

# Northern Valley teams take 6th, 9th at Triplains meet

The Northern Valley track team competed in the Triplains Invitational on April 13, taking sixth place in the boys division with 42 points and ninth in the girls division with 30 points.

"Overall, it was a beautiful day to run," said Coach Lonnie Brungardt. "We had good performances from Lindsey Graham and Kelli Cole in the girls and from Jesse Hilburn and Joey Copper in the boys."

Scoring for Northern Valley were:

Second place: Joey Copper — 110m high hurdles, 16.84; Lindsey Graham — discus, 95'5"; and shot put, 33'7";

Third place: Jesse Hilburn — 110m high hurdles, 17.84; 300m hurdles, 43.30; and high jump, 5'10"; Avery Thalheim — javelin, 139'11"; Kelli Cole — high jump, 4'8";

Fourth place: Cole — 110m high hurdles, 18.93; Copper — triple jump, 38'7.5"; Graham — javelin, 85'4";

Sixth place: Copper — 300m hurdles, 45.37; and Thomas Ostmeier, long jump, 18'2.5".

Others competing for the Huskies were: Alysia Shearer — 110m high hurdles, 22.79; 300m hurdles, 1:04.65; Chase Miller —

300m hurdles, 54.16; 200m dash, 29.48; long jump, 14'6.5"; Ostmeier — 100m dash, 12.40; 200m dash 24.22; Garth Gebhard — 100m dash, 12.72; triple jump, 32'10.5"; Chris Lee — 100m dash, 12.83; 200m dash, 29.15; high jump, N.H.; Chance Miller — 400m dash, 1:14.89; javelin, 98'6"; Casey Dole — 800m run, 2:50;

Zack King — 800m run, 2:51; Janelle Fritz — 3200m run, 14:54; Henry Griffiths — triple jump, 31'8"; Zac Miller — high jump, 5'0"; Andrew Sheley — discus, 102'8.75"; shot put, 38'4.5"; Cameron Duede — discus, 93'3"; shot put, 32'1"; Jena Jessup — discus, 65'7"; shot put, 24'3"; Ryan Shearer — shot put, 38'7.5"; javelin, 125'9"; Cody Lowry — 3200m run, 13:16;

Cole — triple jump, 28'7"; Kelsey Stupka, 100m dash, 15.21; 200m dash, 31.03; Griffiths, Thalheim, Lee and Gebhard — 4 x 100m relay, 52.34; Copper, Gebhard, Ostmeier and Hilburn — 4 x 400m relay, 3:55.39; Thalheim, Z. Miller, Lowry and Dole — 4 x 800m relay, 10:16; Fritz, Jessup, Stupka and Andrea Lowry — 4 x 800m relay, 12:16; Cole, Jessup, Stupka and Lowry — 4 x 400m relay, 5:07.24.



Norton sophomore Claire Mann displayed excellent form as she hurled the javelin during the Redmen Relays last Tuesday in Smith Center. Although she did not

place, Mann showed improvement in the field events and set personal records in both the discus and shot.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Wrestlers named to all-area team

By DICK BOYD

Nine Norton Community High School wrestlers have been named to the 2003 All-Area Wrestling Team and their Coach Bill Johnson named "Coach of the Year" by the Salina Journal newspaper.

Sophomore Clay Madden, who won the 112 pound state championship, was named to the first team. Madden compiled a 26-1 record en route to his second state championship.

Named to the second team were senior Scott Goldsby, 140 pounds, second in the state tournament, 26-15 record; senior Jordon Haussermann, 152 pounds, third in state tournament, 37-12 record and junior Michael Sprigg, 275 pounds, state champion, 32-3 record.

Named honorable mention were freshman Kent Mann, 103; freshman Nathan Broeckelman, 119; senior James Annon, 130; sophomore Lance Roe, 135; senior Bo Pfannenstiel, 171.

Mann placed fifth in the state tournament and compiled a 23-11 season record.

