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drop-back passer, but he developed into a good thrower off play-action and sprint-out plays.

"J.D. really worked hard on his passing game," Melillo said. "He has tremendous work habits. He worked a lot on his own to get better. How well your offense moves depends on the quarterback and J.D. did a super job of running ours."

Hand rushed for 869 yards and 16 touchdowns in his three-year career. He threw for more than 1,000 yards each of his last two years and finished with 2,630 passing yards and 28 TDs on 163 completions. He threw only three interceptions in 135 attempts this year.

JOHN JIMENEZ

Jimenez was the third three-year starter on Norton's team this year. At 6-1 and 203 pounds, and having the reputation of a fierce hitter, Jimenez is an excellent college prospect.

With no statistics on tackles it's hard to measure Jimenez in the statistical category. But for anyone who played against or watched him, stats weren't necessary.

"John has been a great linebacker for us since he started as a sophomore," Melillo said. "He had a great sophomore year, played with a bad hamstring his entire junior year and had a great senior year. He never missed a game for us."

At fullback, Jimenez was primarily used as a lead blocker for Farber, but he still rushed for 778 yards and 11 TDs on 141 carries. Jimenez finished with 1,465 yards and 18 TDs for his career.

Jimenez gave Norton fans a lasting impression in this year's state championship win over Shawnee Aquinas. On the icy field of KU's Memorial Stadium, Jimenez ran for 109 yards on 17 carries. Most of the yards were up the middle in the second half when the Blue Jays were trying to eat away the clock.

Defensively, it was Jimenez who dropped Aquinas' top running back, Steve Davila, for a five-yard loss on a first-and-goal from the Norton 2. The Bluestreaks failed to score after that play and Norton went on to win, 14-0, and never allowed a rushing touchdown all season.

"John wasn't going to be denied in that game," Melillo said. "He was a tremendous blocker for us, but when we needed the big yards inside, he got them."

DARREL LODER

Salina Central's wishbone offense in 1985 was never more potent during coach Ted Stein's four-year tenure, and Loder was a big reason why.

After moving from running back to center his junior year, Loder developed into an outstanding lineman for the Mustangs.

Loder was the all-league center in the tough I-70 League his junior year and again this season. Stein points to one important attribute leading to Loder's success on the gridiron.

"His principal asset is his intensity," Stein said. "He still plays within his role, though. He's an intense, disciplined football player. A lot of kids wouldn't have been able to give up being a running back, but Darrel responded with such intense pride in what he was doing, he immediately became the all-league center."

Loder also played a tough middle

PSU eliminated in NAIA playoffs

PITTSBURG (AP) — Senior quarterback Jeff Fusilier completed 12 of 18 passes for 291 yards and four touchdowns Saturday as Central Arkansas defeated Pittsburg State, 32-22, in a quarterfinal game of the NAIA Division I football playoffs.

The Gorillas were damaged by seven turnovers in the game, one that came in the second quarter when the defending national co-champions scored all 32 of their points, as Pittsburg State quarterback Gene Stageman fumbled at his own 20.

The Bears took advantage immediately as Fusilier fired a 22-yard touchdown pass to John Cameron to make it 6-3.

In the first quarter, Pittsburg State freshman Mike Bennett booted a 50-yard field goal, an NAIA record.

The leading rusher for Pittsburg State, which finished its season at 8-2, was sophomore Monte Weathers. He notched 198 yards on 17 carries and returned three kicks for 42 yards.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS VS. PITTSBURG STATE GAME IN STATS			
	UCA	PSU	
First downs	19	27	
Rushes-yards	40-136	68-354	
Passing yards	291	081	
Return yards	07	00	
Posses	18-12-0	20-09-1	
Punts	7-34	4-38	
Fumbles-lost	2-2	9-6	
Penalties-yards	8-77	5-50	
Scoring Summary			
Central Arkansas	0	32	0-32
Pittsburg State	3	7	4-22
PSU FG Bennett 50			
UCA Cameron 58 pass from Fusilier (kick blocked)			
PSU Stageman 6 run (Bennett kick)			
UCA McGhee 22 run (pass fail)			
UCA Cameron 18 pass from Fusilier (kick failed)			
UCA Davis 63 pass from Fusilier (Barrow kick)			
UCA Freppan 17 pass from Fusilier (Barrow kick)			
PSU Stageman 3 run (pass fail)			
PSU Weathers 10 run (pass fail)			
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THE SALINA JOURNAL'S 1985 ALL-AREA TEAMS

