

Norton track team wins own invitational

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School boys track and field team won the championship and his Blue Jay girls tied for fourth in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet Friday.

"I was really proud of the way our male and female athletes competed," said Coach Graber. "All I ever ask is that they do their best. Some were nervous in this first meet of the season but they'll get over that."

"Our athletes are working hard and have great attitudes. That makes it fun to be around them."

Boys Division

The Norton boys scored 121 points to edge Phillipsburg for the championship. The Panthers scored 120 points. Third place went to Scott City with 88, followed by Goodland, 81; Smith Center, 66; Northern Valley, 45; Logan, 23; and Colby, 13.

Norton held a five-point lead with just the 4 x 400-meter relay remaining. Phillipsburg won the relay for 10 points but Norton placed third to score six and win by one point.

"I had planned to use Jared Foley and Seth Mills on the 4 x 400-meter relay team but, by the end of the meet, both were injured," said Coach Graber. "Freshmen Kent Mann and Jared Engelbert volunteered to run in their place and that allowed us to run the race and win the championship. That's the type of attitude we have on this team; our athletes are willing to do whatever it takes to help the team."

Mann and Engelbert joined freshman Blake VanEaton and senior Nick McKee on the relay team. They were clocked in 3:49.68, with VanEaton, 53.5; McKee, 57.4; Mann, 58.9; and Engelbert, 59.8.

Senior hurdler and jumper Jered Sloan had a great day as he won gold medals in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, the 100-meter high hurdles and the high jump and anchored the 4 x 100-meter relay team to second place.

Sloan broke both Norton High School hurdles records last season and he won both events in state. On Friday, he tied a third Blue Jay school record when he cleared the high jump bar at 6-foot, 4.25-inches. The record was set by Cam Danielson in 1972.

Sloan was clocked in 40.28 seconds in the 300-meter hurdles, where he defeated the second place finisher by over three seconds and 15.09 in the 110-meter hurdles where he won by over a second. The 4 x 100-meter relay team was timed in 45.5, just 40 hundredths of a second behind Phillipsburg. Team members were VanEaton, 10.5; Sloan, 10.7; McKee, 11; and Mills, 13.3.

"Jered Sloan had a really outstanding day," said Coach Graber. "He hasn't had many practices so



Norton's Amy Myers (above) led teammate Jessica Nielsen during the 3,200-meter run in the Norton Invitational Track Meet on Friday. Myers placed sixth with Nielsen right behind her. Norton Coach Bruce Graber was encouraging the girls. Freshman Blake VanEaton gave extra effort (right) down the home stretch to place fourth in the 400-meter dash at the meet.

— Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



far this season but is off to a great start."

Senior Joel Griffiths also got off to a good start by placing second in the shot put with a personal best heave of 52-3.5 and third in the discus with a personal best throw of 144.

"Griffiths had a super day," said Coach Graber. "He was sick most of last season but really showed his potential on Friday. He'll do better as he improves his technique."

Senior distance runner Derek Volgamore earned silver medals in the 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runs. He was clocked in 5:01.56 in the 1,600 and 11:34.09 in the 3,200. Freshman teammate Logan Keiswetter placed third in the 3,200 with a personal best time of 11:35.65 and fourth in the 1,600 in 5:18.81.

"Derek and Logan both ran well," said Coach Graber. "They will help each other this season." Junior Justin Shirk performed well in the two hurdles races, running both in personal record times. He was third in the 110-meter hurdles in 16.37 and fourth in the 300-meter hurdles in 45.71.

"Justin is a lot stronger this year," said Coach Graber. "He had two really good races."

Senior Jared Foley placed third in the 200-meter dash in 24.75 but came up lame at the end of the race.

Mills was injured when he ran in the 4 x 100-meter relay. "We won't have another meet until next Tuesday so both Jared and Seth should have some time to heal," said Coach Graber.

Sophomore Lance Roe set a personal best by clearing the bar at 11' to place third in the pole vault.

In addition to running on two relays, VanEaton placed fourth in the 400-meter dash in 54.31.

"VanEaton also had a good day," said Coach Graber.

The Blue Jays' 4 x 800-meter relay team placed fourth with a clocking of 9:25 with Mann, 2:14; Engelbert, 2:18; Keiswetter, 2:21; and Jason Green, 2:32.

Freshman Nathan Broeckelman finished fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in a personal best time of 45.96 and sixth in the high jump with a personal best height of 5-6.

"Broeckelman is another freshman who did well," said Coach Graber.

Mann and Engelbert placed fifth and sixth, respectively, in the 800-meter run. Mann was timed in 2:18.71 and Engelbert in 2:19.31.

In addition to running on two relays, McKee triple jumped and placed sixth with a personal best distance of 37-7.

Not placing were Lance Roe, 12.7; Jared Bebb 13.65, personal record; and Andrew Ables, 12.37,

personal record, 100-meter dash; Nick McKee, 58.5, 400-meter dash; Jason Green, 2:28.9, personal record, 800-meter run; Eric Burton, 6:15.0, 1,600-meter run, and 12:53, 3,200-meter run;

Heath Vincent, 40-1.5, personal best; Tom Graham, 37-11; and Josh VanSkiike, 27-5, personal best, shot put; Heath Vincent, 101-3, personal best; and Blake Hillebrand, 116-10, personal best, discus; Tom Graham, 142-9, personal best; Andrew Ables, 85-6, personal best; Blake Hillebrand, 88-2, personal best; and Corey Rutherford, 119-1, personal best, javelin; Nathan Broeckelman, 8-6, personal best, pole vault; Blake VanEaton, 17-5; Eric Burton, 16-2, personal best; and Jared Bebb, 13-7, long jump; and Justin Shirk, 31-6, personal best, triple jump.

