

Congratulations to the Norton and Northern Valley cross country runners for a tremendous season!



Pictured after the awards ceremony at the Class 3A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego are the Norton girls team, coaches and manager with their third place plaque. They are, from left, Lindsey Bailey, assistant coach; Amanda Ray, manager; Regan Simpson; Abby Bainter; Dustyna Sprigg; Kaylen Rossi; Julia Kent, Kamilla Jones; George Rossi, head coach.



Fans present to cheer Kayla Lowry of Northern Valley to her 13th place finish and state medal in the Class 1A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego are pictured with her after her race. Shown are, from left, Gene Field, Ben Field, Ashley Constable, Head Coach Marvin Gebhard, Kayla, Cindy Lowry, Stanton Nelson.



The Norton cross country girls react to the starter's gun as they begin their 2.5 mile Class 3A cross country race en route to an impressive third place state finish. Shown are, from left, Abby Bainter, Kamilla Jones, Regan Simpson, Kaylen Rossi, Julia Kent and Regan Simpson.



Freshman Regan Simpson finished first for the Norton girls in the state race and was 14th individually, which earned her a medal.



The Norton boys cross country team members leaned forward as they started up the long hill at the beginning of the 3.1 mile Class 3A state cross country race in which they finished 11th. Pictured are, from left, Kegan Vanover, Bryan Henry, Chris Maddy, Zach Hartwell and Troy Bainter. Not visible were John Renner and Ryan Bainter.



During the Cross Country State Championships in Wamego, fans could be seen lining the running routes to cheer on their favorite runners. Among the enthusiasts encouraging Norton sophomore runner Abby Bainter, the Lady Jays' second fastest runner, were her aunt Tammie Bainter, left and her mother, Vicki Bainter.



Freshman Julia Kent ran a steady race to finish third best for the Norton girls.



Pictured following competition in the Class 3A Cross Country State Championships in Wamego where the Norton girls placed third and the boys 11th are, from left, front row: Kamilla Jones, Julia Kent, Dustyna Sprigg, Kaylen Rossi, Abby Bainter, Regan Simpson; back row: Assistant Coach Lindsey Bailey, Bryan Henry, Troy Bainter, John Renner, Chris Maddy, Ryan Bainter, Zach Hartwell, Kegan Vanover, Manager Amanda Ray, Head Coach George Rossi. For the first time in Norton history, both high school cross country teams qualified for the state meet during the same season.



Sophomore Zach Hartwell ran a strong race and was the first Norton boy to finish the state race.



Blue Jay sophomore Bryan Henry crossed the finish line second fastest for Norton in the state race.



Junior Troy Bainter strides out during his third best performance for the Norton boys in the state race.



Norton junior Dustyna Sprigg placed fifth best for the Lady Jays in the state race with another steady showing.



Freshman Kamilla Jones was fourth fastest runner for the Norton girls in the state cross country meet.