SECOND TEAM					
Offense					
Player, School	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Position	
Todd Lowe, Colby	6-0	170	Sr.	End	
Craig Harris, Rocky	6-4	175	Sr.	End	
Todd Harman, Norton	6-1	195	Sr.	Linebacker	
Jon Lucas, Chapman	5-10	175	Sr.	Linebacker	
Jamie Hammerschmidt, Plainville	5-10	165	Jr.	Linebacker	
Brad Beloit, TMP-Marian	6-0	195	Sr.	Linebacker	
Bill Shively, Smith Center	6-2	190	Sr.	Linebacker	
Todd Whitham, Hays	6-0	180	Sr.	Quarterback	
Tom Blehler, McPherson	6-3	185	Sr.	Running back	
Tyler Kingsbury, Smith Center	5-8	175	Sr.	Running back	
Bryon Bigham, Ellsworth	6-0	175	Sr.	Running back	
Defense					
Jerry Sonntag, Norton	6-1	185	Jr.	Linebacker	
Karl Langvardt, Chapman	6-4	190	Sr.	Linebacker	
Kevin Wright, Plainville	6-2	220	Sr.	Linebacker	
Gavin Ludlow, McPherson	6-2	215	Sr.	Linebacker	
Mark Deets, Beloit	5-11	185	Sr.	Linebacker	
David Hawk, Smoky Valley	6-0	220	Sr.	Linebacker	
Mark Carter, Norton	6-0	185	Sr.	Linebacker	
Rich Manor, McPherson	5-10	160	Sr.	Back	
Jason Brantfort, Clifton-Clyde	5-8	145	Sr.	Back	
Mitch Berens, Victoria	6-0	175	Jr.	Back	
Brian Beecher, Brewster	5-9	170	Sr.	Back	
THIRD TEAM					
Offense					
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Jerry Teel, Lenora	6-3	185	Jr.	End	
Steve Fritz, SE-Salina	6-1	170	Sr.	End	
Marty Tuley, Belleville	6-0	206	Sr.	Linebacker	
Eric Fabrizius, Wakeeney	5-11	175	Sr.	Linebacker	
Shane Ross, Mankato	6-1	225	Sr.	Linebacker	
Thad Vincent, Sharon Springs	6-2	211	Sr.	Linebacker	
Curtis Free, Mankato	6-0	175	Sr.	Linebacker	
Jason Squibb, Colby	6-0	226	Sr.	Quarterback	
Gerald Kennedy, Plainville	5-8	158	So.	Running back	
Jon Becker, Tipton	5-10	177	Sr.	Running back	
Todd Arnold, Hillsboro	6-0	170	Sr.	Running back	
Defense					
Arlon Newell, Clifton-Clyde	5-11	180	Sr.	Linebacker	
Mark Harris, Minneapolis	6-3	175	Sr.	Linebacker	
Marvin McCormick, Osborne	5-11	175	Sr.	Linebacker	
Fred Wolfe, Salina Central	6-1	238	Sr.	Linebacker	
Kelly Flax, TMP-Marian	5-9	165	Sr.	Linebacker	
John Webb, Tescott	6-1	187	Sr.	Linebacker	
Jeff Allison, Minneapolis	6-1	175	Jr.	Linebacker	
Todd Brown, Herington	5-11	175	Sr.	Back	
Scott Brown, Herington	6-1	185	Sr.	Back	
Kurt Dinkel, Victoria	6-0	155	Sr.	Back	
Dan Stutterheim, SE-Salina	6-2	170	Sr.	Back	

HONORABLE MENTION					
Offense					
Player, School	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Position	
Quarterback — Doug Benoit, Mankato; Dave Cash, Chapman; David Christensen, Concordia; Mark Harris, Minneapolis; Joe Koenigsman, Tipton; Mike Maxwell, Beloit; Jim Rose, Eastern Heights; Dan Stutterheim, SE-Salina.					
Running back — Shane Baird, Northern Valley; T.J. Bransfield, Sacred Heart; James Desch, TMP-Marian; DeWayne Grove, North Central; Mark Johnson, Eastern Heights; Darrel Lamb, Atwood; Chad Meyers, Beloit; Ronnie Wright, Clay Center.					
End — Jim Anderson, Clifton-Clyde; Kip Deaton, Quinter; Marty Griffey, Norton; Kurt Long, Chapman; Billy Maddy, Stockton; Kevin Maroz, Hillsboro; Doug Holzmeister, Grinnell; E.G. Hurl, Oakley; Mike Rains, Sharon Springs; Jeff Renner, Sharon Springs; Mike Tripp, Canton-Galva.					
Linebacker — Rob Bassell, Victoria; Arlan Funk, Hillsboro; Doug Holzmeister, Grinnell; E.G. Hurl, Oakley; Mike Rains, Sharon Springs; Jeff Renner, Sharon Springs; Mike Tripp, Canton-Galva.					
Back — Tim Sanders, Tescott.					
Defense					
Linebacker — Jeff Corpstein, Tipton; Scott Davis, McPherson; Bobby Loveless, Tescott; Rob Schmutz, Abilene; Lyle Schoen, Smith Center; Richard Shively, Lenora; Shawn Sirete, Colby.					
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hand he broke in the second game of the season." Miller also returned punts and kickoffs, returning two punts for touchdowns this season.

Miller's defense is just as outstanding. He loves to deal out punishment. Beaber moved him to defensive back from linebacker this season mainly because that's where Miller will likely play in college.

Miller led the Bulldogs in tackles with 79 solo stops and 31 assists. Twenty-two of those tackles were behind the line of scrimmage. He intercepted three passes (returning one for a touchdown), caused three fumbles and recovered two.

NATHAN RATHER At 6-4, 225 pounds, Rather is the largest player on this year's team, but probably the least known.

Northwest Kansas League teams definitely know of this Atwood standout, but the rest of the state and many college recruiters know very little about him. It's primarily because Atwood is not just an hour's drive down the road for most people.

"It is a tough situation," Atwood coach Dan Lankas said. "But several colleges are interested in him. The

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