

Jennings gets fourth, ninth

The Jennings boys track and field team took fourth place in the Logan Invitational on May 4 and ninth place at the Ransom Invitational on May 7.

Logan Invitational

"Nakita Graf scored 7 points at this meet," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "She had been sick the week before yet she still put forth a great effort in earning a third place medal in the 3,200-meter run and placing sixth in the 1,600-meter run. She has shown a lot of courage and discipline this season by toughing it out. She is the only girl out for track and that says quite a bit about her character. I'm proud of the way she is handling the season."

"Our boys continue to remain very competitive. We scored a total of 71 points for fourth place with the first place team scoring 76. Marcus McKenna hit a qualifying time for Regionals in the open 800-meter. He and Grant Bailey, who qualified earlier at the Triplains meet, will push each other in this race at Hays later this month. Josh Vahling continues to be very consistent in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter."

Scoring for the Coyotes were:

First place — Grant Bailey, 800-meter run, 2:05.47; Bailey (2:16), Brett McKenna (2:25), Josh Vahling (2:19) and Marcus McKenna (2:09), 4x800-meter relay, 9:10.76;

Second place — Vahling, 1,600-meter run, 5:09.50; M. McKenna, 800-meter run, 2:07.20; Bailey (:56), B. McKenna (:58), Jake Kramer (:58) and M. McKenna (:53), 4x400-meter relay, 3:46.18;

Third place — Vahling, 3,200-meter run, 12:07.48; Nakita Graf, 3,200-meter run, 14:07.59;

Fourth place — B. McKenna, 110-meter hurdles, 17.66, and 300-meter hurdles, 46.73; Vahling, 800-meter run, 2:16.29;

Fifth place — M. McKenna, 400-meter dash, 54.18; Brian Miller, 110-meter hurdles, 19.58, and 300-meter hurdles, 46.81; Kramer, high jump, 5'6";

Sixth place — Kramer, 400-meter run, 56.89; and Graf, 1,600-meter, 6:23.96.

Others competing for Jennings were: Adam Wahlmeier — 400-meter dash, 59.35; shot put, 33'8"; javelin, 113'; Nathan Becker — 100-meter dash, 13.64, 3,200-

meter run, 13:36.3; Nick Wahlmeier — shot put, 34'6"; discus, 107'; javelin, 127'10"; Tyler Bolt — shot put, 34'8"; javelin, 122'9"; long jump, 16'7"; Kramer — long jump, 17'1.5"; Brett Linden — discus, 72'"; Miller — triple jump, 33'8.75"; A. Wahlmeier, N. Wahlmeier, Bolt and Linden — 4x100-meter relay, 50.88.

Ransom Invitational

"The Jennings boys track team scored 23 points at the Ransom meet hosted at Ness City," said Coach Aumiller. "This placed us 9th out of 18 teams. Our seniors missed this meet due to their senior trip."

"Brian Miller (freshman) and Jake Kramer (sophomore) filled in on our 4 x 800-meter relay team. They, along with Josh Vahling and Marcus McKenna (regulars on the 4x800) placed third. I am well pleased with the way all of our young athletes performed at this meet. Marcus McKenna placed second in both the open 400-meter and the open 800-meter. He continues to be consistent in his events."

"Nakita Graf placed sixth in the 1,600-meter run. She had a good workout for the day as she also competed in the open 800-meter and the 3,200-meter run."

Scoring for Jennings were:

Second place — M. McKenna, 400-meter dash, 54.34, and 800-meter run, 2:07.21;

Third place — Kramer (2:21), Vahling (2:21), M. McKenna (2:04) and Miller (2:25), 4x800-meter relay, 9:13.24;

Sixth place — Graf, 1,600-meter run, 6:18.9; and Miller, 300-meter hurdles, 46.69.

Others competing for the Coyotes were: Bolt — shot put, 34'7.5"; javelin, 111'2"; long jump, 16'11"; Kramer — 400-meter dash, 59.09; high jump, 5'4"; long jump, 15'0.5"; Vahling — 800-meter run, 2:20.5; 1,600-meter run, 5:26.1; 3,200-meter run, 11:55.1; Graf — 800-meter run, 2:52.5; 3,200-meter run, 15:00; Linden — discus, 72'2"; javelin, 85'5"; Miller — 110-meter hurdles, 19.55; triple jump, 33'6.25".

