

# Norton track teams perform well at Redmen Relays

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In just their second meet of the 2012 season, the Norton Community High School varsity track and field team turned in another good performance in the annual Redmen Relays in Smith Center on Tuesday, April 10.

The Norton girls team placed second and the Norton boys finished in fifth, just three points out of third.

The girls champion was Beloit with 149 points, followed by Norton, 95; Smith Center, 84; Trego Community, 70; Phillipsburg, 65; Thayer Central, 58; Belleville, 44; Victoria, 15; Thunder Ridge, 14.

Beloit was also the boys champion with 167 points, followed by Thayer Central, 117; Phillipsburg, 100; Smith Center, 77; Norton, 74; Thunder Ridge, 34; Victoria, 24; Trego Community, 22; Belleville, 21.

"Our girls and boys had a solid meet," said Norton head

high school track and field head coach Jason Jones. "A lot of things went very well for us but, as always, we fell short in a few areas. The weather was great, we competed very hard and we got better."

"We had some performances that were just flat awesome for this early in the year."

"We are off the rest of this week but we have three meets next week so we will continue to work hard for the rest of the week in practice."

"We continue to be very proud of our athletes. We feel good about the overall direction of our team and we will continue to work hard to better ourselves in every event."

"We will move athletes around some in the coming meets to continue to figure out what combinations will give us our greatest chances of success in the championship season."

## GIRLS

Norton junior Alec Melvin had her best day of the young

season, winning two gold medals and medaling in a third event. She won the gold medal in the javelin with a personal best toss of 116'2" and also won the discus event with a throw of 107'5."

Alec also finished fourth in the shot put with a heave of 34'2".

Lady Jay sophomore Katelyn Engelbert also had a great day with an individual gold medal, a victory with her teammates in the the 4 x 400 meter relay and a runner-up finish with her Norton foursome in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

Katelyn won the 800 meter run in the outstanding time of 2:33.87. She also anchored the 4 x 400 meter team to first place with a clocking of 4:28.33. Running with her were senior Erin Terrell, sophomore Bailey Ambrosier and freshman Sierra Griffith.

Katelyn was also a member of the foursome which placed runner-up in the 4 x 800 meter

relay in 10:36.76, another outstanding time. Running with her were Ambrosier, Griffith and junior Kamilla Jones.

Griffith also competed in the 3200 meter run where she placed runner-up with a clocking of 13:30.96. Running with her in that long distance race were sophomore Darcy Bainter, who placed third right behind her in 13:42.93 and junior Julia Kent, who finished in fifth place with a time of 14:20.78.

Lady Jay junior Tawni Griffey won the silver medal in the 1600 meter race with a personal best time of 6:07.46. Tawni also finished seventh in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:47.79, just missing a point which was picked up by sophomore Marisa Maddy, who placed sixth in 2:44.56.

Ambrosier placed third in the pole vault with a clearance of 8'6". Jones was fifth with a vault of 8' and Maddy finished in sixth with a clearance of 7'6".

Jones also placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14'9" and Ambrosier was fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:04.58.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team of Terrell, Jones, sophomore Johnnye Ruder and Maddy finished sixth with a time of 57.20.

Times and distances of Norton girls which did not place were: junior Teslee Nickell, 33'1.5", 7th; sophomore Rikkele Green, 28'4.5", 13th, shot put; Nickell, 85'1", 10th; Green, 72'3", 16th, discus; Green, 75'10", 14th, javelin; Ruder, 20.47, 12th, 100 meter hurdles; Ruder, 15.35, 11th, 100 meter dash; Terrell, 29.99, 9th, 200 meter dash.

## BOYS

Norton junior Jacob Brooks also had his best day of the young season. Jacob won the gold medal in the 200 meter dash with a time of 23.62 and was runner-up in the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 11.72.

Jacob also anchored the Blue Jays 4 x 100 meter relay to a runner-up finish with a clocking of 46.14. Running with him were sophomore Austin Hager, senior Trey Millan and junior Carson McKenna.

Hager and senior teammate Seth Antrim were the class of the pole vault entries. Antrim won the gold medal with a clearance of 13'6" and Hager was right behind him in second with a height of 12'.



Norton junior Jacob Brooks received the baton from senior Trey Millan in a smooth handoff during the 4 x 100 meter relay in the Redmen Relays in Smith Center on Tuesday. The foursome of Brooks, Millan, sophomore Austin Hager and junior Carson McKenna was timed in 46.14 and placed runner-up in the race.

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Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team also had a good race. The foursome of senior Zach Hartwell, senior Bryan Henry and sophomores Marc Miller and Alec Hager earned the runner-up spot with a clocking of 8:52.59.

Hartwell also placed fifth in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:09.85 and sixth in the 1600 meter run in 5:06.60.

Henry also finished fourth in the 400 meter dash in 54.06 and was a member of the 4 x 400 meter relay team which finished in fifth in 3:48.08. Also in the foursome were McKenna, senior Dillon McConney and sophomore Trever Lewis.

Lewis also placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 36'6" and sixth in the long jump with a personal best leap of 19'5".

The Norton weight relay team of junior Dalton Miller, junior Dylan Sprigg, senior Damien Davis and junior Lucas Engel placed runner-up in their 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 50.09.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: senior Casey Temmel, 39'11.5",

7th; Davis, 36'8", 13th; Engel, 33'3", 17th, shot put; Sprigg, personal best 127'1", 8th; Miller, 116'7", 13th; Engel, 75'1", 24th, discus; Davis, personal best 123'4", 14th; Sprigg, 101'6", 22nd, javelin; McConney, 18'2.25", 8th, long jump; Miller, 10', 11th, pole vault; Millan, 12.68, 11th; Hager, 12.69, 12th, 100 meter dash; McKenna, 26.09, 18th; Millan, 26.19, 20th, 200 meter dash; McConney, 57.77. 13th; Lewis, personal best 58.45, 17th, 400 meter dash; Miller, 11:25.02, 7th; Hager, 12:11.02, 12th, 3200 meter run.

