



# Blue Jays place second, third in own meet

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Competing in cold, rainy weather, the Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed second and the Blue Jay boys finished third in the annual Norton Invitational Track Meet on Thursday on the Jep Byrum Track in Travis Stadium in Norton.

Smith Center won both girls and boys team championships. The Lady Redmen compiled 166 points and were followed by Norton, 127; Colby, 101; Phillipsburg, 60; Logan, 44.5; Northern Valley, 30.5; Goodland, 25.

The Smith Center boys totaled 126 points, followed by Phillipsburg, 116; Norton, 99; Colby, 82; Northern Valley, 56; Logan, 49; Goodland, 27.

"We were happy to get a chance to compete. This was the first competitive meet of the season for most of our team," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones.

"It is nice to get some competition results in the books and see our girls and boys experience the benefits of their hard work in practice.

"Our junior varsity youngsters, who competed Monday, had their second chance to compete in this season opening week and some of them bettered their performances and scored some points at this varsity meet!

"We are proud of our teams and their performances. The weather presented some obvious challenges but, for the most part, our athletes rose above and competed. We established some early marks and we will use those results to set some goals for the remainder of the season.

"We are very excited about continuing to compete and the opportunity to better ourselves as the season really begins to pick up in the coming weeks!"

## GIRLS

The Norton girls had six gold medal performances.

Seniors Laura Lee Baird and Kara Jo Jones got the 2009 season underway by each winning three

gold medals.

Baird hit the tape first in the 1600 meter run in 5:41.75, crossed the finish line in 2:31.28 to win the 800 meter run and anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team to a first place finish. The foursome of Jones, junior Kendra Engelbert, sophomore Dustyna Sprigg and Baird was timed in 4:32.78.

Jones also won the long jump with an outstanding leap of 16'.25" and hit the finish line ahead of teammate junior Hannah Waggoner to earn the gold in the 200 meter dash with a time of 28.75.

Waggoner was timed in 28.87 to win the silver medal. She was also second in the 100 meter dash with a clocking of 13.40.

Lady Jay senior Hayli Bozarth easily won her specialty, the shot put, with a distance of 43'6.5". Bozarth also won the silver medal in the discus with a throw of 117'11" and the bronze medal in the javelin with a distance of 103'6".

Bozarth, Jones and Waggoner were also members of Norton's 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed third in 55.40. The other member of that foursome was junior Raven Brown.

Lady Jay freshman Abby Bainter placed third in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 14:34.03 and sophomore Kaylen Rossi finished in fourth with a time of 15:23.59. Bainter also anchored the 4 x 800 meter relay team to a third place finish in 12:00.06. Other members of the foursome were Engelbert, Rossi and Sprigg.

Senior Taylor Rossi is recovering from an injury suffered during basketball season and did not compete in her specialty the pole vault. Norton was represented in the event by freshman Sady Keilig, who placed third by clearing 6'6".

Lady Jay senior Amanda Delimont won the bronze medal in the shot put with a heave of 31'4". She also threw the discus 83'1" to place sixth in that event.

Junior Bethany Roy finished fifth in the javelin with a throw

of 87'9".

Norton results in events where the Lady Jays did not score were: junior Lacy Keilig, 25'7.5", 8th; sophomore Morgan Baumann, 21'7", 13th; sophomore Katie Scott, 17'6", 16th; senior Emily Scott, 13'3", 17th, shot put; Lacy Keilig, 69'9", 8th; Morgan Baumann, 59'6.5", 12th; Katie Scott, 44'4.5", 16th; Emily Scott, personal best 41'2", 17th, discus; Lacy Keilig, 54'8", 18th, javelin; Sady Keilig, 12'8", 7th; freshman Caren Thomson, 10'4", 14th, long jump; Dustyna Sprigg, 26'8", 7th; Sady Keilig, 26'4", 8th; Raven Brown, 25'5.5", 10th, triple jump; Sady Keilig, 4'6", 7th; junior Alyssa Thomson, 4'4", 8th; junior Kelsey Nuzum, high jump; Caren Thomson, 20.00, 9th; Kelsey Nuzum, 23.48, 13th; 100 meter hurdles; Raven Brown, 14.47, 12th; Caren Thomson, 15.37, 21st; Kelsey Nuzum, 16.90, 27th, 100 meter dash; sophomore Bekah Streck, 7:24.17, 7th, 1600 meter run.

