

# Huskies and Trojans open track seasons



Northern Valley senior Alison Cole won the high jump at the Norton Invitational track meet on Friday in Norton for the fourth consecutive year. She also was runner-up in the 100 meter hurdles and finished fifth in the triple jump.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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The Northern Valley and Logan High School track and field teams opened their 2010 seasons with some outstanding performances in the annual Norton Invitational on Friday in Norton.

The Logan girls placed fifth with 52 points, just two points behind Phillipsburg with 54 and the Lady Huskies were sixth with 39 points.

The Logan boys placed sixth with 45 points, followed by Northern Valley with 36.

"We were very pleased with the way our girls and boys performed in their first meet of the season," said Northern Valley coach Chuck Fessenden. "Many of our athletes had personal bests.

"On the boys side, Austin Herman had a great jump and win in the triple jump. We expected Colton Lowry to perform well in the 800 meter run and he did not disappoint us. We thought Gunnar Hays ran a great race in the 3200 meters. Unfortunately, he was edged for the gold medal by a hundredth of a second!

"Our relay boys ran very well, especially in the 3200 and 1600 relays. We were happy with the way our three freshmen, Jon Compton, Phillip Compton and Tyson Callaway ran.

"Our girls had a good day, too. Alison Cole started things off with a win in the high jump. She also performed well in the hurdles and triple jump. Megan Cole had a good throw to win in the javelin.

"It was nice to see Amber Sheley get to compete once again and pick up a fourth place in the shot put. Kynzie Stevens got us some points in the 3200 meter run and our 1600 meter relay team ran well.

"We are looking forward to a good day as we travel to Colby on Tuesday (today) for the Triplains Invitational."

Logan track coach Chris Graham was pleased as well with his athletes' first meet performances of the 2010 season.

"We had an excellent first meet with 17 personal bests," he said. "Our throwers had a great day medal-wise and had some solid marks. Our pole vaulters competed pretty well with one great performance by Brady Tien.

"On the track, our relays ran very well and I was pleased with our individual runners, as well.

"Many of our athletes who didn't place set personal records and have something to shoot for. "We've got work to do but this was a good start to our season."

## GIRLS

The Northern Valley girls won two gold medals. Alison Cole won the high jump for the fourth year in a row with a 4'10" jump and twin sister Megan Cole won the javelin with a throw of 113'3".

Alison Cole also won the silver medal in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 17.45 and was fifth in the triple jump with a 30'3" distance.

Senior Amber Sheley placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 32'5".

Finishing fifth was the 4 x 100 meter relay team of sophomore Sara Whitney, freshman Erika Chandler, junior Kenzie Chandler and Megan Cole. They were timed in 58.15.

Sophomore Kynzie Stevens ran well in the 3200 meter run, placing fifth in 16:50.5.

The Lady Husky 4 x 400 meter relay team of Megan Cole, Erika Chandler, Alison Cole and sophomore Melissa Hawks placed sixth

with a clocking of 4:59.46.

Logan sophomore Caley Greving got the season off to a great start in field events, winning a gold medal and silver medal, both with personal bests.

She won the javelin with a 107'10" throw and was runner-up in the shot put with a 36'9.5" distance.

The Lady Trojan 4 x 800 meter relay team of sophomore Alethea Bennett, senior Tiffany Clements, sophomore Samantha Tien and sophomore Hannah Pinkerton won the silver medal with an 11:14.27 time to place runner-up.

Logan's 4 x 100 meter relay team of freshman Whitney Mulder, sophomore Paige Buss, Caley Greving and Alethea Bennett won the bronze medal with a time of 53.68.

Senior Dawn Archer, Clements, Buss and Bennett combined for a third place finish in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a time of 4:33.09.

A second 4 x 400 meter relay foursome of Mulder, Tien, Pinkerton and freshman Marcy Gaines placed fifth in 4:54.90.

Paige Buss placed fourth in the 100 meter dash in 13.43.

Hannah Pinkerton finished fourth in the 1600 meter run in 6:32.62 and fifth in the pole vault with a 7'6" personal best.

Samantha Tien placed fifth in the 800 meter run in 3:03.31.

Dawn Archer was sixth in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 1:07.7.

## BOYS

Two Northern Valley boys won gold medals.

Junior Colton Lowry won the 800 meter run with a time of 2:10.1 and sophomore Austin Herman won the triple jump with

an outstanding 42'2.5" leap.

