

Norton girls win league track championship

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team won the championship of the Mid-Continent League Track Meet and the Blue Jays boys placed sixth on Thursday in Phillipsburg.

The Norton girls scored 113 points, followed by Smith Center, 100; Hill City, 82; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 77; Ellis, 61; Phillipsburg, 60; Plainville, 36; Oakley, 15; Stockton, 11.

Phillipsburg won the boys championship with 123 points, followed by Thomas More Prep, 101; Smith Center, 82; Plainville, 69; Stockton, 62; Norton, 55; Ellis, 29; Oakley, 24; Hill City, 10.

Coach's comments

"What a great effort our athletes put forth," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "They got off the bus and competed hard while still working to improve themselves and the results attest to that fact."

"We are extremely proud of our girls and boys efforts and their performances. Today, we had some individuals really step up and compete. That is wonderful to see as we enter regionals and state in the next two weeks."

"Our girls team won their second league championship in three seasons. Again, we set more personal records along with Bailey Ambrosier's highlight of the day when she broke the league pole vault record

with a vault of 10'1".

"It is fun to see our athletes have the success that they have worked so hard to capture. We are excited about the next couple of weeks!"

Bailey Ambrosier broke a former Norton girl athlete's league pole vault record. The previous record was 10'.25" set by Megan Hildebrand in 2003.

GIRLS

Bailey Ambrosier had quite a day for the Lady Jays as she won four gold medals!

In addition to winning the pole vault, she also won the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:03.57. In addition, she was a member of two gold-medal winning relays. Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of Bailey, junior Sierra Griffith, sophomore Casey Ambrosier and senior Katelyn Engelbert won with a time of 10:48.43.

The same foursome ran the 4 x 400 meter relay and won the gold with a clocking of 4:19.73.

Katelyn Engelbert earned her third gold medal of the day with a first place finish in the 800 meter run in 2:32.63.

Griffith placed second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:57.82 and senior teammate Darcy Bainter was right behind her in 5:58.85.

Bainter also finished second in the 3200 meter run in 12:50.61.

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

Junior Kenzie Esslinger continued to perform well in the



Norton junior Conor Cox completes a baton exchange with sophomore Jordan Dole during the 4 x 400 meter relay in the Mid-Continent League Track Meet on Thursday in Phillipsburg. Also on the team were junior Kobie Unterseher and senior Trevor Lewis. Norton finished fourth, with a time of 3:40.35. This was just two seconds behind third place Smith Center and less than four seconds behind second place Plainville.

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pole vault, finishing second to Ambrosier with a clearance of 9'6".

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Miller, Esslinger, junior Burgundy Sorter and freshman Caitlyn Cox placed third in 54.46.

Sophomore Lexi Voss set a personal record of 32'11" in placing fourth in the shot put. Senior Cristine Nelson was right behind her in fifth with a heave of 32'6.5".

Sophomore Peyton Renner finished fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 32'4.25".

Fifth place finishes included Griffith, 52.98, 300 meter hurdles; Cox, 28.05, 200 meter dash; Casey Ambrosier, 1:08.32, 400 meter dash; sophomore Raenee Patterson, personal best 13:53.01.

Freshman Miah Melvin placed sixth in the pole vault with a height of 7'6".

Performances by Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Kira Robertson, 25'3.25", 16th, shot put; Cristine Nelson, 93'8", ninth; Lexi Voss, 82'9", 12th; sophomore Dakota Rose, 78'10", 13th, discus; Lexi Voss, 96'7", 7th; Miah Melvin, personal best 87'3", 10th; Caitlyn Cox, 75'6", 14th, javelin; Peyton Renner, 12'5.5", 12th; sophomore Hanna Brooks,

11'9", 14th, long jump; Casey Ambrosier, 31'3", 8th, triple jump; Baylee Miller, personal best 13.99, 8th; Peyton Renner, 14.93, 13th, 100m meter dash; Burgundy Sorter, personal best 29.73, 9th; Hanna Brooks, 31.48, 14th, 200 meter dash.

BOYS

Norton senior Marc Miller continued to show improvement in distance races as he won the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 4:47.33. His time ranks in the top 10 in all classes in the Hays Daily News and Sa-

lina Journal honor roll.

Miller also placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:07.13.

Senior Trevor Lewis placed second in the long jump with a leap of 20'1.5".

Freshman Jacob Green finished second in the shot put with a heave of 42'9.25".

Senior Austin Hager placed third in the pole vault with a height of 13'6". L.T. Meitler of Smith Center had the same 13'6" height but had fewer misses. Sam Dreiling of Thomas More Prep won the gold with a clearance of 14'.

Junior Deon Lyle placed fourth in the high jump with a 6' clearance.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team of Lewis, freshman Tyus Henson, sophomore Ryan Thrailkill and freshman Cruz Leon finished third with a clocking of 9:25.76. It was the first action of the season for Henson, who has recovered from a basketball injury.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of junior Kobie Unterseher, junior Conor Cox, sophomore Jordan Dole and Lewis placed fourth in 3:40.35.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team has recorded some outstanding times this season but did not make a connection on a baton handoff and received no time. Members of the team are Hager, Dole, sophomore Gavin Lively and sophomore Tevin Brown.

