



Norton freshman Blake VanEaton leads the pack during the 4 x 800 meter relay at the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. VanEaton ran a 58 second first quarter to start the race and maintained his early lead with an outstanding 2:09.56 time as the team ran a season's best race to place fourth.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Blue Jay track team takes gold at Oberlin tourney

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School boys track team turned in their best performance of the season on Tuesday to win the championship of the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet in Oberlin by outscoring ten other quality teams.

The Blue Jays amassed 95 points to easily outdistance second place Oakley, who tallied 77 points and third place Phillipsburg, who scored 76 points. Fourth place went to Goodland with 60 points and fifth to Smith Center with 52 points. Oberlin placed sixth with 50 points, followed by Trego, 38; St. Francis, 34; Grinnell, 33; Atwood, 30; Southwest, 25.

Norton's boys set 15 personal records and had four season's best performances.

Senior Jared Foley anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a first place finish with a season's best time of 44.47 seconds. Team members and time splits were: Foley, 10.34; senior Jered Sloan, 10.52; freshman Blake VanEaton, 10.98; junior Seth Mills, 12.63.

"The 4 x 100 meter relay race was fun to watch," said Coach Graber.

Foley also set personal bests in placing second in the 200 meter dash in 22.9 and second in the 400 meter dash in 51.6. Foley was also a member of Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed fifth in 3:43.69. Team members and time splits were: Foley, 52.9; Mills, 56.22; VanEaton, 56.44; junior Justin Shirk, 58.13.

"Jared Foley had a premier day," said Coach Graber. "Not only did he set personal records in the 200 and 400 meters but he ran a great anchor leg in the 4 x 100 meter relay. And, he got through the day in good physical condition."

Senior Jered Sloan also made a big contribution to the Blue Jays' championship. In addition to running the third leg for the victorious 4 x 100 meter relay team, Sloan set season's bests in winning the 110 meter high hurdles and the 300 meter intermediate hurdles. He was timed in 14.64 in the 100 meter hurdles and in 38.44 in the 300 meter hurdles. He also worked the high jump into his busy schedule and cleared 5'8" to place third. He has not gone under 6'4" this season but the time constraint created a difficult situation.

"Jered Sloan was outstanding again," said Coach Graber. "He had a hiccup in the high jump but

he had missed some days of practice and hadn't had a chance to work on it. He put it behind him and performed great."

In addition to running on the 4 x 100 meter and 4 x 400 meter relays, freshman Blake VanEaton was a member of the 4 x 800 meter relay team which finished fourth with a season's best time of 9:03.28. VanEaton was timed in 2:09.56 as he ran first for Norton, grabbed an early lead and held it throughout. Other team members and their time splits were: freshman Kent Mann, 2:13.57; freshman Jared Engelbert, 2:15.5 and junior Jason Green, 2:24.65.

"The 4x800 meter relay runners really competed well," said Coach Graber.

VanEaton also competed in the 800 meter run where he placed third with a personal best time of 2:12.1.

"VanEaton is a gutsy competitor," said Coach Graber. "He has no fear. He ran a 58 second first quarter in the 4 x 800 meter relay and had the courage to hang on to his lead in the second quarter. He had an unbelievable day."

Senior Joel Griffiths scored 12 points for Norton in the throws. He placed second in the shot put with a personal best distance of 52'11 1/4" and fourth in the discus with a throw of 139'2 1/2".

"Joel Griffiths also had a great day," said Coach Graber. "He had an outstanding distance in the shot put at virtually 53 feet."

Freshman Kent Mann received quite a workout. In addition to running on the 4 x 800 meter relay, where he had the second fastest Norton time, he ran in the 1600 meter run and 3200 meter run. Although he did not place in either of the distance runs, he set personal records in both. He was timed in the 1600 meter run in 5:16.1 and in the 3200 meter run in 11:43.0.

"Kent Mann had a new experience," said Coach Graber. "He ran three races and did well."

Junior Derek Volgamore ran a steady race in the 1600 meter run and placed third in 5:03.0. He also ran in the 3200 meter run but an injury continues to bother him and he did not place with a time of 12:28.0.

Freshman Logan Keiswetter also ran well again, although he did not place. He finished in seventh place in the 1600 meter run, just one second behind the sixth place finisher with a personal best time of 5:12.6. In the 3200 meter run, he was just three seconds out

of sixth with a time of 11:27.0.

