

Thank you, Louisburg!



Getting to cover so many great kids was an honor for me, including these guys as they were generous enough to let me in their group picture.

Eleven years ago, I was a nervous wreck.

I had just been laid off from my newspaper job, one where I had spent seven years covering Louisburg. Like so many others in this profession, I suddenly found myself staring at an uncertain future as newspapers continued to disappear. Jobs were scarce. Stability was gone. And I had a family to support.

I knew I was probably going to have to take a job I didn't want – something far from journalism – just to make ends meet.

Then an idea hit me.

With news media shifting more and more online, I wondered: *Would Louisburg support something like this?* Would the community care enough about local sports to follow an independent site dedicated solely to their athletes?

As it turned out, the answer was an overwhelming yes.

Because of the relationships I had built during my first seven years here, there was an appetite from local businesses to support the idea – and many of them never wavered. Eleven years later, a lot of those same businesses were still standing beside Louisburg Sports Zone, believing it was an important piece of the community.

They were right – and I couldn't agree more.

This past decade-plus has been some of the best years of my life. Through Louisburg Sports Zone, I formed incredible relationships with coaches, athletes, administrators, parents and community members. Even as a graduate of rival Paola, the Louisburg community adopted me as one of their own.

For those of you around my age or older, this might resonate.

I often felt like *Norm* from *Cheers*.

Every time I walked into a gym, stadium or field, I'd hear, "Hey Andy!" or "Thanks for coming!" or "We appreciate you." So many people knew my name – even people I didn't know – simply because they appreciated what I did.

Instead of an icy cold glass in my hand, I carried a camera. My barstool wasn't at a counter – it was on the sideline, capturing moments as they happened. And there were plenty of them.

State championships. State tournament appearances. Individual champions and medalists. Record-breaking performances.

I was lucky enough to see it all.

But my favorite part was always watching kids grow – seeing freshmen mature into seniors and leave as confident, capable young adults. That transformation never got old.

My very first event as Louisburg Sports Zone was a home basketball game. I was only a couple months removed from being laid off and still unsure if this idea would work or if anyone would even care.

Those worries disappeared quickly.

As I walked into the gym, Natalie Moore, Kirstin Lowry and Kallie O'Keefe stopped their warmups to smile and wave. Coach Shawn Lowry walked clear across the court to shake my hand and welcome me back.

More than a decade later, I still get those same smiles from athletes and handshakes from coaches and parents alike. Those connections are what made this decision so difficult.



Was fortunate to interview so many student athletes these last 11 years.

Six months ago, I was offered a position with KSHSAA Covered and the Kansas High School Activities Association. Honestly, I

never thought I'd have another writing job outside of Louisburg Sports Zone. I fully intended to keep doing this until the appetite for it simply wasn't there anymore.

But the opportunity was too good to pass up – and it was the right move for my family.

I knew the connections wouldn't be the same. Starting over is hard, especially when you know what you're leaving behind. My favorite part of this job was feeling the appreciation from the community and knowing I was giving people something positive to read.

I wasn't perfect. I made mistakes along the way. But this community allowed me to grow – as a writer, photographer and a person. I always tried to do the best I could and to cover every sport as fairly and equally as possible.

The last five or six years put me in an interesting position, as my own kids were playing varsity sports. How do you balance being a supportive dad and a journalist at the same time? I hope I did it right.

One of the biggest perks of this job was getting to write about my kids – their first varsity goal, first basket, first shutout or a big volleyball performance. I know how lucky I was to experience that.

None of this would have been possible without my family – especially my wife, Jennifer. I wasn't home much in the evenings, especially with young kids, and that wasn't easy. She never stopped supporting me.



It was awesome to have my family with me as I was surprised with Louisburg Citizen of the Year a few years ago.

To my kids – Jordan, Ally and Carter – thank you for understanding the crazy hours and for supporting me even when

I couldn't be at everything like other parents. I love you more than you know.

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I also wanted to give a big shoutout to a Louisburg graduate – Kenneth Sweeney. He has been my “web guy” this whole time. He helped design the site and has also been there to help me troubleshoot what problems have come up since then. I couldn't have done it without him.

Thank you to every coach I've worked with. Getting to know you and promote your programs has truly been an honor. I appreciate you enduring my countless emails that I send out every week. You have helped make Louisburg Sports Zone what it is as well. I will miss you all.

And finally, the student-athletes – you are the reason this worked. Thank you for letting me into your lives and giving me so many incredible stories to tell. And consider this a long-overdue apology to anyone I ever did “dirty” with an unfortunate action photo.

So here I am, 11 years later, feeling some of those same nerves as I move into something new. The last six months with KSHSAA Covered have been great, and I've been welcomed with open arms.

Still, walking away from something I built was not easy.

I only hope that Louisburg Sports Zone has been as much of a blessing to you as it has been to me. These have been some of the best times of my life – and I will treasure them always.

Thank you, Louisburg.

