

Blue Jay track teams compete in Russell Relays

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School track and field girls team placed seventh and the boys placed tenth in the Russell Relays on Friday.

“It was a great day for our young athletes. They rose to the occasion for the most part and really competed well,” said Norton head track and field coach Bruce Graber.

“It was our best day on the track since the opener at home as far as performances, competing and seeing smiles on our athletes’ faces. That was really good to see again.”

GIRLS

Concordia won the championship of the girls division with 221 points, followed by Larned, 68.5; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 51; Abilene, 50; Scott City, 49; Phillipsburg, 35; Norton, 34.5; Beloit, 16; Chapman, 13; Minneapolis, 13; Russell, 6.

Karlie Jones had a strong finish to place second in the 800 meter dash with a season’s best time of 2 minutes, 38.37 seconds.

“Running against a strong wind, Karlie had a great effort in the 800 meter run to finish second,” said Coach Graber.

Jones anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed third with a clocking of 4:35.34. Team members and splits were: Chelsea Dodson, 69.0; Naomi Streck, 67.2; Courtney LeClair, 69.3 and Jones, 69.1.

Jones also anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team which was timed in 55.0 and finished just out of the points in seventh place. Team members and splits were: Amanda Antrim, 14.2; Streck, 14.2; Danielle LeClair, 13.1 and Jones 13.0.

Lacey Roe continued to throw the javelin well. Her 102-3 throw earned Roe the silver medal.

In addition to running on the 4 x 400 meter relay team, Courtney LeClair scored points in two individual events. She was third in the 100 meter hurdles in 16.44 and sixth in the triple jump with a personal record 32-6.

“Courtney LeClair had another

superb day and pushed her triple jump mark out there another two feet,” said Coach Graber.

Klaire Mann finished in fifth place in the discus with a throw of 97-3 and finished just out of the points in the shot put with a seventh best distance of 31-7.

“Klaire Mann had a great day in both the shot and discus,” said Coach Graber.

“She made the finals in both events and placed in the discus.”

Chelle Donovan tied for fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 9-0. Antrim cleared 8-0 for a season’s best but did not score. Dodson also cleared the 8-0 height for a personal record but did not place.

Dodson placed fifth in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:07.35.

Norton girls performances which did not place were: Jackie Krueger, 13-8, personal record, long jump; Antrim, 13.3; Krueger, 14.0, 100 meter dash; Danielle LeClair, 69.26; Streck, 69.0; Dodson, 67, 400 meter dash; Courtney LeClair, 54.23, 300 meter hurdles; Streck, 28.96; Krueger, 29.56, 200 meter dash.

BOYS

Abilene won the boys championship with 90 points, followed by Thomas More Prep, 82; Concordia, 76; Phillipsburg, 76; Beloit, 62; Minneapolis, 53; Larned, 32; Chapman, 28; Scott City, 28; Norton, 17; Russell, 14.

Blake VanEaton had a strong finishing kick in the 800 meter run to place second in 2:06.89.

“Blake’s second place finish in the 800 meter run was just a great effort on his part,” said Coach Graber.

VanEaton also anchored the Blue Jays’ 4 x 100 meter relay team to a fourth place finish with a 46.4. Team members and time splits were: Seth Mills, 12.3; Justin Shirk, 12.2; Nathan Broeckelman, 11.2 and VanEaton, 10.2.

VanEaton anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed fifth in 3:48.1. Team members and time splits were: Derek Volgamore, 57.4; Broeckelman, 58.3; Nathan Morse, 58.2 and

VanEaton, 53.2.

Shirk scored in the 110 meter high hurdles with a fifth place finish in 15.94.

Jared Cox placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 42.2.

“Justin and Jared both ran very well in the hurdles with Justin finishing fifth in the 110s after struggling through the last three hurdles and Jared placing sixth in a tough field in the 300s.”

Norton boys performances which did not place were: Heath Vincent, 42-7.75, shot put; Vincent, 109-7, discus; Lucas Wiseman, 17-11; Todd Bolt, 17-11; Morse, 16-8, long jump; Wiseman, 37-11; Bolt, 38-11, personal record, triple jump; Broeckelman, 11-0, pole vault; Cox, 16.2, 110 meter hurdles; Bolt, 12.2, 100 meter dash; Volgamore, 5:16, 1600 meter run; Morse, 58.99, 400 meter dash; Broeckelman, 45.2, 300 meter hurdles; Jared Engelbert, 2:13.3, 800 meter run; Morse, 25.0, 200 meter dash.

