

Norton brings home second from Redmen Relays

By DICK BOYD

Coach Jason Jones' Norton Community High School track team opened their 2007 varsity season on Tuesday with a second place finish by both girls and boys on a wet, cold day in the Smith Center Redmen Relays.

Beloit won the girls championship with 149 points, followed by Norton, 115; Phillipsburg, 94.5; Smith Center, 53.5; Belleville, 53; Thayer Central, Neb., 45; Trego Community, 38.

Thayer Central was the boys champion with 142 points, followed by Norton, 132; Beloit, 111; Phillipsburg, 108; Smith Center, 84; Belleville, 24; Trego Community, 5.

It was the first action for the Norton varsity in the young season after the postponing of the Norton Invitational due to inclement weather.

"It was nice to finally get a chance to compete and I know many of our athletes felt the same way," said coach Jones.

"Despite weather conditions that could have been approached negatively, our athletes prepared themselves to compete well and that was displayed from the beginning of the very first field event to the conclusion of the 1600 meter relay. Every member of our team competed very hard and some of our athletes posted some great times and distances for this early in the season.

"Both teams placing second gave our varsity a pleasing start to the season. We do have improvements to make but, overall, we are proud of our athletes' effort and competitiveness. We can't wait to have a chance to continue what we started with this opening meet!"

GIRLS

Freshman Hannah Waggoner began her high school track career impressively by winning gold medals in the 100 meter dash and

200 meter dash. She was timed in 13.53 in the 100 meters and 28.52 in the 200 meters.

Waggoner was also a member of the Lady Jays' 1600 meter relay team which placed second in 4:26.78. On the team with her were sophomores Laura Lee Baird and KaraJo Jones and junior Courtney LeClair.

Sophomore Hayli Bozarth was Norton's other double gold medal winner. She set a personal record in the shot put with a heave of 36'8.75" and won the discus with a throw of 114'9".

In addition to running on the 1600 meter relay team, LeClair won the gold medal with a time of 51.32 in the 300 meter hurdles and placed third in the 100 meter hurdles in 17.28.

Norton's other gold medal winner was Baird, who hit the finish line in 62.04 in the 400 meter dash. In addition to running in the 1600 meter relay, Baird placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:28.00.

Freshman Alyssa Thomson earned a silver medal in the high jump in the first track competition of her high school career when she cleared 4'10".

Sophomore Taylor Rossi scored points in two events. She was second in the pole vault with a height of 8' and fourth in the 3200 meter run in 13:38.25.

Senior Laura Delimont had an excellent throw in the shot put with a distance of 31'2.5" for a third place finish and was sixth in the discus with a throw of 91'2".

In addition to running in two relays, KaraJo Jones placed fifth in the 200 meter dash in 30.05 and seventh in the 400 meter dash in 68.80.

KaraJo Jones and LeClair joined freshman Shelby Jones and senior Hannah Mills in running the 400 meter relay where they placed sixth in 55.23.

The weight relay team of junior



Norton senior Logan Keiswetter trailed Wade Adams, Beloit, most of the 3200 meter race but surprised Adams when he

put on a final burst of speed to edge Adams at the finish line and win the gold medal!

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Thea Wiseman, senior Lacey Roe, Delimont and Bozarth finished fourth in the 400 meter relay in 63.78.

Other performances by Lady Jays which did not place were: Hannah Mills, 11th, 14.23, 100 meter dash; Shelby Jones, 12th, 14.74, 100 meter dash; senior Morgan Bailey, DNP, 7:00.40, 1600 meter run; junior Courtney Cox, DNP, 7:19.00, 1600 meter run; Shelby Jones, 11th, 56.94, 300 meter hurdles; junior

Chantille Campbell, 9th, discus, 85'9"; Hannah Mills, 7th, pole vault, 6'6"; freshman Allison Corbin, 11th, shot put, 27'11"; Alyssa Thomson, 7th, long jump, 13'4"; junior Alyssa Farber, 15th, long jump, 11'11.5"; Morgan Bailey, 17th, long jump, 10'9"; Alyssa Farber, 9th, triple jump, 27'3.5".

BOYS

The Norton boys won the 1600 meter and 3200 meter relays. The 1600 meter relay team of juniors Logan Kats and Wes Georgeson and seniors Jared Engelbert and Blake VanEaton was timed in 3:41.87. The Blue Jay 3200 meter relay team of Engelbert, VanEaton, senior Logan Keiswetter and sophomore Zach Bainter was timed in 8:49.34.

In addition to running in the two relays, VanEaton won the gold medal in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 52:35 and was third in the 200 meter dash in 24.15.

Junior Jared Cox won the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 42.14 and was third in the 110 meter hurdles in 16.50.

In addition to running on the 3200 meter relay team, Logan Keiswetter ran the 3200 meter run and captured the gold medal with a strong finish in 10:56.83.

In addition to winning gold medals in two relays, Engelbert earned an individual goal medal in the 800 meter run in the time of 2:07.85.

Senior Nic Lewis won the silver medal in the high jump by clearing 5'6" and placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 39'11". He also placed sixth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.26.

Senior Kent Mann finished second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:54.58 and fourth in the 3200 meter run in 11:29.35.

In addition to running in the 3200 meter relay, Bainter placed second behind Engelbert in the 800 meter run in 2:10.37 and third behind Mann in the 1600 meter run in 4:54.84.

Senior Nathan Broeckelman placed fourth in the pole vault by clearing 11' and fourth in the high jump with a height of 5'4".

The Blue Jays' 400 meter relay team of Lewis, senior Brett Thomson and juniors Todd Bolt and Wes Georgeson placed fourth with a clocking of 47.04.

Thomson finished fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 37'10".

Georgeson placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles in 17.21.

The weight relay team of senior Perrell Stanley, junior Zach Mannel, sophomore Zac Dreher and freshman Robert Derauf placed fourth in the 400 meter relay in 54.52.

Boys' performances which did not place were: Brett Thomson, 7th, 100 meter dash, 12.3; Nathan Broeckelman, 14th, 100 meter dash, 12.54; freshman Chris

Maddy, DNP, 1600 meter run, 5:22; DNP, 3200 meter run, 12:31.02; junior Bryce Engelbert, DNP, discus, 61'6"; Zac Dreher, DNP, discus, 102'10"; Zach Mannel, DNP, discus, 57'2"; Zac Dreher, 10th, shot put, 35'5"; Perrell Stanley, 14th, shot put, 33'4.5"; Robert Derauf, 15th, shot put, 32'9.5"; freshman Kaemon Keiswetter, 8th, pole vault, 9'6"; Brett Thomson, 8th, long jump, 17'9"; Todd Bolt, 15th, long jump, 16'11.75"; Todd Bolt, 15th, triple

jump, 35'4"; Logan Kats, 11th, 400 meter dash, 58.38; senior Jared Bebb, 7th, 800 meter run, 2:16.23; Todd Bolt, 14th, 200 meter dash, 26.06.

Next action

The Norton varsity track team will compete in the Plainville Invitational on Tuesday, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Blue Jay junior varsity will compete in the Junior Varsity WaKeeney Invitational on Monday, beginning at 4 p.m.



Junior Courtney LeClair cleared the last hurdle en route to winning the 300 meter hurdles for the Lady Jays. LeClair also placed third in the 100 meter hurdles and was a member of the 1600 meter relay team which placed second.

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Blue Jay sophomore Zach Bainter had a determined look on his face as he received the baton from Norton senior Blake VanEaton to start his leg of the 3200 meter relay. Combining with Bainter and VanEaton to win the gold medal were seniors Jared Engelbert and Logan Keiswetter.

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