

# Norton boys team wins Oberlin cross country

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School boys won their second straight championship and the Lady Blue Jays placed fourth in the 38th annual Oberlin Invitational Cross Country Meet last Tuesday in Oberlin. Norton won the boys championship with 45 points, followed by Colby, 54; Quinter, 79; Wheatland, 96; Phillipsburg, 106; Oberlin, 146; Cambridge, Neb., 164; McCook, Neb., Junior Varsity, 221.

Oakley was the girls champion with 38 points, followed by Wheatland, 81; Goodland, 111; Norton, 112; Oberlin, 120; Phillipsburg, 120; McCook, 155; Southwest, Neb., 173; Quinter, 191.

## Boys division

Zach Bainter placed highest for the Norton varsity boys with a fifth place finish in the three miles in 17 minutes, 37 seconds.

It was Bainter's second best time of the season. He placed seventh at WaKeeney with a clocking of 17:20.

Logan Keiswetter placed ninth in 18:11. It was his second best time of the season. His previous best was 17:44 at WaKeeney where he placed eighth.

Kent Mann was 11th in 18:29, just three seconds off his season's best time of 18:26 which he ran when he placed 18th at WaKeeney.

Jared Engelbert was fourth best Norton runner with a time of 19:06 and 16th place finish. This was also his second best time of the season. He ran 17:56 at WaKeeney to place 13th.

Jared Bebb rounded out the top five Blue Jay boys with a 22nd place finish in 19:33. It was also his second best time of the year. He was timed in 19:03 for a 26th place finish at WaKeeney.

Coady Nickell finished 33rd in 20:15 for his second best time of the season. He ran 19:29 to win the junior varsity race at WaKeeney. Luke VanSlike placed 43rd in 20:57 in what was his third best time of the year. He was timed in 19:36 at WaKeeney where he placed second in the junior varsity race.

In junior varsity boys competition, Camilo Brireno finished in second place with a clocking of 19:39. David Counter was fourth in 20:08.

Philip Van Der Weele was 12th in 23:06, which was a personal record for him. His previous best was 23:41 at WaKeeney where he finished 23rd.

"Our boys are getting stronger," said Coach Hager.

"We talked about getting our top five boys in the top 20 to leave no doubt on our team placing. We did it the week before at Hill City and came very close today.

"I have told our boys that, if we are to have a good team, all five must run great at the same time. We have not done this yet but it is coming very soon.

"I am very proud of my boys. This is two big wins in less than a week."

## Girls division

Laura Lee Baird set a personal record with a first place finish in the girls two mile race with a time of 12:23.

It was her third personal cham-

ionship of the season and beat her time of 12:44 at WaKeeney, where she also placed first. She also won the race in the Norton Invitational at the start of the season.

KaraJo Jones finished in 11th place with a time of 13:23, which was also her personal record. She ran her previous best of 13:48 at WaKeeney where she placed fifth.

Amber Overlease finished in 32nd place with a time of 14:51, which was also her best of the season. Her previous best time was 15:10 for a 16th place finish at WaKeeney. Her race at WaKeeney was her first of the season.

Karlynn Kent was right behind Overlease in 33rd with a time of 14:52. This was also her best time; her previous best was 15:31 for 23rd at WaKeeney.

Karlie Jones was Norton's fifth finisher with a time of 15:05 for 36th. This was her best time of the year. Her previous best was 15:34.18 when she placed 50th at Wamego.

"Laura Lee ran her best race this year and is running the way I was hoping she would be by this time," said Coach Hager.

"This coming week will be a big test for her but, if I know her, she will make herself ready for it with some good practices.

"With the big schools here, it was not as easy for our girls. We still have some work to do if we are looking to do well as a team in the upcoming week and on down the line."

The cross country teams will compete on Thursday in the Mid-Continent League Meet starting at 4:30 p.m. in Phillipsburg.

# Norton eighth-grade girls beat McCook in volleyball

The Norton eighth-grade Junior Lady Jays beat McCook in three games 25-21, 19-25, 15-8 on Sept. 22 in McCook.

"We traveled to McCook to take on the Bison and came up against a scrappy team that sent the ball back to us, making us stay on our toes for the entire match," said Coach Chuck Zimmerman. "We won the first game 25-21 as the team served 22 of 24 in for us to score with and set the tone.

"In the second game, we streaked out to a good lead of 8-1, but the Bison came back and we let one server get 6 straight points on us and McCook won 25-19 to send us into a third game.

"This game was truly a back and forth event as neither team allowed more than 3 points in any one rotation and we only allowed them 3 once, getting them to commit mistakes on all the others, as we won with a 15-8 score.

"Our perfect servers for the match were Alyssa Thomson with 8, Shelby Jones and Amanda Ray with 6 each, while Ashlie Stewart was 16 of 17, Beth Winkel was 9 of 10, and Beth Roy was 7 of 8."

The junior varsity won 28-26, 11-25, 15-6.

"Our junior varsity received some good time on the court as the Bison had many players who also needed court time," said Coach Zimmerman. "The first game saw our junior varsity-one team fighting their way to a hard won 28-26 victory with some good serving by the entire team.

"The second game saw our junior varsity-two team on the floor. They played hard but came up on the short end of an 25-11 score.

