Blue Jays compete at Oberlin meet

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys track teams performed very well in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday.

The girls placed fourth out of nine teams and the boys finished as the runner-up in the team stand-

Winning the girls championship was Smith Center with 129 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 90; Oberlin, 87.5; Norton, 75; Hoxie, 68.5; Oakley, 61; Atwood, 17; St. Francis, 14; Wheatland,

Champion in the boys division was Phillipsburg with 110 points, followed by Norton, 89; Oberlin, 80; Hoxie, 56; Smith Center, 56; Wheatland, 53; Oakley, 42; St. Francis, 39; Atwood, 34.

"This meet went pretty well for us," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones. "We were missing a fair amount of athletes to other commitments but both teams put up very solid performances. We are getting better in a number of areas and that is our goal at this point in the season.

"Our girls and boys posted more personal records and we hope to build on those performances and gain some more confidence from them as we prepare to enter the league meet a week from Friday.

"We are proud of the way we competed at this meet and look forward to getting our whole team back together again for the upcoming meets!'

GIRLS

Three Lady Jays produced gold medal winning performances and two were silver medalists.

Senior Dustyna Sprigg was the winner of the 800 meter run with a time of 2:32.28. Norton sophomore Teslee Nickell won the gold in the shot put with a heave of 38'5.75".

Lady Jay freshman Katelyn Engelbert hit the tape first in the 400 meter dash in a personal best time of 1:02.63. Engelbert spurted past Tangie Hileman of Smith Center at the finish line to win the gold medal. Hileman was timed in 1:02.69.

Sophomore Kamilla Jones

placed runner-up in the pole vault with a clearance of 8' and sophomore Alec Melvin was the runner-up in the discus with a distance of 111'7".

Norton junior Astrid Moen was the bronze medal winner in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 6:11.45.

Members of Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team also won bronze medals for their third place finish in 4:21.93. On that foursome were Engelbert, Sprigg, Jones and junior Erin Terrell.

Sprigg scored points in a third event when she placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'8.5". Melvin placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 35'...

Lady Jay sophomore Julia Kent finished fourth in the 3200 meter run in 13:48.75 and set a personal record when she was timed in 6:20.68 to place fifth in the 1600

Jones placed sixth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:45.47. Freshman Katherine Boteler finished sixth in the 200 meter dash

Sophomore newcomer Stephanie Hager placed sixth in the 3200 meter run in 4:25.11 in her first race this season for the Lady

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Rickele Green, 27'2" 15th, shot put; Green, personal best 81'4", 11th; freshman Haley Wallingford, 74'2", 14th, discus; Green, personal best 79'11", 18th; Wallingford, 66'6", 25th, javelin; Jones, 14'2.5", 7th; senior Bekah Streck, 12'4.5", 17th, long jump; Engelbert, 30'6", 7th, triple jump; sophomore Juliana Miller,4'4", 10th, high jump; Terrell, 55.10, 8th, 300 meter hurdles; Boteler, 14.66, 16th; Miller, 15.30, 19th, 100 meter dash.

BOYS

The Norton boys had two gold medal winners and six runner-up

Winning the gold for the Blue Jays were junior Seth Antrim in the pole vault with a clearance of 13' and junior Bryan Henry in the 400 meter dash with a time of 52.91.

Finishing runner-up for Norton



Norton Community High School sophomore Jacob Brooks is shown clearing the high jump bar during his runner-up finish with a 5'10" clearance in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. Brooks was also runner-up in the 200 meter dash in a personal best time of 23.16 and fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.54. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

in two events was sophomore Jacob Brooks with a 5'10" height in the high jump and personal best time of 23.16 in the 200 meter dash. Brooks also placed fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.54.

Junior Jordan Wahlmeier leaped to a runner-up in the triple jump with a distance of 37'8" and freshman Trever Lewis earned the silver medal in the long jump with a leap of 17'10".

Junior Zach Hartwell placed runner-up in the 3200 meter run in 10:55.73.

The Blue Jay boys' 4 x 400 meter relay team also won silver medals with a runner-up finish in a time of 3:42.64. On that foursome were junior Tye Nickell, senior Billy Broeckelman, junior Dillon McConney and Henry.

