

Jay thinclads place in Phillipsburg meet

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The Norton Community High School track and field teams had another good day on Friday as the boys were runner-up and the girls placed sixth in the Phillipsburg Invitational.

Beloit won the boys team championship with 136 points and was followed by Norton, 112; Phillipsburg, 105; Russell, 90; Smith Center, 41; Concordia, 36; Atwood, 35.

Girls champion was Smith Center with 108.50 points, followed by Concordia, 103; Beloit, 98; Russell, 79; Phillipsburg, 76.50; Norton, 64; Atwood, 25.

"We were again pleased as coaches with our athletes and their efforts and results," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"We felt fortunate to be able to attend this meet, given all the rain and weather that the area had received in the days immediately preceding.

"Postponed meets at this point in the season are very tough to reschedule and we did not want to miss a meet. Phillipsburg did a good job of making adjustments and hosting the meet.

"Our athletes competed hard and did well. Despite being short-handed, our girls finished sixth and our boys were outscored only

by the very strong Beloit team.

"This marked our first week with two meets and our athletes did a nice job of adjusting to that. They did a great job and we are beginning to see the improvements that we look for in the middle portion of our competitive season."

GIRLS

Lady Jay freshman Regan Simpson ran well again and was Norton's only gold medal winner. She hit the tape first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:54.96 and won the bronze medal in the 1600 meter run in 6:01.80.

Regan was also a member of Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team which won bronze medals with a clocking of 10:48.26.

Other members of the foursome were sophomore Erin Terrell, freshman Kamilla Jones and junior Dustyna Sprigg.

Senior Alyssa Thomson won the silver medal in the high jump with a 5' clearance and also earned the bronze medal in the javelin with a personal best throw of 102'9".

Kamilla Jones pole vaulted 8' to place fourth in that event and also placed fourth in the long jump with a personal best leap of 15'2".

Dustyna Sprigg finished fourth in the triple jump with a 31'8" distance.

Freshman Teslee Nickell placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 32'1" and freshman Alec Melvin finished fourth in the discus with a throw of 91'11".

Sophomore Abby Bainter placed fifth in the 3200 meter run with a personal best time of 14:07.66. Freshman Julia Kent finished just behind her in sixth with a clocking of 14:08.07.

Senior sprinter Hannah Waggoner saw her first action of the season after recovering from an injury. She placed fifth in the 100 meter dash in 14.11.

Erin Terrell was fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:47.09 and Alec Melvin was sixth in the shot put with a heave of 31'5".

Times and distances of Norton girls which did not place were: Teslee Nickell, 74'1", 7th, discus; Teslee Nickell, personal best 87'8", 10th; Alec Melvin, 77'2", 13th, javelin; freshman Juliana Miller, 4'4", 11th, high jump; freshman Katherine Boteler, 7', tie for 9th; Juliana Miller, personal best 7', tie for 9th, pole vault; Katherine Boteler, 15.13, 11th, 100 meter dash; Hannah Waggoner, 28.82, 7th; Alyssa Thomson, 31.67, 14th, 200 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, 1:07.37, 7th, 400 meter dash; senior Kendra Engelbert, 2:49.48, 7th; Kamilla Jones, 2:54.83, 8th, 800 meter run; Julia Kent, 6:41.60, 7th, 1600 meter run.

BOYS

Norton junior Terrell Lane won a gold medal, a silver medal and a bronze. He was the champion of the triple jump with a distance of 40'7.75" and was runner-up in the long jump with a leap of 20'5.25" and anchored the bronze medal winning 4 x 100 meter relay team which was timed in 45.53. Other members of the foursome were seniors Landon Hamel, Ashton Draper and Zane Perez.

Ashton Draper won two gold medals and a silver. He placed first in the 400 meter dash in 52.25, anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a personal best first place finish in 3:36.48 and was runner-up in the 200 meter dash in 24.06.