Six Wildcats named to All-Frontier League football team



It may not have been the season the Louisburg football team had hoped for with a 3-6 record, but the Frontier League coaches still recognized several talented players when the all-league football team was released earlier this month.

Six Wildcats were selected to the All-Frontier League team and three players – Blaise Vohs, Johnny Hendrickson and John Guetterman – were selected on both sides of the ball.

“The Frontier League is always tough so to get any sort of

recognition is a big honor," Louisburg head coach Drew Harding said. "Overall, I thought our team was represented pretty well. We had good recognition on both sides of the ball as well as on special teams."

Senior Blaise Vohs led the way, earning First Team All-Frontier League honors at kicker for the second consecutive season while also being named Second Team All-League at running back. Vohs rushed for 737 yards and eight touchdowns, providing a strong offensive presence while also handling kicking duties.

"Blaise is a phenomenal kicker," Harding said. "This is back to back years being selected as first team all Frontier League. Blaise had another really good year kicking for us. He only missed one PAT and was key in pinning teams deep on kickoffs. Blaise was experiencing a lot more wear and tear as our running back and he still was able to be an extremely good kicker for us."

As a runner, Vohs returned from injury to give the Wildcats a major lift.

"Blaise was a huge boost for our team when he came back from injury," Harding said. "He had a knack for making big time plays. He had a heck of game against Ottawa which turned out to be our biggest win of the year. He was a tough runner that had good speed and had a really good year for us."

Sophomore John Guetterman earned Second Team All-League honors on both offense and defense, being named at wide receiver and linebacker. Guetterman led Louisburg in receptions with 244 receiving yards and two touchdowns, while also pacing the defense with 92 total tackles.

"John played several spots for us on defense and did a good job at all of them," Harding said. "John plays with a good motor and has a knack for getting to the ball. He was our leading tackler as a sophomore and we are certainly excited to

have him again for the next two years.”

Offensively, Guetterman was a focal point in the Wildcats’ passing attack.

“John was a guy we wanted to get the ball to and we did that in a variety of ways,” Harding said. “He was our leading receiver this year and was also a good perimeter blocker for us.”

Senior Johnny Hendrickson was honored as a Second Team All-League selection at both offensive line and defensive end, reflecting his impact on both sides of the ball. Hendrickson anchored the offensive front as a three-year starter while also contributing 42 tackles and 2.5 sacks on defense.

“Johnny always played with tremendous effort,” Harding said. “He did a great job communicating and helping get others aligned properly. Johnny was a really good football player for us and getting recognized as a DE in our league is tough to do.”

Hendrickson’s leadership up front was equally valuable on offense.

“Johnny was our best lineman on the year and he was also our leader up front,” Harding said. “He has been a 3 year starter for us and is truly a selfless football player. Johnny had a really good year for us and we are certainly going to miss not only his skill but his leadership abilities as well.”

Junior Cole Heinrich earned Second Team All-League honors at defensive back, finishing the season with 39 tackles, seven pass breakups, two interceptions and two forced fumbles while playing both safety and corner.

“Cole had a really good year for us,” Harding said. “He played both safety and corner. Cole is just a football player and did a good job of picking up on everything in the secondary and

was a good communicator for us. We are excited to have Cole coming back to help lead that group again.”

Senior Gage Feldkamp received Honorable Mention All-League recognition at defensive back after totaling 34 tackles and an interception, while routinely drawing the opposing team’s top receiving threat.

“Gage generally rotated to the team’s best WR and we put him on an island most times,” Harding said. “Gage really stepped up for us the last two years and I am glad he got some recognition for his play.”

Sophomore Mathias Wright rounded out the Wildcats’ honorees as an Honorable Mention All-League returner, highlighted by a kickoff return touchdown against Paola.

“Mathias had a really good year for us as a kickoff returner,” Harding said. “He was fearless and would hit the hole running full speed every time,” Harding said. “He started the game off against Paola with a kickoff return for a touchdown which was really cool to experience. He is just a sophomore and we are excited to see him continue to get better over the next two years.”

FIRST TEAM ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE

Offense

- **QB:** Haydon Hull, Sr. – Ottawa
- **RB:** Grayson Moody, Jr. – Eudora
- **RB:** Bohdi Shay, So. – Paola
- **RB:** Hank Kotchaver, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **WR:** Jayce Mourning, Jr. – Ottawa
- **WR:** Sasha Pichnenko, Sr. – Paola
- **WR:** Jacob Morenz, Sr. – Tonganoxie
- **TE:** Aiden McCullough, Sr. – Ottawa
- **OL:** Cage Crabill, Sr. – Eudora

- **OL:** Leland Bradshaw, Sr. – Eudora
- **OL:** Luke Anderson, Sr. – Paola
- **OL:** Duncan Pinkham, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **OL:** John Golba, Sr. – Tonganoxie

