receiver Travis Ray goes down after catching a flat pass from quarterback Logan Kats during Norton's Bi-District loss to No. 1 state ranked and defending state champion Southeast of Saline.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Stockton is victim of Norton ladies

The Norton Junior High junior varsity Lady Jays kicked off the new basketball season with a 16-10 win over the Stockton Tigers.

The defense was strong, the coaching staff pointed out, but needs work on the basics like passing and rebounding.

Overall, the team hustled up and down the court playing aggressive ball.

The need for more practice time was apparent, according to the coaches, but with the schedule the team plays several games in the month of November with little

time in between.

The girls have been working hard and continue giving 100 percent at each practice.

The girls pulled down 8 offensive rebounds and 11 defensive, but should have doubled that, the coaches' notes indicated.

Allison Gass was the team's leader with 8 rebounds, followed by Caren Thomson with 6.

Rebekah Streck was leading scorer with 6, Thomson had 4, and Kelsie Griffith, Brae Bigge and Lindsey Tacha all had 2.

The final comments, "Our offensive game needs to be executed better, but it will improve as the ladies gain time on the court."

Youth basketball games set

Mid-America Youth Basketball is now entering its 13th season and activity is starting to form. Deadline for upcoming games include the following:

November 17 is the deadline to register for games Dec. 2-3 in Hutchinson, Lawrence and Emporia for 3rd-8th grade boys and girls tournaments. Call 316-284-0354 or e-mail mayb@mayb.com for more information.

November 24 is the date to register for the season's kickoff tournaments on Dec. 9-10 in Newton.

(Same phone number and e-mail address as in above item.)

December 1 is the date to register for games in El Dorado, Topeka and McPherson on Dec. 16-17. (Same phone number and e-mail address as appearing above.)

Concealed Firearms Carry Classes

November 11, 2006 in the basement of Norton City Office, 301 E. Washington, from 8-5 p.m. Cost is \$110.00.

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