Running with Draper on the 4 x 400 meter relay team were Hamel, sophomore Tye Nickell and sophomore Bryan Henry. In winning the race, Norton recorded the eighth best time this season in the Salina Journal Track and Field Honor Roll. Beloit placed runner-up and was timed in 3:37.23, the tenth best time in the honor roll. Beloit has also run a 3:35.11, the sixth best time.

The Blue Jays also won a gold medal in the 3200 meter run where



Lady Jay freshman Kamilla Jones cleared 8' in the pole vault on Friday in the Phillipsburg Invitational to just miss a medal. Observing at lower right is Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

sophomore Zach Hartwell was timed in 11:09.89. Junior teammate Troy Bainter finished right behind him in 11:16.42.

Troy and Zach were members of Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team which placed second in a personal best time of 9:09.33 to win the silver medal. Also running with them were freshman John Renner and sophomore Bryan Henry.

Troy also placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 5:15.30.

Landon Hamel won the bronze medal in the 300 meter hurdles with a personal best time of 41.90 and was fourth in the 100 meter dash in a personal record clocking of 12.25.

Bryan Henry set a personal record of 2:10.80 in the 800 meter run to win the silver medal.

Terrell Lane was also fourth in the 200 meter dash in 24.57.

Junior Ryan Blecha was fourth in the shot put with a personal best heave of 44'9" and placed sixth in the javelin with a throw of 135'.

Senior Casey Robison finished fifth in the high jump with a personal best clearance of 5'6".

Times and distances of Blue Jay boys' performances which did not place were: junior Justin Griffith, 41'3", 9th; freshman Dalton Miller, 31'4", 20th, shot put; Ryan Blecha, 111'8", 13th; Dalton Miller, 106'6", 14th; Justin Griffith, 103'4", 16th, discus; Justin Griffith, 107'10", 15th; Dalton Miller, 81'3", 18th, javelin; junior Billy Broeckelman,



Norton junior Troy Bainter, left, and sophomore Zach Hartwell left the field behind in the 3200 meter run in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Friday to earn 18 points for the Blue Jays. Hartwell won the race with Bainter right behind him for the runner-up spot.

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Next action

Norton's next varsity competition will be on Friday in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Teams competing, in addition to Norton and Trego Community, will be: Colby, Holcomb, La Crosse, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell and Victoria.

11', tie for 6th; Tye Nickell, 11', tie for 6th; Casey Robison, 11', tie for sixth, pole vault; freshman Jacob Brooks, 12.64, 9th, 100 meter dash; Jacob Brooks, 25.48, 11th, 200 meter dash; Tye Nickell, 58.26, 8th, 400 meter dash; John Renner, 2:26.28, 13th, 800 meter run; junior Kegan Vanover, 5:46.00, 7th, 1600 meter run; Kegan Vanover, 12:37.72, 7th, 3200 meter run.

Huskies compete in Triplains Invitational

The Northern Valley Huskies competed in the Triplains Invitational on April 14 with the boys placing fifth and the girls placing third out of 16 schools.

"Gunnar Hays had another good run in the 3,200 meters under very windy conditions.

"He was not really pushed as he won by 35 seconds. Austin Herman and Colton Lowry both had good performances in the triple jump and 800 meters.

"Matt Dole set a PR in the pole vault with a jump of 10'0. We were happy with our team's placing of fifth out of 16 schools," said Coach Chuck Fessenden.

"Amber Sheley came through with a big win for us in the shot put.

"Megan Cole made it two in a row with another victory in the javelin. Alison and Megan got us big points in the high jump. We were happy to see all three of

our relays place. Erika Chandler surprised us with a third place finish in the discus.

"A third place finish for the girls team was very good," he said.

Boys

The boys scored 35 points, taking fifth place.

