

Jays place fifth at Russell

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With just partial teams competing, the Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams placed fifth out of nine teams in the Russell Relays on Friday.

"We did not take a full squad because many of our athletes were in state competitions in other areas," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"Those who we did take competed hard and well. We feel like things are beginning to come together for us."

In addition to the fifth place finishes against some very talented teams, Norton athletes set numerous season bests, nine new personal records and two

school records!

Norton Community High School track and field records were set by pole vaulters Bailey Ambrosier and Austin Hager.

Hager vaulted 14'00.25" to surpass the Blue Jay record of 14' even set by John Lorimor in the state meet in 1968, which was 45 years ago!

Ambrosier cleared 10'6", which tied the school record set by Megan Hillebrand in the state meet in 2003.

Beloit won the girls championship with 146 points, followed by Concordia, 113; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 90; Scott City, 50; Abilene, 43; Norton, 43; Phillipsburg, 28; Russell, 23; Victoria, 16.

On the boys side, Beloit also won the championship with 147

points, followed by Phillipsburg, 117; Thomas More-Prep Marian of Hays, 69; Scott City, 60; Norton, 55; Abilene, 50; Concordia, 41; Russell, 14; Victoria, 5.

"We will have our entire team together again this week and we excitedly look forward to continuing to build on these performances as we enter the championship season!" said coach Jones.

GIRLS

Bailey Ambrosier's school record vault of 10'6" was the second highest so far this season recorded in the Salina Journal Area Honor Roll. Hedstrom of Belleville was the leader with a 10'7" clearance.

On Friday, Beloit's Ocean Paul, who had a previous best in the Honor Roll of 10', cleared 11' to win the gold medal and take the area lead.

Bailey Ambrosier also placed third in the 400 meter dash in 1:05.06 and fifth in the 200 meter dash in 28.91.

She also anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team, which finished sixth in 55.85. Running with her were junior Johnnye Ruder, sophomore Kenzie Esslinger and junior Marisa Maddy.

Leading points leader again for Norton was senior Alec Melvin in the throws. She won the gold medal in the shot put with a heave of 36'1.75", placed runner-up in the discus with a throw of 106'7" and third in the javelin with a throw of 107'9".

Junior Cristine Nelson placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 83'4" and sixth in the shot put with a heave of 30'5.5".

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: senior Teslee Nickell, 29'2", 7th, shot put; Teslee Nickell, 77'10", 9th, javelin; Kenzie Esslinger, personal best 9'6", 7th, pole vault; Johnnye Ruder, 56.03, 8th, 300 meter hurdles.

BOYS

Austin Hager's school record vault of 14'00.25" was higher so far this season than any recorded in the Salina Journal Honor Roll. Meitler of Smith Center had the previous highest of 13'9".

Senior Jacob Brooks had another good meet, scoring 24 points individually while also running on the 4 x 400 meter relay team.

Brooks won the high jump with a 6' clearance, was runner-up in the 200 meter dash in 22.90 and third in the 100 meter dash with a personal record time of 10.87.

The 200 meter dash was won by Rodney Deus, Thomas More Prep-Marion of Hays, with a time of 22.77, just 13 hundredths of a second ahead of Brooks.

Deus was also winner of the 100 meter dash in 10.64. Stuart Lennemann, Phillipsburg, placed runner-up in 10.81 and Brooks was just 6 hundredths of a second behind him.

Deus has been ranked runner-up in the 100 meter dash and fourth fastest in the 200 meter dash in the Salina Journal Honor Roll.

Junior Marc Miller outsprinted several other runners to the finish line to win the gold medal in the 800 meter run. Miller was timed in 2:07.67.

Freshman Brenden Frack continued to run well in the distance races. He placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in a personal record time of 5:00.74 and fifth in the 3200 meter run in 10:58.70.

Junior Tanner Furbush placed fifth in a field of quality triple jumpers with a personal best distance of 40'2.5".

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team finished fifth in 46.79. Furbush was a member of the team. Running with him were Austin Hager, junior Trever Lewis and



Norton junior Tanner Furbush is airborne during his fifth place finish with a personal record distance of 40'2.5" in the triple jump versus a field of quality jumpers in the Russell Relays on Friday.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

sophomore Kobie Unterseher.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Jacob Brooks, junior Alec Hager, Trever Lewis and Marc Miller placed sixth in 3:44.82.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: senior Lucas Engel, 39'4", 11th; sophomore Stewart Whitney, 36'7", 16th; junior Cole Renner, 33'7", 22nd, shot put; senior Dylan Sprigg, 117'11", 10th; senior Lane Bigge, 110'8", 12th; Cole Renner, personal best 105'5", 13th, discus; Dylan Sprigg, 123'7", 13th; junior Travis Cressler, 120'9", 15th; Stewart Whitney, 102'3", 18th, javelin; Tanner Furbush, 17'9.5", 13th; Kobie Unterseher, 17'9", 14th, long jump; Kobie Unterseher, personal best 11', 7th; Marc Miller, 10', 13th, pole vault; Tanner Furbush, 26.00, 16th, 200 meter dash; Kobie

Unterseher, personal best 59.11, 15th, 400 meter dash; Alec Hager, 5:29.96, 11th; Dylan Sprigg, 6:08.78, 17th, 1600 meter run; sophomore Dalton Vanover, 11:57.59, 9th, 3200 meter run.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity competed in the Hill City Track Meet on Monday.

On Thursday, the Norton varsity will travel to Hill City for the Mid-Continent League Track Meet, which will begin at 3 p.m. with field events. Preliminary running events will begin at 4 p.m. with running finals to begin approximately 30 minutes after the preliminaries.

