

# Norton boys, girls capture own invitational

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams hosted the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on Monday, after a weather postponement from the start of the season, and won championships in both divisions.

The Lady Blue Jays scored 145 points to win the title. Phillipsburg was runner-up with 131, followed by Smith Center in third with 82. Colby placed fourth with 52, followed by Logan, 50; Goodland, 48; Northern Valley, 40.

In the boys division, Norton tallied 151 points and Phillipsburg was runner-up with 123. In third with 81 points was Smith Center, followed by Goodland, 56; Logan,

34; Northern Valley, 11.

"We had a very exciting start to this week, our sixth of the season," said coach Jason Jones.

"Every active girl and boy on our roster competed in front of our home fans, most of them in multiple events.

"Our girls competed in a total of 49 events and they performed very well across the board. They won the team title by 14 points and, as a team, they posted 11 seasonal bests and two personal records!

"On the boys side, we were again very successful at home. Our boys won the team race by scoring 28 more points than any other team! Our boys competed with 65 total entries and posted 17 sea-

sonal bests and nine personal records!

"It was great to see our young people compete at home in our open-entry meet and we felt very good about our performances and our team success.

"We do know, however, that the schedule becomes more difficult from this point and we are continuing to work at bettering our individual and team performances."

### GIRLS

The Norton girls had six gold medal performances.

Courtney LeClair won the 100 meter hurdles with a season's best time of 16.50 and the 300 meter low hurdles in a season's best time of 49.25.

Laura Lee Baird was the gold medal winner in the 400 meter dash in 1:00.65 and won the gold in the 800 meter run in 2:28.50.

Hayli Bozarth earned a gold medal in the shot put with a heave of 36'3.5" and placed second in the discus with a throw of 119'6".

Lacey Roe won the gold medal in the javelin with a season's best throw of 110'9" and Bozarth placed second with a personal record distance of 110".

Hannah Waggoner earned silver medals in the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. She was timed in a season's best 13.15 in the 100 and a season's best 27.50 in the 200.

Placing second in the pole vault with a height of 8'6" was Taylor Rossi. She also finished in third place in the 3200 meter run with a time of 14:00.81.

Two Lady Blue Jay relay teams won bronze medals. Norton's 3200 meter relay team of Morgan Bailey, Courtney Cox, Alyssa Farber and Bethany Roy was timed in 12:27.03.

Norton's 1600 meter relay team of Hannah Waggoner, KaraJo Jones, Courtney LeClair and Laura Lee Baird was clocked in 4:27.06.

Wiyanna Paxton won the bronze medal in the shot put with a heave of 31'7".

Fourth place in the 400 meter relay went to Norton's Courtney LeClair, Hannah Mills, KaraJo Jones and Shelby Jones with a time of 55.12.

KaraJo Jones finished fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:08.40 and Bethany Roy was fourth in the 800 meter run in a season's best time of 2:52.75.

Amanda Delimont placed fifth in the shot put with a distance of 30'3.5" and Laura Delimont was sixth with a distance of 29'3.75". Laura Delimont also finished in sixth place in the discus with a throw of 93'6".

Fifth place in the triple jump was won by Alyssa Farber with a leap of 29'6.25".

Hannah Mills was sixth in the 100 meter dash in a season's best time of 13.68 and Courtney Cox as sixth in the 1600 meter run in 7:37.75. KaraJo Jones finished sixth in the 200 meter dash in a season's best time of 28.43.

Norton girls performances which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Shelby Jones, 9th, 14.34; Bethany Winkel, 11th, 15.18; Kelsey Nuzum, 13th, 15.81; 100 meter hurdles: Kelsey Nuzum, 9th, season's best, 21.46; 1600 meter run: Morgan Bailey, 8th, 8:01.00; 300 meter hurdles: Shelby Jones, 7th, season's best, 56.37; discus: Chantille Campbell, 8th, season's best, 91';

