## Blue Jays compete at State

By DICK BOYD

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com Ten Norton Community High School girls and boys competed in the 103rd Kansas State Track & Field Championships on Friday and Saturday in Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The seven Lady Jays in the competition placed 14th out of 57 teams in Class 3A and the three Norton boys competing finished 30th out of 56 teams.

The top four finishers in all events in the four regional meets the week before qualified to compete in the Kansas State Meet, the largest high school track and field meet in the United States! Close to 3,500 athletes competed in the meet.

Garden Plain was the 3A girls team champion with 41.5 points, followed by Cheney, 41; Scott City, 39; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 38; Kingman, 34; Sedgwick, 32, Hiawatha, 29; Marysville, 29; Beloit, 27.5 and Minneapolis, 27, in the top ten. The Phillipsburg girls were 33rd with 6 points.

Class 3A boys champion was Sacred Heart of Salina with 82 points. Runner-up was Phillipsburg with 50, followed by Beloit, 48; Holcomb, 40; Cheney, 37; Hutchinson Trinity, 35; Caney Valley, 35; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 34; Humboldt, 34; Scott City, 26, to round out the

In Class 1A, the Northern Valley girls placed 44th with 4 points and the Logan girls finished 50th with 3 points.

was Norwich, followed by Valley Heights, 39; Baileyville, 37; Hoxie, 33; Madison, 30; Pike 11th with 23, Ness City 33rd Valley, 30; South Barber, 28; Hanover, 25; Atwood, 24; Linn, 23.5, in the top ten. Osborne was 16th with 16 points; Trego was 29th with 8.5 and St. Francis 17th with 8.

La Crosse repeated as the Class 1A boys champion with 87 points. Centralia was runner-up with 46.75, followed by Valley Heights, 42; Linn, 32.5; Weskan, 30; Macksville, 29; Stafford, 26; Clifton-Clyde, 24; the top ten. Osborne placed 15th with 15 points, Wheatland was 18th with 14, Sharon Springs tied for 27th with 8, Hoxie tied for 27th with 8, Thunder Ridge tied for 31st with 6. Atwood scored 2 points and Victoria 1.

Oberlin finished eighth in Class 2A girls competition with 30 points. Marantha won the championship with 78 points, is, alone, a testament to their followed by Ell-Saline, 45; Kowa County, 39.5; Moun- they all deserve recognition. It dridge, 38; Bennington, 37; Northern Heights, 36; Washington County, 31. Ness City was 11th with 28, Ellis 17th with 20, Plainville 18th with 16.5, Hill City tied for 23rd with Jefferson North, Oakley tied for 32nd with 4 and Smith Center tied for 32nd with 4.

boys championship with 64 200 meter dash and forced us points, followed by Meade, to scratch him in his other two 60; Solomon, 51; Ellinwood, events the 100 meter dash and

Winning the Class 1A girls 45; Lyndon, 32; Sterling, 31; championship with 53 points Elkhart, 30; Inman, 24; Marantha, 24; Stanton County, 24, in the top ten. Smith Center placed with 6 and Oakley 43rd with 1.

The Colby girls tied for 24th in Class 4A with 11 points. The Goodland boys tied for 32nd with 5 points and the Colby boys tied for 36th with 4 points.

#### **Coach's comments**

"Overall, we had a good weekend," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "We are proud of the girl and boy athletes that represented Norton at the state track meet this year. St. Francis, 23 and Lebo, 20, in As always, they deserve all that they earned and their efforts and performances command respect. They did a great job and this trip was a nice conclusion to a great

> "All of our athletes competed hard and well and their performances reflected that. As I have said many times before, earning the right to compete in this meet athletic success and, for that, is an honor for them to earn this opportunity.

We did experience some disappointment when senior Jacob Brooks pulled his hamstring in his 200 meter dash preliminary race on Friday. He had run his 400 meter prelims and did not qualify for the finals but this Plainville won the Class 2A injury eliminated him from the high jump. He handled it very well bit it is a very tough deal to have that happen at a meet of this magnitude as a four-event competitor and as a senior. No one wants to go out that way. We are proud of Jacob and his accomplishments and are hoping for a very speedy recovery for him.

"Kenzie Esslinger and Marc Miller both finished their events in ninth, one spot out of the medals and that always stings but they both handled that well,

"On the other side of the coin. we set new personal records and had some great medal-winning performances. Alec Melvin concluded her high school cain her events and Kamilla Jones similarly closed her career with a medal as well when she and Bailey Ambrosier, Çasey Ambrosier and Katelyn Engelbert ran a great race in the 4 x 800

meter relay to medal!

'We are happy for Alec and Kamilla to go out on high notes like that.