Defense

- **DL:** Leland Bradshaw, Sr. – Eudora
- **DL:** Carson Martin, Sr. – Paola
- **DL:** Mason Harvey, Jr. – Spring Hill
- **DE:** Brooks Bayer, Jr. – Spring Hill
- **DE:** Jax Troutman, Jr. – Paola
- **LB:** Newt Schreiner, Jr. – Eudora
- **LB:** Liam Marler, Sr. – Ottawa
- **LB:** Brody Latto, Sr. – Paola
- **DB:** Dez Hoobler, So. – Eudora
- **DB:** Jayce Mourning, Jr. – Ottawa
- **DB:** Syler Stewart, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **DB:** Brady Martin, Sr. – Tonganoxie

Specialists

- **K:** Blaise Vohs, Sr. – Louisburg
- **P:** Martin Guerra, Jr. – Bonner Springs
- **RET:** Jayce Mourning, Jr. – Ottawa

Multi-Position Offense (MPO)

- Maysen Dodson, So. – Spring Hill
- Keelyn Duncan, So. – Eudora

Multi-Position Defense (MPD)

- Kyle Stewart, Sr. – Spring Hill

SECOND TEAM ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE

Offense

- **QB:** Jordan Miller, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **RB:** Blaise Vohs, Sr. – Louisburg
- **RB:** Armoni Velez, Jr. – Ottawa
- **RB:** Blake Riedel, Jr. – Tonganoxie
- **WR:** Jackson Rood, Sr. – Baldwin
- **WR:** Preston White, Jr. – Eudora
- **WR:** John Guetterman, So. – Louisburg
- **WR:** Cameron Wells, Jr. – Spring Hill
- **TE:** Colton Collum, Sr. – Baldwin
- **TE:** Brady Martin, Sr. – Tonganoxie
- **OL:** Ethan Winton, Sr. – Eudora
- **OL:** Johnny Hendrickson, Sr. – Louisburg
- **OL:** Tobias Thompson, Sr. – Ottawa
- **OL:** Jack Boetel, Sr. – Ottawa
- **OL:** Jax Troutman, Jr. – Paola
- **OL:** Tucker Wingerter, Sr. – Spring Hill

Defense

- **DL:** Ty Daly, Jr. – Baldwin
- **DL:** Teagan Manning, Sr. – Ottawa
- **DL:** John Golba, Sr. – Tonganoxie
- **DE:** Chase Myers, Sr. – Ottawa
- **DE:** Garrett Golay, Jr. – Eudora
- **LB:** Brenden O'Connor, Sr. – Baldwin
- **LB:** Kayne Smith, Sr. – Bonner Springs
- **LB:** Elijah Clobes, Jr. – Eudora
- **LB:** John Guetterman, So. – Louisburg
- **LB:** Brayden Bell, Jr. – Spring Hill
- **DB:** Cole Heinrich, Jr. – Louisburg
- **DB:** Gavin Seaton, Jr. – Ottawa

- **DB:** Blake Costlow, Jr. – Paola
- **DB:** Mikey Beck, So. – Spring Hill

Specialists

- **K:** Cody Lobb, So. – Tonganoxie
- **P:** Brooks Bayer, Jr. – Spring Hill
- **RET:** Dez Hoobler, So. – Eudora

Multi-Position Offense (MPO)

- Prince Donnell, Jr. – Bonner Springs

Multi-Position Defense (MPD)

- Keelyn Duncan, So. – Eudora

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-FRONTIER LEAGUE

Offense

- **QB:** Bryis Alford, Jr. – Baldwin
- **RB:** Kreyton Frost, Jr. – Baldwin
- **RB:** Mason Stein, So. – Paola
- **RB:** Bodee Masiak, So. – Tonganoxie
- **WR:** Prince Donnell, Jr. – Bonner Springs
- **WR:** Trace Metcalf, Sr. – Paola
- **WR:** Kipton Harder, So. – Tonganoxie
- **OL:** Brenden O'Connor, Sr. – Baldwin
- **OL:** Jake Stevanus, Sr. – Baldwin
- **OL:** Devin Fleischer, Sr. – Bonner Springs
- **OL:** Paxton Summers, So. – Tonganoxie
- **OL:** Max Jones, Sr. – Paola

- **OL:** Benny Ragan, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **OL:** Clayton Meek, Sr. – Spring Hill

Defense

- **DL:** Devin Fleischer, Jr. – Bonner Springs
- **DL:** Reilly Neis, Jr. – Eudora
- **DL:** Cole Penhallow, Sr. – Spring Hill
- **DE:** Hunter Barnhart, Sr. – Baldwin
- **LB:** Landry Quick, Jr. – Baldwin
- **LB:** Brayden Marx, Sr. – Eudora
- **DB:** Kasey Hamrick, Sr. – Baldwin
- **DB:** Wrigley Hamrick, So. – Baldwin
- **DB:** Dalton Caldwell, Sr. – Bonner Springs
- **DB:** Spencer Meis, Sr. – Bonner Springs
- **DB:** Bryce Mulvihill, Sr. – Eudora
- **DB:** Gage Feldkamp, Sr. – Louisburg

Specialists

- **K:** Caden Dunback, Jr. – Eudora
- **P:** Max Harvey, Jr. – Baldwin
- **RET:** James McConico, Jr. – Bonner Springs
- **RET:** Mathias Wright, So. – Louisburg

Multi-Position Defense (MPD)

- Carter Raney, So. – Spring Hill
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Wildcats fall just short in playoff thriller against Chanute



The Louisburg football team saw its season come to an end on Oct. 31 as the Wildcats fell at Chanute in the first round of the 4A playoffs.

