

Blue Jays compete in Russell Relays

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams competed well once again on Friday when the girls finished second and the boys sixth in the annual Russell Relays.

Beloit won the girls championship with 148 points, followed by Norton, 98; Scott City, 75; Russell, 64; Phillipsburg, 54; Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian, 54; Minneapolis, 46; Hoisington, 15.

Phillipsburg was the boys champion with 131 points, followed by Beloit, 95; Hays-Thomas More Prep-Marian, 80; Russell, 68; Scott City, 60; Norton, 43; Hoisington, 42; Minneapolis, 25.

"We were very happy with the results from Russell," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "Once again, our athletes competed hard and well and we feel like some things are beginning to come together for us. Again, we had some new personal records.

"We excitedly look forward to our League meet in Phillipsburg this Thursday. We expect to continue to build on these performances as we enter the championship season!"

GIRLS

The Norton girls continued to score the most points in the pole vault event but the finishes were different. Junior Kenzie Esslinger continued to improve and won her first gold medal in the pole vault, clearing a personal best height of 10'.

Defending state champion senior Bailey Ambrosier, who just set a new Norton school record of 10'9" in the Oberlin Meet, was unable to go higher than 9'6" so had to be content with second place.

Freshman Miah Melvin placed sixth with an 8' vault.

Senior Katelyn Engelbert had another excellent time in the 800 meter run where she won the gold medal with a clocking of 2:29.23.

Senior distance star Darcy Bainter also earned gold in the 3200 meter run where she was timed in 13:05.28.

Also winning gold medals for the Lady Jays was the 4 x 800 meter relay team of junior Sierra Griffith, sophomore Casey Am-



Lady Jay senior Katelyn Engelbert gives it all she's got as she outkicks a Scott City runner to win the 800 meter run in the excellent time of 2:29.23 in the Russell Relays on Friday.

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brosier, Engelbert and Bailey Ambrosier. They were timed in 10:39.37.

Senior Cristine Nelson scored 14 points in the shot put and discus. She placed second in the discus with a throw of 95'9" and third in the shot put with a heave of 30'8.5".

Sophomore Lexi Voss finished third in the discus with a throw of 88'8".

Griffith recorded a personal best time of 5:55.47 to place third in the 1600 meter run. Bainter placed right behind Griffith in fourth with a time of 6:01.91.

The Lady Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team also finished third. On that foursome were Griffith, Casey Ambrosier, Engelbert and Bailey Ambrosier. They

were timed in 4:21.59.

Bailey Ambrosier scored four more points for the Lady Jays with a fourth place finish in the 400 meter dash in 1:03.43.

Placing fifth in their events were: freshman Baylee Miller, 4'8", high jump; Griffith, 51.22, 300 meter hurdles; freshman Caitlyn Cox, personal best 27.76, 200 meter dash; sophomore Raenee Patterson, personal best 14:00.35, 3200 meter run and 4 x 100 meter relay team of Miller, Esslinger, sophomore Peyton Renner and Cox, 54.30.

Performances by Norton girls which did not place were: Miah Melvin, 81', 8th; Caitlyn Cox, 69'9", 12th; sophomore Hanna Brooks, 59'11", 16th, javelin; sophomore Peyton Renner, 13'11.75", 8th; Hanna Brooks,



Norton senior Trever Lewis is airborne as he places runner-up in the long jump in the Russell Relays on Friday. Trever leaped 20'4.5" to win the silver medal.

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12'6.25", 13th, long jump; Peyton Renner, 30'3.75", 11th; Casey Ambrosier, 29'3.75", 13th, triple jump; Baylee Miller, 14.15, 9th; junior Burgundy Sorter, 14.38, 11th; Peyton Renner, personal best 14.46, 13th, 100 meter dash; Burgundy Sorter, personal best 29.83, 11th; Hanna Brooks, 32.09, 15th, 200 meter dash; Casey Ambrosier, 1:08.40, 8th; Caitlyn Cox, personal best 1:09.46, 9th, 400 meter dash.

BOYS

The Norton boys only gold medal winner was junior Deon Lyle with a personal best clearance of 6'2" in the high jump.

Senior Trever Lewis continued to jump well and placed second in the long jump with a leap of 20'4.5".

Senior Marc Miller recorded one of the best times in north-west Kansas in all classes with a second place finish in the 800 meter run with a personal best clocking of 2:03.36.

Winning the race was Brett Meyer, Scott City, with a time of 2:01.97.

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of senior Austin Hager, sophomore Jordan Dole, senior Tanner Furbush and sophomore Gavin Lively continued to run well, also. They finished third in 45.71, just behind second place Russell, who was timed in 45.40 and winner Phillipsburg, clocked in 43.17. Both Russell and Phillipsburg are ranked in the top 10 in the Salina Journal Honor Roll, which includes all enrollment classes.

Austin Hager, who is accustomed to winning the pole vault, had to settle for fourth place on Friday when he cleared 13'6". Brandon Ball and Jonathan Ball, both of Hoisington, and Sam Dreiling, Thomas More Prep-Hays, all cleared 14' to finish ahead of him.

Freshman Jacob Green continued to improve in the shot put event with a fourth place finish and personal best heave of 44'9.5".

