

Blue Jay signs letter of intent to play football

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Casey Temmel, outstanding 190 pound senior lineman for the Norton Community High School football team, has signed a letter of intent to play football this fall for Highland Community College.

Casey played offensive tackle and defensive end for the Blue Jays.

"He is a better defensive player but

we also needed him on offense so he played both ways," said Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin. "Casey is a very selfless player and is willing to play wherever needed."

"Casey is a very hard worker and, the last couple of years, worked harder in the weight room."

"In addition, he is a nice young man of good character."

Casey is also a track letterman in ad-

dition to earning letters in football.

"We are excited to get Casey in our football program," said Highland assistant coach Judd Remmers, the defensive coordinator, who is responsible for recruiting the Norton area.

"Coach Melvin does a great job at Norton and it is always a plus to be able to recruit players out of traditionally good high school programs."

"Casey will make the move to

linebacker for us this fall and we are looking forward to having him on the team."

As previously announced, Highland Community College has also recruited Norton senior running back, defensive back Tye Nickell to play football next fall for them.

In addition, Luke Ninemire, former Norton player who was a freshman on the Highland team last fall, will also

represent Norton as a sophomore.

"Luke has been slowed by an injury this winter but should be ready to go in spring football," said coach Remmers.

Ryan Held is the head football coach at Highland Community College.

Casey is the son of Elsa and Ed Temmel.

Sunflower Shootout basketball game highlights area athletes

The North Central Kansas All-Stars won both the girls and boys game in the 2nd Annual Sunflower Shootout All Star basketball game at Smith Center on Saturday, March 17, that saw both games go right down to the wire.

In the girls contest, the North Central Kansas girls held on to defeat the Mid-Continent League 75-74.

The NCK girls led 37-25 at halftime before the MCL girls made a second half run to close the gap. Smith Center's McKenzie Benoit was fouled with one second left on the clock and went to the free throw line to shoot two shots, trailing 75-73. Benoit made the first shot but missed the second and the NCK team escaped with a one point victory.

Beloit's Bailey Brown led the NCK girls in scoring with 19 points. Logan's Caley Greving and Alissa Gasper of St. John's Beloit/Tipton both added 12 points apiece. Colby's Morgan Bell scored nine points, Shelby Heim of Hoxie seven, Republic County's Michelle Cottermyre and Lakeside's Prairee Marlier five apiece, Kaley Johnson of Republic County four, Beloit's Cami Englebert three, and Washington's Morgan Bisnette two.

"I really appreciate Michelle Cottermyre coming in to play," said Smith Center Rec Director Mike Hughes. "One of the NCK girls was ill that morning and couldn't play and Michelle's teammate Kaley Johnson called her at 10:30 a.m. She said she would be there at noon for practice, and sure enough she made it."

Hannah Dietz of Trego led the MCL team with 18 points, followed by Phillipsburg's Raegan Vanderplas with 13 and Lexi Reidel of Trego with 10. Haley Dietz of Trego added nine points, McKenzie Benoit seven, Mikayla Gottschalk of Ellis five, Hill City's Haley Dinkel four, Tangie Hileman of Smith Center and Hill City's Kelsey Keith three apiece, and Hallie McCall of Smith Center two.

Winning coaches were Dal-

las Cox of Beloit and Brandon Gehring of Logan. Norton's Kevin Jilka and Kim Pakke-bier of Phillipsburg coached the MCL squad.

In the boys contest, the NCK All-Stars won 67-63.

The MCL boys had their way in the first half, leading 34-27 at halftime against a much taller team. But the NCK boys battled their way back in the second half, taking the lead late in the game and holding on for the win.

Beloit's Zach Brummer led the winners with 12 points, with 6'10" Mitchell Walter of Washington County and Decatur Community's Dalton Jones chipping in 10 points apiece. Austin Herman of Thunder Ridge scored nine points, Hoxie's Jaxsen Moss eight, Cole Christenson of Golden Plains six, Lakeside's Keegan Heiland and Blake Walter of Rock Hills four apiece, and Kalen Cromwell of Republic County and

Natoma's Corey Dunlap two each.

Norton's Jordan Wahlmaier paced the MCL team with 14 points, while Plainville teammates Andrew Casey and Kyle Becker added 11 and 10 points respectively. Jameson Klein of Plainville scored eight points, Alex Hobelmann of Smith Center seven, Smith Center's Kale Terrill five, Adam Pfeifer of Hill City four, and Norton's Tye Nickell and Matt Craig of Hill City two apiece. Trego's Brad Pfannenstiel did not score.

Coaching the NCK boys were Kyle Beisner of Lakeside and Alan Sheets of Republic County. Doug Reusink of Norton and Plainville's Chris Rorabaugh were at the helm of the MCL team.

Kelsey Keith won the girl's 3-point contest in a shootout over Shelby Heim. Jaxsen Moss won the boy's 3-point contest.

"It was a fun and exciting day for everyone involved," said

Hughes. "We had a good crowd for both games. And the kids all told me they had a lot of fun and really enjoyed it, and that's what it's all about."

"We would also like to extend a thank you to everyone that helped make this event possible. There were a lot of people involved, too many to mention,

but we do want to thank each and every one," Hughes added.

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