Sophomore Gunnar Hays also had a great 3200 meter run, placing second by an eye lash with a clocking of 10:53.09.

The Husky 4 x 800 meter relay team of Gunnar Hays, Austin Herman, sophomore Tyler Montgomery and Colton Lowry placed fourth with a time of 9:31.34.

The 4 x 400 meter relay team from Northern Valley consisted of Herman, freshman Phillip Compton, Montgomery and Lowry. They finished fifth in 3:53.49.

Montgomery placed sixth in the high jump with a 5'2" clearance and Herman was sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 45.62.

The Logan boys had three gold medal winners.

Senior Tyson Pabst won the javelin with a throw of 141'9", junior Mark Pakkebieer won the discus with a throw of 124'8" and junior Brady Tien was the gold medal winner in the pole vault with a new personal best height of 14'.

# All-star basketball classic set

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Amanda Ray and Kaitlyn Wolf, Norton Community High School, and Alison Cole and Christina Anderson, Northern Valley High School, have been chosen to play in the 17th annual Northwest Kansas All-Star Basketball Classic on Sunday, April 18 in the Community Building in Colby.

The game features senior basketball players and will begin at 5 p.m. A boys All-Star Classic game is also scheduled and will tip-off at 7 p.m.

All four Norton County players are members of the same team.

Teammates will be: Eastin Casey, Natoma; Kelli Crittenden, Greeley County; Nichelle Erskine, Brewster; Kinley Kee, St. John's of Beloit; Audrey Mote, Sharon Springs and Bailey Hemmert, Oakley.

Members of the other team will be: Emily Chessmore, Atwood; Kara Gfeller, Triplains; Jade Glunz, Scott City; Kenzie Knobbe, Sharon Springs; Gabrielle Kuhlman, Sharon Springs; Bethany Polifka, Ellis; Kisha O'Meara, Lucas-Luray; Payton Walker, Weskan; Justine Woofter, Scott City and Carman Hill, Hoxie.

Playing for one boys team will be: Seth Ackerman, Brewster; Garrett Dreiling, Victoria; Daniel Moritz, Hays High; Braden McKee, Colby; Dylan Moss, Golden Plains; Lex Parsons, Oakley; Trent Raile, St. Francis; Tyler Rathke, Hays High; Calvin Schmitt, Sharon Springs; Julimar Silva, Healy; Michael Yoxall, Thunder Ridge; Matt Raile, St. Francis and Bryant Bomardier, Hays High.

Members of the other boys team will be: Tate Andrews, Sharon Springs; Daniel Grace, Heartland Christian; Casey Heim, Hoxie; Jordan Niernberger, Hays

High; Sage Penner, Stockton; Taylor Rall, Hoxie; Clay Rogge, Triplains; Dal Schultz, Wheatland; Marty Wendel, Ingalls; Chaz Winger, Colby; Dexter Pfeifer, Hays High and Ryley Haas, Colby.

# BB Gun team to shoot at state

**By DICK BOYD**  
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The Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team will shoot in the State 4-H Shooting Match on Saturday in the Wabaunsee High School Gym in Alma.

A trip to the International BB Gun Championships will be awarded to the three teams with the top scores; however, Norton has already qualified for international competition with their championship of the Kansas State BB Gun Championships hosted by the Kansas State Rifle Association in the same location on March 13.

The young Norton marksmen qualified to compete in Saturday's state 4-H shoot by winning the championship of the 2010 Northwest Kansas Regional 4-H Shooting Sports Match on February 27 in Oakley.

Norton's five-shooter team will be the same Yellow Team which won the Rifle Association championships plus two alternates and six other shooters who will compete as individuals.

On the Norton team will be: Lane Archer, 14; Gabriel Bird, 14; Zachary Bird, 14; Erin Archer, 12 and James Berry, 11. Alternates will be Justis Posson, 10 and Trenton Sprague, 11.

Shooting for Norton as individuals will be: Dalton Vanover, 12; Cameron Heikes, 12; Cody Campbell, 11; Shane Cozad, 9; Dylan Goss, 9 and Scott Sansom, 9.

The Norton marksmen have been practicing regularly since winning the Rifle Association championship, according to head coach Cameron Archer.

Shooting competition on Saturday in Alma will also include air rifle and pistol.

The Norton BB gun marksmen will begin competition at 8 a.m. Shooters will compete from the prone, standing, sitting and kneeling positions and will shoot all four positions during one firing line appearance.

No written test will be given. The awards ceremony is scheduled for around 6 or 6:30 p.m.

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