

Logan Trojan track sixth in Norton Invite

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The Logan High School girls and boys track squads opened the 2008 season with a sixth place finish in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday.

The Norton girls won the championship with 168.6 points, followed by Colby, 121.6; Phillipsburg, 113.7; Smith Center, 55; Northern Valley, 50.6; Logan, 23.5; Goodland, 7.

The boys championship went to Colby with 158 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 122; Norton, 95.5; Smith Center, 70; Northern Valley, 42.5; Logan, 38; Goodland, 25.

Girls

Senior Shelley Kemper won the silver medal in the 400 meter dash in 1:06.73. She was followed to the finish line by sophomore Tiffany Clements, fourth in 1:09.69 and sophomore Dawn Archer, fifth in 1:09.70.

Kemper was also a member of the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed fourth in 4:41.33. Others on the relay team were Clements, senior Jenny Archer and sophomore RaeAnn Pinkerton.

Clements also placed fourth in the pole vault by clearing 6'6" and tied for sixth in the long jump with a leap of 14'5".

Senior Aspen Larson finished in sixth in the discus with a throw of 102'5".

Other members of this year's Logan girls track team are: Leandra Sparks, throws; Shaley Van Loenen, throws, seniors; Carri Brobst, throws; Autumn Tien, throws, juniors; Vicky Dick, throws; Brittany Gaines, distance, freshmen.

Boys

Trojan senior Zach Long had an outstanding opening day at the track. He won the triple jump and placed third in the pole vault and both hurdles races. He had an outstanding triple jump of 41'8.5" to win the gold in that event. He was timed in 17.15 in the 110 meter hurdles and 44.23 in the 300 meter hurdles. Long cleared 11'6" in the pole vault.

Junior sprinter Levi Kiser tied for fifth in the 200 meter dash in 24 flat and placed sixth in the 100 meter dash in 12.09.

Sophomore Tyson Pabst was fifth in both hurdles races. He was

timed in 18.40 in the 110 meter hurdles and 45.35 in the 300 meter hurdles.

Junior Charley Harmon placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 116'.

Freshman Brady Tien finished in a tie for fifth in the pole vault by clearing 11' and placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 38'3.5".

The 4 x 400 meter relay team of freshman Charlie Becker, freshman Jordan Girard, Pabst and sophomore Bryce Sammons placed sixth in 4:06.55.

Other members of this year's Trojan boys track squad are: Brian Pinkerton, distance; Garrett Becker, throws, seniors; Mark Pakkebie, throws, freshman.

Coach's comments

The Trojans return three state meet medalists from last year.

Zach Long was fifth in the Class 1A pole vault a year ago and a state qualifier in the pole vault in 2006. He was also a state qualifier last season in the 110 meter hurdles.

Jenny Archer and Shelley Kemper were both members of the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed second in the state last

season and were also on the 4 x 100 meter team which came in sixth in the state meet. Both have been members of state-qualifying relay teams all three years in high school.

Garrett Becker is looking for success this year in the shot put. He placed sixth in the Cheyenne Conference meet a year ago.

Aspen Larson turned in a career-best throw in the discus at Norton by nearly three feet.

"On Friday, we took advantage of the nice weather to turn in some pretty good early performances," said Logan coach Chris Graham.

"Our seniors had pretty good days in most events, setting personal records and placing. Zach struggled some in the pole vault but that was really his first off day in two years and he was still strong.

"Our freshmen boys surprised us. Brady Tien and Charley Becker each set personal records in the pole vault by a full foot. Brady added five feet to his triple jump personal record and Jordan Girard ran a great 1600 meters in his first time out.

"We have some talented and hardworking athletes on our team, which makes them a lot of fun to work with and which will make for a successful season regardless of our meet results.

"Our seniors continue to be outstanding leaders at practice. We have several strong chances to qualify for the state meet. I'm looking forward to seeing how our season turns out."

Assisting coach Graham with his coaching duties this season are



Logan senior Zach Long got the 2008 season off to a great start when he competed in the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday. Here he is shown pole vaulting, where he placed third with an 11'6" clearance. He also won the triple jump with the outstanding distance of 41'8.5" and placed third in both hurdles races.

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Conrad Corman and Karl Skinner. Student managers are Anna Zillinger and Holly Sparks.

2008 Logan Track Schedule
 Fri., April 4 Norton Invitational 3 p.m.
 Tues., April 8 Stockton Invitational 3 p.m.
 Tues., April 15 Northern Valley Inv. at Logan 3 p.m.
 Fri., April 18 Kaser Relays at Osborne 3 p.m.

Fri., April 25 Beloit Relays 10 a.m.
 Tues., April 29 Logan Invitational 12 p.m.
 Fri., May 2 Colby Invitational 3 p.m.
 Thurs., May 8 Cheyenne Conference at Logan 3 p.m.
 Fri., May 16 Class 1A Regional Meet at Hays 3 p.m.
 Fri., Sat., May 23-24 State Meet at Wichita

Blue Jay golf takes fourth place

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed fourth as a team, had one medalist and two golfers shot season-low rounds in the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association golf course south of Norton.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 335, followed by Goodland, 358; Atwood, 375; Norton, 377; Hoxie, 387; Quinter, 398; Stockton, 412; Hill City, 421; Smith Center, 431; Oakley, 440; Norton B, 463; Colby, 478.

Norton's low scorer was Preston Herman with a 42-48-90, which also earned him eighth medalist honors. Marcus Herman was next low for the Blue Jays with a season-low 48-45-93, followed by Kyle Edgett with a 46-50-96, also a season-low.

Norton's fourth best golfer was J.D. Gall with a 44-54-98.

Also playing for the Blue Jay varsity team were Connor Pfannenstiel, 55-51-106 and Logan Kelly, 52-54-106.

Medalists were: Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 72; Joel Weis, Goodland, 82; Zack Ruda, Atwood, 83; Joseph Monroe, Phillipsburg, 86; Adrian Barker, Phillipsburg, 88; Elijah Kastens, Atwood, 89; Jordan Kreller, Phillipsburg, 89; Preston Herman, 90; Tim Roesch, Quinter, 91; Andrew Raile, Goodland, 92.

Norton's B team members and scores were: Andrew Black, 61-53-114; Kyle Mindrup, 56-58-114; Ashley Colip, 63-54-117; Lacy Ellis, 61-57-118; Jacob VanSlike, 60-64-124; Kylie Morel, 68-73-141.

"Unfortunately, we were not able to take advantage of ideal scoring conditions and our home-course advantage today," said Norton head coach David Stover.

"Our front nine scores put us in good position but we did not play very good golf on the back nine.

"Marcus Herman and Kyle Edgett were our bright spots, both shooting season-low rounds."

Next action

Norton was scheduled to split squads today for play in the Ellis

Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m. and the Goodland Invitational, beginning at 2 p.m.

Blue Jay junior varsity squads will compete in the Hill City JV Invitational on Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. and the Goodland JV Invitational on Tuesday, beginning at 2 p.m.

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