Hays, Herman, Montgomery, Lowry, 3200 relay, 9:34.78, fourth

Lowry, 800 meter run, 2:14.83, second

Hays, 3200 run, 11:09.43, first
Herman, Compton, Callaway, Lowry, 1600 relay, 4:00.91, sixth

Herman, triple jump, 39'5.75", second

Dole, pole vault, 10'0", fourth

Girls

The girls scored 59 points, taking third place.

A. Cole, 100 high hurdles, 17.69, fourth

Whitney, Chandler, K Chan-

dlar, Constable, 400 relay, 59.69, fourth

Sheley, shot put, 32'1.25", third

A. Cole, high jump, 4'10", second

M. Cole, high jump, 4'8", tied for fourth

A. Cole, triple jump, 30'1", third

M. Cole, javelin, 99'7", first

E. Chandler, discus, 86'8", third

M. Cole, Constable, A. Cole, Whitney, 1600 relay, 5:18.05, fifth

Stevens, 3200 run, 16:57.09, fifth

Constable, Stevens, M. Cole, E. Chandler, 3200 relay, 13:17, fourth

Next action

The Huskies competed in the Husky Invitational at Logan on April 20.

Lady Blue Jays place 12th, boys place fourth in Trego

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The Norton Community High School girls placed 12th and the boys finished in fourth place in the Trego Freshman/Sophomore track meet on Monday, April 19 in WaKeeney.

"Our athletes competed very hard and we are pleased with their results," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"They posted eight personal records in five events and are continuing to better themselves as their competitive season progresses.

"This is exactly what we work for and what we like to see; we have been working to improve each time out and their hard work is paying off for them in competition!

"We are still excited about the remainder of the season for these athletes!"

GIRLS

Lady Jay sophomore Caren Thomson won the bronze medal in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 19.53.

Times for Norton girls which were not fast enough to place were: Caren Thomson, 15.33, 8th;

freshman Maggie Henry, 15.79, 13th, 100 meter dash; Maggie Henry, 32.16, 10th, 200 meter dash; Maggie Henry, 1:15.37, 8th, 400 meter dash.

BOYS

Junior Brett Terrell won Norton's only gold medal. He placed first in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6".

Freshman Carson McKenna was runner-up in the pole vault with a 9' height and sophomore Justin Waggoner was third with an 8'6" clearance.

Norton's two relays each finished as runners-up.

The 4 x 100 meter relay team of Justin Waggoner, Brett Terrell, Carson McKenna and freshman Lane Bigge was timed in 49.68.

The Blue Jay 4 x 400 meter relay team of Brett Terrell, freshman John Renner, Lane Bigge and Carson McKenna was clocked in 4:11.49.

Renner won the bronze medal in the 800 meter run with a personal record time of 2:23.00.

Sophomore Trey Millan placed fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.93.

Sophomore Kurt Douglas finished fifth in the 1600 meter

run with a personal best time of 5:56.83.

Millan also placed sixth in the shot put with a heave of 33'6.5".

Distances and times by Norton boys which did not place were: sophomore Damien Davis, 30'5", 16th; freshman Lucas Engel, personal best 30'2", 17th; freshman Dylan Sprigg, personal best 29'1", 18th; sophomore Robert Blecha, personal best 27'11", 23rd, shot put; Dylan Sprigg, 89'10", 7th; Robert Blecha, 78'5", 13th; Lucas Engel, 75'7", 17th; Damien Davis, ND, discus; Damien Davis, personal

best 101'1", 7th; Dylan Sprigg, personal best 88'1", 14th; Trey Millan, 84'4", 15th; Robert Blecha, 61'9", 27th, javelin; Lane Bigge, 14'11", 13th, long jump; Lane Bigge, personal best 30'6.5", 9th, triple jump; John Renner, 4'8", 8th, high jump; Carson McKenna, 13.22, 9th; Brett Terrell, 13.44, 11th; Justin Waggoner, 14.00, 19th, 100 meter dash; Justin Waggoner, 27.32, 11th; Lucas Engel, 28.82, 18th, 200 meter dash.