

Papers honor players

State newspapers pick the best in basketball

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Norton's Jered Sloan, Ryan Maddy, and Chelsea Cox, Logan's Val Jackson and Tyson Triplett, Northern Valley's Lindsey Graham, Jennings' Grant Bailey and Adam Miller are among the area high school basketball players who received 2004 post-season honors from the Salina Journal, Hays Daily News, Wichita Eagle and Topeka Capital-Journal newspapers.

Salina Journal

Jackson was chosen to the Salina Journal's All-Area Girls Top Five. A 6' senior forward/guard, she averaged 16.3 points per game.

"Val Jackson was a do-everything player for Logan, helping the Trojans to a 21-4 overall record, a perfect record in the Cheyenne Conference and a runner-up finish in the sub-state tournament," said the Journal. Jackson led her team in scoring, rebounding (8.2), assists (3.9) and blocked shots (4.0) while shooting 56 percent from the field and 82 percent from the free throw line.

"She has great fundamentals and uses those to her advantage against her opponents," the Journal quoted her coach Linda Nighswonger as saying. "She is a confident player. She also had the ability to find her open teammates when the opponent took away her shot. When we needed to score, we got the ball to Val."

Jackson will play basketball for Colby Community College, where she will major in special education.

Cox, Norton's 6' sophomore center and Graham received honorable mention from the Journal.

Sloan, a 6'4" senior center and Maddy, a 6'1" junior center, both received honorable mention along with Miller, Bailey and Triplett.

Named to the All-Area girls team with Jackson were Jacie Hoyt, Hoxie junior; Brooke Inlow, Oakley senior; Heather McDonald, Abilene senior and Steph Wittman, Sacred Heart junior.

Among those named to the girls second team were Ivy Ramsey, Colby senior and Jenna Wilson, Smith Center senior.

On the third team were Erin Locke, Trego senior and Karie Ubelaker, Osborne junior.

Area girls also receiving honorable mention were Dani Bedore, Goodland; Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis; Toni Fuller, Smith Center; Natalie Hainke, Kensington; Amanda Krier, Beloit; Veronica Kuhlman, Oakley; Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights; Dani Pratt, Hoxie; Abby Ream, Oberlin; Brandee Reames, Beloit; Courtney Riedel, Trego; Emily Sloan, Colby; Sara Stoecklein, TMP-Marian; Kim Torluenke, Hoxie; Brooke Vanderplas, Phillipsburg.

Named to the All-Area Boys Top Five by the Journal were: Egan Grafel, Oberlin senior; Ryan Wedel, Minneapolis sophomore; Jordan Fithian, McPherson senior; Sage Hemmert, Quinter senior and Ryan Herrman, Abilene junior.

Among those named to the second team were Scott Hoffman, TMP-Marian senior; Shane Stover, Colby senior and Luke Wedel, Minneapolis senior.

Craig Mans, Osborne senior, was one of five players on the third team.

Area boys also receiving honorable mention were: Matt Augustine, Colby; Brandon Crum, Minneapolis; Nathan Geist, Victoria; Bailor Hardman, Osborne; James Newman, Hoxie; Derrick Raymer, Goodland; Buzz Rice, Kensington; Drew Siruta, Oakley; Tyler Turner, Phillipsburg; Justin Casey, Plainville; Adam Conway, Osborne; and Jordan Vickers, Hoxie.

Osborne's Kent Thompson was named "Boys Coach of the Year".



Above, Norton's junior center Ryan Maddy looks for an opportunity to pass to a teammate during the Blue Jays' double-overtime win over Stockton on February 26. Below, senior center Jered Sloan brings down a rebound during Norton's victory over Smith Center on February 3. Both players received post-season honors from the large daily newspapers in Kansas.

Hays Daily News

Jackson and Sloan were each named to the Second Team in the 26th annual Hays Daily News All-Area Teams. Triplett received honorable mention.

Named to the girls first team were Hoyt, Hoxie; Inlow, Oakley; Sloan, Colby; Kayla Beckman, Grinnell senior and Nicholl Weigel, La Crosse junior.

On the second team, with Jackson, were Erin Locke, Trego senior; Ivy Ramsey, Colby senior; Stef Randa, Hays High junior and Jenna Wilson, Smith Center senior.

Members of the girls third team were Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights sophomore; Alicia Ostmeyer, Grinnell senior; Alisha Ridgley, Lucas-Luray senior; Courtney Riedel, Trego junior and Karie Ubelaker, Osborne junior.

Among those receiving honorable mention were Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis senior; Jessica Schuler, TMP junior and Sara Stoecklein, TMP sophomore.

Egan Grafel, Oberlin senior; Shane Stover, Colby senior; Scott Hoffman, TMP-Marian senior; Sage Hemmert, Quinter senior; and Trevor Blackwill, Quinter senior, were named to the boys first team.

