



Norton junior Hayli Bozarth was only allowed four throws in the shot put in the Mid-Continent League track meet Friday in Phillipsburg. Who knows how far she would have heaved the iron ball had she had more attempts. She broke the Norton school record on every single attempt, the farthest being 45' 3.5", shattering the previous record of 42' 8.75" she set just a week before!

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton sophomore Landon Hamel has been learning to run the 300 meter hurdles during the 2008 season and he's been a good learner. Here he showed great form in the Mid-Continent League track meet on Friday at Phillipsburg as he flew over the hurdle in the 300 meter hurdles where he placed sixth with a career best time of 43.52.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton four-man 4th in Phillipsburg event

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed fourth in four-man competition in the Mel Schremmer Invitational Tournament on Monday in Phillipsburg.

Trego Community won the four-man competition with a 315, followed by Phillipsburg, 328; Osborne, 346; Norton, 349; Russell, 363; Oberlin, 370; Plainville, 382; Ellis, 385; Phillipsburg JV, 389; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 394; Stockton, 410; Smith Center, 416; Phillipsburg C, 446.

The six-man championship was won by Phillipsburg with a 486, followed by Trego, 498; Osborne, 528; Plainville, 543; Norton, 563; Russell, 567; Phillipsburg JV, 571; Stockton, 586; Smith Center, 688.

Phillipsburg also won the two-man title with a 158, followed by Plainville, 161; Stockton, 176; Osborne, 182; Phillipsburg, JV, 182; Trego, 183; Russell, 204; Norton, 214; Smith Center, 288.

Low scorer for Norton was senior Preston Herman with a 41-37-78.

Next came sophomore Marcus Herman with a 43-41-84. The Herman brothers were No.5 and tied for No.13 medalist, respectively.

Other members of Norton's four-man team and their scores were: sophomore Connor Pfannenstiel, 45-48-93 and senior Kyle Edgett, 44-50-94.

Playing on Norton's two-man team and their scores were: junior

Logan Kelly, 45-53-98 and senior Lacy Ellis, 60-56-116.

Medalists were: Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 70; Nolan Smith, Trego, 74; Justin Lacy, Plainville, 77; Chris Schneider, Phillipsburg, 77; Preston Herman, 78; Joe Monroe, Phillipsburg, 79; Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 80; Scott Pfannenstiel, Trego, 80; Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 81; Cameron Locke, Trego, 81; Stephen Bellerive, Stockton, 81; Perry Curry, Osborne, 83; Mark Harmon, Phillipsburg JV, 84; Ross Copeland, Plainville, 84; Marcus Herman, 84.

"We received solid performances from many of our golfers today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Preston Herman and Marcus Herman both capitalized on strong back-nine finishes to shoot career-best rounds and earn medalist honors.

"We are improving but need to find the consistency from all golfers to put together a solid four-man team score.

"Hopefully, the momentum we started today will continue heading into the post-season, starting with the Mid-Continent League Tournament in Ellis and the Regional Tournament at Lakin."

The Blue Jays were in Lakin on Monday for the Class 3A Regional Tournament.

Girls second in league

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Coach Jason Jones' Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams turned in some outstanding performances to place second and fourth, respectively, in the annual Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday on the brand new track at Phillipsburg High School.

Osborne won the girls championship with 122 points, followed by Norton, 102; Ellis, 75; Smith Center, 74; Phillipsburg, 73; Hill City, 57; Plainville, 40; Trego, 8; Stockton, 6.

The boys championship went to Phillipsburg with 157 points, followed by Smith Center, 129; Osborne, 74; Norton, 71; Hill City, 43; Stockton, 25; Ellis, 24; Trego, 31; Plainville, 12.

"Our athletes did well, though going in, we were planning and hoping to leave the meet with more points and higher team finishes on both sides," said coach Jones. "I think our athletes were a little disappointed at the end of the day and it is easy to feel that way but we have absolutely nothing to hang our heads about! We showed up and competed very hard all day long and a lot of great things happened for us!"

"Our girls finished second for the first time this season to a very good Osborne team. We continued to improve in many areas, setting a total of nine new personal records! Again, we love to see these performances coming at this point and we will work to continue to improve our marks as we head into regionals and the state meet over the next two weeks.

"Highlighting our day on the girls side, Laura Lee Baird set a new school record in the 1600 meter run, beating the old record by a little over four seconds in her event-winning performance. In addition, Hayli Bozarth set a new school record in the shot put, bettering her own Norton record she set the week before at Russell by almost three feet! This effort also gave her the new league record in that event and she also set a new league record in the discus!

"Our boys had a productive day, too. They finished in fourth behind three very solid teams and they posted a total of seven new personal records in five separate events.

"We are very pleased to see them improve as we get nearer and nearer to the portion of the season when improvement is necessary. We are extremely proud of these young athletes and we are eager to take to the track with our best efforts and see what we can make

happen this Friday at regionals on both sides. It will be fun for us and for our athletes!"

