

Seventeen Jays post personal records

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Twenty-five Norton Community High School track and field athletes competed in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Friday and 17 of them posted personal records.

Since some of the Blue Jays competed in the Don Bader Invitational in Lexington on the same day, team totals were not as high as normal.

Concordia won the girls team championship with 194 points, followed by Beloit, 101; Smith Center, 90.75; Phillipsburg, 61.75; Russell, 59.75; Trego Community, 36.75; Atwood, 9; Norton, 2.

Winning the boys championship was Beloit with 157 points, followed by Concordia, 125; Russell, 84; Phillipsburg, 54; Atwood, 50; Smith Center, 42; Norton, 31; Trego Community, 11.

"We are again very happy as coaches with our athletes and their efforts and results in both meets," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"Both locations offer athletes excellent facilities and tough fields of competition and attending both meets allows us the opportunity to compete nearly every member of our roster on the same day. For the most part, our youngsters prepared themselves well and made the most of their opportunities."

GIRLS

Sophomore Kaylen Rossi placed fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 15:07.39.

Other Norton girls and their results were: sophomore Morgan Baumann, personal record 25'8.5", 14th; sophomore Katie Scott, personal best 20'9.5", 17th; senior Emily Scott, 16'5", 18th, shot put; Morgan Baumann, 57'1", 15th; Katie Scott, 49'7", 17th; Emily Scott, 43'5", 18th, discus; junior Bethany Roy, 84'6", 14th; javelin; freshman Caren Thomson, 12'8", 15th; long jump; junior Kelsey Nuzum, high jump; Caren Thomson, personal best 18.05 in preliminaries and 20.03 in finals, 8th; Kelsey Nuzum, 21.77, 11th, 100 meter hurdles; Caren Thomson, personal best 56.03, 10th, 300 meter hurdles; Caren Thomson, 15.42, 17th; Kelsey Nuzum, 16.69, 18th, 100 meter dash; freshman Erin Terrell, 28.42, 10th, 200 meter dash.

BOYS

The freshmen scored the majority of the points for the Norton boys.

Zach Hartwell brought home two medals. He was second in the 3200 meter run with a personal record time of 11:32.17 and third in the 1600 meter run in a personal best time of 5:08.52.

Bryan Henry earned the bronze medal in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:19.56.

Joe LeClair did equally as well in the 110 meter hurdles with a third place in a personal best time of 16.45.

Senior Zac Dreher placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of

153'6".

Dreher joined sophomore Justin Griffith, senior Jordan Bebb and LeClair in the 4 x 100 meter relay in which they were timed in 49.08 to place sixth.

Bebb also placed sixth in the shot put with a personal best heave of 43'10.5".

Sophomore Kegan Vanover finished sixth in the 3200 meter run in 12:59.20.

Distances and times of other Norton boys performances that did not place were: sophomore Ryan Blecha, personal best 39'2"; 13th; freshman Damien Davis, 26'5.5", 22nd, shot put; Ryan Blecha, 103'11", 11th; Justin Griffith, 102'1", 15th; Damien Davis, 60', 21st, discus; Jordan Bebb, personal best 125'5", 14th; Justin Griffith, personal record 109'1", 20th, javelin; Joe LeClair, personal best 45.07, 7th; Zac Dreher, personal record 50.02, 13th, 300 meter hurdles; freshman Justin Waggoner, personal best 11.83, 11th; Justin Griffith, personal best 12.00, 14th; Ryan Blecha, 12.46, 18th, 100 meter dash; Justin Waggoner, personal best 26.64, 17th, 200 meter dash; freshman Kurt Douglas, 6:00.26, 12th; senior Josh Gallentine, 6:10.76, 13th, 1600 meter run.

Next action

Norton will travel again on Friday when the Blue Jay girls and boys compete in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m.



Norton freshman Zach Hartwell focused on the track ahead as he took a handoff from sophomore Troy Bainter in the 4 x 800 meter relay in the Redmen Relays in Smith Center on April 14. The foursome of Hartwell, Bainter, sophomore Dakota Dreher and freshman Tye Nickell placed second to earn silver medals.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton's Laura Lee Baird has gotten her senior track season off to a great start by earning many medals. While every performance has been outstanding, her best day was at the Redmen Relays in Smith Center on April 14. She is shown here winning the 1600 meter run. Laura Lee also won gold in the 800 meter run and anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a gold medal finish.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Track/field team earns 13 medals at Lexington meet

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Coach Jason Jones took 15 of his Norton Community High School track and field athletes to Lexington, Neb. on Friday to compete in the Don Bader Invitational and they earned 13 medals and set five new personal records.

No team scores were kept. "This meet offers the most competitive field that the majority of our athletes will see until our state

meet," said coach Jones.

"This meet was very good for us. It pushed us just a little bit more in most areas than we are used to being pushed. Our athletes did a great job and we are proud of them."

GIRLS

Senior Hayli Bozarth earned Norton's only gold medal. She heaved the shot 44'4" to win that event and threw the discus 132'6" to win the silver medal.

Senior Laura Lee Baird placed runner-up in both the 400 meter dash and 800 meter run. She was timed in 1:01.30 in the 400 meters and 2:23 in the 800 meters.

