

Blue Jay highlights



Norton sophomores Zach Hartwell, second from left, and Bryan Henry, farther back, were running in a crowd when this photo was taken during their race in the Class 3A Cross Country Meet in Cimarron on Saturday. Both young men continued to move up in the field and Hartwell finished

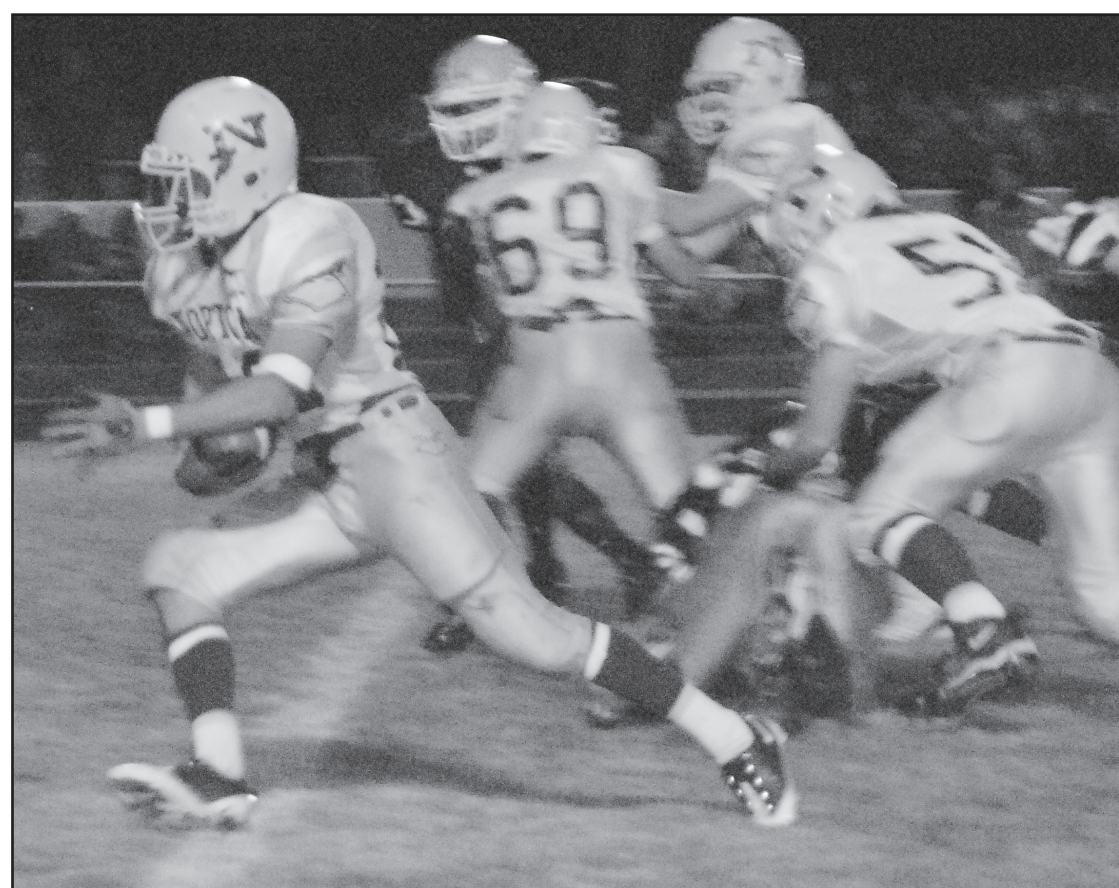
fifth in 17:30 and Henry seventh in 17:38 as the Norton boys placed runner-up to qualify for this Saturday's State Meet in Wamego where they will run at 11:30 a.m.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton junior Sharrelle Shinn powered the volleyball over the net during the Lady Jays' 25-23, 26-24 wins over Ellis in the Mid-Continent League Tournament in Hill City on October 17. Shown at right for Norton is freshman Teslee Nickell, No.19.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Regan Simpson finished first for the Norton girls in the Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday in Cimarron. She was clocked in 16:41 for the 2.5 mile distance to place fourth individually and come very close to a personal best. The Norton girls team placed third to qualify for the State Meet in Wamego this Saturday and will compete at 12:30 p.m.

