

SUPER: Kensington's Grauerholz is a terror on defense

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previous record set by Newell in 1991. Geist's tackle totals included 80 solos and 16 for lost yardage. He forced four fumbles, recovered one, blocked a field goal and deflected two passes.

"Our defense is set up for the middle linebacker to get a lot of tackles," said Mills, noting Geist's average of 16.4 tackles a game. "To average (even) 12 or 13 is quite a bit."

Geist's role on offense was limited by the Indians' two-platoon system that kept him on defense almost exclusively. He did make four catches for 69 yards and scored one TD.

Mills said Geist has been told by several NCAA II schools that they will make him scholarship offers, but that he may opt for a junior college where he may be able to start immediately.



BRANDON GRAUERHOLZ
KENSINGTON

A player 6-5, and 210 pounds can be very intimidating to many opponents, especially at the eight-man level.

Grauerholz, a three-year starter at defensive end for Kensington, used his size advantage to help take the quarterback option away from teams that run the triple-option offense.

"If you have a big kid at defensive end, it helps," Coach Jackson said of Grauerholz, who had 52 tackles as a senior. "He virtually stops the quarterback option."

Grauerholz also played offensive guard this year after the Goldbugs lost three linemen to graduation last year.

Grauerholz has connections with the University of Nebraska-Kearney, where brother Darren played from 1988-91.

JON HOOPER
GOODLAND

For the second time in three years, a Goodland quarterback named Hooper made the Super 11.

This time, Jon — Jason's younger brother — gained the honor despite

Hooper

playing out of position offensively. The 6-0, 170-pound Hooper completed 59-of-110 passes for 979 yards with nine TDs and eight interceptions. He also ran 99 times for 784 yards and 10 TDs.

On defense, Hooper had 84 total tackles (41 solo) and three interceptions as a free safety.

As a sophomore, Hooper played receiver and running back. He was a quarterback-running back as a junior before taking his quarterback role this year.

"Obviously he's a good quarterback," Goodland coach Mike Johnson said of Hooper, "but his best position is probably an I-back type."

"He's done a great job. Wherever we've needed him, he's always been willing to play."

NCAA II schools are paying close attention to Hooper, who Johnson said might be influenced by his brother to join him at Bethany College.

TODD KRILEY
STOCKTON

While Stockton has turned out some pretty good skill players over the

years, the Tigers also have developed some of the best linemen in the area.

Kriley, a 6-2, 225-pound senior left tackle, has been a starter for Stockton's last three state finalists and teamed with senior left guard Luke Conyack to provide a path for the Tigers' two talented rushers.

"When we needed a yard, we ran to the left," Stockton coach Matt Perry said. "We ran behind him and Luke a lot."

Defensively, Kriley made 47 tackles (27 solo) with two for lost yardage, with two quarterback sacks and one deflected pass from his tackle spot.

"We told the kids to occupy the line so the linebackers (Pfannenstiel and VanEaton) could make the tackles," Perry said of Kriley's relatively low tackle numbers.

Junior colleges and smaller colleges are showing an interest in Kriley, a first-team all-MCL offensive pick and honorable mention defensive selection.

ANDY PFANNENSTIEL
STOCKTON

Most coaches would love to have the problem Perry has at Stockton: Which back do we give the ball to?

Pfannenstiel, a 5-11, 205-pound fullback, had 243 carries for 1,523 yards and 20 TDs during the Tigers' 11-2 season. At inside linebacker, he led the team in tackles with 98 (48 solo) with four sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery.

"He was a good leader and very conscientious about what the team did," said Perry, who also called on Pfannenstiel to punt this year (32-yard average on 22 attempts).

Pfannenstiel is drawing attention from a wide range of colleges, with a heavy interest from the junior college ranks.

JOSH REID
BREWSTER

Just how important was Reid to his team's success?

The 6-5, 190-pound quarterback suf-

fered a separated shoulder late in the third quarter in Brewster's Eight-Man II bi-district game against Almena-Northern Valley.

The Bulldogs went ahead 38-18 on the next play. But without Reid, Brewster saw that lead slip away and into a 44-38 double overtime loss.

Up to the point of his injury, Reid proved to be the engineer of the Bulldogs' 9-0 regular-season run.

He made Brewster's high-scoring offense go, completing 63-of-113 passes for 938 yards with 15 TDs and six interceptions. Reid also had 66 carries for 564 yards and 14 more TDs.

