

JV golf team takes top honors

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golf team had their best outing of the season on Tuesday when they edged Phillipsburg in the Smith Center JV Tournament to win their first team championship of the season.

The Blue Jay golfers recorded a 189 to win the title, compared to Phillipsburg's 190 for runner-up.

Third place went to Belleville with a 199, followed by Thomas More Prep-Hays, 215; Beloit, 219; Smith Center, 232; Plainville, 241; Concordia, 243; Russell, 264.

Every member of the Blue Jays' four-man team medaled. Norton sophomore Garret Otter was low scorer for the Blue Jays with a 46. That score also earned him runner-up medalist, missing the No.1 medalist by two strokes. Also medaling were junior Jordan Hartwell with a 47 to tie for third medalist while juniors Javen Colip and Cassius Dole shot 48s to tie for seventh medalist.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were junior Dustan Daniels, 49 and freshman Chance Uehlin, 53.

"Once again, this group continues to improve each time out," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "We took advantage of perfect playing conditions to earn our first team tournament title of the season."

"Garret Otter continued his improved play of late and all six of our golfers showed improvement today over recent play. They have shown improvement throughout the season and today was no exception.

"I am very pleased with the progress of all our golfers up to this point and look forward to seeing what they can accomplish for the rest of the season."

Individual medalists were: Riley Juenemann, Phillipsburg, 44; Garret Otter, 46; Lane Fisher, TMP, 47; Jordan Hartwell, 47; Drew Hoops, Belleville, 47; Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg, 47;

Izaiah Grogan, Concordia, 48; Javen Colip, 48; Cassius Dole, 48; Chase Lambert, Belleville, 49.

Next action

Next competition by the Nor-

ton junior varsity golfers will be in their Norton JV Invitational Tournament next Tuesday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton. Tee off will be at 3 p.m.

The Norton varsity golfers competed on Thursday in the I-70 Invitational in Ellis and WaKeeney. Results were not available at the Telegram's press time.



Blue Jay junior Cassius Dole chips onto the green during the Norton Invitational Golf Tournament. Cassius shot a 48 to tie with junior teammate Javen Colip for seventh medalist in the Smith Center JV Tournament on Tuesday.

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Athletes exceed personal bests

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls and boys track and field members set 14 different personal records during their final competition of the season in the Hill City Freshman/Sophomore Track Meet on Monday.

As a team, the Norton girls placed sixth with 45 points and the Blue Jay boys finished fifth with 55.5 points.

"Again, this was a very good outing for our junior varsity team," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "We again posted some personal records on both sides and we had some people step into some spots and really do some good. They are beginning to see the benefits and payoff from their hard work and that is fun to see."

"Most of these girls and boys will be off for a couple of weeks but we will pull a few of them here and there and give them a look at some varsity competition over the next couple of weeks. Ideally, some of them will put themselves in positions to attend the League meet for us and help us out there, as well."

"We are proud of their work and we continue to be excited about their competitive futures!"

GIRLS

Sophomore Cristine Nelson was one of two gold medal winners for the Lady Jays. She set a personal record of 30'10" in heaving the shot to place first. She also finished third in the discus with a throw of 82'8".

The other Norton gold medal winner was freshman Kenzie Esslinger, who cleared 7'9" in the pole vault.

Sophomore Rickete Green scored 16 points by placing in three events. She finished runner-up in the javelin with a throw of 78'7", fourth in the shot put with a heave of 28'6.5" and fourth in the discus with a throw of 78'7".

Norton junior Stephanie Hager placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 1:08.37 and sixth in the 1600 meter run in 7:53.54.

Lady Jay freshman Sheridan Dillehay finished sixth in the 200 meter dash in a personal best time of 33.21.

Dillehay and Esslinger tied for tenth in the 100 meter dash with personal records of 15.26.

BOYS

Norton freshman Stewart Whitney placed in four different events. He was runner-up in the shot put with a personal record distance of 38'1.75", fifth in the discus with a personal best toss of 93'5" and sixth in the 100 meter dash in 12.43.

In addition, Whitney anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team of freshmen Christian Boser, Derick Campbell and Kobie Unterseher to a third place finish in 49.65.

Freshman Conor Cox placed third in the 300 meter hurdles in 51.24.

Boser set a personal record of 2:20.31 with a third place finish in the 800 meter run.

Freshmen Norton twins Dalton and Clay Vanover both placed in the 1600 meter run. Dalton finished third in 5:50.78 and Clay finished fifth in a personal record time of 6:10.08.

Dalton also placed third in the 3200 meter run in 12:10.17 and was a member of the foursome which placed third in the 4 x 400 meter relay in 4:18.40. Running with him were Boser, Unterseher and sophomore Travis Cressler.

Unterseher also placed fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6".

Freshman Breven Sondergaard finished sixth in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 35'1".

