

# Varsity golf is competitive at Phillipsburg

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team turned in an excellent performance in the annual Mel Schremmer Invitational on Monday in Phillipsburg.

Scores were divided into four-man and two-man results. Norton placed fourth in four-man competition and tied for sixth in two-man play.

Ellis won the four-man championship with a 296, followed by Phillipsburg, 322; Smith Center, 325; Norton, 342; Trego, 356; Phillipsburg JV, 367; Plainville, 383; Osborne, 428; Stockton, 463.

Phillipsburg was the two-man champion with a 145, followed by Phillipsburg JV, 169; Trego, 170; Stockton, 170; Ellis, 170; Norton, 187; Osborne, 187; Plainville, 192; Smith Center, 207; Phillipsburg C, 209.

All of the Norton golfers on Monday were juniors. Treven Rossi and Ryan Bainter played on the two-man team. Rossi shot a 44/48-92 and Bainter carded a 48/47-95.

Members of Norton's four-man team and their scores were: Christopher Fisher, 43/41-84; Andrew Ellis, 46-39-85; John Risewick, 44/41-85 and Eli Bozarth, 46/42-89.

"We were able to come back after subpar performances at TMP and Colby and get headed back in the right direction today with a good overall performance," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"After a very slow start from many of our golfers, we came on strong as the day progressed to shoot better back-nine scores.

"Although we did not have any individual medalists, it was a positive day for us as John Risewick and Treven Rossi shot personal best tournament

scores.

"We look forward to using today's momentum to lead us into the post season, starting with the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Thursday right back on the same course in Phillipsburg and Regional Golf this Monday at Lakin."

Individual medalists were: Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 69; Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 70; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 73; Gage Younger, Ellis, 74; Austin Lopez, Ellis, 74; Alex Hobelmann, Smith Center, 75; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 76; Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 76; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 76; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 78; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, 79; Zach Linn, Smith Center, 79; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg JV, 80; Ryan Jacobs, Ellis, 83; Cameron Staples, Trego, 83.

## Next action

Norton competed in the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Thursday in Phillipsburg. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

On Monday, the Norton golfers will travel to Lakin for the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament.

In addition to Lakin and Norton, teams will be competing from Cimarron, Goodland, Holcomb, Southwestern Heights, Phillipsburg and Scott City.

The golfers will tee off at 10 a.m.

Plaques will be awarded to the first and second place teams. The top ten finishers will receive medals.

The top three teams and the next five lowest scorers that are not members of the three qualifying teams will qualify for the State Golf Tournament to be held on Monday, May 21 at Goodland's Sugar Hills Golf Course.

# Athletes set personal records

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Since athletes are limited on the number of track meets in which they can compete in a season, Norton Community High School was only able to send a limited number of junior varsity competitors to the varsity Hill City Invitational on Monday.

Hoxie won the girls championship with 110 points, followed by Trego Community, 96; Quinter, 94; Hill City, 78; Ellis, 66; Plainville, 59; Smith Center, 40.

Plainville was the boys champion with 138 points, followed by Hill City, 119.5; Hoxie, 115; Ellis, 52; Smith Center, 44; Quinter, 30; Norton, 23.5; Trego Community, 16.

"Our athletes did a nice job," said Norton head high school track and field coach Jason Jones. "This was a varsity meet but we sent a limited junior varsity team. For most of them, this was their final meet of the season. It gave those athletes a chance to compete late in the season and work towards new personal records. They had fun competing, bettered themselves and mixed it up a little bit competitively with some people that they had not seen yet. We are proud of how they conducted themselves.

"We are extremely proud of the efforts of these athletes both at this meet and all season long. Some of them will continue to compete for us, going to the league meet on Friday. We are glad that all of these athletes came out and worked hard all season long, bettering themselves as competitors and as

individuals each day. We look forward to seeing them back as experienced members of this team next year and in the years to come!"

## GIRLS

Only three Norton girls competed and none scored points.

Sophomore Rickete Green heaved the shot 27'11.75" to finish eighth. She was ninth in both the discus and javelin with a 79'8" throw in the discus and 73' throw in the javelin.

Freshman Sheridan Dillehay also competed in three events. She was tenth in the long jump with a leap of 11'10.5", 11th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 33.49 and 13th in the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 15.52.

Junior Stephanie Hager competed in the 1600 meter run and was timed in 7:42.00.

## BOYS

Eight Norton boys set personal records in the meet.

Freshman Jordan Karnopp broke his personal record in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.58 and third place finish.

Freshman Breven Sondergaard set a personal record in the triple jump with a fourth place finish and distance of 35'1.25".

