

Seven wrestlers picked for All-Area honors

By DICK BOYD

Seven members of the Norton Community High School wrestling team which placed third in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament this season have been named to the 2007 All-Area Wrestling Team by the *Salina Journal* newspaper. State champions senior Nathan Broeckelman, 130 and junior Alex Thomas, 285, were chosen to the First Team.

Senior Kent Mann, who placed sixth in the state at 135, was named to the Second Team.

Receiving honorable mention were: freshman Zane Perez, 119; sophomore Zach Bainter, 125; junior Jeff Soderlund, 145 and senior Blake VanEaton, 152.

Broeckelman completed a super season with a perfect 40-0 record in winning his second state championship. He is a four-time state placer. In addition to winning the 125 pound state championship last season, he placed third in the state this sophomore year at 119 pounds and second his freshman season.

Broeckelman's excellent career record is 138-22.

"Nathan is a true competitor," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson. "He thrives on wrestling his best in the big matches.

"He excels in all areas of wrestling — takedowns, top and bottom. This makes him very hard to beat."

Thomas entered the state tournament ranked No.4 in the state. He brought a perfect record into

the tournament and placed third with a final 38-1 record. His only loss was to defending state champion Duane Zlatnik, Rossville, who completed the season with a perfect 42-0 record.

Mann was ranked No.3 in the state prior to the state tournament and placed sixth. He finished with a 36-4 record. Mann is a three time state placer. He finished third in the state last season at 130 pounds and fifth his freshman year at 103 pounds.

Perez placed sixth in the state tournament and compiled a 30-11 record in his first high school season.

Bainter placed fourth in the state tournament this season. He was state runner-up last year at 112 pounds and was ranked No.4 in the state this season. He finished with a record of 32-12.

Soderlund entered the state tournament unranked but wrestled through the back door to place fourth. He finished the season 34-12.

VanEaton was ranked No.2 in the state prior to the state tournament and placed fourth. He ended the season 30-9. VanEaton is a three-time state placer. He was sixth in the state at 145 pounds as a sophomore and placed third at state last year at 140 pounds.

Other honorees

Dennis Charbonneau, head coach of the Class 4A state champion Clay Center High School wrestling team, was named

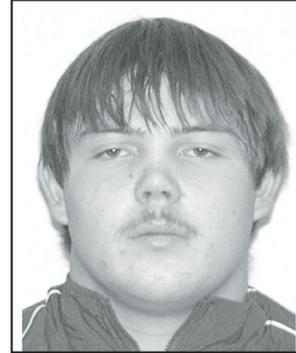
"Coach of the Year".

Named to the All-Area First Team with Broeckelman and Thomas were: 103 - Carlos Gallaway, Stockton freshman, 28-3, second in state; 112 - Colt Rogers, Smith Center freshman, 38-0, first in state; 119 - Dustin Dooley, Concordia senior, 44-0, first in state; 125 - Matt Migchelbrink, Atwood senior, 37-0, first in state; 135 - Cas Spangler, Beloit sophomore, 36-5, third in state; 140 - Brad Esterl, Beloit senior, 41-1, first in state; 145 - Jon Arveson, Chapman senior, 37-4, second in state; 152 - Jordan Gienger, St. Francis senior, 35-1, first in state; 160 - Kyle Allen, Clay Center senior, 35-1, first in state; 171 - Will Irvine, Chapman senior, 41-2, third in state; 189 - Michael Malay, Trego senior, 36-0, first in state; 215 - Aaron Racette, Oakley junior, 39-2, first in state.

On the All-Area Second Team with Mann were: 103 - Blaine Smith, Salina South freshman, 15-5, sixth in state; 112 - Jace Campbell, Oakley freshman, 34-6, second in state; 119 - Tyler Anderson, Clay Center freshman, 28-10, fifth in state; 125 - Brent Luedke, Colby junior, 33-9, third in state; 130 Trevor Rempe, Smith Center sophomore, 34-5, third in state; 140 - A.J. Stephans, Goodland junior, 40-2, fourth in state; 145 - Kade Bloom, Phillipsburg senior, 36-3, third in state; 152 - Jayme Hoover, Salina South senior, 34-10, fifth in state;



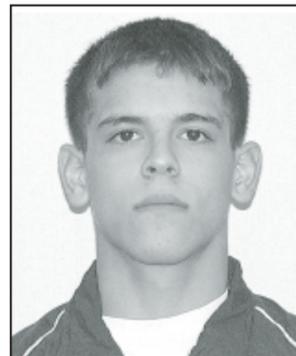
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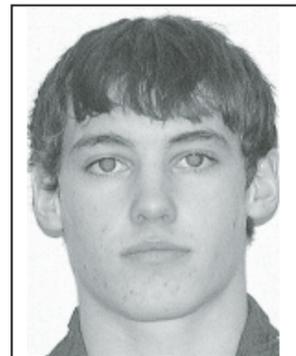
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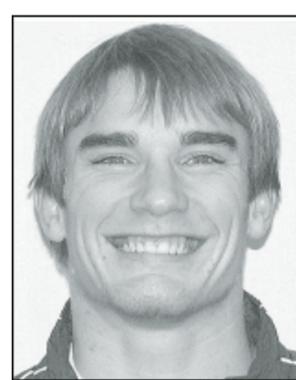
J. Soderlund

160 - Kelly Younkin, Oakley junior, 35-8, third in state; 171 - Matt Hyman, Beloit senior, 22-5, second in state; 189 - Michael Baker, Smoky Valley senior, 35-2, second in state; 215 - Jon Cook, Hays senior, 29-2, second in state; 285 - Brennon Wilger, St. Francis senior, 21-3, second in state.

