



Lady Blue Jay senior Whitney Newell hits the volleyball over the outstretched hand of a Stockton player to score a point during Norton's win over the Lady Tigers in the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Saturday in Smith Center. At right for Norton is senior Chelsea Cox. Norton senior Rachael Lentz, left, returns a serve from a Stockton player during the Lady Jays' victory over the Lady Tigers in the Mid-Continent League Volleyball Tournament. At right for Norton is junior Maggie Nielsen. Norton placed third in the tournament.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd

Norton boys third in Lakeside Invitational

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School boys cross country team placed third in the Lakeside Invitational Meet held on Thursday on the golf course at Downs.

Southeast of Saline won the championship with 52 points, followed by Salina-Sacred Heart, 69; Norton, 78; Beloit, 126; Pike Valley, 130; Belleville, 139; Ellsworth, 152; Phillipsburg, 175; Lakeside, 250; Jewell/White Rock, 260.

Norton's Zach Bainter continued to run well and placed fifth with a time of 18 minutes, 7 seconds over the 3.1 mile course.

Logan Keiswetter placed 14th with a clocking of 18:45.

Kent Mann finished in 17th position with a time of 19:05.

Placing 22nd for Norton was Jared Engelbert with a clocking of 19:20.

Jared Bebb placed 36th with a time of 19:56.

Also running for Norton were Coady Nickell, who was 47th in

20:33 and Luke VanSike, who was 57th in 21:20.

David Counter placed fifth in the junior varsity race and Philip Van Der Weele and Bryce Engelbert also ran in the junior varsity race. Times were not available.

"Our boys didn't do too badly," said Coach Hager. "There was some tough competition. Zach ran well and Logan had a pretty good time but most of our times were not as good as I expected.

"The course was flat so you would think you would run better but we do better on a hilly course. It was our first time to run at Lakeside so it was an eye-opener. We'll be prepared the next time we run there.

"This was really a practice meet. Our main goal is to get prepared for the regionals this Saturday. They are at Ellsworth and that course is hilly."

Laura Lee Baird continues to run well for the Norton girls. She placed third with a time of 12:49.

KaraJo Jones was 34th in 14:19

and Karlynn Kent placed 53rd in 15:39. Morgan Bailey finished 62nd in 16:37.

"Laura Lee ran outstanding again," said Coach Hager.

"KaraJo ran well, too, but there were a lot of good girls in the race. Amber Overlease was sick and did not race so we didn't have enough girls for a team score."

Next action

Norton will compete in the Class 3A Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday on the golf course in Ellsworth.

The girls race will begin at 2:30 p.m. and the boys race at 3 p.m.

In addition to Norton and Ellsworth, teams will be competing from Beloit, Bennington, Cimarron, Ellinwood, Southeast of Saline, Hoisington, Holcomb, Lakin, Lyons, Oberlin, Phillipsburg and Salina-Sacred Heart.

The top three teams and top 10 individuals will qualify for the state meet on Saturday, October 29 in Wamego.

Huskies compete at Wheatland

The Northern Valley cross country team competed in the Wheatland Invitational on Oct. 13.

"This meet was a good meet for us as we were able to run against a couple of 1A schools for the first time," said Coach Bill Lowry. "The weather was great. Wheatland's course is very flat.

"This was a good opportunity for us to run this course because we will be running our regional meet in Wheatland on Oct. 22."

In boys varsity, Bryce Marble took fourth in 19 minutes, 9 seconds.

"Bryce ran a very good race today, competing in the top five the entire time," said Coach Lowry. "He improved 36 seconds from last year on this course."

In varsity girls, Amanda Hopkins placed 14th in 14:48. Jena Jessup was in 26th at 18:12.

"Amanda ran a solid race," said the coach. "Jena did a great job fighting through an illness to complete the course."

In the freshmen boys run, Stanton Nelson took second in 23:33.

"Stanton ran a good race coming off a week lay off due to illness," said the coach.



Stanton Nelson took second place in the freshman boys race at the Wheatland Invitational on Thursday.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble



Norton freshman KaraJo Jones leads a group of runners on her way to a ninth place finish at the Mid-Continent League Cross Country Meet at Phillipsburg on Oct. 6.

— Telegram photo by Susie Marble

Northern Valley cross country competes at Riley County

The Northern Valley High School and junior high cross country teams competed in the Riley County Invitational on Oct. 8.

"Riley County is a great course to run on and the weather was ideal," said Coach Bill Lowry. "The competition is the toughest we will see all year long. This is a tough meet in our schedule as we are running the second race in three days."

Amanda Hopkins came in first for Northern Valley in the high school junior varsity girls run in 15 minutes, 2.18 seconds. Jessie Redeker was behind her in 10th at 16:43.14, followed by Jena Jessup in 16th with a time of 18:20.57.

"Amanda ran a good race, finishing 45th overall in 114 runners," said Coach Lowry. "Jessie ran well and looked strong at the finish, while Jena put up a brave effort. She did a good job."

In the varsity boys run, Bryce Marble came in 37th in 19:32.89. Casey Dole also ran varsity, clocking in at 20:09.23 for 48th place.

"Bryce ran a solid race," said the coach. "The third mile was tough for him today."

"It was a good race for Casey. He improved five seconds from last year."

"The junior high runners did a great job," said Coach Lowry. "All of the runners from Northern Valley earned a medal."

In the seventh-grade races, Staci Dole earned seventh for the girls with a time of 7:11.31. Mathew Dole also took seventh on the boys side at 7:12.40.

In the eighth-grade races, Christina Anderson came in third in

7:05.20, while Alison Cole placed eighth at 7:16.92 and Megan Cole took seventh with 7:24.32.

The Huskies Harriers will compete in the regional invitational on Saturday in Grainfield.

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