

# Norton cross country boys take league meet

By DICK BOYD

For the second straight year, the Norton Community High School boys cross country team has won the Mid-Continent League championship.

Coach Deyton Hager's Blue Jay boys won the title on Thursday in Phillipsburg by scoring 45 points. Ellis placed second with 64, followed by WaKeeney, 73; Phillipsburg, 82; Hill City, 85.

Oberlin competed as a non-league team and placed sixth.

Norton freshman Zach Bainter was the individual champion with a time of 18 minutes, 6.77 seconds for the three mile race.

Blue Jay junior Logan Keiswetter placed fourth in 19:03.79. He was also fourth in the overall race.

Norton junior Jared Engelbert placed 10th in 19:30. He was 12th in the overall race.

Placing 16th for Norton was junior Jared Bebb in 19:48.15. He was 18th overall.

Freshman Coady Nickell ran his second best time of the season to place 17th in 19:53.87. He was 19th overall.

Junior Kent Mann placed 19th in 20:28.04 and he was 21st overall.

Junior Camilo Bireno was 20th in 20:28.47 and was 22nd overall.

"I didn't know how this race was going to turn out," said Coach Hager. "With Kent not at his best, someone was going to have to step up. Coady ran a great race. Without him stepping up and running his best, our team would not have won this league meet."

"I knew Zach could have a big day and coming home with four gold medals made him understand



Norton's Zach Bainter and Phillipsburg's Kyle Merklein, who finished in seventh place, led the pack early in the cross country meet at Phillipsburg on Thursday. Also shown for Norton is Jared Bebb and Northern Valley's Bryce Marble, who finished in ninth place. Laura Lee Baird of Norton, left, ran her second best time of the season to place second in 12:41.88.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble

how important he is to this team."

Sophomore David Counter placed second in the junior varsity boys race in 20:45.25 and sophomore Luke VanSlike finished right behind him in third place in

20:45.60. Senior Philip Van Der Weele placed 19th in 25:24.

Osborne won the girls championship with 48 points, Hill City was second with 52 and Norton

placed third with 56. Phillipsburg was fourth with 62 points. Overall, Lakeside won the championship and the rest of the Mid-Continent League teams followed along in the same order as the

league race. Oberlin placed sixth overall as team.

In the girls two-mile race, freshman Laura Lee Baird placed second with a time of 12:41.88, which was her second best time of the

season. She was beaten for the individual title by sophomore Aubrey Frederking of Plainville/Ellis in a time of 12:34.23. Baird was also second overall.

Freshman KaraJo Jones continued to run well and placed 9th in 13:54.95. She was 11th overall.

Finishing in 15th place was sophomore Karlynn Kent in 14:34.27. She was 21st overall. Kent's time was a personal best. Her previous best time was 14:52 at Oberlin where she placed 33rd.

Senior Amber Overlease placed 24th in 15:31.60. She was 34th overall.

Following Overlease to the finish line was senior Karlie Jones, who has been running on a sore foot. She placed 25th in 15:33.28, which was actually her second best time of the season. She was 35th overall.

Junior Morgan Bailey placed 31st in 16:51.43. She was 46th overall.

"My girls knew this could be a very close race and it turned out to be just that," said Coach Hager.

"Karlie really hurt that foot that has been keeping her from doing her best this year and she will not run for the rest of the year."

"Laura Lee did a great job coming in just seven seconds behind the Class 2A state champion from Plainville. She is closing the gap and getting stronger."

"KaraJo did a super job as well. These two freshmen are doing such a great job of running this year."

The cross country team's next competition will be Thursday when they compete in the Lakeside Invitational, which begins at 4 p.m.

# Northern Valley defeats Logan 60-32



Northern Valley's Joey Copper, No. 13, makes a first down for the Huskies in Friday's 60-32 win over Logan. Copper gained 113 yards on 12 carries. Clarke Nelson (below) is tackled by Logan's Tim McElroy. Nelson led

rushing for the Huskies with 241 yards on 16 carries. Also shown for Northern Valley in the bottom picture are No. 62 Cole Kinderknecht and No. 70 Patrick Hammond.

