

Logan grad was Fort Hays track star

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Tim McElroy, a very strong young man from Logan, has completed an outstanding career as a weight man for the Fort Hays State University men's track and field team.

A valuable member of the Tigers' squad, Tim redshirted one year and was a points producer in 2011-12 as a fifth year senior in the discus, hammer throw and shot put.

One of the highlights of his senior season this spring was a runner-up finish in the hammer throw in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Outdoor Track & Field Championships with a throw of 191'2", which was barely behind the winner. His performance earned

him All-MIAA honors.

Tim also heaved the shot a personal record distance of 49'7" in the MIAA Championships to place sixth.

He threw the hammer so well this season that he qualified along with three other Tigers for the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships which were held May 24-26 in Pueblo, Colo. He advanced with a gold medal performance in the hammer throw with a season-best and personal record distance of 197'10" which he recorded at the Alex Francis Classic on March 23. Tim ranked No.14 in the nation in the hammer throw at that time.

He hit a provisional mark six times during the season in the hammer throw for the Tigers.

Tim also threw the discus a personal best distance of 159'1" in the Alex Francis Classic to place runner-up.

After qualifying for nationals, Tim was chosen to the All-Regional team by the U.S. Track & Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. The top five in each region in individual events were honored.

In the national championships, Tim placed 14th in the hammer throw with a distance of 192'7".

Tim redshirted in 2010-11 and competed unattached in some meets to maintain his strength and skill.

His sophomore and junior years at Fort Hays, Tim qualified for and competed in the hammer throw in the national champi-

onship track meet, finishing as high as 12th in the nation.

As a junior, Tim set his personal record at the time in the hammer throw with a distance of 193'2" and set his personal best at the time in the discus with a throw of 157'1".

Tim was a two-time state gold medal winner in the discus and one time state champion in the shot put in high school.

Tim graduated in May, 2012 from Fort Hays State University with a degree in Health Promotion and Wellness.

He is the son of Glenda and Mickie McElroy of Logan. His grandparents are Bonnie and Bethel McElroy, Gerry Pearson and Robert Wood.



Tim McElroy of Fort Hays State University competes in the hammer throw in the Pueblo, Colo. Invitational Track and Field Meet during his senior season for the Tigers. After an outstanding high school track and field career at Logan High School, Tim continued on to an equally outstanding college track and field career at Fort Hays, which he completed this past spring. - Courtesy photo

Results of weekend prep football playoffs

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The football season ended for Mid-Continent League member Smith Center on Friday night when they lost a Class 2-1A playoff game to Sterling by a score of 26-16.

Smith Center led 16-0 at halftime but Sterling held the Redmen scoreless in the second half while scoring 26 points for the win.

Also in Class 2-1A playoff games on Friday, Meade shutout Oberlin 47-0.

Meade (9-1) will play Sterling (4-6) in the quarter-finals at Sterling on Friday.

In other Class 2-1A playoff games on

Friday, La Crosse beat El-Saline 35-6 and Oakley defeated Stanton County 14-12.

This Friday, Oakley (7-2) will play at La Crosse (10-0) in quarter-final action.

The second round of playoffs in Class 3A was Saturday. Sacred Heart of Salina edged Norton 21-19 in the first round but lost 55-7 to unbeaten Scott City.

Beloit, also unbeaten and one of just three teams to defeat Norton this season, rolled over Holcomb 60-8.

This Friday, Scott City (11-0) will host Garden Plain (11-0) and Beloit (11-0) will travel to Sedgwick (10-1) for quarter-final contests.

In 8-Man II games on Saturday, Thunder Ridge defeated Otis-Bison 28-18 and Sharon Springs beat Fowler 37-0.

In the semi-finals this Saturday, Sharon Springs (10-0) will travel to Thunder Ridge (10-1) for a 4 p.m. game.

In 8-Man I play on Saturday, Rock Hills (Mankato) beat Marmaton Valley 78-46 and Ness City outscored Pretty Prairie 46-0.

In the semi-finals this Friday, Madison (10-1) will play at Rock Hills (10-1) and Solomon (10-1) will play at Ness City (11-0).

