

Students sign with Kansas college sports teams

By DICK BOYD

Grant Bailey

Grant Bailey, who was a senior this year at Jennings High School, has signed a letter of intent to run track at Fort Hays State University.



G. Bailey

Bailey is an outstanding all-around athlete for the Coyotes, having starred in football, basketball and track. A four-year letterman at Jennings, Bailey has competed in three state track meets. Last year he placed fourth in the state meet in Class 1A in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:02.19. In addition to competing in the 800 meter run this season, he is a member of the 4 x 800 meter and 4 x 400 meter relay teams.

"Grant is an outstanding young man," said Russ Aumiller, Jennings track coach. "He is very coachable. He has a good work ethic and takes sports seriously. He's also good in the classroom."

"Grant Bailey is a great young man," said Fort Hays Coach Jim Krob, who shares coaching duties with Coach Dennis Weber. "He has a lot of potential and will work hard. We are really happy when we can sign local, area athletes."

Bailey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Bailey of Jennings.

Val Jackson

Val Jackson, a 6' player on the Logan High School girls basketball team, has signed a letter of intent to play for Colby Community College in Colby, KS.



V. Jackson

Jackson is a four-year letter winner in basketball, volleyball and track. She was chosen first team All-Cheyenne Conference for three years and also received some all-state honors.

She led the Lady Trojans her senior year with 15.3 points per game, 8.2 rebounds, and 3.9 assists. She hit 56.2 percent of her field

goal attempts and swished 81.7 percent from the free throw line.

"Val was one of the hardest working players on our team," said Logan Head Girls Basketball Coach Linda Nighswonger. "She was one of the first into the gym for practice and one of the last to leave. She is an excellent team leader."

"She should be very successful in college. She has lots of basketball skills and knows the game. If she had the ball and was covered, she was good at finding the open person."

"Val is a very versatile athlete. She can play inside or outside," said Colby Community College Head Women's Basketball Coach Tom Stephens. "She sees the floor well and is a good perimeter shooter. She is an extremely hard worker. She'll only get better and will make our team better."

"Having had the opportunity to play on the perimeter in high school will really help her. She will be a really good college player. She is one of the best Kansas players we'll sign. Playing with other talented players in college will make her even better."

Jackson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Jackson of Logan.

Other area players also signed with Coach Stephens to play for Colby are Ivy Ramsey of Colby and Jill Mahoney, Russell, who will transfer and be a sophomore.

"We'll have one of our better Kansas recruiting classes coming in," said Coach Stephens.

Coach Stephens is a New Almo native and Lenora High School graduate. He has been head women's basketball coach at Colby Community College for seven years. His Colby team had an outstanding season this year. They compiled a 29-4 record and were ranked No. 8 in the nation.

Amy Myers

Norton Community High School senior Amy Myers has signed a letter of intent to run cross country and track for Fort Hays State University in Hays.

Myers is a four-year letter winner in cross country and placed 38th in the state cross country meet in Wamego this season. She is a three-year letter winner in track at

NCHS and a two-year qualifier in the 3200 meter run in the state track meet Wichita.

"We're really happy to have Amy sign with us," said Fort Hays Coach Jim Krob, who is in his 17th year at Fort Hays. "We need distance and cross country women runners and really like it when we can find them locally. We look forward to working with Amy."

"She started as a little freshman and, as the years progressed, she got stronger and better," said Coach Deyton Hager, Myers' NCHS cross country coach. "She had an asthma problem as a junior and it was hard for her to get motivated. She came on strong in her senior year."

"It's great to see her go on to run at Fort Hays. She is very deserving and can make a strong contribution to Fort Hays. We'll be just as proud of her as when she was running here."

"Amy has four years of experience. She's got her medical asthma problem figured out and should do well this season," said NCHS Track Coach Bruce Graber. "She doesn't have the speed to compete at the shorter distances so will probably run the 5,000 and 10,000 meters."

"Fort Hays has a great track and cross country program. They do a great job with distance runners. If you want to run distance, that's the place to go. We wish her the best."

Myers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Myers, Norton.

Tyson Triplett

Tyson Triplett, a 6'2", 235 pound senior offensive and defensive lineman for Logan High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Hutchinson Community College, Hutchinson.

An All-Cheyenne Conference performer, Triplett also received honorable mention all-state honors on the offensive line this season and

as a linebacker his junior season. He is also an All-Cheyenne Conference basketball player and is outstanding in track and field events where he has won many gold medals in the shot put, discus and javelin.

"Tyson is a great team leader," said Logan Head Football Coach Bryce Woodall. "All the underclassmen look up to him. He has a great work ethic. When lifting weights, he never cuts corners."

"He is very likeable and did a good job as our student council president."

"We're really excited about signing Tyson," said Hutchinson Head Football Coach Craig Jersild. "We'll play him at linebacker and he has a chance to help us early on. Our linebackers have to have size and Tyson has the size and plenty of ability."

"He also has the good character we like in our athletes. He's a good person, great worker and good student. We can't wait to get Tyson here with us."

Triplett is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Triplett of Logan.

Hutchinson Community College compiled a 7-4 record last season, placed third in the tough Jayhawk Junior College Conference and 13th in the nation. They competed in the Valley of the Sun Bowl game.

"We like Kansas players," said Coach Jersild. "Our best players are from Kansas. Playing for a Kansas college means more to them."

