

Boys win big at Norton Invitational meet

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Coach Jason Jones' Norton Community High School 2014 track and field team opened varsity competition on Friday with excellent team scores in their Norton Invitational Track Meet on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field.

The Blue Jay boys outdistanced Oberlin to win the championship and the Lady Jays just missed a championship, finishing just two points behind Colby.

The Norton boys scored 154 points, followed by Oberlin, 137; Northern Valley, 131; Colby, 62; Smith Center, 27; Logan, 14.

The Colby girls totaled 142 points, followed by Norton, 140; Oberlin, 113; Logan, 74; Northern Valley, 58; Smith Center, 22.

Coach's comments

"Our athletes did an excellent job in this season opening meet," said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "The weather was great and they enjoyed and took advantage of that!"

"Through the day, we had a lot of positive surprises and had a lot of very solid performances for this early in the season. That is exciting!"

"Our girls took second by only two points and our boys won in a commanding fashion."

"We are proud of our athletes and look forward to our next meet."

GIRLS

Senior Bailey Ambrosier started where she left off last season in the pole vault, winning it with a clearance of 10'6". Bailey also placed runner-up in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 1:04.55.

She was also a member of the 4 x 800 meter relay team with senior Katelyn Engelbert, junior Sierra Griffith and sophomore Casey Ambrosier. They placed runner-up with a time of 10:57.35.

The same foursome finished third in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a clocking of 4:29.09.

Griffith won the 300 meter hurdles in her first time competing in the event. She was timed in 50 seconds flat.

The Lady Jays' other gold medal winner was freshman Baylee Miller who won the high jump by clearing 5'.

Earning points in the distance races was senior Darcy Bainter,

who twice placed runner-up to Colby's Andrea Browne, whose family had the Browne's Store in Norton for many years.

Darcy was timed in a personal best 6:01.61 in the 1600 meter run and in 13:12.12 in the 3200 meter run.

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Miller, Engelbert, junior Kenzie Esslinger and freshman Caitlyn Cox placed third in 53.98.

Esslinger also placed runner-up behind Ambrosier in the pole vault with a clearance of 9' and freshman Miah Melvin finished fourth with a height of 8'.

The Lady Jays scored 18 points in the triple jump. Casey Ambrosier placed runner-up with a distance of 31'7.5". Sophomore Peyton Renner finished third with a 30'6" leap and Miller was fourth with a distance of 28'6.75".

Engelbert placed third in the 800 meter run in 2:43.42.

Lady Jay junior Burgundy Sorter finished fourth in the 100 meter dash in 14.75 and fourth in the 100 meter hurdles in 20.86.

Cox was fifth in the 200 meter dash in 29.18 and sixth in the 400 meter dash in 1:10.52.

Sophomore Lexi Voss scored points in two field events. She placed third in the discus with a throw of 91'8" and third in the javelin with a personal best distance of 96'10".

Renner leaped 14'1.75" to place fourth in the long jump.

Griffith finished fifth in the 1600 meter run in 6:18.59 and sophomore Raenee Patterson placed sixth in the 3200 meter run in 14:30.89.

Performances by other Norton girls which did not score were: sophomore Hanna Brooks, seventh, long jump, 13'3.25"; seventh, 100 meter dash, 15.28; Sorter, seventh, 200 meter dash, 30.32; Melvin, seventh, 400 meter dash, 1:14.93; freshman Starla Tishhauser, ninth, 800 meter run, 3:36.67; Voss, seventh, shot put, 29'1"; senior Cristine Nelson, eighth, shot put, 28'3"; freshman Kira Robertson, ninth, shot put, personal best 26'11"; freshman Josie Otter, tenth, shot put, personal best 26'7"; sophomore Dakota Rose, 16th, shot put, 20'2"; senior Abbie Smith, 17th, shot put, personal best 13'1"; Dakota Rose, eighth, discus, 75'6.5"; Nelson, 11th, discus, 63'2"; Robertson, 16th, discus,



Lady Jay junior Sierra Griffith makes it look easy as she glides over the final hurdle to win the gold medal in the 300 meter hurdles during the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday on the Jep Byrum Track. It was Sierra's very first time to run the hurdles in a meet!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton freshman Nate Hartwell finishes the 3200 meter run far ahead of the field to earn the first gold medal of his prep career during the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday.