Amanda Delimont, 11th, 81'8"; Allison Corbin, 13th, 80'4"; Ashley Maybon, 18th, personal record, 63'9"; Tabitha Vincent, 20th, 49'1"; javelin: Wiyanna Paxton, 7th, 82'4"; Thea Wiseman, 8th, 79'1"; Bethany Roy, 9th, 75'; Ashley Maybon, 13th, 54'; pole vault: Hannah Mills, 7th, 6'6"; shot put: Allison Corbin, 7th, 29'3"; Chantille Campbell, 8th, 29'3"; Tabitha Vincent, 16th, 26'9.5"; high jump: Alyssa Thomson, 7th, 4'8"; long jump: Alyssa Farber, 11th, 12'4.5"; 400 meter dash: Hannah Waggoner, 10th, 1:12.96; 200 meter dash: Alyssa Thomson, 8th, 30.62; Bethany Winkel, 9th, 32.21.

### BOYS

Five individuals and one relay won gold medals for the Norton boys track teams.

Nic Lewis was the winner of the 110 meter hurdles with a clocking of 15.93. Jared Cox won the 300 meter hurdles with a season's best time of 41.78 and placed second behind Lewis in the 110 meter hurdles in a season's best time of 15.95.

Nathan Broeckelman won the pole vault gold medal with a vault of 12'. Blake VanEaton was the 400 meter dash winner with a clocking of 52.53.

Jared Engelbert beat everyone to the finish line in the 800 meter dash in 2:05.75.

The Blue Jays' 3200 meter relay team of Jared Engelbert, Zach Bainter Logan Keiswetter and Blake VanEaton recorded an excellent season's best time of 8:35.53 to earn gold medals.

Lewis had a good day of competition as he also placed second in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 40'2.75" and third in the high jump by clearing a personal record height of 5'10".

Bainter placed second in the 1600 meter run with a personal record clocking of 4:51.34 and also won the silver medal in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:09.40.

Logan Keiswetter placed second in the 3200 meter run in 10:47.43.

The Blue Jays' 1600 meter relay quartet finished second with a time of 3:36.78. On the relay team were Logan Kats, Wes Georgeson, Jared Engelbert and Blake VanEaton.

Kent Mann won the bronze medal in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:13.25 and VanEaton was third in the 200 meter dash in 23.93.

Mann also placed fourth in the 3200 meter run in a season's best time of 11:14.81. Broeckelman was fourth in the high jump with a

season's best height of 5'8". Jared Bebb placed fourth in the 800 meter run in a season's best clocking of 2:15.09.

The Norton 400 meter relay team of Todd Bolt, Nathan Broeckelman, Nic Lewis and Brett Thomson finished fourth with a season's best time of 46.28.

Scoring more points for the Blue Jays were: Georgeson, fifth, javelin, personal record, 147'1"; fifth, 110 meter hurdles, 16.62; Thomson, sixth, 100 meter dash, 11.65; sixth, long jump, 18'9.75; sixth, triple jump, 37'5.5"; Luke VanSkiel, sixth, 1600 meter run, 5:38.43; Chris Maddy, sixth, 3200 meter run, season's best, 11:27.62.

Norton boys performances which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Nathan Broeckelman, 12th, 12.15; Travis Ray, 14th, personal record, 12.48; Landon Hamel, 15th, 12.56; Logan Kats, 17th, 12.65; Brock Lauer, 20th, 12.90; 1600 meter run: Josh Gallentine, 9th, season's best, 6:35.00; discus: Zac Dreher, 11th, 105'7"; Bryce Engelbert, 19th, 77'1"; Zach Mannel, 20th, 73'9"; javelin: Zac Dreher, 8th, personal record, 132'5"; Bryce Engelbert, 16th, 103'10"; Robert Derauf, 21st, 78'5"; shot put: Zac Dreher, 12th, 37'4.5"; Perrell Stanley, 16th, personal record, 36'; Robert Derauf, 19th, season's best, 34'3"; Zach Mannel, 22nd, 30'6.5"; high jump: Casey Robison, 7th, 5'4"; Ashton Draper, 11th, 5'; pole vault: Kaemon Keiswetter, 8th, 10'; long jump: Todd Bolt, 7th, 18'9.75"; Landon Hamel, 11th, 16'10.75"; Zane Perez, 12th, 16'3.5"; triple jump: Todd Bolt, 7th, 35'6.5"; Casey Robison, 9th, season's best, 35'2"; 400 meter dash: Logan Kats, 12th, 57.25; Ashton Draper, 13th, season's best, 57.31; Zane Perez, 14th, season's best, 57.93; Brock Lauer, 18th, 1:00.71; Allen Robinson, 19th, season's best, 1:01.46; Casey Robison, 22nd, 1:08.62; 800 meter run: Kaemon Keiswetter, 14th, 2:38; 200 meter dash: Todd Bolt, 8th, 24.65; Travis Ray, 15th, personal record, 25.56; Zane Perez, 16th, season's best, 25.58; Landon Hamel, 17th 25.90; Ashton Draper, 18th, season's best, 25.93; Brock Lauer, 19th, personal record, 26.21; 1600 meter relay: B team, Zac Dreher, Allen Robinson, Casey Robison, Travis Ray, 4:08.12; C team, Ashton Draper, Landon Hamel, Brock Lauer, Zane Perez, 3:57.00.