"We will miss seniors Alec and Kamilla and Jacob, both in terms of points and leadership. They have led our teams wonderfully for a long time.

"In all this weekend, we brought home five state medals, highlighted by Bailey Ambrosier's second consecutive gold medal in the pole vault. Bailey also broke the Norton Community High School record in the pole vault, which she shared with Megan Hillebrand at 10'6" by clearing 10'8".

"We will push to improve on our finishes next year. We are very proud of each athletes doing what they did as champions with class and character. These student-athletes finished off a great season for us with an impressive showing at the state track and field meet!"

Assisting coach Jones this season were coaches Dale En- Engelbert scored points with a gelbert, Lucas Melvin, Doug seventh place finish with a time Reusink and Jeremy Hawks.

#### **GIRLS**

As noted in coach Jones' comments, junior Bailey Ambrosier brought home her second consecutive state gold medal in the pole vault and broke the Lady Jay school record in the process with a 10'8" clearance!

Senior Alec Melvin continued to demonstrate her ability in the throws by placing runner-up in the discus with throw of 121'1" and sixth in the shot put with a able to duplicate his pole vault heave of 35' even.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Bailey Ambrosier, Kamilla Jones, freshman Casey

Ambrosier and junior Katelyn of 10:19.4.

Lady Jay junior Bailey Ambrosier makes it look easy as she

glides over the bar to win the pole vault for the second

consecutive year in the State Track Meet on Saturday and

also break the Norton Community High School record she

shared with Megan Hillebrand. The new record height is

Junior Darcy Bainter ran another steady 3200 meter race, placing 14th in 13:13.32.

now 10'8"!

Sophomore Kenzie Esslinger also pole vaulted, placing ninth with a clearance of 8'6".

Freshman Molly Maddy, a distance ace, also made the trip to the state meet as an alternate but did not compete.

#### **BOYS**

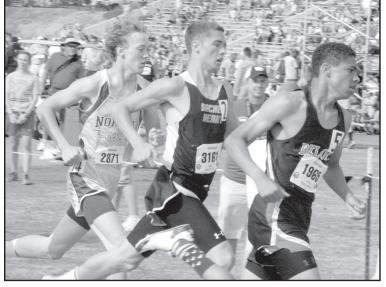
Junior Austin Hager was unschool record height of 14'6" from the Class 3A regional meet in Holcomb but placed third with a clearance of 13'. The winning

height was 14' by Tyler Proffitt of Hillsboro and Robert Aparicio of Lakin also cleared 13'.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

As noted in comments by coach Jones, Blue Jay senior Jacob Brooks, who qualified for four events in the regional meet, was unable to complete more than one. He had the 13th best time in the 400 meter dash preliminaries at 52.90 but that was not good enough for the finals. He then was injured in the 200 meter dash and did not finish it. He was unable to compete in the 100 meter dash or the high

Junior Marc Miller set a personal record of 2:04.84 in the 800 meter run and just missed a medal with a ninth place finish.



the very fast 800 meter run in the State Track Meet on Saturday. He placed ninth, just one place from a medal, with a personal record time of 2:04.84. He was just two seconds out of fourth place.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Norton junior Marc Miller, at left, is shown competing in reer by bringing home medals

BOWLING

Tuesday Night Mens League 464, Standings as of April 23

2. RM & DC - 58 wins, 40 losses

65 wins, 33 losses

3. WF & BR - 45 wins, 53

4. BL & JE - 32 wins, 66

losses 5. AB & BB - 32 wins, 66 losses

High Line: Bev Miller-171, Bill LaSalle-160, Craig Rogers-149, RM & DC-335.

High Line Handicap: Craig Rogers-210, Jane Engelhardt-207, Bev Miller-205, BL & JE-

High Series: Bev Miller-474, Bill LaSalle-460, Craig Rogers-420, RM & DC-966.

High Series Handicap: Craig Rogers-603, Bill LaSalle-580, Barb Burk-577, BL & JE-1152.

#### **Tuesday Housewife League** Standings as of April 23

1. Amateurs - 38 wins, 26 losses

2. Moffet's - 31 wins, 33 losses 3. BEB & Assoc. - 31 wins, 33

losses 4. Lenora Nutrition Center -28 wins, 36 losses

High Line: Sharron Smith-183, Cheri Brooks-169, Deb Keiswetter-164, Lenora Nutrition Center-445.

High Line Handicap: Deb Keiswetter-243, Sharron Smith-232, Donna VanKooten-225, Lenora Nutrition Center-617.

High Series: Cheri Brooks-

Sharron Donna VanKooten-420, Lenora 1. Norton Chiropractic Center Nutrition Center-1266.

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Smith-437, Deb Keiswetter-652, Donna VanKooten-642, Pam Menagh-591, Lenora Nutrition Center-

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