

# Girls first, boys third at Plainville Invite

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The Norton Community High School varsity track and field athletes continued to perform well despite very windy conditions when the girls won the championship and the boys placed third in the annual Plainville Invitational on Tuesday.

Athletes competed the entire meet in warm weather with winds estimated at 35 m.p.h. gusting to 45 m.p.h.

The Lady Jays won the championship with 136 points, followed by Ellis, 108; Phillipsburg, 103; Plainville, 79; La Crosse, 48; Victoria, 33.

La Crosse won the boys championship with 122 points, followed by Phillipsburg just one point back at 121; Norton, 108.5; Victoria, 89; Trego, 38; Plainville, 27; Ellis, 17.5.

## Girls

Junior runner Laura Lee Baird had another good meet as she won three gold medals and turned in some really good times again, despite the high winds.

Baird won the 800 meter run in 2:24.66 and the 400 meter dash in 1:02.37. She anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a first place finish in 4:30.91. On the relay team with her were senior Courtney LeClair and juniors KaraJo Jones and Katharine Roy.

Dominating the field events again was junior Hayli Bozarth with two golds and a silver medal. She won the shot put with a heave of 39'5" and the discus with a throw of 128'10" and placed second in the javelin with a throw of 107'.

Courtney LeClair had two good hurdles races, winning one and placing second in the other. She won the gold in the 300 meter hurdles in 50.03 and the silver medal in the 100 meter hurdles in 17.62.

LeClair and Jones teamed with sophomores Raven Brown and Hannah Waggoner to place second in the 4 x 100 meter relay in 53.37.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of senior Courtney Cox, junior Amyla Tan, sophomore Bethany Roy and freshman Kaylen Rossi won the silver medal with a time of 12:11.09.

Jones placed third in the 200 meter dash in 29.53 and Waggoner finished just behind her in fourth in 29.87. Waggoner also finished fourth in the 100 meter dash in 14.12 and Brown was sixth in 14.28.

Kaylen Rossi placed third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 14:46.43 to win the bronze medal.

Amyla Tan also won a bronze

medal in the 800 meter run with a personal best time of 2:49.15.

Taylor Rossi was unable to compete in her top event, the pole vault, due to the high winds but placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 6:33.90. Courtney Cox finished fifth in the race with a clocking of 7:11.68.

Sophomore Alyssa Thomson finished fifth in the high jump by clearing 4'8" and KaraJo Jones was fifth in the long jump with a leap of 14'2.75".

Junior Wiyanna Paxton won two sixth places with a throw of 88'6" in the javelin event and throw of 104'1" in the discus.

Freshman Dustyna Sprigg placed fourth in the 400 meter dash in 1:10.96 and also had two sixth place finishes. She recorded a triple jump of 28'10.5" and high jump of 4'4".

Times and distances by Norton girls which did not place were: junior Amanda Delimont, 29'7.25"; Wiyanna Paxton, 29'6.5", shot put; Amanda Delimont, personal best 84'4", discus; Bethany Roy, 85'9", javelin; Alyssa Thomson, 13'11"; Raven Brown, 12'5", long jump; Raven Brown, 26'8.75", triple jump.

## Boys

Norton junior runner Zach Bainter continued his dominance of the 800 and 1600 meter runs with gold medals again in both races. He won the 800 meters in 2:06.32 and the 1600 meters in 4:51.66.

Freshman Terrell Lane was a double gold medal winner in the jumps for the first time in his high school career. He recorded a personal best distance of 40'5" to win the triple jump and leaped 19'10.25" to win the long jump. Lane also placed third in the 100 meter dash in 12.15 and anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a third place finish in 46.62. Running with him were junior Brock Lauer, Bolt and sophomore Landon Hamel.

Senior Jared Cox won his specialty, the 300 meter hurdles, in the fine time of 41.97 and was third in the 110 meter hurdles in 17.00.

Senior Todd Bolt placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 38'10.75" and sixth in the long jump with a leap of 18'1.75".

