

# Norton girls first, boys second in Hill City meet

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams received some unscheduled competition on Monday and Tuesday and responded with a first and second place, respectively, in the Hill City Invitational Track Meet.

The meet, which was scheduled for Monday of this week, was not on the Blue Jays' season schedule but Norton had missed two meets due to weather cancellations so asked if they could compete.

"I traditionally don't like to have another meet on the week of the league meet but we had missed two so we asked if we could compete and Hill City agreed," said coach Graber.

"We didn't enter like we normally do when we are trying to win meets. We entered all but one of our athletes and it was especially good for our junior varsity boys and girls. It was only the second time this year some of them have been able to compete in a meet due to weather cancellations. It was good for them.

"We entered the meet just to help prepare for the league meet and it turned out to be an awfully good meet for us.

"Highlights included both our girls and boys triple jumpers who had a really, really good day."

As it turned out, the meet was shortened on Monday due to inclement weather and completed on Tuesday.

The Norton girls compiled 98.5 points to win the meet championship and were followed by Osborne, 83; Ellis, 74.5; Hoxie,

64; Hill City, 61; Smith Center, 57; Plainville, 47; Oberlin, 29; Northern Valley, 25; Trego, 18.

Hill City won the boys championship with 104 points and was followed by Norton, 95; Smith Center, 84; Ellis, 81; Osborne, 75; Hoxie, 65; Northern Valley, 35; Plainville, 10; Trego, 5; Quinter, 2.

## GIRLS

Freshman Laura Lee Baird continued to post some good numbers as she won the gold medal in the 400 meter dash in 59.9 and the 800 meter run in 2:27.

"Laura Lee had another outstanding meet," said coach Graber.

Senior Chelle Donovan tied her personal record with a 9'6" silver medal winning effort in the pole vault.

"It was nice to see Chelle come through with a great vault," said coach Graber.

Senior Amanda Antrim tied for fifth in the pole vault with a height of 7'6".

Senior Chelsea Cox leaped a personal best 32'3.25" to place second in the triple jump. Sophomore Courtney LeClair placed fourth with a distance of 31'7.25" and freshman Katharine Roy was fifth with a personal best 30'7".

Lady Jay senior Klaire Mann finished in third place in the discus with a throw of 102'8". Junior Laura Delimont threw a personal record 97'4" to place fourth in the discus.

Two Norton freshmen placed in the shot put. Wiyanna Paxton won third with a heave of 34'3.5" and Hayli Bozarth was fifth with a distance of 32'10.5".

Sophomore Courtney LeClair finished second in the 100 meter hurdles in 17.4 and did not run the 300 meter hurdles due to injury.

Freshman KaraJo Jones placed fourth in the 400 meter dash in 62.5 and ran the opening leg on the 1600 meter relay team which placed third with a 4:26 clocking. Team members and time splits were: Jones, 64.9; Cox, 67.3; Roy, 68.3; senior Naomi Streck, 65.8.

The Lady Jays' 400 meter relay team ran a season's best time of 53.9 to place second. Team members and time splits were: junior Hannah Mills, 14.24; senior Jaelyn Krueger, 11.64; Antrim, 15.5; Streck, 12.55.

Junior Lacey Roe placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 104'.

Freshman Taylor Rossi finished in fourth place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:19.3.

Krueger was timed in 13.46 to place fifth in the 100 meter dash.

Sophomore Courtney Cox was sixth in the 1600 meter run in 7:11.

Performances by Norton girls which didn't place were: sophomore Ashley Martinez, 78'2.5", discus; sophomore Chantille Campbell, 77'2"; freshman Kayla Foley, 66'11", javelin; sophomore Tabitha Vincent, 27'8.5", personal record, shot put; Roy, high jump; Rossi, 7', pole vault; Krueger, 14'5"; Streck, 13'10.5", long jump; Streck, 14.15, 100 meter dash; Chelsea Cox, 66.3, 400 meter dash; senior Amber Waggoner, 55.43, personal record, 300 meter hurdles; Courtney Cox, 3:09, 800 meter run; Jones, 28.78; Mills, 28.78, 200 meter dash.

## BOYS

Senior Lance Roe won his specialty again as he cleared 13' in the pole vault to earn the gold medal.

Junior Kent Mann won the gold medal in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:47.8.

"Kent ran a tremendous 1600 meters for the second straight meet," said coach Graber. "He got off to his best start ever with a 63 second 400 meters and 2:13 in the first 800 meters."

Sophomore Blake VanEaton turned in another outstanding 400 meter dash. He was timed in 51.8 to win the gold medal and also anchored the 1600 meter relay team to a third place finish.

"Blake had a nice time in the open 400 and ran a good anchor in the 1600 meter relay," said coach Graber.

The Blue Jays' 3200 meter relay team also won gold medals with a time of 8:49.4. Team members and splits were: freshman Zach Bainter, 2:10.2; junior Jared Bebb, 2:13.9; junior Logan Keiswetter, 2:16; junior Jared Engelbert, 2:08.

"Our 3200 meter relay team ran really well," said coach Graber.

Senior Heath Vincent heaved the shot 46'2" to earn the silver medal.

Junior Nic Lewis placed third in the 110 meter hurdles with a clocking of 15.68. Sophomore Jared Cox placed fourth in 16.4. Sophomore Wes Georgeson finished sixth with a time of 16.8.

Cox also placed third in the 300 meter hurdles in 42.2.

Norton's third place 1600 meter relay team was timed in 3:42.

Team members and time splits were: senior Andrew Ables, 54.5; Cox, 56.8; junior Brett Thomson, 59.6; VanEaton, 51.9.

