

Russell Relays find Blue Jays' girls third and the boys sixth

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed third and the Blue Jay boys finished in sixth in the annual Russell Relays on Friday in Russell.

Concordia won the girls championship with 148 points, followed by Beloit, 101; Norton, 92; Russell, 65; Abilene, 59; Phillipsburg, 45; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 34; Chapman, 16.

The boys championship went to Beloit with 115.5 points, followed by Russell, 91; Concordia, 86; Abilene, 85; Phillipsburg, 67; Norton, 62; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 39; Chapman, 5.5.

"We were pleased with the results from the Russell meet," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "We did have a strong breeze all day but, otherwise, the weather was great.

"Our athletes did compete well and we are proud of the manner in which they conducted themselves during competition. We feel like things are coming together for us in a number of areas.

"We again had some personal records. Additionally for the second meet in a row, Hayli Bozarth set a new meet record in the shot put. On top of that, we did better ourselves in season long performances as well.

"We are excited about the league meet on Friday in Plainville and we plan to work to keep getting better as we enter the post season."

GIRLS

Senior Hayli Bozarth broke the meet record in the shot put by heaving the iron ball 44'2" and she also won the gold medal in the discus with a throw of 133'2". She also placed second in the javelin with a throw of 116'4".

Also winning two gold medals was senior distance runner Laura Lee Baird. She hit the tape first in the 800 meter run in 2:27.51 and

crossed the finish line first in the 1600 meter run in 5:37.79.

Baird also anchored Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team to a second place finish with an excellent time of 4:13.60. Also on that foursome were senior KarJo Jones, junior Hannah Waggoner and sophomore Dustyna Sprigg.

Jones also placed second in the 200 meter dash in 27.61 and Waggoner was right behind her in third with a clocking of 27.66. Jones also had an outstanding leap of 17'2" to place second in the long jump.

Waggoner also won the bronze medal in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.54.

The Lady Blue Jay foursome of Jones, junior Raven Brown, freshman Sady Keilig and Waggoner placed fourth in the 4 x 100 meter relay in 53.38.

Norton junior Bethany Roy placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 101'3".

Sixth place finishes went to Sady Keilig in the pole vault with a clearance of 7'6" and to Sprigg in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:08.29.

Other distances and times of Norton girls' efforts which did not place were: junior Lacy Keilig, 28'1.5", shot put; Lacy Keilig, 74'6", discus; Raven Brown, personal record 31'1.25"; Dustyna Sprigg, 30'5.5", triple jump; junior Alyssa Thomson, 4'8"; Sady Keilig, 4'6", high jump; Raven Brown, 14.34, 100 meter dash.

BOYS

Norton senior distance ace Zach Bainter had another good day. He won the gold medal in the 3200 meter run with a time of 10:08.46, placed second in the 1600 meter run with an outstanding time of 4:33.21 and led the 4 x 800 meter relay team to a gold medal finish in 9:11.83. Running with him were sophomore Troy Bainter, freshman Bryan Henry and freshman Tye Nickell.

Placing second in the high jump with a clearance of 5'8" was sophomore Dakota Dreher.

Freshman Seth Antrim had a good day in the pole vault where he cleared 12'6" for a personal record and third place finish.

Senior Zac Dreher placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 158'10".

Troy Bainter set a personal record of 11:10.65 in finishing fourth in the 3200 meter run.

Norton's Bryan Henry placed fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:19.52.

Norton's foursome of senior Brock Lauer, Dakota Dreher, Tye Nickell and junior Ashton Draper placed fourth in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a clocking of 3:43.54.

Blue Jay sophomore Terrell Lane placed fifth in the 200 meter dash in 24.39. Lane also anchored Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team to a fifth place finish in 45.94. Running with him were Brock Lauer, senior Jordan Bebb and sophomore Justin Griffith.

Norton boys' performances which did not place were: Jordan Bebb, 41'7.75"; Justin Griffith, personal best 38'7.75", shot put; Jordan Bebb, personal best 140'7"; Justin Griffith, 105'2", javelin; junior Casey Robison, personal best 16'6", long jump; Tye Nickell, 10'6"; Casey Robison, 10', pole vault; Zac Dreher, 50.82, 300 meter hurdles; Terrell Lane, 12.39; Brock Lauer, 12.40; junior Zane Perez, 12.55, 100 meter dash; Ashton Draper, 24.67; Brock Lauer, 24.72, 200 meter dash.

Next action

Norton competed in the Hill City Invitational track meet on Monday but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The annual Mid-Continent League track and field meet will be held on Friday in Plainville, beginning at 3 p.m.



Blue Jay sophomores Terrell Lane and Justin Griffith had a perfect handoff during the third and final exchange in the 4 x 100 meter relay in the Russell Relays on Friday. They won their heat and placed fifth overall. Running with them were two seniors Brock Lauer and Jordan Bebb.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton senior Laura Lee Baird had another good day in the Russell Relays on Friday. She is pictured here running away from the field to win the 1600 meter run. She also earned the gold medal in the 800 meter run and anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to second place behind an outstanding Concordia foursome.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton freshman Seth Antrim set a personal record of 12'6" to place third and win the bronze medal in the pole vault in the Russell Relays on Friday.

