

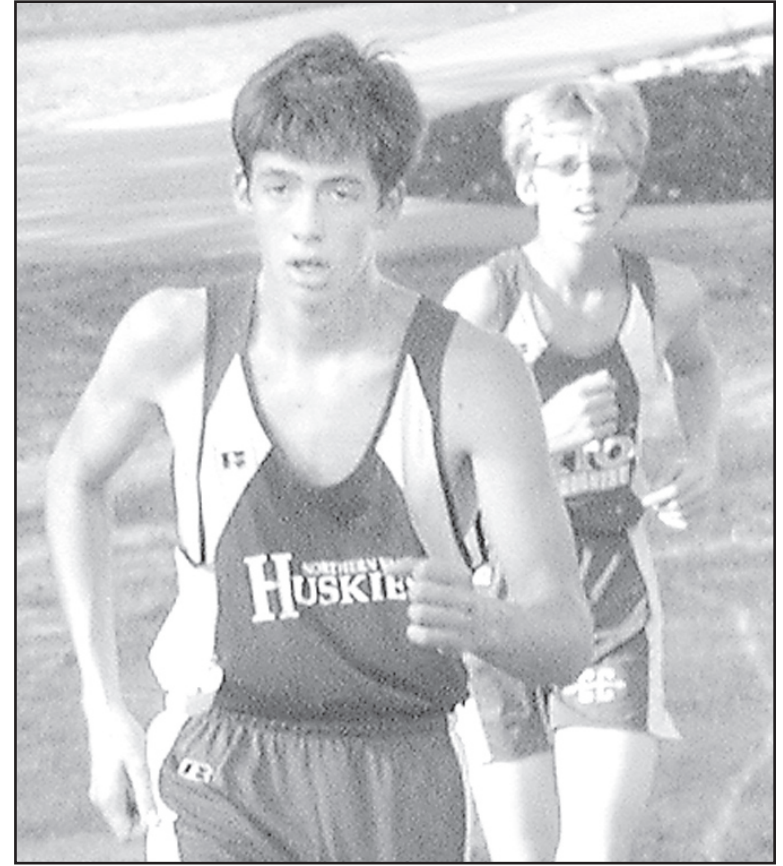
# Blue Jay boys again capture league title



Norton's David Counter, front, placed fifth in the Mid-Continent League cross country race on Thursday in Phillipsburg. Following him was the Blue Jays' Chris Maddy, who finished

in eighth place. The Norton boys won the team title for the fourth straight year.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



The Huskies' Stanton Nelson led Norton's Josh Gallentine up a hill in Phillipsburg in the junior varsity race. Nelson finished third, and Gallentine fourth.

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## Girls take runner-up honors on course in Phillipsburg

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For the fourth straight year, the Norton Community High School boys cross country team has won the Mid-Continent League championship.

The Blue Jay boys powered to the title on Thursday in Phillipsburg by winning the individual championship and placing five team members in the top 19 finishers.

Norton scored 44 points, followed by Osborne, 50; Hill City, 72; Trego, 104; Ellis, 109; Phillipsburg, 153; Stockton, 156; Smith Center, 236.

Osborne was the girls champion with 22 points and Norton placed

second for the second straight year with 39. Hill City was third with 77 points.

### BOYS

Norton's Zach Bainter repeated as the boys individual champion with a time of 17:34. David Counter finished fifth with a time of 19:12 and Chris Maddy was eighth in 19:24. Jordan Bebb placed 11th in 19:48 and Troy Bainter rounded out the Norton five-man team with a 19th place in 21:00.

Also running varsity for Norton were Luke VanSkike, 26th, 21:49 and Kerby Brandyberry, 29th, 22:00.

In the standings that included non-league runners, Bainter was still first, Counter was seventh,

Maddy 11th, Bebb 14th, Troy Bainter 24th, VanSkike 33rd and Brandyberry 36th.

Martin Hojda, Osborne, placed second in 18:26, followed by Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 18:27, third; Drake Reynolds, Phillipsburg, 18:35, fourth; Andrew Richards, Oberlin, 18:37, fifth; Andrew Gasper, Lakeside, 19:06, sixth; Kevin Urban, Ellis, 19:17, eighth; Bryce Marble, Northern Valley, 19:19, ninth; Sklyer McGann, Trego, 19:21, tenth.

In junior varsity competition, Norton's Josh Gallentine placed fourth in 22:41. The Jays' Grant McClymont was eighth in 23:14, followed by Cole Archer, 23:21, ninth and Keegan Vanover, 23:27,

tenth.

