



In the Norton Invitational last Friday, Northern Valley's Alison Cole began where she left off last season by clearing 5'4" to win the high jump with the same school record height she recorded in winning the event in the Class 1A state track meet last season.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Huskies place fifth

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The Northern Valley High School girls and boys track teams opened the 2008 season last Friday with fifth place team finishes in the Norton Invitational Track Meet in Norton.

Norton won the girls 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.

Colby was the boys champion with 158 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 122; Norton, 95.5; Smith Center, 70; Northern Valley, 42.5; Logan, 38; Goodland, 25.

Head Northern Valley boys track coach is Chuck Fessenden and head girls coach is Staci Montgomery. They are assisted by Chuck Zimmerman.

Girls

There are four letter winners on the Lady Husky track and field squad. They are: Joni Hilburn, senior; Alison Cole, Megan Cole, Christina Anderson, sophomores.

Other squad members are: Phuong Le, senior; Karen Wenzl, sophomore; Kenzie Chandler, Kayla Field, Staci Dole, freshmen. In the Norton Invitational, Kayla Field got her high school track career off to a good start by winning the gold medal in the 3200 meter run in 13:24.56. Field also medaled last fall in the Class 1A State Cross Country Meet.

Alison Cole, the defending Class 1A state champion in the high jump, also got her season off to a great start by winning the gold medal in the event at Norton with a clearance of 5'4", the same height she won with in the state meet and tying her school record which she holds with two others.

Joni Hilburn also won a gold medal for the Lady Huskies by tying Taylor Rossi of Norton in

the pole vault with a clearance of 8'6". Northern Valley's other gold medal winners were Christina Anderson, Staci Dole and Megan Cole who teamed with Kayla Field to win the 4 x 800 meter relay in 11:43.84.

Megan Cole tied for third in the high jump by clearing 4'8".

Staci Dole finished in fourth place in the triple jump with a distance of 29'.

Alison Cole also placed fifth in the 100 meter hurdles in 18.49.

The Lady Husky quartet of Anderson, Dole and both Coles placed fifth in the 4 x 400 meter relay in 4:59.53.

Northern Valley times and distances which did not place were: Staci Dole, 14.82; Le Phuong, 16.50, 100 meter dash; Le Phuong, 35.34, 200 meter dash; Kenzie Chandler, 26'4", shot put; 72'6", javelin; Karen Wenzl, 61'11", javelin; Christina Anderson, 1:14.40, 400 meter dash; Alison Cole, 56.53; Megan Cole, 58.93, 300 meter hurdles; Joni Hilburn, Kenzie Chandler, Karen Wenzl, Phuong Le, 1:01.49, 4 x 100 meter relay.

Boys

There are eight returning lettermen on the Husky boys squad. They are: Bryce Marble, senior; Drew Britt, Cody Callaway, Nathaniel Graham, Stanton Nelson, Travis Redeker, Ethan Hays, Chaim McMillin, juniors.

Other squad members are: Eric Woodside, junior; Jordan Herman, Justin Jeffries, sophomores; Colton Lowry, Skyler Harris, Zachary Vincent, Matt Dole, Steven Brown, freshmen.

Bryce Marble got his senior season off to a good start by winning bronze medals in both distance races. He was timed in 11:26.53 in the 3200 meter run and clocked in 5:11.94 in the 1600 meter run.

Ethan Hays won the silver in the 400 meter dash with a time

of 55.60.

Justin Jeffries tied for third in the high jump by clearing 5'6".

Northern Valley's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Stanton Nelson, Colton Lowry, Cody Callaway and Eric Woodside placed third with a time of 9:52.63.

Chaim McMillin finished in a tie for fifth in the pole vault by clearing 11'.

Colton Lowry placed sixth in the 800 meter run in 2:17.25.

Nathaniel Graham placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 153'7".

The Huskies' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Drew Britt, Cody Callaway, Ethan Hays and Stanton Nelson placed fifth in 4:02.50.

