

Hill City meet good experience for jayvee

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Norton Community High School competed with mostly junior varsity athletes in the Hill City Invitational track meet on Monday.

"This meet was good for us," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "We added this meet to our schedule in order to make up for the Phillipsburg meet some of our athletes missed due to rain out earlier this year.

"Although this was a varsity meet, we sent our junior varsity, some throwers and some others who were short a meet for various reasons. Basically, this gave them a chance to compete late in the season and work towards new personal records.

"Our girls had a good day. They posted eight new personal records in seven different events. This was a great way for some of them to end their competitive seasons. The boys did well, too, posting seven new personal records in seven separate events. Again, they did very well across the board.

"We are proud of the efforts of these young people and the efforts they have given every day, all season long. Some of them will continue to compete, going to the league meet on Friday and the others got better right up until the end of their season and that is

why we work. They had a great season and we can't wait to see them back in competition next track season!"

Girls
Ellis won the girls championship with 93 points, followed by Oberlin, 84; Plainville, 78; Smith Center, 69; Osborne, 58; Hoxie, 57; Hill City, 49; Trego Community, 36; Norton JV, 18; Quinter, 12.

Lady Jay sophomore Hannah Waggoner earned two silver medals. She was second in the 200 meter dash in 27.59 and second in the 100 meter dash in 13.11.

Sophomore Raven Brown finished sixth in the 200 meters in 29.68 and sophomore Alyssa Thomson was sixth in the high jump with a clearance of 4'8".

Times and distances of Norton girls' performances which did not place were: sophomore Allie Corbin, 28'8"; freshman Morgan Baumann, personal record 25'2.5"; freshman Katie Scott, 18'3"; shot put; Allie Corbin, personal record 83'1"; Morgan Baumann, 49'8"; Katie Scott, 39'6"; discus; sophomore Bethany Roy, personal record 101'1"; sophomore Amanda Ray, personal record 84'10"; javelin; freshman Dustyna Sprigg, 28'8.5"; Raven Brown, personal record 27'4"; triple jump; sophomore Brandi Graham, NH; Dustyna

Sprigg, NH, high jump; sophomore Kelsey Nuzum, personal record 20.84, 100 meter hurdles; Kelsey Nuzum, 16.65; freshman Jade Braun, 16.68, 100 meter dash; Jade Braun, personal record 35.12, 200 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, personal record 1:06.62, 400 meter dash; Amanda Ray, 7:01; senior Courtney Cox, 7:05, 1600 meter run; freshman Bekah Streck, 16:11.53, 3200 meter run; Courtney Cox, freshman Kaylen Rossi, Bethany Roy, Bekah Streck, 12:17.10, 4 x 800 meter relay.

Boys
Smith Center was the boys champion with 140 points; followed by Osborne, 70; Oberlin, 66; Quinter, 65; Hill City, 58; Hoxie, 51; Norton JV, 32; Ellis, 32; Plainville, 28; Trego Community, 15.

Blue Jay senior Wes Georgeson won the bronze medal in the two hurdles events. He was timed in 16.56 in the 110 meter hurdles and clocked in 44.15 in the 300 meter hurdles.

Junior Zac Dreher won the silver medal in the javelin with a throw of 154'8".

Freshman Dakota Dreher placed third in the high jump by clearing a personal record 5'8" and fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:18.19.

Sophomore Casey Robison finished sixth in the pole vault with a

personal record height of 10'6". Freshman Troy Bainter set a personal record of 11:56.62 in placing sixth in the 3200 meter run.

Times and distances of Norton boys' performances which did not place were: freshman Justin Griffith, personal record 34'9.25"; junior Brad Nuzum, 33'5.5"; freshman Ryan Blecha, 31'11.25"; shot put; senior Bryce Engelbert, 102'7"; Ryan Blecha, 92'; Justin Griffith, 87'9"; discus; Wes Georgeson, 136'7.5"; Bryce Engelbert, 11'9.5"; javelin; Casey Robison, 32'3.5"; triple jump; Brad Nuzum, 12.81, 100 meter dash; freshman Spencer Shirk, personal record 28.43, 200 meter dash; Spencer Shirk, personal record 1:02.27, 400 meter dash; freshman Zach Porter, personal record 2:38; Dakota Dreher, 2:18.19, 800 meter run; senior Luke VanSike, 5:26; junior Josh Gallentine, 6:07, 1600 meter run; freshman Kegan Vanover, 12:48.79; Luke VanSike, 13:30.94, 3200 meter run; Wes Georgeson, Bryce Engelbert, Spencer Shirk, Dakota Dreher, 4:01.86, 4 x 400 meter relay.