Norton's Zach Porter was 16th in 24:28 and Matt Miller placed 22nd in 25:13.

Northern Valley's Stanton Nelson was third in 22:36.

### GIRLS

KaraJo Jones was top plater for the Lady Jays, finishing fourth in 17:51. Taylor Rossi placed sixth in 18:14, Kaylen Rossi ninth in 18:47, Dustyna Sprigg 14th in 19:28 and Kylie Morel 15th in 20:19 to comprise the five-girl team. Also running for Norton was Amanda Ray, who finished right behind Morel in 16th with a clocking of 20:41.

In the standings that included non-league runners, Jones placed

sixth, Taylor Rossi ninth, Kaylen Rossi 13th, Dustyna Sprigg 19th, Kylie Morel 22nd and Amanda Ray 24th.

Aubrey Frederking, Ellis, won the individual title with a 16:01 time. Rachel Renken, Lakeside, was second in 16:47; Paige Noel, Osborne, was third in 17:20; Megan Burch, Osborne, fourth, in 17:27; Kayla Field, Northern Valley, fifth in 17:38; Megan Hake, Lakeside, seventh in 17:57; Haley Wolf, Ellis, eighth in 18:03 and Jordyn Sturgeon, Osborne, tenth in 18:15.

### Coach's comments

"Zach Bainter just blew everybody away in the boys race," said Norton head coach Tom Hehn.

"All our boys ran well, including the junior varsity.

"Unfortunately, Laura Lee Baird became ill during the girls race and did not finish. Some of our other runners also had some sickness problems.

"It was a hot, humid day with a lot of wind but our runners performed as well as could be expected."

### Next action

Norton runners competed in the Lakeside Invitational on Thursday but results were not available at press time. Next competition for the Blue Jays will be in the Regional Cross Country Meet which will be held in Norton on Saturday, Oct. 20.

## Varsity volleyball goes 2-2 in tourney at Scott City

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Holcomb and St. Francis and lost to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and Scott City in the Scott City Tournament on Saturday.

### THOMAS MORE PREP

Norton lost to TMP 23-25, 25-19, 24-26 in their first match of the day.

"We missed a win by two points in the final game," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox.

"Overall, we played fairly consistent but had no spark to give us momentum. We served fairly well but did not have as many aces as I like to have in a three game match.

"We are starting to be a presence at the net with blocks but this is an

area where we need to continue to improve to be successful."

Courtney LeClair led in kills with 7, followed by Hayli Bozarth, Courtney Cox, 4 each; Lacy Keilig, Ashli Hageman, 1 each.

Cox was leading server with 5 aces, followed by Ashley Colip, Sara Lentz, Katharine Roy, Ashlie Stewart, 1 each.

Leading in digs was Stewart with 7, followed by Cox, 5; Bozarth, Colip, Roy, 3 each; Shelby Jones, 2. Colip and Cox each had 7 assists while Keilig and Lentz recorded 1 each.

Bozarth led in blocks with 3, followed by Keilig, LeClair, 1 each.

### HOLCOMB

Norton won their first match of the day by beating Holcomb 15-25, 25-20, 25-23.

"We were much more aggres-

sive at the net with blocking and it helped since we only had six aces the entire match," said Cox. "Our kills were spread out among our hitters with our middle hitters, LeClair and Hageman, stepping up and taking care of business."

LeClair led again with kills, recording 7. Bozarth had 6, followed by Ashlie Hageman, 5; Cox, 3; Keilig, 1.

Serving leaders were LeClair and Lentz with 2 aces each, followed by Cox, Stewart, 1 each.

Roy and Stewart each had 3 digs, followed by Bozarth, Colip, Cox, Jones, LeClair, 1 each. Assists leader was Cox with 11, followed by Colip, 8. Cox also led in blocks with 3, followed by Keilig, 2; Bozarth, Hageman, 1 each.

### ST. FRANCIS

The Lady Jays put together their

second win in a row by outscoring St. Francis 25-17, 25-16.

"This match was not won from the service line as we only served 82 percent but again from our hitters and their 21 kills in two games," said Cox.

"Hageman, who had a career high six kills, is not the conventional middle hitter, being new to hitting out of the middle but she has worked very hard at improving her net play in both hitting and blocking

"Again, our passers passed at a high rate and let the setters do their job with little transition."

Stewart led in serving with 2 aces, followed by Colip, Cox, LeClair, Roy, 1 each.