Receiving honorable mention in addition to Perez, Bainter, Soderlund and VanEaton were: 103 - Andrew Miehler, so., Herington; 112 - Aaron Geist, so., Osborne; Jason Seibel, fr., Salina South; Logan Singalar, fr., Clay Center; Dan Weigel, so., Plainville; 119 - Brad Augustine, jr., Beloit; Trenton Powell, sr., Colby; 125 - Chris Bowser, jr., Clay Center; Danny Floyd, fr., Osborne; Dustin Zahorsky, so., Phillipsburg; 130 - Jeremy Chase, jr., Hill City; Tommy Knapp, jr.,

Lincoln; Hunter Olsen, jr., Colby; Gavin Smull, jr., St. Francis; 135 - Dallas Nelson, sr., McPherson; 140 - Cody Eaton, jr., Bennington; Jeremy Plott, sr., Salina South; Gage Reichert, jr., Oberlin; Justin York, sr., Smith Center; 145 - Wade Adams, sr., Beloit; Travis Budke, jr., TMP-Marian; Jared Flanagan, sr., Colby; Brandon Moberly, sr., Salina South;

152 - Jake Livesay, sr., Lincoln; Travis Rempe, so., Smith Center; Blake Willmann, jr., Clay Center; 160 - Grady Godsey, jr., Smith Center; Cody Hanel, so., Beloit; Ryan Swatzell, jr., Phillipsburg; 171 - Luke Brin, sr., Plainville; Ben Davis, jr., Clay Center; Jeff Graber, jr., McPherson; Russell Rogers, sr., St. Francis; 189 - Matt McGinty, sr., SE-Saline; Jameon Rush, sr., Clay Center; 215 - Damon Garcia, sr., Herington;



B. VanEaton

Matt James, sr., Clay Center; Nick Kriss, jr. Colby; Kirk Palmer, jr., Smith Center; Alex Whitehill, sr., McPherson; 285 - Brock Euhus, sr., Oberlin; Blake Pruter, sr., Hays; Jace Smith, sr., Phillipsburg.

Three Norton basketball players All-League selections

By DICK BOYD

Norton senior Nic Lewis, junior Logan Kats and sophomore Laura Lee Baird have been selected to the Mid-Continent League All-League Basketball Team by vote of the league coaches.

BOYS TEAM

Lewis, a 6-foot-4-inch forward, and Kats, a 5'8" point guard, were chosen to the second team.

Lewis was leading scorer, leading rebounder and blocked the most shots for the Blue Jays this season. He averaged 13.5 points per game, pulled down an average of 5.7 rebounds per contest and rejected 33 opponents' shots. He also led Norton in field goal shooting with 58.8 percent accuracy. Kats was Norton's second leading scorer with 9.9 points per game and led the team in steals with 52 and assists with 112. He also hit 75 percent from the free throw line, which was second best on the team.

GIRLS TEAM

Baird, a 5'8" guard, was se-

lected to the girls first team after receiving honorable mention last year as a freshman.

She was leading scorer for Norton this season with a 15.9 points per game average. She hit 71 percent of her free throws to lead the Lady Jays in that category for the second straight season. She was also Norton's leading three-point shooter with an average of 36.6 percent.

Baird was also the steals leader with 55 and third high in rebounds and assists.

OTHERS HONORED

Named to the boys first team were: Braden Wilson, 6'3" Smith Center junior, unanimous; Spencer Hemmert, 5'7" Trego sophomore, unanimous; Jarret Abell, 5'9" Phillipsburg senior, unanimous; Zach Thompson, 6' Hill City senior and Nick Geist, 6'2" Trego senior.

Chosen to the second team with Lewis and Kats were: Luke Kriley, 6' Stockton senior; Tane Brown, 6'4" Hill City senior; Joe

Windschffel, 6'2" Smith Center junior; Josh Brungardt, 6'2" Plainville senior and Eric Mans, 5'8" Osborne senior.

