



Among the former Norton Community High School wrestling state medal winners honored on Saturday during the J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium were these members of coach Bill Johnson's 2001 team which placed third in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament in Hays. Pictured anticipating receipt of their "Certificate of Wrestling Excellence" presented by Norton Activities Director Jeff Wallingford were, from left, Justin Brown, 125, fifth; Tim Sprigg, 152, fourth; Chuck Delimont, 275, third; J.B. Harding, 119, second; Brett McChesney, 103, second; Eric Johnson, 130, champion.

Past Norton wrestlers honored

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Former Norton Community High School state wrestling medal winners from 1951, 1961, 1971, 1981, 1991, and 2001 were honored during ceremonies at the J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament on Saturday in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium in Norton.

Each honored wrestler received a "Certificate of Wrestling Excellence" and congratulatory handshake from Norton Community High School Activities Director Jeff Wallingford.

Current Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson began to recognize the "Norton Wrestling Tradition" during his first year in Norton in 1992.

Norton has won ten state wrestling championships and has had 282 individual state medal winners and 89 individual state champions.

The 1951 Norton wrestling team had just one state medalist. Duaine Foley, Norton, placed fourth at 154 pounds. Duaine's coach was Harlan Swanson. Duaine was unable to be pres-

ent so Craig Foley accepted his award.

Coach Durham's 1961 Norton wrestling team placed third in the state tournament, which included all classes of enrollment. Medal winners were: Darrel Rule, 112, second, Grand Junction, Colo.; Richard Wyatt, 154, second, Norton; John Kent, 138, third, Olsburg; Jim Horning, 103, fourth, Niceville, Fla. and the late Dean Lawson, 95, fourth, Norton.

Richard Wyatt was the only member of the team present to accept his award.

Honored from the 1971 team, which won second place in the Class 3A state tournament under the guidance of coach Durham, were: Joe Durham, 98, champion, Norton; Tom Ankenman, 119, champion, Hutchinson; Mark Klein, 126, champion, Norton; Mark Ward, 112, second, Springfield, Mo.; Rex Harmon, 185, second, Phillipsburg; Jerry Roeder, 145, fourth, Norton.

Joe Durham, Mark Klein and Rex Harmon were all present to accept their awards.

Coach Durham's 1981 Blue Jay team placed fourth in the Class

4A state tournament. Honored from that team were: Kurt Hahn, 145, champion, Wichita; Lance Atwell, 155, champion, Ventura, Iowa; Robert Millan, 112, third, Evanston, Ill.; Kent Hahn, 105, fourth, Stockton.

Kurt and Kent Hahn were present to accept their awards. Ashley Millan accepted Robert Millan's award in his absence.

Honored from the 1991 Norton wrestling team, which was coached by Marty McCurdy and competed in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament, were: Matt Jensen, 119, champion, Wichita and Curt Cuthbertson, 125, fourth, Dodge City.

Curt Cuthbertson's father, Dave, accepted his award for him.

Coach Bill Johnson's 2001 Norton Blue Jay wrestling squad placed third in the Class 3-2-1A state tournament. Honored from this team were: Eric Johnson, 130, champion; Brett McChesney, 103, second; J.B. Harding, 119, second; Jon Haussermann, 160, third; Chuck Delimont, 275, third; Tim Sprigg, 152, fourth and Justin Brown, 125, fifth.

Accepting their awards were Eric Johnson, Brett McChesney, J.B. Harding, Chuck Delimont, Tim Sprigg and Justin Brown.

This was the 46th annual wrestling tournament held in Norton and the 14th annual Durham tournament. It was renamed 13 years ago in honor of J.R. "Jake" Durham of Norton.

Jake's honors include membership in the National Wrestling Hall of Fame and Kansas High School Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Jake and his wife, Ruth, still reside in Norton.

Correction
In the pre-tournament story in the Norton Telegram, two addresses of honorees were incorrect. Joe Durham still resides in Norton and Kurt Hahn's address is Wichita.

C-team places third in tourney

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The Norton Community High School girls C-team basketball team placed third in the C-team Tournament on Saturday in Phillipsburg.

They played two games. In their opener, they played Phillipsburg and lost 34-24. In the consolation finals, the Norton girls defeated Hill City 42-27.