Coach’s comments

“Karlie and Blake finishing second in the 800 meter run and the times they ran in that wind were the highlight of a day where a lot of very good things happened,” said Coach Graber.

“I was really proud of all our relay teams. I thought they were outstanding. Our 4 x 100 meter teams ran very well and our 4 x 400 meter teams put the finishing touches on what had already been a great day for us.

“I’m really proud of our youngsters and I’m excited to see how many medals they can keep at home Friday in the league meet.

“Unfortunately, we now know we will be without Logan Keiswetter and Kent Mann for the rest of the season. We lost Logan due to an injury and Kent has come down with mononucleosis.”

Next action

The Mid-Continent League Track and Field Meet will be held on Friday on the Jep Byrum Track at Travis Field in Norton.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. and preliminaries for running



Lady Blue Jay Chelle Donovan clears 9-0 to tie for fifth place in the pole vault in the Russell Relays on Friday.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

events will begin at 4 p.m.

Plaques will be awarded to the boys and girls team champions.

Medals will be awarded for the first four places in each event.

“I believe our conference meet will be another tough meet,” said Coach Graber.

Norton golfers place second in Colby Golf Invitational

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed second in the Colby Invitational Golf Tournament on Thursday.

Colby won the championship with a 313, followed by Norton, 339; Goodland, 346; Hoxie, 349; Oberlin, 350; Scott City, 354; Atwood, 360; Oakley, 367; Ness City, 382; Garden City junior varsity, 408.

Norton had two medalists, Nick Evans was No.5 and Korey Look was No.10.

Evans shot a 40/39-79 and Look recorded a 43/41-84. Also contributing to Norton’s four-man team score were Dane Krizek, 43/43-86

and Jared Mindrup, 43/47-90. Also playing for Norton were Kyle Kats, 43/48-91 and Ryan Maddy, 49/43-92.

Other medalists were: Sean Mengel, Colby, 73, No.1; Nathan Linin, Goodland, 75, No.2; Jeff Cameron, Hoxie, 76, No.3; Chris Staley, Colby, 77, No.4; Andy Fikan, Atwood, 80, No.6; Deke Elliot, Colby, 81, No.7; R.J. Ladenburger, Colby, 82, No.8; Chris Finley, Colby, 83, No.9.

“This was a very good performance for us today,” said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

“We shot a season low team score on one of the better courses we will see this season.

“Nick Evans broke out today and shot a career low round in earning his first individual medalist honors of the season. Korey Look won a card playoff for the final medalist spot against a very good field of competitors.

“Possibly, the brightest spot of the day was all six of our golfers shooting equal to or lower than their season averages.

“Hopefully, the momentum earned from today’s performance will carry us into a big week at Phillipsburg on Monday and the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Thursday in Phillipsburg.

Norton sixth in junior varsity golf tournament in WaKeeney

By DICK BOYD

Norton finished in sixth place in the Trego Junior Varsity Golf Tournament on Thursday on the Big Creek Golf Course in WaKeeney.

Trego won the championship with a 340, followed by Plainville, 381; Ellis, 385; Phillipsburg, 386; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 398; Norton, 405; Grinnell, 416; Quinter, 429; Oakley, 431; Hill City, 432; Russell, 433; Stockton, 551.

Preston Herman shot 40/45-85 as Norton’s low scorer and earned

No.4 medalist honors. Other four-man team members and their scores were: Kyle Edgett, 48/45-93; Lacy Ellis, 54/59-113 and Jordan Durham, 56/58-114.

Also playing for Norton was Nolan Evans, 57/61-118.

Other medalists were: D. Desaire, Ellis, 73, No.1; M. Pfeifer, Trego, 73, No.2; J. VonLintel, Thomas More Prep, 74, No.3; J. Lacy, Plainville, 86, No.5; B. Born, Hill City, 87, No.6; M. Schremmer, Phillipsburg, 87, No.7; C. Locke, Trego, 88, No.8; B. Flax, Trego, 88, No.9; C.

McQueen, Plainville, 89, No.10.

“This was a solid way to finish our junior varsity season,” said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

“All five of our golfers shot season best nine and/or 18 hole scores today. We were led by Preston Herman earning fourth individual medalist honors.

“I am very pleased with the progress all our junior varsity golfers made this season. The future for Norton Community High School golf is a bright one.”



Norton senior hurdler Justin Shirk displays excellent form as he clears a hurdle en route to a fifth place finish against a strong wind in a tough field in the 110 meter hurdles in the Russell Relays on Friday.

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