

Norton player on all-star team

By DICK BOYD

Heath Vincent, 6-foot-6-inch senior center for Norton Community High School, will be one of the area all-star prep players on a team which will play the University of Kansas Barnstorming Team in the Hays High Gymnasium on Saturday.

Among the area prep players, in addition to Vincent, scheduled to appear are Matt Stramel, Drew Steffen, Alex Binder, Hays High; Eric Thomas, Chase Schippers, Cameron Stremel, Thomas More Prep; Justin Casey, Plainville; Clayton Hoffman, Victoria; Tyler Ummel, Trego; Jase Herl, Goodland; Taylor Jones, Smith Center; Curt Welter, Hill City.

The KU seniors will include Jeff Hawkins, Stephen Vinson, Christian Moody and Moulaye Niang.

"It's a great opportunity for Hays to host this game," said Rick Keltner, Hays High boys basketball coach. "It's the most enjoyable fundraiser I've ever been involved in through the years. I hope people show support for the KU Jayhawks and the area players."

"This year we have Christian Moody, who Billy Packer called the best walk-on in the history of college basketball."

Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m. with an autograph session taking place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$8 at both Cerv's and both Dillons locations in Hays or by logging on to hayshighindians.com.

Proceeds will benefit the Hays High Booster Club and Hays High School basketball.

Anyone seeking more information can contact Coach Keltner at rkteltner@hays489.k12.ks.us.

Huskies open track season at Triplains

The Northern Valley High School track and field teams opened their season at the Triplains Invitational on Tuesday.

The boys team scored 45 points for seventh place, while the girls team scored 30.75 points for eighth place.

Competing for Northern Valley were:

Boys

- Joey Copper — 110-meter high hurdles, 17.05, second; triple jump, 40 feet 5 inches, second; 300-meter hurdles, 48.25
- Clarke Nelson — pole vault, 12-6, third; 100-meter dash, 12.46
- Avery Thalheim — javelin, 147-0, third
- Bryce Marble — 3,200-meter run, 11:42, third; 1,600-meter run, 5:22.8, fifth
- Andrew Sheley — discus, 116-0, third; shot put, 41-6.5, sixth; javelin, 125-0
- Chase Miller — 400-meter dash, 63.56; long jump, 15-6.75; 110-meter high hurdles, 19.24; high jump, 5-4
- Stanton Nelson — 800-meter run, 2:30; 1,600-meter run, 6:01
- Drew Britt — high jump, 5-6; triple jump, 35-2; 300-meter hurdles, 51.89
- Cody Callaway — 100-meter dash, 13.79; 200-meter dash, 29.6; 400-meter dash, 66.74
- Cody Lowry — 800-meter run, 2:33
- Blake Johnson — 1,600-meter run, 5:58; 3,200-meter run, 13:54
- Cameron Duede — shot put, 32-0
- Travis Redeker — discus, 93-10; shot put 38-10
- Chaim McMillan — 100-meter dash, 13.9; 200-meter dash, 31.74; 400-meter dash, 71.57
- Nathaniel Graham — discus, 96-7
- Patrick Hammond — javelin, 119-0
- 3,200-meter relay team — Thalheim, Lowry, Casey Dole and Marble, 9:27.5, fifth
- 400-meter relay team —

Girls

- Kelli Cole — 300-meter hurdles, 54.67, first; high jump, 4-8, fourth, tie; 100-meter high hurdles, 19.34
- Joni Hilburn — pole vault, 8-6, first
- Stephanie Tubbs — 800-meter run, 2:52.0, sixth
- Jessie Redeker — 100-meter



Northern Valley's Joni Hilburn struggled against the wind in the pole vault at the Triplains Invitational on Tuesday. Hilburn vaulted her way to a gold medal with a height of 8'6". Below, the Huskies' Clarke Nelson got a good handoff to Drew Britt in the first leg of the boys 4x100 meter relay.

