

Norton boys third, girls place fifth

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School boys team placed third, just one point out of second, and his Lady Jay team finished in fifth place in the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet on Friday in Phillipsburg.

The athletes competed in cold weather with north winds between 35 and 40 m.p.h.

"It was a tough night for a track meet with the wind and temperature," said Coach Graber.

"Most of our youngsters gave a solid effort and tried not to let the elements bother them. Going into a meet like that, you know the performances are going to suffer but the effort should never change.

"Hopefully, we will be getting some of our injured athletes back this week but we may lose some others to one condition or another.

"Logan Keiswetter has a strained calf that kept him out of the 3,200-meter run. We'll have to wait and see if Logan and a few others will be available for our next meet. Some warm weather would help a great deal."

BOYS

Phillipsburg won the boys championship with 213.5 points, followed by Smith Center with 112 and Norton with 111. Victoria placed fourth with 58 points, followed by Russell, 28.5; Plainville, 19.

Sophomore Kent Mann had a great day in the distance races, capturing two gold medals. His most prestigious win was in the 1,600-meter run, which has been named "The John Mason Mile" in honor of world class runner John Mason, who ran for Phillipsburg High School and Fort Hays State University.

Each year, the winner of this race receives a large traveling trophy on which his name will be engraved. The trophy will remain at Norton Community High School until next year's race.

Mann won the race in 5 minutes, 7.6 seconds and also won the 3,200-meter run in 11:27.8.

"Kent had a great meet, showing great courage and determination in battling the elements and posting two great times," said Coach Graber.

"He ran within two seconds of his best in something less than ideal conditions to win the special 1,600-meter race named for John Mason."

Freshman Jared Cox was Norton's other gold medal winner. He finished first in the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.86. Cox just edged Hoffman of Victoria to win the race. Hoffman was timed in 15.98.

Cox placed second behind Hoffman in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles. Cox was timed in 45.44 and Hoffman was clocked in 43.05.

"Jared had another great performance as he continued to shine in both hurdles races," said Coach Graber.

"Beating Hoffman put him right in the mix for the Mid-Continent League title in the 110-meter hurdles.

"Jared is running with great technique and he just loves to compete."

Sophomore Nathan Broeckelman scored points in both the 300-meter hurdles and pole vault. He finished third in the 300-meter hurdles in 46.6 and fourth in the pole vault with a personal record of 11 feet.

"Nathan improved his personal record in the pole vault from 9-6 to 11-0," said Coach Graber. "It isn't often that you see an improvement like that in one week."

Junior Lance Roe placed second in the pole vault by clearing 12-6.

"Lance came back from a week on the disabled list to vault well," said Coach Graber.

Junior Heath Vincent continued to score well in both the shot put and discus. He placed third in both events with a personal record of 44-9 in the shot and 123-1 in the discus.

"Heath made the transition from spinning with the shot to gliding and it really improved his personal record in that event," said Coach Graber.

Sophomore Blake VanEaton scored points for Norton in four events. He placed second in the 400-meter dash in 56.25, sixth in the 200-meter dash in 24.6, anchored the 4x800-meter relay team which placed second in 9:36.5 and anchored the 4x400-meter relay team which finished in third place with a clocking of 3:58.6.

Members of Norton's 4x800-meter relay team and time splits were: senior Derek Volgamore, 2:21; sophomore Jared Engelbert, 2:25; freshman Logan Kats, 2:29.6; VanEaton, 2:20.

Running on the Blue Jays' 4 x 400-meter relay team and time splits were: junior Nathan Morse, 61.9; Cox, 61.62; Volgamore, 58.72; VanEaton, 56.28.

Norton's 4 x 100-meter relay team placed third with a timing of 49.01. Team members and time splits were: freshman Todd Bolt, 13.15; Roe, 12.93; Morse, 12.09; junior Andrew Ables, 10.67.

Senior Lucas Wiseman performed well in both the triple jump and long jump. He placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-9.25 and fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 36-8.

"Lucas had a breakthrough effort in his technique in the triple jump and jumped very well into a tough head wind," said Coach Graber.

Bolt finished just ahead of Wiseman in third place in the long jump with a leap of 19-0.

"Todd had an outstanding jump of 19-0 in the long jump," said Coach Graber. "That is an outstanding jump for a freshman his size."

Keiswetter placed fifth in the 1,600-meter run before retiring due to injury. He was timed in 5:45.



Norton's Kent Mann hits the finish line to win the prestigious "John Mason Mile" in the Phillipsburg Track Meet on Friday. Mann was clocked in 5:07.6, within two seconds of his career best, on a cold and windy day. Mason, a world class runner from Phillipsburg, donated a

Ables finished sixth in the javelin with a throw of 117-7.

Morse placed sixth in the 400-meter dash in 60.2.

Not placing for Norton were: Ables, 39-2; Josh VanSkike, 32-.5, shot put; VanSkike, 88-4, discus; VanSkike, 82-10; Roe, 105-3, javelin; Broeckelman, 5-2; freshman Bryce Engelbert, failed opening height, high jump; Morse, 17-8, long jump; Bolt, 34-3; Wes Georgeson, 34-2, triple jump; Bolt, 12.32; Bryce Engelbert, 12.84, 100-meter dash; junior Philip VanDerWeele, 75.0, 400-meter dash; Georgeson, 52.3, 300-meter hurdles; Ables, 24.81, 200-meter dash.