Next action

The Coyotes will next compete in the Regional Track Meet today in Hays.



Norton senior Keith Ward (above) putts during practice this week for the Class 3A State Golf Tournament which will be held Monday in Hesston. Ward qualified for the state tournament for the second straight year by placing third in the regional tournament in Lakin. Senior Blue Jay golfer Tyler Rutherford (left) hit a drive during practice for the state golf tournament. Rutherford earned a berth at state for the second straight year when he tied for No. 1 medalist and placed second in the playoff in the regional tournament.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

Two Norton golfers qualify for state

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed third in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday in Lakin, just missing a berth in the state tournament by one place.

Although just the top two teams in the regional qualified for the state tournament on Monday in Hesston, Norton seniors Tyler Rutherford and Keith Ward qualified as individuals.

Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays won the championship with

a 322. Phillipsburg was second with a 324. Norton was just six points back in third with a 330, followed by Lakin, 334; Cimarron, 336; Oakley, 352; Holcomb, 374; Russell, 379.

Medalists and state qualifiers were: Brendon Gross, TMP, 75; Tyler Rutherford, Norton, 75; Keith Ward, Norton, 76; Ross Guebelle, Lakin, 77; Brandon Karlin, Phillipsburg, 77; Grant Babcock, Phillipsburg, 77; Nate Rhleder, TMP, 78; Carl Dumler, Oakley, 79; Keena Crone, Lakin, 80; Michael Davidson, Cimarron,

80.

Norton players and their scores were: Rutherford, 39-36-75; Ward, 39-37-76; sophomore Dane Krizek, 44-45-89 and junior Kyle Kats, 44-46-90. Also playing for Norton and their scores were: junior Korey Look, 52-39-91 and junior Nick Evans, 49-46-95.

Rutherford, Ward, Krizek and Look competed in the state tournament last year after Norton won the regional championship.

"We knew coming into the tournament that we would have to play extremely well to qualify as a team

for the state tournament," said Coach Stover. "Five very good teams were competing for just two spots at state."

"We played well, shooting one of our best scores of the season. Unfortunately, we just came up short."

"Our seniors really played well with Tyler Rutherford tying for first and finishing second in a two-hole playoff and Keith Ward shooting a career-low round to finish third. It was great to see both qualify for the state tournament."

Norton boy to compete at Fort Hays

By DICK BOYD

Jered Sloan, all-around senior athlete at Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to compete in track at Fort Hays State University in Hays.

The defending Class 3A state champion in both the 110 meter high hurdles and 300-meter intermediate hurdles, Sloan set the Norton High School record of 14.26 in the 110-meter and 38.15 in the 300s last season. He also placed fifth in the high jump at the state meet last season and has cleared 6'5" this season to break the NCHS school record. He has also long jumped 21-feet, 3-inches this season.

Sloan was named Boys Track Athlete of the Year for the Blue Jays the past two seasons and has been the High Points Award winner the past two seasons. He is a three-year letter winner. He was also named Gatorade Athlete of the Year last season.

Sloan competed in the state meet in both the hurdles and high jump in his sophomore year.

"Jered is a great athlete; we're tickled to death to sign him," said Fort Hays Coach Jim Krob, who shares coaching duties with Coach Dennis Weber. "He should be a good hurdler for us. We already have some good hurdlers so Jered should help us have a good shuttle hurdles team."

"They're getting a great one," said Norton Head Track Coach Graber. "He's capable of a lot of big things for the team. He'll have some technique changes to make



Norton senior Jered Sloan displayed his athleticism when he soared through the air to win the long jump with a career-best leap of 21-feet, 10 1/2-inches at the Mid-Continent League Track Meet in Hill City last Friday. Sloan earned four gold medals as he won both hurdle races and set a new 6'6" Norton High record in the high jump. Norton is competing today in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet in Beloit.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

since the high hurdles are higher and intermediate hurdles are longer in college but he will be able to adjust.

