

# Blue Jays peak at Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys varsity track and field teams had some of their best performances of the season on Friday, May 2 in the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney.

The Lady Jays won their first championship of the season and the Norton boys placed fourth.

The Norton girls won the title with 87 points, followed by Colby, 84; Goodland, 80.5; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 66; Oberlin, 62.5; Ness City, 46; Plainville, 42; Leoti-Wichita County, 33; Trego Community, 25; Victoria, 22; Oakley, 9; La Crosse junior varsity, 1.

Goodland won the boys championship with 125 points, followed by Hays TMP, 101; Leoti-Wichita County, 69; Norton, 53; Plainville, 42.5; Colby, 42; Ness City, 36; Victoria, 30.5; Oakley, 18; La Crosse junior varsity, 16; Trego Community, 14; Oberlin, 11.

Coach's comments  
"It was a great day to have a meet and we had a great meet!" said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "Many of our athletes really improved on their previously posted times and distances. Additionally, they competed!"

"It was nice to get to mix it up against some teams that we do not see regularly and see where we stack up against them. Our athletes handled most of these challenges well and they did well against the entire field."

"We will keep working out some little kinks here and there and we will look next week to turn the corner in a couple of areas, prior to the league meet the following week."

**GIRLS**

The Norton girls won the championship despite having only one gold medal winner.

Senior Bailey Ambrosier remained unbeaten this season in the pole vault with a clearance of 10'.

Junior Kenzie Esslinger continued to perform well in the pole vault event with a clearance of 9'6" to finish second.

Freshman Miah Melvin finished fifth in the pole vault by clearing an 8' height to earn Norton 20 points in the event.

Lady Jay sophomore Lexi Voss threw the discus a personal best distance of 98' to finish second in that event.

Norton senior Darcy Bainter continued to run well in distance races. She finished second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 12:54.56. She was beaten by Colby sophomore Andrea Browne.

Freshman Baylee Miller placed third in the high jump with a clearance of 4'10".

Junior Sierra Griffith finished second in the 300 meter hurdles in 50.11 and fourth in the 1600 meter run in 6:01.50.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team of Griffith, sophomore Casey Ambrosier, senior Katelyn Engelbert and Bailey Ambrosier finished third with a clocking of 10:32.15.

The same foursome ran the 4 x 400 meter relay for the Lady Jays and also placed third in that event with a clocking of 4:17.02.

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Miller, Engelbert, junior Burgundy Sorter and freshman Caitlyn Cox placed fourth in 53.90.

Cox also placed fourth in the javelin with a personal best throw of 102'2" and sophomore Peyton Renner finished fourth in the long jump with a personal best leap of 14'9.5".

Bailey Ambrosier added four more points to Norton's total with a fourth place finish in the 400 meter dash in 1:04.74.

Fifth place finishes went to Casey Ambrosier in the triple jump with a distance of 32'1.75" and to Engelbert in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:37.18.

Cox also ran the 200 meter dash and placed sixth in a personal best clocking of 28.66.

Performances of Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Josie Otter, personal best 27'10.75", 12th, shot put; sophomore Dakota Rose, personal best 82'7", 13th; Josie Otter, personal best 69'2", 23rd, discus; Miah Melvin, personal best 72'3", 16th; Dakota Rose,



Norton senior Tanner Furbush passes the baton to sophomore Gavin Lively for the anchor leg of the 4 x 100 meter relay in the Goldsmith Relays on Friday in WaKeeney. The Blue Jays placed second with an excellent time of 45.60, less than a second out of first place! Running with them were senior Austin Hager and sophomore Jordan Dole.  
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton sophomore Lexi Voss set a personal record in the discus in the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday with a 98' toss to place second.  
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58'5", 24th, javelin; Hanna Brooks, personal best 13'9", 10th, long jump; Peyton Renner, 31'7.5", 8th, triple jump; Baylee Miller, personal best 14.39, 10th; Peyton Renner, personal best 14.87, 12th; Burgundy Sorter, 14.88, 13th, 100 meter dash; Hanna Brooks, 31.21, 12th; Burgundy Sorter, 31.34, 14th, 200 meter dash; Caitlyn Cox, 1:09.93, 8th; Miah Melvin, 1:13.65, 12th, 400 meter dash; Casey Ambrosier, personal best 2:43.36, 10th, 800 meter run.

