

Nine schools compete in Norton Invitational

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The Norton Community High School varsity track team opened the 2011 season by hosting the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field under sunny skies which changed to cooler conditions in the evening.

The Norton junior varsity thin-clads opened the season earlier in the week at Smith Center so they saw their second action since there were unlimited entries on Friday.

The Norton girls placed runner-up in the team standings and the Blue Jay boys finished in sixth, just one point out of fifth.

Colby won the girls championship with 114 points, followed by Norton, 100; Smith Center, 95; Phillipsburg, 79; Oberlin, 75; Victoria, 59; Logan, 21; Goodland, 12.

Goodland was the boys champion with 103 points, followed by Colby, 88; Oberlin, 70; Northern Valley, 68.5; Phillipsburg, 52; Norton, 51.5; Victoria, 49; Logan, 40; Smith Center, 36.

"It was nice for our girls and boys to get some times and distances in the books for the 2011 season," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "It is always fun to see them get out and compete and see the benefits of their hard work."

"Our junior varsity athletes were coming off their first meet on Monday and had their second chance to compete in less than a week."

"On both teams, we had an awesome number of personal records and we did well in respect to final team standings. That is fun to see this early and we are extremely proud of the way our youngsters competed. All of them were able to get some early marks and we will use those results to set goals for the remainder of the season."

"We are excited about continuing to compete in the coming weeks!"

GIRLS

Norton junior Astrid Moen and sophomore Alec Melvin each won two gold medals in the meet while freshman Bailey Ambrosier won one and Moen's teammates in the winning 4 x 800 meter relay, senior Dustyna Sprigg, sophomore Kamilla Jones and freshman Katelyn Engelbert, won a gold as well.

Melvin heaved the shot a personal record distance of 35'7" and threw the discus 99'6" to win that event as well. She also placed third in the javelin with a personal best throw of 112'10.5".

Moen hit the finish line first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:33.66.

The Lady Jay 4 x 800 meter relay team of Moen, Sprigg, Jones and Engelbert reached the tape in 10:49.50.

Norton freshman Bailey Ambrosier got her high school career off to a winning start by earning the gold medal in the pole vault with a personal record clearance



Norton sophomore Jacob Brooks received the baton from junior Tye Nickell and sprinted down the straightaway during the 4 x 100 meter relay in the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday at Travis Field. Also on the foursome for the Blue Jays were senior Billy Broeckelman and junior Trey Millan. They finished fourth in 46.69. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

of 9'.

In addition to anchoring the winning 4 x 800 meter relay team to victory, Dustyna Sprigg anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a runner-up finish. The foursome of Sprigg, Ambrosier, Engelbert and junior Erin Terrell was timed in 4:21.44.

Sprigg also won the silver medal in the triple jump with a distance of 32'11".

Freshman Marisa Maddy was right behind Ambrosier in the pole vault with a personal record height of 8'6".

Lady Jay sophomore Teslee Nickell placed third in the shot put with a heave of 34'3.5".

Freshman Darcy Bainter recorded two fourth place finishes. She was timed in 6:19.52 in the 1600 meter run and in 13:23.96 in the 3200 meter run.

Ambrosier placed fifth in the 400 meter dash in 1:05.90.

Jones finished fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 8'.

Lady Jay sophomore Julia Kent placed sixth in the 1600 meter run in 6:43.12 and sixth in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 14:20.18.

