

Norton gridgers honored by daily papers

By Dick Boyd

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

Five Norton Community High School football players received post-season honors from the state's large daily newspapers following the 2011 season.

Senior running back, defensive back Tye Nickell; senior offensive lineman, defensive lineman Damien Davis; senior offensive lineman, linebacker Caleb Campbell; junior wide receiver, defensive back Jacob Brooks and sophomore running back, linebacker, kicker Austin Hager were among those honored.

Brooks and Hager both received honorable mention on offense while Nickell, Davis and Campbell received honorable mention on defense in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon.

Brooks was an honorable mention recipient on offense and Nickell was named honorable mention on defense along with Hager in the Topeka Capital-Journal newspaper selections.

Northern Valley senior Dillon Hogan received honorable mention on both offense and defense in the Wichita Eagle-Beacon 8-man choices.

Hogan also received honorable mention as an 8-Man lineman from the Topeka Capital-Journal.

The Salina Journal no longer selects players for post-season honors.

Other players honored

Those named to the Class 3A first team by the Wichita Eagle-Beacon included from this area: Truitt Kuhlmann, Smith Center senior, running back; Colburn Couchman, Scott City senior, defensive lineman; Brett O'Neil, Scott City junior, defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention in 3A were Jacob Fouts, Thomas More Prep senior, end; Luke Hayes, Scott City senior, end and defensive lineman; Braeden

Robinson, Scott City senior, end; Shane Zimmerman, Thomas More Prep junior, end; Grady Brooks, Smith Center senior, offensive lineman; Josh McDowell, Smith Center senior, offensive lineman, defensive lineman; Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg, quarterback; Nick Hammeke, Thomas More Prep senior, quarterback; Brett O'Neill, Scott City junior, quarterback; Dalton Buehler, Scott City senior, running back; Colburn Couchman, Scott City senior, running back; Justin Juenemann, Phillipsburg junior, kicker; Michael McEachern, Scott City senior, defensive lineman; Drew Kite, Scott City senior, linebacker; Riley Oharah, Goodland senior, linebacker; Austin Werth, Thomas More Prep senior, linebacker.

Among those named to the Class 2-1A first team in the Eagle-Beacon were Jameson Klein, Plainville senior, offensive lineman; Dylan Engel, La Crosse senior, defensive lineman; Andrew Casey, Plainville senior, linebacker; Kip Keeley, La Crosse junior, linebacker; Riley Hunsicker, Ellis senior, defensive back; Tayler Stull, La Crosse senior, defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention were Jared Herl, Ellis senior, end; Austin Lopez, Ellis senior, end; Riley Hunsicker, Ellis senior, quarterback; Taylor Stull, La Crosse senior, quarterback; Conor Anderson, Plainville senior, running back; Kip Keely, La Crosse junior, running back; Levi Morss, La Crosse junior, running back; Kyle Sramek, La Crosse senior, defensive lineman; Jared Herl, Ellis senior, linebacker; Zach Gienger, St. Francis junior, linebacker; Nate Thyfault, Plainville senior, linebacker; Tanner Yohe, La Crosse senior, linebacker; Clayton Basgall, La Crosse senior, defensive back; Austin Lopez, Ellis senior, defensive back; Austin Webs, La

Crosse senior, defensive back.

Selected to the 8-Man first team were Dakota Foreman, Thunder Ridge senior, offensive lineman; Joel Struckhoff, Thunder Ridge senior, running back; Brian Ochs, Quinter senior, defensive lineman; Michael Schellinger, Osborne senior, defensive lineman.

Receiving 8-Man honorable mention were Jaxsen Moss, Hoxie senior, end; Dillon Coomes, Thunder Ridge senior, offensive lineman, defensive lineman; Mike Schellinger, Osborne senior, offensive lineman; Zach VonLintel, Victoria senior, offensive lineman; Dylan Anderson, Hill City senior, quarterback; Corey Dinkel, Victoria senior, quarterback; Blane Hrabe, Thunder Ridge senior, quarterback; Matt Craig, Hill City senior, running back; Damon Schurr, Osborne senior, running back; Ethan Slothower, Osborne senior, running back; Tyler Peterson, Stockton senior, kicker; Dakota Foreman, Thunder Ridge senior, defensive lineman; Blane Hrabe, Thunder Ridge senior, linebacker; Anthony Keller, Palco senior, linebacker; Zane Kuhlman, Thunder Ridge senior, linebacker; Kalyn Weber, Golden Plains senior, linebacker.

Among those named to the Class 3A first team by the Topeka Capital-Journal were: Truitt Kuhlmann, Smith Center senior, running back; Colborn Couchman, Scott City senior, defensive lineman; Brett O'Neil, Scott City junior, defensive back.

