

Blue Jay boys finish first at Hill City meet

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Community High School boys cross country team won the championship of the Hill City Invitational meet on Thursday in Hill City.

The Blue Jays scored 48 points. Colby placed second with 69, followed by Phillipsburg, 131 and Ness City, 142.

Oakley won the girls team championship, followed by Osborne, Colby and Hill City.

"Our youngsters ran very well, considering that they had many distractions this week," said coach Deyton Hager. "I'm very proud the way they responded to it."

"The course was quite a bit flatter than what we have seen in the past meets so I knew our times today would be much faster."

Every varsity Norton runner set season personal records.

Boys

The Blue Jays' Zach Bainter placed second in the boys 3.1 mile run with a time of 17:39. His previous best this season was 18:16 at Wamego, where he placed third.

Jared Engelbert finished seventh in 18:45. His previous best was 19:19 when he finished 17th at Wamego.

Kent Mann was right behind Engelbert. He finished one second

behind in eighth place. Mann's previous best this season was 18:54 when he was ninth at Wamego.

Jared Bebb placed 15th in 19:20. His previous best was 19:54 when he was 31st at Wamego.

Completing Norton's five-man team was Jordan Bebb, who placed right behind his brother in 16th with a clocking of 19:23. His previous best this season was 19:56 when he was 33rd at Wamego.

Chris Maddy finished 17th in 19:24. His previous best was 20:06 when he placed 37th at Wamego.

Luke VanSike moved up from junior varsity to place 23rd in 19:59. His previous best was when he won the junior varsity race at the Norton Invitational in 20:47.

"I was so proud of our varsity boys today," said coach Hager. "We talked before the race about how one of them or more would have to step up and help bring home the first place trophy. And, they did an excellent job of that."

"Zach pushed himself so much more today. That is something that he is going to have to do the rest of the year. Jared Engelbert and Kent ran better than I have ever seen them. They came in before runners

whom they have never beaten this year."

In the boys junior varsity race, exchange student Matheus Martins placed sixth in 21:24, followed by Josh Gallentine, 19th, 23:31 and Matt Miller, 28th, 4:47.

"It was nice to see Matheus earn an individual medal in the junior varsity race," said coach Hager. "This was his third medal in a row as a Norton cross country runner."

Girls

Laura Lee Baird was the only runner for the varsity girls in the 2.5 mile race and she placed second in 16:19. Her previous best was 16:22 when she finished

fourth at Wamego.

"Laura Lee ran great," said coach Hager. "Sydney Cole of Phillipsburg was right in front of her pushing the pace."

Hannah Waggoner ran for Norton in the junior varsity race and placed fifth.

"I stuck Hannah in the junior varsity race to see if she could pick up a medal for herself and give her some more confidence. A fifth place was very good for her," said coach Hager.

Next action

The Norton cross country teams competed today in the Oberlin Invitational, which began at 5 p.m.

Northern Valley football loses 68-22

The Northern Valley football Huskies came up on the short end of a 68-22 score with the Logan Trojans on Sept. 22 at home.

Northern Valley scored 16 points in the first period and 6 in the second. The Trojans put up 22 points in the first, 32 in the second and 14 in the third.

The Huskies gained 156 yards on 35 carries vs. Logan's 358 yards on 32 carries. In the passing department, Northern Valley was 2 of 3 for 53 yards and Logan was 8 of 11 for 72 yards. First downs saw the Huskies with 5 and Logan 7. Both were penalized 4 times, Northern Valley for 20 yards and Logan for 35. Fumbles found the Huskies coughing it up once and

losing it. Logan did not fumble. Punts, Northern Valley 4 for 65 yards for a 16.3 average. Logan was not forced to punt.

Here's how the scoring went:

- Northern Valley, Travis Redeker, 2-yard run, Richie Kersh added 2 points on a run.

- Logan, Levi Kiser, 64-yard run, Kiser tacked on 2 extra points.

- Logan, Kiser, 21-yard run, point-after pass failed.

- Logan, Kiser, 34-yard run, McElroy ran for 2 extra points.

- Northern Valley, Richie Kersh 58-yard run, Gallentine ran for 2 extra points.

- Logan, Kiser, 21-yard pass from Zach Long, points after run failed.

- Logan, 6-yard run, he then added two extra points.

- Logan, Tim McElroy, 26-yard run, point after failed.

- Logan, Kevin Burge, 29-yard run, point after kick failed.

- Northern Valley, Tanner Jessup, 19-yard pass from Ethan Hays, point after run failed.

- Logan, Kiser, 35-yard run, point after run failed.