## Next action

The Norton junior varsity will compete in the Trego Freshman/Sophomore Meet on Monday in WaKeeney, beginning at 4 p.m. Competing teams, in addition to Norton and Trego, will be Colby, Ellis, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Russell, Western Plains and Wheatland/Grimmell.

Next competition for the Norton track and field varsity team will be on Tuesday in the Plainville Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.



The Norton Community High School girls finished the Redmen Relays in Smith Center on Tuesday by winning the gold medal in the final event, the 4 x 400 meter relay. Pictured here, Norton freshman Sierra Griffith has just completed handing the baton to sophomore Katelyn Engelbert for the anchor leg in the race. The foursome of Griffith, Engelbert, senior Erin Terrell and sophomore Bailey Ambrosier had an outstanding time of 4:28.33.

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# Norton JV track team opens with meet at Smith Center

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls and boys track members opened the 2012 season on Monday, April 2 with a girls championship and boys fifth place in the Kiwanis Junior Varsity Track Meet in Smith Center.

"Our girls and boys did an outstanding job of handling themselves and competing very well in their opener," said Norton head high school track and field coach Jason Jones. "This was the first track and field competition of the season and, for some of them, of their high school careers."

"They established some good opening marks with performances leading to three personal records and a first place girls' trophy and our boys also competed well. We are excited

about the future for these young athletes and the improvements that are sure to come for them as they continue to compete throughout the season."

The Norton junior varsity girls scored 88 points to win the team title. Runner-up was Russell with 76, followed by Phillipsburg, 24; Thayer Central, 14; Beloit, 9.

Thayer Central won the boys championship with 132 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 121; Smith Center, 103; Northern Valley, 80; Norton, 45; Beloit, 32; Russell, 8.

## GIRLS

The Norton girls won three gold medals and all of the Lady Jays scored some points.

Junior Stephanie Hager was first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 1:13.67.

Sophomore Rikkele Green won the other two golds. She

was first in the shot put with a personal record heave of 29'9" and first in the javelin with a personal record throw of 83'1".

Green won points in a third event when she placed third in the discus with a throw of 72'5".

Hager also placed runner-up in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 8:10.27.

Finishing just ahead of Green in second place in the discus was sophomore Cristine Nelson with a personal best throw of 80'11". Nelson also had a runner-up finish in the shot put with a heave of 25'10".

Freshman Kenzie Esslinger came through with a runner-up in the pole vault with a clearance of 6'6". Esslinger also placed third in the 200 meter dash in 33.05 and fourth in the 100 meter dash in 16.18.

Freshman Sheridan Dillehay

placed third in the 100 meter dash in 16.02 and fourth in the 200 meter dash in 33.73.

## BOYS

Norton freshman Dalton Vanover finished runner-up in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:30.

Sophomore Travis Cressler placed third in the long jump with a leap of 15'7.5" and freshman Breven Sondergaard was third in the triple jump with a distance of 34'1".

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of freshmen Christian Boser, Derick Campbell, Kobie Unterseher and Stewart Whitney placed third with a clocking of 50.89.

Earning a fourth place finish was the Blue Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Campbell, freshman Conor Cox, Cressler and Sondergaard. They were timed in 4:26.20.

Cox placed fourth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 48.36 and Unterseher finished

in fourth place in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'.

Whitney placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 34'10.5".

Finishing in sixth place were freshman Jordan Karnopp with a 33'10" in the shot, Cox with a 12.70 in the 100 meter dash and Boser with a time of 1:03.73 in the 400 meter dash.

Distances and times of Norton boys who competed but didn't place were: junior Lane Bigge, 32'5.5", 11th, shot put; Whitney, 75'8", 15th; Karnopp, 74'11", 17th; Bigge, 72'7", 18th, discus; Whitney, 89'5", 7th, javelin; Vanover, 7', 7th, pole vault; Campbell, 12.86, 7th; Unterseher, 13.03, 10th; Bigge, 13.43, 16th; Sondergaard, 13.57, 17th, 100 meter dash; Unterseher, 26.93, 7th; Campbell, 27.71, 11th; Sondergaard, 28.13, 13th; Cressler, 28.19, 14th; Karnopp, 28.70, 15th, 200 meter dash; sophomore Chris Chambers, 6:56.44,

8th; Vanover, 7:00.88, 9th, 1600 meter run.

## Next action

The next competition for the Norton junior varsity will be the Trego Freshman/Sophomore Meet next Monday, April 16 in WaKeeney, beginning at 4 p.m.

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# Basketball tournament is set for April 21 in Decatur County

The 2012 Decatur County Recreation Program will be hosting a Youth 3 on 3 Tournament in Oberlin on Saturday, April 21. There will be both a girls and boys division for grades 1-8. The tournament will be held in the Decatur Community Junior and Senior High School Gyms.

Certificates and medals will be awarded to the winning teams of each division. The divisions will be 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade, for both boys and girls. Entry fees are \$30 per team and are due to Terry Ream by Wednesday, April 16.

Entry forms are available at area schools.

T-shirts will be available for purchase at the tournament for \$15, but are available to pre-order prior to the tournament for \$13. The public is invited and encouraged to attend the tournament. Admission will be \$2 for adults and \$1 for students. Players and children under age 5 enter free. There will be concessions available all day.

For more information, or for an entry form please contact Terry Ream at (785) 470-1441, or e-mail us at decatur\_rec\_program@yahoo.com.

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