



Former Norton athlete competes in college

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Hayli Bozarth, a former track, basketball and volleyball star at Norton Community High School, has completed her freshman year of track and field competition at Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, with an outstanding performance in the USA Junior National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa.

Hayli qualified for the national meet for athletes 19 years of age or younger with the 12th best distance in the shot put.

She surpassed that ranking with a tenth place finish by heaving the iron ball 46'5", a personal best for the outdoor season.

Hayli also finished her first indoor season with a personal best 47'7" in the shot put at the NCAA Qualifying Meet hosted by Iowa State University.

Hayli's indoor success transferred to her first outdoor season with personal records of 140'8" in the discus, 152'2" in the hammer throw and 45'9" in the shot prior to the Junior National Champion-

ships.

"From the moment that Hayli Bozarth stepped on campus, she displayed a unique mindset and determination to have a great freshman year," said C. Grant Wall, assistant track and field coach at Iowa State.

"Most freshmen collegiate throwers are not ready for the demands on and off the track of the Collegiate Track and Field season.

"Hayli worked from day one to put herself in a position to help her team and qualify for the Junior National Championships.

"Through the indoor season, she continually showed improvement and maturity as each meet came and went.

"Her mark of 53'6.5" in the weight throw, which she picked up for the first time this year, was a great start to her collegiate career in the event and she also set a personal best indoors in the shot put.

"Then, she finished her freshman year with a bang by setting outdoor personal records in the

discus, hammer and shot.

"She trained hard in the weight room and on the track for the Junior National Championships.

"I am looking forward to the continued success Hayli Bozarth will have at Iowa State and on the national scene."

Hayli was a state track medalist all four years in high school. Her senior year, she won the gold medal in both the shot and discus and placed fifth in the javelin, just a few inches out of third.

Hayli is the Norton Community High School record holder in the shot and discus. She broke the shot put record with a heave of 45'5.5" in the league meet in Plainville her senior season and the discus record with a throw of 143'4" in the Russell Relays in 2008.

She is also a former all-Mid-Continent League performer in both volleyball and basketball.

Hayli is the daughter of Marla and Curt Bozarth. Her grandparents are Deloros and Bozie Bozarth and the late Rose and Leo Uhrich.



Norton's Hayli Bozarth is shown competing as a freshman in the shot put event for Iowa State University in the recent USA Junior National Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. Hayli entered the meet ranked 12th and placed tenth with a distance of 46'.5".

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Norton Thunder Girls softball team is having a good season

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The Norton Thunder Girls Softball Team has been playing very well despite the fact that they have no girl over 14 years of age in their 16 years of age and under league.

Stockton

Coach Don Burge's nine hosted Stockton on Monday June 21 and it took eight innings to decide the winner of the first game in a scheduled doubleheader. The score was tied 9-all going into the final inning and Stockton added three runs to win 12-9.

Stockton took a 2-0 lead in the top of the fourth inning but Norton ran across four of their own in the bottom of the inning to take a 4-2 advantage. Marisa Maddy, Kristen Burge and Skylar Davis singled, Megan Peterson walked, Audrie Burge singled and Shauna Gibson walked. Maddy, Kristen Burge, Davis and Peterson all scored.

Stockton tied the score at 4-all with two runs in the top of the

sixth inning, then took a 9-4 lead with five more runs in the top of the seventh stanza.

The Norton Thunder answered with five runs of their own in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score again at 9-all. Chalise Christensen walked, Lexie Voss, Kirsten Georgeson, Maddy and Kristen Burge all singled and all crossed home plate in the inning.

Stockton was able to break the tie in the top of the eighth inning with three more runs and Norton was held scoreless in the bottom of the stanza.

Norton had 12 hits and six walks in the game. Maddy was 2 for 2 batting, Kristen Burge was 2 for 4 and Georgeson was 2 for 3 at the plate.

Peterson pitched for Norton. Stockton had 11 hits and four walks.

The second game was started but rained out.

Phillipsburg

The Norton Thunder traveled to Phillipsburg on Wednesday, June

23 and split a doubleheader on the Lady Panthers' home field.

The Thunder got off to a good start, winning the opener 11-5, then lost a 14-12 heartbreaker in the nightcap.

Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first when Maddy walked and scored later in the inning. The visitors extended their lead to 3-0 with two runs in the top of the second. Jessica White walked, Gibson singled, Christensen walked and White and Gibson both scored.

Phillipsburg scored their first three runs of the game in the bottom of the second to tie the score at 3-all.

The Thunder jumped back in front in the top of the third with two more tallies. Davis singled, Peterson walked, Audrie Burge singled, White walked and Christensen walked. Davis and Peterson both scored to make it 5-3 in favor of Norton.

Six more Thunder runs in the top of the fourth put the visitors on top 11-3. Maddy got on base,

Davis, Peterson, Audrie Burge all singled, Gibson and Christensen walked. Maddy, Davis, Peterson, Burge, Gibson and Christensen all scored.

Phillipsburg added two runs in the bottom of the fourth but it was too little, too late and Norton prevailed 11-5.

