

# Norton track boys win league championship

# Norton golf team wins league championship held at Osborne

**By DICK BOYD**  
 Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team won the championship of the Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament on Thursday in Osborne.

Norton's six-man team score was 533, followed by Trego, 541; Phillipsburg, 550; Hill City, 600; Stockton, 602; Osborne, 612; Plainville, 621; Ellis, 621; Smith Center, 622; Victoria, 670.

Norton also placed second in the two-man competition to Trego and second in four-man play to Hill City.

Trego scored 163 in the two-man division and Norton carded a 172.

Third in two-man play was Osborne with a 187 and Phillipsburg was fourth, also with a 187. Fifth place with 190 went to Smith Center and Victoria also shot a 190 to finish sixth. Ellis was seventh with a 212, followed by Plainville, 217; Stockton, 222; Hill City, 241.

Hill City's four-man score was 359. Norton was just two strokes off at 361 and Phillipsburg was two behind Norton with a 363.

Trego was fourth with a 378, followed by Stockton, 380; Plainville, 404; Ellis, 409; Osborne, 425; Smith Center, 432; Victoria, 480.

The Blue Jays' two-man team members and their scores were: senior Tyler Rutherford, 40-45-85 and sophomore Dane Krizek 44-43-87. Junior Ryan Maddy also played for the two-man team and recorded a 50-51-101.

Members of Norton's four-man team and scores were: junior Jared Mindrup, 46-41-87; senior Keith Ward, 46-42-88; junior Korey Look, 42-48-90 and senior Joel Nielsen, 49-47-96.

Also playing for Norton's four-man team was junior Nick Evans who shot a 46-51-97.

Norton had four golfers among the top 10 medalists. Rutherford was fourth low, Krizek was sixth, Mindrup seventh and Ward was eighth. Medalists were: Nathan Locke, Trego, 81; Matt Pfannenstiel, Trego, 82; Tim Miller, Hill City, 83; Tyler Rutherford, Norton, 85; Casey Atkins, Hill City, 86; Dane Krizek, Norton, 87; Jared

Mindrup, Norton, 87; Keith Ward, Norton, 88; Brandon Karlin, Phillipsburg, 88; Grant Babcock, Phillipsburg, 89.

"All the way through the lineup, we stepped up on a tough day to earn the league championship," said Coach Stover.

"We continued with the momentum gained from a solid performance earlier in the week at Phillipsburg.

"Generally, in tournament formats like this, the team with the most depth will be the champion and that was the case today.

"With four of the top eight individual medalists and finishing no lower than second in any division, our depth was definitely the difference.

"Once again we were led by the combination of Tyler Rutherford and Dane Krizek but the key was the performance of Jared Mindrup, shooting a career low score and earning his first varsity individual honors and Keith Ward earning individual honors as well.

"It truly was a team effort with all eight players contributing to the championship!"

**By DICK BOYD**  
 For the second straight year, Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School boys track team has won the Mid-Continent League Track and Field Meet.

As they have all season, Norton battled Phillipsburg for the championship during the competition on Friday at Hill City.

The Blue Jays trailed Phillipsburg 113-109 with two events remaining. The 3200 meter run proved to be critical. Norton freshmen Logan Keiswetter and Kent Mann finished third and fourth, respectively, in that race to earn 10 points for the Jays. Phillipsburg scored just one point with a sixth place finish which vaulted Norton into a 119-114 lead. Norton extended the final margin of victory to nine points with a second place finish in the 4 x 400 meter relay. Phillipsburg placed fourth in the relay.

Norton scored 127 points followed by Phillipsburg, 118; Smith Center, 67 1/2; Osborne 63; Hill City, 55; Trego, 47; Ellis, 45; Victoria, 29 1/2; Stockton, 6.

"Our boys had a great day," said Coach Graber. "Winning the league championship for the second straight year along with our championships in other boys' sports the past two years is unbelievable.

"We had another great battle with Phillipsburg as we have all season. Our athletes have mutual respect for each other and that's been a great rivalry this season.

"Our boys knew it would take every point they could get to win the title and they produced. It's been that way all year. It's been fun working with them because they always do their best."

Senior hurdler and jumper Jared Sloan led the way for Norton by winning four gold medals. Sloan set a new Norton Community High School high jump record by clearing 6'6". He set the record at 6'5" earlier in the season. He also set a career record when he won the long jump with a leap of 21' 10 1/2".