Travis Redeker placed fifth in the shot put with a heave of 42'1".

Sixth place in the 4 x 100 meter relay in a time of 48.33 went to Drew Britt, Ethan Hays, Justin Jeffries and a teammate.

Times and distances of Husky boys' performances that did not place were: Matt Dole, NH, pole vault; Chaim McMillin, 12.78; Steven Brown, 14.89; Matt Dole, 15.21; Jordan Herman, 20.66, 100 meter dash; Ethan Hays, 25.29; Drew Britt, 26.35; Cody Callaway, 27.53; Matt Dole, 31.50; Steven Brown, 31.51, 200 meter dash; Matt Dole, 1:09.86, 400 meter dash; Stanton Nelson, NT, 800 meter run; Zachary Vincent, 69'5"; Skyler Harris, 57', discus; Travis Redeker, 117'3"; Zachary Vincent, 94'8"; Skyler Harris, 66'6", javelin; Justin Jeffries, 16'9"; Chaim McMillin, 16'6", long jump; Drew Britt, 37'5"; Stanton Nelson, 31', triple jump; Nathaniel Graham, 35'9"; Zachary Vincent, 32'5"; Steven Brown, 23'3"; Skyler Harris, 23'1", shot put; Travis Redeker, 94'7"; Nathaniel Graham, 89'7", discus throw.

Blue Jay golfers finish in second

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The Norton Community High School golf team had an outstanding outing on Tuesday, finishing second as a team and placing two golfers among the 10 medalists in the Ellis Invitational Golf Tournament.

Trego Community won the championship with a 343, followed by Norton, 354; Hays High JV, 357; Hill City, 402; Ellis, 412; Ness City, 416; Dighton, 457; Russell, 461.

Preston Herman shot a 38-41-79 for the Blue Jays to place second medalist. J.D. Gall was second low for Norton with a 43-42-85, which was good for fourth medalist.

Marcus Herman carded a 47-46-93 and Kyle Edgett shot a 51-46-97.

Other golfers for Norton and their scores were: Connor Pfannenstiel, 51-48-99 and Logan Kelly, 5-56-112.

Medalists were: Nolan Smith, Trego, 77; Preston Herman, 79; Trenton Kleweno, Hays JV, 84; J.D. Gall, 85; Jared Stoecklein, Ness City, 85; Scott Pfannenstiel, Trego, 85; Kris Neuhasuer, Hays JV, 86; Cameron Locke, Trego,

90; Eric Cunningham, Trego, 91; Curtis Carter, Hays JV, 93.

"I am very pleased with our overall performance today," said Norton head coach David Stover. "We bounced back from a disappointing effort in our last outing to put together our best team result of the season."

"Most of our golfers were playing the Ellis course for the first time and were able to overcome

a cold afternoon to see improvement throughout the lineup.

"The highlight of the day was the performance of senior Preston Herman breaking through to shoot a career low round to earn second medalist honors.

"J.D. Gall earned his second medalist honors of the season and Marcus Herman tied for the final medalist honors but lost a card playoff."



Huskies, Trojans All-League selections

The Cheyenne Conference recently announced it's All-League basketball selections and three players from Northern Valley were recognized.

Alison Cole was a First Team pick, and Megan Cole and Joni Hilburn, Second Team. Bryce Marble made Honorable Mention. The Cole sisters were the only two non-senior girls selected on the first and second teams.