Girls Division

The Colby girls won the team championship with 124 points, followed by Smith Center, 111; Goodland, 98; Norton, 62; Logan, 62; Scott City, 49; Northern Valley, 24; Phillipsburg, 21.

Twenty-four of Norton's points were scored with a one-two-three finish in the pole vault. Sophomore Chelle Donovan placed first with a vault of 8-6, followed by sophomore Amanda Antrim, 8-3 and sophomore Amber Overlease, with a personal best 6-6.

"Our vaulters did well, winning the top three places," said Coach Graber.

Junior Amber Engelbert placed in both hurdles events. She was third in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 54.03 and fifth in the 100-meter hurdles in 17.9.

"Amber had a great day in the hurdles," said Coach Graber.

Freshman Laura Delimont placed fifth in the discus with a personal best throw of 90-5.

Two relay teams placed third and one was fourth. The 4 x 100-meter relay team earned the bronze medal in 54.93 with Karlie Jones, 13.18; Naomi Streck, 13.38; Chelsea Cox, 14.18; and Amanda Antrim, 15.35.

The 4 x 800-meter relay team came in third in 11:17.04, with Karlie Jones, 2:44; Amber Overlease, 2:44.9; Alyssa Kaus, 2:53.9; and Whitney Newell, 2:54.3.

Coming in fourth in 4:34.7 was Norton's 4 x 400-meter relay team with Karlie Jones, 65.8; Chelsea Cox, 67.9; Hannah Mills, 70; and Naomi Streck, 71.

Cox placed fourth in the 400-meter dash in 66.7 and fifth in the triple jump with 29-9.

Freshman Brianna Nelson placed fifth in the 100-meter dash in a personal best time of 14.31 and sophomore Naomi Streck finished in sixth place in 14.34.

Mills placed sixth in the 200-meter dash in 30.75. Karlie Jones finished sixth in the 800-meter run in 2:49. Amy Myers placed sixth in the 3,200-meter run in 14:31.25.

"Our girls gave great effort, too," said Coach Graber. "We don't have as much experience on the team. Our sophomore class has to carry us until our other girls get more experience."

Not placing were Danece Payne, 19.98, personal best, 110-meter hurdles; Kylee Witt, 58.0, personal best, 300-meter hurdles; Naomi Streck, 30.1, 200-meter dash; Hannah Mills, 72.6; and Danielle LeClair, 72, 400-meter dash; Rachael Lentz, 2:59.0; and Whitney Newell, 2:51.0, 800-meter run; Amy Myers, 6:54.8; Amber Overlease, 6:27; and Rachael Lentz, 6:37, 1,600-meter run; Jessica Nielsen, 14:35.0; and Crista Roades, 17:12, 3,200-meter run; Klaire Mann, 27-10.5, personal record; Laura Delimont, 25-10, personal best; and Elise Engelbert, 25-6.25, shot put; Klaire Mann, 84-4, personal best; and Elise Engelbert, 63-11, discus; Lacey Roe, 84-4, personal best; Laura Delimont, 65-6; and Elise Engelbert, 73-6, javelin; Danece Payne, 12-9.75; and Kylee Witt, 12-1; Chelle Donovan, 12-11, long jump; and Danece Payne, 28-5, personal best, triple jump.

Jay golf team hits for No. 1

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team got the season off to a winning start as they took first at their own invitational tournament on Friday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association golf course.

Norton had a team score of 339, followed by Goodland, 356; Hill City, 365; Oakley, 367; Hoxie, 371; Smith Center, 381; Stockton, 396; Norton junior varsity, 400; Colby, 423; Victoria, 427; Quinter, 429; Phillipsburg, 442.

Norton's Dane Krizek was low medalist with a 41-37-78. Korey Look was sixth with a 43-41-84 and Joel Nielsen was eighth with a 46-40-86. Tyler Rutherford completed the scoring foursome with a 45-46-91.

Also playing for the Norton varsity were Keith Ward, 48-48-96 and Jared Mindrup, 47-53-100. Members of the Norton junior varsity were Josh Green, 46-45-91; Clay Madden, 53-45-98; Nick Evans, 52-49-101; Josh Jackson, 55-55-110; Kyle Kats, 53-58-111; and Jeremy Harding, 64-59-123.

"It was an excellent way to start the new season," said Coach Stover. "As a team, we took advantage of great playing conditions to defend our team title."

"We stayed close on the front nine and played very well on the back nine, shooting a very good

team score for this early in the season.

"Individually, Dane Krizek shot consistently well all day in earning his first individual tournament title. Korey Look and Joel Nielsen both shot very good back nine

scores to earn medalist honors as well. I am very pleased with the play of both our varsity and junior varsity teams."

Norton is competing today in the Smith Center Invitational. Tee off time was to be 3 p.m.



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