

Blue Jay boys win Oberlin run once again

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The Norton Community High School boys cross country team turned in another good performance on Tuesday in the 41st annual Oberlin Invitational Meet to win the championship for the fifth straight year and the Lady Jay runners placed second overall, just two points out of first.

Norton won the boys competition with 37 points, followed by McCook, 60; Oberlin, 69; Colby, 91; Goodland, 110; Phillipsburg, 148.

The McCook girls scored 41 points, followed by Norton, 43; Southwest, 76; Colby, 78; Oberlin, 116.

Boys

Norton's Zach Bainter continued to run well as he pulled away from the field early to earn the gold medal in an excellent time of 16:25.

The Blue Jays' Chris Madry placed fifth in 17:54, Zach Hartwell finished seventh in 17:58 and Troy Bainter was 17th in 18:40. Rounding out the Norton

five-man team was Brian Henry, 23rd in 19:18.

Also running for the Blue Jays and their places and times were: Zach Porter, 40th in 20:28 and Kegan Vanover, 46th in 21:04.

Andrew Richards, Oberlin, placed second in 17:32, followed by Luke Friess, Hoxie, third, 17:47; Mason Gillespie, Wheatland, fourth, 17:53; Brian Custer, Cambridge, sixth, 17:56; Stephen Buller, Goodland, eighth, 18:08; Dalton Jones, Oberlin, ninth, 18:09 and Hank Lichtenwaldt, McCook, tenth, 18:10.

Stanton Nelson ran for Northern Valley and placed 48th in 21:18.

Josh Gallentine ran for Norton in the junior varsity race and placed ninth in 20:29. Other Norton runners and their places and times were: Adam Myers, 27th, 22:23; Cole Archer, 31st, 23:04; Matt Miller, 38th, 24:39; Casey Robison, 44th, 25:54; Grant McClymont, 51st, 27:47.

Girls

Norton's Laura Lee Baird also finished far ahead of the field in winning the gold medal in the girls

competition in a new meet record time of 15:12.

Karla Jones placed eighth in 16:40 and Abby Bainter finished tenth in 16:48. Sisters Taylor Rossi and Kaylen Rossi placed 14th and 15th, respectively, with times of 17:21 and 17:22.

Other Norton girl runners and their places and times were: Dustyna Sprigg, 40th, 19:34; Amanda Ray, 43rd, 19:53.

Emily Tolliver, McCook, placed second in 15:28 and teammate Jessa Sughroue was right behind her in third in 15:29. Katrina Kaus, Colby, was fourth in 15:53 and Layne McConville, Southwest, placed fifth in 16:09, followed by Katherine Kaus, Colby, sixth, 16:27; Taylor Brooks, Southwest, seventh, 16:32; Emilie Coca, Phillipsburg, ninth, 16:46.

Kayla Field of Northern Valley placed 13th in 17:17 and the Lady Huskies' Kynzie Stevens placed 22nd in 17:48.

Coach's comments

"It was a great day for a cross country meet," said Norton head coach Tom Hehn.

"Our boys continued to successfully defend their multiple years championship and our girls came very, very close to winning the title as well.

"Almost every one of our runners recorded their best times of the season.