— Telegram photos by Susie Marble



- dash, 14.63; 200-meter dash, 31.15; long jump, 13-1
- Jessica Largent — 400-meter dash, 74.16; 100-meter dash, 16.28; 200-meter dash, 33.92
- Amanda Hopkins — triple jump, 29-7
- Kelsey Kinderknecht — 400-meter dash, 78.1; 200-meter dash, 33.71
- Andrea Lowry — 800-meter run, 2:55.3
- Kylene Hager — high jump, 4-4
- Sarely Salazar — 200-meter dash, 17.85
- 3,200-meter relay team — Lowry, Hopkins, Tubbs and Hager, 11:43, third
- 400-meter relay team — Redeker, Hopkins, Hager and Cole, 56.09, sixth
- 1,600-meter relay team — Lowry, Hopkins, Tubbs and Hager, 4:54.5, sixth

Norton junior varsity golf plays at Ellis

By DICK BOYD

A four-man Norton Community High School junior varsity golf team competed in the Ellis Invitational Varsity Golf Tournament on Tuesday in Ellis.

Team results were: Trego Community, 360; Ellis, 360; Dighton, 377; Hays High JV, 393; Russell, 450; Thomas More Prep of Hays JV, 458; Hill City, 466; Norton JV, 488.

Individual Norton scores were: sophomore Zach Dole, 55-49-104; sophomore Kyle Edgett, 57-60-117; junior Jordan Durham, 57-69-126; sophomore Lacy Ellis, 67-74-141.

Medalists were: Adam Augustine, Ellis, 82; Matt Pfannenstiel, Trego, 86; Sean Jones, Dighton, 88; Brett Mickelson, Ellis, 88; Ryan Pfannenstiel, Trego, 90; Danny Desaire, Ellis, 90; Bryan Flax, Trego, 91; Derek Yost, Dighton, 92; Dylan Kuhlman, Dighton, 93; Chris Billinger, Trego, 93.

"We sent our junior varsity squad to this varsity meet to gain valuable varsity experience and I think we were able to accomplish this today," said Assistant Coach Roger Wahlmeier.

"It was an extremely difficult day to play with high winds throughout the tournament but I feel we were able to see improvement in many areas today."

"I was especially pleased with the round shot by Zach Dole, which was a career best tournament round."

Norton golfers compete in Goodland Invitational

By DICK BOYD

Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team competed in the very competitive Goodland Invitational Golf Tournament at Sugar Hills Golf Club in Goodland on Tuesday and placed 12th out of 17 teams.

"Although our overall scores don't show it, we are seeing gradual improvement in our performance," said Coach Stover.

"We scored a 395 to place second in the Smith Center Invitational to open the season and scored a 392 today and placed much lower. Other than the state tournament, this tournament will be our toughest of the season."

Ulysses won the team championship with a 328, followed by Goodland, 344; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 353; Oberlin, 358; Hoxie, 366; Colby, 372; Hays, 372; Stanton County, 374; Greeley County, 375; Scott City, 375; Sharon Springs, 382; Norton, 392; Grinnell, 390; Atwood, 407; Quinter, 425; Oakley, 429; Brewster, 555.

Sophomore Preston Herman was low scorer for Norton with a 45-49-94, followed by senior Clay Madden, 50-48-98; senior Jordan Herman, 44-55-99 and junior Michael Ward, 51-50-101.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: junior Pat Burton, 46-59-105 and senior Blake Jacques, 59-64-123.

The ten medalists and their scores were: Nathan Linin, Goodland, 75; Grady Millikan, Ulysses, 76; Chris Staley, Colby, 79; Kevin Orr, Ulysses, 82; Tolan Seger, Ulysses, 83; Tyler Hallagin, TMP, 84; Cameron Werth, TMP, 86; Donovan McCauley, Ulysses, 86; Erik Russett, Ulysses, 86; David Heyd, Scott City, 86.

"The blustery winds made consistent play very difficult for all golfers," said Coach Stover.

"We are playing better for longer stretches of time but we are still allowing too many mistakes, both physical and mental, to see improved scores."

"Individually, Preston Herman

shot his best tournament score of the season and all our players showed better play at times today."

On Tuesday, Norton will host the annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament, which was postponed from the original date of April 7 due to inclement weather.

Competing, in addition to Norton, will be teams from Atwood, Colby, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Quinter, Stockton and Smith Center. Tee off time is 9 a.m.

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