"In the third game, we combined our forces by putting the first group out and they built a 10-6 lead. Then we had the second team

come in and they did very well as they played with more confidence and sealed the victory

by not letting McCook have the serve back. We scored 5 straight points for the 15-6 victory.

"Perfect servers for the match were Melissa Byler with 4, Zoey Meyers with 5, Melinda Becker with 2 and Katie Gall with 8."

The Junior Lady Jays will host Osborne on Thursday, beginning at 4:30 p.m. They will then compete

in the Mid-Continent Elementary League Tournament in WaKeeney, starting at 9 a.m. Saturday.

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# Logan volleyball team goes 1-3 at Osborne Round Robin

The Logan Lady Trojans were 1-3 at the Osborne Round Robin Saturday.

"This was a really uniform tournament," said Coach Robin Van Laeys. "We ended up 1-3, but could have just as easily been 4-0."

"I am very pleased with the fact that we were improving in the midst of the day. Hopefully, we are on track to being at our best at the end of the year."

Logan's ladies lost to Lakeside 17-25, 23-25.

As a team, they served 37 of 40, hit 43 of 59, set 47 of 64, and made 1 assisted block and 4 of 6 dinks.

Top players were: • Serves — Heather Boys, 8 of 8; • Attacks — Boys, 10 of 12 with 3 kills;

• Sets — Jenny Noel, 24 of 32 with 8 assists;

• Serve Receives — Anne Hartman, 8 of 10;

• Blocks — Shelley Kemper, 2 assists; Danen Rundle, 2 assists; Hartman, 1 solo, 1 assist.

• Dinks — Kemper, 3 of 3 with 1 assist;

• Dig — Kemper, 6 of 6.

The Lady Trojans were defeated by Sylvan Grove 25-18, 23-25, 22-25.

As a team, they served 67 of 71, hit 60 of 74, set 61 of 76, and made 2 solo and 4 assisted blocks and 13 of 15 dinks.

Top players were: • Serves — Brumbaugh, 13 of 13 with 1 ace;

• Attacks — Rundle, 11 of 13 with 6 kills;

• Sets — Brumbaugh, 24 of 32 with 9 assists; Jenny Noel, 30 of 36 with 9 assists;

• Serve Receives — Kaitlyn Noone, 5 of 5; Kemper, 13 of 19;

• Blocks — Kemper, 2 solos, 1 assist; Noone, 3 assists;

• Dinks — Hartman, 5 of 5 with 3 kills;

• Digs — Brumbaugh, 9 of 11; Boys, 6 of 8.

Logan beat Stockton 26-24, 25-22.

As a team, they served 48 of 50, hit 32 of 42, set 36 of 44, and made 2 solo and 2 assisted blocks and 8 of 11 dinks.

Top players were: • Serves — Noel, 10 of 10 with

2 aces; Boys, 10 of 10;

• Attacks — Noone, 7 of 7 with 4 kills;

• Sets — Noel, 20 of 22 with 8 assists;

• Serve Receives — Bethany Clements, 5 of 8; Kemper, 5 of 8;

• Blocks — Kemper, 2 solos, 1 assist;

• Dinks — Kemper, 6 of 7;

• Digs — Boys, 4 of 4.

The Lady Trojans lost 22-25, 22-25 to Osborne.

As a team, they served 44 of 45, hit 48 of 60, set 56 of 65, and made 6 blocks and 18 of 21 dinks.

Top players were: • Serves — Kemper, 12 of 12 with 2 aces;

• Attacks — Kemper, 16 of 21 with 4 kills;

• Sets — Noel, 20 of 22 with 7 assists; Brumbaugh, 28 of 35 with 5 assists;

• Serve Receives — Clements, 8 of 12; Kemper, 7 of 11;

• Blocks — Hartman, 3 assists; Noone, 3 assists;

• Dinks — Kemper, 6 of 6 with 2 kills;

• Digs — Clements, 7 of 7.

# Norton seventh-grade girls lose in three to McCook in volleyball

The Norton Junior High seventh-grade Lady Jays lost to McCook 24-26, 25-20, 14-16 on Sept. 22 in McCook.

"We traveled to McCook to take on the Bison," said Coach Erin Hill. "McCook does not have seventh-grade volleyball, however, so the seventh grade girls varsity team took on the Lady Bisons' eighth grade 'B' team.

"Our girls definitely proved they were up to the challenge; although we ended up just a bit short, as we lost the match in three games with scores of 24-26, 25-20 and 14-16. We definitely had several chances to win the match, but we just couldn't put it all together at the right times.

"In the first game, both teams rallied back and forth. It was fun to watch because neither team would give up and let the ball hit the floor. Everyone was moving their feet and flying everywhere to get balls.

"In the second game we came together a bit more as a team and

communicated better. Kelsie Griffith and Dustyna Sprigg both served very well for us in this game.

"In the third and final game of the match, the girls had some trouble talking on the floor and communicating with their teammates. This definitely hurt us this game, as we fell just short of pulling off the victory. Kelsie Griffith

served well for us in the game as well.

"Overall, I was pleased and proud of these girls and how they played. Like I told them, the only downfall of the match was that we did not communicate well with each other. They should keep their chins up because they played those eighth-grade Lady Bisons' extremely well."

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