Norton results in events where the Lady Jays did not score were: freshman Rিকে Green, 27'7", 11th; freshman Cristine Nelson, personal record 25'1", 16th, shot put; Nickell, 72'10", 13th; freshman Haley Wallingford, 71'7", 14th; Nelson, 62'5", 21st; Green, 61'9", 22nd; sophomore Alexis Lively, personal record 48'3", 32nd, discus; Green, personal best 74'1", 19th; Wallingford, personal best 71'8", 21st; senior Bekah Streck, 56'2", 30th; Nelson, personal record 47'7", 31st, javelin; Jones, 13'11", 10th; sophomore Sofie Hansson, 9'7.5",



Lady Jay senior Dustyna Sprigg nears the finish line as she anchored Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team to a gold medal in the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday at Travis Field. Sprigg and her teammates junior Astrid Moen, sophomore Kamilla Jones and freshman Katelyn Engelbert were timed in 10:49.50. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

14th, long jump; Engelbert, no distance, triple jump; Miller, no height, high jump; sophomore Katherine Boteler, 7', 10th, pole vault; freshman Johnnye Ruder,

personal best 19.71, 8th, 100 meter hurdles; Boteler, 14.46, 22nd; Ruder, personal best 14.77, 25th; Streck, 15.07, 28th; Miller, 15.14, 30th; Lively, personal best 15.49,

31st, 100 meter dash; Ruder, personal record 31.71, 17th, 200 meter dash; Maddy, 14:23.00, 7th, 3200 meter run; Boteler, Streck, Miller, Terrell, 4 x 100 meter relay, 58.53, 8th.

BOYS

The Norton boys best finish was a runner-up silver medal won by junior Seth Antrim in the pole vault with a clearance of 12'6".

Freshman Austin Hager was right behind Antrim with a third place finish and personal record pole vault clearance of 12'. Senior Billy Broeckelman tied for sixth with an 11'6" height.

Norton junior Zach Hartwell scored points in three events. He placed third in the 1600 meter run in 4:58.78, third in the 3200 meter run in 10:53.36 and anchored the Blue Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team which placed fifth in 9:09.52.

Running with Hartwell in the relay were senior Dakota Dreher, senior Troy Bainter and sophomore John Renner.

Sophomore Jacob Brooks also tallied points in three events. He finished third in the high jump by clearing 5'10", placed fourth in the 100 meter dash with a personal record time of 11.4 and was a member of the fourth place 4 x 100 meter relay team which was timed in 46.69. Running with him were Broeckelman, junior Tye Nickell and junior Trey Millan.

Freshman Trevor Lewis placed in two events. He was fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18'5" and sixth in the triple jump with a career best distance of 36'11.25 inches.

Blue Jay senior Troy Bainter placed fifth in the 1600 meter run in 5:01.01.

Norton junior Dillon McCon-

ney finished sixth in the long jump with a leap of 18'3" and Renner was sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a clocking of 49.33.

Norton results in events where the Blue Jay boys did not score were: junior Casey Temmel, 38'8.5", 7th; sophomore Dalton Miller, personal best 32'5", 21st; junior Damien Davis, 31'25", 26th; sophomore Lucas Engel, 30'2.5", 29th; Miller, 101'3", 14th; Temmel, 91'9", 23rd; Engel, personal best 87'2", 25th; Cole Renner, personal record 78'3", 32nd; freshman Zach Esslinger, personal record 67'6", 37th; Schaeffers, 67', 38th; Lee, 59', 40th; Douglas, no distance, discus; Millan, personal best 120'10", 12th; Miller, 98'7", 29th; Davis, 97'10", 30th; Sprigg, 90'2", 34th; Esslinger, 65', 43rd; Cole Renner, 59', 45th, javelin; freshman Drew Schrum, personal best 14'5.5", 29th, long jump; Wahlmeier, 36'8", 7th; McConney, 35'5.5", 10th; Cressler, personal record 31'11", 18th; Bigge, 29'9", 21st, triple jump; Wahlmeier, 5'6", 8th; Dreher, 5'4", 9th, high jump; Nickell, 11', 8th; sophomore Carson McKenna, 10'6", 10th; freshman Jared Shelton, 8', 16th, pole vault; Austin Hager, personal record 11.63, 7th; Millan, personal best 11.83, 15th; Antrim, personal best 11.85, 16th; Broeckelman, 12.12, 21st; Wahlmeier, 12.40, 28th; McKenna, personal best 12.49, 30th; sophomore Lane Bigge, 12.67, 34th; Shelton, personal best 14.03, 41st, 100 meter dash; Millan, 25.01, 8th; Bigge, personal best 26.78, 21st; Cressler, personal record 26.79, 22nd, 200 meter dash; Cressler, personal best 1:01.56, 17th, 400 meter dash; Schrum, personal record, 2:25.99, 9th, 800 meter run; freshman Alec Hager, 5:21.00; Schrum, personal best 5:29.66, 11th; senior Kegan Vanover, personal best 5:34.00, 13th; freshman Chris Chambers, 6:57.00, 25th, 1600 meter run; Alec Hager, 11:34.00, 8th; Vanover, 12:31.00, 10th, 3200 meter run; Austin Hager, McKenna, Bigge, Lewis, 53:37, 9th, 4 x 100 meter relay; Brooks, Broeckelman, McConney, Nickell, 3:52.58, 8th, 4 x 400 meter relay; Austin Hager, Cressler, Lewis, McKenna, 4:04:26, 12th, 4 x 400 meter relay.

