

Area track teams compete at Norton invite

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Northern Valley and Logan High School athletes turned in some good performances during the Norton Invitational Track Meet last Friday in Norton.

The Logan girls placed fourth with 74 points and the Northern Valley girls were fifth with 58 points.

In the boys division, Northern Valley finished third with 131 points and Logan was sixth with 14.

NORTHERN VALLEY Girls

Kortney Cunningham scored 34 points for the Lady Huskies. She won the triple jump with a distance of 30'1.25", was second in the long jump with a leap of 15'5.75", finished second in the high jump with a clearance of 5' and placed second in the javelin with a throw of 111'9".

Brooke Baird finished third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.27, third in the 300 meter hurdles in 52.71 and was also third in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'.

Shayna Vincent placed third in the shot put with a heave of 32'4.5".

Performances of Northern Valley girls that did not place were: Shayna Vincent, 7th, discus, 78'6"; Shayna Vincent, 7th, javelin, 79'4".

Boys

Jordan Baird won the 200 meter dash in 23.65 and was followed to the finish line by teammate Phillip Bryant, who was timed in 24.56. Baird also placed second in the 100 meter dash in 11.82 and Bryant was sixth in 12.33.

Ian Vincent finished second in the shot put with a heave of

40'2", third in the javelin with a throw of 134'5" and also placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 199'1".

Baird also finished third in the long jump with a leap of 19'10.5" and Bryant placed sixth with a distance of 18'5.5".

Hunter Chandler won the high jump with a clearance of 6'1". He was also a member of the Husky 4 x 100 meter relay team along with Phillip Bryant, Philip Rupp and Jordan Baird. They placed third in 46.90.

Rupp also placed third in the 400 meter dash in 56.53.

Brant Cox won the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 5:21.87 and placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:23.72.

Clint Cole finished second in the pole vault with a clearance of 12', third in the 110 meter hurdles in 18.57, third in the 300 meter hurdles in 47.92 and fourth in the high jump with a clearance of 5'6".

Matt Stutsman placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 38'1.5" and Macy Kasson finished third in the 3200 meter run in 12:39.10.

Ame Baird placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 132'3".

Northern Valley boys performances which did not score were: Matt Stutsman, 7th, high jump, 5'2"; Hunter Chandler, 10th, long jump, 16'6"; Ame Baird, 7th, shot put, 36'4.5"; Ame Baird, 13th, discus, 82'; Philip Rupp, 13th, 100 meter dash, 12.70; Matt Stutsman, 14th, 100 meter dash, 12.80; Philip Rupp, 10th, 200 meter dash, 25.57.

LOGAN Girls

Michaela Girard was a double

gold medal winner for the Logan girls. She hit the finish line first in the 100 meter dash and the 200 meter dash. Michaela was timed in 13.20 in the 100 meters and in 27.50 in the 200 meters.

Kayla Hofaker won the long jump with a leap of 15'11.75", placed third in the 200 meter dash in 28.23 and fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:07.75.

Christen Greving did very well in the throws. She won the gold medal in the shot put with a heave of 35'2", placed fifth in the javelin with a throw of 83'1" and sixth in the discus with a distance of 79'6.5".

Logan's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Michaela Girard, Kayla Hofaker, Crystal Bliss and Greving finished in second with a time of 53.58.

The Lady Trojans' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Karlee Braun, Crystal Bliss, Faith Hofaker and Tristen McClurg placed fourth in 5:02.49 and their 4 x 800 meter relay team of McClurg, Braun, Faith Hofaker and Makayla Hilburn also finished fourth with a clocking of 12:29.18.

Hilburn placed fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 4'8".

Bliss finished fifth in the 100 meter dash in 15.09 and Faith Hofaker was sixth in the 800 meter run in 2:56.00.

Logan girls performances which did not place were: Karlee Braun, 12th, 200 meter dash, 32.04; Tristen McClurg, tied for seventh, pole vault, 6'6"; Leamarie Edwards, 14th, shot put, 21'1"; Edwards, 12th, discus, 62'4.5"; Ireland Bonner, 14th, 100 meter dash, 16.75.

Boys



Logan's Michaela Girard crosses the finish line to win the 200 meter dash in the Norton Invitational Track Meet. Kayla Hofaker, her teammate, is shown placing third. Michaela also won the 100 meter dash.

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Austin Tien earned the most points for the Logan boys. He placed third in the pole vault with a clearance of 11' and was fourth in the 1600 meter run in 5:45.73.

Regan Kats placed fourth in the discus with a throw of 104'8".

Logan boys performances which did not score were: Tim Ko, 15th, long jump, 14'9"; Tim Ko, 11th, triple jump, 30'; Joseph Salinas, 9th, shot put, 35'8.5"; Regan Kats, tied for ninth, shot put, 35'8"; Josh Van Laeys, 14th, shot put, 33'5"; Josh Van Laeys, 12th, discus, 85'6.5"; Joseph Salinas, 15th, discus, 80'9.5"; Josh Van Laeys, 15th, javelin, 95'6".



Northern Valley's Jordan Baird pushes toward the finish line to win the 200 meter dash in the Norton Invitational Track Meet. Pushing hard, too, is teammate Phillip Bryant, who placed second. Also pictured is Norton's Tanner Furbush, who finished fourth.

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Blue Jays compete in Redmen Relays

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed third and the NCHS boys thinclads finished in fifth place in the annual Redmen Relays on Tuesday in Smith Center.

Marysville won the girls championship with 113 points, followed by Beloit, 109; Norton, 88; Smith Center, 78; Phillipsburg, 77; Thayer Central, 65; Pike Valley, 56; Belleville, 28; Thunder Ridge, 11.

