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Former Norton wrestling greats honored

By DICK BOYD

Durham Invitational Wrestling Norton, former Blue Jay state 1947, 1957, 1967, 1977 and 1997 were honored.

Each honored wrestler received congratulations and a "Certificate team finished fourth in the state of Wrestling Excellence" from tournament and had four state former longtime Norton coach placers. Tim Schulze, Norton, J.R. "Jake" Durham as well as a congratulatory handshake from only member of the team present. Norton Athletic Director Larry Mills.

the state tournament and had four state placers. James Mulder of Fremont, Neb. was the only one honored from the team were: Bill fourth, heavyweight.

The 1957 team had one state placer, Leon Weiser, Norton. He was second at 103 pounds.

The 1967 Blue Jay wrestling squad placed second in the state in Class A-B. They had seven medalists. Present to receive their award and congratulations were first at 103 was not present but his Pat Donovan, Norton, third at 145 pounds, and Ron Zwickle, Norton, fourth at heavyweight. Ron Tacha,

for him. Other state medalists from During ceremonies at the J.R. the team who were not present were: Stan Ward, second, 103; Tournament on Saturday in Myron Lowry, second, 112; Quentin Horning, Wichita, first, wrestling medal winners from 138. Coach Durham, who coached that team, accepted Horning's certificate.

The 1977 Norton wrestling placed third at 145 and was the Other state medal winners from 1977 were John Horesky, Hoxie, The 1947 team placed sixth in first, 167; Wayne Dillon, third, 185; Amos Donaldson, third, heavyweight.

The 1997 Blue Jay wrestling present Saturday evening. He squad placed second in the state placed second at 103 pounds. Also tournament in Class 3-2-1A and was coached by current head Smith, third, 112, deceased; Edgar coach Bill Johnson. Five members Taylor, third, 154; Don Hemphill, of the team medaled. Four of the five were present to be honored. They were Kale Mann, who is currently assistant wrestling coach at Mill Valley, second, 145; Curtis Brown, Tulsa, first, 171; Josh Kellerman, Kansas City, first, 215; Jeff Boyle, first, heavyweight.

Brent Brandyberry, who placed father, David Brandyberry, accepted for him.

This was the 42nd annual wres-Manhattan, was first at 154 tling tournament held in Norton pounds. His friend Dave and the 10th annual Durham tour-Cuthbertson accepted for him. nament. It was renamed nine years Wayne Thiele placed second at ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" 133 pounds. Lynn Thiele accepted Durham of Norton, the former

Norton. Jake's honors include member-

Norton.

James Mulder, Freemont. Neb., who was runnerup at 103 pounds in the state wrestling

tournament as a Blue Jay wrestler 60 years ago in 1947, received a "Certificate of Wrestling

Excellence" from former Norton head coach J.R. "Jake" Durham at the recent Durham Invi-

tational. Applauding at right is Norton's athletic director Larry Mills. —Telegram Photo by Dick Boyd

Coach Johnson began to recogship in the National Wrestling Hall nize the "Norton Wrestling Tradiof Fame and Kansas High School tion" during his first year here in the former longtime "Voice of the Wrestling Hall of Fame. Jake and 1992. Over the past 15 years, 265

Making the individual introduc-

Northern Valley girls get big victory

The Northern Valley varsity Largent with 11. girls demolished Eastern Heights 64-22 in Almena on Jan. 5.

show gave the Huskies the advantage at the outset They held the visitors to 2 points in the first quarter, 10 in the second, 7 in the third and 3 in the fourth, while knocking down 18-23-14-9 respectively. The Huskies had three girls in double digits – Kelli Cole with 18, Jena Jessup with 15 and Jessica

Husky boys fall, 69-52

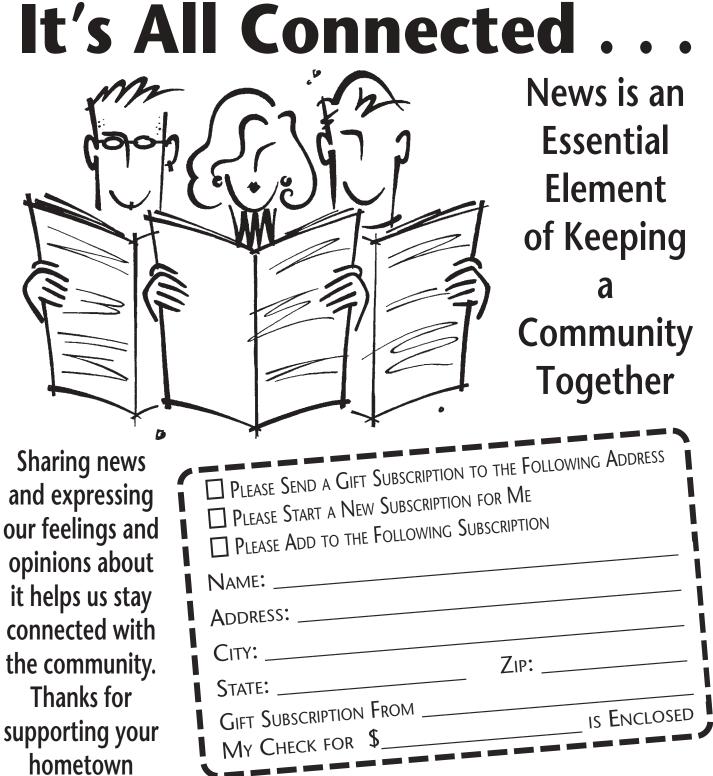
The Northern Valley Husky boys lost a 69-52 decision to Eastern Heights at Almena on Jan. 5, but had their first half offensive output matched their second half effort, it might have ended up as a "W."

A superior offensive/defensive Megan Cole 2; Andrea Lowry 7; 11.

longtime wrestling coach in his wife, Ruth, still reside in state medalists have been honored.

tions to the crowd over the public address system was Bruce Poage, Blue Jays."







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In the first half, the Huskies managed 19 points vs. 33 for Eastern Heights. In the second half, however the Northern Valley basketball machine cranked out 33 points vs. Eastern Heights' 36.

Overall, the Huskies scored 20 2-pointers and 1 from 3-point range, while the visitors tallied 26 2-pointers, but failed to connect from beyond the 3-point barrier. At the line, Northern Valley was 9 of 24 and Eastern Heights 17 of 25. Scoring for Northern Valley: Bryce Marble 3; Drew Britt 10; Chalm McMillin 2; Henry Griffiths 7; Justin Lee 7; TJ Siard 12; Drew Eagleburger 3; Tanner Jessup 7; and Eric Woodside 1. B. Suchsland with 21 and Lowe with 20 paved the way for Eastern

Girls lose to Hill City

Heights.

The Northern Valley Husky girls dropped a 45-31 decision on the road to Hill City earlier in the season.

Two bad scoring quarters — the second and third, 2 points and 3 points respectively - pretty much spelled doom. They bucketed 16 points in the first quarter and 10 in the fourth. Hill City went 11-10-10-14.

Scoring for the Huskies were: Alison Cole 8; Kelli Cole 8; Andrea Lowry 5; Christina Anderson 4; Jena Jessup 2; and Jessica Largent 4.

The Huskies scored on 10 2pointers, 2 3-pointers and 5 of 8 from the line. For Hill City, it was 192-pointers and 7 of 15 from the charity stripe.

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