The Norton varsity track and field athletes will compete today in the annual Mid-Continent League track meet, which will be held on the new track in Phillipsburg, beginning at 3 p.m.



Norton senior Bryce Engelbert had a determined look on his face when he received the baton from fellow senior teammate Wes Georgeson for the second leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay during the Hill City Invitational on Monday. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Blue Jay girls win shortened meet at Russell

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Friday was a bad day for a track and field meet but a good day for Norton Community High School junior Hayli Bozarth who broke two school records and one meet record in the Russell Relays.

The field events in the annual meet were held despite very heavy winds but running events were not held and the rest of the meet was canceled.

The Norton girls, who are undefeated this season, won the

shortened meet with 41 points, followed by Concordia, who was also unbeaten, with 35 points. Concordia is the defending Class 4A state champion.

Third place among girls went to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays with 33.5 points, followed by Russell, 29; Beloit, 27; Abilene, 22; Chapman, 16; Phillipsburg, 10.5.

Beloit won the boys championship with 67 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 42; Russell, 27; Concordia, 27; Thomas More

Prep, 24; Chapman, 8; Norton, 8; Abilene, 8; Minneapolis, 4.

Girls
Hayli Bozarth heaved the shot 42'8.75" to break the NCHS record of 42'2.75" set by Brenda Wolf in 1982 and threw the discus 143'4" to set a new meet record and break her own school record of 132'2", which she set last season.

Also earning a gold medal for the Lady Jays was sophomore Alyssa Thomson, who won the high jump by clearing 5'

Junior KaraJo Jones placed fourth in the long jump with a personal record leap of 16'5.5".

Lady Jay junior Wiyanna Paxton finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 98'6" and sixth in the shot put with a distance of 31'5.75".

Boys
Norton senior Wes Georgeson placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 135'10" and senior Todd

Bolt placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 18'9.5".

Distances of Norton boys' performances that didn't place were: junior Zac Dreher, 36'2"; junior Brad Nuzum, 35'2, shot put; Zac Dreher, 87'4"; Brad Nuzum, 84'8.5"; discus; Zac Dreher, 131'; javelin; Todd Bolt, 36'10"; sophomore Casey Robison, 35', triple jump; freshman Dakota Dreher, 5'4", high jump.

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Norton grad collects several honors

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James Annon, a junior from Norton, received several honors during the recent post-season banquet held by the Fort Hays State wrestling program in Hays.

Annon, who compiled a 25-11 season record wrestling for the Tigers at 141 pounds, received the "Most Improved Wrestler" award by vote of his fellow teammates.

He also received a certificate for being named to the All-Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Second Team.

Fort Hays finished third nationally on the NWCAA All-Academic Team and Annon was one of the honorees on the Tiger team.

Annon's awards were not complete until he received a framed certificate for earning All-Ameri-

can status this season. The lone Tiger All-American, Annon finished fifth in the NCAA Division II National Wrestling Championships in Cedar Rapids, Iowa with a 4-2 record. He went into the national tourney unranked but defeated the No.4, No.7 and No.8 ranked wrestlers.

Annon was a three-time state

tournament placer and two time state champion when wrestling for Norton Community High School. His high school career record was 128-23.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Annon, Norton, and his high school coach and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Johnson, were present at the banquet.

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James Annon, Norton junior at Fort Hays State University, left, had his arms full of awards following the recent post-season banquet held by the Fort Hays State wrestling program. He was voted "Most Improved Wrestler", won All-American status with his fifth place finish in the national tournament, was named to the all-conference second team and was a member of the Fort Hays All-Academic Team which finished third nationally. Pictured with him is his high school wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

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