

Cross country runners qualify for the state

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School boys cross country team placed second and his Lady Jay runners fifth in the Class 3A Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday in Lyons.

It was the second straight year for the boys to finish second at the regional. Norton's girls placed ninth last year.

The top three boys and girls teams qualified for this Saturday's State Meet in Wamego. Also qualifying for the state meet were the top ten runners plus the top five individuals from non-qualifying teams if they were not included in the top ten.

This means that, in addition to the Norton boys team, Laura Lee Baird and Taylor Rossi qualified as individuals from the Lady Jays team.

Southeast of Saline won the boys championship with 75

points, followed by Norton, 90; Holcomb, 109; Scott City, 141; Sacred Heart, 147; Hoisington, 156; Lakin, 171; Lyons, 195; Beloit, 198; Ellsworth, 266; Phillipsburg, 280; Ellinwood, 301; Oberlin, 304.

Salina Sacred-Heart won the girls championship with 41 points, followed by Beloit, 66; Lakin, 98; Holcomb, 104; Norton, 111; Southeast of Saline, 136; Ellsworth, 151; Oberlin, 182.

Boys

Zach Bainter was first finisher for the Norton boys in the 3.1 mile race with a time of 17:21. Bainter placed seventh.

Logan Keiswetter finished in 14th place with a season personal record time of 17:50. Also running a season personal record and placing 16th was Kent Mann in 17:56. Chris Maddy was clocked in a personal record time of 18:12 and placed 22nd.

Wrapping up the Norton boys'

five-man team was Jared Engelbert in 18:24 and a 31st place finish.

Also running for the Blue Jay boys were Jared Bebb, 37th, 18:40 and Jordan Bebb, 46th, 19:05, season personal record.

Eddie Banda, Holcomb, placed first individually with a 16:37 time, followed by Clinton MacDonald, Southeast of Saline, 16:38; Andrew Falcon, Salina-Sacred Heart, 16:47; Kody Cook, Hoisington, 16:58; Trace Kendrick, Scott City, 17:11; Kamen Schneider, Lakin, 17:13. Wade Adams, Beloit, placed eighth in 17:23, followed by Kurtis Meier, Beloit, 17:32; Zac Anthony, Lakin, 17:34, to round out the top ten.

"I knew with Holcomb coming in with a very good front runner and already knowing that Southeast of Saline is very tough as a team, it would be a day that my boys would have to run their best,"

said coach Hager.

"Just like it has been all year, when one of our boys doesn't run their best, one of the other boys steps up and runs for them. On this day, Chris Maddy stepped up and ran his best time ever and helped the team in a big way.

"We were not far behind Southeast of Saline but we were not too far in front of Holcomb either. But, we did what was needed to get the job done. The job was to go to the state meet and we did that. Now, we have to work on the way we run. We'll have to run on all cylinders to come up big at the state meet."

Girls

Norton's Laura Lee Baird placed fourth individually with a time of 16:23 and qualified for the state meet for the second straight year.

Taylor Rossi placed 14th with a time of 17:26 and KaraJo Jones was 35th in 18:54. Just behind her

in 39th was Kylie Morel in 19:12. Rounding out the top five Norton runners for the team score was Hannah Waggoner with a 49th place finish in 20:19.

Also running for Norton was Megan Kats. She placed 59th with a personal record clocking of 21:01.

Winning the girls 2.5 mile race was Leah Thompson, Salina-Sacred Heart in 15:48, followed by Sydnee Cole, Phillipsburg, 15:57; Vivian Olvera, Southwestern Heights, 16:13. Placing fifth was Shanae Porter, Beloit, in 16:27, followed by Lauren Eck, Beloit, 16:31; Sadie Roesner, Southeast of Saline, 16:44; Crystal Stegman, Salina-Sacred Heart, 16:47; Katie Simmons, Lakin, 16:48; Katey File, Beloit, 16:52 to round out the top ten.

"Our girls had to have a break out day to do something as a team but, with Amanda Ray out with a broken ankle, I knew it would not

be an easy day for them," said coach Hager.

"Laura Lee and Taylor ran very well and did what they had to do to make it to the state meet. Kylie had one of her best days ever but it was just not in the stars for our girls team today.

"KaraJo has been struggling all week and it would prove to be a hard day for her and her team.

"Even though our girls did not make it to the state meet as a team, I am so proud of the way they have all worked this year. I am very proud of what they have accomplished as a team this year, as well."

The Norton boys team along with Laura Lee Baird and Taylor Rossi will compete in the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet this Saturday on the golf course at Wamego.

The boys 3.1 mile race will begin at 9 a.m. and the girls 2.5 mile race at 10 a.m.

Triplains/Brewster rolls past Huskies, 77-22

The Northern Valley Huskies lost 77-22 to Triplains/Brewster in two quarters of a game on Friday. The game was called at halftime due to the 45-point rule.

