

Norton track boys win fourth meet crown

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys track team won their fourth meet championship in a row and the Lady Jays track squad placed second in the Oberlin Invitational on Tuesday.

Norton won the boys championship with 103 points. Phillipsburg was second with 94 and Atwood third with 87. Fourth place went to St. Francis with 55, followed by Smith Center, 53; Hoxie, 52; Oberlin, 35; Goodland, 35; Oakley, 25; Wheatland-Grinnell, 13.

Oberlin edged Norton for the girls title by scoring 106 points compared to the Lady Jays' 100. Atwood was a distant third with 72 points, followed by Oakley, 62; Smith Center, 61; St. Francis, 50; Phillipsburg, 43; Wheatland-Grinnell, 27; Hoxie, 24; Goodland, 13.

"The meet was good for us in a number of ways," said coach Jason Jones. "First, we were able to move some athletes into some new spots and give them a chance to compete. Second, we had the opportunity to see some new teams and rub shoulders with them."

"In addition, other than some wind, we were given a pretty nice day in which to improve ourselves. That effort was again successful as our girls posted two season bests and three personal records leading to a very close second place finish to a good Oberlin team."

"On the other side of things, our boys came out of the meet with one season best, eight personal records and one meet record. Jared Engelbert bettered himself in his race-winning when he set a meet record in the 800 meter run in 2:00.17. As a result of these performances, our boys were able to again win the meet."

"We will work through Friday's meet at Russell and then we will enter the championship season,

something that we have been working and looking forward to the entire season!"

BOYS

Jared Engelbert's record-setting 800 meter run is also the second fastest time of the season in the event in the *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll.

Marcus McKenna of Jennings, who runs for Hoxie, placed second with a clocking of 2:00.74, which is third best in the *Journal* area listing.

Engelbert was a triple gold medal winner. He also ran an excellent anchor leg on Norton's 1600 meter relay team to bring the Blue Jays home in 3:35.08 and earn the gold medal.

Running with him were Blake VanEaton, Logan Kats and Kent Mann.

Engelbert also anchored Norton's 3200 meter relay team which won the gold with a time of 8:30.75. Running with him were Zach Bainter, Logan Keiswetter and Blake VanEaton.

Jared Cox won the gold medal in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 42.70 and was runner-up in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.90.

Nathan Broeckelman had an excellent day in the pole vault, clearing 12'6" to win the gold medal and set a personal record.

In addition to running on two gold medal winning relays, VanEaton placed second in the 400 meter dash in 52.83 and fourth in the 200 meter dash in 23.93.

Bainter finished the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:53.11 to win the silver medal and Logan Keiswetter set a personal record with a second place clocking of 10:34.38 in the 3200 meter run.

Bainter placed fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:05.75.

A bronze medal for third place was awarded to Nic Lewis in the triple jump with a distance of 39'5".



Norton's Jared Engelbert had a day to remember at the Oberlin Track Meet on Tuesday. He took the baton in the 1600 meter relay from Kent Mann and anchored his team to a gold medal. He also anchored the Blue Jays' winning 3200 meter relay team and won his third gold medal of the day when he broke the meet record in the 800 meter run in 2:00.17.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Lewis and Broeckelman combined with Todd Bolt and Brett Thomson to place third in the 400 meter relay in a season's best time of 46.05.

Luke VanSike won points for the Blue Jays in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:51.50 to place

fifth. Chris Maddy was sixth in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 11:46.77.

Norton boys performances which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Nathan Broeckelman, DNP, 11.88, personal record; Lo-

gan Kats, DNP, 12.87; Brett Thomson, DNP, 11.69; 110 meter hurdles: Nic Lewis, DNP; discus: Bryce Engelbert, DNP, 102'3", personal record; Zac Dreher, DNP, 114'4"; Zach Mannel, DNP; javelin: Robert Derauf, DNP; Bryce Engelbert, DNP, 122'8", personal record; Zac Dreher, DNP, 132'; shot put: Robert Derauf, DNP; Zac Dreher, DNP, 40'.75", personal record; Perrell Stanley, DNP, 34'5.5"; high jump: Nathan Broeckelman, DNP, 5'4"; Nic Lewis, DNP; Casey Robison, DNP, 5'2"; pole vault: Kaeron Keiswetter, DNP, 9'6"; long jump: Todd Bolt, DNP, 17'11"; Zane Perez, DNP, 15'9.5"; Brett Thomson, DNP, 18'6"; triple jump: Todd Bolt, DNP, 38'2"; 400 meter dash: Brock Lauer, DNP, 58.87, personal record; Ashton Draper, DNP, 58.40; 800 meter run: Jared Bebb, DNP, 2:12.09; 200 meter dash: Todd Bolt, DNP, 24.49; Landon Hamel, DNP, 28.81.

GIRLS

Laura Lee Baird won two gold medals for the Lady Jays by hitting the finish line in 2:24.24 in the 800 meter run and 1:01.59 in the 400 meter dash.

