

Norton track boys extend win streak to six

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School boys track team extended their win streak to six in a row with a championship, while the Lady Blue Jays earned the runner-up spot in the annual Mid-Continent League Track Meet last Friday in

Plainville. The Norton boys amassed 139 points to beat Phillipsburg's 124 for the championship. Third place went to Ellis with 91 points, followed by Smith Center, 85; Stockton, 47; Hill City, 29; Osborne, 24; Plainville, 12; Trego Community, 7.

Osborne won the girls title with 134 points and Norton scored 114 for second. Third place went to Ellis with 84, followed by Plainville, 69; Phillipsburg, 62; Smith Center, 53; Trego Community, 23; Hill City, 18; Stockton, 1.

"We could not be happier with our girls and boys and their efforts in the league meet," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"It was great to see our boys win the league championship and our girls come in second to a very good Osborne team. We are elated with these team results!

"Aside from this, though, we are especially proud of the effort our athletes put forth. We moved some athletes around in order to try and split up some points or gain some additional team points and, though this made it a bit more difficult for them as individuals to put up their best possible times and distances, they worked very hard where we asked them to without complaint. This speaks to their true character and we are proud to coach these types of young people.

"Our hard work and training paid off, once again, as our girls posted seven new seasonal bests and four personal records and our boys established four seasonal bests and eight personal records!.

"For some of our athletes, this was a great ending to a very successful season. Others, however, will continue working and we will travel to Holcomb on Friday to compete in our regional meet. We can't wait to continue competing and we look forward to further success!"

BOYS

Five individuals and two relays won gold medals for the Norton boys.

Jared Engelbert was a double gold medal winner. He hit the finish line in 2:02.63 to win the 800 meter run and was a member of the Blue Jays' gold medal winning 1600 meter relay team which was timed in a season's best 3:31.81, the second fastest time in the most current *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll.

Other members of the relay team are Blake VanEaton, Kent Mann and Logan Kats.

Engelbert also won the silver medal in the 400 meter dash in a season's best time of 51.91 and VanEaton was right behind him in third with a 52.31 clocking. VanEaton also placed second in the 200 meter dash in 23.51.

VanEaton was also a member of Norton's gold medal winning 3200 meter relay team timed in a season's best time of 8:27.29, which is third best in the *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll. Also on the team were Zach Bainter, Logan Keiswetter and Jared Bebb.

Bainter and Keiswetter also

won two gold medals. Bainter won the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:48.13 and Keiswetter set a personal record in winning the 3200 meter run in 10:28.18.

Nathan Broeckelman continued his way higher in the pole vault as he cleared a personal record height of 13' to win the gold medal in that event and tie him for second in the *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll.

Jared Cox recorded an excellent time of 41.41 to win the 300 meter hurdles and placed third in the 110 meter hurdles with a clocking of 15.78. Second place went to Norton's Nic Lewis with a time of 15.71 and the Blue Jays' Wes Georgeson was fifth in 16.34.

Cox was third in last week's *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll in the 300 hurdles with a time of 41.39 and remained there with his 41.41.

Kent Mann followed Bainter to the finish line for the runner-up spot in the 1600 meter run in 4:52.66.

Brett Thomson placed fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.55 and fifth in the 200 meter dash in 23.96. He also placed fourth in the long jump with a personal record leap of 20'2.5".

Bainter finished fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:08.21 and Jared Bebb was sixth in a personal record time of 2:09.06.

Lewis placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 39'10" and sixth in the high jump by clearing 5'8". Todd Bolt finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 38'9.75".

Chris Maddy placed fifth in the 3200 meter run in 11:11.40.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Nathan Broeckelman, DNP, 11.92; Logan Kats, DNP, 12.40, personal record; 1600 meter run, Luke VanSkiel, DNP, 5:33.00; 300 meter hurdles: Wes Georgeson, DNP, 45.22, season's best; Zac Dreher, DNP, 48.51; 400 meter relay: DNP, Nathan Broeckelman, Todd Bolt, Nic Lewis, Brett Thomson; discus: Bryce Engelbert, DNP, 108'10", personal record; Zac Dreher, DNP, 104'4"; Zach Mannel, DNP, 88'4", personal record; javelin: Bryce Engelbert, DNP, 117'; Wes