One of the Kansas players on the Hutchinson team who is from Northwest Kansas is one of the largest players in the nation. Brandon Offutt is a Golden Plains graduate who will be a sophomore next season and will be switched from offensive line to defensive line. A former outstanding high school player, Offutt is 6'8" and weighs 400 pounds!

Area teams do well at state track meet

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seconds better than in the regional meet and about two seconds off our school record. Val is the only one we'll lose off the relay next year."

Webb, who placed fourth in the 800 meter run last year as a sophomore, finished second this year with a personal best time of 2:28.18. "Lanee ran very well in the 800 meters," said Nighswonger.

Clements placed fifth in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:44.59. "I'm very happy for Bethany," said Coach Nighswonger. "This was a good experience for her. There aren't that many runners in the 1600 in most of our meets so she isn't used to running in a crowd. She got boxed in once, then made her way up in the pack. For a freshman to place fifth in the 1600 meters in the state meet is cool."

The Logan girls 4 x 100 meter relay team of sophomore Megan Brumbaugh, sophomore Jenny Noel, sophomore Darci Goddard and freshman Anne Hartman ran a 54.53 in their preliminary race on Friday but they did not qualify for the finals. They just missed qualifying by about 1 1/2 seconds.

"Our 4 x 100 meter relay team ran pretty well," said Coach Nighswonger. "I was happy that they qualified when they placed fourth in the regional. It was a good experience for them. They are all young and will be hungry to get back next year."

"Everyone performed well for us. The state meet is a neat place to compete. It's a whole different atmosphere."

Logan Boys

Senior Tyson Triplett was the only Logan boy to qualify for state meet competition. He competed in the discus, shot put and javelin at the state meet for the second straight year. His best performance was in the discus where he threw a personal best distance of 144'7" to place ninth. He missed medaling by nine inches.

He placed 13th in the shot put with a distance of 43'6 1/2" and 14th in the javelin with a distance of 143'.

"Tyson was throwing against some really good competition," said Coach Nighswonger. "He came close to medaling in the discus and probably would have in the javelin if he hadn't reinjured this arm that he hurt in the regional meet. He threw 161'7" to place third in the regional."

"It's quite an accomplishment for Tyson to have competed in the state meet for several years in all three events."

Jennings Boys

The Jennings 4 x 800 meter relay team was undefeated this sea-

son heading into the state meet where they placed second with an outstanding time of 8:39.92. Team members and their splits were freshman Marcus McKenna, 2:04; sophomore Josh Vahling, 2:13; senior Brett McKenna, 2:12 and senior Grant Bailey, 2:09.

"This was one of the highest places ever in the state meet in a running event for Jennings," said Jennings Head Coach Russ Aumiller. "This was definitely the highlight of the meet for us. I gave all members of the team the 'Most Valuable Track Athlete Award'."

The Coyotes' 4 x 400 meter relay team placed seventh in their preliminary race on Friday with a time of 3:39.02 and did not qualify for the finals. They had the tenth fastest time overall out of the two preliminary heats. Team members were: Brett McKenna, Marcus McKenna, sophomore Jake Kramer and Bailey.

"We were just happy to get our 4 x 400 meter relay team to the state meet," said Coach Aumiller. "It was the first time there for Marcus McKenna and Jake Kramer. It's a big event and gave them good experience."

Bailey and Marcus McKenna also competed in the 800 meter run. McKenna placed ninth with a time of 2:10.28 and Bailey was 16th with a time of 2:18.04.

"Bailey is our top 800 meter runner and is a four-time state meet competitor," said Coach Aumiller. "He was fourth in the 800 in the state meet last year and ran well on the relays this year but just didn't have a good race in the open 800 on Saturday. He had a good career

and will do well for Fort Hays State."

Jennings Girls

Sophomore Nakita Graf was the only Jennings girl competitor at the state meet. She placed 11th in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:21.22. She was also the only member of the Jennings girls track team.

"I'm really happy for her," said Coach Aumiller. "The boys are just as happy for her because she ran with them in practice."

Northern Valley Boys

Sophomore Joey Copper of Northern Valley placed fourth in his preliminary heat of the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 16.00 on Friday, then placed fourth in the finals on Saturday with a time of 15.73.

Copper also recorded a personal best distance of 41'4" in the triple jump to place 11th. He was just 7 1/2 inches away from medaling.

"Joey had a real good meet," said Northern Valley Head Coach Chuck Fessenden. "He was fourth in the hurdles and set a personal record in the triple jump."

Junior Jesse Hilburn placed sixth in his preliminary heat of 300

meter hurdles with a 43.38 time and did not qualify for the finals. He also competed in the high jump where he tied for 13th with a height of 5'10".

Sophomore Avery Thalheim placed 13th in the javelin with a throw of 145'3".

Sophomore Clarke Nelson competed in the pole vault but did not make opening height.

"I was a little disappointed with some of the performances but it was the first time at the state meet for most of our athletes," said Coach Fessenden. "The main thing is that it was a good experience and we have everybody back next year."

Northern Valley Girls

Northern Valley junior Lindsey Graham competed in the discus and placed 11th with a distance of 99'11".

Lady Husky freshman Kelli Cole competed in the high jump and cleared 4'8" to tie for tenth.

"Both Lindsey and Kelli are good competitors and will be back next year," said Coach Fessenden. "Kelli jumped 4'10" to place second in the regional and would have medaled in the state meet at that height."

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