**Next action**  
Norton is scheduled to compete today in the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Blue Jays will compete in the Oberlin Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

## Blue Jay golfers 4th at Hill City

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School golf team placed fourth in the Hill City Invitational on Friday.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a score of 336. Hoxie shot the same 336 score but placed second and Trego Community was third, just one stroke back at 337. The Blue Jays scored a 351, followed by Hill City, 365; Osborne, 368; Ellis, 374; Wheatland/Grinnell, 382; Ness City, 387; Plainville, 392; Stockton, 397; Oberlin, 454.

Pat Burton of Norton was the ninth medalist. He shot a 42/42-84. Other members of the Norton foursome and their scores were: J.D. Gall, 46/41-87; Michael Ward, 46/43-89 and Preston

Herman, 43/48-91.

Also playing for Norton were Marcus Herman, 48/56-104 and Connor Pfannenstiel, 54/63-117.

Medalists were: Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 77; Blake Born, Hill City, 77; Derek Spresser, Hoxie, 79; Nam Nguyen, Phillipsburg, 81; Ben Mense, Hoxie, 82; Eric Cunningham, Trego, 83; Nolan Smith, Trego, 83; Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 84; Pat Burton, 84; Joe Monroe, Phillipsburg, 86.

"We made another step in the overall improvement of our golf team today," said Norton head coach David Stover. "We took advantage of good scoring conditions to post our best team score of the season by 23 shots.

"We need to continue to be more

consistent throughout the round and not vary quite as much with our scoring from front nine to back nine.

"Pat Burton rebounded from a subpar performance earlier in the week to earn his second individual medalist honors of the season and J.D. Gall and Michael Ward put together strong back nine scores to shoot their season low scores as well."

### Next action

The Norton junior varsity golfers will compete in the Smith Center JV Invitational today.

The Blue Jay varsity golf team will compete in the Trego Invitational and Logan Invitational on Thursday. The Trego tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and the Logan tournament will tee off at 3 p.m.

## Colby driver wins Norton race

By Mike Hughes

NORTON — After a rainout on April 7, racing action returned to Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton Saturday evening, April 21.

Colby's John Fabrizio won the 20-lap IMCA Modified main event, but it was anything but easy.

Fabrizius chased Doug Shearer of Hays the first half of the race with David Murray, Marty Clark and Brian Calhoon close behind. But Fabrizio took advantage of a lap 11 restart and stuck to the high side in turn 2 to get around Shearer and take the lead. By lap 14, Murray worked his way into the runner-up spot and set his sights on Fabrizio, but Fabrizio was up to the task and held off heat 2 winner Murray for the win. Corey Lagroon finished third, followed by Shearer and Jason Schoenberger.

Fabrizius and Calhoon also won heat races.

"The Hammer" Josh Hudson of Kensington took command on lap 8 of the 20-lap IMCA Stock Car feature from heat 2 victor Caleb Peters and led the remaining distance for the win. Hudson, Peters, Cory Struckhoff and Jason Davis had pulled away from the field, but however Davis had a motor let go on lap 19, setting up a green-white-checked finish. Heat one winner Hudson then held off Peters, Struckhoff, Jason McCartney and Dan Lauer at the finish line for the victory.

