

# Three Jay football players named 3A All-State

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Norton Community High School senior football players Zac Dreher, Brock Lauer and Matt Stanley have been named to the Class 3A All-State Football Team chosen by vote of the Kansas Coaches Association.

All three were selected on defense although they also played on offense during the Blue Jays' recently concluded highly successful season.

Dreher is a 6-foot-2-inch, 190 pound linebacker, tight end and offensive lineman. Lauer is a 6', 185 pound defensive end and offensive guard. Stanley is a 5'8", 175 pound linebacker and fullback.

Other senior players chosen to the All-State defensive team were: Nathan Pauly, 5'8", 185 pounds, defensive lineman, Conway Springs; Luke Keener, 6'3", 235 pounds, defensive lineman, Hoisington; Tyler James, 6'4", 294 pounds, defensive lineman, Beloit; Daniel Capul, 6', 220 pounds, linebacker, Garden Plain; Chaston Hoeme, 6', 200 pounds, linebacker, Scott City; Dalton Branch, 6'3", 175 pounds, defensive back, Mission Valley; Tyler Ratzlaff, 6'1", 180 pounds, defensive back, Halstead; Ryan Manes, 6'4", 195 pounds, defensive back, Ellsworth; Brandon Rome, 6'1", 175 pounds, defensive back, Goodland.

Selected for the All-State offensive team were: Chris Wilson, 5'11", 235 pounds, offensive lineman, Garden Plain; Trevor Tarrant, 6'1", 245 pounds, offensive lineman, Conway Springs; Steven Kyler,

6'2", 220 pounds, offensive lineman, Ellsworth; Braden Hager, 6', 210 pounds, offensive lineman, Beloit; Auston Sommer, 5'11", 230 pounds, offensive lineman, Mission Valley; Jacob Puetz, 6'3", 180 pounds, quarterback, Garden Plain; Levi Kuntzsch, 6'4", 210 pounds, tight end, Scott City; Bryant Thies, 5'9", 170 pounds, wide receiver, Medicine Lodge; Daniel Jost, 6'2", 180 pounds, wide receiver, Hillsboro; Jaydan Bird, 6'3", 215 pounds, running back, Conway Springs; Cas Spangler, 5'9", 160 pounds, running back, Beloit; Brenton Cates, 5'11", 177 pounds, running back, Riverton; Carl Hickel, 6'1", 195 pounds, running back, Hoisington; Colton Matthew, 6', 180 pounds, punter, Medicine Lodge; Taylor Buck, 6'3", 150 pounds, kicker, also from Medicine Lodge.

## Northern Valley ladies third at Trego tourney

The Northern Valley varsity basketball ladies took part in the Trego County Pre-season Tournament over the weekend and came away with a third place finish with a 2-1 mark.

The first game was against a much improved Victoria squad as it took an overtime to defeat them 40-33.

The Huskies shooting has not been as good as it was last season and they are getting out rebounded in each game so far. "If we do not correct these two areas we will not be as successful as last season. Our only saving grace so far in the victories is that our turnovers are less which is not letting our opponents have more possessions," said coach

Chuck Zimmerman.

In the Victoria game Northern Valley's statistical leaders were: Deflects, Christina Anderson with 5 as Staci Dole and Megan Cole each had 3; steals honors also went to Anderson with Dole and Alison Cole each having 4.

Rebounding honors went to Alison Cole with 16 while Anderson pulled down 7 with Dole and Megan Cole grabbing 5 each.

Assists were dished out by Megan and Alison Cole and Anderson with 2 each.

Box score

3pt-2pt -Ft-Reb-St-As,t-Def  
Karen Wenzl 0-0-0-0-0-1-0  
Megan Cole 1-4- 0-5-2-2-3  
Alison Cole 0-2-1-16-4-2-2  
Kenzie Chandler 0-0-1-0-0-

1-0

Staci Dole 2-3-1-5-4-0-3  
Melissa Hawks 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Christina Anderson 0-2-4-7-5-2-5

Brittney Braun 0-1-0-1-0-0-0  
Cassie Field 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Katie Stillion 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

**Vs. Ness City**

Against Ness City the Huskies ran into a very tall team with 3 6-footers but despite that the Huskies won 45-40. "Our shooting still was weak and we were out rebounded plus we committed too many turnovers, but, not as many as the Eagles. We did capitalize on their 37 turnovers as we scored points to build us a lead which we fought to keep late in the game," the coach said.

