

# Nine Blue Jay wrestlers on all-area wrestling team

By DICK BOYD

All nine Norton Community High School wrestlers who competed in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament this season along with Coach Bill Johnson have been named to the 2006 All-Area Wrestling Team by the *Salina Journal* newspaper.

State champions senior Clay Madden, 119; senior Luke Pfannenstiel, 152 and senior Lance Roe, 160, were chosen to the First Team and Coach Johnson was named Coach of the Year after guiding his team to their third straight state championship.

Freshman Zach Bainter, 112 and senior Jeremy Harding, 145, both of whom placed second in the state tournament, were named to the Second Team.

Receiving honorable mention were junior Nathan Broeckelman, 125, state champion; senior Kent Mann, 130, third in state; senior Jon Harding, 135, fifth in state and junior Blake VanEaton, 140, third in state.

This season, Madden became the first four-time state wrestling champion in Norton's long history of wrestling excellence. His record this year was 39-1 and career record is 128-10.

Madden is one of only 20 Kansas prep wrestlers to ever win four individual high school titles. Only three have won four in Class 3-2-1A. The other two are St. Francis' Bill Gabel (1993-96) and Hoxie's Mat Gilliland (2001-04).

Twenty-three of Madden's victories came by fall. One of his biggest wins this season came over Goodland's Brett Bahe with a 5-2 decision in the Goodland Dual Tournament. Bahe was this year's Class 4A state champion.

Madden was named Class 3-2-1A Senior Wrestler of the Year by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association.

"I'm very proud of Clay, not just for becoming a four-time state champion, but for being a very good student and humble Christian person," said Coach Johnson.

Pfannenstiel entered the state tournament with six losses but didn't lose again. After scoring a pair of close victories in order to reach the championship finals, he dominated Hillsboro's Andrew Bina to earn the 152 pound gold medal.

Pfannenstiel was injured his sophomore year. In three years of wrestling, he compiled an impressive 91-24 record. He was 33-6 this season with 18 pins.

"We thought Luke would contend for a state title this year but we thought he would have to beat arch-rival Michael Schamberger of Hoxie to do it," said Coach Johnson.

"When Schamberger was beaten, Luke never looked back and ended up winning the state title by a major decision."

Not only was Roe the state



Clay Madden



L. Pfannenstiel



Lance Roe



Zach Bainter



Jeremy Harding



N. Broeckelman

champion at 160 pounds, he was the champion takedown artist in the state. He recorded 193 takedowns this season and a whopping 514 in four years.

Roe became a two-time state champion when he cruised to a 17-8 victory over Gabe Smull of St. Francis in the state championship finals.

He compiled a 136-20 career record which included a 37-1 mark this season.

"I was not surprised by any of Lance's accomplishments this season," said Coach Johnson. "What is surprising about him is the way in which he is able to make a good wrestler look helpless in takedown situations."

"Many times opposing coaches would just shake their heads in amazement and comment after that match, 'That Roe is good'."

Bainter finished his freshman season with a tremendous 25-3 record and second place finish in the state tournament.

Bainter lost his championship match by a 16-15 score to two-time state champion and unbeaten senior Nash Burtin, Eureka.

Jeremy Harding completed an outstanding 27-5 senior season with a second place finish at 145 pounds. En route to the finals, Jeremy defeated a previously unbeaten wrestler and one who had only two previous defeats during the season. He lost in the finals to a defending state champion.

Broeckelman went through the state tournament without a loss at 125 pounds and ended the season 40-2. His only losses were 4-3 to eventual Class 5A state champion Nick Nothern, a senior at Salina South, in the Newton Tournament of Champions and to eventual Class 4A state champion Blake Fisher, Andale, in the Clay Center Invitational.

Mann suffered only one loss in the state tournament on his way to a third place finish at 130 pounds. He finished the season 29-8.

At 135 pounds, Jon Harding lost his first match of the state tournament to eventual third place finisher Justin York, Smith Center, by just one point. He suffered only one other state tournament loss and that was also by one point to York. He then easily won the fifth place match. Jon finished the season with a 32-14 record.

VanEaton also lost his first state tournament match at 140 pounds but it was his last loss of the season. He came all the way through the back door to dominate his third place opponent and earn the

bronze medal. VanEaton compiled a 35-9 record this season.

