

Norton, Logan football players honored

By DICK BOYD

Norton's Blake VanEaton, Chris Davis, Nic Lewis, Nathan Broeckelman and Zac Dreher; Logan's Tim McElroy and Levi Kiser and Hoxie's Marcus McKenna from Jennings have received post-season football honors from the state's large daily newspapers.

VanEaton, a 5-foot-11 inch, 165 pound senior tailback and linebacker, was named to the 11-Man First Team by the *Hays Daily News*, All-Area Third Team by the *Salina Journal*, and received honorable mention in All-Class 3A on defense in the *Topeka Capital-Journal* and All-Class 3A honorable mention on both offense and defense in the *Wichita Eagle*.

Davis, a 6', 165 pound senior kicker, punter, fullback and linebacker, was named Class 3A honorable mention on defense in the *Eagle* and Class 3A honorable

mention as a specialist in the *Capital-Journal*.

Lewis, a 6'3", 190 pound senior center and defensive lineman, received Class 3A honorable mention on offense in the *Eagle* and Class 3A honorable mention as a lineman in the *Capital-Journal*.

Broeckelman, a 5'9", 155 pound wide receiver and defensive back, received honorable mention on defense in Class 3A in the *Eagle*.

Dreher, a 6'2", 185 pound sophomore linebacker, received honorable mention in the *Salina Journal*.

McElroy, a senior lineman, was chosen to the 8-Man First Team in the *Daily News*, received honorable mention in the *Capital-Journal* and honorable mention on defense in the *Eagle*.

Kiser, a sophomore running back, received honorable mention on offense in the *Eagle*.

McKenna, a senior back from Jennings who plays for Hoxie, received Class 2A honorable mention from the *Salina Journal* and Class 2A honorable mention in the *Capital-Journal*.

Among the area players named to the *Hays Daily News* All-Area Super 11 Team were: Jaret Abell, senior running back, defensive back, kick returner, Phillipsburg; Brayton Gillen, junior offensive lineman, linebacker, Smith Center; Grant Levin, senior running back, defensive back, Kensington; Joel McAtee, senior running back, linebacker, St. Francis; Aaron Racette, junior running back, defensive end, Oakley; Kerby Rice, junior fullback, linebacker, Smith Center; Cody VonLintel, senior quarterback, defensive back, Victoria.

Roger Barta, head coach of Smith Center's three-time Class 2A state champions, was named

"Coach of the Year".

Members of the *Daily News* 11-Man First Team, in addition to VanEaton, included Tate Arnold, Kirk Palmer, Joe Windscheffel, all of Smith Center; Levi Weeden, Brennon Wilger, both of St. Francis; Drew Basgall, Atwood; Cole Erbert, Ellis; Chase Sperber, Oakley.

Included on the 11-Man Second Team were: Tobi Dirks, Trego; Jordan Gienger, A.J. McAtee, both of St. Francis; Justin Gnad, Brett Mickelson, both of Ellis; Ben Warta, Atwood; Kelly Younkin, Oakley.

Players named 11-Man honorable mention included: Shannon Bird, Hoxie; Josh Brungardt, Plainville; David Gerstner, Hill City; David Hadley, Phillipsburg; Casey Henderson, Goodland; Terry Urban, Oberlin; Leneal Weiser, Stockton.

Named to the *Daily News* 8-Man First Team with McElroy were: Randall Irving, Ethan Kuhlmann, both of Kensington; Jared Pfeifer, Cade Scott, both of Victoria; Brett Spresser, Golden Plains; Andrew Starns, Brewster.

Included on the 8-Man Second Team were: Eric Belisle, Palco; Jason Kuhn, Taylor Lang, Jordan Ottley, all of Victoria; Lincoln Pochop, Cheylin; Sam Smith, Brewster.

Those receiving honorable mention included Alan Bruggeman, Golden Plains; Cole Dreiling, Victoria; Aric Grob, Brewster; Ben Suchsland, Eastern Heights.

The *Salina Journal's* All-Area Top 11 Team included Abell, McAtee, Palmer, Pfeifer and Nick Hardesty, Southeast of Saline's

quarterback and linebacker.

Roger Barta of Smith Center was named "Coach of the Year".

Players named to the All-Area Second 11 included: Levin, Racette, Rice, Wilger, Windscheffel, and Cody Melander, Southeast of Saline.

On the All-Area Third 11 with VanEaton were: Erbert; Bryson Flax, Southeast of Saline; Weeden and Younkin.

Honorable mention recipients included: Doug Beaton, Southeast of Saline; Austin Carter, Beloit; Travis Desbien, Palco; Bradly Esterl, Beloit; Lucas Hachmeister, Plainville; Drew Joy, Smith Center; Nick Puetz, Southeast of Saline; Jace Robinson, Oberlin; Braden Wilson, Smith Center; Arnold; Basgall; Dirks; Gerstner; Gienger; Gillen; Lang; Scott; Sperber; Spresser; Urban; VonLintel, Warta.

Abell, Melander and Hardesty were chosen to the *Capital-Journal's* All-Class 3A Team. Among those receiving honorable mention, in addition to Lewis, VanEaton and Davis, were: Kyle Moyer, Southeast of Saline; Cameron Horesky, Hoisington; Garrett Wickham, David Hadley, both of Phillipsburg; Puetz and Beaton.