Leaders were Staci Dole with 7 deflects, followed by A. Cole with 6. Steals were taken by A. Cole with 5 and Dole with 4 while Anderson had 3.

Rebounds were taken down by Anderson with 10, followed by A. Cole with 9 while Brittney Braun and M. Cole each grabbed 5.

A. Cole, Dole and Anderson each had 2 assists in the contest.

3pt -2pt-Ft-Reb-St-As,t-Def  
Karen Wenzl 0-2-0-3-0-0-2  
Megan Cole 1-2-2-5-2-1-1  
Alison Cole 0-4-1-9-5-2-6  
Kenzie Chandler 0-0-0-2-0-1-0

Staci Dole 0-1-2-0-4-2-7  
Melissa Hawks 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Christina Anderson 3-1-8-10-3-2-4

Brittney Braun 0-0-0-5-2-4-3  
Cassie Field 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Katie Stillion 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
**Vs. Trego**

"Against Trego, we showed signs of being able to play with the 'big girls' but we could not sustain the effort as we were defeated 46-66. Again, poor shooting was a factor but in this game we did out rebound the Eagles by four. But, we also committed a season high in turnovers which Trego did convert into easy buckets. We must be able to do all three well if we expect to beat teams that are our caliber or better," the coach explained.

Leader in deflects was A. Cole with 5 (4 of those were blocked shots) with Anderson having 3

tips. Steals were taken by A. Cole with 3 and Dole with 2.

Rebounds were grabbed by A. Cole with 12 as Dole and Anderson each grabbed 5.

Anderson found 5 teammates open for scores while M. Cole found 3.

3pt -2pt-Ft-Reb-St-As,t-Def  
Karen Wenzl 0-1-2-4-1-0-1  
Megan Cole 0-2-1-4-0-3-0  
Alison Cole 0-8-5-12-3-1-5  
Kenzie Chandler 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

Staci Dole 1-3-1-5-2-0-0  
Christina Anderson 0-3-0-5-1-5-3  
Brittney Braun 0-0-0-2-0-0-1

Cassie Field 0-0-0-0-0-0-0  
Katie Stillion 0-0-0-0-0-0-0

## Seventh, eighth Norton girls fall to Osborne 27-9 and 38-16 on road

The Norton Junior High girls played Osborne on Nov. 20 at Osborne. The 7th grade girls lost 9 to 27.

Scoring for Norton was Johnnye Ruder with 4 (1 field goal and 2 of 2 from the free throw line); Bailey Ambrosier and Katelyn Engelbert with 2 points each; and Hannah Goss hit a free throw for 1 point.

The girls were successful on 3 field goals and were 3 of 6 from the free throw line.

Leading scorers for Osborne were Jessica Princ with 10, Caitlyn Miller with 13 points, and Shyanne Brummer and Baylee Wolters with 2 points each. Osborne was successful on 13 field goals and only hit 1 of 4 from the free throw line.

Ambrosier lead the way with 9 rebounds; Ruder, Goss and Engelbert pulled down 2 rebounds each. Katelyn Engelbert had 2 steals; Maddy, Bainter, and Ambrosier each had 1 steal.

"Osborne was a strong team that had a couple of very talented players that could score the ball. The Lady Jays need to do a better job of executing their offense. Defensively we did a much better job of rebounding and we did a better job of stopping Osborne's penetration in the 2nd half," said coach Olivia Krehbiel.

There was no junior varsity played.

The 8th grade girls lost to Osborne 16 to 38. Brianna Karnopp lead in scoring with 6 points;

Teslee Nickell and Alec Melvin each added 4; Jade Cressler also scored 2 points.

"We were successful on 6 field goals and hit 4 of 6 from the free throw line. Teslee Nickell was 2 of 2 from the free throw line and Alec Melvin was also 2 of 2 from the free throw line," said coach Cheri Brooks.