Coach Johnson figured the best way to go about chasing history was to downplay the three-peat possibility. Talk of a three-peat began from the moment Norton dominated their way to their second straight title in 2005. Johnson decided not to let himself or his wrestlers get wrapped up in all the hype.

"We did that for a couple of reasons," he said. "First, we did that for Clay Madden because he was trying to win his fourth state title and then as a team we wanted to win one so it could be our third in a row. That was a thing we talked about from day one. We said forget 2004 and 2005. We want the 2006 championship."

So, like his approach to claiming a third consecutive team title, Johnson helped Madden focus on taking care of business this year rather than looking back on past accomplishments.

"We have a pretty rigorous schedule and we try to prepare them the best we can for the state tournament," said Johnson. "They don't worry about a loss here or there because they know what we are preparing for. It obviously helped that of our nine state qualifiers this year, eight of them were state medalists from previous years. That makes my job so much easier."

#### Other honorees

Named to the All-Area First Team with Madden, Pfannenstiel and Roe were: 103 - Zach Ceman, Phillipsburg junior, 35-1, second in state; 112 - Matt Rein, Abilene senior, 39-2, first in state; 125 - Nick Nothern, Salina South senior, 37-1, first in state; Tyler Baker, Hoxie senior, 45-0, first in state; 135 - Brad Esterl, Beloit junior, 40-2, first in state; 140 - Cole Garcia, Colby senior, 40-0, first in state; 145 - Taylor Finley, Colby senior, 34-4, second in state; 171 - James Wright, Beloit senior, 31-4, first in state; 189 - Chris Sutton-Kearn, Concordia senior, 38-2, second in state; 215 - Aaron Racette, Oakley sophomore, 24-2, second in state; 275 - Brennon Wilger, St. Francis junior, 34-1, second in state.

On the All-Area Second Team with Bainter and Jeremy Harding were: 103 - Jay Sanders, Hays freshman, 27-6, sixth in state; 119

- Brett Bahe, Goodland junior, 36-2, first in state; 125 - Tanner Dawson, Abilene senior, 39-4, third in state; 130 - Tait Weatherbee, Thomas More Prep of Hays senior, 25-0, first in state; 135 - Dylan Loyd, St. Francis senior, 34-3, second in state; 140 - Travis Warner, Smith Center senior, 36-2, first in state; 152 - Kyle Allen, Clay Center junior, 31-7, fifth in state; 160 - Brendan Lund, Clay Center senior, 34-3, third in state; 171 - Will Irvine, Chapman junior, 32-5, fifth in state; 189 - Alex Whitehill, McPherson junior, 32-2, third in state; 215 - Tim Erwin, Hoxie senior, 43-3, third in state.

Receiving honorable mention in addition to Broeckelman, Mann, Jon Harding and VanEaton were: 103 - Dan Weigel, Plainville; 112 - Trevor Rempe, Smith Center; Dustin Zahorsky, Phillipsburg; 119 - Rayson Brachtenbach, Hill City; Tommy Knapp, Lincoln; Nick Peterson, Abilene; Trenton Powell, Colby; Trevor Richard, St. Francis; Aaron Weatherhead, Belleville; Rusty Wickham, Hays; 125 - Jake Hoesli, Concordia; Matt Migchelbrink, Atwood; Travis Rempe, Smith Center; Joe Olson, Trego; 130 - Jon Baumfalk, Hays; Jeremy Chase, Hill City; Cody Eaton, Bennington; 135 - Kade Bloom, Phillipsburg; Justin York, Smith Center; 140 - Jon Arveson, Chapman; Tony Ceman, Phillipsburg; Jordan Kolterman, Clay Center; Jonathan Richards, Oberlin; Levi Sides, McPherson; 145 - Jordan Gienger, St. Francis; Tyron Utech, Herington; 152 - Denton Bailey, Oberlin; Andrew Bina, Hillsboro; Jayme Hoover, Salina South; Matt Hyman, Beloit; Michael Schamberger, Hoxie; 160 - Tony Fiorillo, Salina South; Jake Nichols, Smith Center; Dalen Ryan, Lincoln; Gabe Smull, St. Francis; Marvio Tischhauser, Abilene; 171 - Cody Lang, Russell; Matt McGinty, Southeast of Saline; Terry Urban, Oberlin; 189 - Josiah Goodley, Goodland; Cody Jarvis, Phillipsburg; Michael Malay, Trego; Josh Marrs, Clay Center; Kirk Palmer, Smith Center; 215 - Matthew James, Clay Center.