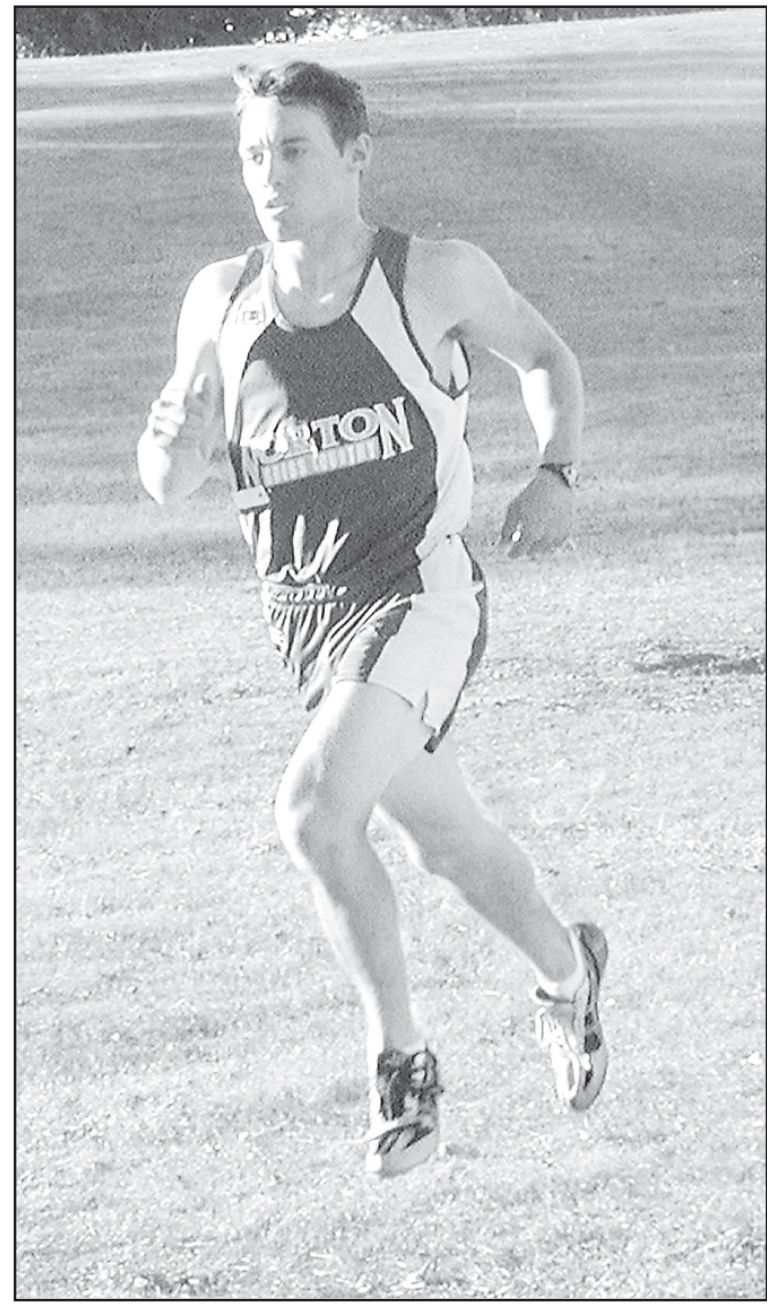
"We are looking forward to Thursday's league meet in Phillipsburg."

Next action

The Norton cross country teams' next competition will not be until Thursday, Oct. 9 in the Phillipsburg Invitational/Mid-Continent League meet on the Phillipsburg Golf Course.

The order of events is: girls varsity race (4K), 4:30 p.m.; boys varsity race (5K), approx. 5 p.m.; boys, girls junior varsity race (5K/4K), approx. 5:30 p.m.

Schools competing, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, will be Ellis, Franklin, Hill City, Lakeside, Natoma, Northern Valley, Oberlin, Osborne, Palco, Trego, Smith Center, Stockton and Sylvan Unified.



Norton's Zach Bainter, who ran away from the field to earn the gold medal in the Oberlin cross country meet on Tuesday, appeared here to be flying through the air and the other runners trying to keep up with him probably thought he was!
— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Jay tennis competes in Trego invite

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity tennis team competed in the Trego Varsity Invitational on Saturday in Wa-Keeney.

Also playing were teams from Clafin, two from Trego, Hoisington, Tribune, Phillipsburg and Osborne.

It was a double elimination tournament.

In No.1 singles, Emily Juenemann lost 8-1 to Kendi Hickel, Clafin and lost 8-3 to Rachel Newcomer, Trego.

"Both of Emily's matches proved tough for her," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker. "She's never played against Clafin and Newcomer of Trego usually plays doubles.

