

Cross country Jays wins both crowns

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams both earned championships in the Mid-Continent League Meet on Thursday, Oct. 9 in Phillipsburg.

"Both of our teams had great days," said Norton head coach Tom Hehn. "Our girls and boys not only won the league titles but also the Invitational."

It was the fifth straight league crown won by the Blue Jay boys! It was the first ever for the Lady Jays!

Senior Zach Bainter was the individual boys winner and ended his career as the undefeated MCL cross country champion, having won the gold medal the past four seasons!

Lady Jays senior Laura Lee Baird also won the individual girls gold medal.

"In addition to winning the team titles, it was good to see Laura Lee and Zach win the individual championships," said coach Hehn.

"In the girls race, our second through fifth place runners finished within one minute of each other and, in the boys race, our second through fifth place runners were within eighty seconds of each other. That's the type of performance we've been shooting for this season.

"It was also nice to see Kegan Vanover and Adam Myers medal in the junior varsity race.

"The cross country meet at Lakeside on Thursday will determine which boys run in the regional meet on October 25."

Girls

The Norton girls team was followed in the team standings by Osborne, Franklin, Neb., Lakeside, Oberlin and Smith Center. In the Mid-Continent League standings, the Lady Jays were followed by Osborne and Smith Center.

Laura Lee Baird was timed in 16:54.28. KaraJo Jones placed sixth overall and third in the league with a clocking of 18:30.72. Abby Bainter was tenth overall and fifth in the league in 18:49.82. Taylor Rossi placed 13th overall and eighth in the league with a time of 19:71.53 and Kaylen Rossi completed the five-girl scoring team for Norton with a 16th place finish and tenth in the league with a clocking of 19:37.67.

Also running for Norton and their places and times were:



Norton's Zach Hartwell, left, and Chris Maddy had a few chances to sprint downhill during the Mid-Continent League cross country championship in Phillipsburg on Thursday, Oct. 9. Hartwell placed seventh overall and Maddy eighth to help propel the Blue Jays to the team championship.

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Dustyna Sprigg, 22nd and 13th in league in 20:46.28 and Amanda Ray, 37th and 21st in league in 22:46.83.

In the topten, in addition to Baird, Jones and Bainter were: Rachel Renken, Lakeside, 17:14.80, second; Haley Wolf, Ellis, 17:23.93, third; Taylor Randall, Franklin, 17:34.51, fourth; Taylor Lucas, Franklin, 17:36.31, fifth; Kayla Field, Northern Valley, 18:39.61, seventh; Megan Hake, Lakeside, 18:44.78, eighth; Kylie Naber, Osborne, 18:46.62, ninth.

In addition, Kynzie Stevens, Northern Valley, placed 17th in 19:40.10.

Boys

The Norton boys were followed in the overall team standings by Trego Community, Oberlin, Hill City, Osborne, Phillipsburg and Smith Center.

In league competition, it was Norton followed by Trego Community, Hill City, Osborne, Phillipsburg and Smith Center.

Four-time Mid-Continent League champion Zach Bainter was timed in 17:14.29.

Second fastest Norton runner was Zach Hartwell, who placed seventh overall and fourth in the league in 19:19.73. Right behind him in eighth place overall and

fifth in the league was teammate Chris Maddy in 19:22.44.

The Blue Jays' Troy Bainter was 14th in 19:50.00 and tenth in the league. Norton's Bryan Henry placed 22nd overall and 15th in the league in 20:42.66 to complete the Blue Jays' five-man team.

Also competing for Norton and their places and times were: Zach Porter, 31st overall and 24th in the league in 21:30.85 and Josh Gallentine, 38th overall and 28th in league, 22:03.46.

Stanton Nelson of Northern Valley placed 47th in 22:41.30.

In the boys junior varsity race, Norton's Kegan Vanover placed fifth in 21:50.00, Adam Myers finished ninth in 22:36.24, Cole Archer placed 14th in 23:18.91; Matt Miller was 27th in 25:46.43 and Casey Robison was 28th in 25:46.63.

Next action

Norton competed in the Lakeside Invitational Cross Country Meet on Thursday in Downs.

Results were not available at press time.

The Norton runners will not compete again until a week from Saturday on Oct. 25 when they run in the Class 3A Regional Cross Country Meet in Cimarron.



The Norton boys runners charged off the starting line to take command of the Mid-Continent League cross country run and win the team championship on Thursday, Oct. 9 in Phillipsburg. Pictured for Norton are, from left, Chris Maddy, Zach Hartwell, Josh Gallentine, Zach Bainter and Zach Porter. Also running for the Blue Jay varsity were Troy Bainter and Bryan Henry.

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The Norton Lady Jays got a good start and ran hard to win the Mid-Continent League cross country championship for the first time in history on Thursday, Oct. 9 in Phillipsburg. Pictured are, from left, Taylor Rossi, KaraJo Jones, Kaylen Rossi, Laura Lee Baird, Amanda Ray and Dustyna Sprigg. Also running for Norton was Abby Bainter.

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Norton varsity volleyball team takes fourth place

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The Norton Community High School girls varsity volleyball team placed fourth in the annual Scott City Tournament on Saturday.

