

Norton boys second, girls fifth at Plainville

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School boys track team placed second and the girls team fifth in the Plainville Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday.

BOYS

Phillipsburg won the championship with 167 points, followed by Norton, 112; Ellis, 107; Hill City, 84; Natoma, 37; Plainville, 26.

Norton freshman Jared Cox continued to perform well in the hurdles races in the absence of injured senior Justin Shirk. Cox won the 110-meter high hurdles in 16.8 seconds and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 44.37.

"Jared did a good job of running into the wind," said Coach Graber.

"Technique-wise, Jared is as good as I've seen for a freshman."

Logan Keiswetter won the gold medal in the 3,200-meter run in 11:23.9 and placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run in 5:14.2.

"Logan gave a great effort to win the 3200 meter run," said Coach Graber.

In winning the 3,200-meter, Keiswetter edged teammate Kent Mann who placed second in 11:30.4. Mann also placed second in the 1,600-meter in 5:09.2 and fifth in the 800-meter in 2:20.

"Kent had a busy day," said Coach Graber. "He did very well in running three distance races."

Derek Volgamore had his best race of the season when he placed third in the 800-meter in 2:11.28. He also ran in the 1,600-meter and placed fifth in 5:20.8.

"Derek ran a very intelligent race in the 800 meters and had a good time," said Coach Graber.

Nathan Broeckelman won the gold medal in the high jump at 5-

feet, 8-inches, placed third in the pole vault at 9-6 and third in the 300-meter hurdles in 45.9.

"Nathan jumped as well as he has to win the high jump and also performed well in the pole vault and 300-meter hurdles," said Coach Graber.

Blake VanEaton competed in four races. He finished second in the 400-meter run in 52.9, anchored the 4x100-meter relay to a third place finish in 46.93 and ran in the 4x400-meter relay which finished fifth in 3:50. He also ran the 800-meter run but did not place.

Members of the 4x100-meter relay team were: VanEaton, 12.63; Broeckelman, 11.58; Nathan Morse, 11.21; Andrew Ables, 11.5.

Running on the 4x400-meter relay team were: Morse, 57.31; Lucas Wiseman, 59.83; Cox, 57.76; VanEaton, 55.06.

"Blake really had a workout," said Coach Graber. "Some of his races were so close to each other that he did not have enough recovery time to finish as high as normal."

Heath Vincent placed third in the discus with a personal record throw of 131-11 and fifth in the shot put with a distance of 41-9.5.

"It was good to see Heath's personal record in the discus," said Coach Graber. "He works hard."

Morse placed third in the 400-meter dash in a personal best time of 56.6.

Wiseman finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 37-9 and also competed in the long jump but did not place.

"Lucas had some of his better jumps in the triple jump," said Coach Graber. "He was very con-

sistent."

Ables placed fifth in the javelin with 125.

Not placing were: Ables, 35-10.5; Josh VanSkiike, 30-8.5, shot put; Ables, 84-6; VanSkiike, 88-5.5, personal record, discus; VanSkiike, 88-6, personal record, javelin; Wiseman, 17-10; Morse, 15-10, long jump; VanEaton, 2:33, 800-meter run.

"Although he didn't place, it was good to see Josh set personal records in two events," said Coach Graber.

GIRLS

Plainville was the girls champion with 132 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 129; Ellis, 102; Hill City, 94; Norton, 80; Natoma, 17.

Two Lady Blue Jays won gold medals in the meet.

Lacey Roe threw the javelin 97-0 and Chelle Donovan vaulted 9 feet for first places.

Courtney LeClair and Amber Engelbert continued to do well in the hurdles. LeClair placed second in the 100-meter high hurdles in 18.15 and second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 54.15.

Engelbert finished third in the high hurdles in 18.25 and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles in 56.9.

Klaire Mann tied her personal record of 30-7 in the shot put to place second and finished in fifth place in the discus with a throw of 87-1.

"Klaire did a nice job in the shot put, equaling her career best," said Coach Graber.

The Lady Jays 4x100-meter relay team of Amanda Antrim, 14.9; Donovan, 13.08; Danielle LeClair, 12.84; Karlie Jones, 13.32, finished in third in 54.4.

"Our 4x100-meter relay girls handled the stick well and ran



Norton distance runners (from left) Logan Keiswetter, Derek Volgamore and Kent Mann are pictured here competing in the 1600 meter run in the Plainville Track Meet on Tuesday. Competing in the 800 meter and 3200 meter runs, in addition to the 1600, these three Blue Jays scored a total of 40 points in the meet.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's Laura Delimont heaves the shot put during competition in the Plainville Track Meet on Tuesday. Delimont recorded a 28-7 distance to place sixth.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton wrestlers honored at banquet

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successful, Coach Johnson said. He presented awards to two fathers.

Receiving the "Most Energetic Dad" Award was Randy Linner and the "Got Pummled" Award went to Jeff Roe.

Media of the Year winner Fig Millan was given a round of applause for his radio broadcast coverage.

Team records

The entire team set team records for the season in three categories: three-point near falls, 217; falls, 189 and technical falls, 27, which tied a record by the 2002-'03 team.