- Logan, Kiser 27-yard run, tacked on 2 extra points.

- Logan, Burge, 8-yard run, point after failed.

Individually:

Rushing — Logan, Kiser 12 carries, 215 yards, 6 touchdowns; Long, 2 carries, 12 yards, 0 TDs; Burge, 7 carries, 76 yards, 2 TDs;

McElroy, 5 carries, 45 yards, 0 TDs.

Northern Valley, Kersch, 16 carries, 114 yards, 1 TD; Redeker, 7 carries, 16 yards, 1 TD; Gallentine, 6 carries, 19 yards, 0 TDs; Hays, 1 carry, -5 yards, 0 TDs.

Passing — Logan, Long, 8 attempts, 7 completions, 67 yards, 1 TD.

Northern Valley, Hays, 3 attempts, 2 completions, 49 yards, 1 TD.

Receiving, Logan, Brown, 2, 27 yards, 0 TDs; Kiser, 3, 12 yards, 1 TD; Burge, 1, 8, 0 TDs; Gottschalk, 1, 9, 0 TDs.

Northern Valley, (none)

Total Offense, Logan, 415 yards, Northern Valley, 193.

Husky varsity volleyball betters its record to 2-6

Here are the Northern Valley varsity volleyball results from Sept. 12:

Palco vs. Northern Valley, 25-18, 25-19. Record 1-6.

Aces, Jessica Holmes, 3; Digs, Jessica Holmes, 1; Blocks, Stephanie Tubbs, 3; Setting Assists, Kelli Cole, 7; Kills, Stephanie Tubbs, 4.

Eastern Heights vs. Northern Valley, 23-25, 25-23, 25-12. Record 2-6.

Aces, Jessica Holmes and Kelsey Kinderknecht, 3; Digs, Jessica Holmes, 9; Blocks, Stephanie Tubbs, 2; Setting Assists, Jessica Holmes, 11; Kills, Stephanie Tubbs, 9.

Coach's comments: "I feel we had overall a good night. We had some key players who were able to come back and start playing again. We also had other players step up and play to their ability and help the team have a winning night."

Kensington takes Huskes 66-16 in two quarters

The Northern Valley football team didn't beat Kensington Sept. 15, but they did make it into the end zone a couple of times, a first for this season. The Huskies lost 66-16 in two quarters.

Kensington had all the touchdowns in the first quarter.

The first was made 55 seconds into the game on a 75-yard kick return from Grant Levin. He also ran in the extra points. With 8:46 showing, Levin was in the end zone again on a 61-yard run. The attempt for points after failed.

Randall Irving scored next for the Goldbugs at 5:13 on a 4-yard sprint. Levin ran for the extra points. The last touchdown of the quarter was made by Levin on a 51-yard run. Ethan Kuhlmann rushed for the points after, giving the 'Bugs a 30-0 lead.

A minute and a half into the second quarter, Mike Yoxall gave Kensington 6 more points on a 24-yard run. Matt Teselle passed to Taylor Kuhlmann for the extra points.

Less than a minute later with 9:38 showing, the Huskies scored for the first time when Jacob Gallentine rushed 54 yards into the end zone for a touchdown. Travis Redeker ran in the extra points, giving Northern Valley 8 points.

Ten seconds later, Kensington scored again on a 54-yard return from Levin. Yoxall ran for the points after.

The Huskies retaliated with a touchdown 59 seconds later when Richie Kersch ran 64 yards to score. Kersch also ran in the extra points, giving Northern Valley a total of 16.

The 'Bugs weren't finished yet though and scored three more

touchdowns before half-time. T. Kuhlmann made the first on a 24-yard run with 7:08 showing. Yoxall caught a pass from T. Kuhlmann for the points after.

Yoxall rushed 24 yards for the second with 56.31 seconds left in the half. The run for extra points failed. The last touchdown of the game was made by E. Kuhlmann on a 1-yard run.

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for 128 yards. Chase Miller made 2 kick-offs for 74 yards, while Jessup made 1 for 35 yards. Making kick-off returns were Kersch, 1 for 15 yards; Cody Callaway, 1 for 10 yards; and Gallentine, 2 for 4 yards.

Kersch led tackles with 6 solos and 2 assists, followed by Nathaniel Graham, 5 solos; Taylor Hammond, 3 solos; Hutch Gehrke, 3 solos; Gallentine, 2 solos, 1 assist; Chaim McMillin, 2 solos; and Jessup, 2 solos.