Next action

Norton competed in the Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet at Goodland on Monday.

Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Blue Jay girls and boys varsity track and field teams will compete today in the annual Smith Center Redmen Relays, which will begin at 3 p.m. with field events.



Norton Community High School sophomore Eli Bozarth sent the golf ball flying during competition on Friday in the Norton Invitational Golf Tournament on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

The Norton Blue Jay varsity golf team hosts Invitational

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team hosted the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course and placed fifth, just four strokes out of third and nine strokes from a runner-up finish out of 11 teams competing.

Goodland won the team championship with a 312, followed by Oakley, 371; Phillipsburg, 376; Hoxie, 378; Norton, 379; Atwood, 402; Norton B, 402; Colby, 422; Smith Center, 422; Norton C, 445; Quinter, 497.

Norton sophomore Andrew Ellis was low scorer for the Blue Jays with a 45/47: 92, which was just three strokes out of the medals. He was followed by

sophomore Christopher Fisher, 44/50:94; sophomore Eli Bozarth, 46/49:95 and sophomore John Risewick, 48/50: 98.

Also playing for the Norton varsity and their scores were senior Cole Archer, 49/55: 104 and sophomore Treven Rossi, 58/53: 111.

Members of the Norton B Team and their scores were: sophomore Dustan Daniels, 45/51:96; freshman Marc Miller, 52/47: 97; senior Ashley Millan, 52/48: 100; junior Taylor Meder, 55/52: 107. Also playing for the Norton B Team were: senior Katie Gall, 57/59: 116; senior Nikki McVey, 59/58: 117.

Playing for the Norton C Team and their scores were: senior Josh Asbury, 50/52: 102; sophomore Cassius Dole, 52/59: 111; sopho-

more Ryan Bainter, 56/57: 113; sophomore Jared Bohl, 61/58: 119. Also playing for the Norton C Team were: senior Shaylyn Boteler, 57/65:122; sophomore Javen Colip, 67/64: 131.

Individual medalists were: George Bellani, Goodland; 74; Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 77; Tanner Jones, Goodland, 80; Joel Linin, Goodland, 81; Gannon Ihrig, Goodland, 82; Cale Hubert, Oakley, 84; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 85; Eric Albers, Oakley, 86; Tyler Jones, Goodland, 89; Brock Baxter, Smith Center, 89.

"We were able to see improvement today but not quite as much as planned," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "Once again, we dropped too many shots with penalty strokes and it really hurt our scores."

"We must play better on the back nine, both individually and as a team for our scores to improve."

"On a positive note, many of our players improved on season and career-best scores today. Hopefully, we will continue to improve as our busy early season schedule continues at Ellis on Monday and Goodland on Tuesday."

Next action

Norton competed in the Ellis Invitational on Monday in Ellis.

Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Blue Jays will also travel to Goodland today for the Goodland Invitational.

Te off time is 2 p.m.

Keeping an eye on all area sports team action!