Broeckelman placed second in the state tournament and finished the season with a 29-12 record.

Annon won his second straight state champion and compiled a 35-2 record.

Roe placed fourth in the state tournament and finished the season with a 34-9 record.

Pfannenstiel finished in fifth place in the state tournament and compiled a 29-9 record.

Named to the first team with Madden were: Brett Bahe, Goodland, fr., 32-4, fourth in state, 103; Blayze Bahe, Goodland, sr., 35-1, state champion, 119; Levi Younk, Oakley, jr., 33-2, state champion, 125; Jake Kriegbaum, Abilene, sr., 33-1, state champion, 130; Tyler Bell, Herington,

sr., 36-2, third in state, 135; Lukas Zouzas, Salina South, sr., 27-1, third in state, 140; Mat Gilliland, Hoxie, sr., 38-1, state champion, 140; Danny Grater, Clay Center, jr., 36-0, state champion, 145; Matt Schippers, Hoxie, sr., 39-3, state champion, 152; Ross Taplin, Abilene, jr., 34-0, state champion, 160; Brett Keck, Oberlin, sr., 38-4, second in state, 171; Bobby Dennis, Oakley, sr., 36-0, state champion, 189; Jeff Horinek, Atwood, sr., 37-0, state champion, 215; Jordan Bedore, Goodland, sr., 30-0, state champion, 275.

Chosen to the second team along with Goldsby, Haussermann and Sprigg were: Trevor Richard, St. Francis, soph., 31-6, second in state, 103; Paul Owings, Plainville, jr., 31-6, second in state, 112; Tanner Dawson, Abilene, soph., 28-2, second in state, 119; Dexter Deeds, Goodland, jr., 25-9, state champion, 125; Cole Garcia, Colby, soph., 36-3, second in state, 130; Josh Peterson, Abilene, jr., 30-8, fourth in state, 135; Jason Schippers, Hoxie, sr., 31-3, state champion, 145; Austin Kingsbury, Smith Center, jr., 32-6, second in state, 160; Derek Ross, St. Francis, jr., 35-4, third in state, 171; Jacob Marrs, Clay Center, jr., 32-2, state champion, 189; Ty Brunswig, Trego, jr., 35-5, third in state, 215.

Among those wrestlers receiving honorable mention were: Matt Migchelbrink, Atwood; Daniel Tibbles, Colby, 103; Justin York, Smith Center, 112; Cale Farber, Hoxie; Brandon Kaup, Phillipsburg; Joe Olson, Trego, 119; Tyler Baker, Hoxie; John Kroger, Ellis; Dylan Loyd, St. Francis; Tait Weatherbee, TMP-Marian; Matt Warta, Ellsworth, 125; Heath Meder, Hays; Simon Orozco, Ellsworth; Michael Schamberger, Hoxie, Travis Warner, Smith Cen-

ter, 130; Taylor Finley, Colby; Tracy Jordan, Beloit, 135; Zach Kanzenbach, Hays; Brad Rachow, Phillipsburg; Matt Wright, Beloit, 140; Joseph Boeckner, Hays; Matt Coleman, Oberlin; Shawn Kuhlman, Oakley; Chuck Knapp, Lincoln, 145; Logan Glaze, Oberlin; Schuyler Sharpe, Colby; James Wright, Beloit, 152; Doug Campbell, Hoxie; Chance Harmon, Oberlin, 160; Tucker Olsen, Colby; Ryan Shipley, Hoxie, 171; Justin Hall, Stockton; Lucas Scott, Smith Center, 189; Chris Pulec, Stockton, 215; Ryan Honas, Ellis; Heath Klein, Atwood, 275.

### Wrestling Coach of the Year

Coach Bill Johnson produced his first ever state championship wrestling team at Norton Community High School this season. It was the first state title for the Norton grapplers since 1973. "We just had a good group of young men this year," Coach Johnson told the Salina Journal. "We had several state placers, which gave us a good nucleus around which to build. But, we also had a lot of newcomers who stepped up and did some important things for us."

