

Norton athletes earn three medals at state meet

By DICK BOYD

Four Norton Community High School athletes, juniors Lance Roe, Chelle Donovan and Karlie Jones and freshman Jared Cox, competed in Class 3A in the State Track and Field Meet on Friday and Saturday in Wichita and three of them earned medals.

Roe placed fifth in the pole vault with 13 feet, Donovan finished in sixth in the pole vault with 9, Cox placed sixth in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 41.44 seconds and Jones was 15th in the 800-meter run in 2:47.43.

"All track fans in Norton should be very proud of the four youngsters who competed at the state meet this past weekend," said Norton head track coach Bruce Graber.

"When you take four athletes and three of them bring home a medal, you had a great weekend. The state meet is so tough because of the competition you face as well as the environment and the long wait for events like Karlie faced. She did not compete until 6:15 Saturday evening. It really works on you mentally as well as physically."

"The great thing about these four youngsters is they all have the opportunity to compete at the show again next year. And, I feel very confident they will have more company with them as well."

"To all four of these youngsters, I say congratulations on a job well done."

"I'm very proud of these athletes as well as all the youngsters who competed for us this spring. Each and every one of them improved by leaps and bounds and should be anxious to get to work in preparing for next year's exploits."

Roe qualified for the state meet by winning the pole vault in the regional meet the previous week in Minneapolis with a personal best vault of 13-6. He just missed qualifying for the state meet last season when he placed fifth in the pole vault in the regional meet.

"Lance vaulted very well and had confidence going into the state meet as he had made 14 feet on Tuesday in practice," said Coach Graber.

"If he can stay healthy for the entire season next year, he has a

great opportunity to move up the ladder a long way."

This was Donovan's third state meet competition in the pole vault. Her freshman year, she placed second in the regional meet but did not place at state. Last season, she won the regional competition and placed fifth in the state meet.

This season, she also placed second in the regional meet with a vault of 9 feet.

"This makes two years in a row for Chelle to bring home some jewelry from the state meet and that is impressive to an old guy who never even had the chance to compete at that level," said Coach Graber.

"She vaulted well in a very talented field."

"It is amazing to see the height improvement in the women's pole vault."

Cox qualified for state by placing third in regionals with a personal record of 41.4.

He placed fourth in his heat of the 300-meter hurdles on Friday in 42.05. In Saturday's finals, he tied his personal best with 41.44 and was just 1/4 second out of third.

"What a way for a freshman to start his career," said Coach Graber.

"He ran a super race in the finals with great rhythm and technique."

"He had a great week of preparation and it paid off with an excellent performance."

Jones qualified for the state meet by placing fourth in the 800-meter run in the regional meet with a personal best of 2:30.9.

"Things just didn't come together for Karlie on Saturday but she definitely belonged in that race," said Coach Graber.

"She had earned that right in the last three weeks with her efforts since the Russell meet which resulted in dropping 16 seconds from her previous best this season."

"What she did on the track in those three weeks far overshadows her performance at the state meet."



Norton junior Chelle Donovan vaults over the bar to place sixth in the pole vault with a height of 9 feet in the State Track Meet in Wichita. It was her third straight year to qualify for the pole vault event in the state meet. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton High School to give track awards

The annual Norton Community High School Track and Field Awards Night will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Band Room at the High School.

Members of the girls and boys track teams will receive letters and awards.

Coach Bruce Graber will introduce each member of the squads

and tell about their successes this season. Parents and all other fans are invited to be present to help honor the athletes.

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