## BOYS

The Norton boys earned three gold medals; two of them went to senior runner Zach Bainter, who hit the tape in 2:06.81 in the 800 meter run and in 4:49.28 in the 1600 meter run.

The Blue Jays' other gold medal went to junior Ashton Draper, who won the 400 meter dash in 54.34.

Draper also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay which placed second in 3:46.42. Running with him were senior Brock Lauer, freshman Tye Nickell and Zach Bainter. Draper also finished third in the 200 meter dash in 25.15 and Lauer placed fourth with a personal best time of 25.40. Lauer also finished fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.93.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team of freshman Zach Hartwell, sophomore Troy Bainter, freshman Bryan Henry and sophomore Dakota Dreher placed second in 9:47.78.

Troy Bainter won the silver medal in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 11:57.56 and Hartwell finished right behind him to win



Norton senior Zach Bainter is shown leading the pack in the 1600 meter run during the Norton Invitational track meet on Thursday. Zach earned two gold medals. He won this race in 4:49.28 and won the 800 meter run in 2:06.81. Pictured behind him are Jared Nally, Colby, who eventually placed third, and Colton Lowry, Northern Valley, who finished in second place.

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the silver medal with a time of 12:01.46.

Freshman Joe LeClair placed second in the 110 meters hurdles in a personal record time of 17.46.

Dakota Dreher cleared the high jump at 5'8" to place third.

Senior Zac Dreher placed fourth in the javelin with a throw of 130'10".

Bryan Henry finished in fifth place in the 800 meter run with a personal record clocking of 2:22.96.

Ashton Draper anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team to a fifth place finish in 48.35. Running with him were: Lauer, Zac Dreher and freshman Seth Antrim. Sixth place finishes were earned

by senior Jordan Bebb, 38'9.5", shot put; Seth Antrim, personal record 11', pole vault and sophomore Kegan Vanover, 13:00.84, 3200 meter run.

Norton performances in events where the Blue Jay boys did not score were: Zac Dreher, 37'7", 8th; sophomore Ryan Blecha, personal record 36'11", 10th; freshman Damien Davis, 28', 30th, shot put; Ryan Blecha, 98'7", 8th; Damien Davis, personal record 68'4", 29th, discus; junior Casey Robison, 9'6", 8th; Tye Nickell, pole vault; Joe LeClair, 49.41, 9th, Zac Dreher, 50.66, 11th, 300 meter hurdles; Jordan Bebb, 12.59, 16th; Seth Antrim, 12.78, 19th; Tye Nickell, 12.96, 21st; Ryan Blecha,

13.09, 26th; freshman Justin Waggoner, 13.46, 32nd; Damien Davis, 13.70, 33rd, 100 meter dash; Justin Waggoner, 28.15, 18th, 200 meter dash; Kegan Vanover, 6:05.00, 7th; senior Josh Gallentine, 6:16.00, 8th, 1600 meter run; freshman Kurt Douglas, 13:48.00; junior Adam Myers, personal record 14:24.00, 3200 meter run; Seth Antrim, Justin Waggoner, Joe LeClair, Dakota Dreher, 4:24.12, 4 x 400 meter run.

## Next action

The Norton girls and boys varsity track and field teams will compete today in the annual Smith Center Invitational, which begins at 3 p.m.

# Huskies, Trojans promising in Norton Invitational

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The Northern Valley and Logan High School track and field teams opened the 2009 season with some fine performances in the Norton Invitational on Thursday in Norton.