Georgeson, DNP, 142'01"; Zac Dreher, DNP, 126'11"; shot put: Robert Derauf, DNP, 31'9.5"; Zac Dreher, DNP, 33'; Perrell Stanley, DNP, 33'5.75"; high jump: Nathan Broeckelman, DNP, 5'6"; Casey Robison, DNP; pole vault: Kaenon Keiswetter, DNP, 10'; long jump: Todd Bolt, DNP, 18'7.25; Ashton Draper, DNP, 17'5.5"; 400 meter dash: Ashton Draper, DNP, 55.55, personal record; 200 meter dash: Todd Bolt, DNP, 24.37.

GIRLS

Two Norton girls, Laura Lee Baird and Courtney LeClair, not only won gold medals but repeated as league champions from a year ago.

Baird won the 400 meter dash in a season's best time of 58.94, edging Osborne's Demi French, who was timed in 59.03. The girls were running neck-and-neck until Baird kicked it into high gear the last couple of yards to win.

Baird also defeated French in last year's league meet when Baird was timed in 58.91 and French in 59.65.

The girls' times are the second and third best so far in the *Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll.

LeClair was the repeat champion in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 16.34. She also placed second in the 300 meter hurdles with a season's best time of 48.70.

Baird also placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:28.92 and was a member of two Lady Blue Jay relays which placed second. The 3200 meter relay team of Baird, Bethany Roy, Shelby Jones and Taylor Rossi was timed in 11:01.79 and the 1600 meter relay team of Baird, LeClair, Hannah Waggoner, and KaraJo Jones had a season's best time of 4:13.88.

Hayli Bozarth scored points in three field events. She won the shot put with a heave of 36'3.25", placed second in the discus with a throw of 113'5.5" and was third in the javelin with a distance of 105'10".

Lacey Roe finished second in the javelin with a throw of 106'2".

Taylor Rossi placed second in the pole vault with a personal record height of 9'.

Waggoner placed third in the 100 meter dash in 13.06 and third

in the 200 meter dash in a personal record time of 27.09. She was also a member of the Lady Jays' 400 meter relay team which finished third in a season's best time of 51.90. Running with her were LeClair, Hannah Mills and KaraJo Jones.

Mills also placed fifth in the pole vault with a personal record height of 7'6".

Laura Delimont finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 99'8".

Norton girls performances which did not place were: 100 meter dash: Hannah Mills, DNP, 13.86; 1600 meter run: Courtney Cox, DNP, 7:17, season's best; Taylor Rossi, DNP, 6:12, season's best; 300 meter hurdles: Shelby Jones, DNP, 58.09; discus: Wiyanna Paxton, DNP, 83'7.5", season's best; javelin: Thea Wiseman, DNP, 76'5"; shot put: Laura Delimont, DNP, 38'8.75"; Wiyanna Paxton, DNP, 30'4.25"; high jump: Alyssa Thomson, DNP, 4'10"; long jump: Shelby Jones, DNP, 13'5.5"; Alyssa Thomson, DNP, 14'5", personal record; triple jump: Alyssa Farber, DNP, 29'8.5"; 400 meter dash: KaraJo Jones, DNP, 1:07; 800 meter run: Bethany Roy, DNP, 2:46; 200 meter dash: KaraJo Jones, DNP, 28.75; Alyssa Thomson, DNP, 30.01.

Next action

The Norton girls and boys thinclads will compete Friday in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet at Holcomb High School.

The meet will begin at 3 p.m. with the field events.

In addition to Norton and Holcomb, athletes will be competing from Chaparral, Beloit, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Hoisington, Hutchinson-Trinity, Southwestern Heights, Lakin, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Oberlin, Phillipsburg and Scott City.

Admission will be \$3 for students K-12 and \$4 for adults.

