

# Blue Jay boys place second at Lakeside run

By DICK BOYD

Coach Deyton Hager's Norton Community High School cross country boys team placed second and his girls squad was fifth in the Lakeside Invitational Meet on Thursday on the golf course in Downs.

Southeast of Saline won the boys championship with 48 points, followed by Norton, 60; Salina-Sacred Heart, 107; Republic County, 122; Beloit, 139; Rock Hills, 160; Hill City, 183; Ellsworth, 211; Phillipsburg, 218; Pike Valley, 246; Stockton, 294; Lakeside, 301. Lincoln, Osborne, Russell, Southern Cloud and Sylvan Unified also had runners competing but did not have teams.

Salina-Sacred Heart won the girls crown with 62, followed by Osborne, 80; Beloit, 83; Republic County, 99; Norton, 109; Southeast of Saline, 179; Lakeside, 180; Ellsworth, 204; Hill City, 218; Pike Valley, 237; Smith Center, 280. Jewell, Lincoln, Phillipsburg, Rock Hills, Southern Cloud, Stockton and Sylvan Unified also had runners competing but did not have teams.

"Just knowing the competition that was going to be here today, I knew we would have to be at the top of our game on both the boys and girls teams to come home with some hardware," said coach Hager.

## Boys

Norton's Zach Bainter placed third in the boys 3.1 mile run with

a time of 17:26. Logan Keiswetter was eighth with a clocking of 18:03 and Kent Mann was tenth in 18:17. Jared Engelbert, 17th at 18:38 and Chris Maddy 26th at 18:53 completed Norton's five-man team.

Also running for the Norton varsity and their places and times were Jared Bebb, 30th, 19:02; Kaenon Keiswetter, 50th, 19:58, season personal record.

Clinton McDonald, Southeast of Saline, won the championship with a time of 16:41 and Andrew Falcon of Salina-Sacred Heart was second in 17:10.

Tanner Bartholomew, Rock Hills, was fourth behind Bainter in 17:30 and Wade Adams, Beloit, was fifth in 17:34.

"Our boys ran a good solid race," said coach Hager. "We knew Southeast was going to be tough to beat but we didn't back down from them. We made some big jumps. Chris Maddy ran one of his best races and Logan and Kent did great things themselves.

"Zach is running well right now but he is the one on this team who is pushing himself every day to the maximum and it is showing on the course."

The Norton boys junior varsity won the championship with 37 points. Southeast of Saline was second with 39 and Ellsworth was third with 47. Luke VanSlike placed third with a time of 19:24. Tanner Griffith was fifth in 20:34 and Andrew Black was seventh in

a season record time of 20:42. Grant McClymont ran a personal record 22:14 to place 21st. Matheus Martins was right behind him in 22nd in 22:18. Josh Gallentine placed 25th in 22:27 and Matt Miller was 41st in 25:31.

## Girls

The Lady Jays' Laura Lee Baird placed third in 15:56 in the girls 2.5 mile race. Taylor Rossi placed 17th in a personal record time of 17:10. KaraJo Jones was 33rd in 18:15. Amanda Ray placed 38th in a personal record clocking of 18:50 and Kylie Morel was Norton's fifth place finisher with a personal record time of 18:53 and a 40th place.

Also running for Norton were Hannah Waggoner, 65th, 20:10 and Megan Kats, 76th, 21:15, personal best.

Leah Thompson, Salina-Sacred Heart, won the girls championship with a clocking of 15:36. Sydney Cole, Phillipsburg, was second in 15:51. Fourth place went to Hillary Callaway, Rock Hills, in 16:15 and fifth was Lauren Eck, Beloit, in 16:20.

"Laura Lee kept right up there with one of the best girl runners in the state," said coach Hager. "Like Zach, she is pushing herself every day.

"Our girls are going to have to run on all cylinders to have a shot at a trip to the big dance. Most of our girls' times were faster than what they have raced this year. But, to keep up with some of the



Norton cross country runners sprinted from the starting line to get good early positions in the 3.1 mile run in the Lakeside Invitational Meet on the golf course in Downs on Thursday. From left are Norton runners Kent Mann, Logan Keiswetter, Zach Bainter and Jared Engelbert. -Telegram photo by Patsy Maddy

best girls in the state, they will have to be better in this week's regional."

Karlynn Kent was Norton's only girls runner in junior varsity and she placed 12th in 21:05.

## Next action

Norton will compete in the Class 3A regional meet this Saturday in Lyons.

Competing, in addition to Lyons and Norton, will be runners from

Beloit, Ellinwood, Ellsworth, Southeast of Saline, Hoisington, Holcomb, Southwestern Heights, Lakin, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Salina-Sacred Heart, Salina-St. John's Military, Scott City.