Bainter finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.9



Norton junior distance runner Logan Keiswetter was a member of the Blue Jays' gold medal winning 3200 meter relay team at the Hill City Track Meet on Tuesday. Other team members were freshman Zach Bainter, junior Jared Bebb and junior Jared Engelbert.

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and Engelbert was sixth in 2:12.5.

Keiswetter placed fourth in the 3200 meter run in 11:04.6 and Mann was fifth in 11:34.

"Our distance runners scored a lot of points," said coach Graber.

Lewis finished fourth in the triple jump with a personal best distance of 39'9" and sophomore Tanner Griffith was fifth with a personal best distance of 39'3". Griffith also placed fifth in the high jump by clearing 5'4".

The Blue Jay 400 meter relay foursome placed fifth with a clocking of 46.8. Team members and time splits were: Thomson, 12.7; Ables, 11.4; sophomore Todd Bolt, 11.55; Lewis, 11.78.

Thomson was fifth in the 100 meter dash in 11.8 and sixth in the 200 meter dash in 24.23.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: freshman Nish Millan, 69'10", discus; Ables, 138'; freshman Zac Dreyer, 117'8"; senior Josh VanSkike, 113'11", personal record, javelin; junior Perrell Stanley, 35'2.5", personal record; Josh VanSkike, 32'1", shot put; Griffith, 10', personal record, pole vault; Bolt, 18'6"; Griffith, 16'11", long jump; Bolt, 37'10.25", triple jump; sophomore Brian Ulmer, 13.93; freshman Matt Stanley, 13.12, 100 meter dash; sophomore Luke VanSkike, 5:49; freshman Josh Gallentine, 6:04, 1600 meter run; freshman Brad Nuzum, 62, 400 meter dash; Lewis, 45.1; Georgeson, 45.6, 300 meter hurdles; freshman Brock Lauer,

25.72; Nuzum, 27.7, 200 meter dash; Luke VanSkike, 12:54, 3200 meter run.

Norton junior Nathan Broeckelman, who has been steady in the pole vault and running events, has been lost for the season due to a knee injury.

## Next action

The Mid-Continent League Track Meet will be held today at Travis Field on the J.J. Byrum Track in Norton.

Competing in addition to Norton will be teams from Phillipsburg, Smith Center, Stockton, Osborne, Plainville, Ellis, Trego Community and Hill City.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. and preliminary running events at 4 p.m.



Norton senior Chelsea Cox flew through the air to place second in the triple jump with a personal best distance of 32'3.25" in the Hill City Track Meet on Tuesday.

# Norton golfers third in Phillipsburg Invitational

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed third in the six-man team competition in the Phillipsburg Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday.

The tournament was played under ideal conditions for the first nine holes, then inclement weather caused cancellation of the second nine holes.

Phillipsburg was the six-man champion with a 227, followed by Trego Community, 237; Norton, 247; Phillipsburg B, 253; Oberlin, 253; Plainville, 283; Osborne, 285; Stockton, 289; Smith Center, 294; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 306; Hill City, 324; Ellis, 330; Russell, 341; Phillipsburg C, 368.

The Blue Jays placed second behind Phillipsburg in the four-man competition. The Panthers tallied 154, followed by Norton, 160; Trego Community, 166; Phillipsburg B, 169; Hill City, 173; Plainville, 176; Oberlin, 179; Phillipsburg C, 188; Stockton, 197; Osborne, 199; Russell, 200; Smith Center, 211; Thomas More Prep, 213; Ellis, 248.

Two-man results saw Norton place eighth. Trego Community was the two-man champion with a 71, followed by Phillipsburg, 73; Oberlin, 74; Ellis, 82; Smith Center, 83; Phillipsburg B, 84; Osborne, 86; Norton, 87; Stockton, 92; Thomas More Prep, 93; Plainville, 107; Russell, 141; Hill City, 151; Phillipsburg C, 180.

Members of Norton's four-man team and their scores were: junior Michael Ward, 38; sophomore Preston Herman, 39; senior Clay Madden, 41; senior Dane Krizek, 42.

Norton's two-man team members and scores were seniors: Jordan Herman, 43 and junior Pat Burton, 44.

Fifteen medalists were honored. Ward was No. 7 medalist and Preston Herman was No. 14 medalist.

The medalists were: Matt Pfannenstiel, Trego, 33; Brandon Karlin, Phillipsburg, 35; Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 36; Jon Richards, Oberlin, 36; Rory Fossom, Trego, 37; Nathan Locke, Trego, 38; Michael Ward, 38;

Breck Simonsson, Oberlin, 38; Zach Wood, Phillipsburg C, 38; Adam Augustine, Ellis, 38; Travis Yoxall, Phillipsburg, 38; Nam Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 39; William Keese, Phillipsburg, 39; Preston Herman, 39; Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 39.

"We took advantage of ideal scoring conditions to shoot a very good score on the front nine," said coach Stover.

"Unfortunately, the weather did not let us complete the entire tournament but I am pleased with the way we played.

"We are starting to play our best golf of the season at the right time.

"Individually, Michael Ward and Preston Herman continued their improved play to earn med-

alist honors on a day when low scoring was at a premium.

"All six of our golfers showed improved play. Hopefully, we can carry the momentum we earned into equally solid performances on Thursday (yesterday) in the Mid-Continent League Tournament in

Stockton and next Monday on the return trip to Phillipsburg for the Regional Golf Tournament."

The top two teams in the regional tournament will qualify for the state tournament in addition to the top five individuals not members of a qualifying team.

## Kids wrestling story will be in later issue

A news story and pictures giving details of the successful Norton Kids Wrestling season

will appear in the Friday, May 19 issue of *The Norton Telegram*.