Girls

Lady Jay junior Hayli Bozarth had a day to remember in the shot put and discus. She had broken Brenda Wolf's school record in the shot of 42' 2.75" which had stood since 1982 when she heaved the iron ball 42' 8.75" in the Russell Relays the previous Friday. Not only did she break this record throwing from the new ring at Phillipsburg but she broke it all four times she threw, the longest being 45' 3.5"! Wolf's distance was also the league record.

In the discus, Hayli had a number of excellent throws, the longest being 138' 5", which broke the league mark of 127' 11" set by B. Ubelaker, Osborne, in 2003. Hayli threw the discus 143' 4" at Russell to set a new meet record and break her own school record of 132' 2", which she set last season.

Hayli also competed in the javelin where she placed sixth with a throw of 103' 1".

Junior Laura Lee Baird also had another outstanding day on the track. She won the 1600 meter run in a Norton school record time of 5:17.95. Her clocking broke the Lady Jay record of 5:21.54 which was set by Shawna Shearer in 1988. Her time is also the fastest this year on the *Salina Journal* Area Honor Roll in all classes. Second to her was Plainville's Frederking in 5:20.66, third fastest on the honor roll.

Laura Lee also won the 800 meter run, where she is also the honor roll leader, in the excellent time of 2:21.53. Frederking was second in 2:25.94. Laura Lee also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed fourth in 4:23.87. Running with her on the relay were senior Courtney LeClair, junior Katharine Roy and freshman Dustyna Sprigg.

Courtney LeClair had another good day in the hurdles. She won the gold medal in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.03 and placed third in the 300 meter hurdles in 48.69.

Junior Taylor Rossi was Norton's other gold medal winner. She has been winning the pole vault all season but unable to get higher than 9 feet. On Friday, she cleared 9'9" to win it! She also placed sixth in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:41.40.

Sophomore Hannah Waggoner did well in the sprints. She won the bronze medal in the 100 meter dash in 13.03 and in the 200 meter dash in 27.59. She also anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a third place finish in 52.46. Run-

ning with her were LeClair, Taylor Rossi and sophomore Raven Brown.

Junior Wiyanna Paxton placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 95' 1" and fifth in the shot put with a heave of 32' 1.5".

Freshman Kaylen Rossi set a personal record in placing fourth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:38.40.

The Lady Jay 4 x 800 meter relay team of Kaylen Rossi, senior Courtney Cox, freshman Bekah Streck and freshman Sophie Mills placed fifth in 11:57.18.

Sophomore Alyssa Thomson finished in sixth place in the high jump by clearing 4' 8".

Times and distances of Norton girls which did not place were: junior Amanda Delimont, 31' 9", shot put; Amanda Delimont, 81' 10", discus; Wiyanna Paxton, 100' 5", sophomore Bethany Roy, 95' 7", javelin; Alyssa Thomson, 13' 5", long jump; Dustyna Sprigg, 28' 1.5", triple jump; sophomore Brandi Graham, NH; Dustyna Sprigg, NH, high jump; Brandi Graham, personal best 14.93, 100 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, personal record 1:06.53, 400 meter dash; Sophie Mills, 3:11, 800 meter run; Amanda Ray, personal best 6:52; Courtney Cox, personal best 6:53, 1600 meter run; Bekah Streck, 15:37, 3200 meter run.

Boys

Junior Zach Bainter had another great day on the track, winning three gold medals! He won the 800 meter run in the outstanding time of 2:03.96 and the 1600 meter run in the excellent clocking of 4:47.16. He also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to an exciting first place finish in 3:37.75. Running with him on the relay team were seniors Jared Cox and Logan Kats and sophomore Landon Hamel.

Jared Cox also had another good meet in the hurdles events. He won the silver medal in the 300 meter hurdles in 40.24 and in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.75.

Winning the gold in both events was Wickham of Phillipsburg, who has the second best time on the honor roll in the 110s and third best time in the 300s. Wickham was clocked in 40.15 and 14.99. Cox still has the second best time on the honor roll in the 300s with a 40.11.

Senior David Counter continued to run well in the 3200 meter run where he was timed in 11:06.84 to place second.

Senior Todd Bolt placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 39' 5" and senior Wes Georgeson finished fourth in the 110 meter hurdles in 16.00.

Sophomore Chris Maddy placed fifth in the 3200 meter run in 11:24.18 and freshman Dakota Dreher finished fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:18.84.

Fifth place in the 4 x 100 meter relay went to the team of Bolt, Hamel, junior Brock Lauer and Kats in a time of 46.50.

Hamel placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a career best time of 43.52 and freshman Kaid McKenna finished sixth in the pole vault with a clearance of 10'.