Smith Center won the championship with a 54-27 victory over Phillipsburg.

Phillipsburg
In the contest versus Phillipsburg, the young Lady Jays trailed by quarters 9-6, 15-10 and 21-16.

Bailey Ambrosier and Johnnye Ruder shared high scoring honors for Norton with 9 points each. Marisa Maddy and Darcy Bainter each scored 3 points.

Frantz led the Lady Panthers with 12 and Wilkinson added 10.

"We got a slow start on both offense and defense in this first game," said Norton assistant girls coach Joan Bolt. "Our communication struggled, our help defense was slow and we just reacted

slowly. We also really struggled in rebounding in the first half.

"In the second half, we showed improvement on defense and improved play offensively. Unfortunately, we still came up short."

Hill City
In the 42-27 win over the Lady Ringnecks, the score was tied 11-all after one quarter but Norton took a 19-15 lead at intermission, and was on top 28-19 with one period left. A 14-8 final stanza in Norton's favor left no doubt about the final outcome.

Ruder led the young Lady Jays in scoring with 19 points, followed by Bainter, 13; Am rosier, 6; Maddy, Antjelica Pfannenstiel, 2 each.

Jones was scoring leader for Hill City with 11 points.

"What a big difference in the two games," said coach Bolt. "Our girls played great help defense and worked the ball around on offense. We got some great shots.

"Our hustle was improved and all our girls contributed to the victory. It was great to see the communication and great fundamental defense and offense."

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Lady Huskies defeated by Stockton

The Northern Valley Lady Huskies started our month long voyage away from home at Stockton and played a tremendous first half leading by 8 at halftime with a combination of good shooting and very good defensive play by our whole team.

After halftime the Stockton platoon system started to take its toll on our legs as they continued to press but with five fresh sets of legs coming in every few minutes we just wore down and lost the lead in the last two minutes to lose 41-36.

We played hard on defense which is proven by our 27 total deflects in which Staci Dole and Erika Chandler each tipped 9 while Kenzie Chandler and Amber Kinderknecht each got their hands on 3.

Steals were then taken by Dole with 6 while Ashley Constable, Kenzie C and Erika C each took 2 from the Tigers.

Rebounds were hauled in by Erika C with a 12 as she dominated the boards followed by Dole with 7 and Constable who grabbed 6.

Assists were dished out by Constable with 3 while Kenzie C and newcomer McKinsey Evens each found 2 teammates open for scores.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Ast	Def
Ashley Constable	0	1	0	6	2	3	1
Kenzie Chandler	0	0	2	0	2	2	3
Staci Dole	4	4	0	7	6	1	9
Amber Kinderknecht	0	1	2	2	0	0	3
Erika Chandler	0	3	2	12	2	1	9
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Brittney Shutte	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
McKinsey Evens	0	0	0	1	0	2	1

Northern Valley tastes defeat again

We traveled to Downs for a game against future league foe Lakeside and the welcome mat was not out as we walked through the door that should have been a clue as to what was in store as the Knights were all over us from the time we stepped on the floor until the end of the game. We just could not adjust to their physical defense and we lost our composure to the point of turning the ball over 26 times which Lakeside then turned into easy points. End result a 70-42 defeat.

Our stats are not going to be pretty in this one:
Only 6 team deflects. Only 6 team steals. Only 6 assists. We gathered our average in rebounds with Kenzie Chandler grabbing 7 with Erika Chandler taking 6 off the boards and Ashley Constable scrapping for 5, but the Knights grabbed 15 more than we did.

So, in looking back or rather into the future, we are going to have to learn to play against that physical of a team or our entry into the new league next year is not going to be pleasant, as all the teams in Lakeside's league plus the teams in the other league coming in to form this 15 team league all play that style of ball and, again, we are going to have to adapt.

	3pt	2pt	Ft	Reb	St	Ast	Def
Ashley Constable	0	1	1	5	1	2	0
Kenzie Chandler	0	3	0	7	0	0	1
Staci Dole	1	3	0	1	1	0	2
Amber Kinderknecht	0	0	0	3	0	1	1
Erika Chandler	1	6	2	6	3	2	1
DaKota Hilburn	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Brittney Shutte	0	0	4	3	1	1	0
McKinsey Evens	0	1	0	2	0	0	1

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