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Golfers turn in best performance

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team played their best golf of the season on Thursday to place a solid fourth in the Colby Invitational tournament.

All six Norton golfers lowered their season averages during the competition.

Colby won the championship with a 318, followed by Goodland, 349; Scott City, 360; Norton, 365; Atwood, 372; Oberlin, 393; Colby JV, 395; Oakley, 408.

Blue Jay junior J.D. Gall was low scorer again for Norton and earned fourth medalist honors

with his 40/41-81. Junior Marcus Herman shot a 45/44-89, followed by junior Connor Pfannenstiel, 52/44-96 and senior Logan Kelly, 48/51-99.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: sophomore Cole Archer, 49/52-101 and senior Kyle Mindrup, 50/53-103.

Medalists were: Ryley Haas, Colby, 76; Rocque Russell, Colby, 79; Dylan Stithem, Colby, 80; J.D. Gall, 81; Zach Ruda, Atwood, 81; Brett Gfeller, Triplains, 82; Kyle Molstad, Colby, 83; Patrick Loftus, Oakley, 84; Cody Ellis, Scott City, 85; Joel Weis, Goodland, 85.

"We came back after a disap-

pointing performance earlier in the week at Thomas More Prep with much better results today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "We took advantage of ideal scoring conditions to play our best golf of the season to this point.

"J.D. Gall continues to play solid all-around golf, earning individual honors for the fourth time this season and Marcus Herman and Logan Kelly both shot season-low rounds today as well.

"We look to keep things going in the right direction as we enter the home stretch of the season with the Phillipsburg Invitational, league tournament in Hill City and regional golf all coming up within a week."

Norton played in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Monday. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Mid-Continent League Tournament will be held Thursday in Hill City, beginning at 3 p.m.. The Regional Golf Tournament will be held on Monday in Goodland, beginning at 9 a.m.

Jayvee golfers end season

The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers completed their 2009 season on Thursday by competing in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney.

Northern Valley won the team championship with a 376, followed by Quinter, 395; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 395; Plainville, 398; Phillipsburg, 407; Hoisington 410; Trego Community, 429; Norton, 456; Hill City, 465; Ellis, 472.

Sophomore Tanner Morel shot a 50/61-111 for Norton, followed by freshman Robert Blecha, 61/53-114; sophomore Nikki McVey, 56/59-115 and freshman Taylor Meder, 56/60-116. Freshman Tyler Lewis also played for Norton and carded a 58/70-128.

Individual medalists were: Devon Weber, Thomas More Prep, 90; Skyler Harris, Northern Valley, 91; Tanner Thompson, Phillipsburg, 91; Matt Manka, Hoisington, 92; Dalton Elliot, Oakley, 93; Blake Fritts, Trego, 94; Jarod Polifka, Quinter, 95; Garrett Kennedy, Plainville, 96; Toby Waggoner, Quinter, 96; Hutch Gehrke, Northern Valley, 96; Taylor Hammond, Northern Valley, 96; Matthew Applequist, Thomas More Prep, 96; Dalton Wilson, Plainville, 96; James Schreiner, Trego, 97; Nick Luna, Plainville, 98.

"This group has shown im-

provement since the beginning of the season," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "I am very proud of their efforts.

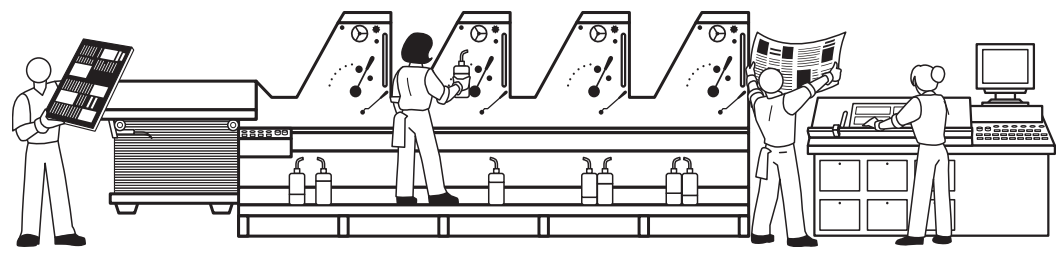
"With continued work, this group has the ability to continue to see great improvement in the future."

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Maverick Drilling, LLC recently began operations to provide contract drilling services to the state of Kansas and northern Oklahoma. Maverick Drilling President Jack Goss said the company will operate one rig in central Kansas and the second in the southern part of the state. They also have plans to roll out one or two additional rigs as market conditions allow over the coming months. According to Jack, Maverick Drilling's investor group feels that the worst of the recent decline in the oil and gas business is behind us and that significant upside potential will again exist for quality service companies in the business. Maverick Drilling's corporate office is located in Wichita in the Center Point office building at 100 S. Main Ste. 440. For quotes Jack may be reached at 316-262-6700 voice, 316-262-6706 fax, and 316-295-9646 cellular, also by email at jackg@mavdrilgks.com. Maverick look's forward to providing quality drilling services to the oil and gas operators of Kansas.

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