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not score points were: Cox, 88'11", 8th, discus; Cressler, personal record 16'1.5", 7th, long jump; Cressler, 31'11.5", 9th, triple jump; Dalton Vanover, no height, pole vault; Campbell, personal record 12.5, 8th; Sondergaard, personal record 13.07, 14th, 100 meter dash; Campbell, personal record 26.62, 8th; Unterseher, personal record 26.84, 12th, 200 meter dash; Cressler, 1:05.02, 13th; Sondergaard, 1:05.46, 14th, 400 meter dash.

Next action

The Norton varsity thinclads competed in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday but results were not available at the Telegram's press time.

Next competition for the Norton varsity will be on Tuesday in the Oberlin Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

Huskies host invitational meet at Northern Valley

By Mike Stephens

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Northern Valley High School hosted seven teams at the Husky Invitational Track Meet on April 13 in Logan.

The Husky boys were led by senior Gunnar Hays and the Husky girls got a dominating performance from freshman Kortney Cunningham. Head coach Chuck Fessenden praised his two respective stars.

"Kortney Cunningham had a great meet with four gold medals and a personal best in the triple jump."

"Gunnar Hays had gold medals in all three of his races and set a meet record in the 1600," said Fessenden.

The Huskies are developing depth and gaining momentum in the running and throwing events as the season progresses.

"It was nice to get some points in the

sprints from Jordan Baird and Phillip Bryant. Jordan had personal bests in both the 100 and 200. Ian Vincent is improving in the throwing events and was able to pick up some points for us there. I felt like Brant Cox ran well in his first attempt at the 3200," said Fessenden.

Husky individual results are as follows:

Boys
High Jump-Hunter Chandler-5'6"-2nd place tie

Pole Vault-Clint Cole-10'0"-2nd place

Long Jump-Jordan Baird-17'8.5"-5th place, Phillip Bryant-17'6.5"-6th place

Triple Jump-Jordan Baird-36'1.5"-6th place

Discus-Ian Vincent-99'4"-6th place

Javelin-Ian Vincent-125'4"-5th place

3200m Relay-Brant Cox, Macy Kasson, Brandon McDowell, Clint Cole-11:07.25-

3rd place
100m-Jordan Baird-11.98-3rd place, Phillip Bryant-12.15-6th place

1600m-Gunnar Hays-4:41.7-1st place

400m-Hunter Chandler-59.53-6th place

800m-Gunnar Hays-2:09.79-1st place

200m-Jordan Baird-24.65-4th place, Phillip Bryant-25.32-6th place

3200m-Gunnar Hays-10:34.09-1st place, Brant Cox-12:15.79-4th place, Macy Kasson-13:41.4-6th place

Girls
High Jump-Kortney Cunningham-5'0"-1st place

Triple Jump-Kortney Cunningham-31'6"-1st place

100m Hurdles-Kortney Cunningham-19.00-1st place

300m Hurdles-Kortney Cunningham-56.44-1st place

Track teams compete at Osborne Invitational

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The Northern Valley Huskies varsity track team competed in the Osborne Invitational on April 20 in Osborne. The Huskies had some solid individual performances despite a 7th place finish by the boys team

and a 13th place finish by the girls team.

Senior Gunnar Hays continues his dominance in the distance events, setting meet records in his two individual events.

"Gunnar had another good day in the 1600 and 3200. He ran his best times of the season and set meet records in both events. Probably the most impressive part of his day was when he came back after the 3200 and anchored the 1600 meter relay with a 56.0," said Coach Chuck Fessenden.

Several other Huskies achieved personal bests and continue to show steady improvement, according to Fessenden.

"I thought that Brant Cox ran real strong in the 1600. Macy Kasson had his personal best in the 3200 with a 13:02.24. In the high jump Hunter Chandler was able to equal his season best with a jump of 5'8". Ian Vincent had a personal best in the javelin with a throw of 138'6" but just missed getting into the top six." Freshman Kortney Cunningham once again shines as the

star for the Lady Huskies.

"Kortney Cunningham continues to improve in the 300 hurdles. She ran a personal best of 55.09," Fessenden said.

The Huskies next track meet will be at Quinter on Friday, April 27.

Boys-35 points-7th place

1600m-Gunnar Hays-4:39.1-1st place, Brant Cox-5:25.67-6th place

3200m-Gunnar Hays-10:14.56-1st place

1600m Relay-Jordan Baird, Hunter Chandler, Phillip Rupp, Gunnar Hays-3:59.19-6th place

Long jump-Jordan Baird-17'10"-5th place

Triple jump-Jordan Baird-36'5.25"-6th place

High jump-Hunter Chandler-5'8"-2nd place

Pole vault-Clint Cole-10'0"-5th place

Girls-9 points-13th place

High jump-Kortney Cunningham-4'10"-4th place

Triple jump-Kortney Cunningham-30'3"-4th place

300m hurdles-Kortney Cunningham-55.09-6th place

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