Lively placed sixth in the 100 meter dash in 11.92.

Performances by Norton boys which did not place were: junior Breven Sondergaard, 37'11", 13th; junior Mickey Hahn, 36'7.5", 16th, shot put; Jacob Green, 109'3", 9th; Conor Cox, 106'1", 10th; Mickey Hahn, 93'11", 14th, discus; sophomore Cameron Heikes, 124'9", 11th; senior Travis Sessler, 112'8", 16th; Breven Sondergaard, 104'11", 18th, javelin;

senior Tanner Furbush, 18'2.5", 8th; Jordan Dole, 18'.5", 9th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 39'.25", 9th; Deon Lyle, personal best 38'1.5", 10th; freshman Koby McEwen, personal best 36'11.5", triple jump; Koby Unterseher, 10'6", 8th, pole vault; junior Jordan Karnopp, 18.85, 10th, 110 meter hurdles; Koby McEwen, 48.01, 10th; Jordan Karnopp, 48.64, 11th, 300 meter hurdles; Tevin Brown, 11.97, 8th; junior Derrick Campbell, 12.21, 13th, 100 meter dash; Jordan Dole, 24.78, 9th; Tanner Furbush, 24.96, 13th; Tevin Brown, 25.23, 14th, 200 meter dash; junior Christian Boser, 55.91, 8th; Derrick Campbell, 59.53, 16th, 400 meter dash; Tyus Henson, 2:19.38, 9th; freshman Trenton Wright, personal best 2:25.79; 10th, 800 meter run; Ryan Thrailkill, 5:32.32, 7th, 1600 meter run.

Next action

The Norton Community High School track and field teams will compete this Friday, May 23 in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet in Phillipsburg.

Competing, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, will be teams from Beloit, Ellsworth, Southeast of Saline, Halstead, Hays-Thomas More Prep, Heston, Hoisington, Hutch Trinity, Lyons, Marion, Marysville, Minneapolis, Riley County and Sacred Heart of Salina.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. with running preliminaries at 4:30 p.m. and finals at 6 p.m.

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

The top four finishers in each event will qualify to compete in the Kansas State Track and Field Meet on Friday and Saturday, May 30-31 at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.



Senior Darcy Bainter, No.2, and sophomore Raenee Patterson, No.5, scored a total of 10 points in the 3200 meter run in the Mid-Continent League Track Meet in Phillipsburg on Thursday. Darcy placed second and Raenee finished fifth with a personal best time.

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Jays show improvement in league golf tournament

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The young, inexperienced Norton Community High School golf team recorded their best team finishes of the season in the Mid-Continent League Golf Tournament on Friday in Smith Center.

The Norton four-man team placed third and the two-man squad finished seventh.

Taking the low four scores, Norton finished fifth as a team with a 409.

Phillipsburg won the league championship with a 355 score, followed by Plainville, 364; Thomas More Prep-Hays, 365; Ellis, 393; Norton, 409; Oakley, 412; Hill City, 438; Stockton, 438.

Plainville won the four-man competition with a 373, followed by Phillipsburg, 388; Norton, 416; TMP, 417; Stockton, 442; Oakley, 462.

The two-man championship went to Phillipsburg with a 179, followed by Ellis, 180; TMP, 181; Plainville, 184; Oakley, 200; Hill City, 202; Norton, 220; Smith Center, 224.

"It was a day that had both

its share of positives and negatives," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "We did not shoot as well as we have recently but we were able to earn our best team finishes of the season."

"It was a very difficult day for the entire tournament, as all scores for all teams were much higher today than they have been all season. Breezy conditions and very fast greens led to high scoring throughout the day."

"Our inexperienced team was able to play the Smith Center course for the second time and our improvement showed as all improved by at least seven shots over their first trip when we opened the season."

"We look for our improvement to continue as we will have the opportunity to play at home once again, as we host the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday."

Senior Garret Otter led the Blue Jays' four-man team with a 49/48-97. He was followed by junior Derek Rowh, 50/52-102; sophomore Quinton Porter, 58/46-104 and sophomore Nick Peterson, 56/56-112. Also on

the four-man team was sophomore Skylar Johnson who shot a 64/68-132.

Freshman Wilson Ellis led the Norton two-man team with a 54/51-105. He was followed by freshman Landon Porter with a 59/56-115. Also on Norton's two-man team was freshman Layton Miller who shot a 63/59-122.

Medalists were: Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 80; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg, 81; Hayden Rohr, TMP, 87; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 87; Colton Bobek, Plainville, 89; Lane Fisher, TMP, 89; Zach McLaughlin, 90, Plainville; Craig Garvert, Plainville, 91; Jaron Kellerman, Phillipsburg, 92; Bailey Jones, Hill City, 93.

Next action

Norton hosted the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday on the Prairie Dog Golf Course.

Competing, in addition to Norton, were teams from Beloit, Ellsworth, TMP, Hoisington, Minneapolis, Phillipsburg and Sacred Heart of Salina.

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