**BOYS**

The Norton boys had three runner-up finishes but no gold medals.

Senior Austin Hager placed second in the pole vault for the first time this season. He cleared 13'6" but was edged for the gold medal by Sam Dreiling of Hays TMP, who cleared 14'.

Senior Trevor Lewis finished second in the long jump with a leap of 19'7.25".

The Blue Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team of Hager, sophomore Jordan Dole, senior Tanner Furbush and sophomore Gavin Lively placed runner-up with a time of 45.60.

It was a very tight race with Goodland winning in a clocking of 44.95, less than a second ahead of Norton. Victoria placed third in 45.69 and Hays TMP was fourth in 45.89.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter foursome of junior Kobie Unterseher, junior Christian Boser, Dole and Lewis also had a good race, finishing third in 3:39.57. Leoti-Wichita County finished just ahead of Norton in 3:38.79 and Goodland was the winner in 3:36.86.

Freshman Jacob Green placed third in the shot put with a personal best heave of 42'2".

Junior Deon Lyle cleared 5'10" in the high jump to place third.

Dole also placed fourth in the 200 meter dash in a personal best time of 24.34.

Senior Marc Miller finished fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:06.54 and Unterseher was fifth in the pole vault with a personal best clearance of 11'6".

Earning a point for sixth place

finishes were: Tanner Furbush, 18'2.75", long jump and 38'3.25", triple jump and Trevor Lewis, personal best 55.18, 400 meter dash.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Breven Sondergaard, personal best 38'6.25", 10th; junior Mickey Hahn, 37', 15th, shot put; Mickey Hahn, 113'4", 8th; junior Connor Cox, 109'3", 9th; Jacob Green, 109'3", 9th, discus; Travis Cressler, 140'1", 7th; sophomore Cameron Heikes, personal best 136'4", 11th; Breven Sondergaard, 119'11.25", 18th, javelin; Deon Lyle, 36'3.25", 11th; freshman Koby McEwen, 35'3.25", 13th, triple jump; Koby McEwen, 5'6", 7th, high jump; junior Jordan Karnopp, 19.66, 9th, 110 meter hurdles; Koby McEwen, personal best 47.80, 9th; Jordan Karnopp, personal best 48.12, 10th, 300 meter hurdles; Gavin Lively, 12.07, 10th; Christian Boser, personal best 12.24, 13th; junior Derick Campbell, personal best 12.27, 16th, 100 meter dash; Gavin Lively, personal best 24.72, 15th; Tanner Furbush, 25.11, 18th, 200 meter dash; Derick Campbell, personal best 59.47, 15th, 400 meter dash; sophomore Ryan Thrailkill, 2:30.08, 19th, 800 meter run; Marc Miller, 5:09.94, 8th; Ryan Thrailkill, personal best 5:29.93, 13th, 1600 meter run.

**Next action**

Norton competed today in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet and will compete this Friday in the Russell Relays, beginning at 3 p.m.

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# Young Blue Jays golfers show improvement in I-70 Classic

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The very young and inexperienced Norton Community High School Golf Team continued to show improvement during the very difficult I-70 Classic Tournament on Thursday, May 1 in Ellis and WaKeeney.

Despite placing ninth in both Ellis and WaKeeney, the Blue Jay golfers received praise from head coach David Stover.

"This was quite an experience for us," said coach Stover. "The format of this tournament, which is 36 holes played over two courses, is very different from any other tournament we

play but I think we handled it fairly well.

"Once again, we were able to see improvement throughout the lineup. We were led by sophomore Quinton Porter, who shot a career-low round in very difficult cold and windy conditions at Trego.

"Hopefully, this is a springboard into a very busy stretch with four tournaments in eight days."

Quinton Porter shot a 47/46-93 at Trego, which was just two strokes off the No.14 and No. 15 medalists. The other Norton golfers and their scores at Trego were: senior and only returning

letterman Garret Otter, 52/56-108; junior Derek Rowh, 52/56-108; sophomore Nick Peterson, 61/51-112.

The four Norton linksmen were very close to each other in scoring at Ellis. Otter and Rowh both shot a 52/53-105, followed by Peterson, 55/51-106 and Porter, 54/53-107.

