

BB Gun team competes at Legion shoot

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Having already qualified for the national shoot, the Norton County Rotary BB Gun Team competed in the American Legion State Shoot in Alma on Saturday to gain experience.

The Norton County team placed fourth in the Legion Shoot but had already qualified for the Daisy National BB Gun Championships during the State 4-H Shooting Match, also held earlier in Alma.

Johnson County won the Legion championship with a team score of 2263-44, followed by Wabaunsee No.1, 2229-50; Riley/Potawatomic, 2201-54; Norton County, 2177-30 and Reno County, 2082-29.

Norton's top shooter was Stacie Elliott, who placed fifth individually among all shooters and was third best marksman from standing. Her scores were: 92-4, prone; 91-2, standing; 91-1, sitting; 90-2, kneeling, 98, test score; 462-9 total score.

Norton's Scott Sansom was ninth best shooter individually. His scores were: 89-3, prone; 84-0, standing; 92-4, sitting; 89-2, kneeling; 96, test score; 450-9 total score.

The Blue Jays' Miles Harrington was their third highest scorer and was 12th overall. His scores were: 92-1, prone; 85-2, standing; 91-1, sitting; 90-2, kneeling; 90, test score; 448-6 total score.

Fourth best shooter for Norton and ranking 27th individually was Lily David. Her scores were: 85-1, prone; 86-2, standing; 90-2, sitting; 78-0, kneeling; 90, test score; 429-5, total score.

Completing the Norton team's shooting was Althea Paxton, who ranked 36th among all shooters. Her scores were: 84-0, prone; 69-0, standing; 76-0, sitting; 77-1, kneeling; 82, test score; 388-



Stacie Elliott, Norton Rotary BB Gun team member, is seen here in the sitting position under the watchful eye of coach Marty Harrington. The team competed at the Legion State BB Gun shoot on Saturday, April 26 in Alma, Kansas. The team had already qualified for Nationals so this Shoot was more relaxed and gave the five shooters a little extra practice.

- Telegram photo by Dana Paxton

1, total score.

"Our marksmen got more shooting experience in this shoot as well as getting to take a written test once again," said Norton head coach Jeff El-

liott.

"I had a scheduling conflict so Marty Harrington was willing to step in and become our head coach for the day. Our guns performed well again and

John Baker is to be thanked for this. He has been good at keeping our guns functional.

"Also, thanks to classroom instructor Valerie Elliott and Rod Sansom for assisting Marty Harrington on the line.

"With our tournaments behind us, we will now focus on the national shoot. We will have five shooters and two alternates practicing and plan to now practice twice weekly.

"We will work on our marksmen becoming more precise in their shooting. We will also focus on the written test of gun safety, which is one fifth of the score."

"Our young people did quite well on Saturday," said Harrington. "Since we'd already qualified for the national, I just let them shoot to enjoy shooting without any pressure.

"It's a long season and we appreciate not only the time our shooters spend but also our parents and other adults who give of their time to the program."

Coach Elliott said the team will conduct some fund-raising endeavors in the future to raise money for the trip to the national shoot.

The Daisy National BB Gun Championships will be held July 4-5-6 in the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Ark., the home of Daisy.

The national shoot is the largest junior marksmanship competition in the world.

After missing last year's national shoot, Norton will shoot in the national competition for the 44th year in what will be the 49th national shoot.

It was originally the international shoot and a Norton County team has won the championship eight times, more than any other team in the country.

Norton hosts golf tournament

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The very young and inexperienced Norton Community High School golf team hosted their annual Norton Invitational on the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton last Thursday and showed continued improvement despite not placing very high as a team.

"Coming into today's tournament, our one goal, as it is all season, was to find a way to improve and we did that again today," said Norton head coach David Stover.

"We were able to take advantage of perfect scoring conditions to once again shoot our season-best team score. Garret Otter, Quinton Porter, Derek Rowh and Nick Peterson all shot season-best rounds today.

