

Wildcat baseball awarded four spots on all-league team



Louisburg senior Beckett Rasmussen was one of four Wildcat players to recently earn honorable mention All-Frontier League honors.

It may not have been the season the Louisburg High School baseball team had hoped for as the Wildcats finished the year with five wins, but the Frontier League coaches saw a lot of talent from the Louisburg squad.

The All-Frontier League teams were recently released and the Wildcats found four members of the team included among the league's best.

Seniors Beckett Rasmussen, Michael Rogers, junior Madden Rutherford and freshman Brandon Doles were all selected to the honorable mention team for their efforts this past season.

"We were represented well in a league that expanded this season and that is filled with talented athletes," Louisburg coach Joel McGhee said. "The Frontier League is extremely competitive and produces some of the top athletes in the state every season.

The competitiveness of the league, partnered with the addition of the new teams, makes an All-Frontier League selection an even greater achievement.”

Rutherford was among the team’s top offensive threats as he finished the season with a .373 average and had 25 hits, seven of which were doubles and 13 RBIs. He also struck out just six times in 74 plate appearances and he was named as a utility player on the honorable mention team.

“Madden had another solid year for us this season as he played a number of positions this season,” McGhee said. “He is an extremely versatile and competitive athlete. He had lot of hard hit balls this year, and led the team in RBIs, and did a great job getting on base and plating runs. Several of his hardest hits balls went to the deepest part of the park or right at a fielder.

“Madden was limited in his pitching this season, but he is pitcher that teams do not want to face. He had very good games in our win over Parsons and in our walk-off loss to Anderson County.”



Junior Madden Rutherford was selected as an honorable mention all-league utility player.

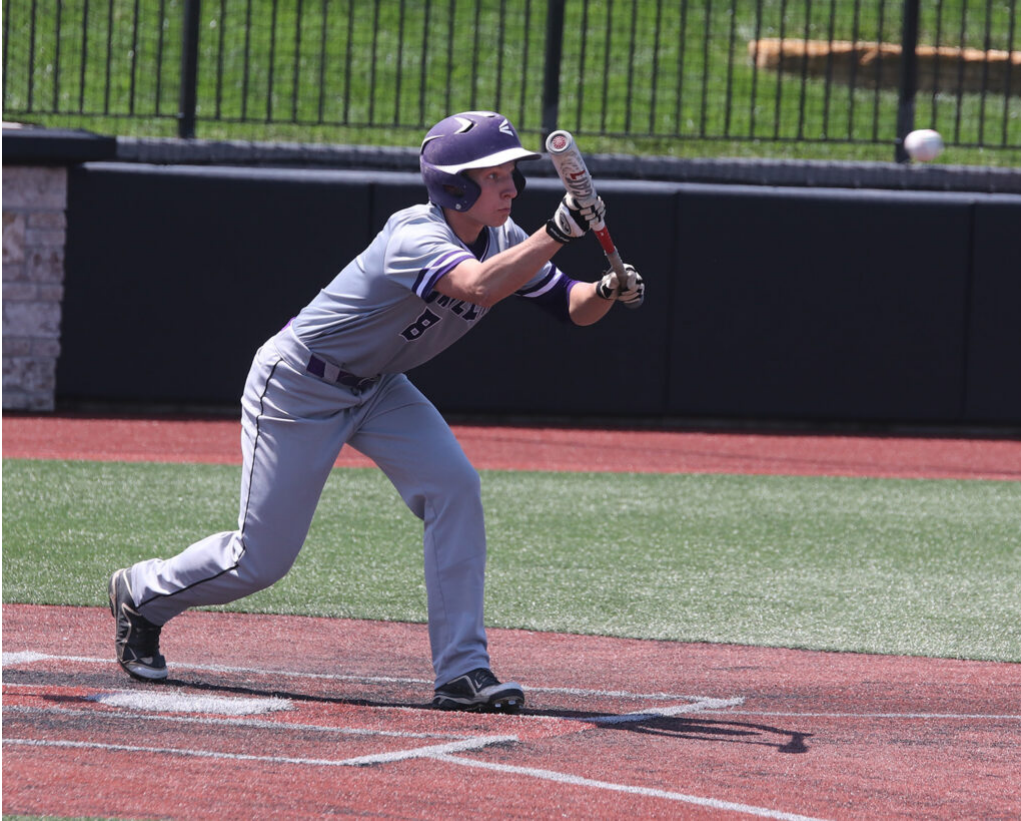
Rasmussen was another Wildcat who provided Louisburg with some big moments this season as he played both the outfield and catcher spot.

Although he made the all-league team as an outfielder, Rasmussen also fared well behind the plate.

Offensively, he ended the year with a .333 average with 23 hits, six doubles and 11 RBIs at the top of the Wildcat lineup.

“Beckett had a great year this year,” McGhee said. “He played in the outfield and caught a majority of our games. He batted in the two hole, and had a great on base percentage. He had a great year at the plate and is a team first guy. He did a great job behind the plate this year and in the outfield.

“Beckett was not only a leader on the field, but also in the classroom and in the many other organizations that he has been a part of throughout his high school career.”