Baird also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed second in a time of 4:20.90.

Running with her were junior Hannah Waggoner, senior KaraJo Jones and sophomore Dustyna Sprigg.

Jones also won the silver medal in the long jump with a leap of

16'8.75". Waggoner placed second in the 200 meter dash in 26.70 and Jones was fourth in a personal record time of 26.90.

Waggoner finished third in the 100 meter dash in 12.80.

Distances and times of Norton girls performances that did not place were: junior Lacy Keilig, 27'9"; senior Amanda Delimont, shot put; Lacy Keilig, 57'2"; Amanda Delimont, discus; junior Raven Brown, personal record

29'8"; Dustyna Sprigg, triple jump; junior Alyssa Thomson, 5', 7th; freshman Sady Keilig, 4'8", high jump; Sady Keilig, 7', pole vault; Raven Brown, 14.10, 17th, 100 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, 1:06.60, 400 meter dash; 4 x 100 meter relay team of Jones, Brown, Sady Keilig and Waggoner, 54.10, 8th.

BOYS

Senior Zach Bainter won two medals for the boys team.

He was first in the 1600 meter run in 4:40.10 and second in the 3200 meter run in a personal record time of 10:10.10.

Blue Jay junior Ashton Draper won the bronze medal in the 400

meter dash with a personal record time of 52.00.

Distances and times of Norton boys performances that did not place were: sophomore Dakota Dreher, 5'8", high jump; senior Brock Lauer, 12.00, 19th, 100 meter dash; Brock Lauer, 24.40, 13th; Ashton Draper, 200 meter dash; Ashton Draper, 2:17.66; Dakota Dreher, 2:24.22, 800 meter run; sophomore Troy Bainter, personal record 5:17.70, 1600 meter run.

Next action

Norton track and field athletes will perform on Friday in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Favorable weather big plus for Jays golf team

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Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team took advantage of outstanding weather conditions to shoot a season low score and place third in the Hill City Invitational on Friday.

Phillipsburg, defending state co-champion in Class 3A, won the team championship with a 338. Trego Community, defending Class 2A state champion, placed second with a 351 and Norton was just three strokes back with an excellent 354 score.

Plainville placed fourth with a 365, followed by Hoxie, 369; Osborne, 375; Stockton, 399; Ness City, 399; Hill City, 433; Ellis, 470.

Norton junior J.D. Gall continued to shoot excellent golf scores. His 39/41-80 placed him in the runner-up medalist spot.

Junior Connor Pfannenstiel was second low golfer for the Blue Jays with a 45/45-90. He was followed by senior Kyle Mindrup, 47/45-92 and junior Marcus Herman, 45/47-92.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: sophomore

Cole Archer, 48/51-99 and senior Logan Kelly, 45/58-103.

Medalists were: Weston Vogel, Ness City, 78; J.D. Gall, 80; Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 82; Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 82; Ross Copeland, Plainville, 82; Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 82; Cole Werner, Plainville, 87; Chris Ceman, Phillipsburg, 87; John Boyington, Phillipsburg, 87; Eric Cunningham, Trego, 87.

"We made a definite improvement today," said coach Stover. "We had a full week of good practice prior to the tournament and felt we had a chance coming in to shoot better scores and we did that."

"Although we still are giving up too many penalty strokes, I felt our overall consistency did improve."

"Individually, we put together many solid rounds. J.D. played his best golf of the season to earn runner-up medalist. Kyle Mindrup really stepped up, beating his personal career low round by six shots. Connor Pfannenstiel and Cole Archer also equaled tournament low rounds."

Next action

The Norton junior varsity golfers will compete in the Smith



Norton junior Connor Pfannenstiel is shown putting during the Norton Invitational golf tournament on April 9 where he carded the second low score for the Blue Jays. On Friday in the Hill City Invitational, Connor was also second low for Norton with an excellent 90 score.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Center JV Invitational today, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Norton varsity golfers will

return to action this Thursday in the Trego Invitational in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

Coach pleased with jayvee golf team's efforts

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The younger Norton Community High School golfers competed in the Goodland JV Tournament on Tuesday in Goodland.

No team scores were kept.

Competing for Norton and their scores were: sophomore Shaylyn

Boteler, 59; sophomore Ashley Millan, 59; sophomore Katie Gall, 59; sophomore Nikki McVey, 62; freshman Taylor Meder, 63; sophomore Andrew Otter, 65.

"I am pleased with the overall effort of our golfers," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Although we would have liked

to shoot lower scores, we saw improvement in many of our golfers today. Shaylyn Boteler, Ashley Millan, Katie Gall and Nikki McVey were all able to improve on their season-best tournament scores."

Medalists were: Rocque Russell, Colby, 44; Johnny Castil-

lo, Dundy County, 45; Devin Mangus, Goodland, 45; Nelson Bergemann, Goodland, 45; Konner Kriss, Colby, 46; Willie Matthews, Dundy County, 46; Chris Crocker, Colby, 47; Evan Peterson, Dundy County, 48; Talen Martin, Goodland, 50; J.P. McCool, Goodland, 50.

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