Kent Mann



Jon Harding



Blake VanEaton

## 2006 Norton Community High School Golf Schedule

Tues., April 4 — Smith Center Invitational, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Fri., April 7 — Norton Invitational, Norton, 9 a.m.  
 Tues., April 11 — Ellis Invitational, Ellis, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 11 — Goodland Invitational, Goodland, 2 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 13 — Hill City JV Invitational, Hill City, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 18 — Goodland JV Invitational, Goodland, 2 p.m.  
 Fri., April 21 — Hill City Invitational, Hill City, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., April 25 — Smith Center JV Invitational, Smith Center, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., April 27 — Trego Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.  
 Thurs., April 27 — Logan Invitational, Logan, 3 p.m.  
 Tues., May 2 — TMP Invitational, Hays (Smoky Hill), 9 a.m.  
 Tues., May 2 — Norton JV Invitational, Norton, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 4 — Colby Invitational, Colby, 3 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 4 — Trego JV Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.  
 Mon., May 8 — Phillipsburg Invitational, Phillipsburg, 1 p.m.  
 Thurs., May 11 — MCL Tournament, Plainville (Rooks Co.), 3

## Norton golf team to open season with first tourney Tuesday

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team will open the 2006 season at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4 in the Smith Center Invitational.

The Blue Jays' first home varsity competition will begin at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 7, when the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament is held on the course south of Norton.

Competing teams, in addition to Norton, will be Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Stockton and Smith Center.

Norton will award medals to the top three teams and to the top six individuals. Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams.

Norton will also host the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 2. The Regional Golf Tournament will be held this year in Phillipsburg on Monday, May 15.

Coach Stover has 25 young men and women on this year's team; however, only two of them are letter winners and one is injured.

Dane Krizek is the only returning senior letter winner but he is injured. Krizek was on the Norton team that won the Class 3A regional championship and placed tenth in the state tournament in 2003. Norton won the Mid-Continent League championship in 2004 and Krizek was a member of the two-man team which placed second in the league.

Last season, Norton placed third in the league tournament and the two-man team of Krizek and senior Corey Look placed second. Norton also placed third in the regional tournament that was held in Norton. Only the top two teams advance to the state tournament;

however, Krizek and Look qualified for the state tournament as individuals.

The other returning letter winner is junior Michael Ward.

Other squad members are: Clay Madden, Jordan Herman, Blake Jacques, Tyler Neff, Greg Wilson, seniors; Pat Burton, Jordan Durham, Brianne Nelson, juniors; Preston Herman, Kyle Edgett, Zach Dole, Lacy Ellis, Kylie Morel, Andrew Black, sophomores; Ashley Colip, Hannah Fulton, Logan Kelly, Charli Lawson, Kyle Mindrup, Brittany Otter, Gabby Otter, Steph Shepard, Jacob VanSki, freshmen.

Coach Stover's assistant coach again this season will be Roger Wahlmeier.

"This will be a rebuilding season for Norton Community High School golf," said Coach Stover.

"In addition to injured Dane Krizek and Michael Ward, our only players with varsity experience are Clay Madden and Jordan Herman.

"Although we are starting the season with very little varsity experience, I do believe this is a group who will improve as the season progresses.

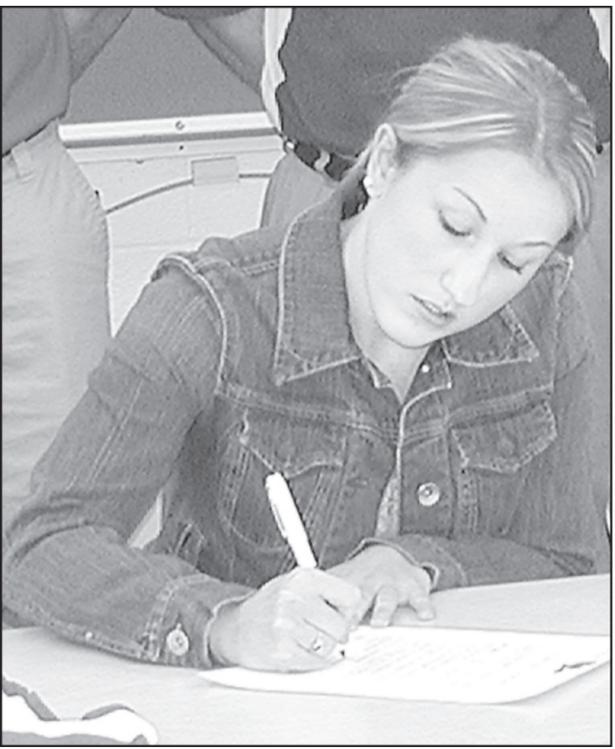
"I am pleased with our young men and women. Many of them are beginning golfers but I'm excited about their potential. We'll have to be patient with them but we'll be better by the end of the season.