In individual wins, the team had 394 which was second to the 2003-'04 team's record of 401.

The team was third in takedowns with 574; third in two-point near falls with 122 and fifth in major decisions with 27.

Individual leaders

Individual category leaders this season, in addition to Sprigg were: Roe, takedowns, 117; Ray, junior varsity takedowns, 19; Broeckelman, reversals, 19; Bebb, junior varsity reversals, 13; Roe, 2 point near falls, 19; Aaron Husted, junior varsity two-point near falls, 8; Roe, 3 pt. near falls, 45, new school record; Ray, junior varsity three-point near falls, 16; VanEaton, decisions, 14; Zach Mannel, junior varsity decisions, 6; Roe, major decisions, 5; Andrew Black and Ray, junior varsity major decisions, 2 each; Roe, tech-

nical falls, 10, new school record; Husted and Ray, junior varsity technical falls, 2 each; Todd Bolt, junior varsity falls, 12; Luke Pfannenstiel and Sprigg, fastest fall, 13 seconds; Ben Rojas, fastest junior varsity fall, 9 seconds.

Roe broke Corey Menagh's season record for three-point near falls of 36 and Menagh's career record for three-point near falls of 86 with his total of 93. Menagh wrestled in 1993-'96.

Roe broke James Annon's season record of 8 technical falls and Matt Jensen's career record for technical falls of 15 with his total of 18. Annon set his record in 2002-'03 and Jensen in 1989-'92.

Also this season, Roe broke Eric Johnson's career record for major

decisions with 22. Johnson, who wrestled from 2000-'03, had 21..

Roe owns the season record for takedowns with 128 and season record for major decisions with 12. He broke both records last season.

Humorous awards

Coach Johnson also handed out "fun" awards: Quiz The Coach Award, Shane Stanley; Clock Watcher of the Year Award, Logan Keiswetter; Original Six-Pound Orange Award, Davvid Stanley (second year in row); Assistant Coach of the Year Award, Clay McMullen; Porker of the Year Award, Logan Keiswetter; Leaner of the Year Award, Blake Hillebrand; and Mash Award, Jordan Durham.

Norton played in JV golf tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers all received medals after competing in the Goodland Junior Varsity Golf Tournament on Tuesday.

The weather was warm with no wind which made for excellent golfing conditions.

All six Norton golfers were among the top 10 medalists.

Jordan Herman took second for the Blue Jays with a 44, followed by Tyler Burns, 45; Pat Burton, 47; Michael Ward, 48; Clay Madden, 48; Josh Jackson, 48.

Medalists were: Josh Johnson, Colby, 41; Herman; Brent Pettay, Brewster, 44; Burns; Mikel

Ladenburger, Colby, 45; Burton; Brian Feldt, Hoxie, 48; Ward; Madden; Jackson.

"This was a tremendous effort from our golfers," said Norton Coach David Stover.

"It is an outstanding achievement for all six team members to earn individual medalist honors at any tournament, especially with all finishing in the top 10.

"This group is making tremendous improvement and we hope they will continue that trend."

Tuesday, the Norton junior varsity golfers are scheduled to tee off at 3 p.m. in the Junior Varsity Golf Tournament in Smith Center.

Young Blue Jays shine at WaKeeney

By DICK BOYD

Norton Community High School track and field athletes competed in the Freshmen-Sophomore Track Meet on Monday in WaKeeney.

"This a good meet and our youngsters had some good performances," said Norton Coach Bruce Graber.

BOYS

Todd Bolt set a personal record in the long jump with a leap of 18-feet 8.5-inches to place third. He also finished fourth in the triple jump with a career best distance of 37-4.

"Todd improved by two feet in the triple jump," said Coach Graber.

Bolt also ran on the 4x400-meter relay team, which placed first in 3:57 minutes and the 4x100-meter relay team which finished fifth in 49.96.

Wes Georgeson, Bryce Engelbert and Logan Kats also ran on both relay teams.

Georgeson placed second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles race in 50.99.

Kats won the gold medal in the

800-meter run with a time of 2:20.

Georgeson placed fifth in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 37-2.

Not placing were: Philip VanDerWeel, 11-11.5, long jump; VanDerWeel, 3:03.8, 800-meter run; Bryce Engelbert, 12.84; Logan Kats, 12.6, 100-meter dash; Engelbert, high jump.

GIRLS

Jessica Sprigg threw the discus a career record 77-9 to place fifth.

"Jessica improved her discus throw by 20 feet," said Coach Graber.

Not placing were: Brienne Nelson, long jump; Courtney Cox, 2:58.25, personal record, 800-meter run; Nelson, 14.35, 100-meter dash; Tabitha Vincent, 22-6; Sprigg, 20-8, shot put; Vincent, 45-7, discus; Nelson, 33.31, 200-meter dash; Cox, 1:16; Nelson, 1:18.4, 400-meter dash.

"Courtney cut down her time in the 800 meter run by 17 seconds," said Coach Graber.

Norton is scheduled to compete in the Freshmen-Sophomore Track Meet in Hill City on Monday starting at 4 p.m.