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personal best 53.5"; Otter, 17th, discus, personal best 49"; Cox, ninth, javelin, 73'6"; Rose, tenth, javelin, 59'10"; Otter, 13th, javelin, 41'3"; Robertson, 14th, javelin, 36'10"; Smith, 15th, javelin, 22'7"; freshman Macayla Kent, tenth, 1600 meter run, 7:52.00.

BOYS

Senior Austin Hager continued his winning ways from last season in the pole vault where he cleared 12'6" to

earn the gold medal.

Senior Travis Cressler placed first in the javelin throw with a personal best distance of 142'4".

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Hager, junior Kobie Unterseher, sophomore Jordan Dole and sophomore Tevin Brown placed first with a time of 45.46.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of senior Trevor Lewis, Unterseher, junior Christian

Boser and junior Conor Cox also finished first in 3:49.43.

Freshman Nate Hartwell began his high school career by running away from the field in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:48.18.

Brown was the Blue Jays' other gold medal winner. He hit the finish first in the 100 meter dash in 11.61.

Finishing runner-up were senior Tanner Furbush, 39'6", triple jump; Lewis, personal best 20'3", long jump; junior Deon Lyle, 5'8", high jump; Jacob Green, 113'6", discus and a second 4x 100 meter relay team of junior Derick Campbell, sophomore Gavin Lively, Lewis and Furbush in 46.77.

Sophomore Ryan Thraillkill scored points in two races. He placed third in the 1600 meter run in 5:41.83 and fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:44.03.

Freshman Koby McEwen tallied points in three events. He placed runner-up in the high jump with a clearance of 5'8", was fifth in the triple jump with a personal best distance of 35'7" and fifth in the 300 meter hurdles with a personal best 48.81.

Cox was third in the discus with a personal best throw of 109'6".

Lyle also placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 36'4.5".

Other fourth places for Norton were: Unterseher, 10'6", pole vault; Furbush, personal best 18'9.75", long jump; 24.73, 200 meter dash; Green, 38'7.75", shot put; Cox, 57.46, 400 meter dash; junior Jordan Karnopp, 20.72, 110 meter hurdles.

Karnopp also finished sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 49.23.

Also scoring points for Norton were: Lively, fifth, 100 meter dash, 12.23; Brown, fifth, 200 meter dash, 24.84; Dole, sixth, 200 meter dash, 25.04; Dole, fifth, long jump, 18'6.5"; junior Breven Sondergaard, sixth, shot put, personal best 37'2.5"; Boser, sixth, 400 meter dash, 59.64.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Derick Campbell, 12.60, 11th; junior Gin Lee, personal best 13.67, 16th; freshman Harrison Woodyard, personal best 14.63, 100 meter dash; Boser, personal best 25.09, seventh; Lively, 25.16, ninth; freshman Cruz Leon, personal best 27.06, 16th; freshman Trenton Wright,