In addition to Hageman's 6 kills, Bozarth had 5, LeClair 4, Keilig 3,

Cox 2 and Lentz 1.

Bozarth, Cox, Roy and Stewart led in digs with 2 each and Keilig had 1.

Cox was assists leader again with 10, followed by Colip, 5; Lentz, 2; Roy, 1. Keilig had 1 block.

### SCOTT CITY

Norton just missed coming out of pool play in a three-game match with Scott City, which they lost 10-25, 25-21, 19-25.

"By the time we played our fourth match and third in a row, we were tired," said Cox.

"Despite losing 10-25 in the first game, we fought back and won the second. We continued to fight through the third game but just didn't quite have enough energy to finish the hosting Lady

Beavers.

"Overall, I was very impressed with the level of play from our girls. They were very focused and, I think, they finally realized how well they can play together when they give it their all."

Bozarth led kills with 7, followed by Cox, LeClair, Lentz, 4 each; Hageman, 3; Stewart, 1.

Serving leader was Colip with 3 aces, followed by Lentz, 2; LeClair, Roy, 1 each.

Cox led digs with 5, followed by Colip, Stewart, 2 each; Roy, Thea Wiseman, 1 each. Cox also led in assists with 12 while Colip had 6. Cox had 1 block.

### Two Lady Jays honored

Hayli Bozarth and Courtney Cox were named to the All-Tournament Team.

## Seventh football blanks Smith Center

Norton's 7th grade football Blue Jays shut out Smith Center 28-0 on Oct. 8, prompting coach George Rossi to say, "This was a fantastic game...Every facet of the game went well with the exception of penalties."

He said the boys hit well, and blocked and ran the ball great. "These boys have great potential and if they can continue to work hard, they will contend for the league championship next year," he said.

Norton put 8 points on the scoreboard in the first quarter, 12 in the second and 8 in the third.

Jacob Brooks scored on a 32-yard run in the first period and Dalton Miller's pass to John Renner added 2 points. In the second, Brooks ran again for 32 yards and then 58 yards. The PAT failed on both occasions. In the third quarter, Brooks raced 45 yards for a TD and Miller ran in the 2-point conversion.

Brooks carried the ball 12 times for 205 yards for a 17.1-yards per carry average.

Jared Bohl carried 5 times for 16 yards and Lane Archer 3 times

for 13 yards.

Dalton Miller tossed 6 passes and completed 4 for 21 yards. John Risewick caught 2 passes for 19 yards, and John Renner 1 for 2 yards. Jared Bohl punted twice for 51 yards, a 25.5 average. Brooks returned one punt for 22 yards, but it was called back on a holding penalty.

Risewick kicked off 5 times for 102 yards, a 20.1 average. He also returned 1 kick off for 8 yards.

Tackles: Dalton Miller 12; John Renner 9; Andrew Ellis 5; Lane Archer 1; Jacob Brooks 2; Jared Bohl 7; Lucas Engel 13; Trevor Rossi 11; Dylan Sprigg 3; Jordan Hartwell 1; Cody Ellis 1; Lane Vanover 1; Eli Bozarth 4; Carson McKenna 2; and John Risewick 8.

First downs: Norton 4, 3 on the ground and 1 in the air (Smith Center 6); Norton attempted 6 passes and completed 4 for 21 yards; Norton had 24 rushing plays for 244 yards, lost 11 for net yardage on the ground of 233 yards.

Norton had a total of 30 offensive plays rushing and passing; Norton's total offense was 265

yards; Norton didn't mishandle the ball, while Smith Center fumbled 3 times and lost 1; Norton was penalized 11 times for minus 70 yards vs. 6 for Smith Center for minus 30 yards; Norton had 81 total tackles.

### 8th grade game

The varsity game was called in the second quarter due to weather concerns with Smith Center leading 14-0.

"I felt we had played the best first half of the year," Rossi said.

"Smith Center did score on two mental mistakes on our defense that I was confident we corrected," he said.

"Unfortunately, the weather did not cooperate and we were unable to continue the game," he said.

In that abbreviated game, Tye Nickell carried the ball 5 times for 7 yards and Trey Millan 2 for 12 yards. Seth Antrim kicked off once for 35 yards.

Tackles: Tye Nickell 5; Dillon McConney 2; Trey Millan 10; Jordan Wahlmeier 1; Robert Blecha 3; Casey Temmel 3; Cayleb Campbell 2; Kurt Douglas 2; and Alec Gilgenbach 1. -td

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