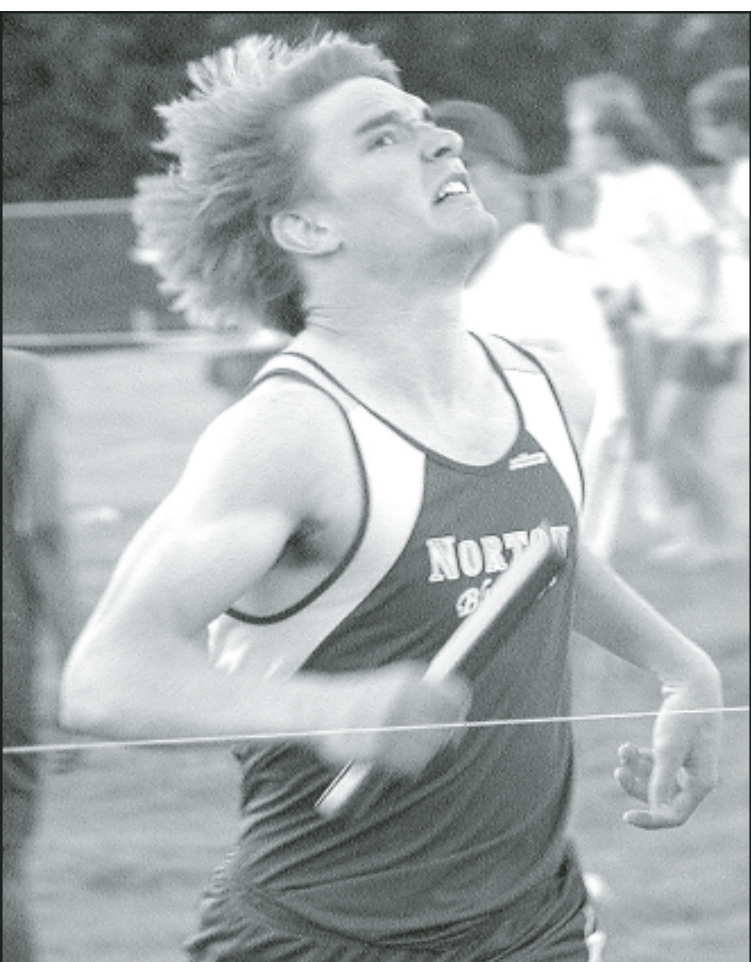
Medals will be awarded to the top four place winners in each event as well as to the top two teams.

The top four place winners in each event will advance to the State Track and Field Meet on May 25 and 26 at Cessna Stadium, on the campus of Wichita State University.



The Blue Jays' Kent Mann received the baton from Logan Kats for his leg of the 1600 meter relay which was won in the Mid-Continent League track meet by Norton in 3:31.81, the second fastest time in *The Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll. Running with them were Jared Engelbert and Blake VanEaton.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's Blake VanEaton hits the finish line to anchor his 1600 meter relay team to a gold medal performance in the Mid-Continent League track meet in 3:31.81, the second fastest time in *The Salina Journal* Area Track Honor Roll. Running with VanEaton were Kent Mann, Logan Kats and Jared Engelbert.

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Norton's Laura Lee Baird edged Osborne's Demi French to win the 400 meter dash in the closest race of the Mid-Continent League track meet. Baird was timed in 58.94 and French in 59.03. Baird also edged French for the 400 meter championship a year ago.

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Northern Valley ladies win

The Cheyenne Conference track meet was held May 10 at Logan. The Northern Valley girls took first place with 145 points, and Logan came in second with 127.

On the boys' side, Logan was first-place finisher with 102 points and Northern Valley was fifth with 67.

Team totals/Girls:

1. Northern Valley, 145
2. Logan, 127
3. Western Plains, 117
4. Kensington, 94
5. Palco, 60

Girls/Events

Triple Jump — 1st, A. Cole, Northern Valley, 31'3"; 4th, Kemper, Logan, 30'4.25"; 5th, A. Hopkins, Northern Valley, 30'3.75"; 6th, M. Cole, Northern Valley, 27'4.75".

Pole Vault — 1st, Hilburn, Northern Valley, 8'6"; 2nd, T. Clements, Logan, 7'1"; 3rd, B. Clements, Logan, 7'1"; 4th, R. Pinkerton, Logan, 5'6".

Long Jump — 1st, T. Clements, Logan, 14'6.75"; 3rd, D. Archer, Logan, 12'11.25"; 5th, Redeker, Northern Valley, 12'4.75".