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The Northern Valley Huskies just about doubled the score of the Logan Trojans Friday night in Alma, beating them 60-32.

Northern Valley's Clarke Nelson was first into the end zone 13 seconds into the game when he rushed 65 yards to score. Avery Thalheim ran for the conversion.

Logan scored with 7:50 showing when Bryant Reese passed 24 yards to Ethan Gottschalk.

At 7:11, Nelson ran another 64 yards for a second touchdown. Thalheim ran in the points after.

The Huskies scored again with 4:08 on the clock on a 15-yard run from Thalheim.

Levi Kiser put 6 more on the board for the Trojans 16 seconds later on a 73-yard kick return.

With 1:43 left in the quarter, Joey Copper rushed 38 yards in the last scoring play of the first.

Thalheim ran in the extra points, giving the Huskies a 30-12 lead.

At 8:27 in the second, Thalheim dashed nine yards for 6 points.

Logan added another 8 to their tally with 2:33 left in the half on a 57-yard run from Reese, who then ran in the conversion.

Just over two minutes into the third quarter, Reese made another 6 for the Trojans on a 16-yard run.



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With three minutes left in the third, Nelson rushed 14 yards to score and then was back for the extra points, making the tally 52-

26.

At 8:46 in the fourth, Thalheim made the Huskies' last touchdown, dashing three yards. Copper passed to Cole Kinderknecht for the extra points.

With 5:16 left, the Trojans scored one more time on a five-yard run from Wesley Riley. The points after attempt failed, making the tally 60-32 in Northern Valley's favor.

"We got off to a good start with 30 points and 236 yards rushing in the first quarter," said Coach Chuck Fessenden. "After that we were pretty flat and played with little emotion the rest of the game."

"Clarke Nelson had a good night running the ball. The line did a nice job of blocking for him."

"We have the next week off, which should help us to get over some sickness and injuries before we play our final two district games."

Nelson led rushing with 241 yards on 16 carries, followed by Copper, 113 on 12; Thalheim, 67 on 15; Frans Laubscher, 7 on 2; Casey Dole, 3 on 2; Cody Lowry, 2 of 2; and Brynton Anderson, -2 on 2.

Copper completed 3 of 6 passes for 15 yards. Receiving were Kinderknecht, 2 for 15 yards; and Thalheim, 1 for -1 yard.

Patrick Hammond had 9 kick-offs for 386 yards. Richie Kersch returned 4 for 64 yards.

Andrew Sheley led tackles with 9 solos and 2 assists, followed by Copper, 8-4; Lowry, 6-3; Kinderknecht, 4-3; Nathaniel Gra-

ham, 4-1; Kersch, 3-3; Nelson, 3-2; Hammond, 3-0; Zac Miller, 2-2; Josey Shearer, 1-2; Dole, 1-0; Travis Redeker, 1-0; Tanner Jessup, 1-0; Braden Kersch, 0-2.

The Northern Valley junior varsity will play Arapahoe on Monday, Oct. 17, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Arapahoe.

The varsity will be in Agra on Friday, Oct. 21, where they will play Eastern Heights. Kick-off is 7 p.m.

### Game Statistics

N. Valley		Logan
12	First Downs	11
431	Yards Rushing	176
15	Yards Passing	39
446	Total Yards	215
3-6	Passes Completed	5-18
4-35	Penalties	7-42
7-4	Fumbles	6-2
2-51-25.5	Punts	6-183-30.5

## Regional Tennis postponed

The Class 3-2-1A Regional Tennis Tournament scheduled for yesterday in WaKeeney has been postponed until Wednesday due to the rainy weather.

In addition to Norton and Trego, teams will compete from Beloit, Claflin, Hoisington, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Tribune and Victoria.

Matches will begin at 10 a.m. The top four placers will qualify for the state tournament.

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