Beloit dominated the boys division by scoring 164 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 125; Thayer Central, 117; Smith Center, 105; Norton, 38; Belleville, 34; Pike Valley, 24; Marysville, 14; Thunder Ridge, 13.

"Overall, we had a good meet and, in some places, our performances were outstanding," said Norton head coach Jason Jones.

"The wind and circumstances hurt us in a few areas and we would always like to be able to get all of the points that we think we should but it is early and those will come. Despite the conditions, our athletes competed very hard and well and they did set a lot of personal records. That is a very good sign for the things likely to come.

"We feel good about our competition levels at this point in the season. We will continue to work and probably move some athletes in and out of events in the next few meets to help us discover how we can be the most competitive team possible for the late season.

"Our athletes are doing a great job!"

GIRLS

Senior Bailey Ambrosier and senior Katelyn Engelbert were Norton's only individual gold medal winners. Bailey won the pole vault with a clearance of 10' and Katelyn won the 800 meter run in 2:37.95.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Bailey Ambrosier, Engelbert, junior Sierra Griffith and sophomore Casey Ambrosier also won gold medals with a time of 10:48.97.

Senior Darcy Bailey won a pair of second places in distance races. She was timed in a personal record time of 5:59.98 in the 1600 meter run and in

12:53.10 in the 3200 meter run.

The same foursome that won the 4 x 800 meter relay competed in the 4 x 400 meter relay and placed third in 4:31.45. Bailey Ambrosier also competed in the 400 meter dash where she finished third with a time of 1:05.04.

Junior Kenzie Esslinger placed third in the pole vault by clearing 9'.

Griffith finished third in the 1600 meter run in 6:06.04.

Freshman Baylee Miller placed fourth in the high jump with a clearance of 4'8".

Placing fifth were: senior Cristine Nelson, 32'3", shot put; Casey Ambrosier, 29'8", triple jump; Griffith, 55.10, 300 meter hurdles; Casey Ambrosier, personal best 2:44.94, 800 meter run; sophomore Raenee Paterson, personal best 14:19.64, 3200 meter run; Miller, Engelbert, junior Burgundy Sorter, freshman Caitlyn Cox, 54.09, 4 x 100 meter relay.

Sixth place finishes went to: sophomore Lexi Voss, 86'7", discus and 96'9", javelin; and sophomore Peyton Renner, 13'8", long jump.

Performances by Norton girls which did not place were: Lexi Voss, 29'1", 11th, shot put; Cristine Nelson, 86'1", eighth; sophomore Dakota Rose, 69'2.5", 18th, discus; Caitlyn Cox, personal best 93'9", eighth; Dakota Rose, 58', 16th, javelin; sophomore Hanna Brooks, 12'8", 11th, long jump; Baylee Miller, 28'.25", 11th, triple jump; freshman Miah Melvin, 7', 7th, pole vault; Hanna Brooks, personal best 14.93, 12th; Burgundy Sorter, 15.46, 15th, 100 meter dash; Caitlyn Cox, 29.30, 7th.; Burgundy Sorter, 31.66, 16th, 200 meter dash; Caitlyn Cox, 1:14.11, tenth; Miah Melvin, 1:15.28, 11th, 400 meter dash.

BOYS

Senior Austin Hager was the Norton boys only gold medal winner. He cleared 13'6" to win the pole vault event.

Hager was also a member of Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed third in 46.65. Other members of the foursome were sophomore Jordan Dole, sophomore Gavin Lively and senior Tanner Furbush.

Dole also placed third in the 200 meter dash with a clocking of 25.14.

Senior Trever Lewis finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 19'2.25".

The Blue Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Dole, junior Kobie Unterseher, junior Christian Boser and junior Conor Cox placed fourth in 3:45.53.

Sophomore Tevin Brown finished fourth in the 100 meter dash in 12.08. Lively finished right behind Brown in 12.36 for fifth.

Junior Deon Lyle finished fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 5'8".

Norton's weight relay 4 x 100 meter relay team of senior Travis Cressler, junior Mickey Hahn, freshman Jacob Green and junior Breven Sondergaard placed fourth in 51.79.

Performances of Norton boys which did not place were: freshman Jacob Green, personal best 39'6", 7th; Mickey Hahn, personal best 36'10.5", 15th; Breven Sondergaard, 35'3", 19th, shot put; Conor Cox, personal best 122'3", 7th; Jacob Green, personal best 118', 8th; Mickey Hahn, personal best 91'3", 20th, discus; Travis Cressler, 111'1", 14th; Jacob Green, 109'10", 15th; Breven Sondergaard, 98'1", 16th, javelin; Jordan Dole, 18'5", 7th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 17'6.5", 12th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 37'3.25", 8th; Deon Lyle, 35'9", 12th; Christian Boser, 35'.5", 14th, triple jump; Koby McEwen, 5'4", 7th, high jump; Kobie Unterseher, 10'6", 7th, pole

vault; junior Jordan Karnopp, 20.34, 11th, 110 meter hurdles; Koby McEwen, 48.81, 10th; Jordan Karnopp, 50.32, 12th, 300 meter hurdles; junior Derick Campbell, 12.54, 9th; Tevin Brown, 12.97, 10th, 100 meter dash; Tanner Furbush, 26.06, 12th; Tevin Brown, 26.43, 13th, 200 meter dash; Conor Cox, personal best 56.47, 11th; Gavin Lively, 1:00.49, 15th; Derick Campbell, 1:01.64, 19th, 400 meter dash; sophomore Ryan Thraillkill, personal best 2:28.39, 13th, 800 meter run; 5:43.06, 15th, 1600 meter run.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity will compete in the Trego JV Meet on Monday, beginning at 4 p.m.

Next competition for the Norton varsity will be Tuesday in the Plainville Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

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