The Norton 4 x 800 meter relay team of freshman Troy Bainter, Dakota Dreher, Maddy and senior Luke VanSkiel placed sixth with a clocking of 9:18.65.

Times and distances of Norton boys which did not place were: junior Brad Nuzum, 36' 6"; junior Zac Dreher, 35' 4.25"; freshman Justin Griffith, 33' 7.5", shot put; Zac Dreher, 99' 3"; freshman Ryan Blecha, 94' 2"; senior Bryce Engelbert, 77' 6", discus; Zac Dreher, 137' 2"; Bryce Engelbert, 119' 8"; Wes Georgeson, 116' 10", javelin; Todd Bolt, 18' 5", long jump; sophomore Casey Robison, 30' 4", triple jump; Dakota Dreher, 5' 4"; freshman Billy Broeckelman, NH, high jump; Billy Broeckelman, 9'; Casey Robison, NH, pole vault; Wes Georgeson, 44.01, 300 meter hurdles; Brock Lauer, 12.03; Brad Nuzum, 12.36; Kaid McKenna, 13.05, 100 meter dash; Todd Bolt, 24.59; freshman Spencer Shirk, personal best 28.00, 200 meter dash; Logan Kats, personal best 56.80; Spencer Shirk, personal best 1:01.40, 400 meter dash; David Counter, personal record 5:07.90; Luke VanSkiel, personal best 5:18.00, 1600 meter run; Troy Bainter, personal best 11:34.00, 3200 meter run.

Next action

Norton will compete in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet on Friday at Lakin High School.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. Preliminary running events will begin at approximately 4:30 p.m. and the finals will begin 30 minutes after the prelims.

The top four placers in each event will qualify for next weekend's Kansas State High School Track and Field Meet at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

Admission to the regional meet will be \$3 for students K-12 and \$4 for adults.

Teams, in addition to Norton and Lakin, competing in the regional meet will be Chaparral, Cimarron, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Thomas More Prep of Hays, Hoisington, Holcomb, Hutchinson Trinity, Larned, Lyons, Medicine Lodge, Phillipsburg and Scott City.

Varsity golfers 4th overall in league

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The Norton Community High School golf team played well in the weather-shortened Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament on Thursday at Ellis to place fourth in the team standings.

Due to stormy weather, only 9 holes were played.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 152, followed by Trego Community, 164; Osborne, 172; Norton, 175; Plainville, 182; Hill City, 185; Stockton, 188; Ellis, 196; Smith Center, 207.

Phillipsburg also won the four-man and two-man competition. The Panthers had a score of 165 in four-man, compared to Trego, 170; Osborne, 172; Hill City, 190; Plainville, 193; Stockton, 199; Ellis, 202; Norton, 203; Smith Center, 212.

In two-man play, Phillipsburg carded an 80, followed by Norton,

82; Trego, 85; Plainville, 89; Hill City, 93; Stockton, 93; Osborne, 97; Smith Center, 99; Ellis, 100.

Norton senior Preston Herman was fourth medalist with a 39 and sophomore Connor Pfannenstiel tied for tenth medalist with a 43 but lost a card playoff to finish out of the top 10.

Scores of Preston Herman and Pfannenstiel were figured for Norton's two-man score. Also playing with them was sophomore Marcus Herman, who shot a 50.

Norton's four-man team members and individual scores were senior Kyle Edgett, 45; junior Logan Kelly, 48; senior Lacy Ellis, 54 and junior Kyle Mindrup, 56. Freshman Cole Archer also played with them and carded a 59.

Medalists were: Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 34; Chris Schneider, Phillipsburg, 37; Nolan Smith, Trego, 38; Preston Herman, 39; Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 39;

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Five junior varsity members of the Norton Community High School golf team got a little variety in their game on Thursday, April 24 when they played on sand greens in the Logan Invitational.

Norton freshman Andrew Otter was ninth medalist with a 49. Other Norton players and their scores were: freshman Shaylyn Boteler, 58; senior Kylie Morel,

60; freshman Nikki McVey, 61; freshman Ashley Millan, 65.

Medalists were: Neal Jeffery, Rock Hills, 32; Ryley Heltz, Rock Hills, 33; Zane Scholting, Rock Hills, 35; Lance Anderson, Rock Hills, 36; Keith Reese, Rock Hills, 39; Hutch Gehrke, Northern Valley, 43; Joey Zderland, Rock Hills, 45; Justin Lee, Northern Valley, 46; Andrew Otter, 49; Koster, Logan, 51.

No team scores were kept.

"We gained valuable tournament experience for our golfers in this tournament," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "Our players competed well and many improved on their season averages.

"Leading the way was Andrew Otter, earning the first individual medalist honors of his career. "Overall, I was pleased with the performance by our golfers."

Blue Jays experience sand greens

Good luck all area teams as you move toward the season's conclusion