

# Norton boys and girls track teams compete at Oberlin

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity boys track team placed sixth and the girls varsity track team eighth in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday.

"This was a very competitive meet with some outstanding athletes in all events," said Norton head track coach Bruce Graber.

"I was anxious to see how we would react to the competition and the weekend off. I gave our athletes last Friday off when the Trego meet was canceled in hopes of getting healed physically and freshened up a little mentally.

"It seemed to work in some cases since we had quite a few personal records.

"Our throwers set seven personal records. Even though they didn't score a bunch of points with the records, they had a great day. The points will come if we can continue to improve like this group did today.

"Our hurdlers did a very solid job as well. Justin Shirk made a great return to competition after a full month off. I had him at 15.4 in the 110-meter hurdles, which is a big personal record for him, but his time was listed at 15.87. We had a number of athletes who had better times than what was listed officially.

"Jared Cox had a big time jump in the 300-meter hurdles as well. He dropped his time there to 41.6.

"Courtney LeClair dropped over a full second in the 300 hurdles and had a solid personal record on my watch in the 100-meter hurdles as well but, again, the official time was .3 slower than my watch.

"Our 4 x 100 and 4 x 400-meter relays had really solid performances today as well with season bests in all but one of those."

## BOYS

Phillipsburg edged Smith Center for the boys championship. The Panthers scored 96 points and the

Redmen tallied 95. The other four top placing teams were: Goodland, 82; St. Francis, 59; Oberlin, 54; Norton, 40.

Blake VanEaton was the only gold medal winner for the Norton boys. He passed Kuhlman of Oakley in the home stretch to win the 800-meter run in 2 minutes, 9.2 seconds.

Derek Volgamore also ran well in the 800-meters, finishing in 2:10.76 to place fourth.

Volgamore also placed fourth in the 3,200-meter run in 11:38.7.

VanEaton also anchored Norton's three relay teams.

The Blue Jay 4x800-meter relay team placed fourth with a clocking of 9:02.10. Team members and time splits were: Volgamore, 2:11.3; Jared Engelbert, 2:15.1; Kent Mann, 2:19.4 and VanEaton, 2:15.3.

The Blue Jays' 4x100-meter relay team just missed placing when they were timed in a personal record 46.1. Team members and time splits were: Seth Mills, 13.0; Lance Roe, 11.1; Andrew Ables, 10.4; VanEaton, 11.1.

Norton's 4x400-meter relay team would have placed with their time of 3:45.1 but they were disqualified on a technicality. Team members and time splits were: Nathan Morse, 58.2; Jared Cox, 55.3; Heath Vincent, 58.3; VanEaton, 52.3.

Justin Shirk placed fourth in the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.4 and Cox was right behind him in fifth with a clocking of 16.34.

"It was really great to see Justin Shirk come back swinging for the fence after a serious hamstring injury," said Coach Graber.

Cox also finished third in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a personal record time of 41.6.

Nathan Broeckelman placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 46.1 and sixth in the high jump with a height of 5-6. He just missed placing in the pole vault



Norton's Blake VanEaton receives the baton from Andrew Ables for the anchor leg of the 4 x 100 meter relay in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. The four-

with a personal record height of 11-0.

"I thought Nathan Broeckelman had a very solid day," said Coach Graber.

"He made great strides in the high jump, even though the final height doesn't show it, and tied his

personal record in the pole vault. Technique wise, he made big strides today."

Roe finished in sixth place in the pole vault with a height of 11-6.

"Lance Roe struggled with his calf muscle pull and will not compete this Friday," said Coach Graber.

"We are trying to get him healthy, along with Seth Mills. Unfortunately, we've lost Logan Keiswetter for the season due to injury."

Heath Vincent placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 42-11.

Although he did not place, Ables set personal records in three events. He ran the 200-meter dash in 24.3, reached a distance of 40-6 in the shot put and threw the javelin 137-6.

Other Norton boys' performances which did not place were: Vincent, 118-6, discus; Bryce Engelbert, failed opening height, high jump; Lucas Wiseman, 18-1; Todd Bolt, 17-4; Morse, 15-10, long jump; Wiseman, 34-9; Bolt, 34-9; Wes Georgeson, 34-5, triple jump; Bolt, 12-71; B. Engelbert, 12.80, 100-meter dash; Morse, 57.4; Wiseman, 60.4; Philip VanDerWeele, 72.0, personal record, 400-meter dash; Georgeson, 48.21, personal record, 300-meter hurdles; J. Engelbert, 2:15.2, 800-meter run; B. Engelbert, 27.0, 200-meter dash.

## GIRLS

The girls championship was also decided by one point. St. Francis won the title with 85 points and Rawlins County totaled 84 to place second. Oberlin was close with 81 points for third place. Hoxie tallied 66 points for fourth, followed by Trego, 59; Smith Center, 57; Goodland, 37; Norton, 28; Phillipsburg, 23; Grinnell, 22; Oakley, 13.

Courtney LeClair scored points for the Lady Jays in four different

events. some of Able, VanEaton, Seth Mills and Lance Roe was timed in 46.1, a personal record, and just missed qualifying in a tough field.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

events.

She placed third in the triple jump with a leap of 30-10.5, fourth in the 100-meter high hurdles in 16.3, fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a personal best time of 51.34 and ran on the 4 x 400-meter relay team which placed fifth with a personal record clocking of 4:29.

Members of the 4x400-meter relay team and time splits were: Chelsea Dodson, 66.6; Naomi Streck, 68.3; C. LeClair, 67.0 and Karlie Jones, 67.1.

"Courtney finished third in the triple jump in her first try in the event and set a nice personal record of 30-10.5," said Coach Graber.

