

# Blue Jay track teams begin season

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School track team will open its season on Monday in the Junior Varsity Track Meet in Smith Center.

Competition will begin at 4:30 p.m. with the field events. Running events will begin at 5 p.m. with the 3,200-meter run which will be followed at 5:30 p.m. with the other running events. There will be no preliminaries.

The Norton varsity team will open the season on Friday, April 8, with the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. and preliminary running events at 4 p.m.

In addition to Norton, competing teams will be from Colby, Goodland, Logan, Northern Valley, Phillipsburg, Scott City and Smith Center.

Plaques will be awarded to the first and second place teams in both the boys and girls divisions. Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each event. Scoring will be 10-8-6-4-2-1 for individual events and relays.

### Girls team

Seventeen girls have reported for the Lady Jays track and field team. Eight are returning letter winners — Amber Engelbert, senior; Naomi Streck, Amanda Antrim, Chelle Donovan, Klaire Mann and Karlie Jones, juniors; and Laura Delimont and Lacey Roe, sophomores.

Other squad members are Jackie Krueger and Danielle LeClair, juniors; Brianne Nelson and Jessica Sprigg, sophomores; and Courtney LeClair, Chelsea Dodson, Tabatha Vincent, Chantille Campbell and Courtney Cox, freshmen.

The only senior on the team, Engelbert is experienced in the 100-meter and 300-meters hurdles. A two-year letterwoman, she is a three-year winner of the Gatorade Will to Win Award. She was also the women's team captain last season.

Antrim and Donovan are also two-year letter winners. Antrim was the High Point Award winner and Gatorade Athlete of the Year last season. She placed third in the regional pole vault and competed in the state track meet.

Donovan was first in the regional pole vault and fifth in the state pole vault last season. She was also second in the regional pole vault in 2003, her freshman year.

Two-year letter winner Jones has been an integral part of the Norton women's relay teams. She was Gatorade Rookie of the Year in 2003 and named Track Athlete of the Year after last season.

Roe competes in the shot put, discus and javelin. She was named Gatorade Rookie of the Year after last season.

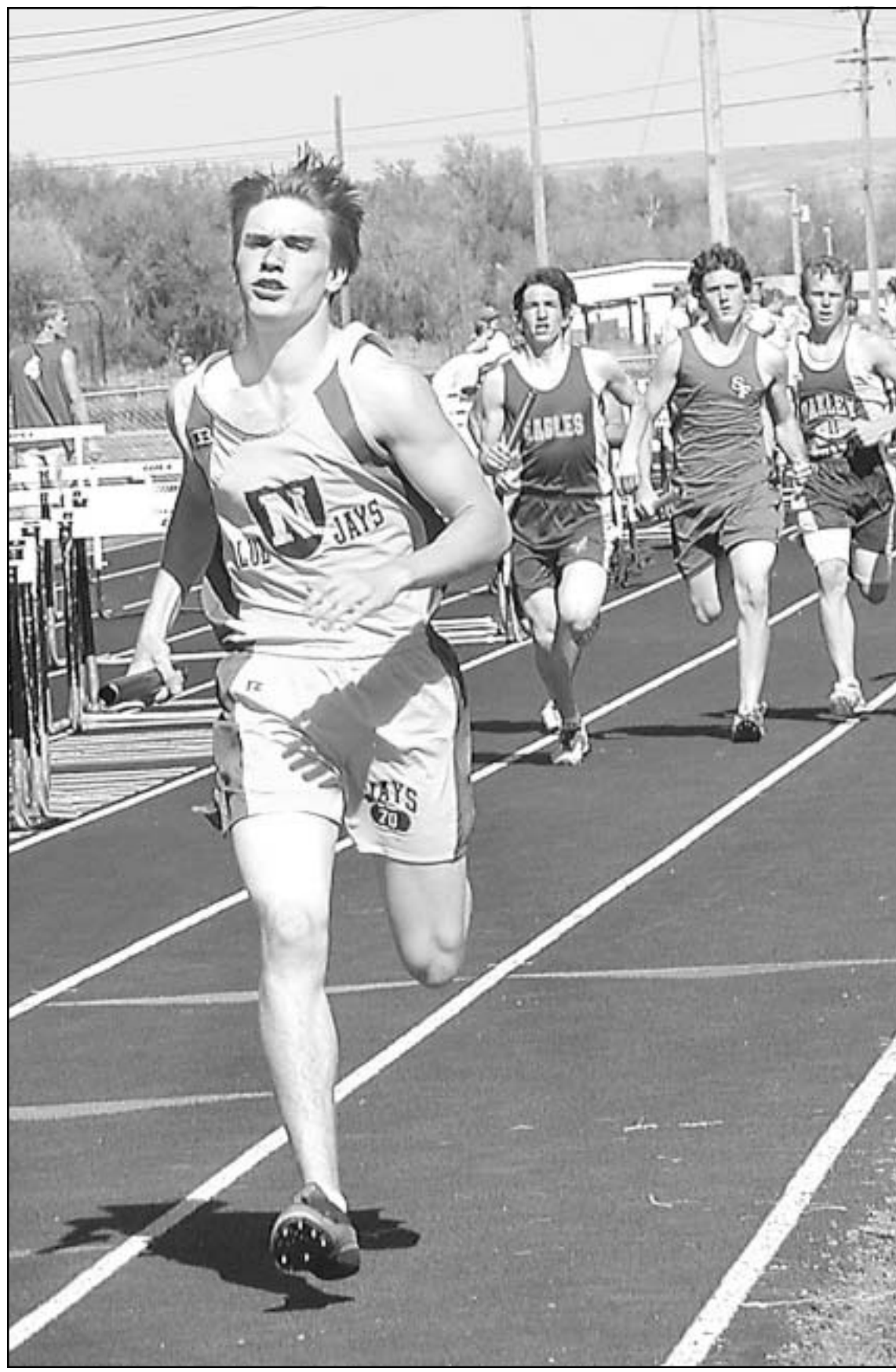
Streck, Norton's other two-year letter winner, competes in the dashes and relays.

