



Jays do well in Russell meet

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams had another good outing last Friday with a third place in the boys standings and sixth in the girls competition in the annual Russell Relays.

Beloit won the boys championship with 140 points, followed by Russell, 109; Norton 74; Abilene, 65; Concordia, 59; Phillipsburg, 50; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 31; Chapman, 17.

The girls champion was Concordia with 108 points, followed by Beloit, 86; Russell, 69; Abilene, 68; Phillipsburg, 66; Norton, 65; TMP, 63; Chapman, 31.

"We are generally pleased with the results from the Russell Relays," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"The wind blew pretty hard for most of the meet and it was a little cool but the sun did shine on us and it was nice to have that.

"Our young people competed well again. We feel like things are beginning to come together for us, just as we want them to as we compete in the league meet and are continuing to get healthier all the time.

"We had some personal records again and we always enjoy seeing those.

"We are excited about the league meet this Friday in Smith



Norton senior Landon Hamel had an outstanding day in the hurdles races in the Russell Relays on Friday. Above, he is shown finishing the 300 meter hurdles and just being edged for the gold medal by Luke Shamburg of Beloit. Shamburg

beat Hamel by 21 hundredths of a second! Hamel also placed fourth in the 110 meter high hurdles and was one half second out of first in his first attempt ever in that race!

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Lady Blue Jay freshman Teslee Nickell had a good day in the field events in the Russell Relays on Friday. Here she is shown throwing the discus, an event in which she won the bronze medal with a personal record throw of 97'1". She also placed third in the shot put with a heave of 33'5".

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Center and plan to work to keep getting better as we enter the post season."

BOYS

Norton senior sprinter Ashton Draper continued to win gold medals in the 400 meter dash as he hit the tape first in the time of 52.01.

Ashton also won two silver medals in relays and a bronze medal in the 200 meter dash where he finished third in 23.86.

He also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a runner-up finish in 3:36.48.

Running with him were sophomore Bryan Henry, sophomore Tye Nickell and senior Landon Hamel.

Members of the foursome on the 4 x 100 meter relay team for the Blue Jays were Draper, Hamel, senior Zane Perez and freshman Jacob Brooks. They were timed in 45.38 to place runner-up.

Landon Hamel had his best day ever in the hurdles. In the 300 meter hurdles, he was edged for the gold medal by Luke Shamburg of Beloit. Shamburg was timed in 41.82 and Hamel in 42.03, which was 21 hundredths of a second behind!

Hamel also ran the 110 meter high hurdles for the first time in his career and placed fourth with an excellent time of 16.38, which was about one half second out of first!

Bryan Henry had a good 800

meter run, placing third in a career best time of 2:07.09.

Norton's solid distance runners, junior Troy Bainter and sophomore Zach Hartwell scored more points for the Blue Jays. Bainter placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 5:01.79 and Hartwell was fifth in 5:11.93.

Hartwell finished ahead of him in the 3200 meter run with a fourth place in 10:57.38. Bainter was fifth in 11:07.38.

Norton freshman Jacob Brooks was timed in a personal best 24.38 to place fourth in the 200 meter dash.

Junior Billy Broeckelman cleared 11'6" to place fifth in the pole vault.

Junior Ryan Blecha finished fifth in the shot put with a heave of 43'9.25" and fifth in the javelin with a distance of 135'6".

Norton's final points were scored by senior Casey Robison with a sixth place in the high jump at 5'2" and Zane Perez with a sixth place finish in the long jump at 18"1.5".

Distances and times by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Terrell Lane, 43'.25", 7th; junior Justin Griffith, ND, shot put; Ryan Blecha, 124'10", 8th; Justin Griffith, 84'7", 14th, discus; Justin Griffith, 111'4", 12th, javelin; Tye Nickell, 11', tie for 7th; Casey Robison, 11', tie for 7th, pole vault; Jacob Brooks, personal record 11.65, 9th; Billy Broeckelman, 11.91, 11th, 100

meter dash; Billy Broeckelman, personal best 24.99, 8th, 200 meter dash; junior Kegan Vanover, 5:38.45, 12th, 1600 meter run; Kegan Vanover, 12:17.27, 11th, 3200 meter run.

GIRLS

Freshman Alec Melvin continued to compete well in the field events where she earned 16 points, including her first gold medal in the discus.

She threw the disc a personal record 99'7". She was also fourth in the shot put with a heave of 32'2.25" and fifth in the javelin with a 92'3" throw.

Freshman Teslee Nickell also had a good day, earning 12 points. She was third in the shot put with a heave of 33'5" and third in the discus with a personal record throw of 97'1".

Lady Jay senior Alyssa Thomson tied for first in the high jump with Melissa Blair, Phillipsburg, with a 4'10" height.

Freshman Regan Simpson won a silver and bronze medal with personal bests in the distance races.

She finished runner-up in the 1600 meter run in 5:47.16 and third in the 3200 meter run in 12:44.49.

Winning both races was freshman Heather Ruder, TMP, the fastest female distance runner in all classes in the Salina Journal Honor Roll.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of junior Dustyna Sprigg,

freshman Kamilla Jones, senior Kendra Engelbert and sophomore Erin Terrell placed fourth in 11:15.78.

The Lady Jays 4 x 400 meter relay team of Erin Terrell, Kendra Engelbert, Alyssa Thomson and Dustyna Sprigg set a personal record of 4:33.20 in placing fifth.

The Norton 4 x 100 meter relay team of Erin Terrell, freshman Juliana Miller, freshman Katherine Boteler and senior Hannah Waggoner also placed fifth with a clocking of 56.10.

