

# Norton coach honored

## National group picks basketball leader

By DICK BOYD

Coach Doug Reusink, head coach of the Norton Community High School boys basketball team, has been named 2003 Boys Basketball "Coach of the Year" in all classes in the State of Kansas by the National Federation of State High School Associations Coaches Association.

The association is the official national coaches group of the National Federation of State High School Associations. "Your contributions on behalf of high school athletics are deserving of our appreciation," said the letter from Robert F. Kanaby, executive director and Jeff Arbogast, chairman, advisory committee, which notified Reusink of the prestigious award. "Congratulations on being selected to represent all the deserving coaches from your state. Thank you for your many contributions to the youth of this country."

Coach Reusink will receive a certificate of recognition from the national federation.

A Norton Community High School graduate, Reusink coached at Northern Valley prior to his tenure in Norton and has coached state championship teams for both schools. His 2002-'03 team won the Class 3A state championship, compiling a 22-5 record. That quintet also won their fifth straight Mid-Continent League basketball tournament and tied for the league



Norton Community High School boys basketball coach Doug Reusink gave instructions to his players during a time-out in the Blue Jays' 61-58 double overtime victory over Stockton to complete an undefeated Mid-Continent League season and win the championship. Norton has also won the annual league tournament six straight years.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

championship

With just one returning starter, the 2003-'04 Norton squad just completed an outstanding 18-4 season. This season's Blue Jays won the Mid-Continent League tournament for the sixth year in a

row and were the undefeated league champions. They were also ranked No. 3 in the state by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association.

This was Coach Reusink's 25th year of coaching high school bas-

ketball. He has compiled a 165-119 record in Norton and is 379-165 overall. This is an average of 15.1 wins per year and just 6.6 losses. This is a winning percentage of 69.6 percent.

# Area stars picked to play in big game

By DICK BOYD

Jered Sloan, Norton; Grant Bailey, Jennings and Tyson Triplett and Valerie Jackson of Logan have been selected by Colby Community College to play in the 11th annual Sports Shoppe/Colby Bowl All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday, March 21 in the Community Building in Colby.

The girls all-star game will begin at 5 p.m. and will be followed by the boys game.

Each team will consist of senior players from Northwest Kansas high schools.

Jackson will play with the team in dark jerseys. Her teammates will be Abby Ream, Oberlin; Andrea Vap, La Crosse; Sheena Knutzsch, Scott City; Kim Torluemke, Hoxie; Tanya Beckman, Grinnell; Cortney Moser, Winona, Ashley Calvin, Hays; Ivy Ramsey, Colby and Erin Bixenman, Grinnell.

Playing for the girls team with light jerseys will be Jessica Osborn, Goodland; Kayla Beckman and Alicia Ostmeyer, Grinnell; Sara Moore, Cheylin; Amanda Seemann, Colby; Molly Kuhlman, Ness City; Brooke

Inlow, Oakley; Jenna Wilson, Smith Center; Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis and Erin Locke, Trego.

Rose McFarland, Trego, will coach the girls dark jerseys and Shelly Hoyt, Hoxie, will coach the girls light jerseys.

Teammates of Sloan, Triplett and Bailey on the light jersey boys team will be Garrett Levin, Kensington; Caleb Wick, Smith Center; Curt Stramel, Hays; Trevor Blackwill, Quinter; James Newman, Hoxie; Lance Basgall, Herndon and Joel Hrabe, Plainville.

Members of the boys dark jersey

team will be Egan Grafel, Oberlin; Sage Hemmert, Quinter; Cody Sattler, Oakley; Lance Tedford, Goodland; Brian Sulzman, Colby; Laran Steele, Weskan; Mike Raile, St. Francis; Brian Crittendon, Greeley County; Kent Packard, Wheatland and Curtis Snodgrass, Atwood. Shane Stover, Colby, who is injured, is an honorary member.

Dick Ahlberg, Oberlin, will coach the boys light jersey team and John Crist, Quinter, will coach the boys dark jerseys.

Delayed telecasts of both games over KSNK-TV are scheduled. The girls game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, March 28 and the boys game will be telecast at 10:35 p.m. on Sunday, April 4.

# Wesleyan signs Norton football player

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School senior Charlie Kohfeld, a 5'10", 178 pound running back for the Blue Jays, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall for Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina.

Kohfeld was the starting tailback this season for Norton's 11-1 playoff team. He rushed for 904 yards and nine touchdowns this season, averaging 5.4 yards per carry. He was the third leading

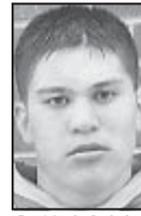
scorer for Norton. Kohfeld was chosen to the Mid-Continent League second team offense by the MCL coaches.

"Charlie will have an opportunity to have success at Kansas Wesleyan," said Norton coach Bruce Graber. "He can be a survivor and help them. Charlie can be a tough running back inside. He runs north and

south toward the goalline and that's what they want. He's excited about signing with them.

"Kansas Wesleyan is a force in their league. Their coach Dave Dallas is a veteran coach and their program is on the rise. Charlie will be given a chance to be part of that growth."

Kohfeld is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Kohfeld, Norton.



C. Kohfeld

# Volleyball ace to play for Colby

By DICK BOYD

Ashley Wegener, a 5'9" senior middle hitter at Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to play volleyball this fall at Colby Community College in Colby.