Receiving honorable mention were: Jacob Fouts, Thomas More Prep senior, end; Luke Hayes, Scott City senior, end; Braeden Robinson, Scott City senior, end; Michael McEachern, Scott City junior, lineman; Josh McDowell, Smith Center senior, lineman; Dalton Buehler, Scott City junior, back; Nick Hammeke, Thomas More Prep senior, quarterback; Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg ju-

nior, quarterback; Nathan Cox, Smith Center senior, linebacker; Drew Kite, Scott City junior, linebacker; Riley Oharah, Goodland senior, linebacker; Austin Avelar, Goodland senior, specialist; Justin Juenemann, Phillipsburg junior, specialist.

Chosen on the Class 2-1A first team by the Capital-Journal were Jameson Klein, Plainville senior, offensive lineman; Andrew Casey, Plainville senior, linebacker; Kip Keeley, La Crosse junior, linebacker; Riley Hunsicker, Ellis senior, defensive back; Tayler Stull, La Crosse senior, defensive back.

Among those receiving honorable mention were: Bradey Chard, Plainville junior, lineman; Dylan Engel, La Crosse senior, lineman; Kyle Sramek, La Crosse senior, lineman; Trevor Axelson, Plainville junior, back; Clayton Basgall, La Crosse junior, back; Kyle Becker, Plainville senior, quarterback; Harrison Gilliland, Plainville junior, back; Levi Morss, La Crosse junior, back; Austin Webs, La Crosse senior, back; Zach Gienger, St. Francis junior, linebacker; Jared Herl, Ellis senior, linebacker; Nate Thyfault, Plainville senior, linebacker; Tanner Yohe, La Crosse senior, linebacker; Meny Rodriguez, Ellis senior, specialist; Eirik Wellevik, La Crosse senior, specialist.

The Capital-Journal's 8-Man honors list included: Dakota Foreman, Thunder Ridge senior, first team offensive lineman; Joel Struckhoff, Thunder Ridge senior, first team running back; Tyler Peterson, Stockton senior, first team kicker; Brian Ochs, Quinter senior, first team defensive lineman and Damon Schurr, Osborne senior, first team kick returner.

Receiving honorable mention were: Jaxsen Moss, Hoxie senior, end; Jordan Bell, Hill City senior, lineman; Dillon Coomes,

Thunder Ridge senior, lineman; Mike Schellinger, Osborne senior, lineman; Zach VonLintel, Victoria senior, lineman; Jace Winder, Osborne senior, lineman; Dylan Anderson, Hill City senior, back; Matt Craig, Hill City senior, back; Kody Hamel, Palco senior, back; Logan Reed, Quinter senior, back; Ethan Slothower, Osborne senior, back; Kalyn Weber, Golden Plains senior, back; Blane Hrabe, Thunder Ridge senior, linebacker; Anthony Keller, Palco senior, linebacker; Zane Kuhlman, Thunder Ridge senior, linebacker.

Chosen to the Hays Daily News All-Area Super 11 Man Team were: Zach Binder, senior OL/DL, Hays High; David Cardinal, junior RB/LB, Hays High; Dakota Foreman, senior OL/DL, Thunder Ridge; Nick Hammeke, senior QB, Thomas More Prep; Riley Hunsicker, senior QB/DB, Ellis; Jameson Klein, senior OL/DL, Plainville; Truitt Kuhlmann, senior RB/DB/KR, Smith Center; Brian Ochs, senior OL/DL, Quinter; Damon Schurr, senior RB/LB/KR, Osborne; Joel Struckhoff, senior RB/DB/P/K, Thunder Ridge; Tayler Stull, senior QB/S/KR, La Crosse.

Named to the Hays Daily News All-Area 11 Man First Team were: Andrew Casey, Plainville senior; Dylan Engel, La Crosse senior; Jacob Fouts, Thomas More Prep senior; Harrison Gilliland, Plainville junior; Jared Herl, Ellis senior; Levi Hefner, Oakley senior; Kip Keeley, La Crosse junior; Sean Newlan, Phillipsburg junior; Cade Sharp, Hays High junior; Nathan Thyfault, Plainville senior and Austin Webs, La Crosse senior.

Chosen to the Hays Daily News Second Team were: Trevor Axelson, Plainville junior; Kyle Becker, Plainville senior; Coulter Boyd, Oakley senior; Nate Cox, Oakley senior; Nash Karst, Russell senior; Austin Lopez, Ellis

senior; Mark Mathis, Hays High senior; Kyler Meyers, Hays High junior; Levi Morss, La Crosse junior; Brandon Weigel, Hays High senior and Tanner Yohe, La Crosse senior.

