

Seniors named all league

By DICK BOYD

Seniors Grant Bailey and Adam Miller of Jennings High School have been named All-League by the Western Kansas Liberty League coaches.

A 6-foot point guard, Bailey was named to the first team. He averaged 14 points per game, 7 assists, 4 rebounds and 2.5 steals this season. He hit 45 percent of his field goal attempts and was 62 percent accurate from the free throw line.

Bailey, who was also a third team selection in the league last season, competed in the recent All-Star Classic in Colby, where he scored 9 points.

Miller was a 6-foot, 2-inch center for the Coyotes. He was chosen to the league third team. Miller was the leading scorer for Jennings, averaging 16 points per game. He also averaged 6 rebounds per contest. Miller hit 55 percent from the field and 60 percent from the free throw line.

Chris Henson, head boys basketball coach at Jennings, resigned at the close of this season after eight years at the helm. The Coyotes had winning records under Coach Henson and finished this season with a 14-10 record.

OTHER HONOREES

Named to the first team with Bailey were: Nolan Cox, Weskan junior; Kyle Elder, Wallace County sophomore; Mark Johnson, Healy junior; Henry Sloan, Greeley County sophomore.

On the second team were Heath Baird, Brewster junior; Brian Crittenden, Greeley County senior; Jesse Miller, Golden Plains



A third generation star player for Jennings, Grant Bailey was named all league, following in the footsteps of his father Mike Bailey, a 1972 Jennings graduate, who was also an all-league player. Grandfather Elmoine Bailey, a 1943 Jennings graduate, also played basketball for the Coyotes.

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junior; Kyle O'Connor, Wallace County sophomore; Laran Steele, Weskan senior.

On the third team with Adam Miller were: Jordan Barrett, Triplains junior; Beau Cox, Weskan

junior; Grady Fischer, Wallace County junior; Kent Packard, Wheatland senior.

Paul Flanders, Brewster junior, received honorable mention. Jennings had no girls team.

Norton players tapped for all-league honors

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Jered Sloan, Ryan Maddy and Kyle Kats from Coach Doug Reusink's Mid-Continent League champions and the Lady Jays' Chelsea Cox, Anna Berry and Karlie Jones from Coach Kevin Jilka's Mid-Continent League runner-up quintet have received all-league honors from the league's coaches.

BOYS TEAM

Sloan, a 6-foot, 4-inch senior center, was named to the first team. Maddy, a 6-foot, 1-inch junior center, was chosen for the second team and Kats, a 5-foot, 10-inch junior point guard, received honorable mention.

Sloan was second leading scorer for Norton, averaging 13 points per game. He was the leading shooter on the team, hitting 58 percent of his field goal tries and 71 percent from the free throw line. Sloan was second leading rebounder with 113 for an average of 5.4 per contest. He was the overwhelming leader in blocked shots with 61 total rejections! He was third on the team in steals with 45 thefts and third in assists with 53.

Maddy was the Blue Jays' leading scorer. He averaged 14 points per contest and was third in shooting accuracy, hitting 50 percent from the field. He swished 62 percent of his free throw attempts. Maddy was the leading rebounder for Norton with 153 total for an average of 7 per game. He was fourth on the team in steals with 26 thefts and also recorded 30 assists.

Kats was the only returning starter from last year's state championship team. He also received Mid-Continent League honorable mention last season. He was the steals and assists leader for the second straight year. Kats stole the ball 70 times and recorded 90 as-

sists. He was third leading scorer, averaging 7.3 points per contest and grabbed three rebounds per game.

GIRLS TEAM

Cox, a 6-foot sophomore center, was a first team Mid-Continent League selection. Berry, a 5-foot, 10-inch senior center and Jones, a 5-foot, 4-inch sophomore guard, were named to the third team.

Cox was the leading scorer for Norton with a 13 points per game average. She was also the leading rebounder with a 7 rebounds per contest average. A returning starter from last season, Cox hit 55 percent of her field goal attempts.

Berry was also a returning starter. She averaged 11.5 points and 5.5 rebounds per contest. Berry hit 51 percent from the field and 63 percent from the free throw line.

Jones averaged 10 points per game and 3 rebounds. She also averaged 2.5 assists and two steals per contest. She averaged 35 percent from three-point range, 44 percent from two-point land and 41 percent overall from the field. She hit 53 percent from the charity stripe.

OTHERS

Also named to the boys first team with Sloan were: Wade Knapp, 6-foot, 8-inch Trego junior; Justin Casey, 6-foot Plainville sophomore; Caleb Wick, 5-foot, 9-inch Smith Center senior; and Ty Brown, 6-foot, 5-inch Stockton senior.