Shot Put — 3rd, Larson, Logan, 31'5"; 4th, Sheley, Northern Valley, 29'9"; 6th, Sparks, Logan, 28'2".

Discus — 1st, Larson, Logan, 96'8"; 5th, Brobst, Logan, 72'5.5"; 6th, Sparks, Logan, 69'3".

High Jump — 1st, A. Cole, Northern Valley, 5'2"; 2nd, K. Cole, Northern Valley, 5'; 4th, M. Cole, Northern Valley, 4'10".

4X800 — 3rd, Northern Valley, 12:03.3.

100 M Hurdles — 1st, A. Cole, Northern Valley, 16.68; 2nd, K. Cole, Northern Valley, 18.06; 4th, R. Pinkerton, Logan, 19.82.

100 M — 1st, Hartman, Logan, 13.2; 3rd, Redeker, Northern Valley, 13.53.

1600 M — 3rd, M. Cole, North-

ern Valley, 06:57.8; 4th, Lowry, Northern Valley, 07:12.5.

4x100 — 1st, Logan, 53.82; 5th, Northern Valley, 01:01.6.

400 M — 2nd, Kemper, Logan, 01:05.1; 3rd, Anderson, Northern Valley, 01:06.7; 4th, Tubbs, Northern Valley, 01:07.7; 5th, T. Clements, Logan, 01:09.0.

300 M Hurdles — 2nd, K. Cole, Northern Valley, 50.94; 3rd, A. Cole, Northern valley, 54.3; 5th, Pinkerton, Logan, 59.1.

800 M — 1st, B. Clements, Logan, 02:32.5; 3rd, Tubbs, Northern Valley, 02:42.0; 5th, D. Archer, Logan, 02:44.7.

200 M — 1st, Hartman, Logan, 00:27.3; 4th, Redeker, Northern Valley, 00:29.2; 6th, T. Clements, Logan, 00:30.3.

3200 M — 3rd, M. Cole, Northern Valley, 14:57.1; 4th, A. Lowry, Northern Valley, 15:18.7; 5th, A. Hopkins, Northern Valley, 18:08.8.

4X400 — 1st, Logan, 04:24.1; 3rd, Northern Valley, 04:51.7.

Team totals/Boys:

1. Logan, 124
2. Kensington, 102
3. Palco, 101.5
4. Western Plains, 85.5
5. Northern Valley, 67
6. Eastern Heights, 59

Boys/Events

Triple Jump — 1st, Pabst, Logan, 39'4.25"; 2nd, Long, Logan,

38'10";

Pole Vault — 1st, Long, Logan, 11'6"; K. Pinkerton, Logan, 10'8"; McMillin, Northern Valley, 9'6".

Long Jump — 1st, Pabst, Logan, 19'7.5".

Shot Put — 1st, McElroy, Logan, 51'9"; 4th, Redeker, Northern Valley, 41'7.5" 5th, Becker, Logan, 40'11.5".

Discus — 1st, McElroy, Logan, 157'6".

Javelin — 4th, Graham, Northern Valley, 131'9".

4X800 — 2nd, Northern Valley, 09:21.6.

110 M Hurdles — 1st, Long, Logan, 16.65.

1600 M — 1st, Marble, Northern Valley, 05:08.6; 2nd, K. Pinkerton, Logan, 05:17.6; 4th, B. Pinkerton, Logan, 05:29.3.

4X100 — 5th, Northern Valley, 50.28.

400 M — 6th, Hays, Northern Valley, 57.9.

300 M Hurdles — 1st, Long, Logan, 43.96; 2nd, Kersch, Northern Valley, 44.94; 3rd, Pabst, Logan, 45.4.

800 M — 2nd, Nelson, Northern Valley, 02:22.1.

3200 M — 1st, Marble, Northern Valley, 11:02.9; 3rd, K. Pinkerton, Logan, 11:30.8; 4th, B. Pinkerton, Logan, 12:16.4.

4X400 — 2nd, Logan, 03:53.6; 3rd, Northern Valley, 03:48.0.

Booster Club ready to huddle



All fans of Norton Community High School sports are invited to attend the Blue Jay Booster Club meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the high school cafeteria.

Norton golf coach David Stover and track coach Jason Jones will update fans on recent competition by their teams and preview upcoming events.