

Track teams continue season in Phillipsburg

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Coach Jason Jones' Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams turned in some good performances on Friday in the Phillipsburg Invitational where the girls placed runner-up and the boys finished in fifth place, just one point out of fourth.

Beloit won the girls championship with 155 points, followed by Norton with 110.50. Third place with 99.50 points went to Concordia. Phillipsburg was fourth with 94, followed by Smith Center, 91; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 80.50; Russell, 45.50.

The boys team champion was also Beloit with 156 points. Runner-up was Phillipsburg with 139 and Concordia was third with 130, followed by Smith Center, 108; Norton, 107; TMP, 34; Russell, 19; Phillipsburg JV, 5.

Individual points were awarded to the top eight finishers in each event. "We are again very pleased with our athletes and their efforts and performances," said coach Jones. "Our girls and boys competed very hard and did very well."

"This was a very competitive meet for us in a number of areas. In some events, our athletes saw the most competitive fields that they have seen this season."

"Again, we posted multiple personal records, some of which propelled our athletes into scoring positions. We are proud of our team finishes."

"We had a lot of our athletes really grow up competitively

and we had many get better, as well. This was our first week with two varsity meets and our girls and boys did a nice job of handling that challenge."

GIRLS

The girls weight throwers did well again. Junior Teslee Nickell won the gold medal in the shot put with a heave of 37'3" and junior Alec Melvin was right behind her with a personal best distance of 37'2.5" for second place.

In the discus, Melvin placed runner-up with a throw of 111' and sophomore Cristine Nelson placed sixth with a personal best throw of 98'3".

Melvin also finished runner-up in the javelin throw with a toss of 115'5".

In the long jump, junior Kamilla Jones placed runner-up with a leap of 14'3.75".

The Lady Jays scored 15 points in the 3200 meter run where freshman Sierra Griffith finished third in 13:19.65, sophomore Darcy Bainter placed fourth in 13:32.28 and junior Julia Kent was fifth in 13:41.96.

Sophomores Bailey Ambrosier and Katelyn Engelbert tallied 14 points between them with a runner-up spot by Ambrosier in 1:04.60 in the 400 meter dash and third place by Engelbert in 1:05.34. Ambrosier also placed fifth in the pole vault with a 9' clearance.

Engelbert also placed fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:43.67. Sophomore Marisa Maddy finished right behind her in fifth in 2:44.96.

Griffith placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 6:02.91 and

Kent was seventh in 6:22.37.

The Norton girls' best relay finish was in the 4 x 800 meter relay when Griffith, Maddy, Bainter and Ambrosier placed runner-up in 11:06.78.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Terrell, Ambrosier, Jones and Engelbert finished third in 4:19.44.

The foursome of Terrell, Jones, Ruder and Maddy placed sixth in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a clocking of 56.46.

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: sophomore Cristine Nelson, personal best 28'10.75", 12th, shot put; Nickell, 92', 9th, discus; Jones, 8', 9th; Maddy, no height, pole vault; Ruder, 19.50, 11th, 100 meter hurdles; Terrell, 14.27, 9th; Ruder, 15.08, 12th, 100 meter dash.

BOYS

Norton senior Seth Antrim continued to perform well in the pole vault with a winning clearance of 13'. Sophomore Austin Hager also continued to jump well and had the same height clearance but placed runner-up on more misses. Sophomore Marc Miller also scored points in the pole vault with a personal best vault of 11'6" to finish in fourth place. The three Norton pole vaulters scored a total of 22 points.

Miller also won the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:08.45.

Junior Jacob Brooks won the gold medal in the 200 meter dash in 23.06, finished third in the high jump with a clearance of 6' and placed third in the 100 meter dash in 11.64. Brooks

also anchored Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team to a runner-up finish in 45.29. Running with him were Hager, senior Bryan Henry and senior Trey Millan.

Hager finished sixth in the 100 meter dash in 12.11.

Henry won the bronze medal in the 400 meter dash with a 54.05 clocking and senior Dillon McConney placed eighth in the long jump with a leap of 17'7.75".

Senior Zach Hartwell was unable to repeat as the winner of the John Mason Mile, named in honor of Phillipsburg's former All-American runner. He kept up with Alex Conn of Beloit in the early going but couldn't stay with him for the entire 1600 meter race and had to be content with a runner-up finish in 4:59.08. Conn was timed in 4:39.79 which would rank him seventh currently in the Salina Journal honor roll in all classes.

Hartwell also ran the 800 meter run and placed fourth in 2:12.45.

Norton sophomore Alec Hager ran another steady race, finishing fifth in the 3200 in a time of 11:38.17. Norton freshman Dalton Vanover ran the race of his life with a personal best clocking of 11:45.04 to place sixth.

Norton's foursome of Miller, Hager, freshman Christian Boser and Henry won the 4 x 800 meter relay with a clocking of 9:05.42.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of junior Carson McKenna, Hartwell, McConney and Henry finished fourth in 3:45.96.

