

# Blue Jay girls track team still undefeat-

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Coach Jason Jones' Norton Community High School girls track team remained undefeated for the season and his boys Blue Jays placed a solid third in the annual Goldsmith Relays on Friday in WaKeeney.

The Norton girls and boys set two meet records and a total of 16 personal records!

The Lady Jays had their biggest margin of victory yet this season, outscoring second place team Phillipsburg by 51.5 points. Norton tallied 116.5 points, compared to Phillipsburg, 65; Russell, 63; Oakley, 61; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 59; La Crosse, 56; Holcomb, 42; Plainville, 31; Victoria, 29; Leoti, 15; Trego, 11; Ness City, 10.5.

The Phillipsburg boys team won the championship with 99 points, followed by La Crosse, 91; Norton, 72; Holcomb, 63; Russell, 58; Victoria, 57; Ness City, 41; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 29; Leoti, 25; Oakley, 15; Plainville, 4; Trego, 4.

## Girls

Norton junior Laura Lee Baird continued her dominance in the running events as she once again earned three gold medals and broke two meet records. She won the 1600 meter run in the meet record time of 5:24 and breezed to the gold in the 800 meter run in a record-breaking 2:20.96.

In the 4 x 400 meter relay, Baird and three teammates placed first with a time of 4:21.69. When Baird received the baton for the anchor lap, she was in third place but steadily gained on the two leaders and edged an Oakley runner at the tape to win by three hundredths of a second!

Running with her in the relay were senior Courtney LeClair, junior KaraJo Jones and freshman Dustyna Sprigg.

Norton's female hurdles specialist, LeClair won gold medals in both hurdles events! She was timed in 15.80 in the 100 meter hurdles and 49.72 in the 300 meter hurdles.

Junior Hayli Bozarth was dominant again in the field events where she earned two gold medals and a bronze. She heaved the shot put 40'8" to break her own personal record and threw the discus 111'2". Bozarth also threw the javelin 106'8" to place third.

Junior Taylor Rossi continued her winning streak in the pole vault by once again tying her personal record of 9'.

KaraJo Jones was also a member of the 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed third in 52.53. Running with her were Courtney LeClair, sophomore Raven Brown and sophomore Hannah Waggoner. KaraJo also placed third in the 200 meter dash with a personal record time of 27.45 and fifth in the long jump with a leap



Norton junior KaraJo Jones flew through the air during long jump competition at the Goldsmith Relays on Friday at WaKeeney. She placed fifth in the event, third in the 200 meter dash with a personal record time, was on the championship 4x400 meter relay team and the third place 4x100 meter relay team.

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of 14'10".

Junior Wiyanna Paxton won the bronze medal in the discus with a throw of 101'6" and she also placed fifth in the shot put with a heave of 31'11".

Freshman Kaylen Rossi placed fourth in the 3200 meter run with a new personal record time of 14:04.12.

Lady Jay sophomore Alyssa Thomson finished fifth in the high jump by clearing 4'10" and Hannah Waggoner placed fifth in the 200 meter dash in 27.91.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of senior Courtney Cox, sophomore Bethany Roy and freshmen Sophie Mills and Kaylen Rossi placed sixth in 12:30.94.

Times and distances of Norton girls which did not place were: junior Amanda Delimont, 30'8.5", shot put; Amanda Delimont, 78'10", discus; Wiyanna Paxton, 90'6"; Bethany Roy, 85'11", javelin; Raven Brown, 13'1", long jump; Dustyna Sprigg, 27'7"; Raven Brown, personal record 27'1", triple jump; Dustyna Sprigg, 4'4", high jump; Hannah Waggoner, 13.37; Raven Brown, personal record 13.62, 100 meter dash; Dustyna Sprigg, 1:08.87; junior Katharine Roy, personal record 1:11.13, 400 meter dash; Taylor Rossi, 2:46.64; Sophie Mills, 3:16.56, 800 meter run; sophomore Amanda Roy, personal record 6:58.91; Courtney Cox, 7:00.92, 1600 meter run; fresh-

man Bekah Streck, 15:50.31, 3200 meter run.

## Boys

Norton junior Zach Bainter continued his winning ways in running events as he earned the gold medal in both the 800 meter and 1600 meter runs. He was timed in 2:03.22 in the 800 meters and a career best 4:40.33 in the 1600 meters.

Norton's other gold medal was won by freshman Terrell Lane who leaped 20'6" in the long jump. Lane also placed third in the 200 meter dash in 23.36 and anchored the Blue Jays' 4 x 100 meter relay team to a third place in 46.13. Running with him were senior Todd Bolt, junior Brock Lauer and sophomore Landon Hamel.

Todd Bolt won the silver medal in the triple jump with a distance of 39' and finished sixth in the long jump with a leap of 18'6".

