

Junior varsity track team competes in Hill City

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity track and field athletes competed in the Hill City JV Track Meet on Monday, May 5.

The Norton girls placed sixth and the boys finished fifth.

Coach's comments

"This was a very good outing for our junior varsity team," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "The meet had been re-scheduled and we

were glad they were able to have it.

"We posted ten personal records. Our young athletes are starting to see the benefits and payoff from their hard work and that is fun to see.

"Most of them will be off until their next meet, also at Hill City, but we will pull a few of them here and there and give them a look at some varsity competition.

"Hopefully, some of them will put themselves in positions

to attend the league meet for us and help us out there as well.

We are proud of their work and we continue to be excited about their competitive futures!"

GIRLS

Freshman Macayla Kent finished second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 7:32.84.

Freshman Kira Robertson placed sixth in the shot put with a heave of 24'8.5".

Competing but not scoring were: senior Abbie Smith, 13'5.5", 10th, shot put; Kira

Robertson, personal best 70'8.5", 7th, discus; Kira Robertson, personal best 52'1", 7th; Abbie Smith, 21'2", 10th, javelin.

BOYS

Freshman Cruz Leon placed third in the 400 meter dash with a personal best time of 59.87. He also finished fourth in the 200 meter dash in 27.63 and was sixth in the shot put with a heave of 30'7.5".

Freshman Trenton Wright placed third in the 800 meter

run in a personal best time of 2:30.18. He also placed sixth in the long jump with a personal record distance of 15'3.5" and sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'10".

Senior Kai Kawahara placed sixth in the 100 meter dash in 13.34.

Norton boys performances that did not place were: freshman Maverick Engel, personal best 30'6.5", 7th, shot put; Maverick Engel, personal best 79'3", 7th, discus; junior Gin

Lee, 13.62, 8th; freshman Harrison Woodyard, personal best 14.30, 9th, 100 meter dash; Gin Lee, personal best 29.56, 7th; Harrison Woodyard, 30.62, 8th, 200 meter dash; junior David Smith, personal best 3:10.16, 10th, 800 meter run.

Next action

Mostly junior varsity girls and boys from Norton will compete on Monday in the varsity Hill City Track Meet, beginning at 4 p.m.

Blue Jays win Norton Junior Varsity Golf Invitational

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers won the championship of the Norton Junior Varsity Invitational Golf Tournament held on Tuesday, May 6 on the Prairie Dog Association Golf Course south of Norton.

Norton scored 193 points,

followed by Colby, 215; Trego Community, 222; Phillipsburg, 230; Colby B, 246; Plainville, 250; Hoxie, 264.

Low scorers for Norton were sophomore Nick Peterson and freshman Landon Porter with 45 each. They were followed by freshman Will Ellis, 49 and sophomore James Berry, 54.

Also playing for the Blue Jays

were freshman Layton Miller, 54 and senior Ty Burns, 66.

Norton had the top three medalists: Nick Peterson, Landon Porter and Will Ellis.

The other medalists were: Clay Ward, Phillipsburg, 49; Caden Kemp, Trego, 50; Andrew T., Colby, 51; Keynam Hysten, TMP, 51; Lyle Kuhlman, Smith Center, 52; Lar-

issa Howard, Trego, 52; Colten Bach, Northern Valley, 52.

"Today was an excellent day for Norton Community High School Golf," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "This group has been working very hard and were able to take advantage of ideal scoring conditions on their home course to play very well and earn a tour-

nament title.

"Each one of our six golfers shot a season-low round today.

"The highlight of the day, and there were many, was Nick, Landon and Will finishing 1-2-3 in the individual medalist honors and Nick earning his first tournament championship in a card playoff over Landon.

"I was very pleased with all

six golfers today. Each player showed improvement in many areas of their game. Hopefully, this will carry into our late-season schedule, beginning with the season-ending junior varsity tournament at Trego on Thursday."

Youth soccer organization ends season with plenty of action

By April Bashford

AYSO referee

On Saturday, May 3, the AYSO Region 1365 Youth Soccer Organization played their sixth and final week of soccer.

