

Runners finish 1-2 at Hays

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The Norton Community High School girls placed first and the boys second in the Hays High Cross Country Invitational on Thursday in Hays.

Norton competed in the Class 4-3-2-1A division.

The Lady Jays scored 23 points to win the championship and Colby was second with 34.

Ness City won the boys title with 25, followed by Norton, 44 and Colby, 58.

Norton senior Laura Lee Baird ran her best time of the year as she earned the gold medal in 15:53. Senior KaraJo Jones had an excellent time of 16:36 to place fourth. Freshman Abby Bainter placed sixth in 17:02, senior Taylor Rossi was eighth in 18:17 and sophomore Kaylen Rossi rounded out the top five for Norton with an 18:41 for tenth.

Also running for Norton were sophomore Dustyna Sprigg, 15th in 19:43 and junior Amanda Ray,

17th in 20:34.

In addition to winning her division, Baird had the third best time in all divisions.

Blue Jay senior Zach Bainter also had his best time with a second place finish in 17:04. Junior Chris Maddy placed fourth in 18:22 and freshman Zach Hartwell was eighth in 18:45. Sophomore Troy Bainter placed 12th in 19:18 and sophomore Zach Porter completed the top five for the Blue Jays with a 20th place in 21:19.

Also running for Norton and their times and places were senior Josh Gallentine, 21:59, 21st and junior Adam Myers, 23:32, 22nd.

Running for the Norton junior varsity and their times and finishes were: sophomore Kegan Vanover, 21:54, 36th; sophomore Cole Archer, 22:36, 46th; junior Matt Miller, 25:00, 57th; junior Grant McClymont, 25:08, 59th and junior Casey Robison, 26:07, 61st.

"We had a great day for a meet," said Norton head coach Tom

Hehn. "The weather was excellent and Hays High School has always run a very well organized meet.

"Our girls and boys ran really well. Several of them ran their best times ever.

"Zach Hartwell ran in his first ever cross country meet and turned in an excellent time. Kegan Vanover ran for the first time since breaking his foot last summer and was only 17 seconds off his best time last year.

"It was a good experience for our youngsters to run against bigger schools. Zach Bainter and Laura Lee Baird ran their best times and I'm sure the level of competition had something to do with it."

Next action

Norton will compete in the Hill City Invitational on Thursday. Running begins at 5 p.m.

"We're looking forward to the Hill City meet," said coach Hehn. "They have a good course and they always put on a great meet."

Tough outing for Northern Valley

It wasn't a good Friday night (Sept. 19) for the Northern Valley football Huskies as they took a back seat to thundering Thunder Ridge, there, 52-6.

The Huskies' only touchdown came in the opening quarter when Dusty Eagleburger went in from 19 yards out. The point-after attempt failed.

Score by quarters of the 3-quarter match-up:

Northern Valley 6-0-0=6
Thunder Ridge 16-28-8=52

Statistically, the Huskies gained 51 yards on 22 carries, while the home bunch picked up 339 yards on 43 carries.

In the passing department, the Huskies were 3 of 8 for 39 yards (1 interception), while Thunder Ridge was 5 of 12 for 68 yards.

The Huskies managed 3 first downs vs. 14 for Thunder Ridge.

Each team was penalized 3 times, Northern Valley for 20 yards and Thunder Ridge for 30.

Neither team fumbled.

Punts found the Huskies kicking the ball 6 times for 140 yards for a 23.3 average; the host team never punted.

Individually, for the Huskies:

Rushing — Jeffries, 3 carries, 4 yards, 1.3 yard average; Dusty Eagleburger, 10-34=3.4; Gallentine, 7-13=1.9; and Drew Eagleburger, 1-1=1.0.

Passing — Dusty Eagleburger tossed 8, had 3 completions for 39 yards, and 1 interception.

Pass Receiving — Woodside, 1 for 18 yards; Hays, 1 for 15 yards; Callaway 1 for 6 yards.

Punting — Dusty Eagleburger, 6 for 140 yards= 23.3 average.

Kickoffs — J. Gallentine, 2 for 50 yards=25 yard average.

Kickoff Returns — Jeffries, 1 for 40 yards; Hays, 1 for 22 yards;

and Callaway, 3 for 46 yards.

Tackles (solo, assist, total):

Lowry, 4-1-5; Dusty Eagleburger, 1-0-1; McMillin, 1-1-2; M. Callaway, 2-1-3; Dole, 1-0-1; Jeffries, 3-2-5; G. Hays, 1-0-1; C. Callaway, 8-5-13; J. Gallentine, 1-0-1; E. Hays, 7-3-10; Drew Eagleburger, 5-5-10; Graham, 6-4-10; Woodside, 6-2-8; Hagan, 2-1-3; Vincent, 1-2-3; E. Gallentine, 1-1-2; Gehrke, 6-4-10.

Volleyball stuns Goodland

Coach calls it a 'very solid game'

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Coach Peggy Cox's Norton Community High School girls volleyball team hosted Goodland on Thursday evening in the NCHS Stull Gymnasium and won the best 3 out of 5 over the Lady Cowgirls by scores of 25-10, 25-17 and 25-17.

"We came out ready to play in front of our home crowd and stunned the Cowgirls," said coach Cox.

"After being on the road, it was nice to be home in the friendly confines of Stull Gymnasium and we took advantage of good passing and excellent hitting.

"We have really worked on playing a faster game during practice and being much more aggressive from the service line and it paid off

with 14 aces and 23 kills.

"Our Lady Jays then added in 10 points from blocks.

"Overall, we played a very solid game. Everyone played their part as all our Lady Jays scored in one way or another."

Hayli Bozarth led in kills with 15, followed by Amanda Delimont, Katharine Roy, Lacey Wallingford, 2 each and Charli Lawson, Bethany Roy, 1 each.

Bozarth was also serving leader with 10 aces, followed by Ashley Colip, Lawson, Katharine Roy, Ashlie Stewart, 1 ace each.

Digs leader was Stewart with 4, followed by Katharine Roy, Shelby Jones, 2 each; Bozarth, 1.

Colip was assists leader with 11, followed by Katharine Roy, 5; Stewart, Kaitlyn Wolf, 2 each; Amanda Delimont, Lawson, 1

each.

Blocks leaders were Bethany Roy, Bozarth and Katharine Roy, 2 each; Delimont, Lawson, Wallingford, 1 each.








Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams will host Hill City and Hoxie in matches today, beginning at 4 p.m.

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