"There are many things he could do for them. He could even be a triple jumper."

The 6-foot, 4-inch, 170-pound

Sloan was also a first team All-Mid-Continent League basketball player, a unanimous first team MCL wide receiver and a first team MCL defensive back in football.

Sloan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Sloan, Norton.

Coyotes take fourth at league meet

The Jennings Coyote boys track and field team scored 64 points for fourth place at the Western Kansas Liberty League track meet held in Oakley on May 13.

"I'm proud of the consistency our team has shown throughout the season," said Coach Russ Aumiller. "The 64 points was good for fourth place overall — another four points and we would have tied for third."

"Our 4 x 400 and 4 x 800 relays took the gold medals while our 4 x 100 placed sixth."

"Our times for the day might not have been our best but the low temperature (45 to 50 degrees) was definitely a factor."

"Grant Bailey and Marcus McKenna continue to run well in the open 800. They placed first and third respectively. Marcus also took the silver medal in the 400-meter."

"Both of our hurdlers, Brett McKenna and Brian Miller, were medal winners."

"Brett took fifth in the high hurdles while

"Brian placed fourth in the 300 intermediates. Josh Vahling took the fourth place medal in the 1,600 and the fifth place medal in the 3,200."

"In the field events, Jake Kramer placed sixth in the high jump. Tyler Bolt placed sixth in the javelin while teammate Nick Wahlmeier had a personal best for the fifth place medal."

"Nakita Graf brought home the fifth place medal in the girls 3,200-meter."

"She also competed in the 1,600-meter."

"We are eagerly looking forward to the Regional Track Meet this Friday, May 21 at Fort Hays State University."



Scoring for the Coyotes were:

First place — Grant Bailey, 800-meter run, 2 minutes, 10.79 seconds; Bailey (:55), Brett McKenna (:56), Jake Kramer (:58), and Marcus McKenna (:55), 4 x 400-meter relay, 3:45.47; Bailey (2:16), B. McKenna (2:12); Josh Vahling (2:17), and M. McKenna (2:07), 4 x 800-meter relay, 8:54.08;

Second place — M. McKenna, 400-meter dash, 55.04;

Third place — M. McKenna, 800-meter run, 2:12.81;

Fourth place — Vahling, 1,600-meter run, 5:23.01; Brian Miller, 300-meter intermediate hurdles,

46.49;

Fifth place — Vahling, 3,200-meter run, 11:45.01; Nakita Graf, 3,200-meter run, 13:41.65; B. McKenna, 110-meter high hurdles, 18.89; Nick Wahlmeier, javelin, 135 feet, 7 inches;

Sixth place — Miller, 110-meter high hurdles, 19.22; Tyler Bolt, javelin, 123-9; Kramer, high jump, 5-2; and 4x100-meter relay team, 50.92.

Others competing for Jennings were: Adam Wahlmeier — shot put, 33-8; javelin, 110-6; Nathan Becker — 200-meter dash, 28.03; N. Wahlmeier, shot put, 35-3; discus, 93-7; Bolt, shot put, 35-8; long jump, 16-7; Kramer — 400-meter dash, 58.53; long jump, 16 plus; Graf — 1,600-meter run, 6:30.09; Brett Linden — discus, 75-6; Miller — triple jump, 30-0.5.

NOTICE THE CITY OF NORTON

is currently in the process of identifying properties and vacant lots, within the city limits, that are in need of clean up or repair. The City has asked an independent agency to perform a survey of the town and identify any problem areas that exist. The findings of this survey will be used as a guideline for the enforcement of all city adopted codes. Land owners, and tenants having any type of trash, junk, abandoned vehicle, partial vehicle or vehicle parts, any vehicle that is not currently licensed and insured, lumber pile, metal pile or any foreign debris in general, is being asked to please remove those items from your property and take them to an appropriate dumping site. Failure to remove these items could result in legal action including fines and clean up fees. Questions comments and concerns may be directed to the City Office.