Sophomore Chris Maddy won the bronze medal in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 11:44.84 and senior David Counter was behind him in fourth with a time of 11:52.93.

The 4 x 800 meter relay team of Maddy, Counter, senior Luke VanSkiike and freshman Dakota Dreher placed third with a time of 10:01.93.

Dakota Dreher also placed third in the 800 meter run in 2:23.21 and



The strong wind created a hair-raising experience for Norton junior Katharine Roy as she started her leg of the 4 x 400 meter relay after receiving the baton from senior Courtney LeClair during the Plainville Invitational on Tuesday. Teaming with juniors KaraJo Jones and Laura Lee Baird, the Lady Jay quartet won the gold medal in the wind-swept event.

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was fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 5'2".

Senior Wes Georgeson placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles in 17.46 and sixth in the javelin with a throw of 135'5".

Junior Zach Dreher placed fifth in the javelin with a career best throw of 141'.

Dakota Dreher, Lauer, sophomore Casey Robison and Bainter teamed in the 4 x 400 meter relay to place fifth in 4:03.72.

Luke VanSkiike placed sixth in the 3200 meter run in 13:02.46 and David Counter was sixth in the 1600 meter run in 5:31.21.

Brock Lauer finished sixth in the 100 meter dash in 12.53.

The quartet of senior Bryce Engelbert, juniors Zac Dreher and Brad Nuzum and freshman Justin Griffith won the weight men's 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 51.44.

Times and distances of Norton boys which did not place were: Zac Dreher, 38'2.5"; Brad Nuzum, 33'8"; freshman Ryan Blecha, 31'9"; shot put; Bryce Engelbert, 107'10"; Zac Dreher, 99'2"; Justin Griffith, personal best 86'8", discus; Bryce Engelbert, 107'6", javelin; Landon Hamel, 16'9", long jump; Casey Robison, 34'5.5", triple jump; Wes Georgeson, 45.81; Landon

Hamel, 46.02, 300 meter hurdles; Todd Bolt, 25.78; Landon Hamel, 26.50, 200 meter dash; Casey Robison, 1:08.07, 400 meter dash; junior Josh Gallentine, 6:17.00, 1600 meter run.

## Coach's comments

"For the third time in a row, our athletes performed very well," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"Our girls team won again by a fair margin and our boys team finished third.

"This was a tough weather day for the meet since the wind was very strong and gusty from the south for the entire meet. The pole vault was canceled due to the wind and that wind was a factor in all other events but our athletes handled it well and competed through it.

"Times and distances are very tough to compare to previous performances due to the weather but our girls did post two new personal records and our boys recorded three.

"Many of our times on the track were very close to personal bests so that is a very good sign and always good to see so early in the season.

"We are very proud of the effort our athletes are giving and we continue to be pleased with the results they are posting!

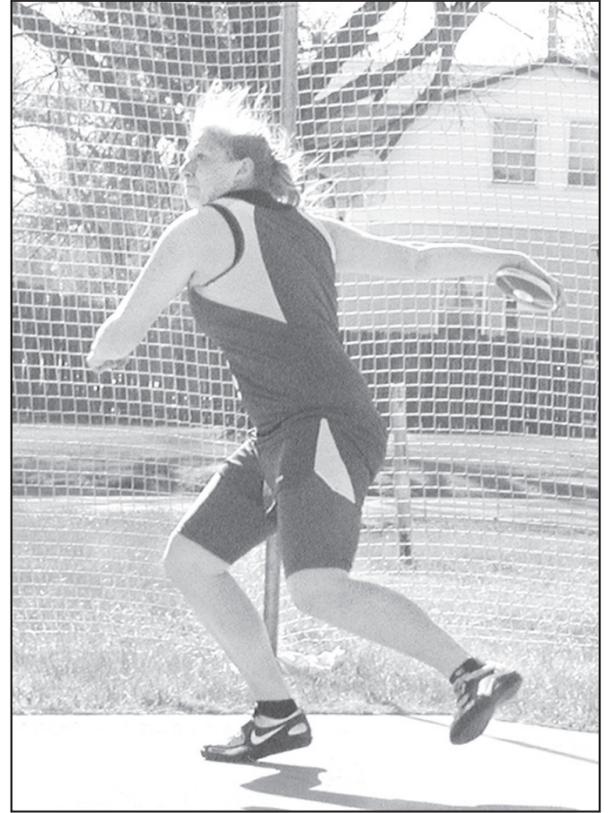
"We plan to work to improve and we are really looking forward to this weekend when all of our athletes will again get to compete."

