

Wildcat baseball earns five all-league selections



Louisburg's Matt Risenhoover was one of five Wildcats recently selected to the all-Frontier League baseball team. Risenhoover was named as a second team infielder and was one of the Wildcats' top offensive players.

The Louisburg High School baseball team found itself in a lot of close games in one of the tougher leagues in Class 4A.

The Frontier League put two teams in the Class 4A, Division I state tournament and the Wildcats faced difficult competition every week, which led to eight wins on the season.

Although Louisburg didn't have a .500 record, the league coaches still rewarded the Wildcats with several spots on the all-league team. The Wildcats put five players on the squad, including a pair of second team nominations.

Senior Matt Risenhoover (infield) and junior Grant Harding (outfield) were named to the all-Frontier League second team to lead Louisburg. Senior Alex Dunn (catcher), senior Austin Henderson (infield) and junior Korbin Hankinson (utility) also earned honorable mention.



Grant Harding, second team, outfield

Risenhoover had a strong season offensively as he led Louisburg with 25 hits in 66 plate appearances. He also added a team-high seven doubles and 17 RBIs.

In the field, he finished with a .915 fielding percentage and had just five errors at the shortstop position.

Harding also a big season offensively as he had a team-best .453 average in 58 plate appearances and had 24 hits. He ended up with four doubles, three triples, nine RBIs and had a .642 slugging percentage.

He also started four games on the mound and had a 2-0 record with 19 strikeouts, 16 walks and a 3.91 earned run average. In the outfield, Harding had just one error and added three assists.

Henderson had a strong final season for Louisburg and provided a lot of power in the middle of the lineup for the Wildcats. He finished the season with a .348 average and had 24 hits in 77 plate appearances. Henderson added six doubles and three home runs on the season to go along with 16 RBIs.



Austin Henderson,
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mention, infield



Alex Dunn,
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mention, catcher



Korbin Hankinson,
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mention, utility

As for Dunn, he was also a fixture in the middle of the Wildcat lineup and hit .317 on the season with 20 hits, three doubles, a triple and seven RBIs. He also had a team-high 12 walks.

Defensively, Dunn caught every game for the Wildcats and committed just three errors in 20 games.

Hankinson had a .333 average in 53 plate appearances with 14 hits and four RBIs. He also didn't have an error in his spot in the outfield and had two assists.

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE BASEBALL

First Team

Catcher: Jared Fry, Eudora, senior

Infield: Donovan Sutti, Paola, junior; Andrew White, De Soto, senior; Kaleb Shaffer, sophomore; Cody Lucas, Spring Hill, sophomore

Outfield: Blaine Ray, Ottawa, junior; Blain Ohlmeier, Paola, senior; Ben Van Diest, Eudora, senior

Pitcher: Zach Courbat, Eudora, senior; Blaine Hanf, Paola, junior

Utility: Mason McDow, Paola, senior

Second Team

Catcher: Anthony Slaughter, De Soto, sophomore

Infield: Aaron Foster, Eudora, senior; **Matt Risenhoover, Louisburg, senior**; Keegan Finch, Ottawa, junior; Jakob Shields, De Soto, senior

Outfield: Cooper Lee, De Soto, senior; **Grant Harding, Louisburg, junior**; Ivan Hughes, Spring Hill, senior

Pitcher: Zach Bilek, De Soto, senior; Zach Curry, Ottawa, junior

Utility: Adam Carlson, Baldwin, junior

Honorable mention

Catcher: **Alex Dunn, Louisburg, senior**

Infield: Jake Schrock, Baldwin, sophomore; **Austin Henderson, Louisburg, senior**; Drew Burger, Spring Hill, junior

Outfield: Nathan Staats, Paola, senior; Ben Morgenstern, Baldwin, senior

Pitcher: Aaron Foster, senior, honorable mention

Utility: **Korbin Hankinson, Louisburg, junior**; Chris Misner-Iles, Eudora, senior