Division U6 - We will begin this division with Rushton being defeated by Team Ruiz by a score of 7 to 3. Goals for Team Rushton were scored by #2 Rushton getting 1, #4 Graham getting 1 and #5 C. Wait also having 1. All 7 goals for Team Ruiz came from #3 Withington, but with lots of help from the other team members.

Now we cover the game between Team VanPatten and the Green Arrows of Team Bashford. The Green Arrows came out on top in this one by a score of 4 to 2. The players that scored for Team Van Patten were #3 Rogers and #4 VanPatten. Players scoring for the Green Arrows for Team Bashford were #4 Bashford with 1, #5 Wicker with 1 and #23 Bailey with 2.

Then it was the Little Devils of Team Kunclrs overtaking the Raiders of Team Collins by a score 4 to 3. Players scoring for the Little Devils of Team Kunclrs were #3 Schemper with 1 and #2 Miller getting 3. Players getting goals for the Raiders of Team Collins were #2 Brooks with 1 goal and #5 Collins with 2.

It is now time to cover the match between the Purple Panthers of Team Cunningham coming out ahead of the White Fox 4 of Team Meyer by a score of 5 to 0. The goals for the Purple Panthers came from #3 Stark with 1, #8 Pfannenstiel with 1, #5 Cunningham with 2 and #4 Vance with 1. Even though the players of White Fox 4 did not put any into the goal, every player performed outstanding giving it everything they could.

Division U8 - In this division we had the Gold of Team Davis losing to the Wolverines of Team Hansen by a score of 8 to 1. The one goal for the Gold came from #8 Pfannenstiel. The goals for the Wolverines came from #7 Stover with 2, #6 Ediger with 1, #2 Hansen with 1 and #3 Kats getting 4.

It was Team Porter going against the Green Gators of Team Vahling with the Green Gators getting the victory by a score of 4 to 1. Scoring for the Green Gators were #2 Pfannenstiel with 1, and #3 Vahling with 3. The one goal for Team Porter came off the toe of #3 Harrington.

Now we discuss the match between the Gold of Team Davis in their 2nd game of the day and Team Stewart with Team Stewart winning this one by a tight score of 3 to 2. Goals for the Gold of Team Davis were driven by #7 Vsetecka and #8 Pfannenstiel each with 1. Goals for Team Stewart were by #2 A. Wonderly with 1 and #6 Stewart with 2.

The last game of this division we are taking a look at is the one between the Storm of Team Lockhart and Team Fick. This

game would have to be probably the best played game by all players as this one ended in a 2 to 2 tie. Scoring for the Storm of Team Lockhart was #2 Collins with both goals, and scoring for Team Fick were #6 Mullins and #7 Fick with each of them getting 1. Outstanding game by all players.

Division U10 - In this division as usual there were 3 games with only 5 teams. First we will report on the game between the Wolves of Team Wentte against the Huskies of Team Hansen with the Huskies winning this one by a 9 to 1 score. Scoring for the Wolves of Team Wentte were #6 Gordon. Scoring for the Huskies of Team Hansen were #7 Schemper getting 1 goal, #9 Bencomo having 4 goals and #6 Hansen getting the remaining 4 goals.

The next game had the Tiggers of Team Caldwell taking on the Red Fox 9 of Team Meyer with the Tiggers taking this one over the Red Fox 9 by a tight 2 to 1 score. Scoring for the Tiggers of Team Caldwell was #6 Jones with 2, and scoring for the Red Fox 9 of Team Meyer was #8 Schemper. As you can tell, this was another well played game by all team members.