Reid last week made his third trip to Hays for an all-area photo; he made the boys' all-area basketball team as a freshman and sophomore.

"In football, he was probably the key to our offense," said Jon McLean, Reid's coach in football and basketball.

"So many things depended on his decisions. He doesn't make a lot of mistakes."

MARK SIMONEAU
SMITH CENTER

The 6-1, 215-pound Simoneau dominated on both sides of the ball for Smith Center, which went 9-2 and made the Class 3A state quarterfinal round.

Simoneau ran for a school-record 2,252 yards (10.3 average), including 393 in one game.

He scored 21 TDs, along with 13 conversion runs, and made five extra-point kicks and two field goals. That amounted to 163 of the Redmen's 385 points.

A unanimous selection to the all-MCL team both as a running back and linebacker, Simoneau also had a team-leading 92 tackles (67 solo) defensively.

Smith Center coach Roger Barta said that Simoneau has given verbal commitment to play at Kansas State University.

THANE VANEATON
STOCKTON

Forced to play second fiddle to Pfannenstiel in the Stockton backfield and linebacker corps was good enough for the 5-11, 190-pound VanEaton to make the Super 11.

VanEaton ran for 1,151 yards on 206 carries, with eight TDs. He caught eight passes for 183 yards and two TDs out of the tailback spot in the Tigers' split-back set.

As the other linebacker opposite Pfannenstiel, VanEaton had a team-high 110 tackles (58 solo) with five sacks and three interceptions. And, he missed one game because of injuries.

"They were pretty even, as far as I was concerned," Perry said of VanEaton when compared to Pfannenstiel. "He's one of the toughest kids I've been around."

He will be around two more seasons.

Facts, figures about HDN's Super 11

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Hays Daily News

Eleven years worth of Hays Daily News Super 11 all-area football teams have compiled some interesting numbers.

A total of 15 players have been named to the top 11 more than once.

Kensington senior Spencer Levin became the first three-time pick this year.

Among the other two-time picks are three who made both the 1986 and '87 teams: Mark Payton of Atwood, and Brooks Barta and Jeff Simoneau, both of Smith Center.

Tracey Hoffman of Hays' Thomas More Prep-Marian and Kirby Rust of Kensington both made the 1988 and '89 squads, while Dustin McEwen of Norton and Keith Sides of Almena-Northern Valley were back-to-back picks in 1989-90.

Another member of the 1990 Super

11, Ness City's Rich Holecek, returned in 1991.

The 1992 and '93 teams featured seven two-time selections: Curtis Albin of Quinter, Seren Humburg of Ness City, Brian Jackson and PJ Peters of Hays High, Mike Lankas of Atwood, Joel McReynolds of Stockton and Levin.

The selections of Goodland's Jon Hooper, Smith Center's Mark Simoneau and Stockton's Thane VanEaton this year gives the HDN Super 11 six brother tandems.

The first brother pair was in 1986 when TMP's Tim Flax was picked the year after brother Kelly was honored.

Atwood's Jeff Vrbas was chosen in 1986, three years before younger brother Mark.

Stockton's Clint Bedore joined was named in 1990, three years after older brother Brett.

The Hooper and VanEaton tandems

feature the most recent brother combinations. Jason Hooper and Trent VanEaton were Super 11 teammates in 1992.

The Flax brothers are just two of the six Super 11 players whose father was their coach.

Gene Flax coached for football for seven years at TMP; he died of a heart attack on the first day of preseason workouts in 1987.

Atwood coach Dan Lankas, the all-area coach of the year in 1989, had to wait until 1992 before son Mike joined him as an all-area selection. They are the only father-son tandem to be so honored.

Barta played for his dad, Roger, at Smith Center.

The two most recent coach's sons honored are 1994 selections Monty Beisel, who plays for his dad, Doug, at Victoria, and Chris Dennis, the son of Oakley coach Mark Dennis.

Prep Basketball Previews

Following are previews of area prep boys' and girls' basketball teams with information obtained from questionnaires returned to The Hays Daily News from the schools' coaches. Also included are teams that compete in the same leagues as local and/or area teams.

The boys' teams from the following leagues were featured in Thursday's Hays Daily News: Cheyenne Conference, Mid-Continent League, Mid-State Activities Association, Northwest Kansas League and Twin Lakes League.

Some coaches did not return questionnaires; therefore, some leagues are incomplete.