Broeckelman placed third in the pole vault with a clearance of 12'. Nickell was right behind him in fourth with a vault of 11'6". Norton's 4 x 800 meter re-

lay team of Hartwell, Nickell, sophomore John Renner and Henry placed fourth in a time of 8:55.26.

Wahlmeier also placed fifth in the high jump with a personal record clearance of 5'8".

Freshman Alec Hager finished sixth in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 11:48.33.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: junior Casey Temmel, 39'5" 9th; sophomore Lucas Engel, personal best 34'2", 15th; sophomore Dalton Miller, personal best 32'7.5", 18th, shot put; Miller,



hair was flying and she was also as she sprinted down the final straightaway to win the 800 meter run in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. Sprigg was timed in 2:32.28. Finishing runner-up was Hoxie's Ellie Heim, who was clocked in 2:33.52. Sprigg scored points in three events. She was a member of the third place 4 x 400 meter relay team and finished fourth in the triple jump. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

110'9", 10th; Temmel, 98'2", 18th; Engel, no distance, discus; junior Trey Millan, 113'9", 13th; Nickell, 110'8", 15th; Miller, 106'4", 19th, javelin; McConney, 16'10", 12th, long jump; Lewis, 36'1", 8th; freshman Travis Cressler, 32', 18th, triple jump; senior Dakota Dreher, 5'2", 11th, high jump; Miller, 22.73, 8th, 110 meter hurdles; Wahlmeier, 48.36, 9th; senior Kegan Vanover, 56.21, 12th, 300 meter hurdles; Millan, 12.27, 15th, 100 meter dash; Millan, no time, 200 meter dash; McConney, 58.37, 10th; Cressler, personal best 59.49, 13th, 400 meter dash;

Dreher, 2:17.10, 8th; Renner, personal record 2:19.10, 9th; freshman Drew Schrum, 2:29.73, 17th, 800 meter run; Schrum, personal best 5:24.25, 9th; Hager, 5:24.41, 10th; Vanover, 5:35.36, 12th, 1600 meter run; Vanover, 11:57.97, 7th, 3200 meter run; Antrim, Broeckelman, Millan, Brooks, 4 x 100 meter relay, did not finish.

Next action

The Norton girls and boys varsity track teams will compete today in the Russell Relays, which begin at 3 p.m. with field events.

Huskies perform at Quinter Invite

By DANA PAXTON dpaxton@nwkansas.com

Last Saturday, the Northern Valley Huskies boys track team competed at the Quinter Invitational Relays to place fifth overall

with 56 points.

The 1600 meter relay team of Herman, Baird, Callaway and Lowry took fifth in 3:49.18.

The 3200 meter relay team of Hays, Herman, Chandler and Lowry placed second in a time of 9:04.88.

Callaway took sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 47.69 and he took sixth again in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 18.3.

Colton Lowry took third in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:08.7.Gunnar Hays placed first in

the 1600 meter run in a time of 4:53.38 and then took first again in the 3200 meter run in a time of 10:35.61. Austin Herman won the triple jump with a distance of 41'4" and

then he jumped 19'7.5 in the long

jump to place third followed by

Jordan Baird in sixth with a jump

of 18'4".

Dole placed sixth in the pole week we traveled to Logan and to vault with a height of 10'6".

Head coach Chuck Fessenden said,"The boys had another good day. We finished fifth but we were only one point out of a tie for third and fourth. Gunnar ran well in both the 1600 and 3200 and was able to avenge his losses to the oberlin runner at the Norton Invitational. Austin Herman had good jumps in the long jump and triple jump. Jordan Baird had a personal best in the long jump and was able to pick up a sixth place finish. Colton took his first loss of the season in the 800. He was running well and had the lead going into the final turn but a cramp in the arch of his foot hampered his finish. Our 3200 meter relay team had their best time of the season in very windy conditions. Ian Vincent and Dillion Hogan each had personal bests in the javelin with throws of 134'3.5" and 132'5.5". Nate Land also achieved a personal best in the javelin with a throw of 111'5".

It is good to see our throwers

make steady improvement. This

Mankato on Friday."



Sophomore, Tyson Callaway of the Northern Valley High School track team takes flight in his first attempt at the triple jump. Photo by Rayleen Osborn

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