"We still have a long way to go but I like the direction we are going as a team."

Goodland won the team championship with a 324, followed by Phillipsburg, 333; Plainville, 348; Colby, 359; Ness City, 371; Hoxie, 379; Ellis, 390; Oakley, 408; Norton, 424.

Norton seniors Garret Otter, and the Blue Jays' only returning letterman, continued to lead Norton with a 53/44-97. He was

followed by sophomore Quinton Porter, 47/54-101; junior Derek Rowh, 52/59-111 and sophomore Nick Peterson, 62/53-115.

Also playing for Norton were freshman Landon Porter, 74/58-132 and sophomore Skylar Johnson, 72/77-149.

Individual medalists were: Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 69; Michael Dusin, Phillipsburg, 73; Skylar Tebo, Ellis, 77; Gannon Ihrig, Goodland, 79; Colton Bobek, Plainville, 79; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg, 82; Ryan Tebow, Hoxie, 83; David Browne, Colby, 86; Darby Schwartzkopf, Ness City, 86; Bryce Arberger, Colby, 87.

Matt Overlease, head coach of the Ness City golf team and boys basketball team, is a 2002 graduate of Norton Community High School.

Colby golfer David Browne has connections to Norton since his relatives were owners of the Browne's Clothing Store in Norton.

Next action

The Norton varsity golf team will compete this Thursday, May 1 in the Trego/Ellis I-70 Classic during which they will play in both WaKeeney and Ellis.

Play will begin at 9 a.m.



Norton sophomore Nick Peterson putts during action on Thursday in the Norton Invitational Golf Tournament on the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton Junior Varsity track team gains needed experience

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The Norton Community High School Junior Varsity Track and Field Team competed in the Trego JV Track Meet on Monday, April 21 in WaKeeney.

Girls team scores were: Colby, 109; Russell, 93; Oakley, 74; Goodland, 67; Trego Community, 56; Hill City, 40; Ellis, 35; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 15; Norton, 11.

Boys team scores were: Hill City, 120; Trego Community, 117; Goodland, 113; Oakley, 52; Colby, 30; Russell, 29; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 27; Norton, 14; Ellis, 13.

"Our athletes had wonderful weather and competed hard, as evidenced by the 10 personal records they set," said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "It is nice to see such improvement come out of an early meet and we like that their hard work is paying off for them.

"We are proud of them and we continue to be excited about the remainder of the season for these athletes."

GIRLS

The Norton girls set five personal records.

Freshman Kira Robertson placed third in the shot put with a personal best distance of 28'1.25". Freshman Josie Otter finished fifth with a personal best heave of 27'6.25".

Freshman Macayla Kent finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a time of 8:03.18. Freshman Starla Tishhauser was right

behind her in sixth with a clocking of 8:04.37.

Performances by Lady Jays which did not place were: senior Abbie Smith, personal best 13'8.75", 20th, shot put; Kira Robertson, personal best 64'8", 13th; Josie Otter, personal best 64'2", 14th, discus; Josie Otter, 48'3", 15th; Kira Robertson, 40'1", 17th; Abbie Smith, 22'2", 19th, javelin.

BOYS

The Norton boys also set five personal records.

Freshman Trenton Wright placed second in the 800 meter run in 2:31.96 and freshman Cruz Leon was third in the 400 meter dash in 1:01.95.

Performances of Norton boys which did not place were: freshman Maverick Engel, personal best 25'8.75", 19th, shot put; Maverick Engel, personal best 48'5", 20th, discus; Maverick Engel, 61'2", 18th, javelin; Trenton Wright, 14'3.5", ninth, long jump; Trenton Wright, 31'5.5", ninth, triple jump; junior Gin Lee, personal best 13.25, ninth; freshman Harrison Woodyard, 14.65, 14th, 100 meter dash; Cruz Leon, personal best 27.03, 9th; Harrison Woodyard, 30.73, 12th; Gin Lee, 31.04, 13th, 200 meter dash; junior David Smith, personal record 3:13.28, tenth, 800 meter run.

