

Norton teams take first, second place in MCL Track

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys varsity track and field teams had by far their best outing of the season on Friday when the Lady Jays won the Mid-Continent League championship and the Blue Jay boys finished runner-up in the annual competition at WaKeeney.

The Lady Jays compiled a total of 110.5 points while runner-up Smith Center scored 92 to edge Trego, who scored 91, for third. Phillipsburg was fourth with 68 points, followed by Hill City, 53.5; Osborne, 51; Stockton, 34; Plainville, 33; Ellis, 25.

The Norton boys scored 87 points but Plainville, led by senior distance ace Brady Johnson, tallied 113.5. Johnson earned three gold medals and anchored a Cardinal relay team to earn another.

Smith Center and Phillipsburg tied for third with 79 points each and Osborne was right behind in fifth with 77.5. The Bulldogs were followed by Hill City with 60, Stockton with 24, Ellis with 20 and Trego with 15.

"What a great effort our girls and boys put forward!" said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "We got off the bus and competed hard and the results speak for themselves. We are extremely proud of their efforts and performances!"

"Today, we had some individuals really step up and compete with resolve. That is a great trait to see as we enter regionals and state in the next two weeks.

"Our girls won their first league championship since, I believe, the 2006 season and our boys did well placing second to an outstanding Plainville team.

"We set eight new personal records and that is what we look for at this point in the season. We will work to continue to improve our marks as we head into regionals and state.

"We could not be more proud of our athletes and the manner in which they prepared, competed and conducted themselves. It is always fun to see them have the success that they have worked so hard to capture. We are excited about the next couple of weeks!"

GIRLS

The Norton girls produced two individual gold medals

and a gold medal relay performance.

Junior Teslee Nickell won the shot put with a heave of 37'7.5" and sophomore Bailey Ambrosier earned the gold in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6".

Ambrosier teamed with soph-



Norton sophomore Drew Schrum starts his 800 meter leg after receiving the baton from senior Zach Hartwell in the 4 x 800 meter relay at the annual Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday in WaKeeney.

8' and junior Kamilla Jones finished fifth with a 7'6" vault.

Jones also placed third in the long jump with a leap of 14'8".

Senior Erin Terrell finished fourth in the 100 meter dash in a personal best time of 13.78.

Junior Tawni Griffey placed

13th, 100 meter dash; Griffey, 2:54.63, 7th, 800 meter run.

BOYS

The Norton boys had three gold medal winners.

Senior Seth Antrim earned another gold in the pole vault with a clearance of 13'6".

Senior Bryan Henry won his specialty, the 400 meter dash, with a clocking of 52.24 and junior Jacob Brooks won the high jump by clearing 6'. Brooks also scored points in the short dashes. He was runner-up in the 200 meter dash in 22.57 and fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.40. In addition, Brooks anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a fourth place finish in 46.97. Running with him were Henry, senior Trey Millan and sophomore Austin Hager, who also placed third in the pole vault with a height of 12'.

Senior distance ace Zach Hartwell also had a good day. He placed runner-up to Plainville's Johnson in both the 1600 meter and 3200 meter runs. Hartwell was timed in 4:59.40 in the 1600 meter run where Johnson won in 4:58.12 and in 10:50.06 in the 3200 where Johnson was timed in 10:48.11.

Hartwell was also a member of the Blue Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team which finished third in 8:49.79. Running with him in the relay were Henry and sophomores Marc Miller and Drew Schrum.

Miller placed third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:08.87. He was edged out by Johnson, who was timed in 2:07.28 and Kenton Ubelaker of Osborne who had a time of 2:07.68.

Miller also teamed with Henry, senior Dillon McConney and junior Carson McKenna in placing fifth in the 4 x 400 meter relay in 3:47.06.

Sophomore Alec Hager placed fifth in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:14.55 and sixth in the 800 meter run in 2:22.30.

Two Norton freshmen had sixth place finishes. Dalton Vanover placed sixth in the 3200 meter run in 11:40.62 and Derick Campbell finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 33'1".