The last game coverage of this division finds the Wolves of



The AYSO soccer season wrapped up this past Saturday. Over 25 teams of kids from all ages competed and multiple volunteers coached and were referees in order to make it a successful season again this year. Luke Wahlmeier, the goalie for Team Rushton, is seen here kicking the ball back into play.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

Team Wentte in their 2nd game of the day going against the Shockers of Team Hanlon with the

Wolves of Team Wentte taking this one by a 4 to 3 score. Players scoring for the Wolves were

#6 Gordon with 2, #7 Wildeman with 1 and #10 Menagh getting 1 also. Team members of the Shockers of Team Hanlon were #2 Davis with 1, #8 Hanlon with 1 and #5 Koerperich with 1.

Division U12/14 - Here we have Team Rushton taking one away from Team Wentte by a score of 2 to 0. The two goals for Team Rushton were scored by #6 Koerperich. Team Wentte may have come out on the short end of this match, but each and every player did nothing but their best and gave Team Rushton a good match up.

Then we come to the event that had the Black Attack of Team Hall as the victors over Team Davis by a score of 5 to 2. The two goals for Team Davis came from #3 King and #9 C. Buffington each scoring 1 goal. For the Black Attack of Team

Hall the goals came from #5 Hall with 1, #6 Boutwell with 2 and #8 Hayes with 2.

Finally we come to the game between Team Hammond and Team Davis with Team Davis coming up short losing by a score of 5 to 0. The goals for Team Hammond were #12 Devan Mullins with 1, #8 Nicholas Mandl also with 1, and #9 Connor Haresnape with the remaining 3.

We want to let everyone know to keep an eye out for next week's paper as we will be posting our season ending remarks for AYSO Region 1365.



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Congratulations to the Norton Community High School Forensics Team for winning the 3A State Championship

The Norton Community High School Forensics Team won the state championship out of 43 schools at the 3A state championships on Saturday, May 3rd. Norton had one state champion at the tournament, Jared Shelton. Jared won the Serious Solo title. Bringing home 2nd place finishes were Neysa Carlson in both Poetry and Humorous Solo Acting, and Jared Shelton and Shelby Mulford in Serious Duet Acting. The team had four third place finishers.

Morgan Farber took third in Informative, Steve Cummings took third in Poetry, Ashley Hildebrand and Skylar Davis took third in Serious Duet Acting, while Landon Slipke and Lauren Mordecai took third place in Humorous Duet Acting. Bringing home 4th place medals were Leif Carlson and Cody O'Hare in Humorous Duet Acting, Raenee Patterson in Informative, and Briannah Fessler in Oration. Lauren Mordecai brought home a 5th place

medal in Serious Solo and Landon Slipke placed 6th in Informative. Other entries adding points to the team total and greatly helping bring home the trophy included Raenee Patterson in Oration, Kennedy Leibbrandt in Oration, and Tyus Henson in Humorous Solo. The state tournament is broken into five rounds of performance. All participants perform in the first three preliminary rounds of the tournament. From there, the twelve

entries/students in each event with the lowest combined judges rankings break into the semifinals round. The top twelve entries/students in each event perform again. The participants semifinals scores and preliminary rounds scores are then combined and the top six performers with the lowest score proceed to the finals round. The top students perform again in the final round and judges' rankings from the entire day are combined to determine the top six places. The maximum entries a team can bring to the state championship tournament are sixteen. Of Norton's sixteen entries, thirteen of them broke into semifinals and all thirteen of those entries broke into finals. "Winning a state championship was just icing on the cake of a great forensics season. I am extremely proud of my students. They are dedicated, hard workers who deserve the success they have achieved. I am lucky to get to coach such awesome, young people as well as have such a great assistant coach in Brandon Gay," said Coach Steve Vance. Norton finished the tournament with 399 points, followed by St. George-Rock Creek with 348, and Minneapolis with 280. Also on May 3rd, the team's several students participated in the forensics state festival competition. State festival is run just like state music. The students perform once and receive either an I, II, III, or IV ranking. Impressively, all students taking part in State Festival received the highest ranking of a I. These students include Ty Burns in both Poetry and Humorous Solo, Shauna Gibson in Serious Solo, Audrie Burge in both Poetry and Serious Solo, Christine Figurski in Oration, Jena Risewick in Informative, and Layton Miller in Humorous Solo.



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