personal best 28.83, 19th; Lee, personal best 29.75, 20th; Woodyard, personal best 30.28, 21st, 200 meter dash; Leon, personal best 1:00.84, ninth; Wright, personal best 1:06.07, tenth, 400 meter dash; junior David Smith, 3:21.84, eighth, 800 meter run; sophomore Cameron Heikes, personal best 35'8", ninth; junior Mickey Hahn, 35'3.75", 11th; freshman Maverick Engel, personal best 24'9.25", 22nd; sophomore Trei Burns, personal best 20'7", 24th, shot put; Heikes, 99'1", seventh; Sondergaard, personal best 96'2", eighth; Hahn, 81'4", 14th; Burns, personal best 42'3", 22nd, discus; Sondergaard, 121'6", seventh; Heikes, 118'10", eighth; Green, 112'7", 11th; Hahn, 109'2", 13th; Engel, personal best 66'1", 19th, javelin; Lyle, 17'8", ninth, long jump; Boser, 35'2", sixth; Wright, personal best 33'11", seventh, triple jump; Campbell, 12.60, 11th; Lee, personal best 13.67, 16th; Woodyard, personal best 14.63, 17th, 100 meter dash; Boser, personal best 25.09, seventh; Lively, 25.16, ninth; Leon, personal best 27.06, 16th; Wright, personal best 28.83, 19th; Lee, personal best 29.75, 20th; Woodyard, personal best 30.28, 21st, 200 meter dash; Leon, personal best 1:00.84, ninth; Wright, personal best 1:06.07, tenth, 400 meter dash; Smith, 3:21.84, eighth, 800 meter run.

Senior athletes honored

During an intermission, the Norton senior track and field and golf members and their parents were honored.

The senior track and field members are Bailey Ambrosier, Darcy Bainter, Katelyn Engelbert, Cristine Nelson, Abbie Smith, Travis Cressler, Tanner Furbush, Austin Hager, Kai Kawahara, Trevor Lewis and Marc Miller.

The senior golf members are Garret Otter and Ty Burns.

Next action

Norton will compete today in the annual Redmen Relays in Smith Center, beginning at 3 p.m.

Next Monday, April 21, the Blue Jays will compete in the Trego JV Meet in WaKeeney, beginning at 4 p.m.

Large daily papers honor area basketball players

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Jordan Baird, Matt Stutsmann and Brooke Hammond of Northern Valley and Kadee Braun of Logan are among the high school basketball players honored by the large daily newspapers following completion of the 2013-14 season.

Baird, a senior, received honorable mention from the Hays Daily News and honorable mention from the Wichita Eagle-Beacon. Stutsmann, a junior, received honorable mention from the Eagle-Beacon.

Senior Hammond was named honorable mention by the Capital-Journal.

Braun, a junior, was named honorable mention by both the Capital-Journal and the Hays Daily.

Other area players honored were:

HAYS DAILY NEWS-Boys

First Team: Hadley Gillum, Plainville sr.; Kyle Patrick, Otis-Bison jr.; Kade Spresser, Hoxie sr.; Brady Werth, Hays High sr.; Jordan Windholz, Hays High sr.
 Second Team: Lane Clark, Hays High sr.; Cayden Daily, Sharon Springs sr.; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie sr.; James Peterson, Atwood sr.; Jackson Stull-Meiers, Natoma sr.
 Third Team: Brendan Brenner, Ellis soph.; Connor Katt, Hoxie jr.; Nate Klinge, Sharon Springs jr.; Kyler Niernberger, Hays High sr.; Kameron Schmidt, Thomas More Prep jr.

Honorable Mention: Jordan Gottschalk, TMP sr.; Darius Herl, Oakley sr.; Brett Crist,

Quinter jr.; Jaden Williams, Stockton jr.; Kade Parker, Hays High sr.; Luke Schemm, Sharon Springs jr.; Cameron Brown, Colby sr.; Taylor Yohe, La Crosse sr.; Bryan Dome, Victoria jr.; Nick Lawson, Sylvan-Lucas sr.; Brandt Wolters, Osborne jr.; Grant Wickham, Phillipsburg sr.; Mason Buckmaster, Smith Center jr.; Hayden Walker, Weskan sr.

HAYS DAILY NEWS-Girls

First Team: Laura Dennis, Oakley sr.; Kristin Huser, Victoria sr.; Carly Heim, Hoxie jr.; Kristina Farber, Hoxie sr.; Jessica Princ, Osborne sr.

