



Northern Valley sophomore Joey Copper qualified for the state track meet in the 110 meter high hurdles with a first place finish at the 1A Regional meet in Hays on May 21. Here, he is shown competing in the 300 meter hurdles at the Cheyenne Conference League meet held in Logan on May 13.

—Telegram photo by Susie Marble

## Northern Valley Huskies take four boys, two girls to state

Six members of the Northern Valley track team qualified for state at the 1A Regional Track Meet on May 21 in Hays. The state meet is being held today and tomorrow at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The Husky boys placed fifth at regionals with 40 points, while the girls took 11th with 19 points.

Qualifying for the state meet were: Joey Copper — 110 meter high hurdles, first place, 16.0; and triple jump, fourth, 41'1/2"; Jesse Hilburn — 300 meter intermediate hurdles, third, 43.10; and high jump, fourth, 6'2"; Avery Thalheim — javelin, second, 163'3"; Clarke Nelson — pole vault, third, 11'; Lindsey Graham

— discus, second, 101'8"; Kelli Cole — high jump, second, 4'10".

Hilburn placed fifth in the 110 meter high hurdles at 17.30, but didn't qualify. Jessie Redeker also placed but didn't qualify, taking fifth in the 200 meter dash at 29.10 and sixth in the 100 meter dash at 13.80.

## Blue Jay track team honored at awards night

By DICK BOYD

Members of Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams received letters and awards during the annual Track Awards Night on Tuesday in the NCHS Band Room.

Coach Graber introduced each member of both squads and told about their successes this season. Parents and other fans were present to help honor the athletes.

Named "Most Inspirational" by vote of their teammates were junior Crista Rhoades and freshman Blake VanEaton. "Field Events" "Athlete of the Year", also chosen by vote of the squad, were senior Elise Engelbert and senior Joel Griffiths. The squad members also honored sophomore Karlie Jones and seniors Jered Sloan and Jared Foley as "Track Events Athlete of the Year".

Voted team captains by their teammates were junior Amber Engelbert and senior Jered Sloan.

Earning the most points overall prior to this weekend's State Track

Meet have been sophomore Amanda Antrim with 85 and Jered Sloan with 235 points.

Coaches chose the following Gatorade Award winners: freshman Lacey Roe and VanEaton, "Rookie of the Year"; Antrim and Sloan, "Athlete of the Year"; Amber Engelbert and Foley, "Will to Win Award".

Coach Graber thanked members of his coaching staff, student manager, parents and fans. His assistant coaches are Doug Reusink, Dale Engelbert, Todd Fulton, Jason Jones and Anne Otte.

"It has been a tremendous spring," said Coach Graber. "Both boys and girls have been successful. It's the most fun I've had in 30 years of coaching. Our athletes have given their best in practice and every meet. Even those who didn't place gave all they had. Our athletes competing at the state meet qualified in the toughest Class 3A regional meet in the state but know that they are not guaranteed a medal. They will continue to work hard this week-

end and will do well."

## Eight to state is what the Jennings Coyotes are saying

The Jennings High Coyotes are off to state with seven boys and the entire girls team — all one of her.

"Wow! What a great day for our athletes," Coach Russ Aumiller exclaimed after the regional meet Friday in Hays "Our boys scored 34 points while Nakita Graf scored four.

"We are taking seven boys — five regulars and two alternates — to Wichita.

"Nakita's fourth-place qualified her for state, also. Nakita surprised a lot of people with her performance — even herself.

"She definitely ran a very smart race to get herself into position to take the fourth-place spot. We are glad she will represent our school in Wichita.

"Our regular 4x800-meter relay

# Senior golfers finish season at state tourney in Hesston

By DICK BOYD

Norton seniors Keith Ward and Tyler Rutherford completed their careers at Norton Community High School by competing in the Class 3A State Golf Tournament at Hesston on Monday.

Ward shot a 47-42-89 and Rutherford carded a 44-46-90. Neither golfer was able to medal.

"Although we did not score as well as we had hoped, I was proud of our golfers' effort," said NCHS

Golf Coach David Stover. "With high winds and a course setup as difficult as any in memory for a state tournament, Keith and Tyler really battled all day.

"It was just one of those days where scoring was a very difficult task and we did not complete the task with much consistency.

"This brings an end to another successful season of NCHS Golf with four tournament championships, including our third Mid-

Continent League title in the last four seasons.

"I am extremely proud of the effort each and every golfer gave this season. It was an enjoyable season with an enjoyable group of golfers."

Other senior members of this year's Blue Jay golf squad were Cody Moreland, Brandon Otter, Joel Nielsen, Andy Enfield, Josh Green and Kayla Fahrenbruch.



Lanee Webb and Val Jackson of Logan were first and second, respectfully, in the 400 meter dash and 800 meter run in the Cheyenne Conference league meet which was held at Logan on May 13. At the Regional meet in Hays last Friday, Lanee qualified for the state meet with a second place finish in the 800 meter run and both will be going as members of the 4 x 800 meter relay team.

—Telegram photo by Susie Marble

## Trojans send nine to state meet

The Logan boys track team scored 18 points to tie for 14th place at the 1A Regional meet held on May 21 in Hays.

Tyson Triplett led the way, placing third in the discus at 140'10", third in the javelin at 161'7" and fourth in the shot put at 47'3/4". This qualified him to compete in all three events at the State Track Meet at Cessna Stadium in Wichita this weekend.

Also placing for the Trojan men was the 4 x 800 meter relay team of Tanner Pabst, Kevin Burge, Kyle Brobst and Kevin Pinkerton. They ran a season best of 9:25.20,

which earned them fifth place, missing qualifying for state by 3.5 seconds.

The Lady Trojans competed well and most earned a chance to compete at the state meet in Wichita. The girls scored 30 points, which put them in tie for sixth with the Warriors from Grinnell.

Those qualifying for state were: Bethany Clements, who placed third in the 1600 meter run at 5:47.6; Lanee Webb, who placed second in the 800 meter run at 2:28.70; the 4 x 100 meter relay team of Megan Brumbaugh, Jenny

Noel, Darci Goddard and Anne Hartman, who placed fourth at :54.0; the 4 x 800 meter relay team of Clements, Melanie Berg, Val Jackson and Webb, who placed second at 10:36.90; and Lisa Kiser, who is an alternate on both relays.

Placing, but not qualifying, were Jenny Noel, sixth in the javelin at 100'5"; and the 4 x 400 meter relay team of Hartman, Clements, Jackson and Webb, who came in fifth at 4:26.80.

The state meet will be held today and tomorrow. Tad Feldts will be broadcasting from the meet.

M. McKenna, Jake Kramer, Brett McKenna and Bailey, 3:39.1, third.

•The 4x800-meter relay team of M. McKenna, Josh Vahling, B. McKenna and Bailey, 8:47.8, first.

Vahling and Adam Wahlmeier will go to state as alternates for the 4x400-meter relay team and Brian

Miller and Kramer will go as alternates for the 4x800-meter relay team.

The state meet will be held at the Wichita State University stadium on Friday and Saturday.

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