"She was solid there as she had two other jumps over 30 feet and every one of them was from eight inches behind the board. If we can get her up to the edge of the board, she's looking at 32-6 easily right now."

Chelle Donovan and Amanda Antrim continued to score points in the pole vault. Donovan placed second with a vault of 9-0 and Antrim tied for fifth with a height of 7-0.

"Chelle and Amanda had another good day," said Coach Graber.

"Amanda made very noticeable progress in technique to get back to the more consistent height level that she was at a year ago."

Lacey Roe continued to throw the javelin well. She placed fourth with a throw of 101-4.

The Lady Jays' 4x100-meter relay team finished in fifth place with a personal best time of 54.1. Team members and time splits

were: Antrim, 14.2; Donovan, 13.3; Danielle LeClair, 13.1; Jones, 13.0.

"One of the biggest, brightest spots of the day for me was Jaelyn Krueger's efforts," said Coach Graber.

"She set four personal records in four different events and made a big move to get on that 4x100-meter relay team.

"She had the best 100-meter dash time of anyone we have had run there all season and also had the best mark in the long jump that we have seen for some time."

Krueger ran the 100-meters in 13.69, the 200-meters in 29.86, the 400-meters in 70.5 and long jumped 13-4.5.

Other Norton girls performances that did not place were: Klaire Mann, 31-0, personal record; Laura Delimont, 30-2.5, personal record; Tabitha Vincent, 22-7, personal record, shot put; Mann, 98-4, personal record; Delimont, 84-3; Vincent, 57-0, personal record, discus; Delimont, did not make minimum mark; D. LeClair, did not make minimum mark, javelin; D. LeClair, 12-10; Brianna Nelson, 12-5.5, long jump; Dodson, 6-0, pole vault; Amber Engelbert, 18.0, high hurdles; Antrim, disqualified; Nelson, 14.21, 100-meter dash; Streck, 68.06; Dodson, 67.12, 400-meter dash; Engelbert, 54.0, 300-meter hurdles; Jones, 2:49; Courtney Cox, 3:07, 800-meter run; Streck, 29.3; Nelson, 30.96, 200-meter dash.

Norton is scheduled to compete in the Russell Invitational Track Meet today, beginning at 3 p.m.



Norton senior Amber Engelbert displays perfect form as she flies over a hurdle during the 100 meter high hurdles race in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. A steady performer, Engelbert also runs the 300 meter intermediate hurdles.

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# Norton wins junior varsity golf tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Blue Jays won their own Norton Junior Varsity Golf Tournament held Tuesday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association Golf Course south of Norton.

Norton scored 178 to win the championship, followed by Phillipsburg, 198; Plainville, 212; Norton B, 221; Trego, 235; Smith Center, 257; Hill City, 266; Hoxie, 274; Stockton, 283; Norton C, 288.

The Blue Jays had six of the ten medalists. Pat Burton shot a 41 to earn No.1 medalist honors. Josh Jackson shot a 43 for the No.2 medalist spot and Michael Ward

was No.3 medalist with a 45.

Zach Dole, a member of the Norton B team, was No.7 medalist with a 49 and Tyler Burns was right behind him in No.8 medalist position with a 49 to complete the Blue Jays' four-man score.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: Clay Madden, 51, who won No.10 medalist honors, and Preston Herman, 56.

Other medalists were: Brad Willer, Phillipsburg, 47, No.4; Corey McQueen, Plainville, 48, No.5; Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg, 49, No.6; Austin Bowman, Phillipsburg, 50, No.9.

Members of the Norton B four-man team and scores were: Zach Dole, 49; Brett Thomson, 52; Kyle Edgett, 55 and Jordan Durham, 65. Also playing on the Norton B team were Lacy Ellis, 74 and Nolan Evans, 71.

Playing for the Norton C four-man team and scores were: Tosha Lyon, 70; Megan Kats, 72; Haley Jones, 72 and Stacy Reeves, 74. Also playing on the Norton C team were Kylie Morel, 80 and Tim Becker, 80.

"It was an outstanding day for Norton Community High School golf," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"We took advantage of great scoring conditions to shoot many season and career best rounds.

"Winning the team title by 20 shots and winning six of 10 medalist honors is a testament to how well we played throughout the lineup today.

"Leading the way for the day were Pat Burton, who won his first individual tournament title, and Josh Jackson, who shot a season best to earn runnerup honors.

"From top to bottom, this has been a great group to work with. They have made great improvement from the beginning of the season."

# Freshmen-sophomores do well at Hill City meet

By DICK BOYD

Norton competed in the Freshmen-Sophomore Track Meet in Hill City on Monday.

The meet had been postponed from Monday, April 25 due to inclement weather.

No team scores were recorded.

In the girls division, Brianna Nelson placed in four events. She was third in the long jump with a leap of 11-feet 10-inches, third in the 400-meter dash in 1 minute, 15.3 seconds, third in the 200-meter dash in 33.28 and fifth in the 100-meter dash in 14.81.

Courtney Cox finished third in the 800-meter run in 3:11.

Tabitha Vincent recorded a distance of 22-5 in the shot put

and 46-9 in the discus but did not place.

In the boys division, Wes Georgeson placed in three events. He finished second in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 50.1; fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 34-9, and fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15-11.25.

Bryce Engelbert placed in two events. He was third in the 400-meter dash in 62.1 and fourth in the 200-meter dash in 26.01. He also ran the 100-meters in 12.80 and high jumped 5-0 but did not place in these events.

Philip VanDerWeele finished in seventh place in the 800-meter run with a personal best time of 2:51.4. He also long jumped 11-6.