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: senior Damien Davis, 37'6.25", 10th; freshman Stewart Whitney, 35'6", 15th; junior Lucas Engel, 34'6.25", 17th, shot put; junior Dalton Miller, 116'8", 8th; junior Dylan Sprigg, 111'10.5", 12th; junior Lane Bigge, 102'5", 16th, discus; Sprigg, 117'4.5", 12th; Davis, 111'4", 13th; Whitney, 97'7.5", 17th, javelin; Millan, 17'3.5", 9th; McConney, 17'7.5", 12th; Campbell, 15'4.5", 15th, long jump; sophomore Travis Cressler, 29'10.25", 8th, triple jump; Marc Miller, 10', 8th, pole vault; freshman Jor-

dan Karnopp, 19.61, 7th, 110 meter hurdles; Millan, 11.88, 9th; Austin Hager, 12.12, 14th, 100 meter dash; Millan, 24.56, 12th; freshman Kobie Unterseher, 26.88, 18th, 200 meter dash; McKenna, personal best 56.26, 8th; McConney, 58.25, 11th, 400 meter dash; freshman Christian Boser, 2:23.33, 8th, 800 meter run; sophomore Chris Chambers, 6:28.49, 14th, 1600 meter run.

Next action

The Norton girls and boys next action will be in the Class 3A Regional Track and Field Meet in Beloit this Friday.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m., preliminary running events at 4:30 p.m. and finals at 6 p.m.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Beloit, will be teams from Cimarron, Goodland, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, Hoisington, Holcomb, Southwestern Heights, Lakin, Lyons, Minneapolis, Phillipsburg, Russell, Sacred Heart of Salina and Scott City.

Plaques will be awarded to the first place and runner-up girls and boys teams. Medals will be awarded to the top four placers in all events and those same athletes will qualify for the Kansas State Track and Field Meet next Friday and Saturday, May 25-25 at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

omores Marisa Maddy, Darcy Bainter and Katelyn Engelbert to win the 4 x 800 meter relay in 10:57.58. Ambrosier added more points to the Lady Jay total with a third place finish in the 400 meter dash in 1:04.12.

Engelbert placed runner-up in the 800 meter run in 2:39.12.

Junior Alec Melvin placed runner-up behind Nickell in the shot put with a heave of 36'7.25". Melvin also scored points in the discus, where she had a third place throw of 107'11" and in the javelin with a third place finish with a throw of 115'2".

Norton freshman Sierra Griffith was a steady runner in the distance races. She set a personal record of 5:57.73 in placing runner-up in the 1600 meter run and was timed in 13:03.30 in the 3200 meter run, where she also placed runner-up.

In addition to Ambrosier's winning pole vault, Maddy placed third with a clearance of

fifth in the 1600 meter run in 6:09.07.

Bainter placed fifth in the 3200 meter run in 13:30.81 and junior Julia Kent was sixth in 13:51.77.

The foursome of Terrell, Ambrosier, Maddy and Engelbert placed third in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a clocking of 4:32.78.

Terrell and Engelbert teamed with freshman Sheridan Dillehay and sophomore Johnnye Ruder to place fifth in the 4 x 100 meter relay in 56.19.

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: sophomore Cristine Nelson, personal best 31'3", 9th, shot put; Nelson, 84'2", 13th; sophomore Rিকে Green, 80'4", 15th, discus; Dillehay, personal best 12', 11th, long jump; Maddy, 28'4.75", 8th, triple jump; Ruder, 19.45, 11th, 100 meter hurdles; Ruder, personal best 55.73, 7th, 300 meter hurdles; Dillehay, personal best 15.13,



Lady Jay sophomore Darcy Bainter strides forward after receiving the baton from sophomore Marisa Maddy during Norton's gold medal winning 4 x 800 meter relay performance in the Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Friday in WaKeeney.

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Varsity golf team places fifth in league tournament

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Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed fifth out of nine teams in the very tough Mid-Continent League Tournament held Thursday at Phillipsburg.

"Once again, it took us much too long to get going," said coach Stover. "We started slow on the front nine and you just can't do that against as many quality teams and individuals as there are in the Mid-Continent League this year.

"I was pleased with our comeback as we had many improvements overall on the back nine but it was a deficit that was too

big.

"Once again, we did have many improvements today. John Risewick and Treven Rossi shot career-low rounds for the second tournament in a row and Garret Otter shot a career-low score as well.

"We will need to put today behind us quickly because we have a very short turnaround before we travel to Lakin on Monday to compete in the Class 3A Regional Tournament."

Final team championship scores were determined by each team's four lowest scores regardless of whether their golfers were on four-man or two-man teams.