# Jayvee volleyball wins Hill City tourney

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team won the championship of the Hill City JV Tournament held on Sept. 23 in Hill City.

In pool play, Norton defeated Hill City No. 2 25-19, 25-16; outscored Ellis 25-22, 25-23 and defeated Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays 25-20, 25-9.

"We played very well in pool play," said Norton coach Jill Scott. "We didn't have much time to get ready because the tournament started earlier than we thought it would. But, our girls came out and played very well under the circumstances.

"They played very well against TMP in the third match despite having to wait almost three hours after playing Ellis. It is tough to get back into the swing of things at that point but they responded very well."

In the semi-finals, Norton defeated Oakley 30-28, 25-17; then

played Hill City No. 1 for the championship and won 25-21, 25-15.

"The first game against Oakley went back and forth and we just came out on top," said coach Scott. "We had waited over an hour to play this game after finishing pool play so it was a good fight for us to win that game.

"In the second game, we came out and jumped on them early. They gave us a good fight but we never gave up.

## Jayvee Blue Jays finish season with 20 wins

The Norton Community High School junior varsity volleyball team finished the season 20-6 with wins over Smith Center in two matches.

In the first match in Wilmett Kirk Memorial Gym, Norton won 25-14, 25-21. In the second match versus the Lady Redmen, the Lady Blue Jays prevailed 25-17, 25-13.

"Once again, we came out and played very strong against a good opponent," said coach Jill Scott.

"That put us in the championship match against Hill City, a team who had previously beaten us three times. We came out very strong and never looked back.

"I told our girls we had to come out strong because we would not be the only team on the floor who remembered they had beaten us three times already. It was a fun match to play but beating them at home made it even better. Our girls played well all day and brought our record up to 12-6."

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"I can't express how excited I was for this group of girls to finish the season the way they did. After the first 13 matches, we were 7-6 and then we won our last 13 in a row to finish 20-6 and win 75 percent of our matches."

# Husky junior high punishes Damar

The Northern Valley Junior High football machine improved its record to 3-1 with a convincing 48-18 punishing of Damar on Sept. 28 at Palco. That was Coach Jim Cole's 102nd career victory as junior high coach at Northern Valley.

The Huskies rolled to 42 points in the first half, enabling second team players to see considerable action in the second half.

The Huskies are playing good football at this point in the season and preparations are now in progress for the big game on Thursday with Eastern Heights/Kensington at Long Island.

The Huskies scored 28 points in the opening quarter, 14 in the second, zip in the third and 6 in the fourth. Damar scored six points in the first, second and third.

Here's how the scoring went:  
**First Quarter**— Zac Vincent ran 3 yards, Lowry pass from Dusty Eagleburger for 2-point conversion, 8-0. Colton Lowry

15-yard pass from Eagleburger, Vincent ran the 2-point conversion, 16-0. Damar's Colton Benoit was on the receiving end of a 48-yard pass from Kody Hamel, no extra point, 16-6. Eagleburger ran in from 16 yards out, no extra point, 22-7. Colton Lowry caught a 25-yard pass from Eagleburger, no point after, 28-6.

**Second Quarter** — Eagleburger scored on a 49-yard run, Matt Dole ran for the 2-point conversion, 36-6. Damar's Keaton Newell scored on a 27-yard pass from Kody Hamel, no point after, 36-12. Vincent scored on a 1-yard run, no point after, 41-12.

**Third Quarter** — Damar's Brandon Gosselin scored on a 21-yard run, no point after, 42-18.

**Fourth Quarter** — Vincent ran in from 22 yards out, no point after, 48-18.

Individually:  
**Rushing** (carries/yards) Eagleburger, 6/162, 2 TD;

Vincent, 88/59, 3 TD, 2-pt. conversion; Dole, 8/52, 2 pt. conversion; Austin Herman, 8/57; Nate Land, 4/12; Calen Bach, 3/9; Skyler Harris, 2/1.

**Passing**, Eagleburger 3 for 4, 43 yards, 2 TD, 2-point conversion; Herman, 2 for 6, 53 yards, 1 interception. **Pass Receiving**, Lowry, 4 for 73 yards, 2 TD, 2-point conversion; Caleb Bach, 1 for 23 yards.

**Team rushing**, 352 yards; **passing** 96 yards; **total offense**, 448 yard. **Tackles/Assists** — Dole, 9-4; Eagleburger, 8-2; Lowry, 4-3; Vincent 4-1; Herman, 4-0; Caleb Bach, 3-1; Caleb Bach, 2-1; Land, 2-1; Hogan, 2-1; Tharman, 1-1; Braun, 1-0; Field, 1-0; Gallentine, 1-0; Pinzenscham, 1-0; Hays, 0-2; Miller, 0-1.

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