

Five Wildcats placed on all-state soccer team



Louisburg senior defender Rylee Bergh clears the ball away during a game earlier this season. Bergh and four other Wildcats were named to the Class 4-1A all-state team. Bergh and sophomore Bailey Belcher earned first-team honors.

Coming off a successful first season, the Louisburg High School girls soccer team was already well-recognized on the regional level with nine all-Frontier League selections.

As it turned out, many of those same players were named to the all-state team that was released last week. Louisburg earned five spots on the Kansas Soccer Coaches Association all-state team.

Senior Rylee Bergh (defender) and sophomore Bailey Belcher (midfielder) were named to the Class 4-1A first team, while senior Maddie McDaniel (midfield), sophomore Shay Whiting (goalkeeper) and freshman Camdyn Clark (defender) were selected to the all-state second team.



Bailey Belcher, first team,
midfield



Maddie McDaniel, second
team, midifield



Shay Whiting, second team,
goalkeeper



Camdyn Clark, second team,
defender

"I think it is a fantastic honor to have our kids honored by other coaches within the 4A-1A class," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "These kids, as well as their teammates, bought into our system of play and gave this town, the high school and the coaches everything that they had each and every night. I couldn't be more proud of these young ladies.

"None of these accolades could not have been accomplished without their teammates. I think this is just the icing on the cake on how fantastic this season was for our 2016 girls soccer team. These young ladies are a great example of our program and how we want our program to be thought of."

The Wildcats had a strong defense all season, which was a big reason for their 14-4-1 season and why they had three of those players selected to the all-state team. Bergh, the team's centerback, led the way and limited several scoring

opportunities.

With the help of Bergh, Clark and the other Wildcat defenders, Whiting was credited with eight shutouts on the season.

Belcher was one of the top scorers in the Frontier League this season as she finished with 33 goals to go along with four assists from the midfield spot. As for McDaniel, she was second on the team in scoring nine goals, but also had a team-high 13 assists.