

Blue Jay 49th at state golf

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Norton Community High School junior Marcus Herman was the lone Blue Jay qualifying for the Class 3A State Golf Tournament played on Tuesday at the Tallgrass Country Club in Wichita.

Marcus shot a 47/46-93 and tied for 49th.

The Phillipsburg team, which tied for the state championship last year with Wichita Collegiate, placed fifth and Panther senior Rick Jarvis was No.6 medalist.

Wichita Collegiate was the Class 3A state champion with a 314, followed by Kansas City Christian, 337; Halstead, 343; Lakin, 352; Phillipsburg, 353; Silver Lake, 353; Marion, 363; Sterling, 365; Jayhawk Linn, 373; Neodesha, 405; Lamed, 429; Eureka, 444.

Medalists were: Michael Gellerman, Sterling, 70; Andrew Hourani, Wichita Collegiate, 74; Craig Howell, Wichita Collegiate, 77; Elliot Wingert, Halstead, 77; Chris Ramos, Lakin, 77; Jeff Jarvis, Phillipsburg, 78; Josh Rosebaugh, Silver Lake, 78; Jerry Chase, Sabetha, 79; Ben Hatfield, Wichita Collegiate, 80; Josh Lambert, KC Christian, 80; Mark Nichols, KC Christian, 81; Scott Stickney, Ellinwood, 81; Darius Semisch, Bluestem, 81; Harrison Morris, Wichita Collegiate, 83; Jullian Martinez, Lakin, 84; Mauricio Rosas, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 84; Luke Gordon, Marion, 85; Mark Cunningham, Ellsworth, 85; Nathan Johnson, Osage City, 85; Nathan McKensie, KC Christian, 86; Colten Lamborn, Frontenac, 86; Daniel Kunantaev, Hillsboro, 86.

"I was very proud of Marcus Herman's effort today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover. Qualifying for the State Tournament is a great accomplishment and to finish in the top half of the tournament field, as Marcus did, is an achievement of which to be very proud!

"This is one of the most difficult course setups we have seen in some time and, even in ideal scoring conditions, it was very difficult to consistently maintain quality play throughout the entire round. Marcus was very competitive but just had too many holes where small mistakes became big scores."

Class 2A results

Defending state champion Trego Community High School had a team score of 333 and placed three golfers in the top 10 but the Golden Eagles were unable to repeat this year. Pittsburg-Colgan, runner-up to Trego in 2008, switched places with the Golden Eagles with a championship score of 323.

Eric Cunningham was Trego top golfer with a 77, which put him in the No.2 medalist spot. The Golden Eagles' Scott Pfannenstiel was No. 7 medalist with an 80 and Trego's Ryan Pfannenstiel was No. 10 medalist with an 80 as well.

Alex Hobelman of seventh place Smith Center tied for No.11 medalist with an 81. Patrick Loftus of Oakley tied for No.15 medalist with an 83 and Atwood's Zack Ruda tied for No.20 medalist by carding an 86.



His hair flying, Norton junior Ashton Draper sprinted across the finish line to win the 400 meter dash in the Class 3A Regional Track Meet last Friday in Cimarron in a personal record clocking of 51.37!

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Former Logan athlete places 12th in NCAA national event

Tim McElroy, sophomore from Logan, was one of five Fort Hays State University track and field athletes who competed in the NCAA Division II Championships in San Angelo, Texas, on May 21-23.

McElroy finished 12th in the hammer throw event with a distance of 185'8", which was just six inches off his best effort of the season.

McElroy also throws the discus and shot for the Tigers.

Other members of the Fort Hays track and field team this year were Norton sophomores Blake VanEaton and Jared Bebb, who were distance runners, and Ellis sophomore Cole Erbert, who threw the weights.

Sunflower Games reports record 43 events for '09

The Sunflower State Games said a record 43 different sports events will be offered to Kansas residents for competition in the 20th Anniversary of the Sunflower State Games in 2009.

Complete sports information, guidelines and registration information can be found at www.sunflowergames.com.

Registration for all events opened May 1. The amateur multi-sports festival will be held July 10-26 at sites throughout Topeka.

Athletes will compete in six new events: fencing, gymnastics, hot shot, junior rodeo, paintball and strongman.

Returning to the Games this year is the Athlete Festival to be held on Friday, July 17 at Hummer Sports Park. The festival is open to all athletes and volunteers and will include the annual lighting of the torch, the 5K/10K Governor's Cup Road Race and much more!

"We are extremely excited to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of

the Sunflower State Games," said Executive Director Mitch Gross. "This landmark event gives us a chance, along with our athletes, to look back and see how far we have come over the past 20 years."

The Sunflower State Games is a non-profit organization based in Topeka.

The Games are held annually in July and the purpose is to promote physical fitness, personal health and well-being for Kansans of all ages and skill levels.

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