Sophomore Lance Roe cleared 12' to place fourth in the pole vault.

"Lance continues to be consistent in the pole vault," said Coach Graber.

Junior Justin Shirk placed fourth in the 110 meter high hurdles with a personal best time of 16.1. He also ran well in the 300 meter hurdles where he missed scoring by one-half second. He was timed in 44.6 seconds.

Freshman Nathan Broeckelman turned in a personal record time of 43.86 to place fourth in the 300 meter hurdles. He also cleared 5'4" in the high jump to place sixth. Despite setting a personal record of 35'1 1/2" in the triple jump, he did not place.

Also performing well in the triple jump but not placing were senior Nick McKee and junior Lucas Wiseman. The fifth place distance was 38'10" and sixth place was 38'9 1/2". Wiseman was just 4 1/2" out of sixth with a distance of 38'5" and McKee was right behind him with a 38'3 1/2" effort.

Junior Seth Mills was timed in 11.95 in the 100 meter dash and missed placing by one-half second. Senior Charlie Kohfeld missed placing in the 200 meter dash by one and one-half seconds when he ran the distance in 25.1. Kohfeld also ran the 100 meter dash in a personal best time of 12.16 but did not place.

Times and distances of Norton boys in events in which they did not place were: Nick McKee, 57.3; Seth Mills, 56.6, 400 meter dash; Jared Engelbert, 2:27.7; Jason Green, 2:29.0, 800 meter run; Blake Hillebrand, 38'9"; Heath Vincent, 42'4 1/4", personal record, shot put; Blake Hillebrand, 116'2"; Heath Vincent, 110'1", discus; Justin Shirk, 119', personal record; Lance Roe, 114', personal record; Rando, Blake Hillebrand, 108', personal record, javelin; Lucas Wiseman, 16'10"; Eric Burton, 17'; Nick McKee, 17'8 1/2", long jump.

"We had some great performances in a quality meet," said Coach Graber. "It was a nice warm day with little wind. Our athletes are excited when they get to run on a good day."

"We had a rest day on Friday since the Trego Meet wasn't held due to inclement weather. Injury-wise, we are in good shape right now and could be peaking at the right time."

Norton girls places ninth at Red Devils' Tournament

By DICK BOYD

Coach Bruce Graber's Norton Community High School girls track team placed ninth in the tough Oberlin Track Meet on Tuesday in Oberlin.

"We didn't have that bad a day but we were competing against some very good athletes," said Coach Graber. "We've had some sickness and that slowed us down but we competed well for not being on top of things physically."

"Our girls all work hard. We have no headliners so we need a great effort from everybody to hang in there."

Smith Center won the girls championship with 106 points, followed by Hoxie, 94; Oberlin, 65; Oakley, 60; Goodland, 55; Trego, 51; St. Francis, 37; Southwest, 17; Norton, 13; Phillipsburg, 12; Grinnell, 6.

"We had seven personal records and season's best times by all three relay teams," said Coach Graber.

Sophomores Chelle Donovan and Amanda Antrim scored 8 points for Norton in the pole vault. Donovan was third with a height of 8' and Antrim placed fifth by clearing 7'.

Sophomore Chelsea Cox finished fifth in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 31'2". "It was good to see Chelsea get a personal record in the triple jump," said Coach Graber.

Although she just missed placing, senior Elise Engelbert set a

personal record of 30'9 1/2" in the shot put. "That was a big personal record for Elise," said Coach Graber.

Junior Amber Engelbert placed sixth in the 100 meter high hurdles with a time of 18.10.

Norton's other two points were scored by the 4 x 800 meter relay team which was timed in 11:09.25 and placed fifth. Team members and time splits were: sophomore Amber Overlease, 2:44.63; sophomore Karlie Jones, 2:44.81; sophomore Whitney Newell, 2:47.00 and sophomore Rachael Lentz, 2:52.81.

"This was the point in the season last year when we took off and dropped our time," said Coach Graber. "We wanted at least three girls in the 2:40s and we did that."

Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team was timed in 54.08 and missed placing by less than a second. Team members and their time splits were: Jones, 12.84; Cox, 13.14; sophomore Naomi Streck, 13.3; Antrim, 14.8. "Our 4 x 100 meter relay team ran well," said Coach Graber. "They cut a second off their season's best and still did not place."

