

Runners shine at Oberlin

Jayvee tennis takes 2nd

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity tennis team placed second in the Phillipsburg JV Round Robin on Saturday in Phillipsburg.

Phillipsburg won the championship with 30 points, followed by Norton, 21; Hays, 17; Beloit, 12 and Mixed, 8.

Playing No. 1 singles for Norton was Valerie Wagoner and she placed third with a 2-2 record. She lost 6-2 to Robbie Hadley, Phillipsburg; was outscored 7-5 by Megan Thyfault, Hays; shutout Mikki Yu, Beloit, 6-0 and defeated Norton's Steph Shepard of the Mixed team 6-0.

Norton's No. 1 doubles team of Gena Myers and Sara Campbell placed first with a 3-0 record. They outscored Becca Zillinger and Courtney Beard, Phillipsburg, 6-3, defeated Josie Allen and Bobbi Ehrlich, Hays, 6-3 and shutout Jamie Boeckman and Sara Rae, Beloit, 6-0.

Tabitha Vincent placed second in No. 2 singles with a 2-2 record.

She lost 6-3 to Chelsy Troyer, Phillipsburg; defeated Bri Salsbury, Hays, 6-1; outscored Ashley Wiles, Beloit, 6-3 and lost 6-4 to Mickey Bernasconi, Hays, who was playing for the Mixed team.

In No. 2 doubles, Norton's Bethany Wicker and Allie Corbin placed fourth. They lost 6-4 to MaryAnn Schremmer and Tristin Troyer, Phillipsburg; defeated Sarah Wisner and Anne Bannister, Hays, 6-3; lost 6-3 to Alexis Meyer and Whitney Morrell, Beloit and lost 7-5 to Kelsey Nuzum and Emily Juenemann, Norton, who played for the Mixed team.

Steph Shepard competed in No. 1 singles for the Mixed team and placed fifth. She lost 6-4 to Yu, Beloit; lost 6-0 to Thyfault, Hays; lost 6-0 to Hadley, Phillipsburg and lost 6-0 to Wagoner.

In No. 2 doubles, Kelsey Nuzum and Emily Juenemann of Norton played for the Mixed team and placed third.

They lost 6-4 to Meyer and Morrell, Beloit; defeated Wiesner

and Bannister, Hays, 6-1; lost 6-1 to Schremmer and Troyer, Phillipsburg and outscored Wicker and Corbin 7-5.

"Our varsity team placed second despite some bad weather," said Norton coach Shawnee Branek.

"All our girls were tired and fighting colds. I know we could have done better; it was just an off day for us.

"Because of some injuries, we had to shuffle some players around. Steph Shepard, who typically plays doubles, did an excellent job playing singles. She had some really good rallies.

"Also, both No. 2 doubles teams were playing with different partners. Sometimes you have to mix it up a bit to find your players' strong and weak points."

The Norton junior varsity will play Saturday in the Colby JV Tournament, beginning at 9 a.m.

The varsity will also play on Saturday in the Mid-Continent League Pre-Regional in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School cross country runners had their best performances of the 2006 season on Tuesday when the boys won the team championship in the Oberlin Invitational and first place finishers in the girls and boys varsity and boys junior varsity races were Blue Jays.

The Norton boys scored 19 points to easily outdistance second place Wheatland, who had 71 points, 52 points behind. Third place went to Phillipsburg with 75, followed by Oberlin, 123; Cambridge, 127; McCook, 134; Colby junior varsity, 138; Goodland, 207.

All but one of Norton's varsity and junior varsity runners set personal records for the season.

"Wow, our runners had a great day," said Norton coach Deyton Hager. "I'm so proud of what they did here today.

"Luke VanSkiike started it with a first in the boys junior varsity, Laura Lee Baird kept it going with a first in the girls race and Zach Bainter finished it with a first for the boys as well."

Norton did not have a girls team. Oakley won the championship

with 34 points, followed by McCook, 69; Phillipsburg, 89; Southwest, 93; Colby junior varsity, 101; Oberlin, 105.

