

# Norton track team competes at Lexington, Phillipsburg

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams split into three groups to compete on Friday and Saturday.

Most of the varsity competed in the Lexington "Don Bader" Invitational on Friday afternoon. Junior varsity team members, except for javelin throwers, were contestants in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Friday afternoon. Senior Blake VanEaton, junior Courtney LeClair and sophomores Laura Lee Baird and Hayli Bozarth competed in the 80th annual Kansas Relays at the University of Kansas on Friday and Saturday.

"April 20 and 21 were extremely busy for us as we were spread thin, competing in three different meets," said Norton head coach Jason Jones.

"Success was not to be measured in team scores but rather in levels of competitiveness and in individual event and relay performances.

"Our junior varsity team and some varsity throwers traveled to Phillipsburg for their invitational meet. We competed very well against what was, for us, a highly competitive field. Some of our athletes had not seen a meet in a couple of weeks so it was great for them to get a chance to compete again.

"Our varsity and non-javelin throwers went to Lexington, Neb. to battle it out with some very large and successful teams who we don't get to see regularly. No team scores were kept so we were looking to step in and compete with hopes of bettering our performances and that happened in many cases. It was a very windy meet and the meet was cut short due to weather but it was good for our girls and boys to see some new competition and we grew as a result of this meet.

"Hayli Bozarth, Laura Lee Baird, Courtney LeClair and Blake VanEaton headed to Lawrence to compete in the Kansas Relays, a multi-level meet that accepts a limited number of entries coming in from any school within 500 miles of Lawrence. Again, our girls and boys were challenged but we competed very, very well against the region's best and we posted great times and distances, bettering ourselves in multiple areas.

"We continue to compete well in all areas at all levels and we are excited about entering the second half of the season!"

## LEXINGTON

The Lexington meet was a large one with many schools of all sizes competing. Team scores were not kept; eight places medaled in each individual event and six in relays. Due to threatening weather, the 4 x 400 meter relays were not run.

The Norton boys had one gold medal winner, Jared Engelbert, who hit the finish line in the 800 meter dash with an outstanding time of 2:04.27.

Engelbert was also a member of the Norton 4 x 800 meter relay team which placed second with a clocking of 8:35.70. Other members of the team were Logan

Keiswetter, Jared Bebb and Zach Bainter.

Jared Cox had a good day in the hurdles. He placed third in the 300 meter hurdles in 41.97 and fourth in the 110 meter hurdles in 16.05.

Nic Lewis finished sixth in the 110 meter hurdles in 16.25 and eighth in the high jump by clearing 5'8".

Logan Keiswetter placed fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:56.57.

Zach Bainter finished sixth in the 1600 meter run in 4:52.12.

Lewis ran with Todd Bolt, Nathan Broeckelman and Brett Thomson on the 4 x 100 meter relay team. They placed eighth with a time of 46.58.

Boys performances which did not place were: Brett Thomson, 100 meter dash, tied for 17th, 11.95; Todd Bolt, 200 meter dash, 19th, 24.74; Landon Hamel, 200 meter dash, tied for 25th, 25.75; Ashton Draper, 200 meter dash, 27th, 26.27; Landon Hamel, 400 meter dash, 15th, 57.83; Ashton Draper, 400 meter dash, 23rd, 58.65; Logan Kats, 400 meter dash, 24th, 59.31; Zach Bainter, 800 meter run, 10th, 2:12.19; Jared Bebb, 800 meter run, 21th, 2:23.56; Kent Mann, 1600 meter run, 19th, 5:21.28; Kent Mann, 3200 meter run, 12th, 11:39.55; Wes Georgeson, 110 meter hurdles, 12th, 16.81; Nathan Broeckelman, high jump, 11th, 5'6"; Nathan Broeckelman, pole vault, tied for 9th, 12'; Kaenon Keiswetter, pole vault, NH; Brett Thomson, long jump, 13th, 19'1.25"; Todd Bolt, long jump, 18th, 18'6.75"; Landon Hamel, long jump, 24th, 17'11"; Nic Lewis, triple jump, 10th, 39'5.5"; Todd Bolt, triple jump, 16th, 37'6.5"; Brett Thomson, triple jump, 17th, 37'5".

Hannah Waggoner had the Norton girls best performance. She was sixth in the 100 meter dash in 13.41 and just out of the money in ninth place in the 200 meter dash in 28.20.

Waggoner combined with Hannah Mills, KaraJo Jones and Shelby Jones to run the 4 x 100 meter relay in a time of 54.90 and place eighth.

Taylor Rossi pole vaulted 8'6" which tied for eighth place.