"Although we are short on numbers, we have some returnees who should do well," said Coach Graber.

"Antrim and Donovan were both state competitors in the pole vault. Jones just missed qualifying for the state meet in the 800 meters. She is the only returning member of our girls 4 x 800-meter relay team, which has been very competitive.

### Boys team

The Norton Community High School boys track and field team consists of 20 members, 11 of



Norton freshman Blake VanEaton led the pack during the 4 x 800-meter relay in last year's Oberlin Invitational Track Meet. VanEaton ran a 58 second first quarter to start the race and maintained his early lead with an outstanding 2:09.56 time as the team ran a season's best race to place fourth. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

whom are returning lettermen.

Letter winners from last season are Derek Volgamore, Lucas Wiseman, Justin Shirk and Seth Mills, seniors; Lance Roe and Heath Vincent, juniors; and Nathan Broeckelman, Blake VanEaton, Kent Mann, Logan Keiswetter and Jared Engelbert, sophomores.

Other squad members are Philip VanDerWeele, Josh VanSkiike, Andrew Ables and Nathan Morse, juniors; and Todd Bolt, Bryce Engelbert, Jared Cox, Wes Georgeson and Logan Kats, freshmen.

Volgamore is the only three-year letterman on the squad. A distance runner, he was winner of the Gatorade Will to Win Award his freshman and sophomore seasons and was named Most Inspirational Track Athlete for Norton his sophomore season. He was injured much of last season but is expected to be strong and healthy in his senior year.

Shirk is a two-year letter winner who is a consistent placer in the 110-meter and 300-meter hurdles. He just missed making the state meet in the 110-meter hurdles last season when he placed fifth in the regional meet.

Mills is a sprinter who also competes on the 4 x 100-meter relay team. Mills and VanEaton were members of the 4 x 100-meter

team which placed second in the regional meet and sixth in the state meet last season. Norton placed third as a team in the state meet last season.

VanEaton was named Most Inspirational and Gatorade Rookie of the Year last season. He missed the state meet in the 800 meter run when he placed fifth in the regional track meet.

Also a freshman last season, Broeckelman was fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in the regional meet. Roe also placed fifth in the regional meet in the pole vault.

Vincent competes in the shot put and discus. He was the winner of the Gatorade Rookie of the Year Award his freshman season.

"Shirk, Broeckelman, VanEaton and Roe were all fifth in the regional last season and all should do well this season," said Coach Graber.

"We also have some good returning distance runners."

### Coach's comments

"With smaller girls and boys squads this season, we will be more individual with our goals," said Coach Graber in his overall assessment of the upcoming season.

"It is hard to compete for team championships without the numbers.

"Our goals now are to find positions for everyone which will

make us most successful. We will improve as we go along.

"It will be difficult to be as competitive as a team as we would like to be but we have returnees who will do well individually and we have some good newcomers, as well."

