

Golfers go from worst to best in Colby Junior Varsity golfers take third at WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team rebounded from their worst performance of the season to their best showing on Thursday, May 5 with a fifth place finish, just two points out of fourth, in the Colby Invitational Golf Tournament.

"What a difference three days can make," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Three days ago, we had our worst outing of the season at Thomas More Prep in Hays and we come back today with the best tournament of the season up to

this point."

Goodland won the team title with a 314, followed by Colby, 342; Oakley, 355; Oberlin, 367; Norton, 368; Atwood, 380; Hoxie, 392; Colby JV, 401; Scott City, 412.

Sophomore Chris Fisher led Norton with a 48/42:90, followed by senior Cole Archer, 50/41:91; sophomore Eli Bozarth, 47/45:92 and sophomore Andrew Ellis, 49/46:95.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were sophomore John Risewick, 47/53:100 and freshman Marc Miller, 53/50:103.

Medalists were: Gage Ihrig,

Goodland, 74; George Bellani, Goodland, 75; Patrick Loftus, Oakley, 77; Joel Linn, Goodland, 80; Kade Brown, Oberlin, 82; Paul Schiferl, Colby, 82; Roque Russell, Colby, 84; Tyler Jones, Goodland, 85; Gannon Ihrig, Goodland, 85; Tanner Jones, Goodland, 85.

"All of our golfers have been working very hard all season and this group is starting to see the positive results from that," said coach Stover.

"I am especially encouraged to see the improvement from front nine scores to back nine scores.

"Chris Fisher, Cole Archer and

Eli Bozarth all equaled or bettered previous tournament lows but there was definite improvement throughout the entire lineup.

"Hopefully, we will continue to go in this direction as we enter the home stretch of the season."

Next action

The Norton varsity golfers played in the Mel Schremmer Invitational Golf Tournament in Phillipsburg on Monday and had their best performance of these season.

The Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament was to be held Thursday in Osborne.

Junior Varsity golfers take third at WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers turned in another outstanding performance on Thursday, May 5 in the Trego JV Invitational Golf Tournament in WaKeeney with a third place finish, just nine strokes out of first.

Hill City won the championship by carding a 382. Trego shot a 388 and Norton was right behind them with a 390.

Fourth place went to Plainville with a 391, followed by Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 394; Phillipsburg, 406; Hoisington, 423; Quinter, 427; Oakley, 443; Ellis, 449.

Low scorer for Norton was sophomore Jordan Hartwell with a 47/46:93. He was followed by sophomore Jared Bohl, 50/48:98; sophomore Javen Colip, 53/46:99; senior Katie Gall, 53/47:100.

Also playing for the Norton junior varsity and their scores were: senior Shaylyn Boteler, 54/51:105 and sophomore Vaughn Newman, 57/72:129.

Medalists were: B. Worcester, Hill City, 88; Chase Meitler, Plainville, 90; Jordan Hartwell, Norton, 93; Trevor Axelson, Plainville, 93; Adam Harrington,

Trego, 93; Ryan Tebow, Quinter, 94; Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg, 96; Luke Reeder, Trego, 96; Brett Chrisler, TMP, 97; Kyle Helberg, Hill City, 97; Brooks Listner, Hoisington, 98; Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, 98; Chad Ryersee, Trego, 98; Ben Weaver, Hill City, 98; Kyle Weber, Ellis, 98.

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

"Today, we were able to give a chance to players who haven't had many opportunities for tournament action this year and they stepped up with positive results and earned third place team medals.

"Jordan Hartwell led the day for the Blue Jays with his third place individual medal but Jared, Javen, Katie and Shaylyn all equaled or bettered their previous season-low scores.

"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 NCHS Golf is very bright!"

JV golfers get varsity experience at Hill City

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers officially ended their season on Thursday at WaKeeney but six more of them had the opportunity to play in the varsity Hill City Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday.

"Once again, we were able to give our junior varsity golfers an opportunity to earn varsity tournament experience today and they continued their consistent play," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

Phillipsburg won the tournament with a team score of 308, followed by Ellis, 313; Ness City, 327; Plainville, 332; Stockton, 340; Trego Community, 344; Hoxie, 353; Hill City, 364; Osborne, 383; Norton, 386.

Sophomore Cassius Dole carded the low score for Norton with a 43/47:90. He was followed by sophomore Treven Rossi, 48/50:98; senior Josh Asbury, 52/47:99; senior Nikki McVey, 48/51:99.

Also playing for the Blue Jays and their scores were: senior Ashley Millan, 52/51:103 and junior

Taylor Meder, 51/62, 113.

"Easily, the highlight of the day was the play of Cassius Dole. Cassius was able to tie the team season-low tournament round today, playing very solid golf all day," said coach Stover.

"This tournament concludes a very busy and successful junior varsity tournament season for us. This group has worked very hard and has improved throughout the season."

Individual medalists were: Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 72; Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 72; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 74; Austin

Lopez, Ellis, 75; Kyle Swanson, Phillipsburg, 77; Tyler Compton, Plainville, 77; Troy Ostmeier, Hoxie, 77; John Clarke, Ness City, 79; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 79; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 79; Cole Werner, Plainville, 79; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 80; Matthew McMillan, Ness City, 81; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, 82; Kyle Stoecklein, Ness City, 83; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 83; Jade Bliss, Trego, 84; Jaden Richardson, Ness City, 84; Dylan Means, Phillipsburg, 84; Koltyn Ratliff, Ness City, 84.

