

Lady Jays win championship at Oberlin

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team won the championship and the Blue Jay boys placed a strong third in the Oberlin Track Meet on Tuesday.

It was the second meet championship in a row for the Lady Jays who also earned the title of the recent Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney.

Norton won the girls championship with 109 points, followed by Oberlin, 94; Wheatland, 87; Smith Center, 72; Hoxie, 61; Phillipsburg, 48; Atwood, 47; Oakley, 18; St. Francis, 15.

Smith Center was the boys champion with 122.5 points, followed by Hoxie, 102.5; Norton, 96; Oakley, 64; Atwood, 61.5; St. Francis, 41; Oberlin, 38; Wheatland, 30.5; Phillipsburg, 2.

Coach's comments

"Wow! We had a wonderful meet," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "Overall, our athletes posted 23 personal records and our girls team won a meet for the second time in a row.

"We are continuing to get better in a number of ways and will continue to work at that going into the league meet next week. We still hope to build on our performances and gain some more confidence as we continue to progress. We are looking forward to the upcoming meets!

"It was nice to see Bailey Ambrosier continue to win the pole vault and, in so doing, better her own school record".

GIRLS

Once again, the Norton trio of senior Bailey Ambrosier, junior Kenzie Esslinger and freshman Miah Melvin dominated the pole vault event, earning 22 points.

The highlight was Ambrosier clearing 10'9" to break her Norton school record of 10'8" which she set in the State Meet in Wichita in 2013. She is still unbeaten this season!

Esslinger was right behind Ambrosier with a 9' clearance to finish second in the competition. Melvin placed fourth with a personal best height of 8'6".

Junior Sierra Griffith continued to run well in her new event, the 300 meter hurdles. She won the event with a time of 50.02. She also placed sixth in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 6:06.21.

Norton's other gold medals were won by the 4 x 400 meter relay team of Griffith, sophomore Casey Ambrosier, senior Katelyn Engelbert and Bailey Ambrosier. They were clocked in the excellent time of 4:21.73.

Placing second with a personal best heave of 33'1" in the shot put was senior Cristine Nelson. She also finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 96'2".

Also finishing second was sophomore Lexi Voss in the discus with a personal best throw of 99'5".

Engelbert also won a silver medal in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:33.84.

Senior Darcy Bainter also placed runner-up in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:18.38. She was also fourth in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:55.28.

Bailey Ambrosier also placed fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:37.89.

Casey Ambrosier won a couple of bronze medals. She was third in the triple jump with a distance of 30'8.25" and third in the 400 meter dash with a personal record time of 1:07.90.

Freshman Baylee Miller finished third in the high jump by clearing 4'8".

Freshman Caitlyn Cox placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a personal best time of 28.06 and she was also sixth in the 400 meter dash in 1:10.35.

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Miller, Engelbert, junior Burgundy Sorter and Cox placed fifth with a time of 53.99.

Sophomore Raenee Patterson finished sixth in the 3200



Norton's outstanding senior pole vaulter Bailey Ambrosier is pictured as she breaks her Lady Jay school record with a clearance of 10'9" in the Oberlin Track Meet on Tuesday!
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton sophomore Ryan Thraikill gives that extra push at the finish line to place third in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:25.97 in the Oberlin Track Meet on Tuesday. He trailed the Oberlin runner at right until he found a surge of energy to pass him on the back stretch.
- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

meter run in 14:31.52.

Performances by Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Kira Robertson, 25'7.5", 18th, shot put; sophomore Dakota Rose, 74'2", 15th, discus; Caitlyn Cox, 84'4", 12th; Miah Melvin, personal best 83'6", 14th; Dakota Rose, 53'1", 25th, javelin; sophomore Hanna Brooks, 12'2", 11th, long jump; Baylee Miller, personal best 14.06, 12th; Burgundy Sorter, personal best 14.10, 13th, 100 meter dash; Hanna Brooks, personal best 29.43, 9th; Burgundy Sorter, 30.59, 13th, 200 meter dash; Miah Melvin, 1:13.42, 9th, 400 meter dash.

BOYS

The Norton boys' performances were highlighted by four gold medal winners.

Senior Austin Hager continued his excellence in the pole vault with a winning height of 13'6". Senior Trever Lewis won the long jump with a personal best leap of 20'4.75".

Senior Marc Miller finished strong to win the 800 meter run in the excellent time of 2:04.99. Freshman Jacob Green won his first gold medal in the shot put with a personal best heave of 42'10.25".

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Hager, sophomore Jordan Dole, senior Tanner Furbush and sophomore Gavin Lively placed second in the excellent time of 45.37. Hoxie won the race with a clocking of 44.65, the fourth fastest time in the Salina Journal's honor roll of all classes.

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

Sophomore Ryan Thraikill ran a personal best 5:25.97 to place third in the 1600 meter run.

The Blue Jay boys also scored ten points in the 400 meter dash with two personal best times. Junior Christian Boser placed third with a personal record time of 55.89 and junior Kobie Unterseher was fourth with a per-

sonal record clocking of 56.76.