Another personal record was set by freshman Dalton Vanover in the 3200 meter run. He was timed in 11:38.81 and placed fourth.

Freshman Kobie Unterseher placed fifth in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6".

Sophomore Travis Cressler finished sixth

in the long jump with a leap of 15'7.5" and freshman Derick Campbell placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 33'2.5". Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Unterseher, Cressler, Vanover and freshman Christian Boser placed fourth in 4:11.00.

The Blue Jay foursome of Campbell, freshman Stewart Whitney, Unterseher and Boser finished fifth in the 4 x 100 meter relay in 49.28.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: freshman Lucas Engel, 36'8", 9th; Whitney, 36', 12th; junior Lane Bigge, 34'2", 16th, shot put; junior Dylan Sprigg, 109'7", 7th; Bigge, 103'9", 9th; Engel, personal best 100'9", 12th, discus; Sprigg, personal best 102'8", 13th; Whitney, 99'2", 14th; Karnopp, 78'11", 17th, javelin; Campbell, 14'2.75", 7th, long jump; Cressler, 31'7.25", 7th, triple jump; Vanover, no height, pole vault; Whitney, personal best 12.41, 9th; Bigge, 13.09, 13th; Sondergaard, 13.47, 16th, 100 meter dash; Campbell, personal best 26.37, 8th; Karnopp, personal best 27.84, 13th, 200 meter dash; Boser, 2:25.70, no place, 800 meter run; Vanover, 5:27.00, no place; sophomore Chris Chambers, 6:32.00, no place, 1600 meter run.

## Next action

The Norton girls and boys track and field athletes will compete today in the annual Mid-Continent League Meet in WaKeeney, beginning at 3 p.m.

# JV golfers play in Hill City Invitational

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Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers gained valuable experience by competing in the varsity Hill City Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday, May 4.

Junior Jordan Hartwell was low scorer for the Blue Jays with a 49/44-93, followed by junior Ryan Bainter, 47/47-94; junior Javen Colip, 50/45-95 and junior Cassius Dole, 50/47-97.

Also playing for Norton and

their scores were: junior Dustan Daniels, 50/47-97 and sophomore Garret Otter, 52/46-98.

Phillipsburg won the team championship with a 326, followed by Ellis, 327; Ness City, 333; Trego, 338; Plainville, 359; Hill City, 360; Norton, 379; Stockton, 380; Hoxie, 388; Osborne, 403.

"Once again, we were able to give our junior varsity golfers an opportunity to earn varsity tournament experience," said coach Stover. "Although we were not quite able to score as well as

we had hoped coming into the tournament, this experience will help these golfers immensely in the future.

"This tournament concludes a very busy and successful junior varsity tournament season. They have worked very hard and have improved tremendously throughout the season."

Individual medalists were: Koby Beougher, Stockton, 72; Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 76; Cameron Staples, Trego, 77; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 78; Darby Svchwartzkopf, Ness

City, 81; Ryan Downing, Ellis, 81; Kyle Weber, Ellis, 81; Jaden Richardson, Ness City, 81; Austin Lopez, Ellis, 82; Brad Pfannenstiel, Trego, 82; Gage Younger, Ellis, 83; Koltyn Ratliff, Ness City, 84; Ben Weaver, Hill City, 85; Tyler Husmann, Plainville, 85; Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, 85; Ryan Tebow, Hoxie, 85; Kyle Helbert, Hill City, 86; Dylan Means, Phillipsburg, 87; Matthew McMillen, Ness City, 87; Dakota Bryant, Hill City, 87.

# JV golf team wraps up successful season

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golf team completed what head coach David Stover called "an extremely successful season" on Thursday, May 3 in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney.

Phillipsburg won the championship with a 367, followed by Trego, 377; Ellis, 396; Ness City, 397; Plainville, 419; Norton, 434; Hoisington, 465; Oakley, 469; Russell, 469; Hill City, 491.

Norton freshman Chance Uehlin shot a 48/50-98 to earn a tie for 11th medalist.

Other Norton scores were: sophomore Branson Addington, 47/55-102; freshman

Derek Rowh, 55/49-104 and senior Clayton Esslinger, 66/64-130.

"This tournament was an excellent way to close our extremely successful junior varsity season," said coach Stover. "Today, we were able to give an opportunity to players who haven't had much tournament action this year and they stepped up with positive results.

"Chance, Branson and Derek all shot career-low rounds and Clayton competed very well in his first tournament action.

"I am very proud of, not only this group, 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 Norton Community High School Golf is very bright."