Waggoner placed fifth in the 100 meter dash in 13.15 and fifth in the 200 meter dash in 28.41.

Sprigg placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'3.5".

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: Teslee Nickell, 77'9", 11th; Alyssa Thomson, 63'2", 14th, javelin; Kamilla Jones, ND, long jump; Juliana Miller, NH, high jump; Kamilla Jones, 7'6", 8th; Katherine Boteler, 7'6", 9th; Juliana Miller, NH, pole vault; Erin Terrell, personal best 54.23, 7th, 300 meter hurdles; Katherine Boteler, personal best 14.11, 9th, 100 meter dash; Kamilla Jones, personal best 2:44.68, 8th, 800 meter run.

Next action

Norton will compete in the annual Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday in Smith Center, beginning at 3 p.m.

Blue Jay golfers win Norton JV championship

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers had their best performance of the season on Tuesday, May 4 when they won the championship of the Norton JV Invitational tournament, which was played on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton.

In addition to Norton winning the team title, another Blue Jay team came within one stroke of runner-up.

Norton won the championship

by carding a 188. Phillipsburg was runner-up with a 203 and the Norton B team was right behind them with a 204. Ellis placed fourth with a 220, followed by Colby, 232; Hoxie, 232; Norton C team, 234; Smith Center, 243; Plainville, 251.

Norton freshman John Risewick shot a career low 45 to earn the No.1 medalist award.

Blue Jay freshman Andrew Ellis also shot a career low round. His score of 46 earned him the No.2 medalist award.

The other two members of the

Norton foursome and their scores were: sophomore Taylor Meder, 48 and junior Nikki McVey, 49.

Also playing for the Norton first team and their scores were: freshman Treven Rossi, 49 and junior Ashley Millan, 54.

Meder was No.7 medalist, McVey was No.9 medalist and Rossi was No.10 medalist.

Playing for the Norton B team and their scores were: freshman Eli Bozarth, 49; freshman Dustan Daniels, 50; freshman Chris Fisher, 51; junior Tanner Morel, 54.

Also competing for this Blue Jay team was freshman Jordan Hartwell, who shot a 56.

Bozarth was No. 8 medalist.

The Norton C team players and their results were: freshman Cassius Dole, 55; freshman Jared Bohl, 57; freshman Ryan Bainter, 59; freshman Vaughn Newman, 63. Also competing for this Norton team was freshman Javen Colip, 69.

Competing for Northern Valley and their scores were: Hutch Gehrke, who was No.4 medalist with a 48 and Samuel Field, 61.

The ten medalists were: John Risewick, 45; Andrew Ellis, 46; Ryan Weber, Ellis, 46; Hutch Gehrke, 48; Joel Iman, Phillipsburg, 48; Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg, 48; Taylor Meder, 48; Eli Bozarth, 49; Nikki McVey, 49; Treven Rossi, 49.

"This was easily the best overall performance we have had from a junior varsity group in quite some time," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Placing six individuals in the top ten and being one stroke away from taking the top two team spots

is quite an accomplishment.

"We took advantage of good scoring conditions and had fun playing on our home course to shoot many season and career best rounds today.

"We had many quality individual accomplishments, led by John Risewick earning his first individual tournament championship.

"This group has worked extremely hard all season long and they have improved tremendously since the beginning of the season."

Norton JV golfers place third in Trego

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers placed third in the 2010 Trego JV Invitational tournament on Thursday in WaKeeney.

Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays won the championship with a 401, followed by Plainville, 403; Norton, 408; Hoisington, 411; Russell, 413; Hill City, 422; Phillipsburg, 466; Ellis, 471.

The Norton foursome and their scores were: freshman Javen Colip, 49-46-95; freshman Cassius Dole, 56-45-101; freshman Jared Bohl, 51-54-105; freshman Jordan Hartwell, 48-59-107.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: freshman Ryan Bainter, 55-58-113 and freshman Vaughn Newman, 50-66-116.

Colip was No.6 medalist and Dole was No.12 medalist.

The medalists were: Nick Luna, Plainville, 88; Cole Miller, Hill City, 90; Devin Hoch, Russell, 93; Branden Haas, TMP, 93; Josh Reilly, Ellis, 94; Javen Colip, 95; Anthony Broeder, Hoisington, 95; Ben Eilert, Quinter, 95; Sami Bobek, Plainville, 96; Garrett Stoecklein, TMP, 99; Adam Harrington, Trego, 100; Cassius Dole, 101; Cade Schmidt, TMP, 102; Dakota Bryant, Hill City, 102; Brooks Linser, Hoisington, 102.

"This tournament was an excellent way to close what has been an extremely successful junior varsity season for us," said Norton Community High School head golf coach David Stover.

"We were able to give an op-

portunity to players who haven't had many chances for tournament action this year and they stepped up with positive results.

"All six golfers had at least one nine-hole personal best today.

"Our team was led by the play of Javen Colip, who bounced back from a subpar performance earlier in the week to shoot two very good scores and earn an individual medal, as did Cassius Dole.

"I am very proud, not only of this group of six, but the entire Norton junior varsity team.

"They have worked very hard this season and have improved greatly since the start of the season.

"With this continued effort, the future of Norton Community High School Golf is very

bright!"

Next action

The Norton varsity golfers played in the Colby Invitational on Thursday but results were not available at the Norton Telegram press time.

The varsity also competed in the Mel Schremmer Invitational in Phillipsburg yesterday but results were not available in time for this issue of the Norton Telegram.

Next action by the Norton varsity will be Thursday in the Mid-Continent League Tournament.

The tournament will be held on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association Golf Course south of Norton.

Tea off is at 3 p.m.

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