## Next action

Norton track and field athletes will be separated into three groups to perform this weekend.

Varsity athletes will compete in the Don Bader Invitational in Lexington, Neb. on Friday, beginning at 2 p.m. and junior varsity athletes will compete in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Friday in Smith Center, beginning at 3 p.m.

Some Norton varsity athletes will compete Friday and Saturday in the Kansas Relays in Lawrence.



Norton junior Hayli Bozarth had another great day in the Plainville Invitational on Tuesday. Here, she is shown winning the discus event after earning the gold medal in the shot put earlier. Bozarth also placed second in the javelin throw.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Lady Jay freshman Kaylen Rossi, her hair blowing in the strong wind, placed third in the 3200 meter run in the Plainville Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday.

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## Good outing for young tracksters

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Eighteen Norton Community High School freshmen and sophomore girls and boys track and field athletes competed in the Trego JV Meet on Monday in WaKeeney.

No team scores were held.

Norton girls set eight personal records in four different events and Norton boys set four personal records in four events. The Blue Jays placed in six girls events and seven boys events.

## Girls

Three Lady Jays earned silver medals and two of them set personal bests. Freshman Bekah Streck placed second in the 3200 meter run in a personal record time of 14:52 and sophomore Lacy Keilig set a personal record in throwing the discus 78'1" to finish second in that event.

Sophomore Allie Corbin placed second in the shot put with a heave of 28'5".

Keilig also placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 27'5.75".

The young Lady Jays' 4 x 800 meter relay team also earned a fourth place finish with a time of 13:13.52. Streck was a relay member along with freshman Sophie Mills, sophomore Amanda Ray and freshman Kelsie Griffith.

Finishing in sixth place in the high jump was sophomore Brandi Graham with a 4'2" clearance.

Times and distances for Norton girls performances that did not place were: freshman Morgan Baumann, personal record 23'7"; freshman Katie Scott, personal record 18'3.75", shot put; Allie Corbin, 64'11"; Katie Scott, personal record 60'3"; Morgan Baumann, 56'7", discus; Amanda Ray, personal record 75'10"; Lacy Keilig, personal record 73'1"; Sophie Mills, personal record 70'6", javelin; sophomore Kelsey Nuzum, 25.00, 100 meter hurdles; Brandi Graham, 16.11; Kelsey Nuzum, 18.00; freshman Jade Braun, 18.12, 100 meter dash; Jade Braun, 36.81, 200 meter dash; Sophie Mills, 3:17.0; Kelsie Griffith, 3:33.0, 800 meter run; Amanda Ray, 7:12.76, 1600 meter run.

## Boys

Freshman Kaid McKenna won a silver medal with a second place finish in the pole vault by clearing 9'6" and freshman Billy Broeckelman finished right behind him in third with a vault of 8'6" to win the bronze medal.

Also earning a bronze medal with a third place finish in the 3200 meter run in a personal best time of 12:42.54 was freshman Kegan Vanover.

Vanover teamed with freshmen Troy Bainter, Zach Porter and sophomore Adam Myers to earn a fourth place finish in the 4 x 800 meter relay with a time of

11:41.83.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Bainter, McKenna, Broeckelman and freshman Spencer Shirk placed fifth in 4:22.45.

Shirk finished fifth in the 400 meter dash in a personal best 1:04.23.

Sixth place in the 1600 meter run in 5:40.95 went to Bainter.

Norton boys' times which did not place were: Billy Broeckelman, personal record 13.00; Kaid McKenna, 14.00, 100 meter dash; Spencer Shirk, personal record 29.67, 200 meter dash.

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