

Norton shooters target International

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Other competing teams were: Jefferson County, 2183; Norton Red, 2169; Wichita Blue, 2128; Flint Hills No. 2, 2084; Miami, 2036; Butler, 2031; Wyandotte, 1995.

Teams consist of young people ages 8 to 14.

TEAM MEMBERS

Members of this year's Yellow Team were: Kyle Edgett, 13; Brock Lauer, 13; Kerby Brandyberry, 13; J.D. Gall, 12 and Katie Gall, 10. Edgett, Lauer, Brandyberry and J.D. were members of Norton's International team in 2002. Katie was an alternate on last year's International team, which placed second.

Alternates on the Yellow Team were Travis Stapel, 10 and Dylan Sprigg, 9. Coaches for the Yellow Team were Dan Lauer and John Gall.

Members of the Blue Team were Kylie Nuzum, 10; Cole Archer, 11; Dustyna Sprigg, 11; Brittany Boucher, 13; Nish Millan, 14. Alternates were Lane Vanover, 8 and Whitney Mulder, 9. Coaches were Cameron Archer and Kirk Nuzum.

Shooting for the Red Team were Caleb Vanover, 12; Logan Kelly, 12; Lane Archer, 9; Meaghan Peterson, 19; Jade Braun, 11. Alternates were Austin Montgomery, 9 and Trey Millan, 9. Coaches were Fig Millan and Steve Otter. Tom Edgett assisted with all three teams.

"It's nice when you go in and everybody has a decent day and you bring home the title," said Head Coach Lauer. "We really shot a little better than I thought we would overall. We had a little trouble with kneeling but I think our shooters were getting tired. There's a theory that if you don't have the greatest day in the state shoot that you'll have a great international shoot. I hope this is the case. We'll have quite a few practices before the International shoot so we'll have lots of opportunity to improve our scores."

Teresa Lauer was Norton's representative in the challenge room on Saturday. She was assisted by Dwight Sprigg. Diane Edgett was Norton's scorekeeper.

Ms. Lauer is also Norton's classroom instructor.

"Our written test scores were awesome on Saturday," she said. "And, the boys and girls really shot well, too."

The Manhattan Jaycees hosted this year's event. Tim Marshall was the match director. Ernie Peck, Manhattan, was chief officer. Dr. Bob Robel, Manhattan, was chief statistical officer. He was assisted by his wife, Anice.

INTERNATIONAL SHOOT

The top three teams from differ-

ent communities are eligible to compete in the Daisy/Jaycees International BB Gun Championships. Norton has won the international title eight times, more than any other team in the world.

The International Championships will be held Friday-Sunday, July 2-4 in Bowling Green, Ky.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

Many Norton shooters, besides J.D. Gall, placed among the top individuals.

Prone — Kerby Brandyberry, fourth, 98-3x; Nish Millan, fifth 98-3x; standing — Lane Archer, first, 93-2x; J.D. Gall, second, 93-2x; Brock Lauer, fifth, 91; sitting — Kyle Edgett, first, 97-5x; J.D. Gall, third, 97-1x; Kerby Brandyberry, fourth, 96-4x; Kylie Nuzum, fifth, 96-3x; kneeling — Brittany Boucher, first, 96-4x; Meaghan Peterson, fourth, 95-1x; and Katie Gall, sixth, 94-3x.

In the alternate competition, Austin Montgomery placed first in sitting with a 93.

"It was good to see some of our younger shooters get some medals in addition to members of the Yellow Team," said Coach Lauer. "That makes it worthwhile for them, too."

NORTON SCORES

J.D. Gall had the top overall score for the Yellow Team with a 93 prone, 93 standing, 97 sitting, 89 kneeling, 372 shooting, 100 test, 472 total.

Second high was Kerby Brandyberry with a 98 prone, 88 standing, 96 sitting, 86 kneeling, 368 shooting, 98 test, 466 total.

Katie Gall, third best on the Yellow Team, was high aggregate marksman last year. She had 90 prone, 89 standing, 94 sitting, 94 kneeling, 367 shooting, 98 test, 465 total.

Next came Kyle Edgett with a 96 prone, 82 standing, 97 sitting, 86 kneeling, 361 shooting, 96 test, 457 total.

Brock Lauer recorded a 96 prone, 91 standing, 91 sitting, 78 kneeling, 356 shooting, 96 test, 452 total.