Sloan also ran away from the opposition in both the 110 meter and 300 meter intermediate hurdles races. He won the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 15.09 and the 300 meter hurdles with a clocking of 40.62.

"Jared Sloan had a tremendous day," said Coach Graber. "In addition to scoring 40 points, he set two personal records, including a school record."

Senior sprinter Jared Foley also had an outstanding meet as he scored 16 points himself and anchored two relay teams who scored 16 points. Foley won the 400 meter dash in a personal record 51.28 seconds and placed third in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.92.

Foley also anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a second place finish with a time of 45.86. Team members and their time splits were: Foley, 11.04; senior Nick McKee, 11.21; freshman Blake VanEaton, 11.46; junior Seth Mills, 12.2.

Foley anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a second place finish in a season's best 3:36.44 to conclude the meet and ensure the Norton victory. Team members and time splits were: Foley, 53; VanEaton, 53; McKee, 55; Mills, 55.

"Jared Foley was awesome all day," said Coach Graber. "He beat a tremendous field to win the 400 meter dash."

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team also placed second with a season's best clocking of 8:50.08. VanEaton had a low time of 2:07.3, followed by junior Derek Volgmore, 2:08.4; freshman Jared Engelbert, 2:15.03 and freshman Kent Mann, 2:19.2. VanEaton also ran well in the 800 meter run where he was timed in a personal record 2:07.96 to place second.

"Our relays did a great job of handling the stick," said Coach Graber.

Mann and freshman Logan Keiswetter came through in the 3200 meter run. Keiswetter placed third with a personal record time of 11:14.70 and Mann was fourth



Norton senior sprinter Jared Foley receives the baton from senior Nick McKee for the anchor leg in the 4 x 400 meter relay at the Mid-Continent League Track Meet in Hill City on Friday. The foursome of Foley, McKee, junior Seth Mills and freshman Blake VanEaton ran a season's best 3:36.44 to place second. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Norton girls place sixth in league

**By DICK BOYD**  
 Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School girls track team turned in a solid performance to place sixth in the Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday in Hill City.

The Smith Center girls won the championship with 97 points and were followed by Hill City, 76; Trego, 73 1/2; Osborne, 71 1/2; Plainville, 54; Norton, 49; Victoria, 44 1/2; Ellis, 38 1/2; Stockton, 32; Phillipsburg, 22.

The Lady Jays scored 17 points in the pole vault where sophomore Chelle Donovan won the gold medal with a height of 8'6", sophomore Amanda Antrim placed third with an 8' vault and sophomore Amber Overlease finished sixth with a height of 7'.

"Our vaulters were back in form with all three placing," said Coach Graber.

Freshman Lacey Roe had another good performance in the javelin with a throw of 113' to place second. "Roe threw really well again in the javelin," said Coach Graber.

Senior Amy Myers turned in her best run of the season when she placed third in the 3200 meter run in 13:17.46.

She was just out of the points in the 1600 meter run where she was timed in 6:12.38 to place seventh. "Amy Myers ran like we had hoped she would run all year," said Coach Graber.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team placed third with a clocking of 54.57. Team members and time splits were: sophomore Karlie Jones, 12.68; freshman Hannah Mills, 13.4; sophomore Chelsea Cox, 13.63; Antrim, 14.68.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team placed fourth with a clocking of 11:07.57. Team members and time splits were: Jones, 2:43.0; sophomore Whitney Newell, 2:44.14; Overlease, 2:45.44; sophomore Rachael Lentz, 2:54.92.

Cox placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'8".

Fifth place went to Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team which was timed in 4:34.18. Team members and time splits were: Jones, 67.24; Antrim, 67.93; sophomore Naomi Streck, 68.63 and Cox, 70.44.

Antrim also placed fifth in the 100 meter dash in 14.43.

Junior Amber Engelbert finished just out of the points in seventh place in the 100 meter hurdles when she was timed in 18.44, which was less than a second out of sixth place.