Baird also anchored Norton's 1600 meter relay team to a second place finish in a season's best time of 4:23.13. Running with her were Courtney LeClair, Hannah Mills and KaraJo Jones.

Hayli Bozarth also captured gold medals in the discus and shot put. She threw the discus 123' and heaved the shot 38'4".

Taylor Rossi tied for first place in the pole vault by clearing 8'6".

Courtney LeClair won silver medals in the two hurdles races. She was timed in 16.13 in the 100 meter hurdles and 50.32 in the 300 meter hurdles.

LeClair also ran with Mills, KaraJo Jones and Hannah Waggoner in the 400 meter relay.

They won third with a time of 55.93.

Lacey Roe finished in second place in the javelin with a throw of 110'1".

Fourth place in the 200 meter dash went to KaraJo Jones with a personal record time of 27.87. She also placed fifth in the 400 meter dash in 1:06.71.

Hannah Waggoner finished fifth in the 100 meter dash in 13.42 and sixth in the 200 meter dash in 28.06.

Rossi placed fifth in the 3200 meter run in 13:44.07. Alyssa Thomson finished sixth in the high jump by clearing 4'4" and Mills placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 7'.

The Lady Jays' 3200 meter relay team was just out of the money in seventh place with a time of 12:39.46. Members of the quartet were: Alyssa Farber, Shelby Jones, Courtney Cox and Bethany Roy.

Wiyanna Paxton placed seventh in the shot put, also just out of the points, with a heave of 31'5.5".

Other Norton girls performances which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Hannah Mills, DNP, 13.87; 1600 meter run: Courtney Cox, 13th, 7:47.76; 300 meter hurdles: Shelby Jones, DNP, 58.53; discus: Chantille Campbell, DNP, 94'4"; Amanda Delimont, DNP, 80"; javelin: Bethany Roy, DNP, 86'10", personal record; Wiyanna Paxton, DNP, 90'1", season's best; shot put: Amanda Delimont, DNP, 29'10.25"; long jump: Alyssa Farber, DNP, 11'9"; Alyssa Thomson, DNP; triple jump: Alyssa Farber, DNP, 29'1.75"; 800 meter run: Bethany Roy, 10th, 2:51.47; 200 meter dash: Alyssa Thomson, DNP, 30.44.

Next action

Norton is scheduled to compete today in the Russell Relays, beginning at 3 p.m.

Junior high track team does well at Jack Thomas meet

Here are the results of the Norton Junior High boys and girls in the April 19 Jack Thomas Invitational Track Meet at Hill City.

Boys — 8th grade

Discus, Ryan Blecha, 4th, 99' 10"; shot put, Justin Griffith, 4th, 32' 3.5"; long jump, Terrell Lane, 1st, 19' 2.5"; pole vault, Landon Keiswetter, 3rd, 8' 6"; Brett Terrell, 4th, 8' 0"; Kaid McKenna, 6th, 7' 5"; high jump, Dakota Dreher, 1st, 5' 0"; Billy

Broeckelman, 3rd, 4' 6"; 800 sprint medley, 1st, 1:51.81 (Shirk, Broeckelman, Ninemire, Sproul); 4X200 meter relay, 1st, 1:49.28 (Shirk, Ninemire, Stanley, Sproul); 4X100 meter relay, 2nd, 52.65 (Broeckelman, Stanley, Laughlin, Ninemire); 75 meter hurdles, Dakota Dreher, 4th, 12.65; Spencer Shirk, 5th, 13.46; 3200 meter run, Troy Bainter, 1st, 12:29.43; Kegan Vanover, 5th, 14:28.34; 1600 meter run, Finals,

Heat 1, Troy Bainter, 2nd, 5:45.15; Heat 2, Zach Porter, 1st, 6:09.52; 800 meter run, Finals, Heat 1, Spencer Shirk, 3rd, 2:29.59; Landon Keiswetter, 5th, 2:44.53; 400 meter dash, Finals, Heat 1, Jeremy Sproul, 1st, 57.81; Dakota Dreher, 4th, 1:02.09; 200 meter dash, Finals, Heat 1, Terrell Lane, 1st, 24.44, Jeremy Sproul, 2nd, 25.93; 100 meter dash, Finals, Heat 1, Terrell Lane, 1st, 11.87; 75 meter dash, Finals, Heat 1, Terrell

Lane, 1st, 9:05.

