

Blue Jay golfers just two strokes out of 2nd at Colby Invite

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team had a good day on Thursday, placing just two strokes out of second, in the Colby Invitational Tournament.

Colby won the championship with a 336, Hoxie was second with a 358 and Goodland and Norton both carded a 360. Fifth place went to Atwood with a 387, followed by Colby JV, 397; Oakley, 407; Oberlin, 408; Brewster, 420.

Sophomore J.D. Gall and senior Preston Herman tied for low Norton scorers as well as fourth medalist. Gall shot a 41-44-85 and Herman carded a 43-42-85.

Blue Jay sophomore Connor Pfannenstiel shot a 48-45-93 and sophomore Marcus Herman had a 48-49-97.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were senior Kyle Edgett, 52-48-100 and junior Logan Kelly, 52-54-106.

Medalists were: Ryley Haas, Colby, 72; Jance McKee, Brewster, 79; Pat Eland, Hoxie, 84; Zack Ruda, Atwood, 85; J.D. Gall, 85; Preston Herman, 85; Dylan Stithem, Colby, 86; Brett Gfeller, Triplains, 86; Darrick Ihrig, Goodland, 86; Tanner Corder,

Colby JV, 87.

"We were able to come back after a disappointing performance earlier in the week and post much better results," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. "Our overall play was much better even though we were playing in cooler, windier conditions."

"Today was a great illustration to our players of the importance of every single shot since the difference from second to fourth was a mere two strokes."

"Preston Herman and J.D. Gall got back on track with solid rounds and Connor Pfannenstiel gave us a boost as well."

"We look to keep things going in the right direction as we enter the home stretch of the season with the Phillipsburg tournament, Mid-Continent League tournament and regionals, all in the next week."

Next action

Norton played in the Phillipsburg Invitational on Monday but results were not available at press time.

The Blue Jays will compete in the Mid-Continent League Tournament on Thursday in Ellis, beginning at 3 p.m.

The Class 3A Regional Tournament will be held at Lakin next Monday, beginning at 9 a.m.

JV golf ends season

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golf team completed their season with an eighth place finish in the Trego JV Invitational on Thursday in WaKeeney.

Plainville won the championship with a 381, followed by Northern Valley, 383; Hoisington, 387; Russell, 389; Trego, 391; Stockton, 401; Phillipsburg, 405; Norton, 440; Wheatland/Grinnell, 442; Hill City, 443; Quinter, 444; Greeley County, 473; Oakley, 444.

Norton freshman Cole Archer was low scorer for the Blue Jays with a 51-48-98, followed by freshmen Nikki McVey, 52-58-110; Ashley Millan, 57-55-112 and Andrew Otter, 60-59-119. Also playing for Norton and her score was freshman Shaylyn Boteler, 58-64-122.

Medalists were: Cole Werner, Plainville, 86; Ruben Sher-

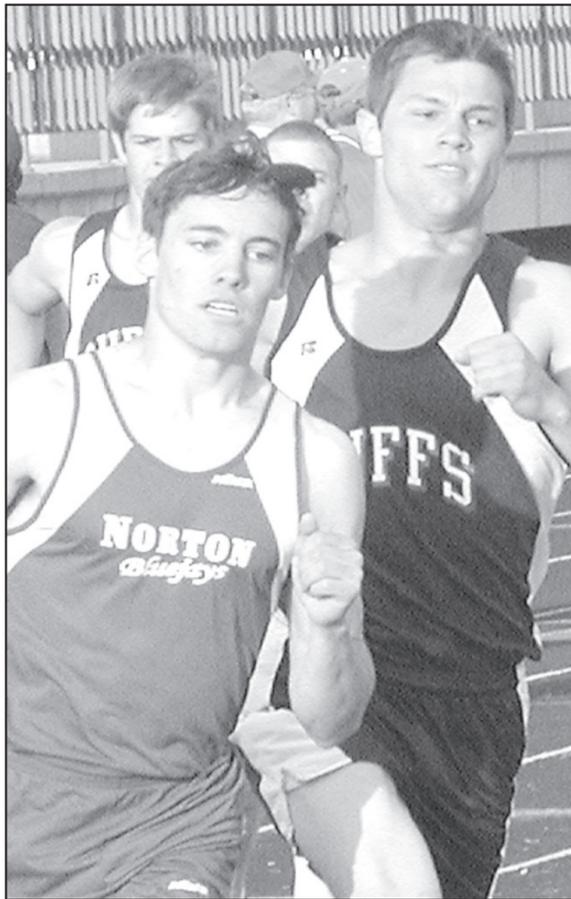
wood, Trego, 89; Hutch Gerhke, Northern Valley, 90; Eric Miller, Quinter, 90; Kurt Cook, Hoisington, 92; Randon Huth, Russell, 92; George Lovelady, Plainville, 93; Jade Bliss, Trego, 94; Josh Fielder, Stockton, 95; Derrick Pruitt, Phillipsburg, 96; Harlan Kuntzsch, Russell, 96; Jacob Defenbauh, Hoisington, 97; Justin Lee, Northern Valley, 97; Jacob Gallentine, Northern Valley, 97; Logan Herman, Hoisington, 98.