Individual medalists were: Chad Ryerse, Trego, 80; Brandon Worcester, Hill City, 84; Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg, 85; Cade Papes, Trego, 86; Keaton Orr, Phillipsburg, 91; Josh Tway, Ellis, 91; Jaron Kellerman, Phillipsburg, 93; Landon Fellhoelter, Ness City, 94; Hunter Scheib, Trego, 94; Tanner Fischer, Ellis, 95; Chance Uehlin, 98; Tanner Christ, Phillipsburg, 98; Nathan Schoepner, Ness City, 99; Brad Blew, Phillipsburg, 99; Sydney Parsons, Oakley, 100.

# Record numbers expected for youth track and field day

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A record number of over 200 entrants are expected for the annual Youth Track and Field Fun Day on Saturday at Travis Field on the Jep Byrum Track in Norton.

Sponsored by the Norton Recreation Commission, the meet is open to girls and boys from kindergarten through sixth grade and is a very, very popular event with both children and parents.

There is no admission charge.

Everyone is invited to attend and witness the youngsters performing. Competition will be

held in the 50 meter dash, 75 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4 x 100 meter relay, softball throw, running long jump, shot put and base running.

Field events will begin at 9 a.m. and running events at 10:30 a.m.

Youth from many surrounding communities are expected.

The top three finishers in each event will win medals and all entrants will receive participation ribbons.

A concession stand will be available.

# Huskies compete at Mankato

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The Northern Valley Huskies varsity track team traveled to Mankato on Friday, May 4 to compete in the Rock Hills Invitational. Senior Gunnar Hays set personal bests and meet records in both of the distance races he competed in.

"Once again Gunnar Hays ran very well. He set personal bests and meet records in both the 1600 and 3200," said head coach Chuck Fessenden.

"He cracked the ten minute barrier in the 3200 which was one of his goals for the season."

Sophomore Jordan Baird had a break out performance. Baird competed and placed in the triple jump, long jump, 100m and 400 relay.

"Jordan Baird had a good

day. He placed in all four of his events in a fairly large meet," said Fessenden. "We thought that Brant Cox ran well in the 1600. He had a personal best and finished in seventh place.

"Freshman Kortney Cunningham had another strong showing and continues to show improvement as the season has progressed.

"We were real happy with Kortney's time in the high hurdles. She improved by almost a second over her best time of the season.

The Huskies will travel to Tescott for the Northern Plains League meet.

Northern Valley results are as follows:

Boys 37.5 points, 6th place  
Triple jump-Jordan Baird, 36'0.5"-6th place

High jump-Hunter Chandler, 5'8"-4th place

Long jump-Jordan Baird, 17'6.5"-5th place

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

100m run-Jordan Baird, 12.15-6th place

3200m run-Gunnar Hays, 9:55.94-1st place

1600m run-Gunnar Hays, 4:36.00-1st place

400m relay-Phillip Bryant, Hunter Chandler, Philip Rupp, Jordan Baird, 47.96-4th place

3200m relay-Philip Rupp, Brant Cox, Matt Stutsman, Hunter Chandler, 10:12.03-4th place

Girls 4.33 points, 12th place

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

100m hurdles-Kortney Cunningham, 17.57-5th place

was Goodland with a score of 337, followed by Colby, 343; Oberlin, 347; Norton, 368; Atwood, 368; Oakley, 372; Scott City, 413; Colby JV, 454.

"We simply did not play as well today as we had anticipated we would in this tournament," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "After coming off our best performance at WaKeeney, we struggled both here and at TMP.

"The biggest culprit has been our short game; it was not very sharp today and it is an area in which we must improve quickly

as we begin the last weeks of the season."

Norton's best golfers on Thursday in Colby were juniors Andrew Ellis, who shot a 45/45-90 and Eli Bozarth, who recorded a 46/44-90. They were followed by juniors Christopher Fisher with a 49/45-94 and John Risewick with a 48/46-94.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: junior Treven Rossi, 49/52-102 and senior Taylor Meder, 55/53-108.

Medalists were: Kade Brown, Oberlin, 78; Paul Schiferl, Colby, 79; Joel Linin, Goodland,

80; Garrett Berry, Oberlin, 81; Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 82; Justin Unruh, Scott City, 82; Konnor Kriss, Colby, 83; Cayle Hubert, Oakley, 84; Tanner Jones, Goodland, 86; Tayte Query, Colby, 87.

## Next action

Norton competed in the Hill City Invitational on Friday and the Phillipsburg Invitational on Monday.

The Blue Jays will return to Phillipsburg on Thursday of this week for the Mid-Continent League Tournament, beginning at 1 p.m.

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