On the boys second team, along with Sloan, were Wade Knapp, Trego junior; Kyle Parker, Hays High senior; Mark Johnson, Healy junior and Nolan Cox, Weskan junior.

On the boys third team were Justin Casey, Plainville sophomore; Nathan Geist, Victoria senior; Brady Maska, Hays High senior; Laran Steele, Weskan senior and Caleb Wick, Smith Center senior.

Also receiving honorable mention were: Matt Augustine, Colby junior; Ty Brown, Stockton senior; Curtis Leiker, TMP senior; Craig Mans, Osborne senior; James Newman, Hoxie senior; Drew Siruta, Oakley senior.

Wichita Eagle

Hoyt, who averaged 24.9 points per game, was named to the Wichita Eagle's All-Class 2A Girls first team and All-State third team.

Cox received honorable mention on the 3A Girls Team.

Also receiving honorable mention in 2A were Toni Fuller, Smith Center junior; Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis senior; Erin Locke, Trego senior; Abby Ream, Oberlin senior; Courtney Riedel, Trego junior; Karie Ubelaker, Osborne junior and Jenna Wilson, Smith Center senior.

Named honorable mention in Class 1A were Jackson and Kendra Matteson, Eastern Heights sophomore.

Named honorable mention, along with Cox, in Class 3A were Brooke Inlow, Oakley senior; Amanda Krier, Beloit sophomore.

Named honorable mention in Class 4A were Dani Bedore, Goodland freshman; Ivy Ramsey, Colby senior; Emily Sloan, Colby junior.

Ryan Wedel, Minneapolis, was named to the All-State Boys Third Team.

Sloan and Maddy both received Class 3A honorable mention. Wedel was named to the All-Class 3A first team and Scott Hoffman, TMP-Marian, was named to the second team. Also receiving honorable mention from Class 3A



were Brandon Crum, Minneapolis junior; Tyler Turner, Phillipsburg junior and Luke Wedel, Minneapolis senior.

Grafel was chosen to the All-Class 2A second team. Receiving honorable mention were: Ty Brown, Stockton senior; Justin Casey, Plainville sophomore; Bailor Hardman, Osborne senior; Wade Knapp, Trego senior; James Newman, Hoxie senior; Jordan Vickers, Hoxie junior and Caleb Wick, Smith Center senior.

Receiving honorable mention in Class 1A were Grant Bailey, Jennings senior; Nathan Geist, Victoria senior and Tyson Triplett, Logan senior.

In Class 4A, Stover was chosen to the second team. Receiving honorable mention were Matt Augustine, Colby junior and Lance Tedford, Goodland junior.

Topeka Capital-Journal

Sloan was named to the All-Class 3A third team and Maddy received honorable mention.

Bailey and Triplett received honorable mention in Class 1A.

Ryan Wedel, Minneapolis, was chosen to the All-Class 3A first team and Scott Hoffman, TMP, was on the second team.

Also receiving honorable mention in Class 3A were Brandon Crum, Minneapolis junior; Tyler Turner, Phillipsburg junior and Luke Wedel, Minneapolis senior.

Named to the second team in Class 2A was Egan Grafel, Oberlin senior. Justin Casey, Plainville sophomore, and Wade Knapp, Trego senior, were on the third team. Also receiving honorable mention from Class 2A were Ty Brown, Stockton senior; Bailor Hardman, Osborne senior; James Newman, Hoxie senior; Jordan Vickers, Hoxie junior; Caleb Wick, Smith Center senior.

Also receiving honorable men-

tion from Class 1A was Nathan Geist, Victoria senior.

Stover was named to the All-Class 4A second team. Receiving honorable mention were Matt Augustine, Colby junior and Lance Tedford, Goodland senior.

Jackson was named to the All-Class 1A girls second team along with Matteson. Among those receiving honorable mention was Graham.

In Class 3A, Chelsea Cox received honorable mention along with Amanda Krier, Beloit sophomore and Brooke Vanderplas, Phillipsburg senior. Brooke Inlow, Oakley, was named to the second team.

In Class 2A, Hoyt was named to the first team and Locke and Wilson to the third team. Among those receiving honorable mention were Lindsay Gaschler, Ellis senior; Toni Fuller, Smith Center junior; Erin Niehaus, Hill City senior; Courtney Reidel, Trego senior and Karie Ubelaker, Osborne junior.

In Class 4A, Emily Sloan of Colby was named to the second team. Receiving honorable mention were Dani Bedore, Goodland freshman and Ivy Ramsey, Colby senior.

Huskies take third, fifth place

The Northern Valley track and field team competed in the Eastern Heights Invitational on April 20 in Logan.