The Logan girls placed fifth with 44.5 points and the Lady Huskies finished in sixth with 30.5 points. The Northern Valley boys placed fifth with 56 points and the Logan boys were sixth with 49 points.

## GIRLS

Alison Cole of Northern Valley won the high jump for the third straight year at the Norton Invitational with a clearance of 5'. Megan Cole tied for fifth with a height of 4'6". Megan also placed fourth in the javelin throw with a distance of 99'.

Megan Cole was also a member of the 4 x 800 meter relay team which placed fifth in 12:53.15. Running with her were Christina Anderson, Keziah Whitesell and Kayla Field.

Field won the silver medal in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:50.90 and Christina Anderson placed fifth in the 300 meter hurdles in 59.32.

The Lady Huskies' Kynzie Stevens placed fifth in the 1600 meter run in 7:11.24 and sixth in the 800 meter run in 3:30.84.

Logan's Dawn Archer won two gold medals. She hit the tape first in the 400 meter dash in 1:10.43 and was a member of Logan's championship 4 x 800 meter relay team which was clocked in 11:36.25. Running with her were Hannah Pinkerton, Tiffany Clements and Samantha Tien.

Clements also won the silver medal in the pole vault by clearing 7'.

Archer, Clements, Alethea Bennett and Paige Buss ran on the Lady Trojans' 4 x 400 meter

relay team which placed sixth in 5:04.75.

Clements finished fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:51.84 and Hannah Pinkerton was fifth in 2:51.99. Hannah Pinkerton also placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 6:25.21.

Logan's 4 x 100 meter relay team of Bennett, Buss, Caley Greving and RaeAnn Pinkerton finished sixth in 59.18. Buss also tied for sixth in the 100 meter dash in 14.09 seconds.

Greving also placed fourth in the shot put with a heave of 30'11.75".

Northern Valley girls' performances that did not score points were: Christina Anderson, Ashley Constable, Megan Cole, Keziah Whitesell, 5:47.25, 7th, 4 x 400 meter relay; Karen Wenzl, 48'7.75", 15th, discus; Karen Wenzl, 72'8", 9th, javelin; Alison Cole, 19.41, 8th, 100 meter hurdles.

Performances by Logan girls that did not score points were: RaeAnn Pinkerton, 20.06, 10th; Samantha Tien, 24.28, 15th, 100 meter hurdles; Caley Greving, 14.60, 15th, 100 meter dash; RaeAnn Pinkerton, 1:04.50, 7th, 300 meter hurdles; Kaylene Reese, 67'11", 9th; Chelsi Schlehuber, 41', 18th, discus; Alethea Bennett, 67'9", 11th; Vicky Dick, 65'2", 12th; Kaylene Reese, 46'8", 23rd; Chelsi Schlehuber, 33'3", 27th, javelin; Vicky Dick, 24'5", 9th; Samantha Tien, 22'3.5", 12th, shot put.

## BOYS

Northern Valley's Colton Lowry won the silver medal in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:10.53 and the bronze medal in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:17.81.

Ethan Hays of Northern Valley won the bronze medal in the 400 meter dash in 57.46.

The Huskies' Gunnar Hays placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in 5:25.96 and fourth in the 800 meter run in 2:22.34.

Northern Valley's Ethan Hays, Justin Jeffries, Chaim McMillin and Zachary Vincent placed sixth in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 48.46.

Ethan Hays, McMillin, Austin Herman and Jeffries combined to finish sixth in the 4 x 400 meter relay with a clocking of 4:20.93.

The Huskies' Jeffries placed third in the long jump with a leap of 17'2.75" and Herman won the bronze medal in the triple jump with a distance of 36'11.25".

Nathaniel Graham finished in second place in the javelin with a throw of 147'9" and Travis Redeker finished in third place in the shot with a heave of 40'6.5".