CHANUTE – The Louisburg Wildcats were just two yards away from extending their season.

Instead, their Class 4A playoff run ended in heartbreaking fashion on Halloween night, as a last-second two-point conversion attempt came up just short in a 29-28 loss to Chanute.

The No. 10-seeded Wildcats gave the seventh-seeded Blue Comets all they could handle in a game that swung wildly in the final

90 seconds. Despite the defeat, Louisburg left the field knowing it had given everything it had.

“It was definitely a tough loss,” Louisburg head coach Drew Harding said. “Any time your season comes to an end it is going to be difficult. When you throw in how the game ended, it makes it that much tougher.”

Louisburg’s night began with adversity, as senior captain and starting lineman Johnny Hendrickson went down with an injury on the first play of the game and never returned. The Wildcats could have folded early – instead, they fought.

Behind a balanced attack led by quarterback Max Amren, Louisburg built a 14-0 lead in the second quarter. Amren broke free for a 38-yard touchdown run to open the scoring, then Blaise Vohs broke free for a 57-yard touchdown run to double the lead. Vohs added both extra points to send Louisburg into halftime with all the momentum.

Chanute began to climb back in the second half behind its quarterback, Kris Harding, who scored on a 9-yard touchdown run late in the third quarter. The Blue Comets then tied the game early in the fourth when Asher Love scored from four yards out, followed by a successful two-point conversion.

Louisburg regained the lead midway through the quarter on one of its biggest plays of the season. Facing fourth-and-10, Amren found Rickey Giles for a 28-yard touchdown, then ran in the two-point conversion himself to make it 22-14.

But Chanute had answers. Love punched in another short touchdown run to tie the game at 22 with under three minutes left. The Blue Comets then forced a fumble near midfield, setting the stage for Harding’s heroics – a 37-yard touchdown run with just 32 seconds left to give Chanute its first lead of the night, 29-22.

Louisburg’s response came instantly.

On the ensuing kickoff, Cole Heinrich fielded the ball and raced 80 yards down the sideline for a stunning touchdown, bringing the Wildcats within one at 29-28.

“You know our kickoff return team has been a huge bright spot for us all year,” Coach Harding said. “When they decided to kick it back to our returners, I knew we would have a chance. That was a big-time play by that unit and a great return by Cole to give us a chance there at the end.”

Louisburg could have kicked the extra point to force overtime. Instead, the Wildcats went for the win. After timeouts by both teams, they lined up for the two-point conversion and handed the ball to Vohs. He fought toward the goal line but was ruled short by the officials, ending Louisburg’s season in agonizing fashion.

“We thought that we had an opportunity to go win the game there with one play,” Harding said. “That was kind of the deciding factor in going for two. Unfortunately, we didn’t execute to the best of our ability, and that was the difference.”

Amren completed 12 of 14 passes for 102 yards and a touchdown while also rushing for 58 yards. Vohs led the team with 72 rushing yards on 12 carries, and Giles finished with 45 receiving yards and the key fourth-down score.

Defensively, Bryce Thompson led the way with 10 tackles, followed by Devin Goeman with eight. John Guetterman, Will Norton, and Gaston Schleicher each added six stops.

Even though the Wildcats came up short on the scoreboard, Harding said the fight and growth he saw from his team made him proud.

“We lost Johnny first play of the game and that was a huge loss for us,” he said. “I thought we showed a ton of fight. We converted a fourth-and-10 for a touchdown and then had the big

kickoff return when things weren't looking good. We are certainly proud of the fight this team displayed."

Louisburg finishes the season with its share of adversity, but also with optimism for the future.

"This was certainly a season that provided plenty of challenges for us," Harding said. "We had a lot of young kids playing on Friday nights and then we also had more injuries than we have had the past several seasons. We appreciate all the time and effort our senior class has put into the program, and we had a lot of kids get good experience this year. Hopefully that's beneficial for us down the road."