Phillipsburg won the cham-

pionship with a 297, followed by Ellis, 313; Trego, 314; Smith Center, 322; Norton, 346; Plainville, 360; Osborne, 385; Hill City, 387; Stockton, 398.

Four-man team results were Phillipsburg, 300; Ellis, 313; Smith Center, 322; Norton, 351; Trego, 352; Plainville, 397; Osborne, 422; Hill City, 426.

Trego won the two-man team championship with a 148, followed by Phillipsburg, 151; Ellis, 169; Plainville, 174; Norton, 178; Stockton, 182; Osborne, 185; Hill City, 186; Smith Center, 196.

Junior John Risewick was low scorer for Norton on the four-man team with a 43/39-82, followed by junior Andrew Ellis,

46/41-87; junior Eli Bozarth, 46/43-89 and junior Christopher Fisher, 46/47-93.

Also playing on the Blue Jays' four-man team was junior Jordan Hartwell who shot a 49/47-96.

Sophomore Garret Otter shot a 48/40-88 for Norton's two-man team and junior Treven Rossi carded a 48/42-90. Also playing for the Blue Jays' two-man team was junior Ryan Bainter who shot a 49/45-94.

Individual medalists were: Blake Huxman, Trego, 69; Brock Morgan, Phillipsburg, 70; Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 72; Alex Hobelmann, Smith Center, 72; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 72; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 75;

Kyle Hoover, Phillipsburg, 76; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 76; Matt Schneider, Phillips-

burg, 76; Zach Linn, Smith Center, 77.



Norton junior John Risewick tees off during the annual Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament on Thursday at Phillipsburg. Risewick was low scorer for the Blue Jays' four-man team.

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Norton wrestlers named to all-league team

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The wrestling coaches in the Mid-Continent League have chosen an All-Mid-Continent League Wrestling Team this year and four Norton wrestlers have been honored on the team.

Junior John Risewick, who placed third at 120 pounds in the State Tournament in Class 3-2-1A, was selected to the Second Team at that weight.

Blue Jay 126 pound sophomore Alec Hager, a fourth place finisher in the state tournament, was chosen to the Second Team at that weight.

Norton sophomore Branson Addington came within one match of the top six at 106 pounds in the state tournament and he was named to the First Team at that weight.

At 160 pounds, sophomore Cole Renner was named to the Second Team. Cole came within two matches of placing in the top six at the state tournament.

Others honored

106 - Brody Frieling, Smith Center, Second Team; Kyle Witmer, Phillipsburg, Honorable Mention.

113 - Clint Rogers, Smith Center, First Team; Derick Coomes, Phillipsburg, Second Team.

120 - Gage Pfeifer, Hill City, First Team; Mack Reagan, Smith Center, Honorable Mention.

126 - Trevor Axelson, Plainville, First Team; Jared Pfeifer, Ellis, Honorable Mention.

132 - Adam Gehring, Plainville, First Team; Caleb Studley, Phillipsburg, Second Team; Kyle Helberg, Hill City, Honorable Mention.

138 - Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, First Team; Landon Younger, Ellis, Second Team; Zach Fischer, Smith Center, Honorable Mention.

145 - Gage Younger, Ellis, First Team; Colton Wise, Plainville, Second Team; Ross Coomes, Phillipsburg, Honorable Mention.

152 - Dylan Wiesner, Plainville, First

Team; Clay Pickel, Smith Center, Second Team; Austin Lopez, Ellis, Honorable Mention.

160 - Matt Schneider, Phillipsburg, First Team; Austin Seltman, Hill City, Honorable Mention.

170 - Nathan Thyfault, Plainville, First Team; Riley Hunsicker, Ellis, Second Team; Louis Frazier, Smith Center, Honorable Mention.

182 - Kyler Atwood, Smith Center, First Team; Jacey Minkler, Phillipsburg, Second Team; Allen Augustine, Ellis, Honorable Mention.

195 - Josh McDowell, Smith Center, First Team; Connor Winters, Stockton, Second Team; Chase Bruggeman, Phillipsburg, Honorable Mention.

220 - Skyler Tebo, Ellis, First Team; Dillon Coomes, Phillipsburg, Second Team; Alex Wahrman, Plainville, Honorable Mention.

285 - Bradey Chard, Plainville, First Team; Dustin Zahn, Trego, Second Team.