

Husky cross country taking show to state

By TOM DREILING

All Northern Valley eyes will be on the cross country course at the Wamego Country Club on Saturday as the Huskies will be among participants in the Class 1A state showdown.

The Lady Huskies placed 2nd in the state qualifying run at Grainfield on Oct. 21 as a team. And additionally, team members Megan Cole and Amanda Hopkins qualified individually, as did Bryce Marble.

The Husky ladies compiled 19 points in capturing 2nd place. Quinter came in first with 18.

There were 22 varsity runners in the girls' meet and 29 in the boys' run. The ladies covered 4000K and the men 5000k.

Wheatland came in 1st in the boys' competition with 25 points, followed by Natoma, 2nd, 33 points; Quinter, 3rd, 44 points; and Grinnell, 4th, 47 points.

Individual results:

Girls

Megan Cole, 6th place, time 19:13; Amanda Hopkins, 9th place, time 19:59; Jessie Redeker, 15th place, time 21:18; Jena Jessup, 20th place, time 23:02.

Boys

Bryce Marble, 2nd place, time 18:44.

"We had a tremendous day qualifying the girls' team and having Megan, Amanda and Bryce qualify individually," said coach Lonnie Brungardt. "This was their goal from the start, so it was nice to see this happen. I was very proud of our desire to compete and hope that this will follow us at Wamego."

Coach Brungardt said that this week was spent in preparation for Saturday's state, working speed, hills and low mileage.

"For us to do what we are capable of, we need to perform to our

best, run past pain, and compete throughout," he said. "If we can do this we will surprise some teams."

Coach Brungardt said the girls' 1A race takes off at 11 a.m. and the boys at 12 noon on Saturday at Wamego.

His individual comments from the effort at Grainfield included:

Cole — Super race...keep this up for state.

Hopkins — Good strong race...we need this again on Saturday.

Redeker — Strong last 300m...best finish I have seen in 4 years. Now you are ready to run your best race Saturday.

Jessup — Good improvement of over 1 minute from last week...now, let's focus on running your best race of your career Saturday.

Marble — Outstanding run...a very solid performance, and a smart race. Same way Saturday..

Norton tennis places 2nd

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School junior varsity girls tennis team placed second in the Norton JV Round Robin held Thursday, Sept. 28 in Norton.

Norton and Phillipsburg tied for first with 22 points each but Phillipsburg was awarded first based on percentage of games won.

Third place went to Colby with 12 points and a Mixed team placed fourth with 2 points.

Valerie Wagoner placed third for Norton in No.1 singles. She lost 6-0 to Laura Dougherty, Colby; shutout Mr. Rothfuss of the Mixed team 6-0 and lost 6-4 to Robbie Hadley, Phillipsburg.

In No.1 doubles, the Lady Jays' Sara Campbell and Gena Myers

placed first. They outscored Karen Unruh and Mysti Rothfuss, Colby, 6-2; shutout Mr. Green and Mr. Moon of the Mixed team 6-0 and defeated Becca Zillinger and Courtney Beard, Phillipsburg, 6-4.

Tabitha Vincent played No.2 singles for Norton and won first. She shutout Meshelle Schroeder, Colby, 6-0; defeated Norton's Steph Shepard of the Mixed team 6-1 and outscored Mary Ann Schremmer, Phillipsburg, 6-4.

In No.2 doubles, Norton's Emily Juenemann and Bethany Wicker finished in second place. They defeated Phillipsburg's Tristin Troyer and Caitlin Klinger, who played for Colby, by a 6-3 score; edged Norton's Allie Corbin and Kelsey Nuzum of the

Mixed team 6-5 (8-6) and lost 6-1 to Kadie Hays and Chelsy Troyer, Phillipsburg.

Norton's Shepard played No.2 singles for the Mixed team and placed third. She lost 6-1 to Schremmer of Phillipsburg, lost 6-1 to Vincent and shutout Schroeder of Colby 6-0.

The Lady Jays' Corbin and Nuzum placed fourth in No.2 doubles for the Mixed team. They lost 6-3 to Hays and Troyer of Phillipsburg, lost 6-5 (8-6) to Juenemann and Wicker of Norton and lost 6-1 to Troyer and Klinger of Phillipsburg, who were playing for Colby.

"We couldn't fill the Mixed team with players, so coaches filled in the empty spots," said Norton coach Shawnee Branek.

Good night for jayvee volleyball

By DICK BOYD

Coach Jill Scott's Norton Community High School junior varsity girls volleyball team extended their season record to 14-6 with wins over Colby and Atwood on Tuesday, Sept. 26 in Norton.

The Lady Jays defeated Colby 25-18, 25-22 and outscored Atwood 25-10, 28-26.

"Our girls came into these matches knowing that they would be tough," said coach Scott. "We had played Colby early in the season and they pretty much handed it to us then. We had also previously played Atwood and beaten

them but you can never look at those things when playing volleyball. Anything can happen on any given day."

Colby

"In the first game against Colby, we came out pretty slow but so did they, so it was okay. Points were just going back and forth until we made a five point run from 12 to 16 and then another four point run from 19 to 22. That clinched the game for us.

"In the second game, it was much of the same but we just made less mistakes than they did and that helped get us to 25 just before they

would have. It was a great game and a great win for us."

Atwood

"The first game with Atwood went a little smoother for us," said coach Scott. "We really came out and played strong from the beginning.

"In the second game, we got ahead but let them get back into the game before finishing it and coming out on top by the two points."

Mann on a mission



Norton senior runner Kent Mann set a season personal record with a 16th place finish in 17:56 in the Class 3A Regional Cross Country Meet in Lyons last Saturday. Mann and his Blue Jay teammates placed second as a team and qualified to compete this Saturday in the State Cross Country Meet in Wamego.

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