The Lady Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team was clocked in 4:30.98 but did not place. Team members and their split times were: Antrim, 66.57; Jones, 67.28; Streck, 68.56; Cox, 68.57.

"Our 4 x 400 meter relay team ran four seconds faster than our

season's best but was still two seconds from placing," said Coach Graber.

Times and distances of Norton girls in events in which they did not place were: Daneey Payne, 18.86; Kylee Witt, 19.65, 100 meter high hurdles; Amber Engelbert, 54.86; Daneey Payne, 56.78, personal record, 300 meter hurdles; Amanda Antrim, 13.43, personal record, Hannah Mills, 14.03; Naomi Streck, 14.2, 100 meter dash; Naomi Streck, 29. Hannah Mills, 29.8; Danielle LeClair, 30.5, 200 meter dash; Danielle LeClair, 71.2, 400 meter dash; Whitney Newell, 2:56.0; Rachael Lentz, 2:56.0, 800 meter run; Amy Myers, 6:43.0; Jessica Nielsen, 6:37; Amber Overlease, 6:30.0, 1600 meter run; Rachel Lentz, 15:25.6; Crista Rhoades, 17:03.0, 3200 meter run; Klaire Mann, 30'2", shot put; Klaire Mann, 84'9"; Elise Engelbert, no place, discus; Elise Engelbert, no place, javelin; Rachael Lentz, 4'4"; Hannah Mills, 4'6", personal record, high jump; Whitney Newell, 12'10"; Danielle LeClair, 13'6 1/2", personal record; Kylee Witt, 13'4", personal record, long jump; Daneey Payne, 28'5", no place, triple jump.

Next action

The Norton girls and boys varsity track and field athletes will compete today at the Russell Invitational Track Meet, beginning at 3 p.m.

Norton golfers do well in Hill City

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School golf team had another good outing on April 23 when it tied for the six-man championship in the Hill City Invitational Golf Tournament.

The tournament was shortened to just nine holes due to the rainy and cold weather.

Norton tied for the championship with the host team. Both shot scores of 254. Trego was third with a 255 and Phillipsburg fourth with a 260.

Norton's four-man team was just edged for the championship by Hill City, 156-159. Third in four-man was Phillipsburg with a 175, followed by Stockton, 175; Trego, 175; Hoxie, 179; Ellis, 180; Plainville, 187; Oberlin, 210; and Ness City, 214.

Trego won the two-man competition with an 80, followed by Hoxie, 84; Phillipsburg, 85; Ness City, 88; Osborne, 88; Plainville, 92; Norton, 95; Oakley, 95; Ellis, 96; Hill City, 98; Oberlin, 114.

Senior Tyler Rutherford was low medalist for the day with a 37. Other members of Norton's four-man team were: sophomore Dane Krizek, 40; senior Keith Ward, 41;

and junior Korey Look, 41.

Krizek was No. 6 medalist and Look and Ward tied for final medalist honors but lost in a card playoff.

Members of Norton's two-man team were junior Nick Evans, 44 and senior Joel Nielsen, 51.

Other medalists were: Carter Atkins, Hill City, 38, No. 2; Tanner Long, Hill City, 38, No. 3; Tim Miller, Hill City, 38, No. 4; Nathan Locke, Trego, 40, No. 5; Jeff Cameron, Hoxie, 40, No. 7; Matt Pfannenstiel, Trego, 40, No. 8; Brett Stoecklein, Ness City, 41, No. 9; and Adam Augustine, Ellis, 41, No. 10.

"Once again, I feel very good about our performance," said Coach Stover. "For the first time this season, we had a battle adverse playing conditions and I think we handled the situation well. Because the tournament was shortened, it's hard to compare today's play to our earlier results but, as a team, I think we played very well."

"Individually, Tyler Rutherford earned the first individual championship of his career. Dane Krizek continued his solid play and Korey Look and Keith Ward played very well in tying for final medalist."

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High Scratch Game: Rusty Miller, 190; Bill LaSalle, 189; Harold Shinn, 187; Dan

Donaldson, 186; High Scratch Series: Michael Coffey, 518; Dan Donaldson, 511; Rusty Miller, 501; Larry Hawks, 500; High Handicap Game: Jeremy Gray, 253; Travis Meyers, 241; Rusty Miller, 237; Harold Shinn, 234; High Handicap Series: Rusty Miller, 642; Michael Coffey, 632; Dan Donaldson, 631; Gene Matzek, 629

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