Cheyenne Conference

GIRLS

Agra-Eastern Heights

Coaches — Mike Weber, head (6th year); Randy Skiles, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 4-13 overall, 2-4 league.

Returns — 4 starters, 5 letterwinners.

Top players — Krista Still, 5-9, jr., 11.0 pts., 7.9 reb.; Korina Hunter, 5-9, soph., 7.9 pts., 8.3 reb.; Patricia Hoffman, 5-7, sr., 6.7 pts., 5.3 reb.; Jennifer Rahjes, 5-7, sr., 3.7 pts., 3.9 reb.

Team notes

The Mustangs have good experience and overall defensive ability, although their ability to score could be a drawback.

Almena-Northern Valley

Coaches — Bill Lowry, head (14th year); Glenda Smith, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 23-3 overall, 6-0 league (state champions).

Returns — 1 starter, 3 letterwinners.

Top players — Con Cox, 6-0, sr., 8.1 pts., 4.1 reb.; Mandi Schemper, 5-8, sr., 4.3 pts., 2.5 reb.; Tammi Griffin, 5-5, sr., 1.7 pts., 1.4 reb.; Rebekah Hays, 5-9, soph.

Team notes

With the exception of Cox, the Huskies basically are starting over after winning state last winter and will build on their quickness and defensive strength while trying to build experience and depth.

Kensington

Coaches — Jeff Yoxall, head (18th year); Mike Isom, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 18-4 overall, 4-2 league.

Returns — 3 starters, 7 letterwinners.

Top players — Traci Beckman, 5-3, sr.; Tan Bameil, 5-8, sr.; Crystal Breton, 5-9, jr.; Carla Smith, 5-8, jr.

Team notes

The Goldbugs should be a good shooting team, but may be hampered by a lack of depth and a defense that needs improvement.

Lenora

Coaches — Pat Schoenhofer, head (1st year); Nicole Sklandt, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 8-12 overall, ... league.

Returns — 3 starters, 3 letterwinners.

Top players — Beth Hadrmeister, 5-5, sr.; DeAnn Diederich, 5-5, sr.; Angie Hiramis, 5-7, soph.

Team notes

No goals listed.

Logan

Coaches — Daryl Logan, head (3rd year); Robin VanLaey, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 22-5 overall, 5-1 league.

Returns — 3 starters, 5 letterwinners.

Top players — Monica Kemper, 5-5, sr., 9.7 pts., 2.5 reb.; Megan Kemper, 5-10, sr., 14.9 pts., 8.3 reb.; Chanda Triplett, 5-6, jr., 13.1 pts., 2.6 reb.

Team notes

Logan has good senior leadership, a balanced attack and a strong, although inexperienced, bench.

Palco

Coaches — Kevin Logan, head (2nd year); Terry Talburt, assistant.

Class — 1A.

1993-94 records — 11-8 overall.

Returns — 3 starters, 6 letterwinners.

Top players — Jo Lowry, 5-9, sr.; Rhonda Desair, 5-2, sr.; Maria Mongeau, 5-7, sr.; Nancy Gosselin, 5-9, jr.

Team notes

No goals listed.

Returns — 4 starters, 7 letterwinners.

Top players — Robbi Rorabaugh, 5-6, sr., 11 pts., 3 reb., 6 assists, 5 steals; Melanie Hones, 5-10, sr., 7 pts., 8 reb.; Mindy Waldschmidt, 5-7, jr., 6 pts., 5 reb.; Tricia Kohl, 5-4, sr., 5 pts., 3 reb., 3 assists.

Team notes

The Raiders are stronger in quickness and aggressiveness but lack depth, and some young and inexperienced players will have to step up for Ella to be successful.

Hill City

Coaches — Tom Edgett, head (3rd year); Dick Robinson, Fred McAllister, assistants.

Class — 2A.

1993-94 records — 14-9 overall, 7-2 league (sub-state champions).

Returns — 6 starters, 10 letterwinners.

Top players — Amber Radcliffe, 6-0, sr., 14 pts., 10 reb.; Collette Burton, 5-8, sr., 13 pts., 8 reb.; Tina Govin, 5-8, sr., 8 pts., 3 reb.; Jamie Eisenbath, 5-5, sr., 4 pts., 4 reb.; Darc Grindle, 5-4, sr., 7 pts., 2 reb.; Jenny Kepka, 5-9, sr., 5 pts., 5 reb.