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

"Cole Archer continued his steady improvement, missing out on medalist honors by losing a scorecard playoff."

"I am very pleased with the improvement all of these golfers have made since the beginning of the season. With continued practice, I look for more improvement in the future."

Around the bend...



Two of the top runners in the Salina Journal circulation area in all enrollment classes, split gold medals in outstanding 800 meter and 1600 meter races in the Oberlin Invitational track meet last Tuesday. Here, Norton's Zach Bainter was leading Atwood's Basgall to the finish line in the 800 meters in the excellent time of 2:02.64. Basgall edged him to win the 1600 meter run in 4:38.12, third best in the area honor roll.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



The three top girl runners in the entire Salina Journal circulation area in all enrollment classes in the 800 meters ran in the Oberlin Invitational track meet last Tuesday. Norton's Laura Lee Baird, who tops the honor roll, is shown here in the lead and won the race in 2:19.43, which broke her meet record. Wolters of Atwood was second when the picture was taken, but she placed third behind Baird, and Kuhlman of Oakley, who is shown here behind her.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton student at K-State helps team take third place

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Brian Luft, a senior from Norton, is a member of the Kansas State University Trapshooting Team which placed third overall in the Association of Collegiate Unions 40th annual Clay Target Championships at the National Shooting Complex in San Antonio, Tex., on April 10-13.

Thirty-eight universities and 295 shooters competed. They shot in International Skeet, International Trap, American Skeet and American Trap with championships awarded for individuals and teams in each event, as well as the high overall team and individual in the combined events.

Five-time National Champi-

on Lindenwood University, St. Charles, Mo., won the overall championship again and Texas A&M placed second.

Kansas State finished second place behind Lindenwood in the International Trap and American Trap events.

The Wildcat marksmen also won the "Most Improved Trap Team" award.

This is the highest finish ever in the national shooting competition by the Kansas State University Trapshooting Team.

Derrick Mein of Kansas State won the high overall championship with a 386 x 400 score. A K-Stater had never won the high overall individual title.

Shooters also competed in five-

stand sporting clays competition taped for upcoming broadcast on ESPN networks, thanks to sponsorships from National Shooting Sports Foundation and Safari Club International. Six airings are scheduled: June 13, 20, 27 and July 4, 11 on ESPN2.

"This was the largest ever collegiate clay target championship," said Chris Dolnack of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, which sponsors both the event and the ESPN production. "It's gratifying to see growing interest in shooting sports."

Brian is president of the Trapshooting Club and son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Luft, Norton.

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A former Tiger coach into Hall

HAYS -- Former Fort Hays State University and Bethany track coach Jim Krob has been elected into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

He will be formally inducted during the Hall of Fame Luncheon on June 24 in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Krob, a native of Cuba, began his coaching career at Burdett High School before moving on to Jewell High, where his teams won two state titles.

He then coached at Russell High before going to Bethany, where he led the Swedes to nine Kansas Conference track championships and was named district coach of the year numerous times.

After Bethany, he coached track and cross country at Fort Hays State and led the Tigers to six Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference track and field championships. He was named the 2002 NCAA Division II Track and Field Coach of the Year.

He retired from active coaching in 2005 but is currently in charge of coaching education at Fort Hays and remains an instructor in the Health and Human Performance Department at Fort Hays.

Krob continues to serve as a field referee for the state high school track meet in Wichita and is a starter for high school and middle school meets across the state.

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