Lively placed fifth in the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 11.84 and Dole was sixth in the 200 meter dash in 24.39.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Mickey Hahn, 36'2", 17th; junior Breven Sondergaard, 35'6", 18th, shot put; junior Conor Cox, 107'4", 12th; Jacob Green, 107', 13th; Mickey Hahn, 84'5", 20th, discus; senior Travis Cressler, 141'2", 7th; sophomore Cameron Heikes, 130'8", 8th; Breven Sondergaard, 119', 11th, javelin; Jordan Dole, 18'1.25", 8th; Tanner Furbush, 17'2", 11th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 38'1.25", 7th, triple jump; junior Kobie Unterseher, 11', tied for 6th, pole vault; junior Jordan Karnopp, 19.34, 7th, 110 meter hurdles; Jordan Karnopp, 50.09, 9th, 300 meter hurdles; sophomore Tevin Brown, 11.97, 7th; junior Christian Boser, 12.27, 12th, 100 meter dash; Tevin Brown, personal best 24.57, 8th; Tanner Furbush, 24.76, 10th, 200 meter dash; Trever Lewis, 56.71, 10th; Christian Boser, 58.20, 13th; Conor Cox, 59.11, 14th, 400 meter dash; 4 x 400 meter relay team of Unterseher, Boser, Cox and Lewis, 3:43.42, 7th.

Next action

Norton will compete next in the annual Mid-Continent League Track this Thursday in Phillipsburg.

Participating teams, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, will be Ellis, Hill City, Oakley, Plainville, Smith Center, Stockton and Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m., preliminary running events at 4:30 p.m. and finals at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Plaques will be presented to the first place girls and boys teams and medals will be presented to the top four places in all events.

Norton golf team put forth good effort at Hill City

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The Norton Community High School golf team played in the Hill City Invitational Golf Tournament on Friday and, despite playing some of their best golf of the season, did not finish high in the standings.

Trego won the championship with a 331, followed by Plainville, 339; Ness City, 354; Phillipsburg, 359; Hoxie, 368;

Osborne, 369; Ellis, 372; Stockton, 381; Hill City, 383; Norton, 384.

"Once again, we made great strides today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"For the first time this season, many of our golfers were able to play the course for the second time and it made a big difference. We played our best front nine of the season and, despite struggling on the back nine, still

shot our best team score of the season by 37 strokes.

"We were led today by the play of freshman Will Ellis, shooting a career-low score, as did sophomore Nick Peterson.

"This group continues to improve each and every time out and we look forward to the post-season stretch, starting at Phillipsburg on Monday."

Ellis shot a 45/46-91, followed by Peterson, 45/50-95;

sophomore Quinton Porter, 45/51-96 and junior Derek Rowh, 52/50-102.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: senior Garret Otter, 47/55-102 and freshman Layton Miller, 63/58-121.

Medalists were: Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 74; Dion Reetz, Trego, 76; Blake Huxman, Trego, 79; Darby Schwartzkopf, Ness City, 81; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg, 81; Chase Meitler, Plainville,

83; Ryan Tebow, Hoxie, 83; Parkes Wolters, Osborne, 84; Kameron Tweedy, Phillipsburg, 84; Luke Reeder, Trego, 84; Craig Garvert, Plainville, 85; Zack McLaughlin, Plainville, 85; Kyle Pfeifer, Hill City, 86; Jared Copeland, Plainville, 86; Jacob Hoss, Ness City, 86.

Next action

On Monday, Norton golfers played in the Phillipsburg Invitational Golf Tournament. Re-

sults were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

On Thursday, Norton will compete in the Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament in Smith Center, beginning at 1 p.m.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Smith Center, will be teams from Phillipsburg, Ellis, Hill City, Oakley, Plainville, Stockton and Thomas More Prep of Hays.

JV golf team ends season at Trego

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers completed their season in the Trego JV Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 8 in WaKeeney and placed fifth out of seven teams.

Trego won the championship with a 405, followed by Hill City, 407; Plainville, 425; Phillipsburg, 433; Norton, 434; Oakley, 444; Ness City, 467.

Top golfer for Norton was freshman Wilson Ellis with a 51/50-101, followed by freshman Landon Porter, 48/55-103; freshman Layton Miller, 60/54-114; sophomore Skylar Johnson, 55/61-116.

Also playing for Norton was sophomore James Berry and he shot a 61/65-126.

Wilson Ellis was No. 9 medalist and Landon Porter was No. 11 medalist.

Medalists were: Colton Alldridge, Plainville, 85; Caden Kemp, Trego, 91; Kyle Pfeifer, Hill City, 96; Gage Hardiek, Hill City, 96; Wayne Flipse, Oakley,

97; Bailey Jones, Hill City, 99; Quentin Baker, Trego, 101; Clay Ward, Phillipsburg, 101; Wilson Ellis, Norton, 101; Brock Means, Phillipsburg, 101; Landon Porter, Norton, 103; Braden Mishler, Trego, 104; Garrett Ryerse, Trego, 104; Trevor Eisminger, Plainville, 106; Matthew Hahn, Ness City, 108.

Coach's comments

"We were able to see continued improvement in our junior varsity golfers today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "It has been a busy week with this being the second junior varsity tournament this week,

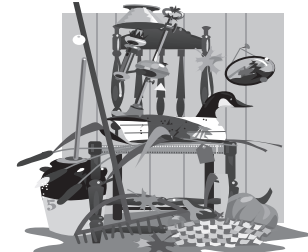
and I think the playing experience is aiding in our overall improvement.

"The overall scores today were higher than normal for this tournament as a direct result of high winds throughout the day.

"Wilson and Landon continued a quality week with individual honors for the second time this week.

"This group has gained valuable experience this season and they look forward to seeing its benefits in the future."

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