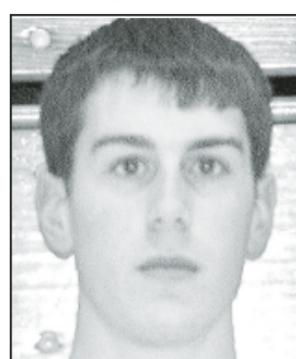
Receiving honorable mention were: Dylan Frantz, 6' Phillipsburg sophomore; Jared Hayes, 5'11" Smith Center junior; Jared Mocaby, 6'5" Smith Center junior; Garrett Wickham, 6'2 Phillipsburg senior; Toby Ruder, 6'1" Plainville junior and Dan Gottschalk, 5'9" Ellis junior.

Named to the girls Mid-Continent League first team with Baird were: Jannica Schultze, 5'5" Osborne senior, unanimous; Kristen Waldschmidt, 5'6" Ellis senior, unanimous; Whitney Taylor, 5'8" Ellis sophomore, unanimous; Demi French, 5'4" Osborne junior and Danielle Pfeifer, 5'8" Ellis junior.

Chosen for the second team were: Rebekah Burgess, 5'11" Smith Center senior; Dannie Boucher, 5'8" Smith Center senior; Lindsay Dusin, 5'8" Phillipsburg sophomore; REXANNE

Schilowsky, 5'10" Phillipsburg senior; Jamie Alexander, 5'7" Hill City senior.

Receiving honorable mention



N. Lewis

were: Tracey Mans, 5'5" Osborne junior; Melanie Bilby, 6' Phillipsburg junior; Jordan Redinger, 5'4" Phillipsburg jun-



L. Kats

ior; Amanda Casey, 5'6" Plainville freshman; Aubrey Frederking, 5'7" Plainville junior and Elizabeth Schoenberger, 5'8"



L. Baird

Blue Jay to wrestle in classic

By DICK BOYD

Nathan Broeckelman, Class 3-2-1A 130 pound state champion wrestler from Norton Community High School, will compete in the annual Kansas Wrestling-Senior Classic 2007 dual this evening in Topeka.

The Senior Classic is sponsored by the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association and the USA Wrestling-Kansas.

The top Kansas senior wrestlers were invited to compete. Wrestlers from Class 3-2-1A and 4A will comprise the Small Schools Team and the Big Schools Team will consist of wrestlers from Classes 5A and 6A.

The matches will be three two-minute periods with National Federation folkstyle rules applicable.

The matches will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held in the Expo Centre in Topeka.

Broeckelman compiled a perfect 40-0 record in winning his second state championship this season. He is a four-time state placer with a career record of 138-22. Brockelman will wrestle Brett Bahe, Great Bend.

Coaches of the Small Schools Team will be Andy Niemczyk, Beloit; Broeck Hutchinson, Smith Center and Dennis Charbonneau. Big Schools Team coaches will be Lorne Parks, STA and Bob Gonzales, Manhattan.

A number of other area wrestlers will be competing. Matches, in addition to Broeckelman's, will feature the following wrestlers: 103 - Brandon Goodwin, Lawrence, vs. (112) Zach Ceman, Phillipsburg; 112 - Tyler Williamson, Mill Valley, vs. Ryan Canale, Rose Hill; 119 - Paulie Hanson, Turner, vs. Dustin Dooley, Concordia; 125 - Marcus

Walker, Schlagle, vs. Matt Migchelbrink, Atwood; 130 - Aaron Ely, Leavenworth, vs. Josh Hinman, Labette Co.; 135 - Adam Almaguer, Olathe North, vs. Brett Swoyer, Rock Creek; 140 - Marc Somers, Lansing, vs. Brad Esterl, Beloit; 140 - Jeremy Plott, Salina South, vs. Josh Cauthon, Santa Fe Trail; 145 - Zach Hentzen, Maise, vs. Jason Pyle, Sabetha; 145 - Jordan Edison, Wichita NW, vs. Aaron Hynick, Rose Hill; 152 - Bryant Petty, Manhattan, vs. Jordan Gienger, St. Francis; 160 - Jared Brown, Shawnee Hts., vs. Kyle Allen, Clay Center; 171 - Gavin Roach, Topeka West, vs. Matt Hyman, Beloit; 189 - Karl Oeser, Maize, vs. Michael Malay, WaKeeney; 215 - James Sparks, Emporia, vs. Matthew James, Clay Center; 285 - Trent Hutton, Wichita SE, vs. Austen Hybsha, Andover.

Congratulations, to all local and area honored athletes. from your friends at *The Norton Telegram*

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Division I First, Second, Third Grade

Division II Fourth, Fifth, Sixth Grade

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Division I First, Second Grade

Division II Third, Fourth Grade

Division III Fifth, Sixth, Seventh Grade

T-BALL COED LEAGUE..... Ages 4, 5 and Kindergarten

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COACHES MEETINGS:

BOYS BASEBALL AND T-BALL:

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007

9:00 a.m. T-Ball

10:15 a.m. Division I

11:30 a.m. Division II

12:30 p.m. Division III

GIRLS SOFTBALL: SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

1:00 p.m. Division I

2:15 p.m. Division II

— UMPIRE NEEDED FOR GIRLS SOFTBALL —

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