

Wildcat girls soccer earns six all-league spots



Louisburg's Madisen Simpson (left), Bailey Belcher (center) and Mackenzie Scholtz were each selected to the all-Frontier League first team. The Wildcats earned six selections overall.

In just its second season, the Louisburg High School girls soccer team took it to the next level as it earned a spot in the Class 4-1A state tournament and finished fourth overall.

So it didn't come as a surprise to anyone that the Wildcats were well-represented when the all-Frontier League teams were released.

Louisburg earned six spots on the all-league team, including three first-team selections as it finished the season with a 13-7-1 record, including a 5-3 mark in the league.

"I think we got a fair representation overall on the all-league team, but as a coach you always want more and feel more kids deserve to be recognized," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "I feel that the kids that received this honor deserved this and earned it. It is nice to have that many kids recognized and to have other coaches tell me how much they like this player or that player. These meetings have been a lot of fun, but the girls' success on the field is a result of that."

Senior Madisen Simpson, junior Bailey Belcher and freshman Mackenzie Scholtz were each named to the first team. Sophomore Camdyn Clark and junior Savannah Reinhart earned second team honors, while junior goalie Shay Whiting was an honorable mention.

For the second year in a row, Belcher found a spot on the first team and for good reason. Belcher led the Wildcats with 29 goals on the season and also had 12 assists from the midfield spot.

“Bailey had a slow start to the year, but she really caught fire in the middle two-thirds of the year,” Conley said. “She was hampered by a leg injury throughout the later part of the season. She did a very nice job with her pace and vision. She had a little bit of a tough time down the stretch because she was the part of the opposing team’s game plan to try to take her away.”

As a freshman, Scholtz made a big impact on the Louisburg attack opposite of Belcher. Scholtz was just behind Belcher with 27 goals on the year and also had a team-high 18 assists.

“Mackenzie really came on strong and she really worked well with the midfielders with give and go’s,” Conley said. “She struggled to learn the expectation of the position at first, but after about the first five games or so she really dominated. She took full advantage of the space teams gave her.

“I honestly do not think teams towards the end of year respected her ability to make plays. She really came on strong and absolutely dominated teams.”

Simpson was a team captain along with Belcher and showed why with her play in the midfield. Simpson was all over the place with her position as a holding midfielder and often marked up against some of the opposition’s best players. She also had a goal to go along with six assists on the year.

“Madisen was our team leader,” Conley said. “She was an absolute workhorse in the middle of the field and at times was everywhere. She did a fantastic job of leading by example and playing at a very high level the entire season. She is an unbelievable young lady that is going to do great things in life because of her work ethic.”



Camdyn Clark (left) and Savannah Reinhart (middle) were named to the all-league second team and goalie Shay Whiting was an honorable mention.

Clark was the highest honored defender on the Louisburg team. The Wildcat outside back made things difficult on the opposition and earned second team honors for the second consecutive season.

Reinhart made her way to the all-league squad for the first time in her career as she contributed nine goals and 10 assists from the midfield spot.

“Camdyn is a lock down outside back,” Conley said. “She has only been responsible for three goals all season. She has a great motor and work rate. She has quality skill to be able to connect with our midfielders. She has definitely excelled in this role. Camdyn is an individual who never takes a day off, she is extremely coachable and truly loves the game.

“Savannah had some ups and downs this season, but she really

turned the corner after we lost to Basehor. She responded and became an offensive threat and her execution was fantastic. She is undersized, but compensates by working hard and doing the best she could to hold her ground.”

Whiting was a big part of the Louisburg defense as she finished with nine shutouts on the season in goal, which was good enough to garner honorable mention honors.

“Shay is a hard-nosed kid that never gives in,” Conley said. “She is undersized at 5-2, but she did record nine clean sheets.”

League champion De Soto led the way with 10 selections overall, including five first team honors. Baldwin tied Louisburg with the second-most selections with six.

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE GIRLS SOCCER

FIRST TEAM

Tarah Phongsavath, De Soto, senior

Bailey Belcher, Louisburg, junior

Aly Hargrove, De Soto, senior

Taylor Cawley, Baldwin, senior

Tanith Beal, De Soto, senior

Mackenzie Scholtz, Louisburg, freshman

Sara Watson, Spring Hill, junior

Madisen Simpson, Louisburg, senior

Josie Boyle, Baldwin, freshman

Maddie Plake, De Soto, senior

Goalie: Taylor Rogers, De Soto, junior

SECOND TEAM

Carmen Rush, De Soto, senior

Kaylen Dawson, Spring Hill, freshman

Anna Burnett, Baldwin, freshman

Mackenzie Mohl, De Soto, freshman

Caitlyn Countryman, Baldwin, sophomore

Anna Watson, Spring Hill, junior

Camdyn Clark, Louisburg, sophomore

Mallory Smith, Spring Hill, sophomore

Morgan Laplante, De Soto, sophomore

Savannah Reinhart, Louisburg, junior

Goalie: Emery Mounce, Spring Hill, freshman

HONORABLE MENTION

Ashley Panagakis, De Soto, sophomore

Amanda Wray, Ottawa, junior

Clara Cowden, Baldwin, senior

Alex Schemmel, De Soto, junior

Goalie: Shay Whiting, Louisburg, junior

Goalie: Riley O'Rourke, Baldwin, senior

Goalie: Sutton Jung, Ottawa, junior