When Sprigg delivered an overtime victory over Ellis' Ryan Honas in the 275 pound match to secure the championship, it was the culmination of a season that saw Norton surge through the regular season despite injuries, finish second to Hoxie in the regional tournament and make a run through the state tournament that included victories in 19 of their first 20 matches.

Hoxie actually entered the season as the odds-on favorite to win a third state title with more than 150 points returning from last year's state tournament.

"On paper, Hoxie definitely was the strongest team without any

doubt," said Johnson. "But, I knew if things came together, we wouldn't be that far behind them because we had young men coming in that I thought could do very well for us and hopefully surprise some people."

Johnson said it was those young wrestlers who carried the team at its most critical point. When the Blue Jays traveled to Newton for the Tournament of Champions in the middle of January, it was without several key members due to injuries.

But, Norton overcame that adversity and finished fourth in Newton, the only tournament or dual the Blue Jays did not win in the regular season.

"That gave us confidence," said Johnson. "Even though we placed fourth, we knew we had done it with a band-aid team."

Norton never looked back. The Blue Jays finished second at the regional tournament but still qualified 10 wrestlers, the same as Hoxie, for the state tournament. They knew the state tournament was wide open.

"We went into the state tournament just wanting to do the best that we could and to leave everything on the mat," said Johnson. "we wanted to win the state championship but, if we would have wound up losing and still wrestled our best, we would have been satisfied with that."

"But, this time we were able to come through."

# Golf team places fourth

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team placed fourth in the very competitive Goodland Invitational Tournament on Tuesday at the Sugar Hill Golf Club in Goodland.

The Blue Jays were just five strokes out of third and six out of second. Ulysses was the champion with a score of 320, followed by Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 328; Colby, 329; Norton, 334; Goodland, 340; Tribune, 351; Scott City, 352; Atwood, 352; Oberlin, 361; Hoxie, 361.

Norton's low scorer was Tyler Rutherford with a 39-41-80, which was just two strokes from medaling. Close behind was Dane Krizek who shot a 40-42-82. Keith Ward and Korey Look tied with 86s. Ward shot a 44-42 and Look recorded a 43-43.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were Joel Nielsen, 44-47-91 and Jared Mindrup, 52-52, 104.

Medalists were: Brent Millikan, Ulysses, 74; Matt Mondero, Oberlin, 75; David Hyde, Scott City, 76; Andy Fikan, Hoxie, 77; Grady Millikan, Ulysses, 77; Leiker, Stanton Co., 78; Nate Rohleder, TMP, 78; Schmitt, Tribune, 78; Christopher Finley, Colby, 78; Gross, TMP.

"I was pleased with our play," said Coach Stover. "Traditionally, this tournament is one of the toughest we play in and today was certainly no exception."

"As a team and individually, we shot scores right at our season averages."

"We are making progress with our consistency and will have some time now to correct weaknesses before we compete again."

### Next action

Next varsity action for the Blue

Jay varsity golfers will be on Friday, when they travel to Hill City. Tee-off time will be 3 p.m.

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# Norton graduate named grid captain at Pittsburg

Norton Community High School graduate Neal Philpot who will be a senior quarterback for the Pittsburg State University football team this fall, has been selected as a team captain for the 2004 season.

Six members of the team were honored as captains; they were determined by a vote of all team members.

Philpot assumes the captain's role for the third season. He is only the second three-year captain in school history and is the only returning captain from the 2003 season.

Philpot earned honorable mention All-America honors last season, in addition to being named Offensive Most Valuable Player in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association. He passed for 1,663 yards and 15 touchdowns and rushed for 1,144 yards and 15 touchdowns for 2,907 total yards of offense last season.

"All six of these young men are very deserving of carrying the title of team captain," said Coach Chuck Broyles. "It's a very big honor, as well as a large responsibility for them."

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