The Norton 4 x 800 meter relay team of Thraikill, freshman Trenton Wright, freshman Cruz Leon and junior Jordan Karnopp placed third in 9:47.50.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Unterseher, Boser, Dole and Lewis finished fourth in 3:42.20.

Freshman Koby McEwen was fourth in the high jump with a clearance of 5'6" and Lively was fourth in the 100 meter dash with a personal best time of 11.49.

Furbush placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 37'9" and Dole was fifth in the 200 meter dash with a personal record time of 24.25. Lewis was right behind him in sixth in a personal best time of 24.38.

Furbush also placed sixth in the long jump with a leap of 17'10".

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Breven Sondergaard, 37'10.5", 9th; junior Mickey Hahn, 37'7.5", 11th, shot put; sophomore Cameron Heikes, personal best 113'7", 8th; Mickey Hahn, 109', 11th; Jacob Green, 105'7", 12th, discus; Cameron Heikes, 112'10", 9th; Breven Sondergaard, 112'5", 10th, javelin; Trenton Wright, 14', 22nd, long jump; Deon Lyle, 36'8.5", 8th; Koby McEwen, 35'4.75", 13th, triple jump; Kobie Unterseher, 11', 7th, pole vault; Koby McEwen, personal best 47.55, 8th; Jordan Karnopp, 50.86, 11th, 300 meter hurdles; sophomore Tevin Brown, 11.74, 7th; junior Derick Campbell, personal best 11.86, 8th, 100 meter dash; Gavin Lively, personal best 24.47, 7th, 200 meter dash; Tanner Furbush, 58.17, 7th, 400 meter dash.

Next action

Norton is competing today in the 54th annual Russell Relays, beginning at 3 p.m.

Other teams in the meet will be Beloit, Phillipsburg, Minneapolis, Scott City, TMP-Marian of Hays and Hoisington.

Norton golf team competes at TMP invitational golf tournament

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Three members of the Norton Community High School golf team competed in the TMP Invitational Golf Tournament on Monday, May 5 on the Smoky Hill Country Club Course in

Hays.

Their scores were sophomore Quinton Porter, 51/55-106; junior Derek Rowh, 55/52-107 and senior Garret Otter, 56/53-109.

Team scores were: Goodland, 346; Larned, 347; TMP, 358;

Trego Community, 363; Phillipsburg, 367; Oberlin, 379; Colby, 382; Hays High JV, 396; Ellis, 398; Hoisington, 422; Dodge City JV, 440; Hays High JV B-Team, 462.

Medalists were: Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 74; Blake Huxman,

Trego, 76; Kelly Brown, Oberlin, 78; Colton Massey, Larned, 78; Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 81; Michael Reese, Larned, 81; Max Megaffin, TMP, 83; Gannon Ihrig, Goodland, 84; Hayden Rohr, TMP, 85; Jaron Kellerman, Phillipsburg, 87.

"We showed signs of improvement today but old habits continue to haunt us," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "This tournament and the course itself is traditionally one of the most difficult we play during the season and today was no exception.

"We are making too many mistakes. Mentally, we are making mistakes that are creating big scores on holes. We have to

start limiting the damage these mistakes are creating.

"Hopefully, we can take advantage of a very busy stretch of upcoming tournaments to begin to see overall improvement and lower scores, starting at the Hill City Invitational on Friday.

Next action

Norton will compete in the Hill City Invitational today with tee off set for 3 p.m.

Logan athlete signs with university

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Libby Schneider, a senior at Logan High School, has signed a national letter of intent to compete for the Equestrian Team at Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas.

Libby has been active in the American Quarter Horse Association show circuit for the past four years and has qualified each year for the American Quarter Horse Youth Association World Show.

In 2012, she reached the finals and placed in two of her five events.

She has also been a member of the United States Equestrian Foundation, lettering four years in that organization.

During her high school career, Libby has been a member of the Kansas Quarter Horse Association and is currently the president.

Libby has also been active in school organizations in addition to being on the scholastic honor roll all four years. She is also one of the three co-valedictorians of the Logan senior class.

She will be riding for the collegiate team in the horsemanship discipline.

Libby will study Pre-Veterinary Medicine and Animal Nutrition at Texas A&M.

She is the daughter of Judy and Lloyd Schneider and granddaughter of Janene Schneider and the late Lewis Schneider, Logan and Marge Miller and the late George Miller, Great Bend.

Libby Schneider signs with Texas A&M University



Libby Schneider of Logan, center, is pictured signing a national letter of intent to compete for the Equestrian Team at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas. Pictured with her are her parents Judy and Lloyd Schneider.

Good Luck and Congratulations from . . .

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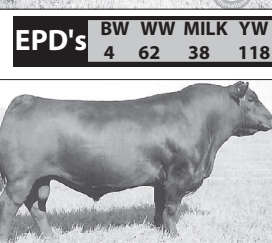
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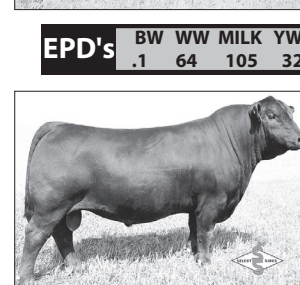
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