Norton had nine hits and ten walks. Davis and Audrie Burge were both 2 for 3 with the bat.

Peterson pitched for Norton. She allowed only four hits while walking five batters.

In the nightcap, the Thunder took a 4-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Maddy singled, Kristen Burge and Davis both walked, Peterson singled, Audrie Burge walked, Davis walked and Christensen walked. Maddy, Kristen Burge, Davis and Peterson all crossed home plate.

Phillipsburg added three runs of their own in the bottom of the first to cut the Norton lead to 4-3.

The Lady Jays responded with five more runs in the top of the second stanza. Maddy singled, Kristen Burge walked, Davis singled, Peterson walked, Audrie Burge and White both singled, Christensen and Voss both walked and Maddy, Kristen Burge, Peterson, Audrie Burge and White all scored to extend the visitors' lead to 9-3.

Phillipsburg cut the Norton advantage to 9-7 with four more runs in the bottom of the second stanza.

In the top of the third, Norton ran one more run across home plate. Davis singled and scored later in the inning.

Phillipsburg took an 11-10 lead with four runs in the bottom of

the third.

Norton regained the lead with two runs in the top of the fourth. Voss, Maddy and Kristen Burge all singled and Voss and Maddy scored to make it 12-11 in favor of the visitors from Norton.

Phillipsburg answered with three more runs in the bottom of the inning to move ahead 14-12 for the win.

Norton had 10 hits in the game and eight walks. Maddy was 3 for 3 at the plate, Voss was 2 for 2 and Davis was 2-3.

Voss pitched for the Thunder. Phillipsburg had nine hits and nine walks.

Next action

The final games of the season for the Norton Thunder will be on July 5 when they travel to Stockton for a doubleheader.

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Results of February 8

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	21	7
First State Bank JR.	19	9
FSBT 2	15	13
FSBT 2	14	14
Front Range Auto	13	15

HIGH LINE

Bev Miller	185
Janice Russell	179
Becky Williams	168
FSBT 2	346
FSBT 1	336
Front Range Auto	288

HIGH SERIES

Bev Miller	501
Becky Williams	466
Janet Manning	466
FSBT 1	967
FSBT 2	925
Front Range Auto	798

HIGH LINE HANDICAP

Nikki Graham	228
Janice Russell	224
Bev Miller	219
FSBT 2	431
FSBT 1	416
First State Bank JR	411

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

Janet Manning	604
Bev Miller	603
Janice Russell	594
FSBT 1	1207
FSBT 2	1180
First State Bank JR	1143

Results of February 15

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	23	9
First State Bank JR.	23	9
First State Bank SR.	17	15
Front Range Auto.	16	16
FSBT 2	15	17

HIGH LINE

Janet Manning	209
Bev Miller	171
Janice Russell	160
FSBT 1	347

Front Range Auto	300
FSBT 2	300

HIGH SERIES

Janet Manning	480
Bev Miller	453
Janice Russell	448
FSBT 1	933
FSBT 2	864
Front Range Auto	856

HIGH LINE HANDICAP

Janet Manning	254
Sheila Swisher	217
Jane Engelhardt	214
FSBT 1	425
First State Bank SR	406
First State Bank JR	400

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

Janet Manning	615
Sheila Swisher	610
Jane Engelhardt	584
First State Bank JR	1176
FSBT 1	1167
First State Bank SR	1162

Results of February 22

Team Standings	Won	Lost
FSBT 1	26	10
First State Bank JR.	24	12
Front Range Auto.	19	17
First State Bank SR.	19	17
FSBT 2	16	20

HIGH LINE

Peggy Sevier	188
Bev Miller	173
Cindy Linner	158
Front Range Auto	333
FSBT 1	311
FSBT 2	278

HIGH SERIES

Bev Miller	478
Peggy Sevier	460
Cindy Linner	427
FSBT 1	894
Front Range Auto	887
FSBT 2	728

HIGH LINE HANDICAP

Peggy Sevier	235
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Nikki Graham	225
Bev Miller	207
Front Range Auto	423
First State Bank JR	407
FSBT 2	397

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

Peggy Sevier	601
Bev Miller	580
Cindy Linner	556
Front Range Auto	1157
FSBT 1	1131
First State Bank JR	1088

Results of March 1

Team Standings	Won	Lost
First State Bank JR.	28	12
FSBT 1	26	14
Front Range Auto.	23	17
First State Bank SR.	21	19
FSBT 2	18	22

HIGH LINE

Bev Miller	182
Cindy Linner	170
Becky Williams	169
Front Range Auto	310
FSBT 1	309
FSBT 2	278

HIGH SERIES

Becky Williams	492
Cindy Linner	484
Nikki Graham	431
FSBT 1	907
Front Range Auto	875
First State Bank SR.	778

HIGH LINE HANDICAP

Nikki Graham	238
Bev Miller	216
Cindy Linner	213
First State Bank FR.	425
Front Range Auto	400
FSBT 2	398

HIGH SERIES HANDICAP

Nikki Graham	644
Cindy Linner	613
Bev Miller	594
First State Bank JR	1222
First State Bank SR	1150
Front Range Auto	1145

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