

# Five Wildcats named to all-state girls soccer team



Louisburg's Bailey Belcher was one of five Wildcats to be named to the Kansas Soccer Coaches Association all-state team Thursday. Belcher earned first team honors for the second consecutive year.

It may have taken a little longer for the all-state girls soccer team honors to be released, but for Louisburg, it was well worth the wait.

The Kansas Soccer Coaches Association unveiled their all-state team Thursday and the Wildcats were well-represented. Louisburg earned five spots on the Class 4-1A squad, including three on the first team.

Bailey Belcher, Mackenzie Scholtz and goalie Shay Whiting were each named to the first team, while Madisen Simpson and Camdyn Clark were selected to the second team.

The Wildcats are coming off a special 2017 campaign as they reached the Class 4-1A state tournament and finished fourth overall in just their second year as a program.

"These young ladies had terrific season and it is a fantastic honor to receive this acknowledgment from coaches around the state," Louisburg coach Kyle Conley said. "This is just another reason that solidifies how special our program is. The

girls that are members of the soccer team are doing big things here in Louisburg and I couldn't be more proud of these young ladies.

"Also, none of these individual awards could not be possible without their teammates pushing them and then supporting each other throughout the season. Well done ladies and next year can't get here fast enough."



Mackenzie Scholtz, first team, forward



Shay Whiting, first team, goalie



Camdyn Clark, second team, defense

Madisen Simpson, second  
team, midfield

Belcher was selected as a first-team midfielder as she finished the season with 29 goals and 12 assists on the season as a junior. As for Scholtz, she finished her freshman season with 27 goals and a team-high 18 assists to earn a first-team spot as a forward.

In goal, Whiting also had a big year for the Wildcats as she finished the season with nine shutouts.

As for Simpson, she earned her second-team midfield honor as she was responsible for marking some of the opposition's best players and also had a goal and six assists.

Clark was also one of the Wildcats' top defenders as an outside back and made it tough on the opposition.

It is the second straight season that Belcher, Whiting and Clark earned all-state honors.

## **CLASS 4-1A**

### **First team**

Forward–Kayla Crowder, sr., Maranatha Academy; Gaby Crowell, jr., Maize South; Aislinn Hughes, jr., McPherson; **Mackenzie Scholtz, fr., Louisburg**; Berkley Sharp, sr., Basehor-Linwood; Sophia Stram, fr., Bishop Miege; Kayla Vitztum, jr., Thomas More Prep.

Midfielder–Evelyn Alejandre-Olivas, so., Bishop Miege; **Bailey Belcher, jr., Louisburg**; Hayden Burnett, sr., Maize South; Ally Henderson, sr., Trinity Academy; Paige Ledesma, sr.,

Maize South; Lanie Mannebach, jr., Bishop Miego; Alayna Wallace, sr., McPherson.

Defender—Avery Green, sr., Maize South; Laiken Hein, jr., McPherson; Avery Higginson, so., Bishop Miego; Megan Homoly, jr., Bishop Miego; Mariah Moore, sr., Maize South; Fallon Russell, so., Bishop Miego.

Goalkeeper—Deonna Wellbrock, sr., Thomas More Prep; **Shay Whiting, jr., Louisburg.**

Offensive Player of the Year—Sophia Stram, fr., Bishop Miego.

Defensive Player of the Year—Megan Homoly, jr., Bishop Miego.

Goalkeeper of the Year—Deonna Wellbrock, sr., Thomas More Prep.

Coach of the Year—Nate Huppe, Bishop Miego.

### **Second team**

Forward—Brooklyn Barclay, sr., Trinity Academy; Anna Burnett, fr., Baldwin; Kaylen Dawson, sr., Spring Hill; Claire Hedlund, fr., McPherson; Ashley Ostrander, jr., Thomas More Prep; Patrica Thomas, jr., KC Piper; Anna Watson, jr., Spring Hill.

Midfielder—Mallory Borgan, jr., Maranatha Academy; Caitlin Countryman, so., Baldwin; Aubrey Koenigsman, jr., Thomas More Prep; Megan Koenigsman, sr., Thomas More Prep; Gabrielle Rodriguez, jr., KC Piper; **Madisen Simpson, sr., Louisburg;** Mallory Smith, so., Spring Hill; Ana Waren, sr., Maize South; Emily Wilson, jr., KC Piper.

Defender—Josie Boyle, fr., Baldwin; **Camdyn Clark, so., Louisburg;** Heidi Myers, sr., McPherson; Lauren Snodgrass, sr., Trinity Academy; Kassidy Wackerly, sr., Andover Central; Sara Watson, jr., Spring Hill.

Goalkeeper—Anita Eckhardt, fr., Maranatha Academy.