Next action

The Norton Junior Varsity competed in the Hill City JV Track Meet on Monday but results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

Husky track team competes in Kaser relays

The Northern Valley Huskies competed in the Kaser Relays last Friday, finishing fourth and sixth overall.

The boys had a total of 68 points, earning them a fourth place finish.

100 - J. Baird - 11.45 - 4th
200 - Bryant - 23.84 - 2nd
300 IH - Cole - 45.62 - 6th
400 - Rupp - 57.38 - 6th
1600 - B. Cox - 5:08.48 - 4th

400 Relay - Bryant, Chandler, Rupp, J. Baird - 46.05 - 2nd
1600 Relay - Wallace, Chandler, Anderson, Rupp - 3:49.49 - 4th

3200 Relay - Wallace, B. Cox, Towery, Rupp - 9:27.8 - 3rd

High Jump - Chandler - 6'0" - 1st
Long Jump - J. Baird - 18'8" - 5th
Bryant - 19'2" - 2nd
Triple Jump - Wallace - 37'0" - 6th
Pole Vault - Cole - 12'0" - 1st
Shot Put - Vincent - 38'10.5" - 6th

Coach's Comments

Our boys had another good day with some very fine performances. Jordan Baird and Phillip Bryant both had personal records in the 200. However we decided to scratch Jordan from

the 200 finals due to a hamstring issue. All three of our relays ran their best times of the season. Brant Cox set a personal best in the 1600 and Camden Cox came back with one in the 3200. Clint Cole and Hunter Chandler continue to jump well for us in the Pole Vault and High Jump. Clint set a personal record in the 300 hurdles by over a second.

The girls had a total of 40 points which earned them sixth place.

100 HH - B. Baird - 16.94 - 3rd
300 IH - B. Baird - 51.84 - 3rd
3200 - B. Baird - 15:24.55 - 6th

Pole Vault - B. Baird - 9'0" - 1st

High Jump - Cunningham - 5'0" - 3rd
Triple Jump - Cunningham - 31'9.5" - 2nd
Shot Put - Vincent - 31'1.5" - 4th

Coach's Comments

Brooke Baird ran two very good hurdle races. She set a new personal record in the 300 hurdles. She once again had a good performance in the pole vault. Kortney was struggling a little with a back issue but still came up with decent jumps in the high jump and triple jump. Shayna Vincent is continuing to score in the shot put.

jump was her best mark this season.

Shayna Vincent and Sarah Baird are continuing to improve and are picking up some valuable points in the throwing events.

Brooke Baird ran a good time in the 100 meter hurdles. In the pole vault, she set a new meet and school record at 9'3".

Northern Valley hosts invitational track meet

The Northern Valley Huskies hosted their track invitational on Monday, April 21.

The boys finished in first place with 236 points.

We had a very good day and put up a bunch of points. Carson Wallace had a super meet. He had a great jump in the triple jump, ran very well in the 400, and contributed to our victories in the 1600 and 3200 meter relays.

Jordan Baird, Phillip Bryant,

and Gabriel Anderson all had excellent times in the 100 and 200.

In the hurdle races Clint Cole set new personal bests.

Our throwers continue to improve as Ian Vincent had his best throw of the season in the javelin and Ame Baird set a personal record in the shot put.

We dominated the high jump and Matt Stutsman had a personal best jump.

Camden Cox ran a super 3200

and improved his best time by over 40 seconds.

400 Relay - Bryant, Chandler, Rupp, J. Baird
1600 Relay - Towery, Kasson, C. Cox, Wallace

3200 Relay - Wallace, Chandler, B. Cox, Rupp
The girls finished in fourth place with 89 points.

Kortney Cunningham continues to have a great track season. She medaled in all four of her events. Her jump in the triple

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