Team notes

The Ringnecks have an abundance of experience with one four-year starter and five three-year starters returning off a team that made the state tournament. The only downhill Hill City might face is a lack of depth behind Radcliffe at center.

Norton

Coaches — Kevin Jilka, head (14th year); George Rossi, Sharon Wondra, assistants.

Class — 3A.

1993-94 records — 22-4 overall, 9-0 league (state runner-up).

Returns — 1 starter, 7 letterwinners.

Top players — Chen Miller, 5-11, sr., 12 pts., 6 reb.; Jodi Ward, 5-6, jr., 12 pts., 4 reb.; Bekah Bohl, 5-8, sr., 6 pts., 4 reb.

Team notes

The Bluejays are experienced at key positions and have speed, but bench strength, rebounding and a tough schedule could make the season a tough one. However, Norton has cleared one major hurdle, beating three large schools to win the Hays City Shoot-Out to open the season.

Osborne

Coaches — Terry Musil, head (first year); Tim Merritt, assistant.

Class — 2A.

1993-94 records — 4-15 overall, 1-8 league.

Returns — 2 starters, 5 letterwinners.

Top players — Amy Schultze, 6-1, sr., 14 pts., 9 reb.; Kelli Cooper, 5-6, sr., 5 pts., 5 reb.

Team notes

The Bulldogs will need to find the knowledge of how to win in order to be successful.

Phillipsburg

Coaches — Holly Browne, head (9th year); Sharon Pecunia, Randy Levendovsky, assistants.

Class — 3A.

1993-94 records — 4-14 overall, 3-5 league.

Returns — 1 starter, 6 letterwinners.

Top players — Tina Shea, 5-9, jr.; Carmen Lutzjohn, 5-6, soph.; Shana Janner, 5-7, jr.

Team notes

The Panthers are fairly young but could gain a lot of experience for the future with younger players seeing plenty of playing time.

Plainville

Coaches — Richard Eckert, head (2nd year); Norma Finney, Shari Dix, assistants.

Class — 3A.

1993-94 records — 2-18 overall, 0-9 league.

Returns — 5 starters, 8 letterwinners.

Top players — Angie Cloyd, 5-7, sr., 10.2 pts., 5.2 reb.; Mary Kerns, 5-8, sr., 7.0 pts., 4.5 reb.; Nikki Basgall, 5-5, sr., 8.7 pts., 3.1 reb.; Michelle Hammerschmidt, 5-10, sr., 4.9 pts., 3.2 reb.; April Corneau, 5-8, jr., 2.3 pts., 3.1 reb.

Team notes

The Cardinals feature a strong senior class.

Smith Center

Coaches — Nick Linn, head (6th year); Channing Stowell, assistant.

Class — 3A.

1993-94 records — 20-2 overall, 6-1 league.

Returns — 2 starters, 2 letterwinners.

Top players — Jackie Ma, 5-8, sr., 12 pts., 7.4 reb.; Carrie Barta, 5-4, sr., 2.6 pts., 1.7 steals; Janice Fierle, 5-7, soph.

Team notes

A very speedy, hard-working team may help the Redmen, but very little experience and height return from last year's successful year.

Stockton

Coaches — Randy Towne, head (7th year); Susan Schindler, assistant.

Class — 2A.

1993-94 records — 6-13 overall, 4-5 league.

Returns — 4 part-time starters, 5 letterwinners.

Top players — Hannah Wood, 5-5, jr., 12 pts., 6.5 reb.; Marley Haines, 5-2, sr., 5.5 pts., 6 reb.; Jana Weidensath, 5-8, jr., 7 pts., 5 reb.; Hester Wood, 5-5, jr., 5.5 pts., 4 reb.; Amy Kriley, 5-7, jr., 5 pts., 6.5 reb.

Team notes

An injury-riddled season in 1993-94 allowed some of this year's team members to gain experience last year.

But the Tigers will need to find consistent rebounding, proven scorers, a defensive stopper and bench strength.

Victoria

Coaches — Robert Leikam, head (13th year); Eric Ausin, assistant.

Class — 2A.

1993-94 records — 11-8 overall, league not listed.

Returns — 2 starters, letterwinners not listed.

Top players — Sue Ruder, 6-0, sr.; Krista Freitag, sr.; Kelly VonLintel, 6-0, sr.

Team notes

No goals listed.

WaKeeney-Trego

Coaches — Myron Flax, head (4th year); Glennis Binger, assistant.

Class — 3A.