



Lady Blue Jay senior Hayli Bozarth threw the discus 142' to break the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet record by almost five feet on Tuesday. She also broke her meet record in the shot put by heaving the iron ball 42'6".

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



"Wow, that hurt!" Norton freshman Zach Hartwell must be thinking after crossing the finish line in the 3200 meter race in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. Hartwell placed third and broke his personal record time.

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Norton senior Karajo Jones broke the tape to win the 200 meter dash on Tuesday in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet. Her time of 26.90 was less than a second off the meet record. At right for Norton is junior Hannah Waggoner placing second to earn the silver medal.

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Lady Jays champs at Oberlin Invitational

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team won their first team championship of the 2009 season and the Blue Jay points out of third, in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday.

The Lady Blue Jays scored 110 points, compared to Smith Center, 108; Oakley, 77; Phillipsburg, 75; Weskan, 73; Oberlin, 40; Wheatland, 37; St. Francis, 32; Hoxie, 5; Atwood, 1; Goodland, 1.

Smith Center won the boys title with 108 points, followed by Oberlin, 92; St. Francis, 79; Norton, 76; Atwood, 69; Phillipsburg, 64; Wheatland, 37; Oakley, 18.5; Goodland, 16.5.

"The Oberlin meet went very well for us," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "Both of our teams put up very solid performances."

"We are getting better in a number of areas and that is our goal at this point in the season."

"Hayli Bozarth set two new

meet records and our athletes posted nine new personal records in seven different events.

"We hope to build on these performances and gain some more confidence from them as we prepare to enter the league meet next Friday. We are proud of the way we competed in Oberlin and look forward to the upcoming meets."

GIRLS

Norton senior Hayli Bozarth broke meet records in the shot put and discus en route to earning gold medals in both events. She heaved the shot 42'6" to break her own meet record of 41'4.5" set in 2008. Bozarth threw the discus 142' to break the meet record of 137'4" set by Miller of Atwood in 2008. She has the top performances in both events at this time in Northwest Kansas.

Bozarth also placed sixth in the javelin with a throw of 105.4".

Lady Jay senior Laura Lee Baird won three gold medals. She won the 800 meter run in 2:27.30 and the 1600 meter run in 5:47.14.

Baird also anchored the girls 4 x 400 meter relay to a gold medal

finish with a time of 4:16.93. Other members of the foursome were senior KaraJo Jones, junior Hannah Waggoner and sophomore Dustyna Sprigg.

Jones hit the tape first in the 200 meter dash in a time of 26.90. Her time just missed the meet record of 26.00 set by Ruda of Atwood in 1993. She also earned the silver medal in the long jump with a leap of 16'.

Waggoner placed second in both the 200 meter dash and the 100 meter dash. She was timed in 27.17 in the 200 meters and 13.35 in the 100 meters.

Sophomore Kaylen Rossi finished third in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 15:00.13.

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Jones, junior Raven Brown, freshman Sady Keilig and Waggoner finished third with a time of 53.56.

Sophomore Dustyna Sprigg placed fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:07.26 and fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 30'2.5".

Sady Keilig placed fifth in the

pole vault by clearing 7'6" and fifth in the long jump with a personal record distance of 14'8.5".

Raven Brown finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 28'11.5".

Distances and times of Norton girls' performances that did not place were: senior Amanda Delimont, 32'7"; junior Lacy Keilig, 28'3.25"; shot put; Amanda Delimont, 90'10"; Lacy Keilig, 73'3"; discus; junior Bethany Roy, 98'7"; javelin; Sady Keilig, 4'6"; junior Alyssa Thomson, 4'6"; high jump; Raven Brown, 14.34, 100 meter dash.

BOYS

Norton senior Zach Bainter won gold medals again in his specialties: the 800 meter run and 1600 meter run. Bainter was timed in 2:03.22 in the 800 meters and 4:42.12 in the 1600 meters.

Blue Jay senior Ashton Draper also earned the gold medal in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 52.41 and placed fourth in the 200 meter dash in 24.04.

Sophomore Dakota Dreher was the Norton boys' other gold medal

winner. He won the high jump with a clearance of 5'10".

Norton freshman Zach Hartwell won the bronze medal with a third place finish in the 3200 meter run in a personal record time of 11:01.55. Blue Jay senior Zac Dreher placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 152'5.5".

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Hartwell, sophomore Troy Bainter, Dakota Dreher and freshman Tye Nickell placed fourth with a clocking of 9:21.78.

The Blue Jay 4 x 100 meter relay team of senior Brock Lauer, Draper, sophomore Justin Griffith and sophomore Terrell Lane finished fifth in 46.15.

Freshman Seth Antrim placed fifth in the pole vault with a personal record clearance of 11'6". Nickell vaulted 11' to break a personal record and finish in sixth place. Freshman Bryan Henry placed fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:20.94 and Troy Bainter was fifth in the 3200 meter run in 11:23.68.

Finishing sixth in the discus was sophomore Ryan Blecha

with a personal record throw of 108'6".