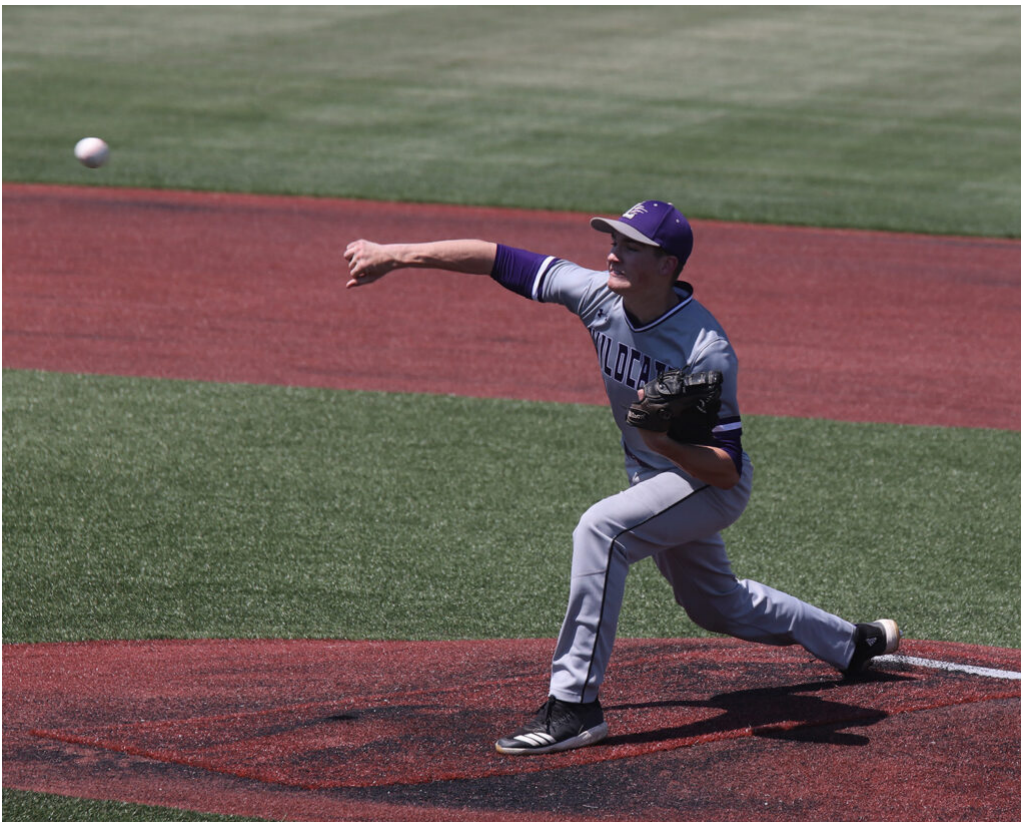
Senior Michael Rogers was an honorable mention selection as an infielder for Louisburg.

Rogers was the Wildcats’ starting second baseman all season as he earned his all-league infield spot with solid defense and timely hitting.

Rogers hit .304 on the season to go along with 17 hits and had just seven errors in the team’s 22 games.

“Michael had a great senior season,” McGhee said. “He started every game for us at second base and put forth great effort in everything he did. Rogers hustled after every ball hit his way, busted it on the base path, and worked extremely hard at all times. Mike did a great job throughout the season getting on base and scoring runs. He is a great example to his teammates and was someone we could always rely on.”

As a freshman, Doles put together a solid first season for the Wildcats as he also earned a spot on the all-league infield. He finished his first season for Louisburg with a .356 batting average and had 16 hits and 8 RBIs. He also had just five errors on defense, while also serving as one of the Wildcats' starting pitchers.



Freshman Brandon Doles earned honorable mention honors as an infielder.

“Brandon had a great freshmen year,” McGhee said. “He came in and made an impact on the mound and at the plate. He drove in runs consistently and was a regular on the base path. He showed great hustle, and made some very heads up reads to pick up a base. Brandon challenged hitters on the mound and was very efficient in his pitching. He allowed the defense to support him, and

didn't give up many walks. We are looking to see some great things from Brandon over the next few years."

ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE BASEBALL

FIRST TEAM

PITCHER – Bear Gardner, Paola,
junior; Cooper Cunningham, Tonganoxie, junior

CATCHER – Austin Fisher,
Tonganoxie, senior

INFIELD – Connor Quick, Baldwin,
junior; Chase Terrell, Bonner Springs, senior; Chad Bones,
Ottawa, senior;
Brandon Walker, Piper, senior

OUTFIELD – Diadrien Aho, Ottawa,
junior; Caden Marcum, Paola, freshman; Ethan Basler,
Tonganoxie, senior

UTILITY – Ty Bennett, Baldwin,
senior

SECOND TEAM

PITCHER – Connor Quick, Baldwin,
junior; Garrett Trimmer, Paola, senior

CATCHER – Corbyn Meyers, Spring
Hill, junior

INFIELD – Cameron Reynolds,
Ottawa, senior; Creigh Markovich, Paola, junior; Tyson
Cheathman, Spring Hill,
senior; Gehrig Goldbeck, Tonganoxie, freshman

OUTFIELD – Korbin Hiebert, Eudora,

senior; Brendyn Bard, Piper, junior; Zade Barker, Spring Hill,
junior

UTILITY – Klayton Coffman, Bonner
Springs, senior

HONORABLE MENTION

PITCHER – Chase Terrell, Bonner
Springs, senior; Korbin Hiebert, Eudora, senior; Jackson
Murphy, Ottawa,
junior; Garrett Williams, Paola, sophomore

UTILITY – Jayden Pierce, Eudora,
senior; Madden Rutherford, Louisburg, junior; Colby Stewart,
Spring Hill,
junior

INFIELD – Hunter Peacock, Baldwin,
junior; Jayden Pierce, Eudora, senior; Brandon Doles,
Louisburg, freshman;
Michael Rogers, Louisburg, senior; Nate Golubski, Piper,
sophomore

OUTFIELD – Beckett Rasmussen,
Louisburg, senior; Garrett Williams, Paola, sophomore; Jake
Scoma, Spring Hill,
senior