Jays 2010 track season successful

By DICK BOYD

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com The 2010 season for the Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams was another successful one under the guidance of fourth year head coach Jason Jones.

The Lady Blue Jays' season highlights were their runner-up in the annual Mid-Continent League Championships which were held

place finish in the Norton Invitational.

The Norton girls other placings were: fifth, Smith Center JV; fifth, Goodland Freshmen/Sophomore; fourth, Smith Center Redmen Relays; 12th, Trego Freshmen/ Sophomore in WaKeeney; sixth, Plainville Invitational; sixth, Phillipsburg Invitational; tenth, Hill City Freshmen/Sophomore; ninth,



Norton freshman Regan Simpson was leading the field in the 3200 meter run in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet in Smith Center when this photo was taken and freshman teammate Julia Kent was also running steadily in the field. Although Regan won many medals this season and was the high point season scorer for the Lady Jays, she just missed qualifying for the State Meet in both the 3200 meter and 1600 meter runs. Both girls have three more seasons and lots of medals to look forward to in the future.

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in Smith Center and their third Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney; fourth, Oberlin Invitational; sixth, Russell Relays; seventh, Hill City Invitational; 13th, 3A Regional Championships in Smith Center.

The Norton boys earned three meet championships: Norton Invitational, Plainville Invitational and Oberlin Invitational. The Blue Jays were the runner-up in the Mid-Continent League Championships in Smith Center and in the Phillipsburg Invitational.

Other placings for the Norton boys were: fourth, Smith Center JV; seventh, Goodland Freshmen/Sophomore; third, Smith Center Redmen Relays; fourth, Trego Freshmen/Sophomore in WaKeeney; fourth, Hill City Freshmen/Sophomore; fourth, Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney; third, Russell Relays; sixth, Hill City Invitational; seventh, 3A Regional Championships in Smith Center; 13th, 100th State Championships in Wichita.

High point performer for the Norton girls was freshman Regan Simpson with 122 points and high point boys athlete was senior Ashton Draper with 203 points.

Coach Jones has announced the following Norton Lady Jay letter winners for the season: Kendra Engelbert, Alyssa Thomson, Hannah Waggoner, seniors; Kaylen Rossi (provisional), Dustyna Sprigg, juniors; Abby Bainter, Erin Terrell (provisional), sophomores; Katherine Boteler, Kamilla Jones, Julia Kent, Alec Melvin, Juliana Miller, Teslee Nickell, Regan Simpson, freshmen.

Norton boys letter winners are: Ashton Draper, Zane Perez, Casey Robison, seniors; Troy Bainter, Ryan Blecha, Billy Broeckelman, Dakota Dreher (provisional), Justin Griffith, Jeremy Sproul (provisional), Brett Terrell, juniors; Zach Hartwell, Bryan Henry, Tye Nickell, sophomores; Jacob Brooks, Carson McKenna, John Renner, freshmen.

Goodland on Thursday evening

in a doubleheader. Results were

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Norton senior Ashton Draper flew across the finish line to win the 200 meter dash in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet in Smith Center. Draper, who was high point season scorer for the Blue Jay boys this season, also won the 400 meter dash and anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay to a state meet qualifying time.

Norton senior sprinter Ashton Draper completed an outstanding high school track career with a bronze medal finish in the 400 meter dash in the State Meet with a personal best time of 50.17 seconds.

Ashton also placed third in the 200 meter dash with a 23.22 second clocking.

Ashton anchored Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team to a third place finish in 3:30.27. Running with him were sophomore Bryan Henry, freshman Jacob Brooks and junior Billy Broeckelman.

Bryan Henry also qualified in the regional meet for the 400 meter dash and ran a 52.65 to record the 11th best time at the State Meet.

On the girls' side, the Lady Jays' senior Alyssa Thomson cleared 4'10" in the high jump in the State Meet to place 14th. Her best this year was 5'2" which would have placed her as high as third. Norton's other senior in the State Meet, Hannah Waggoner,

ran the 200 meter dash and placed eighth with a 27.16 time. Hannah was a double medal winner in the State Meet last season but was hampered most of this season by injuries.

Assistant coaches again this season were Dale Engelbert, Doug Reusink, Todd Fulton and Lucas Melvin.

Student managers were Vanessa Danesan, Rachel Shepard and David Cressler.

"We are proud of the 43 athletes and 3 managers on our 2010 Norton Track and Field Team," said coach Jones. "They put together a solid season with many successes.

"Next year, we are looking to return 13 athletes from our girls' team and 24 athletes from our boys' team. They have all gained valuable experience and learned a lot from this season that will help them in their quest for future success on this team and those who have graduated will hopefully be able to apply some of what they

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gained from us this year to life's future competitions.

"We were competitive all season long and we continued to improve through the end of the season, competing very hard through our final competitions. That has always been one of the major measuring sticks in our program; we work towards and love to see athletes improving. Our young girls and boys did continue to improve and to respond positively when we needed them to do so.

"Additionally, they always found a way to do their very best, even when the odds were not in their favor and that is all we could ever ask them to do. That is the mark of a team made up of individuals destined for success far beyond any athletic competition!

"We are proud of them and we look forward to them continuing to succeed and improve in the future."

Legion team opens season

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nortontelegram@nwkansas.com After just one day of practice, the Norton American Legion Baseball Team opened their season with Goodland on June 11 in the Goodland Tournament.