Girls

Laura Lee Baird won the girls 2.5 mile run with a season's best time of 15:33. In second place was Phillipsburg's Sydney Cole in 15:39 and Holly Poe of Oakley was third in 15:58, followed by Brittany Brenner, Oakley, 15:59 and Jennifer Heim, Hoxie, 16:22.

"Laura Lee got off to a great start in the race," said coach Hager. "It was a much better start than she's had all season. And, she ended up ahead of the Phillipsburg girl whom she hadn't beaten all season."

Hannah Waggoner was the only other girl runner for Norton and she placed third in the junior varsity race with a season record time of 19:53.

Boys

Zach Bainter hit the finish line first in the boys three mile race. His season best time of 16:51 was far ahead of second place Justyn Joslyn of Hoxie who was timed in 17:26. Third place went to Andrew Richards of Oberlin in 17:49. He was followed by Kent Mann of

Norton in a season record time of 17:59.

The Blue Jays' Jared Engelbert was right behind Mann in fifth with a season personal best time of 18:13. Jared Bebb also set a personal season record with a time of 18:21, which was eighth place.

Chris Maddy completed Norton's five-man team with a personal record clocking of 18:23, which placed him ninth just behind Bebb.

Jordan Bebb also ran for the Blue Jays and finished in 17th position with a season best time of 19:07.

Luke VanSkiike won the boys' junior varsity race with a season best time of 19:12. Josh Gallentine placed eighth in 21:38, a season best, and Andrew Black was ninth in a season record clocking of 21:49. Matt Miller placed 20th in 25:16.

"Keep in mind that we were without our No. 2 runner on the boys side and we still had all five of our runners in the top ten today," said coach Hager.

"It was for sure our day. Zach ran great. He is really starting to push himself.

"I told our boys like I did last Thursday at Hill City that we needed someone to step up but I didn't think the whole team would!

"It was just a great day for Blue Jay cross country!"

Next action

The Norton cross country team's next competition will be on Thursday in the Phillipsburg Invitational, which begins at 4:30 p.m.

Norton tennis 4th in Trego event

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity girls tennis team placed fourth in the Trego Round Robin on Sat., Sept. 16 in WaKeeney.

The tournament had been scheduled for the season opener but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Russell edged Phillipsburg for the team championship. The Lady Broncos scored 33 points and the Lady Panthers had 31. Third place went to Osborne with 23, followed by Norton, 22; Trego Community, 22; Tribune, 13; Mixed, 7; Plainville, 6.

Brianne Nelson played No. 1 singles for Norton and placed seventh. In pool play, she lost 8-1 to Sloane Hardman, Osborne; was outscored 8-4 by Vanessa Owings, Plainville and lost 8-1 to Melinda Schremmer, Phillipsburg.

She won her finals match by forfeit so placed seventh.

"Brianne gave a great effort at No. 1 singles," said coach Jim Green. "She continues to show improvement."

Hannah Mills and Reesa

Volgamore placed third at No. 1 doubles. In pool play, they defeated the Norton Extra team of Ashley Maybon and Gina Myers 8-6, shutout Plainville's Emily Jones and Katelyn Thyfault 8-0 and lost 8-3 to Phillipsburg's Kayla Jarvis and Shayne Runion. In the finals, they defeated Tribune's Lindsay Wineinger and Morgan Schmidt 8-3 to place third.

"Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore continued their winning ways with a third place finish," said coach Green.

"They looked especially good in their match against Tribune. They won their first five games."

Kayleigh Brooks played No. 2 singles for the Lady Jays and placed fifth. In pool play, she lost 8-2 to Jeni Wolters, Osborne; won 8-0 with a bye over Plainville and was outscored 8-3 by Phillipsburg's Kady Malmberg. In the finals, she defeated Tribune's Morgan Moritz 8-5 to place fifth.

"Kayleigh Brooks really helped our team with her win over Tribune for a fifth place finish," said coach Green.