Trego won the team championship with a 324 at Ellis, 324 at Trego and 628 overall, followed by Ellinwood, 345, Ellis; 353, Trego, 698 total; Plainville, 361, Ellis; 364, Trego, 725 total; Ness City, 364, Ellis; 361, Trego, 725 total; Atwood, 363, Ellis, 376, Trego, 739 total;

Osborne, 373, Ellis; 397, Trego, 770 total; Ellsworth, 402, Ellis, 385, Trego, 787 total; Stockton, 403, Ellis; 404, Trego, 807 total; Norton, 423, Ellis; 421, Trego, 844 total; Ellis, 443, Ellis; 473, Trego, 916 total.

Medalists at Ellis were: Blake Huxman, Trego, 74; Jared Oelke, Ellinwood, 76; Matthew Keener, Ellsworth, 78; Darby Schwartzkopf, Ness City, 81; Emmitt Owens, Trego, 82; Dion Reetz, Trego, 83; Jake Williams, Atwood, 84; Luke Reeder, Trego, 85; Ryley Ney, Ellinwood, 86; Craig Garvert, Plainville, 86; Hunter Leibbrandt, Atwood, 87; Jake Tieman, Os-

borne, 87; Landon Fellhoelter, Ness City, 88; Parkes Wolters, Osborne, 89; Tanner Townley, Trego, 90.

Medalists at Trego were: Emmitt Owens, Trego, 76; Blake Huxman, Trego, 77; Matthew Keener, Ellsworth, 79; Jacob Hoss, Ness City, 82; Luke Reeder, Trego, 82; Jared Oelke, Ellinwood, 84; Craig Garvert, Plainville, 85; Darby Schwartzkopf, Ness City, 85; Jake Williams, Atwood, 86; Ryley Ney, Ellinwood, 88; Colton Bobek, Plainville, 89; Gavin Vink, Ellinwood, 89; Dion Reetz, Trego, 89; Justin Burch, Osborne, 91; Landon Fellhoelter, Ness City,

91.

**Next action**

On Monday, Norton competed in the Thomas More Prep Marian Invitational in Hays.

Today, the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational will be held at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton, beginning at 3 p.m.

On Thursday, Norton will play in the Trego JV Invitational, beginning at 9 a.m. and on Friday the Norton varsity will return to action in the Hill City Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

## PUBLIC RECORD

**Municipal Court**

These transactions were taken from the records of filings in the offices of the Norton Municipal Court. These cases were given to the paper with the date of the hearings.

April 10  
March 19-Kara Stanton, Norton; Charge: 1. No proof of insurance, 2. No drivers license on person; Other action: 1. Dismissed/proof, 2. Dismissed/proof.

March 27- Matthew Sanderson, Larned, Kan.; Charge: Failure to submit to PBT test; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$200, costs \$76, total \$276.

Jan. 7- Ricky Murphy, Norton; Charge: Theft of city services, electrical; Other action: Dismissed by city prosecutor/restitution made.

March 27-Evan Chestnut, Norton; Charge: Speeding 45 in 35; Plea: Guilty as amended; Other actions: Amended by city prosecutor to 65 in 55; Found: Guilty as amended; Sentence:

fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

March 31-Nicole Krug, Russell, Kan.; Charge: Speeding 34 in 20, School Zone; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$148 school zone cost, costs \$76, total \$224.

April 3- Durant Harvey, Norton; Charge: Speeding 30 in 20; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

Feb 27- John Schroeder, Omaha, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 50 in 35; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$60, costs \$76, total \$136.

April 17  
April 3-Janice Ebner, Norton; Charge: defective tail payments; Other Actions: Dismissed/Light Fixed.

March 31-Elise Sprague, Norton; Charge: driving while suspended; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$250, costs \$76, total \$326.

April 7-Kandy Parker, Norton; Charge: No drivers license; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$500, costs \$76,

total \$576.

March 20-David Becker, Beaver City, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 40 in 30; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

March 25- Timothy Kelly, Arapahoe, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 50 in 40; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$30, costs \$76, total \$106.

March 31-Clint Rupe, Indi-

ana, Neb.; Charge: Speeding 52 in 40; Plea: No contest; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine \$42, costs \$76, total \$118.

April 5-Daniel Lentz, Almena; Charge: 1. Stop sign viola-

tion 2. No proof of insurance; Plea: Guilty; Found: Guilty; Sentence: fine 1. \$100 2. \$300, costs \$76, total \$476, 5 days jail suspended if fines paid by July 31.

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