GIRLS

Phillipsburg won the girls championship with 153 points, followed by Victoria, 122; Plainville, 95; Smith Center, 81; Norton, 68; Russell, 24.

The Norton girls' only gold medal was in the pole vault where the Lady Jay trio of juniors Chelle Donovan and Amanda Antrim and freshman Chelsea Dodson scored 18 points. Donovan won it with a vault of 8-6. Antrim was third at 7-6 and Dodson finished fifth by clearing 7-0.

"Chelle, Amanda and Chelsea again had a solid meet," said Coach Graber.

Freshman Courtney LeClair placed third in the 100-meter high hurdles in 16.57.

Senior Amber Engelbert finished sixth in the 300-meter hurdles in 58.8.

Dodson ran well in the 400-meter dash, placing second with a clocking of 70.1.

"Chelsea is learning more about

running the 400-meters every day," said Coach Graber. "She is really putting a finish together that allows her to compete well in that event."

Juniors Naomi Streck and Jackie Krueger both placed in the 400-meter dash. Streck placed fifth in 73.9 and Krueger was sixth in 75.46.

Sophomore Lacey Roe threw the javelin 93-11 to place third.

Junior Karlie Jones finished third in the 800-meter run in 2:59 and freshman Courtney Cox placed fourth in 3:20.

Norton's two relay teams each placed fourth. The 4x100-meter Lady Jay relay team was clocked in 56.97. Team members and time

splits were: Antrim, 15.8; Donovan, 14.17; junior Danielle LeClair, 14.1; Streck, 12.9.

Running on the Norton 4x400-meter relay team that was clocked in 4:55.2 and time splits were: Courtney LeClair, 73.6; Engelbert, 74.7; Dodson, 72.76; Jones, 74.98.

Antrim placed fourth in the 100-meter dash in 13.7 and Krueger finished in fifth with a personal record time of 13.84.

"I was really proud of Jackie's effort in the 100-meter dash," said Coach Graber. "This was her first time competing in that event."

Sophomore Laura Delimont placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 82-9.5.

Junior Klaire Mann rounded out scoring for the Norton girls with a sixth place finish in the shot put with a heave of 29-1.

Not placing for Norton were: Delimont, 27-10; Tabitha Vincent, 21-11.5, shot put; Mann, 75-6; Vincent, 47-.5, personal record, discus; Delimont, 68-11; Danielle LeClair, 65-3, javelin; D. LeClair, 12-7.5; Brianna Nelson, 11-7.5, long jump; Engelbert, 18.19, high hurdles; Nelson, 14.16, 100-meter dash; C. LeClair, did not finish, 300-meter hurdles.

Next action

Norton is scheduled to compete this Friday in the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney.

The meet will begin at 3:30 p.m.

Norton golf team wins Hill City Invitational

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School team battled cold and windy weather to win the championship of the Hill City Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday in Hill City.

Norton carded a 343 to win the title, followed by Trego, 347; Hoxie, 347; Plainville, 352; Grinnell, 356; Stockton, 357; Phillipsburg, 360; Ellis, 368; Ness City, 381; Osborne, 385; Oberlin, 392; Oakley, 436; Brewster, 485.

Low scorer for Norton was Dane Krizek with a 39/39-78. He was followed by Jared Mindrup with a 45/41-86. Nick Evans was third low for the Blue Jays with a 42/45-87. Rounding out the four-man team was Ryan Maddy with a 46/46-92.

Also playing for Norton were

Kyle Kats, 48/48-96 and Corey Look, 52/45-97.

Krizek was No.2 medalist and Mindrup was No.10.

The medalists were Jeff Cameron, Hoxie, 76; followed by Krizek; Carter Atkins, Hill City, 81; Nathan Locke, Trego, 82; Nam Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 83; Tony Struckoff, Grinnell, 84; Garrett Frederking, Plainville, 84; Nick Roach, Osborne, 85; Jordan, Stithem, Stockton, 85; and Mindrup.

"I am very pleased with our play today," said Coach Stover.

"In yet another tournament with extremely difficult playing conditions, we did a better job of staying mentally focused the entire day and earned a hard-fought tournament victory, shooting a season low team score in the process.

"After early season struggles, it

was good to see Dane Krizek come back and shoot a very good round of golf today. Jared Mindrup continued his solid play, earning a medalist position by winning a three player card playoff.

"We received positive contributions from all six golfers. We are seeing steady improvement from all of them."

The Norton junior varsity golfers are scheduled to compete today in the Smith Center Junior Varsity Golf Tournament, beginning at 3 p.m.

Next action for the varsity team will be Thursday in the Trego Invitational Golf Tournament, in WaKeeney starting at 9 a.m.

Also on Thursday, the Norton junior varsity golfers will compete in the Logan Invitational Golf Tournament, beginning at 3



Norton senior Amber Engelbert clears a hurdle during the 300 meter intermediate hurdles in the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet on Friday. Engelbert, a dependable competitor in the 300 and 100 meter hurdles, placed sixth in the 300s on Friday on a cold, windy day.

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