Boys — 7th grade

Discus, Casey Timmel, 4th, 71' 0"; shot put, Casey Timmel, 1st, 33' 6.25"; Trey Millan, 5th, 29' 10"; pole vault, Finals, Flight 1, Seth Antrim, 1st, 88' 0"; Tye Nickell, 3rd, 7' 5"; Flight 2, Robert Blecha, 1st, 6' 6"; high jump, Jordan Wahlmeier, 1st, 4' 6"; 800 sprint medley, 3rd, 2:11.56 (Blecha, Timmel, LeClair, Wahlmeier); 4X200 meter relay, 1st, 2:05.62 (McConney, Antrim, LeClair, Timmel); 4X100 meter relay, 2nd, 58.25 (Waggoner, Millan, Antrim, Blecha); 74 meter hurdles, Finals, Heat 1, Joe LeClair, 1st, 13.28, Mitchell Shelton, 3rd, 14.12, Jordan Wahlmeier, 5th, 14.68; 800 meter run, Tye Nickell, 2nd, 2:31.50, Taylor Meder, 6th, 2:56.90; 400 meter dash, Tye Nickel, 1st, 1:05.78, Dillon McConney, 5th, 1:13.96; 200 meter dash, Joe

LeClair, 5th, 30.36; 100 meter dash, Trey Millan, 5th, 14.34; 75 meter dash, Robert Blecha, 2nd, 11.08.

Girls — 8th grade

3200 meterrun, Kayleen Rossi, 2nd, 15:07.31; discus, Katie Gall, 6th, 62' 0.5"; shot put, Sharrelle Shinn, 6th, 28' 2"; long jump, Shaylyn Boetler, 5th, 12' 2.5"; high jump, Dustyna Sprigg, 2nd, 4'4", Diedre Kramer, 4'2.1"; 800 sprint medley, 1st, 2:11.61 (Tacha, Rossi, Kramer, Sprigg); 4X200 meter relay, 2nd, 2:10.22 (Rossi, Kramer, Shepard, Sprigg); 4X100 meter relay, 4th, 1:04.36 (Peterson, Millan, Tacha, Mills); 75 meter hurdles, Finals, Heat 1, Ashley Millan, 4th, 14.78; 800 meter run, Kayleen Rossi, 4th, 3:08.84; 400 meter dash, Dustyna Sprigg, 3rd, 1:11.40, Diedre Kramer, 4th, 1:12.56.

Girls — 7th grade

Discus, Mariah Farber, 2nd, 57' 11.5"; shot put, Fayth Davenport, 3rd, 25' 9.5"; long jump, Sady Keilig, 4th, 13'9.5"; Abby Bainter, 5th, 13'7"; 800 sprint medley, 3rd, 2:18.18 (Thomson, Bainter, Paxton, Keilig); 4X2000 meter relay, 4th, 2:13.84 (Thomson, Henson, Paxton, Terrell); 1600 meter run, Abby Bainter, 3rd, 6:21.93; 800 meter run, Erin Terrell, 2nd, 2:44.93, Abby Bainter, 4th, 2:53.94; 400 meter dash, Erin Terrell, 2nd, 1:09.74, Sady Keilig, 5th, 1:13.14.

Area basketball players recognized

By DICK BOYD

Nic Lewis and Laura Lee Baird of Norton Community High School and Kelli Cole of Northern Valley High School have received post-season honors on *The Hays Daily News* All-Area Basketball Team.

Lewis and Cole are seniors and Baird is a sophomore. All three received honorable mention.

Ethan Kuhlmann of Kensington was named boys' "Player of the Year."

On the boys first team, along with Kuhlmann, were: Trent Blackwill, Quinter; Kyle Hammerschmidt, Thomas More Prep-Marian; Paul Kuhlman, Oakley; Jeff Reid, Brewster.

Named to the boys second team were: Jason Ball, Hays High; Jason Crawford, Natoma; Joey Garcia, La Crosse; Jance McKee, Brewster; Trevor Ottley, TMP-

Marian.

On the third team were: Jeff Hennick, Sharon Springs; Nolan Hoffman, TMP-Marian; Tyler Masters, Natoma; Jake Moss, Hoxie; Michael Selby, Hays High.

Receiving honorable mention along with Lewis were: Kameron Parker, Hays High; Joel McAtee, St. Francis; Braden Wilson, Smith Center; Drew Basgall, Atwood; Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg; Cade Scott, Victoria; Colby Gantz, Ness City; Nick Angelos, Goodland; Spencer Hemmert, Trego.

Jannica Schultze of Osborne was chosen girls' "Player of the Year".

Named to the girls first team, along with Schultze, were: Jocelyn Anderson, Quinter; Lissa Mazanec, Colby; Katelyn

Sprester, Golden Plains; Kimber Weiser, Oakley.

On the girls second team were: Whitney Archer, Goodland; Rachel Belisle, Palco; Claire Cole, Kensington; Kristen Waldschmidt, Ellis; Nikki Welsh, Sharon Springs.

Selected for the third girls team were: Ashley Barnes, Colby; Kaylee Hoffman, TMP-Marian; Aubrey Kehlbeck, Cheylin; Raena Sander, Hays High; Kendra Sprester, Golden Plains.

Receiving honorable mention along with Baird and Cole were: Whitney Taylor, Ellis; Danielle Pfeifer, Ellis; Sara Miller, Atwood; Brea Teeter, Oakley; Kelsey Robben, Victoria; Demi French, Osborne; Lauren Fortin, Oberlin.

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