

Both boys and girls cross country repeat as champions

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams opened the 2010 season in championship fashion on Thursday by winning first place in both divisions for the second year in a row in the Norton Invitational Meet at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton.

It was actually the fifth straight championship of the Norton event for the Lady Jays. The Blue Jay boys placed third two years ago and second three years ago after having won three years in a row.

"This was an exciting start to the season," said second year head coach George Rossi.

"The first race of the year always brings up excitement and nerves because you don't really know what to expect."

The Norton girls won the championship with 18 points, followed by Hill City, 62; Oberlin, 66 and Phillipsburg, 101.

The Blue Jay boys scored 39 points to win the title, followed by Plainville, 57; Oberlin, 65; Phil-

lipsburg, 78; Stockton, 108.

GIRLS

Norton junior Astrid Moen, an exchange student from Norway, won the girls individual gold medal with an excellent time of 17:11.

Freshman Darcy Bainter was third with a 17:47 clocking and freshman Katelyn Engelbert was fifth in 18:39.

Sophomore Kamilla Jones was just behind Engelbert in sixth with a time of 18:43 and sophomore Julia Kent was right behind her in seventh with a clocking of 18:57 to fill out Norton's top five team members.

Other Norton girls and their times and places were: junior Abby Bainter, ninth, 19:11; senior Dustyna Sprigg, tenth, 19:13.

Freshman Marisa Maddy was the champion of the girls junior varsity race with a time of 20:26.

"Our girls had high expectations and they achieved most of what they were working for at his meet," said coach Rossi.

"Again, our strength is the fact that all of our girls are able to run in

the front group. Astrid and Darcy did a great job leading the way and all seven of our girls are within two minutes of each other.

"Marisa ran junior varsity and did a great job winning the race. She would have placed 19th in the varsity race.

"Our girls need to maintain and improve overall times each race. We have several very competitive races upcoming where we will face some very tough teams along with difficult courses."

Runners in the top ten in addition to Norton girls runners were: Cassidy Rathbun, Plainville, 17:47, second; Leslie VanLoenen, Hill City, 18:06, Hill City, fourth; Allison Carr, Trego, 19:03, eighth.

BOYS

Senior Troy Bainter led the Norton boys to the finish line. He placed fifth in 18:45. He was followed closely by junior Zach Hartwell, who was fifth in 18:47.

Freshman Marc Miller was Norton's third best runner with a 13th place in 19:28. Sophomore John Renner was 15th in 20:15.

Freshman Alec Hager filled out Norton's scoring team with a 16th place in 20:16.

Other Norton boys runners and their times and finishes were: senior Kegan Vanover, 20:24, 20th and senior Cole Archer, 22:17, 32nd.

Junior Bryan Henry, who is nursing an injury, ran in the junior varsity race and won it in 20:25. Freshman Keith Sander was sixth in the junior varsity race in 22:20; sophomore Ryan Bainter was eighth in 23:39; freshman Garret Otter was 11th in 24:15 and freshman Chris Chambers was 12th in 25:59.

"The boys race was a great top-per to the day," said coach Rossi. "There were some very good runners in the boys race. Like the girls, our boys did a fantastic job of placing our top five runners in the top 15 places. Even though we did not win individually, the fact that our three, four and five runners were able to finish so high gave us the team victory."

"John Renner improved his time from last year's race by over two

minutes. Troy Bainter improved over one minute over 2009.

"Our junior varsity boys also ran a good race. Chris Chambers improved his time trial time on our course by over five minutes!"

Runners in the top 10 in addition to those from Norton were: Brady Johnson, Plainville, 17:25, first; Gunnar Hays, Northern Valley, 18:01, second; Luke Friess, Hoxie, 18:20, third; Tyler Shields, Oberlin, 18:24, fourth; Dalton Jones, Oberlin, 18:50, seventh; Mario Lopez, Phillipsburg, 18:52, eighth; Dustin Kriley, Stockton,

19:01, ninth; Jerry Isakson, Hill City, 19:16, tenth.

Jon Compton, Northern Valley, placed 25th in 21:25.

Next action

Norton will compete in the annual Wamego Invitational on Saturday, beginning at 9 a.m.

The 1-2-3A girls will run at 11 a.m. and the 1-2-3A boys will run at 11:30 a.m.

"The races in Wamego will test us in every facet of conditioning and mental toughness," said coach Rossi.



Putting on their finishing kick in the Norton Invitational cross country meet on Thursday, at left: were Blue Jay senior Troy Bainter, foreground and junior Zach Hartwell. Bainter was Norton's fastest runner, placing fifth and Hartwell was right behind him in sixth place.

Norton junior Astrid Moen, at right, exchange student from Norway, led the entire race to win the championship of the Norton Invitational cross country meet on Thursday. Pictured in the group behind her are freshmen Darcy Bainter and Katelyn Engelbert, who finished third and fifth, respectively.

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•PUBLIC NOTICE•
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LONNY E. WHEELER

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS
In the Matter of the Estate of LONNY E. WHEELER, deceased
No. 2010 PR 01

NOTICE OF HEARING
THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Lelia M. Hall-Wheeler, duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Lonny E. Wheeler, deceased, praying that her acts be approved; that her accounts be settled and allowed; that the heirs be determined; that the Will be construed and the Estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto; that fees and expenses be allowed; that the costs be determined and ordered paid; that the administration of the Estate be closed; and that the Executrix be discharged and that she be released from further liability.

You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 24th day of September, 2010, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said day, in said Court, in the City of Norton, Norton County, Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTON COUNTY, KANSAS PROBATE DIVISION
In the Matter of the Estate of JOSEPH J. FRITZ, Deceased
Case No. 2010-PR-24

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The State of Kansas To All Persons Concerned:

You are hereby notified that on September 2, 2010, a *Petition For Probate Of Will And Issuance Of Letters Testamentary* was filed in this Court by Donald L. Kiser and Ernest Kiser, heirs, devisees and legatees of Joseph J. Fritz, deceased, praying that the Will be admitted to probate and record, and that Donald Lowry be appointed as Executor without bond and that he be granted **Letters Testamentary**.

All creditors are notified to exhibit their demands against the estate within four months from the date of first publication of this Notice, as provided by law, and if their demands are not thus exhibited, they shall be forever barred.

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