Named honorable mention by the Hays Daily News were: Eric Albers, Oakley senior; Blake Bergling, Atwood senior; Grady Brooks, Smith Center senior; Bradey Chard, Plainville junior; Nathan Cox, Smith Center senior; Thomas Douthit, St. Francis junior; Channing Fortin, Oberlin junior; Zach May, Oberlin senior; Drew O'Brien, Thomas More Prep senior; Riley Oharah, Goodland senior; Austin Werth, Thomas More Prep senior.

Selected to the Hays Daily News All-Area 8 Man First Team were: Blane Hrabe, Thunder Ridge senior; Patrick Piper, Otis-Bison senior; Logan Reed, Quinter senior; Miles Thomas, Lakeside senior; Zach VonLintel, Victoria senior; Kalyn Weber, Golden Plains senior; Dylan Wissman, Otis-Bison senior; Jeremiah White, Cheylin senior.

Chosen on the Hays Daily News 8 Man Second Team were: Will Bixenman, Grinnell-Wheatland senior; Dalton Gantz, Ness City junior; Noah Jones, Cheylin senior; Trevor Keller, Otis-Bison senior; Gavin Mote, Sharon Springs junior; Cody Pearce, Sharon Springs senior; Alex Renken, Lakeside senior; Ethan Slothower, Osborne senior.

Named honorable mention 8 Man by the Hays Daily News were: Corey Dinkel, Victoria senior; Garrett Flax, Ness City junior; Kody Hamel, Palco senior; Anthony Keller, Palco senior; Trevor Lowe, Thunder Ridge junior; Jaxsen Moss, Hoxie senior; Mike Schellinger, Osborne senior; Cameron Staples, Trego junior.

Norton wrestlers lose to Phillipsburg

By Dick Boyd

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

Coach Bill Johnson's Norton Community High School varsity wrestling team hosted Phillipsburg in a Mid-Continent League Dual last Tuesday evening in the Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym in Norton and suffered a 61-12 loss.

The Blue Jays are limited this year in experienced wrestlers and it showed during this dual. With only one senior, three juniors and the rest sophomores and freshmen competing for Norton, the recent MCL Dual Tournament champion Panthers dominated the dual.

Norton is also hampered by injuries to a number of their wrestlers.

"The main thing is that we knew going into this dual that we were beat up and injured in several weight classes," said coach Johnson. "Because of the injuries, we had to put really young wrestlers out on the mat.

"Out of 31 wrestlers on our team, only 16 were available for the dual. That shows how depleted we were.

"It was frustrating. The wrestlers we thought would win did win and the wrestlers Phillipsburg thought would win also won.

"We have some time to heal up. We'll begin practice again on December 28 and will have two-a-days for three days."

Dual results

106 - Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, won by forfeit.

113 - Sophomore Ethan Ross was pinned in 1:07 by Dakota Kohler.

120 - Freshman Dalton Vanover was pinned in :56 by Isaac Coomes.

126 - Junior John Risewick won a 5-0 decision over Mason Bannister.

132 - Senior Justin Waggoner lost a 6-3 decision to Caleb Studley.

138 - Freshman Kendall Miller lost an 8-0 decision to Michael Dusan.

145 - Junior Cody Ellis was pinned in :56 by Ross Coomes.

152 - Junior Jared Bohl won a 9-5 decision over Brad Blew.

160 - Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, won by forfeit.

170 - Freshman Chris Chastain was pinned in :52 by Luke Jacobs.

182 - Freshman Lance Armbrister was pinned in 2:27 by Jacey Minkler.

195 - Sophomore Kolton Harting pinned

Seth Boswell in 3:54.

220 - Sophomore Michael Johnson was pinned in 1:19 by Chase Bruggeman.

285 - Dillon Coomes, Phillipsburg, won by forfeit.

Exhibition matches

113 - Sophomore Garret Otter was pinned in 5:40 by George Klink.

126 - Sophomore Alec Hager pinned Riley Juenemann in 3:38.

126 - Freshman Derek Rowh pinned Skylar Underhill in 5:37.

138 - Toby Nickell pinned Jon Mahathey in 1:49.

113 - Garret Otter was pinned in 1:12 by Derick Coomes.

171 - Freshman Stewart Whitney pinned Jon Mahathey in 1:39.

Next action

Norton will not wrestle again until Friday, January 6 when the Blue Jays host Silver Lake in a dual in Wilmeth Kirk Memorial Gym, beginning at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, January 7, Norton will host the annual J.R. Durham Invitational Wrestling Tournament in the NCHS Stull Gym, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Blue Jay boys basketball team beat Cambridge

By Dick Boyd

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

Coach Doug Reusink's Norton Community High School boys varsity basketball team went out of state to get a final win for the year 2011 when they traveled to Cambridge, Neb. last Tuesday evening and brought home a 60-45 victory.

Cambridge led 12-9 after one quarter but the Blue Jays outscored the Trojans 15-12 in the second period to tie the score at 24-all by intermission.