Logan's Levi Kiser won the gold medal in the 200 meter dash in 24.43, placed third in the 100 meter dash in 11.62 seconds and was a member of the Trojans' 4 x 100 meter relay team which won the bronze medal with a time of 48.00. Running with him were Tyson Pabst, Brady Tien and Charlie Becker.

Tien also placed third in the 110 meter hurdles in 17.92 and Pabst was right behind him in fourth with a clocking of 18.09. Tien also placed sixth in the 300 meter hurdles in 47.46.

Tien finished fourth in the pole vault with a height of 11'6" and teammate Kiser was fifth with the same height.

The Trojans' Charley Harmon finished third in the discus with a throw of 116'8" and Mark Pakkebieer was fourth with a throw of 113'9".

Performances by Northern Valley boys that did not place were: Chaim McMillin, 12.37, 12th; Cody Callaway, 12.96, tie for 21st; Steven Brown, 14.37, 34th; Tyler Montgomery, 14.52, 36th;

Brandon McDowell, 14.84, 37th; Matt Dole, 15.31, 38th, 100 meter dash; Tyler Montgomery, 1:13.77, 11th; Matt Dole, 1:17.53, 12th; Brandon McDowell, 1:24.38, 13th, 400 meter dash; Austin Herman, 52.25, 13th; Cody Callaway, 52.53, 14th, 300 meter hurdles; Stanton Nelson, 2:39.84, 12th, 800 meter run; Ethan Hays, 26.71, 13th; Zachary Vincent, 27.59, 16th; Steven Brown, 30.56, 21st; Tyler Montgomery, 33.30, 23rd; Matt Dole, 33.37, 24th; Brandon McDowell, 33.40, 25th, 200 meter dash; Justin Jeffries, 5'2", tie for 9th; Tyler Montgomery, high jump; Matt Dole, 9', tie for 9th; Chaim McMillin, 9', tie for 9th, pole vault; Stanton Nelson, 31'8", 10th, triple jump; Travis Redeker, 101'8", 7th; Nathaniel Graham,

92'4", 12th; Dillon Hogan, 72'2", 27th; Steven Brown, 71'10", 28th; Zachary Vincent, 60'8", 33rd, discus; Travis Redeker, 112', 8th; Dillon Hogan, 101'1", 17th; Zachary Vincent, 89'8", 27th, javelin; Nathaniel Graham, 36', 13th; Dillon Hogan, 33'4", 19th; Steven Brown, 25'11", 31st, shot put.

Logan boys' performances that did not place were: Charlie Becker, 12.68, 18th; Tracy Archer, 12.90, 20th; Dustin Steffen, 14.50, 35th, 100 meter dash; Jordan Girard, 1600 meter run; Tracy Archer, 1:01.21, 7th, 400 meter dash; Tyson Pabst, 47.91, 8th, 300 meter hurdles; Jordan Girard, 2:48.01, 14th, 800 meter run; Tracy Archer, 27.12, 14th; Charlie Becker, 27.21, 15th, 200 meter dash; Jordan Girard, 5'2",

tie for 9th, high jump; Charlie Becker, 10'6", 7th; Tracy Archer, pole vault; Dustin Steffen, 76'5", 25th; Kris Ebner, 67'2", 31st, discus; Tyson Pabst, 107'7", 11th; Charley Harmon, 82'9", 29th, javelin; Mark Pakkebieer, 34'2", 17th; Kris Ebner, 30'9", 23rd; Dustin Steffen, 23'4.5", 32nd, shot put.

## Next action

The Northern Valley track team competed today in the Triplains Invitational in Oakley, which began at 10:30 a.m.

Next Tuesday, the Northern Valley Invitational will be held in Logan, beginning at 3 p.m.

Logan will compete Friday in the Stockton Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

## Stanley signs with Dodge City Community College



Norton Community High School senior football player Matt Stanley signed a letter of intent to play football for Dodge City Community College in Dodge City. Also pictured are his mother, Shelli and Head Norton Football Coach Lucas Melvin. Not pictured is his father, Perrell.

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