Wegener has received honorable mention in the Mid-Continent League from league coaches the past two seasons. In her senior season, she scored 104 service points with 34 aces, had 23 blocks, 107 kills and a 21 percent kill average. "Her versatility is her main asset," said NCHS volleyball coach Jill Lively. "She is a setter, hitter, blocker, server. You can place her wherever you want and she'll do great.

"She has an excellent team oriented attitude. She is a very hard worker and is also an honor stu-

dent." Pedro Gonzalez, new head volleyball coach at Colby Community College, was present for the recent signing at NCHS. He was assistant coach last season and helped the CCC team to their best record in a number of years.

"I'm very optimistic about the coming season," said Coach Gonzalez. "We got a late start on recruiting but have searched and found some good players. People will have to struggle to beat us. "We are encouraging recruit-

ment of local area players; we know there are a lot of them who can play at this level.

"Ashley is a good athlete and will help us. She is very mobile and flexible. She can read the attack at the net. She knows where to force hitters to hit the ball. She has good court sense."

Coach Gonzalez has also recruited Alicia Ostmeyer, Grinnell; Jordan Shay, Healy and Whitney DuBois, Weskan, to play for CCC. He said several other outstanding area players are considering signing with CCC.

Ashley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Wegener, Norton.



A. Wegener

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# Jennings boys lose to Wildcats

It was only one point, but it was the one that mattered as the Jennings High School Coyotes ended their basketball season on Thursday with a 49-48 loss to Sharon Springs in substate play.

The game was tight throughout. The Jennings boys started off with a 15-14 lead in the first quarter. Sharon Springs came back in a low-scoring second quarter to outplay Jennings 11-7 and lead 25-22 at the half.

In the third and fourth quarters, the Coyotes came back. They were able to outscore the Wildcats 13-12 and 13-12, coming close to a victory.

Scoring for Jennings were Adam Wahlmeier, 16; Adam Miller, 14; Grant Bailey, 8; Brett McKenna, 5; Andy Coiner, 3; and Nick Wahlmeier, 2.

A. Wahlmeier had two three-point shots while McKenna and Bailey each had one.

This was the last game for seniors Nick and Adam Wahlmeier, McKenna and Bailey.

Sharon Springs 49, Jennings 48. Score by quarters: S. Springs 14 11 12 12 — 49. Jennings 15 7 13 13 — 48.

**Jennings (48)**  
Adam Wahlmeier 4 2 2-2 16, Adam Miller 5 0 4-4 14, Grant Bailey 2 1 3-1 8, Brett McKenna 1 1 0-0 5, Andy Coiner 1 0 3-1 3, Nick Wahlmeier 1 0 0-0 2. Totals 14 4 12-8 48.

**Sharon Springs (49)**  
K. Elder 6 0 2-0 12, G. Fischer 4 1 0-0 11, K. O'Connor 3 1 0-0 9, K. Heyl 3 1 0-0 9, R. Rains 1 1 0-0 5, B. Fischer 0 1 0-0 3. Totals 17 5 2-0 49.

# Players chosen for all conference

By DICK BOYD

Four Logan High School girls, two Northern Valley High School girls, three Logan High School boys and two Northern Valley High School boys have been chosen to Cheyenne Conference All-League teams by vote of the conference coaches.

Named to the girls first team were Valerie Jackson, Logan senior and Lindsey Graham, Northern Valley junior. Making the girls second team were Kati Chestnut, Logan senior and Lane Webb, Logan junior. Receiving honorable mention were Regan Fesenden, Northern Valley senior and Michaela Berg, Logan sophomore.

Tyson Triplett, Logan senior, was named to the boys first team. Trojan junior Kyle Burge was named to the boys second team. Receiving honorable mention were Joey Copper, Northern Valley sophomore; Jesse Hilburn, Northern Valley junior and Kyle

McClurg, Logan senior. Joining Jackson and Graham on the girls first team were Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights sophomore; Ashley Dopita, Palco senior; Nicole Haskett, Eastern Heights junior.

Also named to the girls second team with Chestnut and Webb were Ashley Schmid, Eastern Heights junior; Natalie Hainke and McKenzie Rietzke, Kensington seniors.

On the boys first team with Triplett were Lance Basgall, Herndon; Buzz Rice, Kensington; Terek Wisinger, Eastern Heights and Garrett Levin, Kensington.

Named to the second team along with Burge were Curtis Brown, Herndon; Bryce Trump, Palco; Shay Simoneau, Palco and Brett Chambers, Herndon.

Receiving honorable mention with Copper, Hilburn and McClurg were Abraham Marintzer, Herndon and Austin Panter, Kensington.

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Standings Feb. 26 — Ram Roofing, 47.5-24.5; Almena State Bank, 41-31; L.W.B.C., 40-32; Jamboree, 36-36; N.C.K., 36-36; Time Saver, 31.5-40.5; Valley Hope, 30-42; Buff, 26-46; High Game: Mary Upson, 211; Bill LaSalle, 209; Tracy Stutsman, 204; Dale Henry, 197; High Series: Bill LaSalle, 571; Dennis Balderston, 531; Tracy Stutsman, 530; Dale Henry, 527;

High Handicap: Mary Upson, 258; Bill LaSalle, 243; Michelle Auker, 240; Tracy Stutsman, 237; High Handicap Series: Bill LaSalle, 673; Mary Upson, 667; Cory Martin, 660; Dennis Balderston, 651.

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