Girls performances which did not place, in addition to Waggoner's 200 meters, were: Hannah Mills, 100 meter dash, 21st, 14.02; Shelby Jones, 100 meter dash, 27th, 14.58; KaraJo Jones, 200 meter dash, 17th, 29.46; KaraJo Jones, 400 meter dash, 14th, 1:10.34; Morgan Bailey, 1600 meter run, 16th, 7:45.22; Courtney Cox, 1600 meter run, 17th, 7:45.23; Taylor Rossi, 3200 meter run, 13th, 14:18.09; Shelby Jones, 300 meter hurdles, 23rd, 58.77; Alyssa Thomson, high jump, tied for ninth, 4'6"; Hanna Mills, pole vault, NH; Alyssa Farber, long jump, 24th, 12'2.5"; Alyssa Farber, triple jump, 18th, 30'3.5"; Laura Delimont, shot put, 22nd, 30'7"; Chantille Campbell, shot put, 27th, 29'3.5"; Allie Corbin, shot put, 34th, 28'2.75"; Laura Delimont, discus, 19th, 88'11";

Chantille Campbell, discus, 27th, 80'4"; Allie Corbin, discus, ND.

## PHILLIPSBURG

The Norton girls scored 36 points and placed fourth in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Friday.

Lacey Roe was the Lady Jays' only gold medal winner. She won the javelin with a throw of 110'7".

Two Lady Jays placed second to earn silver medals. Wiyanna Paxton heaved the shot 31'4" and Bethany Roy ran the 800 meter run in 2:58.22.

Amanda Delimont was third in the shot with a distance of 30'8.75". She also placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 81'.5".

Bethany Winkel scored points in the 200 meter dash, placing fifth in 34.21. She was followed to the finish line by teammate Kelsey Nuzum, who was sixth in 36.84.

Other performances by Norton girls which did not place were: Bethany Winkel, 100 meter dash, 8th, 16.42; Kelsey Nuzum, 100 meter dash, 10th, 17.31; Kelsey Nuzum, 100 meter hurdles, 7th, 24.13; Ashley Maybon, discus, 10th, 61'.5"; Tabitha Vincent, discus, 11th, 57'4"; Bethany Roy, javelin, 7th, 85'10"; Wiyanna Paxton, javelin, 11th, 77'4"; Thea Wiseman, javelin, 13th, 71'2"; Ashley Maybon, javelin, DNP, 64'10"; Tabitha Vincent, shot put, 8th, 26'9.75".

The Norton boys tallied 26.5 points and finished in fifth place as a team.

Chris Maddy was Norton's only gold medal winner. He hit the finish line first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:40.33. He also placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 5:25.62.

Luke VanSkike placed fifth in two events. He ran the 3200 meter run in 13:33.33 and the 1600 meters in 5:47.95.

Zac Dreher finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 118'6.5" and sixth in the shot put with a heave of 38'3.25".

The 1600 meter relay team of Brock Lauer, Travis Ray, Allen Robinson and Casey Robison placed fourth with a clocking of 4:27.55.

Other performances by Norton boys which did not place were: Travis Ray, 100 meter dash, 11th, 13.06; Brock Lauer, 100 meter dash, 13th, 13.54; Robert Derauf, 100 meter dash, 15th, 14.37; Josh Gallentine, 1600 meter run, DNP, 6:51; Bryce Engelbert, discus, 13th, 82'1.5"; Zach Mannel, discus, 15th, 63'; Zac Dreher, javelin, 9th, 132'4"; Bryce Engelbert, javelin, 13th, 112'1"; Robert Derauf, javelin, 17th, 90'3"; Perrell Stanley, shot put, 11th, 34'4"; Robert Derauf, shot put, 12th, 32'8"; Zach Mannel, shot put, 14th, 30'8.25"; Casey Robison, high jump, 8th, 5'2"; Zane Perez, long jump, 8th, 15'3"; Casey Robison, triple jump, 7th, 34'9.75"; Zane Perez, triple jump, 8th, 33'2"; Brock Lauer, 400 meter dash, 12th, 1:01.05; Zane Perez, 400 meter dash, 13th, 1:01.37; Allen Robinson, 400 meter dash, 15th, 1:06.30; Casey Robison, 400 meter dash, 16th, 1:06.64; Allen Robinson, 200



Norton's Jared Cox placed high in both hurdles events in the Lexington track meet on Friday. Above, he cleared the final hurdle in the 300 meter hurdles event where he placed third. He also finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles.

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## KANSAS RELAYS

Hayli Bozarth placed 11th in the discus at the Kansas Relays with a throw of 124'.

Laura Lee Baird finished 14th in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:22.68. She did not qualify for the finals in the 400 meter dash.

Courtney LeClair placed 25th in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.64 and 32nd in the 300 meter hurdles in 51.64.

Blake VanEaton placed 31st in the 400 meter dash in 53.45.

## Next action

The Norton varsity girls and boys track teams competed in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on Monday. It had been postponed from April 5 due to inclement weather.

The Norton junior varsity girls and boys track teams competed in the Hill City Junior Varsity Track Meet on Monday.

On Friday, the Blue Jay girls and boys varsity track teams will compete in the Goldsmith Relays at WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m.



Hannah Waggoner had the Norton girls best performance at the Lexington track meet on Friday. She is pictured finishing sixth in the 100 meter dash. She just missed placing in the 200 meter dash where she had the ninth best time. She also ran on the 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed eighth.

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The Lady Jays' Taylor Rossi tied for eighth place in the pole vault in the Lexington track meet on Friday with a vault of

8'6" and just missed a 9' clearance.

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