Senior Jared Cox had another good meet in the hurdles, finishing second in the 300 meter hurdles in 41.13 and third in the 110 meter hurdles in 15.54.

Senior Wes Georgeson placed fourth in the 110 meter hurdles in 16.39.

Senior David Counter finished sixth in the 3200 meter run in a personal record time of 11:15.28.

Junior Zac Dreher placed sixth in the javelin with a personal record throw of 156'2".



Norton senior Wes Georgeson displayed good form to clear one of the hurdles in the 300 meter hurdles race on Friday at the Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney, and sophomore teammate Landon Hamel, who is just learning how to clear the barriers, was able to maintain his balance and make it to the finish line despite knocking over a hurdle!

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The Blue Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of senior Logan Kats, Jared Cox, Landon Hamel and Zach Bainter placed sixth in 3:43.92.

Norton boys times and distances which did not place were: Zac Dreher, 35'1"; junior Brad Nuzum, 33'6.5"; freshman Ryan Blecha, 32'1"; shot put; Zac Dreher, 112'4"; senior Bryce Engelbert, 106'7"; freshman Justin Griffith, 87'10"; discus; Wes Georgeson, 136'6"; Bryce Engelbert, 121'6"; javelin; Landon Hamel, 17'10"; long jump; sophomore Casey Robison, 33'8"; triple jump; freshman Dakota Dreher, 5'; freshman Billy Broeckelman, NH, high jump; freshman Kaide McKenna, 9'6"; Casey Robison, personal record 9'6"; Billy Broeckelman, 9', pole vault; Wes Georgeson, 45.55; Landon Hamel, 45.58, 300 meter hurdles; Terrell Lane, personal record 11.49; Brock Lauer, personal record 11.82, 100 meter dash; Todd Bolt, 24.68, 200 meter

dash; Logan Kats, 57.48, 400 meter dash; Dakota Dreher, personal record 2:16.79, 800 meter run; senior Luke VanSkike, 5:30.57; junior Josh Gallentine, personal record 5:53.91, 1600 meter run; Chris Maddy, 11:41.32; freshman Troy Bainter, personal record 12:03.94, 3200 meter run; David Counter, Chris Maddy, Troy Bainter and Dakota Dreher, 4 x 800 meter relay team, 9:40.88.

## Coach's comments

"This was a very good meet for us in a number of ways," said coach Jones.

"First, it presented the opportunity to compete for team titles with our entire squads together for the first time in a week and a half. We were pleased to see our boys finish third to two very powerful and competitive teams from Phillipsburg and La Crosse and our girls win the meet with the largest margin yet. We will continue to push to gear up for the league meet

in a couple of weeks.

"Second, our athletes received the opportunity to compete against some athletes they hadn't seen yet this season and that is always fun. We handled this challenge very well and competed hard against the entire field.

"Finally, we were pleased to see individual improvements and personal records in many areas. We love to see athletes get better as they continue to compete and seeing the benefits of hard work in practice pay off is always pleasing for our youngsters.

"We expect them to continue to work hard and reap the benefits."

## Next action

Norton is scheduled to compete today in the Oberlin Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

This Friday, the Blue Jays will travel to Russell for their annual relays, which begin at 3 p.m.

On Monday, Norton will compete in the Hill City Invitational, beginning at 4 p.m.

# Three Blue Jay ladies perform very well at KU Relays

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Senior Courtney LeClair and juniors Laura Lee Baird and Hayli Bozarth competed two weekends ago in the 81st annual Kansas Relays in Lawrence and performed very well in this prestigious meet which attracts outstanding athletes from a 500 mile radius.

Baird placed third in the 800

meter run in a new Norton school record of 2:19.15, which broke the record she set in last year's Kansas state meet. She also competed in the 400 meter dash and was timed in 1:01.51, which placed her 16th.

Bozarth heaved the shot put 37'5" to place 11th in that event and threw the discus 124'3" to place 13th.

LeClair placed 30th in the 100 meter hurdles with a clocking of 16.88.

## Coach's comments

"We are very proud of Laura Lee Baird, Hayli Bozarth and Courtney LeClair and their efforts and representation of our school and community," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"To be accepted in this meet is

an honor in and of itself. They accept only a limited number of entries from athletes who attend high school within a 500 mile radius of Lawrence. They performed very well in what is the most competitive field of athletes they will see all year long.

"The weather forced some adjustments for a lot of people as those competing faced cool, damp

and windy weather for the greater part of two days.

"Our girls handled this well; they put all of that aside and prepared themselves for the tasks at hand

"Our trip was highlighted by

## Husky junior high girls place 3rd

Northern Valley Junior High took part in the Quinter Invitational track meet Friday. The girls placed 3<sup>rd</sup>, the boys 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 teams. Austin Herman claimed four first place medals.