Norton Blue Jay varsity golf team has great showing in Phillipsburg tourney

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team had their best performance of the season in the Mel Schremmer Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday in Phillipsburg.

The Blue Jays placed fifth in six-man competition, just nine strokes out of fourth.

Phillipsburg won the team championship with a 470, followed by Trego Community, 485; Smith Center, 506; Plainville, 520; Norton, 528; Phillipsburg JV, 542; Oberlin, 581; Osborne, 605; Phillipsburg C, 617.

Norton did place fourth in four-man play. Phillipsburg won with a 323, followed by Trego Community, 324; Plainville, 341; Norton, 351; Smith Center, 354; Osborne, 377; Phillipsburg JV, 378; Phillipsburg, C, 413; Stockton, 425; Oberlin, 427; Phillipsburg D, 465.

Members of Norton's four-man team and their scores were: sophomore Eli Bozarth, 42/41:83; sophomore Andrew Ellis, 43/43:86; sophomore Chris Fisher, 44/43:87; senior Cole Archer, 45/50:95.

In two-man play, Phillipsburg

was also the winner with a 147, followed by Smith Center, 152; Oberlin, 154; Trego Community, 161; Phillipsburg JV, 164; Stockton, 175; Norton, 177; Plainville, 179; Phillipsburg C, 204; Osborne, 228; Phillipsburg D, 360.

On Norton's two-man team and their scores were sophomore John Risewick, 44/43:87 and freshman Marc Miller, 43/47:90.

"This was easily our best overall performance of the season," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "All six of our Norton golfers equaled or bettered their season averages in relation to par and Eli, Andrew, Christopher, John and Marc all shot career-low tournament rounds.

"As a team, we bettered our previous season low in relation to par by nine shots.

"This group has been working extremely hard and I am very pleased with the results. We have seen a definite improvement in the last week and look for it to continue as we enter our post-season tournament schedule beginning with the Mid-Continent League Tournament at Osborne on Thursday, then traveling to Goodland for the Class 3A Regional Tourna-

ment on Monday."

Medalists at Phillipsburg were: Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 70; Alex Hobelmann, Smith Center, 71; Zach Linn, Smith Center, 76; Garrett Berry, Oberlin, 76; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego Community, 76; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 77; Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 77; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 78; Kade Brown, Oberlin, 78; Cameron Staples, Trego Community, 79; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg JV, 79; Cole Werner, Plainville, 79; Jade Bliss, Trego Community, 80; Hunter Scheib, Trego Community, 81; Brock Baxter, Smith Center, 81.

Next action

The Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament was held Thursday in Osborne but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Blue Jays will compete in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday in Goodland on the Sugar Hills golf course.

Tee off will be at 9 a.m.

Playing, in addition to Norton and Goodland, will be teams from Holcomb, Lakin, Phillipsburg, Scott City, Smith Center and Southwestern Heights.

Norton wrestler signs letter of intent to attend Pratt Community College

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Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, two-time state wrestling champion for Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for Pratt Community College.

"Tug" wrestled at 160 pounds and compiled a 36-2 record his senior season. His four-year career record is 123-38. He ranks No. 5 among career wins by Norton wrestlers in the coach Bill Johnson era.

This season, Keiswetter led his team in takedowns with 74, escapes with 19, technical falls with 5 and team points with 183. He was second in major decisions with 5, second in falls with 19, third in 3-point near falls with 17 and third in 2-point near falls with 20.

"Tug" was named co-"Most Outstanding Wrestler" of the Norton team this year by the Blue Jay coaches.

As a member of the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Cham-

pionship Team, Keiswetter was named to the Kansas Wrestling Coaches Association All-Academic State Championship Wrestling Team.

"Tug" dominated his weight class the last two years," said Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson.

"His style is well-rounded. He can wrestle leg attacks and upper body.

"He won't be overwhelmed by the upper weight college muscle men. He's always going forward and dominates his opponent with under hooks and upper body moves.

"He is a good student, as well."

"Landon is what every coach wants on his team: a winner both as an individual and with the team aspect," said Josh Carroll, head wrestling coach at Pratt Community College.

"I really enjoy his wrestling style and his intensity. One thing I really look at when watching kids compete is how do they approach

the match and Landon goes out for one reason and that is to get the win.

"The reason I recruited Landon was a very easy one. In my head, I feel like he was the best 160 pound wrestler in the state this year. I really see a lot of bright spots in his future competing at this level for All-American honors and, hopefully, a national title while here."

Landon "Tug" Keiswetter was also an outstanding football player for Norton Community High School. In addition to being a four-year wrestling letterman, he lettered three years in football, where he was an offensive guard and linebacker. The leading tackler for the Blue Jays, he was named All-Mid-Continent League on both offense and defense as well as receiving All-State recognition from the large daily newspapers in the state and the Kansas Football Coaches Association.

"Tug" is the son of Jana and Louis Keiswetter.

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Landon Keiswetter signs with Pratt Community College



Landon "Tug" Keiswetter, two-time state wrestling champion for Norton Community High School, has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for Pratt Community College. He is pictured here with his father, Louis, and mother, Jana, in the front row and Norton assistant wrestling coach Doug Ray, left, and Norton head wrestling coach Bill Johnson, right, in the back row.

~ Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

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