The Huskies placed third in the boys division with 84 points and fifth in the girls division with 61 points.

"Cody Lowry ran extremely well in the 4 x 800 relay and in the 3200 run," said Coach Lonnie Brungardt. "Andrew Sheley had personal bests in shot, discus and javelin."

"Janelle Fritz ran personal bests in both the 1600 and 3200, and probably had her best track meet in three years. Lindsey Graham had a super performance in shot, discus and javelin. Kelli Cole had personal bests in the triple jump and 110 hurdles."

Scoring for Northern Valley were:

First place — Joey Copper, 110m hurdles, 16.09; Lindsey Graham, shot put, 32'7";

Second place — Thomas Ostmeyer, long jump, 18'5.5"; Jesse Hilburn, high jump, 6'; Graham, discus, 96'9"; Avery Thalheim, javelin, 144'2"; Jessie Redeker, 100m dash, 13.02;

Third place — Ostmeyer, 110m hurdles, 16.66; Kelli Cole, 100m hurdles, 18.03; Graham, javelin, 88'8";

Fourth place — Hilburn, 300m hurdles, 46.41; Ostmeyer, 100m dash, 11.63; Copper, triple jump, 39'0.5"; Redeker, 200m dash,

28.95; Cole, high jump, 4'8"; Clarke Nelson, Thalheim, Garth Gebhard and Chris Lee, 4 x 400m relay, 4:09.62; Fritz, Andrea Lowry, Kelsey Stupka and Redeker, 4 x 800m relay, 12:27; Cole, Stupka, Sylvia Holmes and Redeker, 4 x 100m relay, 58.09;

Fifth place — Copper, 300m hurdles, 47.0; Hilburn, 200m dash, 24.31; Cody Lowry, 3200m run, 12.54; Cole, triple jump, 31'0.25"; Thalheim, C. Lowry, Casey Dole and Zack King, 4 x 800m relay, 10:55.9;

Sixth place — Fritz, 1600m run, 6:48.56; Andrew Sheley, discus, 110'5", and shot put, 39'7.5"; Serena Woodside, shot put, 26'2.5"; and Stupka, Jena Jessup, A. Lowry and Woodside, 4 x 400m relay, 5:24.

Others competing were: Alysia Shearer — 100m high hurdles, 22.71; and 300m hurdles, 1:09.56; Henry Griffiths — 300m hurdles, 54.0; and triple jump, 34'1.5"; Nelson — 100m dash, 12.22; Chance Miller — 100m dash, 14.18; 400m dash, 1:16.07; shot put, 33'1.5"; and javelin, 102'7"; Garth Gebhard — 200m dash, 27.18; and triple jump, 33'; Chase Miller — 400m dash, 1:07.91; and long jump, 14'8"; King — 800m run, 2:51; Dole — 800m run, 2:57; Lee — high jump, 5'2"; Woodside — discus, 69'9"; Jessup — shot put, 25'9"; and Sheley — javelin, 120'10".

Barn stormers defeat all-star high school squad

The Northwest Kansas All Star Barnstorming Tour Basketball Game that was held at Grinnell High School in Grinnell on Saturday, April 24, was again a great success.

The University of Kansas Barnstormers defeated the Northwest Kansas All Stars by a score of 136-86. The half-time score was 59-45 with the Barnstormers on top.

Brett Olson led the K.U. Barnstormers with 50 points, followed by Jeff Graves with 38.

Bryant Nash chipped in 31 points on a variety of spectacular dunks.

The Jayhawks' Lewis Harrison and Brett Ballard added 9 and 8 points, respectively.

One lucky member of the audience got to join the Barnstormers throughout the contest and the young man scored 2 points on a dunk aided by Jeff Graves.

Cody Sattler, Oakley High School, led the Northwest Kansas All Stars with 11 points.

Jered Sloan, Norton Community High School, and Egan Grafel, Decatur Community High School, followed closely behind with 10 points each. Trevor Blackwill, Quinter; Laran Steele, Weskan;

Kent Packard, Wheatland and Brian Crittenden, Greeley County, each had 8 points, while Lance Tedford, Goodland, and Sage Hemmert, Quinter, chipped in 7 and 6 points, respectively.

Casey Atkins, Hill City, and James Newman, Hoxie, had 4 each. Lance Basgall, Herndon, rounded out the scoring with 2 points.

Grant Bailey, Jennings, and Nick Hahn, Wichita County, consistently made nice plays throughout the game but did not crack the scoring box.

Shane Stover, Colby, recovering from a basketball injury, suited up but did not play.

The attendance for the game was 625.

Terry Ostmeyer, Grinnell High School, said, "It was a great evening."

"The game was fun to watch, the players were great throughout the day."

"The pregame and half-time entertainment was exciting. All in all, it was just a good atmosphere."

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