"Phillipsburg and Trego will be the top two teams in the league and the rest of the league will be pretty balanced. Both Phillipsburg and Trego played in the state tournament last season. Phillipsburg has five of their top six golfers returning and Trego's top three golfers return as well."

## BOWLING

**LADIES INTER-CITY**  
 Standings March 13 — Nelson Bros., 27-9; Land Surveyors, 22-14; Jamboree, 20-16; Animal Health, 20-16; Superior Livestock, 16.5-19.5; High Game Scratch: Carol Ross, 155; Olivia Krehbiel, 149; Donna VanKooten, 148; High

Series Scratch: Kathleen Berlier, 409; Laura Leidig, 406; Donna VanKooten, 384; High Game Handicap: Donna VanKooten, 202; Carol Ross, 198; Vida Perrill, 195; High Series Handicap: Donna VanKooten, 546; Vendra Tacha, 538; Kathleen Berlier, 532



Norton Community High School senior athlete Amanda Antrim signs a letter of intent to compete in track for Friends University in Wichita following her graduation this May from high school. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

## Norton senior signs letter of intent to pole vault for Friends University

By DICK BOYD  
 Amanda Antrim, a senior at Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to pole vault in college for Friends University in Wichita.

Antrim is a three year letter winner for Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Lady Jays track team. Her pole vault coach has been Jason Jones.

In addition to pole vaulting, Antrim has been a sprinter for Norton. She will also have the opportunity to run for Friends.

Despite being bothered last season by injury problems, Antrim ran on the 400 meter relay team and ran the 100 yard dash in addition to pole vaulting. Her best vault was 8 feet at the Russell meet.

Her sophomore year, Antrim was the women's high point scorer for Norton with 83.5 points and was named Gatorade Women's Athlete of the Year. She placed

third in the regional meet with a vault of 8'6" to qualify for the state meet in Wichita. She also ran in the 4 x 400 meter relay, 4 x 100 meter relay and 100 meter dash in 2004.

Antrim cleared 7'6" in the pole vault her freshman year to place fourth in the Mid-Continent League meet. She also ran in the 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash and 4 x 100 meter relay and long jumped.

"It helps for an athlete to have ability but we look for the full package when we recruit," said Friends University Head Track Coach Winston Kenton.

"We look for enthusiasm, determination, work ethic, character and academics and Amanda is the full package. We feel she'll be among the cream of the crop.

"We have recruited her primarily as a pole vaulter but she will have the opportunity to be a runner as well."

Coach Kenton is in his third year as track coach at Friends. Previously, he coached seven years at Bishop Carroll High School in Wichita.

"Amanda will be coming into one of the most successful pole vault programs in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics," said Coach Kenton.

"We have won the girls and boys pole vault championship in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference every year since 1998. We have also always been in the top two or three in the conference as a team."

"Amanda is a great young lady and a good vaulter," said Coach Graber.

"She struggled a little last season due to injuries. Physical ailments kept her from being where she wanted to be but she still improved on some points of her technique. For instance, her takeoff

was much better.

"She has a very good work ethic and a great attitude. Vaulters can have a bad day but she doesn't let a bad day bother her.

"Her size is against her in the pole vault. If she were taller, she would be able to stretch up and have a longer pole to naturally go higher. But, she deals with that by being aggressive and strong and having decent speed.

"Coach Jones does a good job with our vaulters. Thanks to him, their knowledge is very good. Amanda knows what needs to be done to make a good vault.

"We're fortunate to have Coach Jones with his knowledge of the pole vault. He can spend a lot of time with our vaulters and that's a big plus. That's why our vaulters score a lot of points for us."

Amanda is the daughter of Jim and Tami Antrim and Jim and LeAnn Hansen.