Distances and times of Nor-



Norton senior distance runner Zach Hartwell and Beloit's Alex Conn were running neck-and-neck early in the John Mason Mile (1600 meter) race on Friday in the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet.

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ton boys which did not place in the top eight were: senior Casey Temmel, 37'11", 10th; senior Damien Davis, 36'10.5", 13th; junior Lucas Engel, 35'6", 16th, shot put; junior Dalton Miller, 112', 9th; junior Lane Bigge, 98'3", 16th; junior Dylan Sprigg, 85'8", 19th, discus; Davis, 121'8", 10th; Sprigg, 89', 15th, javelin; freshman Connor Cox, 13'5.25", 19th, long jump; Cox, personal best 47.31, 10th, 300 meter hurdles; McKenna, 12.71, 17th, 100 meter dash; Millan, 25.17, 12th; McConney, 25.69, 18th, 200 meter dash; Boser, personal best 58.76, 9th;

Dalton Miller, personal best 1:02.25, 18th, 400 meter dash.

Next action

Norton competed in the Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet on Monday in Hill City.

This Friday, the Blue Jay varsity will compete in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, beginning at 3:30 p.m. Other competing schools, in addition to Trego Community and Norton, will be Colby, Holcomb, La Crosse, Leoti, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Stockton, Thomas More Prep of Hays and Victoria.

Norton JV teams compete at Trego

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys junior varsity track and field teams competed in the Trego Freshmen/Sophomore Track Meet last Monday in WaKeeney.

The Norton girls placed ninth with 27 points and the Blue Jay boys finished in the runner-up team position with 58 points.

The girls champion was Ness City with 89 points, followed by Trego, 76; Colby, 75.5; Ransom, 63; Hoxie, 36; Russell, 33; Hill City, 29; Grainfield-Wheatland, 28; Norton, 27; Ellis, 24.5; Goodland, 13.

Winning the boys championship was Phillipsburg with 111 points, followed by Norton, 58; Ness City, 56; Goodland, 52; Ransom, 52; Ellis, 50; Hays TMP-Marian, 46; Colby, 39; Hoxie, 36; Russell, 30; Grainfield-Wheatland, 6.

"Our athletes competed very hard and, again we are happy with their results," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"We continued to better ourselves and have been working to improve each time out. It is nice to see their hard work is paying off."

"We are proud of their efforts and of their performances and we are still excited about the remainder of the season for these athletes!"

GIRLS

Freshman Kenzie Esslinger was the only gold medal winner for the Norton girls and it was a personal best 8'6" in the pole vault.

Sophomore Cristine Nelson was the runner-up in two events. She placed second in the shot put with a heave of 27'11.5" and second in the discus with a throw of 78'4".

Junior Stephanie Hager scored Norton's other point with a sixth place finish in the 300 meter hurdles in 1:15.37.

Times of Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Sheridan Dillehay, 16.01, 18th; Esslinger, 16.07, 20th, 100 meter dash; Dillehay, 34.18, 14th, 200 meter dash; Hager, 7:48.62, 8th, 1600 meter run.

BOYS

Norton junior Lane Bigge was one of two Blue Jays who

won individual gold medals. He threw the discus a personal best distance of 104'9" to place first.

Also earning a gold medal was freshman Dalton Vanover with a 12:08.57 time in the 3200 meter run.

Freshman Stewart Whitney was runner-up in the shot put with a personal best heave of 35'9".

Placing third in the pole vault was freshman Kobie Unterseher with a personal best height of 9'6". Finishing third in the 100 meter dash in a personal best time of 12.56 was freshman Derick Campbell.

Freshman Christian Boser finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:22.78.

Finishing in fifth place in the discus was freshman Connor Cox with a throw of 97'1". Cox also placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles in 48.32.

Sophomore Chris Chambers finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a personal best clocking of 6:32.65.

The Norton 4 x 100 meter relay team of Campbell, Boser, Unterseher and Whitney placed third in 49.28.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay foursome of Boser, freshman Breven Sondergaard, Unterseher and Cox was timed in 4:11.65 and placed fifth.

Distances and times of Norton boys who did not place were: Bigge, 31'6", 8th; freshman Jordan Karnopp, 29'10.5", 13th, shot put; Whitney, 77'8", 14th; Karnopp, 64'9", 20th, discus; Cox, 15'5.5", 7th; sophomore Travis Cressler, 15'1", 9th, long jump; Sondergaard, 33'7.5", 9th; Cressler, 31'5", 11th, triple jump; Vanover, no height, pole vault; Sondergaard, personal best 13.38, 16th; Bigge, 13.42, 19th, 100 meter dash; Campbell, personal best 26.74, 8th; Unterseher, 26.95, 11th; Karnopp, 28.82, 18th; Cressler, 29.02, 20th, 200 meter dash; Cressler, 1:04.43, 10th, 400 meter dash.