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Norton's senior fullback Zane Perez received good blocking from his offensive linemen and sprinted 13 yards to the Scott City 11-yard line late in last Friday's district game but the Blue Jays were unable to score a touchdown in their 14-6 loss. Shown blocking for Perez are senior guard Marcus Herman, No.69 and junior tackle Ryan Blecha, No. 51

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Husky qualifies for state meet

Northern Valley junior Kayla Lowry placed eighth with a time of 17:16 in the Class 1A Regional Cross Country Meet on Saturday in Grainfield to qualify for the State Meet this Saturday in Wamego.

It was her third straight year to qualify for the state meet and she has medaled each year. As a freshman, she placed 18th in the state meet and as a sophomore she finished 13th. The top 20 in the race receive medals.

Lady Husky sophomore Kyn-

zie Stevens placed 19th in the regional in Grainfield.

"Kayla has been training well and is really looking forward to competing in the state meet," said Northern Valley coach Marvin Gebhard.

"Kynzie ran well in the regional and was just three spots away from qualifying for the state meet."

Kayla will run in the Class 1A girls cross country race in Saturday's state meet on the Wamego golf course. The race will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Volleyball season ends in Sub-State

By DICK BOYD

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The 2009 season for the Norton Community High School volleyball team came to a close on Saturday in the Class 3A Sub-State Tournament at Thomas More Prep-Marian in Hays.

The No.7 seeded Norton Lady Jays played the No.2 seeded Smith Center Lady Redmen in the opening round and lost 12-25, 14-25 in the single elimination tournament.

Smith Center continued on to eventually play No.1 seed Phillipsburg in the championship finals. The Lady Panthers prevailed and earned a berth in the Class 3A State Tournament this week.

"We had a lackluster performance against Smith Center," said Norton head volleyball coach Peggy Cox.

"We just couldn't seem to get anything going and that includes enthusiasm, passes, sets, serves, kills and blocks. It just wasn't there today.

"The frustrating thing is knowing these young ladies wearing blue were capable of so much more than what they showed. When we played Smith Center earlier in the season, we played well against the Lady Red even though we lost."

Individual statistics: kills - Erin Terrell, 5; Bethany Roy, Alyssa Thomson, Kaitlyn Wolf, 2 each; Kendra Engelbert, 1; aces - Wolf, 2; Bethany Winkel, 1; digs - Raven Brown, Wolf, 5 each; Ashlie Stewart, 4; Winkel, 2; assists - Shelby Jones, 6; Winkel, 3; Thomson, 1.

Norton will lose nine seniors off this year's team. They are Hannah Waggoner, Shelby Jones, Bethany Winkel, Raven Brown, Bethany Roy, Kendra Engelbert, Ashlie Stewart, Kaitlyn Wolf and Alyssa Thomson.

"We will have younger players next season and have some excellent players among them. We look forward to working with them," said coach Cox.

Huskies dominate conference

Northern Valley players dominated the 2009 Cheyenne Conference All-Conference Volleyball Team chosen by vote of the conference coaches.

Lady Huskies chosen to the six-girl first team were seniors Christina Anderson, Alison Cole and Megan Cole.

Also elected to the first team were Logan senior Tiffany Clements, Thunder Ridge junior Samantha Krueger and Thunder Ridge sophomore Michaela Bienenhoff.

Named honorable mention were Logan senior Caley Greving and Palco junior Traci Knipp.

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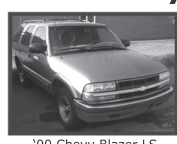
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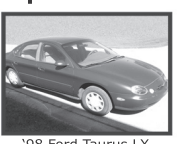
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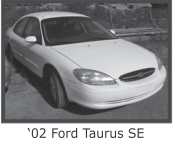
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