In No. 2 doubles, Norton's Lisa Jones and Tiffany Marx placed third. In pool play, they lost 8-7(9-7) to Osborne's Sarah Gregory and Andrea Koons, defeated Plainville's Jessica Collins and Kendra Hussman 8-1 and outscored Phillipsburg's Whitney Cole and Jodie Mongeau 8-6. In the finals, they defeated Russell's Kyla Reinhardt and Manuela Munez 8-5 to place third.

"Lisa Jones and Tiffany Marx played Osborne extremely close, forcing the match to a tiebreaker," said coach Green.

"They had two important victories over strong teams. Their wins over Phillipsburg and Russell were great wins."

Norton's Maybon and Myers played No. 1 doubles for Osborne. After losing 8-6 to Norton, they defeated Plainville's Emily Jones and Katelyn Thyfault 8-5. In the finals, they lost 8-4 to Trego's Julia Albin and Samantha Augustine to place sixth.

Next action

The Norton varsity returned to WaKeeney this Saturday to compete in the Trego Invitational.

Junior varsity football takes 14-6 win over Hill City there

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity football team defeated Hill City 14-6 on Monday evening in Hill City.

It was a defensive battle as both offenses struggled early in the contest. Norton scored in the second quarter when Zane Perez ran 37 yards to give the Blue Jays a 6-0 halftime lead.

Norton had many opportunities to extend the lead in the third quarter but could not do so, despite pass interceptions by Aaron Husted and Ashton Draper.

In the fourth quarter, the Ring-necks took advantage of a Norton special teams miscue in the punt game and took over inside the Jays' 10 yard line. Hill City capitalized two plays later, when David Gerstner scored on an 8 yard run to tie the score at 6-6 all with two minutes left in the game.

After a solid kickoff return and a first down, Norton went to the air and Brad Nuzum found Landon Hamel for a 48 yard touchdown pass with 41 seconds left. Nuzum was successful in running for a two-point conversion to put Norton on top 14-6.

The Blue Jay defense made one last stand. An interception by Nuzum sealed the victory.

"We did not play with the same energy as last week and it showed early in our performance, especially on the offensive side of the ball," said Norton coach David Stover.

"Defensively, we were able to play well the majority of the evening, making big defensive stops when we needed them.

"To our players' credit, we were able to stay in the game and make

Varsity tennis sixth in Trego Invitational

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity tennis team placed sixth in the recent Trego Invitational in WaKeeney.

Hoisington won the team championship with 42 points, followed by Claflin, 35; Phillipsburg, 32; Trego, 23; Osborne, 19; Norton, 15; Victoria, 2.

Norton's doubles team of Hannah Mills and Reesa Volgamore placed fourth. They defeated Potter and Kaiser of Hoisington 8-2, then outscored Wolters and Efken of Osborne 8-6 to reach the semi-finals. They lost 8-1 to No. 1 seeded Jarvis and Runion of Phillipsburg. In the third place match, they lost 8-5 to Ney and Demel of Hoisington.

"It was a cold, windy day for tennis," said Norton head coach Jim Green.

"Hannah and Reesa had a great day. They were seeded No. 5 and went on to place fourth. They were able to beat Osborne, to whom they had lost twice this season.

"They made a great effort against Hoisington in the match for third place. They were ahead 4-3 early in the match. At 6-7, they were up 40-15 and it looked like they were going to win the game and force a tiebreaker but it didn't happen.

"They played extremely well."

Kayleigh Brooks was seeded No. 8 and Brianne Nelson was seeded No. 13 for the Lady Jays in singles.

Brooks defeated Dana Diec of Trego 8-3 but lost 8-1 to No. 1 seed Melinda Schremmer of Phillipsburg. In the consolation bracket, she lost 8-2 to Cassie Dietz of Trego, then lost 8-5 to Krishna Stos of Claflin to place eighth.

"Kayleigh gave us a victory over No. 9 Dana Diec of Trego but then had to play the top ranked Melinda Schremmer of Phillipsburg," said coach Green.

"She always gives her best."

Nelson was shutout 8-0 by No. 4 seeded Aleshia Schneweis of Hoisington, then lost 8-7(8-6) to Alisha Smith of Victoria.

"Brianne played well enough to win in her match against Smith of Victoria," said coach Green.

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