"It looks like we have a good bunch of players," said Norton head coach Steve Jeltz. "They have some talent but we had only one day of practice since we are just getting organized. Several of our players had not practiced with us.

"Our players look good; they just need practice. We have some capable pitchers. We mainly need batting practice.

Norton lost the game 8-0.

Goodland scored three runs in the second inning, three in the third stanza and two in the fifth inning.

Sharing pitching duties for Norton were Trey Millan and Tyler Cook.

The Cowboys had six hits, two walks and six strike outs.

Norton went hitless, had one walk and 11 strike outs.

Other Norton players, in addition to Millan and Cook were Carlos Galloway, Casey Temmel, Josh Asbury, Aaron Pulec, Trevor Winters and Vaughn Newman.

Coach Jeltz is still looking and 8 p.m. for more players to fill out the roster.

Providing the weather held out, and 8 p.m. Norton was scheduled to host

Thunder Girls play Osborne

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The Norton Thunder Girls Softball Team's scheduled games here with Phillipsburg were rained out but the Lady Jays traveled to Osborne on Wednesday, June 16 where they played a doubleheader.

Norton played Osborne closer than they did in earlier games in Norton but lost the first game 20-5 and the second contest 8-5.

In the opener, Norton took a 2-0 lead in the first inning when Audrie Burge singled, Rikele Green got on base on an error, Megan Peterson and Jessica White both walked and Burge and Green scored. Osborne had a big first inning, however, running 12 runs across home plate.

Norton was unable to score in the second inning and Osborne added four more runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 16-2 contest.

The Lady Jays scored three more runs in the top of the third when Rikele Green singled,

Marisa Maddy walked, Jessica White singled, Shauna Gibson singled and Brandy Davis and Chalise Christensen both walked. Green, Maddy and White crossed home plate. Osborne tallied four more runs in the third inning to make the final 20-5.

Norton had four hits, five walks and two strike outs. Audrie Burge, Rikele Green, Jessica White and Shauna Gibson each had one hit. Kristen Burge was the Norton pitcher. She gave up nine hits, walked seven and struck out none.

Norton scored one time in the first inning of the second game. Kristen Burge singled, Rikele Green and Megan Peterson both walked and Burge scored.

Osborne scored three runs in the bottom of the first stanza. The Lady Jays went scoreless in the top of the second and Osborne added two to take a 5-1 lead.

Norton was scoreless once again in the top of the third and Osborne added two more to extend their lead to 7-1.

Four more runs by the Lady Jays in the top of the fourth inning cut the Osborne advantage to 7-5. Kristen Burge singled, Audrie Burge walked, Rikele Green singled, Megan Peterson gained base on an error, Marisa Maddy walked and Kristen, Audrie, Rikele and Meagan all scored. In the bottom of the fourth, Osborne scored just one time to move ahead by three runs.

Both teams were scoreless in the fifth inning and Norton was unable to come up with any runs in the top of the sixth, leaving the score at 8-5. The Lady Jays had five hits, walked ten times and had three strike outs. The Norton pitcher was Megan Peterson. She gave up nine hits, walked just two batters and had no strike outs.

Next action

The Norton Thunder's next games were versus Stockton at Busch Field in Norton on Monday. Results were not available at the press time. The Norton Thunder will travel to Phillipsburg for a doubleheader on Wednesday.



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Results of February 22

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| FSBT 214 | 14 |
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| Bev Miller | .501 |
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| Becky Williams | .466 |
| Janet Manning | .466 |
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| Front Range Auto | .798 |

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| Nikki Graham | 3 |
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HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

| Janet Manning | 604 |
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| Janice Russell | 594 |
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| FSBT 2 | .1180 |
| First State Bank JR | . 1143 |
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Results of February 15

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| FSBT 1 | |
| First State Bank JR23 | 9 |
| First State Bank SR17 1 | 5 |
| Front Range Auto161 | ϵ |
| FSBT 2 | 7 |

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| Janet Manning | . 209 |
|----------------|-------|
| Bev Miller | .171 |
| Janice Russell | .160 |
| FSBT 1 | . 347 |

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| Nikki Graham | .225 |
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| Bev Miller | .207 |
| Front Range Auto | .423 |
| First State Bank JR | .407 |
| FSBT 2 | . 397 |

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

| Peggy Sevier | 601 |
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| Bev Miller | |
| Cindy Linner | 556 |
| Front Range Auto | |
| FSBT 1 | |
| First State Bank JR | . 1088 |

Results of March 1

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| FSBT 1 | | 14 |
| Front Range Auto | o23 | 17 |
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| Bev Miller |
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| Cindy Linner |
| Becky Williams169 |
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| Becky Williams | 2 |
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| Cindy Linner | 1 |
| Nikki Graham431 | |
| FSBT 1 | Į |
| Front Range Auto | 5 |
| First State Bank SR778 | 3 |

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| Nikki Graham | . 238 |
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| Bev Miller. | 216 |
| Cindy Linner | 213 |
| First State Bank FR | 425 |
| Front Range Auto | 400 |
| FSBT 2 | 398 |

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

| Nikki Graham 6 | 544 |
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| Cindy Linner | 513 |
| Bev Miller | 594 |
| First State Band JR12 | 222 |
| First State Bank SR11 | 50 |
| Front Range Auto11 | 45 |

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