She also finished in eighth place in the 300 meter intermediate



Norton junior Amber Engelbert clears a hurdle in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles race at the Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday in Hill City. As she rounded the curve, she hit the next hurdle and crashed onto the track. She jumped up and continued the race, finishing just two-tenths of a second slower than her season's best and less than a second from placing.

hurdles with a time of 54.67, which was less than a second out of sixth place. Engelbert fell when she hit a hurdle halfway through the race, jumped up and finished strong. "Engelbert's performance was just phenomenal," said Coach Graber. "She fell on her face, got up and finished within two tenths of a second of her season's best. That's the kind of competitor she is. Until she hit that hurdle, she had a personal record going by at least two seconds."

Mills was just out of the points in the 200 meter dash where she was timed in 30.02 to place seventh. Sixth place was timed in 29.78.

"Our girls had a great day," said Coach Graber. "We scored the points we thought we could. Our girls competed hard."

Times and distances of Norton girls in events in which they did not place were: Kylee Witt, 19.78; Danee Payne, 21.24, 100 meter hurdles; Naomi Streck, 14.71; Hannah Mills, 14.50, 100 meter dash; Aaron Overlease, 6:27.31; Jessica Nielsen, 6:28.28, 1600 meter run; Naomi Streck, 1:09.14;

Chelsea Cox, 1:08.36, 400 meter dash; Kylee Witt, 58.26; Danee Payne, 58.22, 300 meter hurdles; Karlie Jones, 2:41.93; Danielle LeClair, 2:59.25, 800 meter run; Brianna Nelson, 30.45; Naomi Streck, 30.71, 200 meter dash; Rachael Lentz, 14:36.66; Crista Rhoades, 16:09.28, personal record, 3200 meter run; Hannah Mills, no height; Rachael Lentz, no height, high jump; Kylee Witt, 13'4 1/2"; Whitney Newell, 13'2"; Danielle LeClair, 13'1", long jump; Danee Payne, no mark, triple jump; Laura Delimont, 28'6 1/2", personal record; Klaire Mann, 27'2 1/2"; Elise Engelbert, 27'10 3/4", shot put; Elise Engelbert, 77'8", season's best; Laura Delimont, 85'6"; Klaire Mann, no mark, discus; Laura Delimont, 66'11"; Elise Engelbert, 74'6"; javelin.

**Next action**  
 The Norton Community High School girls and boys varsity track and field teams will compete in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday in Hill City. The meet will begin at 3 p.m.

in a personal best 11:18.10.

"Our freshmen were tremendous," said Coach Graber. "VanEaton places second in the 800 meters and runs well on all three relays. Engelbert and Mann run well on the 4 x 800 meter relay and Mann and Keiswetter finish three and four in the 3200 meter run.

"We weren't even sure before the meet whether to run Engelbert. He's been having some knee problems. We asked him if he could run one race and he said he could. He answered with a season's best time."

Senior Joel Griffiths scored 14 points in the throws. He was second in the discus with a distance of 141'10" and third in the shot put with a heave of 45'7 1/2".

"Joel Griffiths earned some big points for us in the throws," said Coach Graber.

Junior Justin Shirk was solid in the two hurdles races. He placed third in the 110 meter high hurdles with a time of 16.35 and fourth in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles with a clocking of 43.86.

Sophomore Lance Roe placed fourth in the pole vault with a height of 11'6".

Volgmore finished sixth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:09.34.

Times and distances for Norton boys in events in which they did not place were: Charlie Kohfeld, 12.66; Andrew Ables, 12.5; Seth Mills, 12.17, 100 meter dash; Logan Keiswetter, 5:09.77, personal record; Kent Mann, 5:10.39, personal record, 1600 meter run; Nick McKee, 57.27; Lucas Wiseman, 59.25, personal record, 400 meter dash; Nathan Broeckelman, 45.20, 300 meter hurdles; Jason Green, 2:24.87, 800 meter run; Andrew Ables, 25.9; Seth Mills, 24.82, 200 meter dash; Nathan Broeckelman, no height, high jump; Eric Burton, 17'6"; Lucas Wiseman, 17'8", long jump; Nick McKee, 37'8"; Lucas Wiseman, 38'3"; Nathan Broeckelman, 32'4", triple jump; Heath Vincent, 42'3"; Blake Hillebrand, 37'4", shot put; Blake Hillebrand, 107'10"; Heath Vincent, 103'4", discus; Justin Shirk, 119'10", personal record; Andrew Ables, 118'3", personal record; Corey Rutherford, 108'1", javelin.

**Next action**  
 The Norton boys and girls varsity track teams will compete in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday in Beloit. The meet will begin at 3 p.m.

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