On the second team with Maddy were: Tyler Turner, 6-foot, 4-inch Phillipsburg senior; Nathan Geist, 6-foot, 4-inch Victoria senior; Matt Koelsch, 6-foot, 2-inch Phillipsburg junior; and Casey Atkins, 6-foot Hill City senior.

Named to the boys third team

were: Adam Conway, 6-foot, 1-inch Osborne junior; Mark Aschenbrenner, 6-foot, 3-inch Trego junior; Nathan Locke, 6-foot, 4-inch Trego sophomore; Joel Hrabe, 6-foot, 2-inch Plainville senior; and Bailor Hardman, 6-foot, 2-inch Osborne senior.

Receiving honorable mention along with Kats were: Blaise Kriley, 6-foot, 3-inch Stockton junior; Craig Mans, 5-foot, 11-inch Osborne senior; Brett Suter, 6-foot, 1-inch Ellis senior; and Taylor Dix, 5-foot, 6-inch Plainville sophomore.

Named to the girls Mid-Continent League first team with Cox were: Erin Locke, 5-foot, 9-inch Trego senior; Courtney Riedel, 5-foot, 9-inch Trego junior; Karie Ubelaker, 5-foot, 5-inch Osborne junior; and Jenna Wilson, 5-foot, 8-inch Smith Center senior.

Selected to the girls second team were: Sarah Bargman, 6-foot Smith Center senior; Chelsey Dreiling, 5-foot, 7-inch Victoria sophomore; Toni Fuller, 5-foot, 11-inch Smith Center junior; Lindsay Gaschler, 5-foot, 5-inch Ellis senior; and Brooke Vanderplas, 5-foot, 7-inch Phillipsburg senior.

Chosen to the girls third team along with Berry and Jones were: Leah Dinkel, 5-foot, 7-inch Victoria sophomore; Erin Niehaus, 5-foot, 7-inch Hill City senior and Alexa Rogers, 5-foot, 7-inch Stockton senior.

Receiving honorable mention were: Jennifer Jacques, 5-foot, 9-inch Ellis sophomore; Tina Krafft, 5-foot, 3-inch Phillipsburg senior; Jessica Kuhn, 5-foot, 9-inch Victoria junior; Michelle Princ, 5-foot, 7-inch Osborne junior; and Andrea Robben, 5-foot, 2-inch Victoria senior.

Coaches chosen as top assistants in state

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Deyton Hager and Doug Ray have been chosen "Assistant Coaches of the Year" in Class 3-2-1A and Fidelis "Fig" Millan of Norton's KQNK radio has been selected "Media Person of the Year" by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association for the 2003-'04 season.

"These men have played a major role in the success of Norton Community High School Wrestling," said Norton Coach Bill Johnson. "Both were coaches in the Norton Kids Wrestling Club 12 years ago when many of this year's senior class started wrestling. Both worked in the kids club for six years and were instrumental in getting members of this year's team interested in wrestling. Words cannot describe all the positive influence these two have had on the lives of Norton wrestlers".

For the past six years, Hager has served as head junior high wrestling coach in addition to being a high school assistant coach.

"In this capacity, he was able to continue to influence the lives of many wrestlers," said Johnson. "His work with the middle weights is invaluable".

Ray has served as Norton High assistant coach for the past five years.

"He works mainly with the upper weights and has been directly responsible for guiding many young men to state medals and state titles, said Coach Johnson.

"These two also hold full time jobs in addition to their Rule 10 coaching duties. They must take off work several different times during the season and be away from their families. They both are willing to give their time unselfishly".

Millan is a Norton native who started in Kids Wrestling when he was 8-years-old. After wrestling in junior high, he wrestled from 1976-'80 for Coach Jake Durham's Blue Jays. He began assisting with broadcasting Norton wrestling in 1996 and took over full-time in 1997 with move-by-move accounts of Norton wrestlers competing on the mat.

"I do it mainly because I love the sport," said Millan.

He said he especially enjoyed broadcasting this year's state tournament which was won by the Blue Jays in overtime in the final match!

Named "Wrestler of the Year" was Jake Kreigbaum, Abilene, four-time state champion. He was also named the Class 4A "Senior Wrestler of the Year". Winners of the other classes were Mat Gilliland, Hoxie, four-time state champion, 3-2-1A; Nathan Payne, Paola, three-time state champion, 5A; and Cody Garcia, Hutchinson, three-time state champion, 6A.

Named "Coach of the Year" was Dale Samuelson, Oakley. He also received the honor for Class 3-2-1A. Other "Coaches of the Year" were Jon Lippelman, Scott City,

4A; Chris Paisley, Stilwell-Blue Valley, 5A; and Lee Woodford, Manhattan, 6A.

Selected as "Official of the Year" was Bob Warkentine, Salina. "Media of the Year" winners included Diane Gasper, Hays Daily News, and Wilmer Bahe, Goodland Radio.

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