

Blue Jay girls 4th, boys 6th at WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed fourth and the Blue Jay boys finished sixth out of 13 teams competing in the annual Goldsmith Relays on Friday in WaKeeney.

Colby won the girls team championship with 77 points, followed by Russell with 62 points in second, Trego Community with 60 in third and Norton just one-half point back in fourth with 59.5 points. Phillipsburg was fifth with 52.5, followed by Ness City, 45; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 42; Oakley, 37; La Crosse, 32; Plainville, 26; Victoria, 24; Holcomb, 23; Leoti, 18.

The boys champion was Holcomb with 93 points, followed by Russell, 75; Ness City, 74; La Crosse, 70.5; Victoria, 61.5; Norton, 58; Phillipsburg, 35; Colby, 32; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 25; Leoti, 12; Plainville, 9; Oakley, 7; Trego Community, 6.

"It was a cooler day and we learned a lot about ourselves, in a number of ways, during this track meet," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"To begin, some of our athletes put on some unbelievably awe-

some performances and we certainly did get better in some spots, which is always one of our goals. However, we also let some things happen in a number of areas that should not happen at this point in the season.

"Hopefully, we had some valuable learning experiences that will allow us to get these things ironed out before we enter our championship season. It was fun to compete against some athletes we hadn't seen this season. We handled the challenge very well and competed hard.

"Overall, we are pleased with our team results, especially since we took a partial squad, due mostly to conflicting commitments and other previously scheduled opportunities for our athletes. We are, though, preparing to gear up for the push leading up to the league meet in a couple of weeks."

GIRLS

Senior Laura Lee Baird was Norton's only gold medal winner. She easily won the 3200 meter run in 12:10.84, the best in Northwest Kansas this season.

She also placed second in both the 800 meter run and 400 meter dash. In the 800 meters, Baird was timed in 2:27.68. The winner was Emilea Finley, Colby, who

beat her at the finish line by 34 hundredths of a second!

In the 400 meters, Baird lost to Lexi Riedel of Trego who was clocked in 1:00.42. Baird's time was 1:01.07.

Senior Amanda Delimont had a good day in the shot put event. She heaved the shot a personal best distance of 33'6.5" to earn the bronze medal.

Lady Jay senior KaraJo Jones also won three medals. She placed third in the 200 meter dash with a personal record time of 26.17 and was third in the long jump with a leap of 15'8.75".

Jones' third medal came in the 4 x 100 meter relay where the foursome of Jones, junior Raven Brown, freshman Sady Keilig and junior Hannah Waggoner placed third in 52.97.

Waggoner also placed fourth in the 100 meter dash in 12.79 and fifth in the 200 meter dash in 26.93.

Sophomore Dustyna Sprigg placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 29'10".

Sophomore Kaylen Rossi finished sixth in the 3200 meter run in 14:40.64.

Sady Keilig tied for sixth in the pole vault with a 7' clearance.

Distances and times for Norton

girls' performances that did not place were: Amanda Delimont, 90'6", 8th, discus; Sady Keilig, 14'1.25", 9th, long jump; Raven Brown, 27'6.5", 14th, triple jump; Sady Keilig, 4'8", 7th, high jump; Raven Brown, 14.21, 20th, 100 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, 1:08.36, 12th, 400 meter dash.

BOYS

Senior Zach Bainter won two gold medals and a silver for the Norton boys team. He literally ran away from the field in the 800 meter run and 1600 meter run and placed second in the 3200 meters despite running a personal record time in that event.

In the 800 meters, Bainter was timed in a personal record 2:00.28. He hit the finish line in the 1600 meters in 4:34.76. In the 3200 meters, he was out kicked at the finish by Ness City's outstanding runner Colton McNinch, who was timed in 9:51.88. Bainter's time was 10:01.33 and the third place finisher was 18 seconds behind. McNinch placed fourth in the 1600 meters.

Norton junior Ashton Draper hit the finish line first in the 400 meter dash in 1:12.13 to win the gold medal in that event. Draper also placed fifth in the 200 meter dash in 23.85. In the preliminaries, he ran a personal best time of 23.44.

Blue Jay senior Zac Dreher won the silver medal in the javelin with a personal record throw of 159'5".

Sophomore Dakota Dreher placed fourth in the high jump by clearing 5'8".

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Dakota Dreher, freshman Zach Hartwell, freshman Bryan Henry and sophomore Troy Bainter placed fifth in 9:22.71.

Senior Jordan Bebb heaved the shot 43'5" to place sixth in that event and senior Brock Lauer finished sixth in the 200 meter dash in 24.56.

Norton freshman Joe LeClair placed sixth in the 110 meter hurdles in 17.21.

Troy Bainter set a personal re-



Norton senior KaraJo Jones "splashed" sand as she completed a long jump during the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday. She won the bronze medal in the event.

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Jayvee golf tests varsity

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers competed in the varsity Trego Invitational golf tournament on Thursday in WaKeeney and gained valuable experience that will help them down the road, according to Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"We gained valuable varsity tournament experience," said coach Stover. "We took advantage of good weather conditions and saw great improvement. All six of our golfers shot their season-best varsity round and most of them beat their previous best by a great margin!"

"This group has played quite a bit of tournament golf recently and that experience is helping each one see steady improvement.

"Hopefully, the momentum gained will carry over into the season-ending junior varsity tournaments in Norton and WaKeeney."

Trego won the four-man team championship with a 333, followed by Plainville, 358; Osborne, 400; Stockton, 421; Wheatland, 444; Oakley, 460; Norton, 464.

The two-man title went to Wheatland with a 174, followed by Oakley, 180; Plainville, 191; Trego, 191; Hill City, 195; Stockton, 202; Ellis, 208; Osborne, 213; Norton, 219.

Seniors Jacob VanSkiike and Ashley Colip played on Norton's two-person team. VanSkiike shot

a 53/55-108 and Colip carded a 55/56-111.

Members of Norton's four-person team and their scores were: sophomore Andrew Otter, 56/58-114; sophomore Shaylyn Boteler, 57/58-115; sophomore Nikki McVey, 58/58-116 and sophomore Ashley Millan, 58/61-119.

Individual medalists were: Ross Copeland, Plainville, 78; Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 79; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 82; Chase Waldman, Wheatland, 83; Scott Pfannenstiel, Trego, 84; Patrick Loftus, Oakley, 85; Eric Cunningham, Trego, 88; Ethan Bertrand, Osborne, 89; Cole Werner, Plainville, 89; Eric Schoendaler, Wheatland, 91; Jade Bliss, Trego, 92; Cole Smith, Plainville, 93; Ethan LeBarge, Ellis, 93; Tyler Compton, Plainville, 94; Reuben Sherwood, Trego, 95.

Next action

Norton is hosting the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational golf tournament today on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton, beginning at 3 p.m.

On Thursday, the Norton junior varsity golfers will complete their season by playing in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

Also on Thursday, the Norton varsity golfers will compete in the Colby Invitational golf tournament in Colby, beginning at 3 p.m.



Norton senior Zac Dreher threw the javelin a personal record distance of 159'5" to earn the silver medal in the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday.

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Junior high track results Friday



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