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GAME STATISTICS

N. Valley	K-town	
2	First Downs	7
137	Yards Rushing	307
0	Yards Passing	6
137	Total Yards	313
0-2	Passes Completed	2-2
9-50	Penalties	5-50
2-1	Fumbles	1-0
4-128-32	Punts	0-0

Junior high sports report

The Norton seventh grade varsity volleyball team opened their season on Aug. 31 in a triangular match with Ellis and Hill City. Norton lost to Ellis in three games and won against Hill City in three games.

"The first match was against Ellis," said Coach Wendy Haresnape. "Norton won the first game 26-24 with a come from behind effort. The team got a boost with serves from Fayth Davenport and Sady Keilig. Brooklyn Winkel and Abby Bainter had many good passes and Erin Terrell and Caren Thompson played well at the net.

"Norton lost the second game 19-25. The team tried hard, but at times looked a little hesitant and nervous. We also missed serves at key times throughout the game which put us in the hole. Norton lost the third game 3-15. The momentum was clearly with Ellis going into the game. Norton struggled with how to answer Ellis' style of volleyball.

"The second match of the evening was against Hill City. Norton won the first game 25-16. Brooklyn Winkel had a strong serving effort throughout the game which helped to pull us ahead. Erin Terrell and Caren Thompson did a great job of setting and playing at the net. Norton stayed focused and communicated throughout the game. Abby Bainter, Sady Keilig, and Fayth Davenport had good passes which helped give us the win.

"Norton lost the second game 19-25. Alexis Henson and Tiffany Eagleburger came in and did a good job of getting passes up to the setter and also had good net play. But the team's overall focus and

communication were not at the level of the first game. Missed serves were also an issue in this game.

"Norton won the third game 15-11. Abby Bainter and Sady Keilig were strong servers and gave us a good lead. Norton played with an increased intensity that carried us to the victory."

Vs. Phillipsburg

Norton lost to Phillipsburg in

The Norton 8th grade varsity volleyball team traveled to Phillipsburg on Sept. 12 for a quadrangular with host Phillipsburg, Ellis and Plainville.

The Lady Jays came out ready to play in their first game of their first match against Phillipsburg's Panthers. Norton took the first game 25-16. Phillipsburg won the second 22-25 as well as the third game and match 8-15.

"We played so well that first game, but we just couldn't put everything back together for the second and especially third games," said coach Erin Hill. "We should have won this match, but we know we can beat them; we just hope we'll get another chance at Phillipsburg later on in the season!"

Meaghan Peterson, Sharrelle Shinn and Dustyna Sprigg all hit the ball well, with great sets by Sophie Mills and Kaylen Rossi.

In their second match of the evening, the Lady Jays had their chances in a rematch with Ellis. "We lost our very first match of the season to this Ellis team, so we were ready to go out and get them this time," the coach said. And that is exactly what the Lady Jays did

as they beat Ellis in two games, 25-15, 25-20.

"I was so proud of the girls for coming back from a tough loss against Phillipsburg and playing so well against this Ellis team. Shaylynn Boteler served awesome against Ellis in both games; she also came in during the Phillipsburg game and 'did her job very well.' All four of our hitters (Sprigg, Shinn, Peterson and Lindsey Tacha) hit the ball well, and our setters (Mills and Rossi) were providing them with good sets to hit," the coach said.

"Our third and final match of the night was against the Plainville Cardinals. The girls were still pumped up from their win against Ellis, and they definitely carried their enthusiasm and intensity over into this match," coach Hill said.

Norton beat the Cardinals with impressive scores of 25-7 and 25-5. Meaghan Peterson served the ball extremely well this game; Jade Braun also came off the bench and served seven serves in a row to win the second game and

to the effort, with their passes and net play. Norton lost the second game 21-25. As in the first game, Norton seemed a little flat at times, but then would have moments where everything went right.

In the end, miss-communication and missed serves were major factors in the loss. A bright spot of the second game, however, was the serves of Sady Keilig who got Norton within 2 points of Phillipsburg at 20-22.

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Travel to Stockton

The 8th grade varsity volleyball girls traveled to Stockton on Sept. 14 to take on the Lady Tigers.

The Blue Jays came out with a "roar," taking the Tigers 25-5 in the first game. Lindsey Tacha came out with a screaming serve and served the first 21 points in a row!

The second game was a bit more challenging, as Stockton got their game together; however, the Lady Jays were still too much for the Tigers, putting them away 25-16.

"I was so proud of how aggressive, enthusiastic, and focused the girls played. Lindsey Tacha did an awesome job serving, as did all of the girls throughout both games. Our passes were right to the target (setter), our sets were good, and, therefore, our spikers were able to get some great hits during the match," coach Hill said.

The Norton jayvee team also beat Stockton in two games, 25-14, 25-20.

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