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SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

L: Max Amren 38 run (Blaise Vohs kick)

L: Blaise Vohs 57 run (Vohs kick)

Third Quarter

C: Kris Harding 9 run (kick good) at 4:25

Fourth Quarter

C: Asher Love 4 run (Kasen Audiss pass from Harding) at 11:58

L: Rickey Giles 28 pass from Amren (Amren run) scored on a 4th and 10 at 6:57

C: Love 3 run (kick good) scored at 2:52

C: Harding 37 run (kick good) scored with :32 seconds left

L: Cole Heinrich 80 kickoff return (run failed) :20 seconds left

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Blaise Vohs 12-72; Max Amren 7-58; Gage Feldkamp 1-6; Cole Heinrich 2-2

PASSING – Max Amren 12-14-102

RECEIVING – Rickey Giles 2-45; John Guetterman 5-14; Blaise Vohs 1-14; Bryce Thompson 1-12; Eli Roth 1-9; Braxton Eastland 2-8

TACKLES – Bryce Thompson 10, Devin Goeman 8, John Guetterman 6, Will Norton 6, Gaston Schleicher 6, Max Amren 4, Cole Poindexter 4, Cole Heinrich 3, Coiln Schleicher 3, Gage Feldkamp 2, Ayden Spradling 1, Maddox Day 1, Gavin Manson 1.

Wildcats come up big with Senior Night victory over Ottawa



The Louisburg football team earned its second consecutive win with a 20-13 win over Ottawa on Senior Night last Friday.

Louisburg didn't just win Friday night – the Wildcats proved they're starting to find their stride.

Behind a punishing ground game from Blaise Vohs and a defense that came up clutch when it mattered most, the Wildcats held off Ottawa, 20-13, to notch their second straight victory on Senior Night.

"This was definitely a big win for us," head coach Drew Harding said. "We've been getting better the past several weeks, and it's nice to see it pay off on the scoreboard, not just in practice. I thought this was our best game of the year in terms of executing our game plan."

Louisburg didn't start fast, but it finished strong. Ottawa struck first with a 4-yard touchdown run from Aaron Blaine to take a 6-0 lead in the opening quarter. The Cyclones threatened to add more points early, but the Wildcats' defense

refused to let the game get away.

A key fourth-down stop midway through the second quarter flipped the momentum, and on the very next play, Louisburg running back Blaise Vohs provided the spark his team needed. Vohs broke free for a 72-yard run down the sideline, setting up his own 1-yard touchdown plunge moments later. His extra point gave the Wildcats a 7-6 lead at halftime, and from there, they never looked back.

In the third quarter, quarterback Max Amren capped another methodical drive with a 3-yard scoring run to make it 13-6. Meanwhile, the Wildcats' defense continued to shine, creating turnovers that set up the offense with short fields. Louisburg picked off three passes – one each by Cole Heinrich, Gage Feldkamp, and Mathias Wright – and it was Wright's 40-yard interception return in the fourth quarter that proved to be the dagger.

Moments later, Vohs found the end zone again from a yard out, giving the Wildcats a 20-6 cushion. Ottawa answered late with a 19-yard touchdown run by Armoni Velez, but was too little too late for the Cyclones..

Vohs was the engine that drove the offense, rushing 26 times for 212 yards – including several key runs that kept drives alive. Amren added 22 yards on the ground and completed 8 of 10 passes for 69 yards. John Guetterman led the receiving corps with six catches for 68 yards, while Feldkamp anchored the defense with 10 tackles. Guetterman also had nine stops in the win.



Louisburg's Devin Goeman makes a tackle during last Friday's home game against Ottawa.

Harding praised both his defense and his senior leaders for setting the tone in a high-stakes game.

"We had some key defensive stops early in the game," Harding said. "They had jumped out early and were in good position a couple of times to score again, but our guys kept battling and got some key stops to keep it close. I think this team has shown all year that they'll continue to fight regardless of the situation."

Vohs's impact, Harding said, has been a major factor in the team's recent surge.

"Blaise has been a huge boost for us offensively since he came back from injury," Harding said. "He has a knack for breaking tackles and has the speed to make big plays. He made several big runs for us tonight, and we're excited to see him continue to get better."

The win was especially meaningful as it came on Senior Night, giving the Wildcats' upperclassmen a fitting send-off as Johnny Hendrickson, Michael Foote, Ayden Spradling, Martin Soto, Rickey Giles, Blaise Vohs and Gage Feldkamp played their final home game.

"The seniors have put in a lot of effort and time into the program," Harding said. "It was fun to get those guys a win on their senior night."

With the victory, Louisburg improved to 3-4 on the season and now turns its attention to the final game of the regular season this Friday as the Wildcats travel to Spring Hill.

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SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

O: Aaron Blaine 4 run (kick failed)

Second Quarter

L: Blaise Vohs 1 run (Vohs kick)

Third Quarter

L: Max Amren 3 run (kick failed)

Fourth Quarter

L: Vohs 1 run (kick good)

O: Armoni Velez 19 run (kick good)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Blaise Vohs 26-212; Max Amren 9-22

PASSING – Max Amren 8-10-69

RECEIVING – John Guetterman 6-68; Braxton Eastland 2-21

TACKLES – Gage Feldkamp 10, John Guetterman 9, Bryce Thompson 8, Lincoln Nielsen 7, Cole Heinrich 5, Will Norton 5, Johnny Hendrickson 5, Devin Goeman 5, Max Amren 3, Mathias Wright 2, Blaise Vohs 1, Braxton Koechner 1, Colin Schleicher 1

Week 7 Athlete of the Week: John Guetterman



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week seven of the fall sports season, sponsored by IronHorse Family

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JOHN GUETTERMAN, SOPHOMORE, FOOTBALL

In his first year of varsity action, Louisburg sophomore John Guetterman has certainly made an impact on the Wildcat football team. Guetterman, the Wildcat starting linebacker, finished with nine tackles in Louisburg's 20-13 victory over Ottawa last Friday. On the season, Guetterman has a team-high 82 tackles to go along with five tackles for a loss.