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Norton competed in the Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet on Monday in Hill City to complete the junior varsity's season.

Blue Jay golfers place third in Norton Invite

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Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team continued to improve on a cool and windy day Thursday when they placed third, just seven strokes out of runner-up, in their Norton Invitational Golf Tournament played on the Prairie Dog Recreation



Norton junior Christopher Fisher tees off during the Norton Invitational Golf Tournament held on Thursday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association Golf Course south of Norton.

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Association Golf Course south of Norton.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 322 and Colby was runner-up with a 357 but Norton was right behind the Eagles with a 364.

In fourth place was Atwood with a 366, followed by Oakley, 377; Norton B, 394; Ellis, 411; Hoxie, 415; Plainville, 419.

No.1 golfer for Norton was junior Christopher Fisher, who recorded a 42/40-82 for his best showing of the season. His play earned him a fifth place in the medalist standings.

The rest of the Norton golfers were also juniors. Following Fisher were Eli Bozarth, 46/47-93; John Risewick, 42/52-94 and Andrew Ellis, 49/46-95.

Also playing for Norton and also juniors and their scores were Treven Rossi, 47/53-100 and Cassius Dole, 56/46-102.

Playing for the Norton B team and their scores were: junior Javen Colip, 46/45-91; junior Ryan Bainter, 46/50-96; freshman Chance Uehlin, 45/55-100 and senior Taylor Meder, 55/52-107.

"We continued to see improvement today and there were many bright spots for us," said coach Stover. "Without question, the highlight of the day was the round of Christopher Fisher. He played what, up to this point, was his best round of the season to earn fifth place individually."

"Javen Colip shot a career-best round today which was our second lowest score."

"We are seeing improvements in all of our individual play, although we need to continue to improve our consistency and put together good 18-hole rounds instead of just one good nine hole round. We are definitely making progress in the right direction, both individually and as a team."

The individual medalists were: Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 76; Paul Schiferl, Colby, 77; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, 79; Brandon Worcester, Hill City, 82; Christopher Fisher, 82; Eric Albers, Oakley, 82; Marcus Portschy, Atwood, 82; Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 83; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 84; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 84.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity will compete in the Smith Center JV Invitational today, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Norton varsity's next competition will be in the first annual I-70 Invitational hosted by Ellis and Trego Community on Thursday with tee off set for 9 a.m.

Golfers will compete at the Ellis Country Club in the southeast part of Ellis and the Big Creek Golf Course located south and west of WaKeeney.

Teams competing, in addition to Ellis, Trego and Norton, will be Ellinwood, Hill City, Ness City, Oakley, Osborne, Plainville, Atwood, Stockton and Wheatland-Grinnell.

BOWLING RESULTS

Inter-City League

Standings as of April 5

- Heartland Partners- 74 wins, 52 losses
 - Jett SS- 67 wins, 59 losses
 - BLD's- 65.5 wins, 60.5 losses
 - Bailey Electric- 62 wins, 64 losses
 - Hawks Depot- 59.5 wins, 66.5 losses
 - The Where Evers- 53 wins, 76 losses
- High Line: Rusty Miller-217, Bev Miller-203, Dave Keller-196, Vaughn Newman-178, BLD's-698, Bailey Electric-585.
- High Line Handicap: Rusty Miller-253, Vaughn

Newman-245, Dave Keller-244, Bev Miller-239, BLD's-875, Jett SS-794.

High Series: Rusty Miller-546, Bev Miller-521, Dave Keller-457, Mark Bailey-437, BLD's-1817, Bailey Electric-1657.

High Series Handicap: Rusty Miller-654, Bev Miller-629, Dave Keller-601, Vaughn Newman-601, BLD's-2348, Jett SS-2219.

Ladies Inter-City League

Standings as of April 2

- BEB & Assoc.- 42 wins, 14 losses
- Animal Health- 34 wins, 22 losses
- Geezeretts- 32 wins, 24

losses

- Nelson Bros.- 29.5 wins, 26.5 losses
- Logan Gals- 28 wins, 28 losses

High Line: Becky Williams-187, Jean Johnson-171, Kathleen Berlier-169, BEB & Assoc.-493, BEB & Assoc.-482, Animal Health-408.

High Line Handicap: Jean Johnson-247, Jean Johnson-241, Lee Mapes-240, BEB & Assoc.-651, Animal Health-622, Animal Health-610.

High Series-Becky Williams-485, Jean Johnson-482, Kathleen Berlier-456, BEB &

Assoc.-1331, Animal Health-1182, Nelson Bros.-1054.

High Series Handicap: Jean Johnson-710, Becky Williams-614, Kathleen Berlier-609, Animal Health-1829, BEB & Assoc.-1805, Logan Gals-1731.

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