Competing for the league championship, in addition to Norton and Hill City, will be teams from Ellis, Osborne, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center, Stockton and Trego Community.



Norton senior Alec Melvin releases the discus during her runner-up finish in the event in the Russell Relays on Friday. She also won the shot put and placed third in the javelin to score a total of 24 points for the Lady Jays.

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Norton golfers take seventh at Thomas More invite

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton Community High School golf team placed seventh out of 15 teams competing in the very tough Thomas More Prep Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, April 29 at the Smoky Hill Country Club in Hays.

Ellis won the championship by carding a 330, followed by Goodland, 333; Larned, 342;

Oberlin, 346; TMP, 348; Trego Community, 356; Norton, 370; Phillipsburg, 378; Colby, 409; Larned B, 383; Hays High JV A, 414; Hays High JV B, 443; Hoisington, 451; TMP B, 497; TMP C 509.

"We showed signs of improvement today but old habits continue to haunt us," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "This tournament, and the course itself, is traditionally

one of the most difficult we play during the season and today was no exception. We are making too many mistakes, both mentally and physically, that are creating big scores on holes and we have to start limiting the damage these mistakes are creating.

"Hopefully, we can take advantage of a very busy stretch of upcoming tournaments to begin to see overall improvement and lower scores, starting at the

Colby Invitational."

Norton seniors Christopher Fisher and Andrew Ellis were low scorers for Norton but missed medaling by six strokes. Fisher carded a 45/45-90 and Ellis shot a 42/48-90. Senior Jordan Hartwell scored 54/41-95, followed by senior John Risewick, 48/49-97.

Also playing for the Blue Jays and their scores were: junior Garret Otter, 51/51-102; senior

Eli Bozarth, 53/50-103.

Medalists were: Michael Reese, Larned, 76; Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 77; Skylar Tebo, Ellis, 77; Kelly Brown, Oberlin, 80; Kade Brown, Oberlin, 81; Cameron Staples, Trego, 81; Ryan Downing, Ellis, 82; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 82; Tague Conrad, Larned, 84; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 84.

Next action

The Norton varsity was sched-

uled to compete in the Colby Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday, but it was postponed until Friday.

The Norton varsity competed in the Hill City Invitational on Friday, as well.

The Blue Jay Varsity also competed in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Monday.

Blue Jay golf team makes up tournament in Colby and place sixth

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Due to inclement weather re-scheduling, Norton sent a partial team to compete in the Colby Invitational Tournament on Friday and placed sixth.

The Colby tournament was postponed from Thursday due to weather conditions but that put it on the same date as the Hill City Invitational, where other Norton players competed.

Only four Norton golfers played at Colby and their total

score was 439. Their individual scores were: senior Ryan Bainter, 54/52-106, followed by senior Dustan Daniels, 53-/54-107; freshman Quinton Porter, 54/57-111; sophomore Mickey Hahn, 52/63-115.

Goodland won the championship with a 324, followed by Oberlin, 343; Atwood, 355; Scott City, 370; Colby, 382; Norton, 439.

"We were able to use this tournament as an opportunity to gain valuable varsity tourna-

ment experience for Quinton and Mickey," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Going into the day, our goal was to compete on each and every shot and, although we did not score particularly well, we were able to accomplish this."

Individual medalists were: Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 73; Kelly Brown, Oberlin, 79; Tanner Jones, Goodland, 79; Kade Brown, Oberlin, 80; Jake Williams, Atwood, 82; James Peterson, Atwood, 83; Gannon

Ihrig, Goodland, 84; Marshal Hutchins, Scott City, 85; Justin Unruh, Scott City, 86; Taitem Jones, Goodland, 88; David Browne, Colby, 88; Logan Berry, Oberlin, 91; Thatcher Jones, Goodland, 92; Zach May, Oberlin, 93; Heath Dunker, Atwood, 94.

Results from the Hill City Invitational were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

Next action

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Huskies take fourth at Quinter

By Mike Stephens

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The Northern Valley Junior High track team competed in the Quinter meet on Friday, April 26. The boys and girls squad both finished in fourth place out of 16 schools in the competition.

"The highlight of the day was the mile relay as the Huskies won both the girls race and the boys race. Sixth grader Paige Baird won a gold medal in the 100m hurdles in a time of 16.73. The Northern Valley school record is 16.72," said coach Jim Cole.

Boys - 4th place

100m - Jarell Seals (12.7),

2nd
400m - Carson Wallace (1:02.7), 4th
800m - Nick Stutsman (2:41.0), 3rd

Long Jump - Jarell Seals (15'2"), 4th
Pole Vault - Drake Shearer (8'6"), 2nd

Pole Vault - Caden Kinderknecht (6'6"), 3rd
Pole Vault - Briely Yocum (6'6"), 4th

400m Relay - Towery, Wellman, Kinderknecht, Shearer (59.8), 6th
800m Relay - Towery, Yocum, Seals, Wallace (1:55.2), 3rd

1600m Relay - Stutsman, Towery, Seals, Wallace (4:28.1),

1st
Girls - 4th place
100m Hurdles - Paige Baird (16.7), 1st
400m - Paige Baird (1:09.7),

4th
800m - Chaylee Lowry (2:45.1), 4th
1600m - Makensy Schroeder (6:11.9), 2nd

Long Jump - HalLee Linner (12'9"), 5th
400m Relay - Johns, Linner, Lowry, Wright (58.9), 3rd

800m Relay - Johns, Linner, Schroeder, Wright (2:11.4), 4th
1600m Relay - Johns, Linner, Lowry, Baird (4:44.5), 1st

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