Those on the All-Class 2A Team included: Palmer, Rice, Windscheffel, Wilger, McAtee, Racette and Erbert. Honorable mention went to Sperber; Brungardt; Gienger; Randy Hamel, Ellis; Matt Seemann, Smith Center; Mickelson; Arnold; Basgall; Dirks; Gerstner; Gnad; McAtee; Sperber; Warta; Weeden; Younkin; Justin Howard, Atwood.

Spresser, Pfeifer and Levin all

were chosen to the 8-Man All-Star team by the *Capital-Journal*. Named honorable mention were Belisle; Scott; Wyatt Daniels, Kensington; Cole Dreiling, Victoria; Sam Smith, Brewster; Jordan Ottley, Victoria; VonLintel; Desbien; Ethan Kuhlmann, Kensington.

Hardesty was named to the *Eagle's* Class 3A first team defense.

Honorable mention Class 3A offense went to Flax; Abell; Melander; Hardesty; and Horesky. Named honorable mention on defense were Gary Hemmy, Southeast of Saline; Flax; Beaton; Ethan Komp, Southeast of Saline.

Named to the first team offense in Class 2A were Wilger, Palmer and Arnold. Named first team defense were Racette, Younkin, Rice, Erbert and McAtee.

Honorable mention Class 2A offense went to Andrew Casey, Ellis; Nick Geist, Trego; Sperber; Caleb Baalman, Oakley; Brungardt; Mike Hiss, Ellis; Sperber; Windscheffel; Basgall; Gnad; Dirks; McAtee and Rice.

Named honorable mention Class 2A on defense were: Gienger; Hiss; Zach Thompson, Hill City; Dirks; Palmer; Warta; Weeden; Geist; Gerstner; Windscheffel.

Chosen to the 8-Man first team offense was VonLintel. Spresser was named first team defense.

Honorable mention on offense went to Belisle; Scott; Derek Foreman, Kensington; Randall Erving, Kensington; Grob; Desbien and Levin.

Defensive honorable mention went to Josey Stephens, Palco; Desbien and Kuhlmann.

Blue Jay freshmen girls second

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School freshmen girls basketball team placed second in the Trego Junior Varsity Tournament on Saturday in WaKeeney.

"It was a little 'helter skelter' today," said Norton freshman coach Joan Bolt.

"When we settled down and relaxed a little offensively, we did some good things."

Russell

Norton played Russell in their opener and overpowered the Lady Broncos 56-9.

The young Lady Jays held quarter advantages of 14-0, 24-3 and 40-9.

Amanda Ray led Norton in scoring with 23 points. She was followed by Lacy Keilig, 10; Hannah Waggoner, 9; Steph Eagleburger, 6; Kendra Engelbert, 4; Raven Brown, 2; Kaitlyn Wolf, 2.

Chelsea Sells was leading scorer for Russell with 6.

"Our defense was strong for the most part," said coach Bolt. "As soon as we settled down on offense, we had some nice looks and good passes to the posts for turn-around jumpers."

Oakley

The win over Russell earned Norton a chance to play Oakley for the championship.

"In the championship game, we were about one-half step behind on defense and too many steps ahead on offense," said coach Bolt.

"We need some work on our zone offense with penetration and pitches.

"Our girls did hustle well and made a nice run in the fourth quarter, putting us within two points with less than two minutes to play. Unfortunately, Oakley shot free throws well down the stretch, keeping us out of reach."

Norton trailed by just 8-6 after one quarter but was outscored 9-2

in the second period and fell behind 17-8. Both teams scored 13 points in the third quarter but the Lady Jays still trailed by nine points at 30-21.

The young Lady Jays outscored the Lady Plainsmen 11-9 in the fourth quarter when Norton hit four baskets and three free throws. Oakley hit just one basket in the final stanza but connected on seven of nine free throw attempts.

Amanda Ray was leading scorer for Norton with 8 points, followed by Kaitlyn Wolf, 7; Kendra Engelbert, 6; Hannah Waggoner,

4; Austin Dole, 3; Steph Eagleburger, 2; Lacy Keilig, 2.

Baily Hemmert was top scorer for the Lady Plainsmen with 11 points. Kristen Kuhn hit 8.

"It was a good experience for our girls," said coach Bolt. "They know they are capable of playing with anybody."

"I see good things coming from this group of young ladies."

Next action

The Norton freshmen girls will play in the C-Team Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 6 in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m.

Logan boys lose by seven to Stockton

The Logan Junior High boys lost 46-39 to Stockton on Dec. 18 at home. The Trojans jumped out to a 10-6 lead at the end of the first quarter, then trailed 18-14 at the half.

Mark Pakkebieer scored 16 points for the Trojans, Jordan Girard had a season best 10 (all in the second half), Brady Tien had 6, Tracy Archer 3 and Charlie Becker and Sean Newlan 2 each.

The Trojans are 3-5.

The Logan B-team lost 27-16. Thomas Oles had 6 points, Newlan and Brandon Kats 4 each and Trever Archer 2.

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