Assistant coaches again this season will be Todd Fulton, Doug Reusink, Dale Engelbert, Anne Otte and Jason Jones.

"I am very lucky to have such outstanding assistant coaches," said Coach Graber.

# Norton golf team ready for season

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team will open its season at 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Smith Center Invitational.

The Blue Jays' first home varsity competition will be 9 a.m. Friday, April 8, when the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament is held on the course south of Norton.

Norton will award medals to the top three teams and to the top six individuals. Plaques will be awarded to the top two teams.

Competing teams, in addition to Norton, will be Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Stockton and Smith Center.

Norton will also host the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational Golf Tournament on Tuesday, May 3, and the Regional Golf Tournament on Monday, May 16.

Coach Stover has 27 young men and women on this year's team.

The six returning letter winners are Corey Look, Kyle Kats, Nick Evans, Jared Mindrup, Ryan Maddy, seniors and Dane Krizek, junior. Look and Krizek were on the Norton team that won the regional championship and placed tenth in the state tournament in 2003.

Norton won the Mid-Conti-

nent League championship in 2004. Krizek was a member of the Blue Jay two-man team which placed second in the league and Mindrup and Look were on the Blue Jay four-man team that was second in the league.

Other squad members are Josh Jackson, Stacy Reeves, Tasha Lyon, seniors; Tyler Burns, Jordan Herman, Clay Madden, juniors; Pat Burton, Jeremy Meyers, Brett Thomson, Jordan Durham, Perell Stanley, Michael Ward, sophomores; Preston Herman, Zach Dole, Tim Becker, Kyle Edgett, Nolan Evans, Kyle Jones, Lacy Ellis, Haley Jones, Megan Kats, freshmen.

Coach Stover's assistant coach again this season will be Roger Wahlmeier.

"I am excited about the upcoming season," said Coach Stover.

With six returning lettermen, we have a solid base to build upon.

"One of our strengths this season will be the overall depth of the team, with many of the golfers having the capability to make a significant improvement in their individual games.

"As always, our league is going to be balanced and very competitive, with no team standing out over the rest at the beginning of the season."

## 2005 Norton Community High School Golf Schedule

- Tues., April 5 — Smith Center Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Fri., April 8 — Norton Invitational, 9 a.m.
- Tues., April 12 — Ellis Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Tues., April 12 — Goodland Invitational, 2 p.m.
- Fri., April 15 — Hill City JV Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Tues., April 19 — Goodland JV Invitational, 2 p.m.
- Fri., April 22 — Hill City Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Tues., April 26 — Smith Center JV Invite, 3 p.m.
- Thurs., April 28 — Trego Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.
- Thurs., April 28 — Logan Invitational (JV), 3 p.m.
- Mon., May 2 — Thomas More Invitational, Hays (Smoky Hill), 9 a.m.
- Tues., May 3 — Norton JV Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Thurs., May 5 — Colby Invitational, 3 p.m.
- Thurs., May 5 — Trego JV Invitational, WaKeeney, 9 a.m.
- Mon., May 9 — Phillipsburg Invitational, 1 p.m.
- Thurs., May 12 — League Tournament, Phillipsburg, 3 p.m.
- Mon., May 16 — Regional Tournament, Norton, 9 a.m.
- Mon., May 23 — State Tournament, Hays (Smoky Hill), 9 a.m.

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## 2005 Norton Community High School Track Schedule

- Mon., April 4 — Junior Varsity Meet, Smith Center, 4:30 p.m.
- Fri., April 8 — Norton Invitational, Norton, 3:00 p.m.
- Tues., April 12 — Smith Center Invite, Smith Center, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon., April 18 — Fresh.-Soph. Meet, WaKeeney, 4:00 p.m.
- Tues., April 19 — Plainville Invitational, Plainville, 3:30 p.m.
- Fri., April 22 — Phillipsburg Invite, Phillipsburg, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon., April 25 — Fresh.-Soph Meet, Hill City, 4:00 p.m.
- Fri., April 29 — Goldsmith Relays, WaKeeney, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon., May 2 — Fresh.-Soph. Meet, Atwood, 3:00 p.m.
- Tues., May 3 — Oberlin Invitational, Oberlin, 3:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 6 — Russell Invitational, Russell, 3:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 13 — Mid-Continent Meet, Norton, 3:00 p.m.
- Fri., May 20 — Regional Track Meet, TBA, 3:00 p.m.
- Fri.-Sat., May 27-28 — State Track Meet, Wichita, 9:00 a.m.



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