Scoring for Osborne was St. Clair with 22 points, Pfannenstiel with 13, Moore with 2 points, and Girard with 1 point. Osborne was

successful on 13, 2 point field goals and 1 three point field goal. They also hit 9 of 20 from the free throw line.

Norton was lead by Alec Melvin with 7 rebounds followed by Juliana Miller and Teslee Nickel with 4 boards, Kami Jones with 3 boards, and Katie Koch and Jade Cressler also pulled down 2 boards each.

"Osborne did a very good job of driving to the basket and unfortunately we did not rotate quick

enough to help in the first quarter which put us down 19 to 4. However, we made some adjustments defensively and were able to hold them to only 6 points in the 2nd quarter, which we matched," the coach said.

The Lady Jays held Osborne to only 13 points in the 2nd half, but unfortunately Norton struggled to hit the basket successfully and only scored 6 points in the 2nd half.

"We missed way too many easy

buckets that I know the girls can make if they stay focused, square up to the basket first, and try not to adjust their shot to the defense. We improved tremendously breaking their press throughout the game, but we still need to work on making better decisions with the basketball and eliminate some of our turnovers. Improvement is being made each game regardless of the final outcome and I look forward to the rest of the season," coach Brooks said.

## Seventh grade boys lose to Osborne and top WaKeeney

Here is a summary of some of the recent basketball games played by the Norton Junior High 7th grade boys:

**Nov. 20 vs. Osborne (there)**  
**Norton 28, Osborne 29**

Scoring: Travis Cressler 7; Austin Hager 10; Koltan Harting 4; Drew Schrum 3; Trevor Lewis 4.

Rebounds: Cressler 11; Hager 12; Harting 4; Schrum 1; Toby Nickell 2; Tanner Furbish 1; Marc Miller 2; Lewis 12.

Norton was 11 of 50 from the field for 22 percent, 6 of 14 from the line for 42 percent and pulled down 45 rebounds. Osborne was 9 of 50 from the outside for 18 percent, 9 of 16 at the line for 56 percent and hauled in 36 rebounds. Norton led in steals 20-11.

Drew Schrum hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer but it was ruled as being made after the buzzer sounded.

"We needed about a half of a second more on the clock," said coach Myers, who added, "it was a great game."

His other comments: "We started slow in the first quarter, but really played pretty good the rest of the game. We just missed too

many shots.

"The difference in the game was that Osborne hit a little better from the free throw line.

"Our kids played hard the whole game and I am proud of them."

**Nov. 24 vs. WaKeeney (there)**  
**Norton 27, WaKeeney 22**

Scoring: Cressler 8; Hager 8; Harting 3; Lewis 8.

Rebounds: Cressler 4; Hager 7; Harting 10; Furbish 1; Lewis 1.

Norton was 12 of 60 from the outside for 20 percent and 3 of 14 from the line for 21 percent. They pulled down 23 rebounds.

WaKeeney was 7 of 52 from the field for 13 percent and 8 of 14 from the line for 57 percent. They grabbed 25 rebounds. Norton led in steals 12-9.

Coach Myers' comments: "This was a very good, hard fought defensive game. If you like defense, then you really enjoyed the effort of both teams. I was proud of the effort that my team gave. These kids really work hard."

The junior varsity lost by a 28-16 score.

## Huskies' junior high ladies fall to T'Ridge

The Northern Valley Junior High girls basketball team lost to Thunder Ridge in the A-game on Dec. 11, 27-20, and the B-team also lost, 9-6. The A-team is now 2-5 on the season and the B-girls are 0-5.

Scoring were Erika Chandler 12, McKinsey Evans 1 and Regan Simpson 4.

B-team scoring: Khrianna VanPatten 2, DaKota Hilburn 2 and Ashley Jeffries 2.

Coach Amy McKinney said: "Thunder Ridge was an excellent opponent for both games. The B-team girls played their best so far this season and things seemed to have 'clicked' for them tonight. The A-team girls played very intense tonight and were able to stay in the game and be very competitive. We ran a little short on numbers due to foul trouble and injuries but they adjusted well and we were happy with their effort."



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