Guetterman has also made an impact as a wide receiver as well as he finished six catches for 68 yards against the Cyclones. The previous week he had 45 yards receiving to go along with two touchdowns in a win over Wichita West.

The athlete of the week award is announced every Wednesday morning during the fall season and the winner is selected by Louisburg Sports Zone with the help of nominations from coaches.

Previous winners:

Week 1: Owen Marsh

Week 2: Caileigh Kilgore

Week 3: Maddox McGhee

Week 4: Blaise Vohs

Week 5: Evan Moreland

Week 6: Max Amren



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**Wildcats put together
complete game in win over
Wichita West**



Louisburg's Bryce Thompson celebrates a big stop last Friday against Wichita West.

Louisburg turned in its most complete performance of the season Friday night, overwhelming Wichita West 49-6 in non-league action and it couldn't have come at a better time.

The victory gave them their second win of the season as the Wildcats have had to deal with youth and injuries at the same time. Still, Louisburg put on a show in front of its home fans as it scored 28 first quarter points and never looked back.

"We have certainly needed this," Louisburg coach Drew Harding said. "We have been in a lot of close games this year. Last week we played a really good team and battled and we have been getting better. To have a game where we can show that on the scoreboard is very rewarding.

"We certainly have been young and when you have injuries it certainly magnifies your youth. But it is the next man up and the positive out that situation is you get kids in and see

what they can do on a Friday night. Hopefully it will be beneficial for us down the road.

Louisburg's defense set the tone early, pitching a shutout until the fourth quarter and forcing three turnovers. Cole Heinrich and Lincoln Nielsen each came away with interceptions, while John Guetterman forced a fumble that Mathias Wright recovered.

The Wildcats' special teams were just as dominant, blocking three punts. Bryce Thompson led the charge with two blocks – one of which Wright scooped up in the end zone for a touchdown – while Will Norton added another block to keep the Pioneers pinned deep in their own territory.



Louisburg's John Guetterman forces a fumble last Friday against Wichita West.

"Defense played with good energy and effort," Harding said. "We missed a few tackles on a few drives, but all in all we played well on that side of the football."

Louisburg wasted no time getting on the board, racing out to a 28–0 first-quarter lead. Blaise Vohs opened the scoring with a 3-yard touchdown run and added another from four yards out.

Quarterback Max Amren connected with Guetterman for a 14-yard touchdown, then hit Bryce Thompson for a two-point conversion. Wright capped the explosive opening quarter with the touchdown on the blocked punt.

“We started fairly well against Eudora last week, but this was the best we have started all year,” Harding said. “We talked about how we wanted to get a 3-and out and block a punt and we were able to do those things right away. It was a fun to see the things that we have worked and emphasized on all week come to fruition and we did a good job.

After a quiet second quarter, the Wildcats erupted again in the third. Amren tossed a 20-yard touchdown to Guetterman, broke free for a 50-yard scoring run, and found Ayden Spradling for a 6-yard touchdown to extend the lead to 49–0.

Wichita West’s Colby Eck-Watkins broke the shutout with an 8-yard run in the fourth quarter.

Louisburg’s offense was efficient all night. Vohs rushed for 98 yards on 12 carries and Amren added 89 yards on just four attempts. Through the air, Amren completed all six of his passes for 53 yards and three touchdowns. Cooper Kilgore added a 38-yard completion in his lone attempt.

Guetterman led the receiving corps with four catches for 45 yards and two touchdowns, while Spradling hauled in two passes for 44 yards and a score.

“We were able to spread the ball around and get it to different playmakers,” Harding said. “They all did a good job with the ball in their hands and none of that is possible without our offensive line playing well. They are getting better and better and had a really good night.”



Louisburg's Will Norton makes a tackle last Friday against Wichita West.

Defensively, Guetterman also led the way with 11 tackles. Norton added 10, followed by Amren with seven and Wright with six.

Louisburg (2-4) returns home Friday to host Ottawa for Senior Night.

"I think our goal this season was to always be playing our best football at the end of the year, but we know that we have taken some strides and getting better the last few weeks," Harding said. "We just need to take another step (against Ottawa) and put a good product on the field and compete against a good football team.