"Emily played aggressively but wasn't able to come away with a

win."

Hannah Fulton and Allie Corbin played No.1 doubles for the Lady Jays. They defeated Hemecheck and Fuller, Tribune, 8-6 in their opening match before losing 8-2 to Hickel and Hickel, Clafin; losing 8-1 to Coomer and Lawyer, Phillipsburg and losing 8-3 to Fabrizio and Flax, Trego.

"This was Hannah and Allie's first time playing together in a tournament," said coach Wicker. "Their first match against Tribune was close and tough but they communicated well and gave 100 percent, resulting in a win!"

"The scores in their other three matches don't reflect how close they were.

"Hannah and Allie are both passionate about tennis and I was proud of the way they played today!"

No.2 singles player for Norton

was Stephanie Shepard. She lost 8-0 to Allie Hipp, Clafin and lost 8-1 to Emily Wyse, Trego.

"Like Emily, Stephanie's match opponents were from Clafin and Trego, both very competitive teams," said coach Wicker.

"This was only Steph's second tournament playing singles. She's still working on self-confidence but always gives 100 percent."

Kelsey Nuzum and Meaghan Peterson played No.2 doubles for the Lady Jays.

They lost 8-2 to Kaiser and Ney, Hoisington and lost 8-1 to Stroup and Gregory, Osborne.

"Kelsey and Meaghan played well together. They both had some awesome shots but weren't able to come away with any wins," said coach Wicker.

"The morning started out windy and chilly but the clouds rolled away and it turned into a beautiful

sunny day for tennis.

"Trego put together another team so we would have eight. This was our first time playing Clafin and they proved to be tough competition."

Next action

The Norton varsity will compete on Saturday in the Mid-Continent League Tournament in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m.

The Norton junior varsity will also play on Saturday. They will compete in the Colby JV Tournament, also beginning at 9 a.m.

Teams competing, in addition to Norton and Colby, will be Dodge City, Garden City, Goodland, Liberal, Phillipsburg, Scott City, Tribune and Ulysses.

They will play on courts at Fike Park and also on the courts on the Colby Community College campus.

Tough competition at Colby for tennis team

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The Norton Community High School girls tennis team competed in the Colby Varsity Tennis Invitational on Tuesday.

Emily Juenemann played No.1 singles for the Lady Jays. She lost 7-0 to Shayne Runnion, Phillipsburg, and lost 7-1 to Janie Gunther, Scott City.

"Emily played well today; she was up against some tough competition and wasn't able to come away with any wins," said Norton head coach Marianne Wicker.

Playing No.1 doubles for the

Lady Jays were Hannah Fulton and Allie Corbin. They lost 7-1 to Kaitlin Fugleberg and Shonna Webster, Goodland and lost 7-1 to Cala Kowlin and Jackie Albin, Trego.

"Hannah and Allie were a little out of sync today," said coach Wicker. "They had some great shots and both gave 100 percent."

Stephanie Shepard played No.2 singles for Norton. She lost 7-1 to Ashley Tankersley, Scott City; defeated Jennifer Fuller, Tribune, 7-5 and lost 7-1 to JaKalyn Van Allen, Goodland.

"I was really proud of the way Stephanie played today," said coach Wicker.

"She was aggressive at the net and the backcourt."

Playing No.2 doubles for Norton were Meaghan Peterson and Kelsey Nuzum and they won all three of their matches to finish first and earn gold medals!

They defeated Michaela Garrett and Katelyn Coon, Goodland, 7-3; then outscored Jami Hendrickson and Kristi Hallagin, Trego, 7-4 and finished by defeating Morgan Moritz and Courtney Nemecheck, Tribune, 7-3.

"Meaghan and Kelsey played awesome together," said coach Wicker. "Their serves were outstanding, they communicated well and brought home the first place medals!"

Next action

The annual Mid-Continent League Tennis Tournament will be held Saturday in Phillipsburg, beginning at 9 a.m.