Norton had a good second half. The Blue Jays outscored Cambridge 13-6 in the third quarter and 23-15 in the final stanza.

Leading scorer for Norton was senior power forward Jordan Wahlmeier with 18 points on 6 of 19 from two-point range for 32 percent and 6 of 9 free throws for 67 percent.

Two other Norton players also scored in double figures. Junior guard Jacob Brooks missed all

4 trey tries but swished 6 of 9 two-point shots for 67 percent accuracy and hit 1 of 2 free throws to finish with 13 points. Senior guard Tye Nickell hit 2 of 3 from long range for 67 percent, 3 of 9 from two-point land for 33 percent and 5 of 12 overall for 42 percent and 12 points.

Junior forward Andrew Ellis added 9 points on 1 of 2 trey tries for 50 percent, 2 of 5 two-point attempts for 40 percent and 3 of 7 overall for 43 percent. He also hit a perfect 2 of 2 charity tosses.

As a team, Norton hit 3 of 11 from long range for 27 percent, 21 of 55 two-point tries for 38 percent and 24 of 66 overall for 36 percent.

The Trojans hit 2 of 7 from beyond the arc for 29 percent, 16 of 30 two-point tries for 53 percent and 18 of 37 overall for 49 percent.

From the charity stripe, the Blue Jays swished 9 of 13 for 70 percent and the Trojans hit 7 of 12

for 59 percent.

Norton outrebounded Cambridge 29-24. The Blue Jays pulled down 15 offensive and 14 defensive caroms. Leading rebounder for Norton was Wahlmeier with 14, followed by Tye Nickell, 3; Carson McKenna, 3; Jacob Brooks, 2; Dillon McConney, 2; Andrew Ellis, 2; Zach Hartwell, 1; Dalton Miller, 1; Alec Gilgenbach, 1.

Norton defenders blocked 6 Trojan shots. Wahlmeier rejected 3, followed by Brooks, 1; Ellis, 1; Gilgenbach, 1.

Both teams had 8 steals. Jacobs and McConney each had 3 thefts, followed by Nickell, McKenna, 1 each.

Ellis had Norton's only assist. The Blue Jays had just 10 turnovers while their aggressive defense caused 27 Trojan turnovers.

"I don't think we played very well, especially in the first half," said coach Reusink. "We kept

plugging away and finally got the win.

"Our bench played a big part in this game, giving us a spark when we needed it.

"We still are making bad decisions on the offensive end and our defensive effort is not consistent but it was great getting a win going into the Christmas break."

Next action

The Norton boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams will play next on Friday, Jan. 6 when the Blue Jays host Osborne, beginning at 4 p.m.

BOX SCORE

Norton Boys
Tye Nickell 3 2 0-0 12; Jacob Brooks 6 0 1-2 13; Jordan Wahlmeier 6 0 6-9 18; Dillon McConney 10 0-0 2; Andrew Ellis 2 1 2-2 9; Dalton Miller 1 0 0-0 2; Carson McKenna 2 0 0-0 4; Game Totals 21 3 9-13 60

Joe Green Invitational Tournament set for the end of this week

By Dick Boyd

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com

The Norton Community High School C-team boys basketball team will compete on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 29-30-31 in the annual Joe Green Invitational Tournament at the High School in Hill City.

Competing in addition to Norton and Hill City will be teams from Northern Valley, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Lakeside, Stockton and Ness City.

Play will begin Thursday at 1 p.m. with the Norton vs. Northern Valley game. It will be followed by the Hill City vs. Osborne contest at 2:30 p.m.; Phillipsburg vs. Lakeside at 4 p.m. and Stockton vs. Ness City at 5:30 p.m.

The winner of the Norton/Northern Valley game will play the winner of the Hill City/Osborne contest at 4 p.m. on Friday. The losers will play at 1 p.m. on Friday in the consolation bracket.

Winner of the Phillipsburg/Lakeside game will play winner of the Stockton/Ness City contest at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. The losers will play at 2:30 p.m. on Friday in the consolation bracket.

Games on Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. with the seventh place contest, followed by the fifth place game at 11:30 a.m., third place game at 1 p.m. and championship contest at 2:30 p.m.

The tournament champion will receive a plaque and medals will be presented to members of the top three teams. A 10-member All-Tournament Team will be chosen by the Hill City Booster Club and each player honored will receive a medal.

This holiday basketball tournament has evolved from its original concept as a freshman boys tournament and is now played each year in honor of longtime Hill City High School Coach and Athletic Director Joe Green.



HYDRABED
BY TRIPLE C, INC.

The Original Flat Bed
Bale Handler Since 1983

Winchells Inc.
Phillipsburg, Kansas
785-543-2118