Hometown driver Kelly Karnopp led the opening lap of the IMCA Hobby Stock feature, but gave way on the following lap to B.J. Dauer. But Dauer blew a tire on lap 8 to bring out a caution, giving Karnopp the top spot back, trailing by Jerry Hudson and Dustin

McClurg. Karnopp led the remaining 5 laps for the win, with Hudson, McClurg, Dauer (who changed a tire under caution and lined back up at the tail of the pack on the restart) and Deric Funk rounding out the top five. Heat race winners were Hudson and Dauer.

Alex Loveless of Lincoln won his second 4-cylinder Young Gun main event at Norton, followed by Tyrel Smith, Loyd Schoen and Levi Kiser. Loveless also won the heat race.

Jim Carter and Ron Watson of Russell won the cruiser heat race, then led from green to checkered in the main event. John Annon and Jeff Soderland finished second.

Racing returns to the half-mile oval this Saturday, April 28. Race time is 6 p.m.

### RESULTS

#### IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat 1: 1. Jerry Hudson, 2. Dustin McClurg, 3. Tim Horn.

Heat 2: 1. B.J. Dauer, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Deric Funk, 4. Frank McClurg.

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Hudson, 3. D. McClurg, 4. Dauer, 5. Funk, 6. Phil Hinger, 7. Horn, 8. F. McClurg, 9. Laura Hinger, 10. Matt Christensen (DNF), 11. Gene Sneath (DNS).

#### IMCA Stock Cars

Heat 1: 1. Josh Hudson, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Jay Hachmeister, 4. Jason McCartney.

Heat 2: 1. Caleb Peters, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Kent Lower, 4. Bob Rutherford.

Feature: 1. Hudson, 2. Peters, 3. Struckhoff, 4. McCartney, 5. Dan Lauer, 6. Michael Zajic, 7. Rutherford, 8. Davis (DNF), 9. Lower, 10. Hachmeister, 11. Jesse Taylor (DNF), 12. John Huffman (DNS).

### IMCA Modifieds

Heat 1: 1. John Fabrizio, 2. Jeremy Frenier, 3. Brandon Blochlinger, 4. Matt Fabrizio.

Heat 2: 1. David Murray Jr., 2. Jason Schoenberger, 3. Barry Maupin, 4. Mike Petersilie.

Heat 3: 1. Brian Calhoon, 2. Corey Lagroon, 3. Doug Shearer, 4. Marty Clark.

Feature: 1. J. Fabrizio, 2. Murray, 3. Lagroon, 4. Shearer, 5. Schoenberger, 6. Clark, 7. M. Fabrizio, 8. Mitch Kline, 9. Tim Watts, 10. Wes O'Bannon, 11. J.R. McCreery, 12. Frenier, 13. Mark Zorn, 14. Don Hagan, 15. Rick Schwab, 16. Calhoon (DNF), 17. Blochlinger (DNF), 18. Maupin (DNF), 19. Jim Bell (DNF), 20. Petersilie (DNF), 21. Hunter Hembree (DNS), 22. Gary Kline (DNS).

#### 4-Cylinder Young Guns

Heat: 1. Alex Loveless, 2. Tyrel Smith, 3. Loyd Schoen, 4. Levi Kiser.

Feature: 1. Loveless, 2. Smith, 3. Schoen, 4. Kiser.

#### Cruisers

Heat: 1. Jim Carter/Ron Watson, 2. John Annon/Jeff Soderland.

Feature: 1. Carter/Watson, 2. Annon/Soderland.

**Sports physicals scheduled**

Sports physicals, for area schools, will be given by the Norton physicians beginning at 9 a.m., May 2 in the Norton Junior High School gymnasium. Each school will provide the students with the needed medical forms.

Schedule

9 a.m. Norton, Grade 6
9:20 a.m. Lenora, Grade 6
9:35 a.m. Northern Valley
10 a.m. Norton, Grade 11
10:30 a.m. Norton, Grade 9 and 10
11 a.m. Norton, Grade 7 and 8

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