More Hill City players named All-MCL Volleyball

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The All-Mid-Continent League Volleyball Team for 2012 has been chosen by vote of the league coaches and three of the six first team players are from Hill City.

They are: Darrien Collins, 5'10" senior; Megan Gansel, 5'6" senior and Shelby Stewart, 5'2" senior.

Also named to the first team were: Sydney Benoit, 5'10" Smith Center senior; Sierra Brown, 5'10" Stockton senior and Mattison Dusin, Phillipsburg. The 5'10" Dusin was the only junior named to the first squad.

Chosen for the second team were: Bailey Hensley, 5'4" Ellis senior; McKenzie Cooper, 5'10" Hill City senior; Trenna Cox, 5'6" Smith Center senior and Sabrina Billinger, 5'10" Smith Center senior.

Underclassmen on the second team were Madysen Frantz, 5'8" Phillipsburg junior and Alexcia Deutscher, 5'8" Ellis freshman.

Receiving honorable mention were: Regan Bartels, 6' Phillipsburg senior; Blair McNary, 5'8" Smith Center senior; Alexis Ryan, 5'4" Smith Center senior; Caitlyn Miller, 5'10" Osborne junior; Lynzee Mace, 5'8" Smith Center junior and Kaleigh Soneson, 5'8" Ellis junior.

Sectional results for Norton Punt, Pass and Kickers

Norton Punt, Pass and Kick winners went on to compete in the Sectional Punt, Pass, and Kick Competition held in Scott City on Sunday, October 21st along with over 30 other area local winners.

Their totals will be sent on to Regional Office and the top scores from all area sectionals will go on to the Team Championship event during a Kansas City Chiefs game later this season.

Below are the results of the Norton Participants.

Age group	Participant	Distance	Finish
Girls 6/7:	Gentry Sproul	78' 8"	1st Place
Boys 6/7:	Roman Hauser	104' 9"	4th Place
Girls 8/9:	Addison Brooks	83' 11"	4th Place
Boys 8/9:	Gavin Sproul	131' 9"	7th Place
Girls 10/11:	Tessa Hauser	132' 5"	4th Place
Boys 10/11:	Nicholas Davis	201' 5"	2nd Place
Girls 12/13:	Hayley Cadwalader	146' 3"	2nd Place
Boys 12/13:	Jace Ruder	358' 7"	1st Place
Boys 14/15:	Jacob Green	288' 4"	3rd Place

Jace Ruder made it to the Chiefs Game to perform in the Team Championships PPK competition.

Jace Ruder is seen here making an attempt at a winning kick. He won first place for his age division of 12 to 13 years of age with a kick of 358 feet seven inches. - Courtesy photo



Junior Jays tip off season with big win

The Norton Blue Jays Junior High boys basketball team started the season with a huge 52-18 win over the Stockton Tigers on Nov. 1 at Stull Gymnasium.

The Blue Jays led in all statistical categories as the tempo of the game favored the Norton squad. The Jays started the game with a quick basket, scoring off the jump ball with a lay-up by Tyus Henson and they never looked back.

Balanced scoring from three players; Jacob Green (13), Tyus Henson (13) and Jace Ruder (12) vaulted the Jays to the victory. Norton shot 39 percent from the field compared to 19 percent for Stockton. Landon Porter shot 75 percent overall and went two for two (100%) from the 3-point line. Overall, the Jays recorded an assist on 14 of their 22 made baskets. Henson led the team with six assists and Trenton Wright added three assists.

Blue Jays head coach Joe Cox is optimistic about the potential of this year's team. "We wanted to get out early and establish our athleticism. This team is capable of playing an exciting style of

basketball. The offense had moments of stagnation where too many guys were standing and watching but with practice we can correct that," said Cox.

Defense was the name of the game and the Tigers struggled to score all night. The Blue Jays forced 22 turnovers with 17 of those being steals, led by Henson with seven. A great defensive rebounding performance by Ruder with nine and Green with six boards, kept the Tigers from

getting many second chance shots.

"I am very happy with our performance tonight. Being in proper defensive position is still something we need to work on. We just need to make sure we focus at all times and keep a high intensity defensive presence. Overall though, for the first game of the year, it was a pretty good night," said coach Cox.

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