Triplains was on the board first with 10:52 showing in the first when Corey Surita made an 8-yard fumble return. Andrew Starnes ran in the extra points.

But, things looked hopeful for the Huskies as 13 seconds later, Chase Miller scored on a 79-yard kick return. No extra points were made.

Things quickly went down hill for Northern Valley as the Titans made seven more unanswered touchdowns in the first quarter: Starnes scored on a 49 yard run with Arie Grob passing to Janee

McKee for the points after; a team safety added another two.

Grob passed 27 yards to McKee and then passed to Taylor Barrett for the extra points; Seth Carpenter made a 45-yard punt return and then ran in the points after; Grob passed 35 yards to Bryant Plummer to score and Starnes ran in the extra two.

Barrett made a 44-yard punt return with Starnes again running in the points after; and Starnes ran the ball 30 yards to score, followed by Grob running in the extras.

By the end of the first quarter,

the score was 58-6.

The Huskies made it into the end zone first in the second quarter with 8:34 showing on a 10-yard run from Ethan Hays. Jacob Gallentine ran for the extra two.

Northern Valley held Triplains for about four minutes, until McKee made a fumble recovery in the end zone. Plummer ran in the points after.

T.J. Preston scored for the Titans with 1:37 showing on a 7-yard run. No extra points were made.

With 1:21 left in the half, Hays rushed 52 yards to make the Hus-

kies last touchdown. Gallentine ran in the points after, giving Northern Valley 22 points, but it wasn't enough to keep the game going as Triplain led by 50.

Hays led rushing for the Huskies with 99 yards on 7 carries.

Also rushing were Travis Redeker, 19 yards on 7; Gallentine, 17 yards on 16; Dusty Eagleburger, 11 yards on 4; and Blake Johnson, -3 on 3.

Northern Valley completed no passes.

Making tackles were Cameron Duede, 1 solo, 3 assists;

Eagleburger, 3-0; Gallentine, 2-1; Tanner Jessup, 3-0; Cody Callaway, 1-1; Nathaniel Graham, 1-1; Chase Miller, 1-1; Hays, 1-0; Chance Miller, 1-0; and Ben Rojas, 0-1.

GAME STATISTICS			
N. Valley	Trip/Brew		
5	First Downs		4
143	Yards Rushing		202
0	Yards Passing		68
143	Total Yards		270
2-10	Penalties		5-29
5-3	Fumbles		1-0
3-94-31.3	Punts		0-0-0

Good luck at State Blue Jay Runners

from Vicki, Sherry, Carolyn, Veronica, Dick and Tom

Jayvee #2 volleyball finishes season 10-5

Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School junior varsity No.2 girls volleyball team defeated Phillipsburg but lost to Franklin, Neb. in matches played on Monday, October 2 in Phillipsburg.

They were the final matches of the 2006 season for this squad, who finished 10-5.

Franklin

Norton lost to Franklin 23-25, 26-28.

"Would've, could've, should've describes our match with the Franklin Flyers in which we should have been victorious," said coach Cox. "Unforced errors, especially in serving, cost us a win.

"I felt that this was a team that we could have dominated right from the beginning but we struggled getting started. Franklin had just lost a three game match to Phillipsburg and I hoped that we would capitalize on that. Instead, we played 'not to lose' and, in volleyball, that usually spells defeat.

"There were positive things that came out of this match. Kaitlyn Wolf had four kills, Raven Brown had three, Bethany Roy two and Bethany Winkel, one. Wolf also added two points with stuffed blocks from the middle."

Serving statistics were: Winkel, 6/6; Brown, 13/14, 1 ace; Wolf, 8/9, 1 ace; Roy, 6/7, 1 ace; Lori Ebner, 4/5; Valecia Rogers, 3/4; Kendra Engelbert, 3/5.

Phillipsburg

The Lady Jays defeated the Lady Panthers 25-12, 25-5.

"We ended our season with a victory and 10-5 record by beating Phillipsburg for the second time this season," said coach Cox.

"With the previous match not going our way, I wasn't sure what to expect. But, I reminded our girls that this was their last match and we wanted to go out with a win. They rose to the occasion and blasted the Lady Panthers.

"Everything clicked: serves/aces, passes, sets and kills. It was a great way to end the year."

Match statistics were: serving — Raven Brown, 10/10, 2 aces; Bethany Roy, 5/5, 1 ace; Kayla Lee, 3/3; Lori Ebner, 1/1, 1 ace; Bethany Winkel, 12/13, 6 aces; Kaitlyn Wolf, 9/10, 2 aces; Kendra Engelbert, 5/6; assists — Winkel, 7; kills — Wolf, 7; Roy, 3; Lee and Brown, 1 each.

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