Members of the Blue Team were: Brittany Boucher, 94 prone, 82 standing, 91 sitting, 96 kneeling, 363 shooting, 92 test, 455 total; Dustyna Sprigg, 95 prone, 87 standing, 88 sitting, 93 kneeling, 363 shooting, 90 test, 453 total; Kylie Nuzum, 96 prone, 87 standing, 96 sitting, 83 kneeling, 362 shooting, 86 test, 448 total; Nish Millan, 98 prone, 81 standing, 92 sitting, 84 kneeling, 355 shooting, 92 test, 447 total; Cole Archer, 89 prone, 84 standing, 88 sitting, 87 kneeling, 348 shooting, 86 test, 434 total.

Members of the Red Team were: Logan Kelly, 95 prone, 82 stand-

ing, 92 sitting, 87 kneeling, 356 shooting, 94 test, 450 total; Meaghan Peterson, 94 prone, 77 standing, 94 sitting, 95 kneeling, 360 shooting, 84 test, 444 total; Lane Archer, 86 prone, 93 standing, 90 sitting, 89 kneeling, 358 shooting, 80 test, 438 total; Caleb Vanover, 90 prone, 85 standing, 89 sitting, 82 kneeling, 346 shooting, 88 test, 434 total; Jade Braun, 88 prone, 70 standing, 89 sitting, 72 kneeling, 319 shooting, 84 test, 403 total.

Alternate shooters were: Austin Montgomery, 87 prone, 63 standing, 93 sitting, 74 kneeling, 317 shooting, 90 test, 407 total; Dylan Sprigg, 89 prone, 74 standing, 80 sitting, 76 kneeling, 319 shooting, 86 test, 405 total; Travis Stapel, 85 prone, 52 standing, 87 sitting, 87 kneeling, 304 shooting, 96 test, 400 total; Trey Millan, 86 prone, 66 standing, 82 sitting, 68 kneeling, 302 shooting, 92 test, 394 total; Whitney Mulder, 88 prone, 64 standing, 72 sitting, 82 kneeling, 306 shooting, 84 test, 390 total.

TWO GENERATIONS

Second generation shooters on the Norton teams were Caleb and Lane Vanover, mother Keri Whitney Vanover; Cole and Lane Archer, father Cameron Archer; Whitney Mulder, mother Amy Miller Blackburn and Nish and Trey Millan, father Fig Millan.

LOTS OF SUPPORT

Coach Lauer said he appreciated the crowd, which traveled to Alma to support the young marksmen. He thanked the assistant coaches and other volunteers. Assisting Ms. Lauer this year were Misty Nuzum, Patty Gall, Keri Vanover, Jean Stapel and Dwight Sprigg.

Coach Lauer thanked the parents who encourage their children to do their best and practice regularly. Norton's preparation for the state shoot began in October when the shooters entered the Jaycees gun safety program. After passing the course, they began practicing marksmanship in each of the four positions and studying for the written test. Practices are held every Wednesday in the National Guard Armory.

Coach Lauer thanked the Norton National Guard for use of the Armory and the First State Bank, New Age Industrial Corp., and McMullen and Wyatt Auctions for financial support. He also thanked the Pheasants Forever for donating a 12 gauge shotgun as a fund-raiser and everyone who donated to the drawing. The shotgun was won by Scott Skrdlant.



Norton Coach Dan Lauer (above) reloaded the BB gun for Yellow Team member J.D. Gall during the Kansas State Championships in Alma on Saturday. Gall was the top shooter on the Norton team and was fourth best among all shooters. Kerby Brandyberry (below) fired from the kneeling position as Coach Lauer looked down the range. Brandyberry was second high aggregate shooter for Norton

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
73/42	65/35	68/38	60/31	53/28	50/30	58/35

Normal High 60 Sunrise 7:06 to 7:15am
Normal Low 30 Sunset 8:09 to 8:15pm

The cut-off low over the Southwest US finally moves east across Texas today. A cool front will move through tonight and early tomorrow possibly triggering an isolated storm or two. High pressure clears skies tomorrow afternoon and Thursday. Computers continue to advertise a trough over the Midwest Friday and through the Easter weekend. If so temperatures will definitely be colder and chance for precipitation should increase, but we have been deceived before.

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