LOU	28	0	21	0 - 49
WW	0	0	0	6 -
6				

SCORING SUMMARY

First Quarter

L: Blaise Vohs 3 run (Blaise Vohs kick)

L: Vohs 4 run (Max Amren pass to Bryce Thompson)

L: John Guetterman 14 pass from Max Amren (Vohs kick)

L: Mathias Wright 0 run (kick failed)

Third Quarter

L: Guetterman 20 pass from Amren (Vohs kick)

L: Amren 50 run (Vohs kick)

L: Ayden Spradling 6 pass from Amren (Vohs kick)

Fourth Quarter

WW: Colby Eck-Watkins 8 run (kick failed)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Blaise Vohs 12-98; Max Amren 4-89; Tate McGreer 4-15; Bryce Thompson 1-2

PASSING – Max Amren 6-6-53; Cooper Kilgore 1-1-38

RECEIVING – John Guetterman 4-45; Ayden Spradling 2-44; Blaise Vohs 1-2

TACKLES – John Guetterman 11, Will Norton 10, Max Amren 7, Mathias Wright 6, Bryce Thompson 5, Cole Heinrich 4, Gage Feldkamp 4, Johnny Hendrickson 4, Devin Goeman 3, Braxton Koechner 2, Colin Schleicher 2, Maddox Day 2, Eli Roth 1, Cooper Kilgore 1, Cole Poindexter, Riley Barker 1, Jack Flaming 1, Gavin Manson 1, Lincoln Nielsen 1.

Week 6 Athlete of the Week: Max Amren



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week six of the fall sports season, sponsored by Dr. Laura's Orthodontics

MAX AMREN, JUNIOR, FOOTBALL

The Louisburg football team put together its most complete game of the season last Friday at home against Wichita West and Max Amren was a big part of that. The Wildcat quarterback led the offense with 148 total yards and scored four touchdowns in their 49-6 victory over Wichita West and earned their second win of the season.

Amren threw for three touchdowns, including two to John Guetterman and another to Ayden Spradling, and rushed for another. He also finished with 89 yards on the ground on just four carries. Defensively, Amren was third on the team with seven tackles and also had 1.5 tackles for a loss.

The athlete of the week award is announced every Wednesday morning during the fall season and the winner is selected by Louisburg Sports Zone with the help of nominations from coaches.

Previous winner:

Week 1: Owen Marsh

Week 2: Caileigh Kilgore

Week 3: Maddox McGhee

Week 4: Blaise Vohs

Week 5: Evan Moreland

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Wildcats fall to Eudora in homecoming loss



Louisburg senior Blaise Vohs rushed for more than 100 yards and a touchdown in the Wildcats' loss to Eudora on Friday.

Louisburg faced its toughest test of the season Friday on homecoming as the Wildcats squared off with Eudora.

It is the same Cardinal team that had beaten two of the top teams in the Frontier League – Spring Hill and Ottawa – in back-to-back weeks. Despite their best efforts to stay within striking distance, the Wildcats couldn't hold them off as the Cardinals scored a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns to pull away for a 35-7 victory over Louisburg.

“I felt like we played a more complete game than we have the past few weeks,” Louisburg coach Drew Harding said. “Unfortunately, they are a really good team and they made us pay for our mistakes.”

Eudora jumped out early behind the legs of senior running back Grayson Moody, who found the end zone on a 1-yard plunge in the first quarter and added a 5-yard touchdown run in the second. The Cardinals took a 14–0 lead into halftime, keeping the Wildcats’ offense quiet through two quarters.

Louisburg had a chance to put one in the endzone in the first half as the Wildcats drove it all the way to the 2-yard line, but Eudora intercepted a Wildcat pass in the endzone

Louisburg finally broke through in the third when Blaise Vohs sprinted 17 yards for a touchdown, adding the extra point himself to cut the deficit to 14–7. But Eudora quickly responded with a 4-yard touchdown run from Keelyn Duncan, stretching the lead back to 21–7.

The Cardinals put the game away in the fourth quarter. Quarterback Houstyn Carnegie connected with Preston White on a 35-yard touchdown pass, and Moody capped his big night with a 3-yard scoring run to close out the 35–7 victory.

Vohs led the Wildcats’ offense with 132 rushing yards on 22 carries, while Tate McGreer added 45 yards on four attempts. Quarterback Max Amren completed 5 of 10 passes for 34 yards, finding John Guetterman twice for 19 yards and Ayden Filkins once for 16.

Defensively, Guetterman led the charge with 17 tackles, followed by Bryce Thompson and Will Norton, who each recorded eight stops.

“The defense played pretty well overall,” Harding said. “They started about as good as you could’ve asked by getting a 3 and out on the first drive.”

Despite the loss, the Wildcats showed flashes of resilience, particularly on the ground. Louisburg (1-4) will look to bounce back this Friday as they host Wichita West, which also has a 1-4 record.

“We are looking to continue to improve,” Harding said. “We really felt like we started to figure some things out this past week and so hopefully we can continue to take steps in that direction. We know the season is going quickly so it is important to take advantage of each and every week that we get.”