While the varsity is competing at Phillipsburg, the junior varsity will be competing Saturday in the Colby JV Tournament, which also begins at 9 a.m.

Win, loss for Blue Jay volleyball at Colby

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The Norton Community High School varsity girls volleyball team defeated Atwood but lost to Colby in matches played Tuesday in Colby.

The Lady Jays played Colby first and lost 16-25, 20-25, then played Atwood and defeated the Lady Buffs 25-18, 25-22.

Colby

"The last couple of matches we have been poor in serving and passing," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox. "In this match, we served and passed the best we have all year and still lost.

"We are still struggling to get any blocks, much less touches and our back row is trying to get the ball up with no help from the

front. We will have to put up a strong front if we want to compete against the 'big' teams and get over .500."

Hayli Bozarth led in kills with 10, followed by Bethany Roy, 4; Lacy Keilig, 2; Charli Lawson, Katharine Roy, Ashlie Stewart, 1 each.

Bozarth and Katharine Roy each had 1 ace.

Stewart led in digs with 7, followed by Ashley Colip, 4; Shelby Jones, 3; Lawson, Katharine Roy, Lacy Keilig, 1 each.

Assists leader was Colip with 7, followed by Katharine Roy, 5; Bozarth, Wiyanna Paxton, 1 each.

Atwood

"Paint dries faster than we played against the Lady Buffs," said coach Cox. "It was one of the

slowest matches I have ever seen played by two varsity teams.

"The highlight was that the last time we played Atwood, it took three games to beat them and this time we defeated them in two."

Bozarth led again in kills, this time with 8, followed by Katharine Roy, 5; Lacy Keilig, 4; Colip, Bethany Roy, 2 each; Lawson, Kaitlyn Wolf, 1 each.

Katharine Roy led in serving with 3 aces, followed by Colip, 2; Lawson, Jones, 1 each.

Digs leader again was Stewart with 5, followed by Colip, 3; Paxton, 2; Lawson, Jones, Bethany Roy, Wolf, 1 each.

Colip was the leader again in assists, this time with 10, followed by Katharine Roy, 5; Bozarth, Paxton, 1 each.

Wolf led in blocks with 2, followed by Bozarth, Amanda Delimont, Lawson and Lacy Keilig, 1 each.

Next action

The Norton varsity and junior varsity will compete Saturday in the Oberlin Tournament, beginning at 9 a.m.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Oberlin, will be teams from Atwood, Hoxie and St. Francis.

Trophies will be awarded to the winners of the varsity and junior varsity divisions. Twelve medals will be awarded to the team members of the varsity and junior varsity division winners.

All-day admission will be \$4 for adults and \$3 for students.

Norton Junior High 8th grade football boys post 28-8 win

The Norton Junior High School Blue Jay 8th grade football boys posted a 28-8 win over Trego on Sept. 25, which coach George Rossi called "a good test."

He called it a "hard hitting game." And said his team "[was] able to wear down the Eagles in the fourth quarter." Coach Rossi said

the boys had a hard time hanging onto the football in the first half, but we were more focused in the second half.

Norton 6 - 6 - 0 - 16 = 28
Trego 0 - 0 - 8 - 0 = 8

How Norton scored
1st quarter — Dalton Miller 12-yard pass to John Renner

2nd quarter — Austin Hager fumble recovery in the end zone
3rd quarter — 0

4th quarter — Jacob Brooks 42-yard run, PAT Hager run; Hager 12-yard run, PAT Miller run

Rushing (carries/yards): Brooks 19/156; Hager 9/19; Miller 4/-15
Passing: Miller 9 attempts, 2

completions, 21 yards
Pass Receiving: Renner 1 for 13 yards; Hager 1 for 8 yards.

Tackles: Treven Rossi 9, Miller 7, Renner 6, Lane Bigge 7, John Risewick 8, Eli Bozarth 3, Hager 2, Lane Vanover 1, Ryan Bainter 1, Cody Ellis 2, Jared Bohl 2, Brooks 6.

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