Second Team: Gabi Spresser, Hoxie sr.; Mattison Dusin, Phillipsburg sr.; Shayna Rogge, Triplains-Brewster jr.; Jordan Christensen, Golden Plains sr.; Caitlyn Miller, Osborne sr.

Third Team: Audra Nowak, Victoria sr.; Hailee Spresser, Golden Plains sr.; Brittany Plummer, Triplains-Brewster jr.; Alexica Deutscher, Ellis soph.; Rachel Kuhlmann, Sharon Springs sr.

Honorable mention: Lexi Schamberger, Hoxie jr.; Taylor Noel, Osborne sr.; Marlee Rath, Oakley jr.; Taylor Regan, Otis-Bison fr.; Kaleigh Soneson, Ellis sr.; Drew Mann, Smith Center jr.; Lexie McDowell, Hill City soph.; Kirsten Burger, Thunder Ridge soph.; Audra Schmeidler, Hays High soph.; Megan Koensman, TMP fresh.; Regan Casey, Natoma soph.; Haleigh Shull, Colby sr.; Allie Frisbie, Cheylin jr.; Natasha Allmer, Hoxie sr.

WICHITA EAGLE

BEACON Boys

Class 4A-I - Trey O'Neill, Scott City jr., first team; Cameron Brown, Colby sr.; Gage Ihrig, Goodland sr.; Brett Meyer, Scott City jr, honorable mention.

Class 3A - Payton Vetter, Beloit sr., first team; Colson Reames, Beloit soph.; Ben Stutterheim, SE-Saline sr.; Bailey Vetter, Beloit soph., honorable mention.

Class 2A - Hadley Gillum, Plainville sr., first team; Brendan Brenner, Ellis soph.; Mason Buckmaster, Smith Center jr.; Darius Herl, Oakley sr.; Shane Jones, Hill City sr.; James Petersen, Atwood sr.; Taylor Zabel, Smith Center sr., honorable mention.

Class 1A-I
 Kade Spresser, Hoxie sr.; Brandt Wolters, Osborne jr., first team; Brett Crist, Quinter jr.; Chase Kennedy, Hoxie sr.; Mason Schiltz, St. Francis sr.; Jaden Williams, Stockton jr., honorable mention.

Class 1A-II
 Trey Dubbert, Beloit St. John's sr.; Luke Eilert, Beloit St. John's sr., first team; Cayden Daily, Sharon Springs sr., second team; Jordan Baird, Northern Valley sr.; Connor Eilert, Beloit St. John's sr.; Nate Klinge, Sharon Springs jr.; Robert Martin, Weskan sr.; Matt Stutsmann, Northern Valley jr.; Hayden Walker, Weskan sr., honorable mention.

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Class 2A
 Laura Dennis, Oakley sr.; Alexica Deutscher, Ellis soph.; Drew Mann, Smith Center jr., honorable mention.

Class 1A-I
 Kristina Farber, Hoxie sr.; Carly Heim, Hoxie jr.; first team; Kirsten Burger, Thunder Ridge soph.; Kristin Huser, Victoria sr.; Jessica Princ, Osborne sr.; Gabriel Spresser, Hoxie sr., second team; Caitlyn Miller, Osborne sr.; Audra Nowak, Victoria sr.; Lexi Schamberger, Hoxie jr., honorable mention.

Class 1A-II

Rachael Kuhlmann, Sharon Springs jr., first team; Brenna Eilert, Beloit-St.John's fr.; Shayla Hubbard, Cheylin sr.; Kellan Niewald, Beloit-St. John's sr.; Brittany Plummer, Triplains-Brewster sr.; Paige Ramey, Wheatland-Grinnell sr.; Shayna Rogge, Triplains-Brewster jr.

TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL Boys

Class 4A
 Trey O'Neill, Scott City jr, first team; Cameron Brown, Colby sr.; Gage Ihrig, Goodland sr.; Brett Meyer, Scott City jr., honorable mention.

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