Boys' performances that did not place were: Ryan Blecha, 39'2"; Justin Griffith, 35'10", shot put; Justin Griffith, 101'7", discus; Justin Griffith, personal record 118'1", javelin; junior Casey Robison, 14'8.5", long jump; Casey Robison, 10'6", pole vault; freshman Joe LeClair, 19.70, 110 meter hurdles; Zac Dreher, personal record 48.29, 300 meter hurdles; sophomore Terrell Lane, 12.15; Brock Lauer, 12.17, 100 meter dash; Terrell Lane, 24.68; Brock Lauer, 24.80, 200 meter dash; Tye Nickell, 57.00, 400 meter dash; Bryan Henry, personal record 5:26.00; senior Josh Gallentine, 5:55.00, 1600 meter run; Brock Lauer, Dakota Dreher, Tye Nickell, Ashton Draper, 3:48.50, 4 x 400 meter relay.

Next action

Norton will compete today in the annual Russell Relays, beginning at 3 p.m.

Varsity golfers eighth at TMP invite

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed eighth in the 2009 TMP Invitational golf tournament hosted by Thomas More Prep-Marian on the Smoky Hill Country Club course on Monday in Hays.

Colby won the team championship with a 335, followed by Hays JV, 344; Goodland, 354; Russell,

363; Trego Community, 363; Scott City, 369; Thomas More Prep-Marian, 370; Norton, 390; Phillipsburg, 392; Larned, 392; Oberlin, 394; Hays C-team, 446; TMP JV, 532.

Norton's low scorer once again was junior J.D. Gall with a 45/42-87, which tied him for tenth medalist. He lost the medalist spot, however, on a card playoff.

Blue Jay junior Marcus Her-

man shot a 51/50-101 and junior Connor Pfannenstiel carded a 48/53-101. Senior Kyle Mindrup also shot a 101 for the Blue Jays. He shot a 47 on the front nine and 54 on the back nine.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were sophomore Cole Archer, 54/55-109 and senior Logan Kelly, 51/60-111.

Medalists were: Jordan Hecker, Russell, 75; Rylee Haas, Colby, 77; Kyle Hedlund, Hays JV, 83; Joel Weis, Goodland, 84; Garrett Berry, Oberlin, 84; Cole Finley, Colby, 84; Kyle Molstad, Colby, 84; Kris Neuhauser, Hays JV, 85; Joel Linin, Goodland, 85; Marshall Anliker, Scott City, 87.

"We have never played very well at this tournament and this year was no exception," said Norton head golf coach David

Stover. "The Smoky Hill course is one of the tougher setups we see and today, at least in our case, the course won. We did not handle the thick rough very well and our short game was not as sharp as it needed to be."

"Once again, J.D. Gall put together a solid round of golf, earning a tie for final medalist honors. Unfortunately, J.D. lost the final spot in a card playoff."

Next action

The Norton varsity competed on Thursday in the Colby Invitational and the Blue Jay junior varsity played on Thursday in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney.

Results were not available at press time.

Next action for the Norton varsity will be Monday in Phillipsburg beginning at 1 p.m.

MCEL meet at Hill City

The 2009 Mid-Continent Elementary League track meet is scheduled for Tuesday at the Hill City High School track.

Field events will start at 10 a.m., preliminary running events at 11:30 and final running events 30 minutes after the 3200 meter run.

Medals will be awarded for scoring places 1 through 3, rib-

bons for scoring places 4 through 6, and plaques for the first three places in each division.

Schools involved are Ellis, Stockton, Hill City, Phillipsburg, Norton, Plainville, Osborne, Smith Center and Trego.

A concession stand will be available throughout the day at the meet.

Jayvee golfers 5th and 9th

Norton Community High School hosted the Norton JV Invitational golf tournament on Tuesday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton.

The A-team placed fifth and the B-team finished in ninth.

Winning the tournament was Colby with a 189, followed by Northern Valley, 200; Plainville, 208; Trego Community, 211; Norton A, 213; Phillipsburg, 215; Atwood, 227; Hoxie, 227; Norton B, 245; Smith Center, 259; Ellis, 261; Stockton, 272.

Low scorer for the Norton A-team was senior Jacob VanSkiike with a 52, followed by senior Ashley Colip, 53; sophomore Andrew Otter, 54 and sophomore Nikki McVey, 54. Also playing for the Norton A-team and their scores were: sophomore Ashley Millan, 55 and sophomore Shay-

lyn Boteler, 57.

Blue Jays on the Norton B-team and their scores were: freshman Taylor Meder, 51; sophomore Tanner Morel, 59; sophomore Katie Gall, 65 and freshman Robert Blecha, 70. Also playing for the Norton B-team was freshman Tyler Lewis and he shot a 79.

Individual medalists were: Konnor Kriss, Colby, 45; Tayte Query, Colby, 46; Chris Crocker, Colby, 47; Blake Fritts, Trego, 47; Hutch Gehrke, Northern Valley, 47; Cari Hodges, Trego, 48; Skyler Harris, Northern Valley, 49; Dalton Wilson, Plainville, 50; George Lovelady, Plainville, 51; Bill Reuther, Atwood, 51.

"I am happy with the performance of our golfers," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "We took advantage of good scoring conditions to shoot many season-best rounds for this group."

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