Norton defeated Holcomb 22-25, 25-18, 25-14, then lost to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays 19-25, 26-28 in pool play to qualify for the championship bracket.

After a 15-25, 25-27 loss to Scott City, they played a return match with TMP and lost 8-25, 20-25.

Holcomb

"We started slowly but quickly showed domination in almost every area against Holcomb," said Norton head coach Peggy Cox.

"We only served 87 percent but Charli Lawson was our highlight with 20/21 at the line with five aces. Other Lady Jays added points with blocks and kills to keep the momentum on our side for the second and third games."

Hayli Bozarth led in kills with 13, followed by Katharine Roy, Kaitlyn Wolf, 4 each; Lacy Keilig, 3; Bethany Roy, 2.

In addition to Lawson's 5 aces, Ashley Colip, Shelby Jones and Ashlie Stewart recorded 1 each.

Stewart led in digs with 5, followed by Bozarth, 4; Katharine Roy, 3; Jones, 1.

Assists leaders were Colip and Jones with 5 each, followed by Katharine Roy, 4; Keilig, 1.

Keilig was blocks leader with 3, followed by Bozarth, 2; Amanda Delimont, Katharine Roy, Bethany Roy, Wolf, 1 each.

Thomas More Prep-Marian
"We lost in two games to a very athletic Lady Monarchs team," said coach Cox.

"I was very impressed with how our girls handled, not one, but two left-handed hitters.

"We only converted two blocks into points but we are finally getting touches on hits that we haven't in the past, which helps the back row in digs.

"My only frustration with this match was that we gave up points on unforced errors. If we could have controlled those, we would have taken the Lady Monarchs to three games and possibly come out with the win."

Bozarth led in kills again, this time with 7, followed by Wolf, 5; Katharine Roy, 4; Keilig, 3; Delimont, Bethany Roy, 2 each.

Katharine Roy and Jones each had 1 serving ace.

Stewart led again in digs with 3, followed by Katharine Roy, 2; Bozarth, Jones, Wolf, 1 each.

Jones led in assists with 9, followed by Katharine Roy, 8; Colip, 2. Keilig had 2 blocks.

Scott City

"We played another excellent match when we came out of pool play to compete in the championship bracket," said coach Cox.

"We faced the Lady Beavers and, after getting an idea of what they could do, played a very close second game.

"Two controversial calls, nei-

ther of which went our way, made the difference between a two game or three game match.

"We had our opportunities and will have to capitalize on those in the future so they don't determine the outcome of a match."

Bozarth was kills leader again. She had 7 and was followed by Delimont, 5; Keilig, 2; Katharine Roy, Bethany Roy, Wolf, 1 each.

Katharine Roy and Stewart each had 2 serving aces, followed by Colip, Lawson, Jones, 1 each.

Jones and Stewart led in digs with 6 each, followed by Bozarth, Colip, Katharine Roy, 2 each; Lawson, Wolf, 1 each.

Katharine Roy had 8 assists.

Thomas More Prep-Marian
"We lost our edge in our second matchup of the day with TMP," said coach Cox.

"We allowed two servers to take control of the first game and we just didn't have any answer for them.

"In the second game, we played a little better but without the in-

tensity that we had played with throughout the day.

"It was disappointing to end the tournament this way but, overall, I was very pleased with how we played despite our record for the day.

"The changes I made recently seem to be working and our girls will only improve as they have more practice in their new roles."

Kills leader again was Bozarth with 5, followed by Bethany Roy, 2; Wolf, 1.

Stewart had 1 serving ace. Stewart also led in digs with 7, followed by Bozarth, 3; Katharine Roy, Jones, 1 each.

Assists leader was Katharine

Roy with 5, followed by Colip, Jones, 2 each.

Keilig had 1 block.

All-Tournament honors
Norton's Hayli Bozarth and Katharine Roy were both chosen to the All-Tournament Team.

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Trojans bow to Pawnee Heights in tight game

The Logan Trojans lost to Pawnee Heights last Friday (Oct. 10) by a 38-34 count.

The game was tied 22 all at the half, but Pawnee Heights outscored the Trojans in the final two quarters — 16-12 — to grab the win.

Logan picked up 278 yards on the ground on 40 carries. Kiser

handled the ball 25 times for 247 yards, while Tien picked up 25 yards on 13 carries and Sammons, 6 yards on 2 carries. Three of Logan's touchdowns were on the ground.

Pawnee Heights ground out 230 yards on 50 carries.

The Trojans attempted 17 passes, completed 12 for 74 yards and

2 touchdowns, and 1 interception. Tien tossed 13, completed 10 for 29 yards and Kiser passed 4 times

and connected on 2 for 45 yards. Pawnee Heights completed 9 of 18 passes for 173 yards.

CRAB LEG DINNER BUFFET Friday, October 17 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm Saturday, October 18 - 5:00pm to 8:00pm HIDDEN DRAGON CHINESE RESTAURANT 118 S. State Street, Norton, KS — 1-785-874-4848

Parade alters junior high game

The Norton Junior High basketball game at Smith Center on Nov. 11, will be played at 5:15 p.m., instead of 4 p.m., due to the Veterans Day Parade.