Women's All League:
First Team — Rachel Belisle, sr., Palco; **Alison Cole, so., Northern Valley;** Bailey Gehring, sr., Palco; **Shelley Kemper, sr., Logan;** and JoAnn Yoxall, sr., Kensington
Second Team — Peggi Benoit, sr., Palco; **Megan Cole, so., Northern Valley;** Joni Hilburn, sr., Northern Valley; Jay Dee Hudson, sr., Kensington; and Ashley Lutters, sr., Western Plains.
Honorable Mention — Shelby Haug, so., Western Plains; **Savannah Sammons, sr., Logan;** and **Shaley VanLoenen, sr., Logan.**
Men's All League:
First Team — Ben Suchsland, jr., Eastern Heights; Ethan Kuhlman, sr., and Jordan Kirk, jr., Kensington; **Zach Long, sr., Logan;** and Eric Dysinger, so., Western Plains.
Second Team — Michael Iman, jr., Eastern Heights; Randall Irving, sr., Kensington; Blake Gehring, so., Palco; Chris McLain, jr., Western Plains; and **Ethan Gottschalk, sr., Logan.**
Honorable Mention — **Bryce Marble, sr., Northern Valley** and Matt Teselle, jr., Kensington.

Salina driver wins main event

By MIKE HUGHES
Special Contributor
Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton returned to racing action Sunday evening, April 6.

Salina's Corey Lagroon led all 20 laps to win the IMCA Modified main event. The field went 4-wide in turn 2 on the opening lap with Lagroon jumping out front, followed by Brian Calhoon, Josh Hudson and Rick Schwab. At the halfway mark, Lagroon was chased by Hudson, Mark Zorn and Calhoon. But Calhoon's night ended on lap 13, and Hudson spun on lap 17. On the final restart after Hudson's spin, heat two winner Mark Zorn chased Lagroon to the wire to finish second, followed by John Fabrizius, Barry Maupin and Mitch Kline. Jeremy Zorn won the other heat race.

It was the first Thunder Series event for the IMCA Stock Car division with 15 cars on hand. Dustin McClurg led the opening lap but was passed on lap 2 by Travis Sherfick. The first caution flew on lap 5 for Jason McCartney, then one lap later, J.R. McCreery spun, with 5 cars involved in the tangle. Heat one winner Jay Hachmeister spun on lap 7 and went to the pits. Cory Struckhoff had worked his way up to second and was challenging Sherfick for the lead on lap 10 when he dove too low in turn one and spun, sending him to the rear on the restart. Heat two winner Terry Cunningham lined up second behind Sherfick on the final restart, followed by Jason Davis and Nathan Glendening. Sherfick held on for the win as Davis finished second. Struckhoff

worked his way back through the field to take third, followed by Cunningham and Glendening. A cash dash was held for the stock cars, sponsored by Patterson Plumbing of Norton, and Sherfick cashed in for the win.

Jim Buss took the lead at the drop of the green in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature, but was passed on the following lap by Marquette's B.J. Dauer. Buss chased Dauer the entire race but had to settle for second at the checkers. It was Dauer's second win in as many nights as he won Saturday night at Minneapolis Raceway. Austin Davis finished third, trailed by Kelly Karnopp and Jeromy Wagner. Heat race winners were Buss and Ricky Runnion.

Heat race winner Dalton Dolan of Oberlin passed leader Loyd Schoen on lap 3 of the 8-lap 4-cylinder feature race and drove away to the checkers. Art Herzog finished second, followed by Andrew Soderlund.

The next race at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton will take place Saturday evening, April 19, at 6 p.m. with the regular four divisions in competition. It will also be another Thunder Series event for the IMCA Stock Cars.

Results
IMCA Hobby Stocks
Heat 1: 1. Jim Buss, 2. Austin Davis, 3. B.J. Dauer, 4. Kelly Karnopp.
Heat 2: 1. Ricky Runnion, 2. Jeromy Wagner, 3. Joey Carter, 4. Rhett Kingsbury.
Feature: 1. Dauer, 2. Buss, 3. Davis, 4. Karnopp, 5. Wagner, 6.

7. Jerry Hudson, 8. Frank McClurg, 9. Runnion, 10. Carter, 11. Matt Christensen, 12. Laura Hinger, 13. Troy Robinson (DNF), 14. Michael Thummel (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars
Heat 1: 1. Jay Hachmeister, 2. J.R. McCreery, 3. Dustin McClurg, 4. Nathan Glendening.