Boys' placings: Quinter, first; Grinnell-Wheatland, second; Triplains, third; Oakley, fourth; Northern Valley, fifth; Hoxie, sixth; Healy, seventh; Paradise, eighth; Golden Plains, ninth; Brewster, tenth; Western Plains, eleventh. Girls: Quinter, first; Oakley, second; Northern Valley, third; Grinnell-Wheatland, fourth; Hoxie, fifth; Brewster, sixth; Paradise, seventh; Golden Plains, eighth; Triplains, ninth; Western Plains, tenth; Healy, eleventh.

Boys' results: 100m Hurdles, 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Herman 15.94; 5<sup>th</sup> Tyson Callaway

200m 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Herman 27.2; 4<sup>th</sup> Phillip Compton

400m 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Herman

Laura Lee Baird's performance in the 800 meter run where she ran a new lifetime best of 2:19.15 to break her school record.

"Her previous record was 2:19.60 which she ran at the state meet a year ago."

1:02.2  
1600m 6<sup>th</sup> Gunnar Hays  
Triple Jump 1<sup>st</sup> Austin Herman 36'6"

Discus 4<sup>th</sup> Nate Land; 5<sup>th</sup> Phillip Compton  
400m Relay 5<sup>th</sup> Hays, Montgomery, Compton, Callaway  
1600m Relay 6<sup>th</sup> Hays, Callaway, Montgomery, Compton  
Husky girls' results:  
200m 2<sup>nd</sup> Regan Simpson;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Melissa Hawks; 5<sup>th</sup> Sarah Whitney

1600m 1<sup>st</sup> Regan Simpson 6:17.5  
3200m 5<sup>th</sup> Kynzie Stevens  
Long Jump 3<sup>rd</sup> Melissa Hawks

Shot 1<sup>st</sup> Cassie Field 30'1";  
5<sup>th</sup> Ashley Jeffries  
Discus 2<sup>nd</sup> Cassie Field; 5<sup>th</sup> Ashley Jeffries  
400m Relay 3<sup>rd</sup> Raburn, Hawks, Whitney, Constable  
800m Relay 1<sup>st</sup>, Raburn, Simpson, Hawks 2:07.0

# Jayvee golfers play in varsity tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golfers gained valuable tournament experience by playing in the Trego Invitational, a varsity tournament, last Thursday in WaKeeney.

Trego Community won the six man and four man championships. In six man competition, the Golden Eagles led with a 514, followed by Wheatland/Grinnell, 559; Osborne, 565; Plainville, 568; Hill City, 577; Ness City, 603; Stockton, 612; Oakley, 667; Norton JV, 678.

Trego's four man score was 342, followed by Osborne, 359; Hill City, 370; Plainville, 388; Ellis, 397; Wheatland/Grinnell, 422;

Stockton, 433; Ness City, 438; Trego JV, 448; Norton JV, 449; Oakley, 491.

Wheatland/Grinnell won the two man championship with a 157, followed by Ness City, 165; Trego, 172; Oakley, 176; Stockton, 179; Plainville, 184; Hill City, 207; Osborne, 217; Norton JV, 229.

Members of Norton's four man team and their scores were: senior Lacy Ellis, 52-53-105; junior Kyle Mindrup, 57-53-110; senior Andrew Black, 59-57-116 and freshman Cole Archer, 55-63-118.

The Blue Jay two man scores were junior Jacob VanSkike, 57-56-113 and junior Ashley Colip, 56-60-116.

Individual medalists were:

Landon Stephens, Wheatland/Grinnell, 77; Jared Stoocklein, Ness City, 79; Nolan Smith, Trego, 79; Chase Waldman, Wheatland/Grinnell, 80; Eric Cunningham, Trego, 80; Ryan Sturgeon, Osborne, 81; Cameron Locke, Trego, 82; Blake Born, Hill City, 83; Scott Pfannenstiel, Trego, 84; Seth Belterive, Stockton, 84; Weston Vogel, Ness City, 86; Patrick Loftus, Oakley, 87; Shae Clark, Osborne, 88; Logan Morel, Oakley, 89; Chris Miller, Hill City, 89.

"We took advantage of ideal weather conditions to see improvement in each player's performance, primarily that of Lacy Ellis, who shot a career low score on one of the longer courses we play," said Norton head golf coach

David Stover.

"Hopefully, the momentum gained today will carry over into our season-ending tournaments at Norton and Trego."

## Next action

Norton is hosting the Norton JV Invitational today on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association golf course south of Norton, beginning at 3 p.m.

On Thursday, the junior varsity will compete in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m. and the varsity will compete in the Colby Invitational, beginning at 3 a.m.

Next Monday, the Norton varsity will compete in the Phillipsburg Invitational, beginning at 1 p.m.