EUD	7	7	7	14 – 35
LOU	0	0	7	0 – 7

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

E: Grayson Moody 1 run (kick good)

Second Quarter

E: Moody 5 run (kick good)

Third Quarter

L: Blaise Vohs 17 run (Vohs kick)

E: Keelyn Duncan 4 run (kick good)

Fourth Quarter

E: Preston White 35 pass from Houstyn Carnagie kick good

E: Moody 3 run (kick good)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Blaise Vohs 22-132; Tate McGreer 4-45; Max Amren 7-18; Bryce Thompson 1-4

PASSING – Max Amren 5-10-34

RECEIVING – John Guetterman 2-19; Ayden Filkins 1-16

TACKLES – John Guetterman 17, Bryce Thompson 8, Will Norton 8, Gage Feldkamp 7, Johnny Hendrickson 6, Cole Heinrich 4, Braxton Koechner 4, Mathias Wright 2, Ayden Filkins 2, Jack Flaming 2, Max Amren 1, Colin Schleicher 1, Murphy Adams 1

Wildcats pick up first win of season with shutout of Bonner Springs



Louisburg's Johnny Hendrickson makes a tackle during the game earlier this season. Hendrickson had two sacks in the Wildcats' win at Bonner Springs.

BONNER SPRINGS – It may have taken a little bit longer than it wanted, but the Louisburg football team snapped its 3-game losing streak to earn its first win of the season.

The Wildcats got a pair of touchdowns from senior Blaise Vohs and the Louisburg defense took care of the rest in a 21-0 shutout on the road at Bonner Springs.

“It feels good for sure,” Louisburg coach Drew Harding said. “We didn’t play very well last week, and so to have a good week of practice and see it rewarded with a win, always feels good.”

Louisburg (1-4) broke a scoreless tie in the second quarter when Blaise Vohs broke free for a 24-yard touchdown run, then added the extra point to put the Wildcats up 7-0. Minutes later, Max Amren connected with Braxton Eastland on a 28-yard

touchdown pass right before halftime, with another successful Vohs PAT extending the lead to 14-0.

The Wildcats capped the scoring in the fourth quarter when Vohs found the end zone again, this time from 14 yards out, and added his third extra point of the night.

“We preached this week that we didn’t have to go out and make highlight plays to make things happen,” Harding said. “We all just had to do our jobs better and that leads to big plays, which we did a better job of this week.”

Vohs, who had been out the last two games with an injury, led the offensive charge, rushing for 113 yards and two scores on just eight carries. He also contributed in the passing game with a 17-yard reception and handled kicking duties.

“Blaise certainly gave us a big lift,” Harding said. “He made some big time plays for us from the running back position. He is tough to tackle and has good speed so we are certainly excited to have him back.”

On the defensive side, sophomore linebacker John Guetterman was a presence, racking up a team-high 13 tackles. Will Norton added seven stops, and Cole Heinrich chipped in six, while senior lineman Johnny Hendrickson registered two sacks.

The Wildcats’ defense kept Bonner Springs off the scoreboard for all four quarters, marking their first shutout of the season.

“Overall, I thought we saw a lot of improvement,” Harding said. “Defensively we were able to pitch a shutout, which is always tough to do. I thought we played well on special teams. Offensively we had too many turnovers, but saw a lot of improvement on that side as well.”

Louisburg will try and make it two straight wins this Friday as the Wildcats host Eudora for their homecoming contest.

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

LOU	0	14	0	7 - 21
BON	0	0	0	0 - 0

SCORING SUMMARY

Second Quarter

L: Blaise Vohs 24 run (Vohs kick)

L: Braxton Eastland 28 pass from Max Amren (Vohs kick)

Fourth Quarter

L: Vohs 14 run (Vohs kick)

STATISTICS

RUSHING – Blaise Vohs 8-113; Cole Heinrich 6-46; Tate McGreer 9-33; Max Amren 5-23; Mathias Wright 3-10; Bryce Thompson 1-4

PASSING – Max Amren 7-10-88

RECEIVING – Braxton Eastland 1-28; John Guetterman 2-19; Blaise Vohs 1-17; Gavin Manson 2-10; Ayden Filkins 1-7; Tate McGreer 1-6

TACKLES – John Guetterman 13, Will Norton 7, Cole Heinrich 6, Johnny Hendrickson 5, Devin Goerman 5, Bryce Thompson 4, Braxton Koechner 3, Martin Soto 1, Ayden Filkins 1, Gage Feldkamp 1, Riley Barker 1, Colin Schleicher 1

Week 4 Athlete of the Week: Blaise Vohs



Here is the Louisburg Sports Zone Athlete of the Week for week four of the fall sports season, sponsored by Dr. Laura's Orthodontics.

BLAISE VOHS, SENIOR, FOOTBALL

After missing the last two games due to injury, Louisburg senior Blaise Vohs made an immediate impact in his return for the Wildcat football team. Vohs scored a pair of touchdowns as he helped the Wildcats to a 21-0 victory over Bonner Springs last Friday, which was their first win of the season.

Vohs had a big night on the ground as he carried the ball just eight times, but racked up 113 yards rushing to go along with his two scores. He also handed the kicking duties as he was 3-for-3 on extra point tries.

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