Heat 2: 1. Terry Cunningham, 2. Adam Balthazor, 3. Travis Sherfick, 4. Cory Struckhoff.

Cash Dash: 1. Sherfick.
Feature: 1. Sherfick, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Struckhoff, 4. Cunningham, 5. Glendening, 6. McCreery, 7. Balthazor, 8. Bob Rutherford, 9. Dan Lauer, 10. Michael Zajic, 11. Hachmeister (DNF), 12. McClurg (DNF), 13. Bryan Lariviere (DNF), 14. Wheat Lippelmann (DNF), 15. Jason McCartney (DNF).

IMCA Modifieds
Heat 1: 1. Jeremy Zorn, 2. Corey Lagroon, 3. Mitch Kline, 4. Mike Petersilie.

Heat 2: 1. Mark Zorn, 2. Brian Calhoon, 3. Barry Maupin, 4. Josh Hudson.

Feature: 1. Lagroon, 2. M. Zorn, 3. John Fabrizius, 4. Maupin, 5. M. Kline, 6. J. Zorn, 7. Angel Munoz, 8. Petersilie, 9. Rick Schwab, 10. Hudson, 11. Doug Shearer, 12. Calhoon (DNF), 13. John Huffman (DNF), 14. Marty Clark (DNF), 15. Gary Kline (DNS), 16. Brett Behrends (DNS).

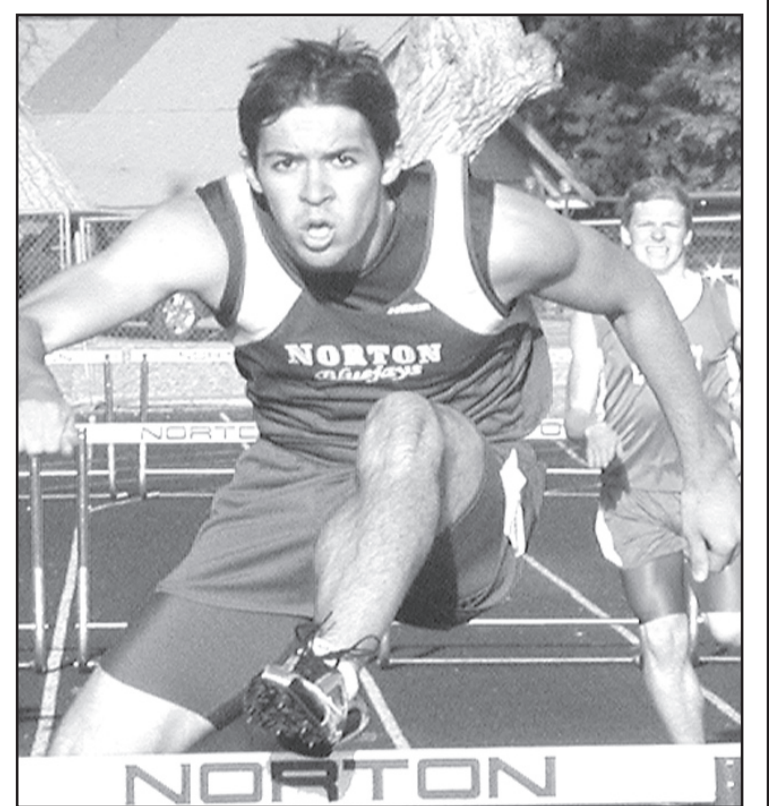
4-cylinder Young Guns
Heat: 1. Dalton Dolan, 2. Art Herzog, 3. Andrew Soderlund, 4. Loyd Schoen.

Feature: 1. Dolan, 2. Herzog, 3. Soderlund, 4. Schoen (DNF).

Leaving them in the dust

Norton senior Jared Cox literally left the field behind in winning the 300 meter hurdles in the mid-season time of 40.92 in the Norton Invitational last Friday. He also placed second in the 110 meter hurdles and ran on Norton's second place 4 x 100 meter relay team.

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