



Congratulations to the Norton and Northern Valley Cross Country runners on your Championship season!!



Pictured after the awards ceremony at the Class 3A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego are the Norton Community High School cross country girls runners and coaches with their state championship trophy. They are, from left, front row: Julia Kent, Astrid Moen, Dustyna Sprigg, Kamilla Jones; back row: assistant coach Nicole Satran, Abby Bainter, Katelyn Engelbert, Darcy Bainter, Marisa Maddy, Kaylen Rossi, head coach George Rossi.



Family and fans present to cheer Gunnar Hays of Northern Valley on to his gold medal winning first place finish in the Class 1A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego are pictured with him after the race. Shown are, from left, Zach Johnson, Cam Thaden, Charles Gebhard, Ranelle Hays, Gunnar; Gale Hays, Mercedes Johnson, Chuck Zimmerman.



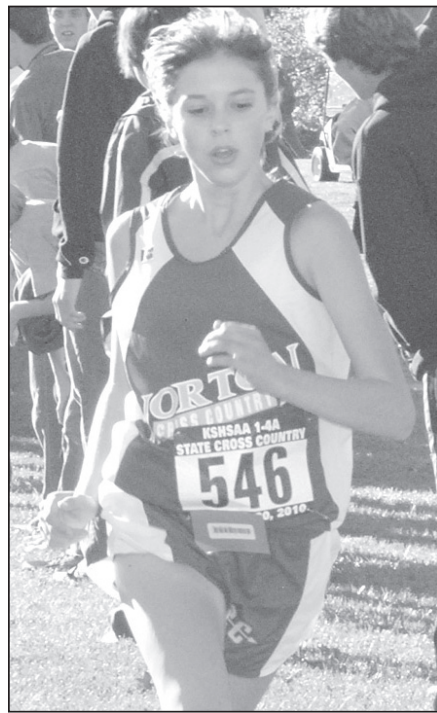
Northern Valley junior Gunnar Hays ran a solid, steady race as he passed the early leaders and left all other runners far behind in winning the Class 1A State Cross Country championship in Wamego.



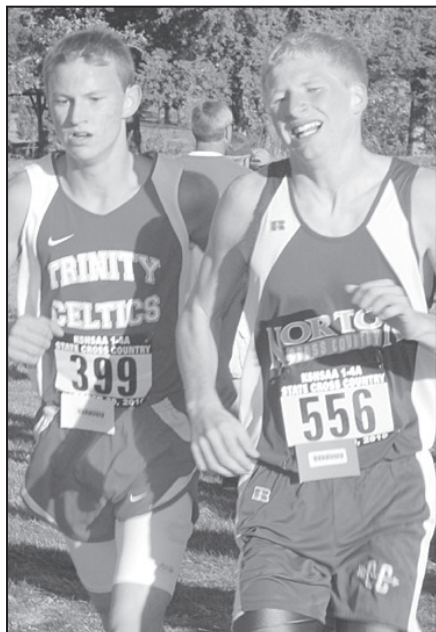
Moving up in the pack of 102 runners in the Class 3A State Cross Country Race in Wamego were Norton sophomore John Renner, No. 558; Blue Jay senior Kegan Vanover, No. 560 and Norton freshman Alec Hager, No. 554. The Blue Jays placed fifth as a team.



Putting all their energy into the Class 3A State Cross Country Race in Wamego in order to finish high in the field of 97 girls were, from left, Lady Blue Jay runners senior Dustyna Sprigg, freshman Marisa Maddy, freshman Darcy Bainter and sophomore Kamilla Jones.



Sophomore Julia Kent was third fastest Norton runner on the Lady Jays' Class 3A state champion team in the Cross Country State Championships in Wamego.



Norton junior Bryan Henry, No. 556, gave it a little extra as he passed Hutchinson Trinity runner Cordell Goering, No. 399, going up one of the many hills on the Wamego golf course where the Class 3A State Cross Country Meet was held. Henry was second fastest runner for Norton.



Pictured following competition in the Class 3A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego where the Norton girls won the championship and the boys placed fifth are, from left, front row: Kaylen Rossi, Julia Kent, Kamilla Jones, Dustyna Sprigg, Astrid Moen, Marisa Maddy, Katelyn Engelbert, Darcy Bainter, Abby Bainter; back row: head coach George Rossi, Zach Hartwell, Alec Hager, John Renner, Marc Miller, Troy Bainter, Bryan Henry, Kegan Vanover, Ryan Bainter, assistant coach Nicole Satran. For the second time in Norton's high school history, both cross country teams qualified for the state meet in the same season.

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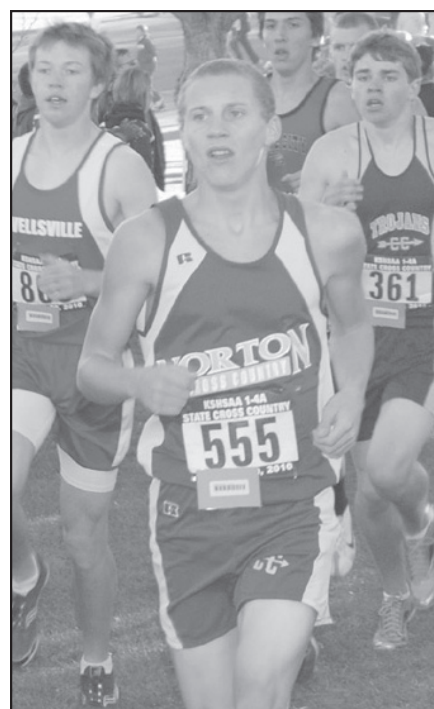
Norton senior Troy Bainter, seen running at the Class 3A State Cross Country Championships in Wamego, was one of the top runners for the Blue Jays this season.



Junior Astrid Moen placed fifth individually and was the fastest Norton girl on the Lady Jays' Class 3A Cross Country state championship team.



Lady Jay Katelyn Engelbert completed an outstanding freshman season by finishing second best on the Norton girls state championship team in the Class 3A State Cross Country Championships.



Junior Zach Hartwell was fifth fastest runner individually and led the Norton Blue Jays to a fifth place team finish in the Class 3A State Cross Country Championships in Wamego.



Freshman Marc Miller completed an excellent prep season by placing fourth among Norton runners in the Class 3A State Cross Country Championships in Wamego.