



The Norton varsity boys got a good start in the cross country run in Hill City on Thursday. Pictured are, from left, Bryan Henry, John Renner, Marc Miller, Troy Bainter and Zach Hartwell, who led the Blue Jay team in the race and finished seventh. Norton placed second in the team race. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Both cross country teams take home runner-up honors

By DICK BOYD
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The Norton Community High School girls and boys cross country teams each placed runner-up on Thursday in the Hill City Invitational, which was held at their golf course.

Girls team winner was Colby with 40 points and Norton was second with 41. Third place went to Osborne with 68, followed by Quinter, 108; Hill City, 112; Oberlin, 135.

The boys champion was Ness City with 40 points while Norton scored 74 to place second. Plainville was third with 111, followed by Phillipsburg, 133; Colby, 133; Oberlin, 136; Hill City, 141.

GIRLS

Norton junior Astrid Moen placed highest for the Lady Jays with a fourth place finish in 17:04.

Freshman Darcy Bainter was next highest for Norton with a ninth place in 17:25. Freshman Katelyn Engelbert was 14th in 18:09, sophomore Kamilla Jones was 16th in 18:15 and sophomore Julia Kent was the fifth Norton finisher in 17th with an 18:31 clocking.

Also running for Norton and their places and times were: senior Dustyna Sprigg, 23rd, 18:55; junior Abby Bainter, 26th, 19:12.

Freshman Marisa Maddy ran the junior varsity race for Norton and was the winner in a personal record time of 20:08.

"Tonight's race brought out areas in which we need to improve," said Norton head cross country coach George Rossi. "Having Colby beat us will, hopefully,

serve as a learning tool. Our girls gave great effort and were competitive, especially at the end of the race.

"Our girls are disappointed with second and I really believe they will use this as a motivator to get better and that will only help us down the road. Every race we have coming up will provide us with challenging teams. We need to step up to that challenge. The only way to get there is to work harder than we have in practice."

The top ten girls finishers were: Emilea Finley, Colby, 16:14, first; Katrina Kaus, Colby, 16:48, second; Kendra Pfannenstiel, Ness City, 16:54, third; Astrid Moen, Norton, 17:04, fourth; Eileen Mick, Osborne, 17:05, fifth; Taylor Gabel, Ness City, 17:06, sixth; Jessie Rubottom, Ness City, 17:07, seventh; Katherine Kaus, Colby, 17:24, eighth; Darcy Bainter, Norton, 17:25, ninth; Cassidy Rathbun, Plainville, 17:33, tenth.

BOYS

Junior Zach Hartwell was fastest for the Norton boys, finishing seventh with a time of 18:51. He was followed by freshman Marc Miller, 18th, 19:38; junior Bryan Henry, 20th, 19:44; sophomore John Renner, 22nd, 19:48; senior Troy Bainter, 23rd, 19:49.

Also running for Norton and their place and times were: freshman Alec Hager, 29th, 20:07 and senior Kegan Vanover, 31st, 20:10.

Running in the junior varsity race for Norton and their places and times were: senior Cole Archer, tenth, 22:18; sophomore Ryan Bainter, 16th, 22:53; fresh-

man Chris Chambers, 22nd, 23:52; freshman Garret Otter, 27th, 24:26.

"The boys race was tough for us tonight," said coach Rossi. "Ness City has a very good team but I feel we did not have our best race individually.

"The gap between Zach and the rest of the team is too great right now.

"Overall, our times tonight were not as good as they were last year. Hill City is a challenging course and I think, at times, we were just not aggressive enough.

"It will be interesting to see how we take from what we learned tonight and apply it to practice and hopefully improve both as a team and as individual runners."

Gunnar Hays of Northern Valley continued to run well, finishing third individually with a time of 18:26.

The top ten boys runners were: Brady Johnson, Plainville, 17:35, first; Kyle Schauvliege, Ness City, 18:05, second; Gunnar Hays, Northern Valley, 18:26, third; Luke Friess, Hoxie, 18:31, fourth; Tyler Shields, Oberlin, 18:32, fifth; Wyatt Beckman, Ness City, 18:37, sixth; Zach Hartwell, Norton, 18:51, seventh; Mario Lopez, Phillipsburg, 18:57, eighth; Connor Shoemaker, Lakeside, 18:58, ninth; Dustin Reed, Colby, 19:02, tenth.

Jon Compton of Northern Valley placed runner-up in the junior varsity race with a time of 20:51.

Next action

Norton will compete today in the Oberlin Invitational, which begins at 5 p.m.

Huskies lose by three to Stockton

By Dana Paxton

On September 12, the Northern Valley Huskies played a close football game at home against Stockton but came up short in the fourth quarter with a 33-30 loss.

The first quarter was a good one for the Huskies. Quarterback Austin Herman scored the first touchdown of the game with a one yard run. The run for the extra points failed. In the last six seconds of the first quarter Dusty Eagleburger ran a 53 yard touchdown and then turned around and ran it in for two more. This ended the first quarter with the Huskies leading 14-0.

The second quarter started with Stockton running a five yard touchdown, followed by a failed run for the extra points. This brought the score to 14-6. Eagleburger then ran another big 54 yard touchdown, followed by another run for two more leaving the score at 22-6. Halfway through the quarter, Stockton scored again with a 23 yard field goal ending the first half 22-9.

The only action in the third quarter came when Herman had a six yard touchdown. He also ran it in for two more, bring the score to 30-9.

The fourth quarter was the

turning point for Stockton. They had a 15 yard touchdown run and backed it up with a kick for two. This brought the tally to 30-16. They then turned around and had a touchdown and the extra points were good and this brought the score to 30-24. With only one minute fifty seconds to play, Stockton scored again with a 55 yard pass but no extra points leaving the Huskies tied with them at 30-30. With only three seconds on the clock, Stockton kicked a field goal and won the game 33-30.

Coach Chuck Fessenden said, "We pretty well had control of the game going into the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, we lost Eagleburger to an injury. We made some turn overs on offense and had a couple of defensive break downs. This let Stockton back in the game and they were able to hit a field goal and win it at the end."

Northern Valley had a total of 59 carries and 276 yards gained to Stockton's 45 carries and 180 yards gained. Eagleburger was the leading rusher with 13 total carries and 142 yards gained. Calen Bach had 24 carries with 86 yards gained and Herman had 22 carries with 48 yards.

Husky quarterback, Herman passed the pigskin four times with

two completions for a total of 38 yards. Phillip Compton caught one and gained nine yards and Colton Lowry got the other pass for another 29 yards. Stockton passed the ball 15 times completing 7 and gaining 167 yards.

Herman had two interceptions for a total of 26 yards

Lowry punted the pigskin twice for 65 yards and Herman had one return but no yardage gained. Stockton only punted one time for 20 yards. Bach got one kick off return for 14 yards.

The Huskies had 12 first downs to Stockton's 16.

The Huskies had a total of three fumbles losing two while Stockton fumbled the ball four times and lost it twice.

The leading Northern Valley tackler was Lowry with 11 tackles and 5 assists for 16 followed by Herman with 10 and 10 assists for 20; Eagleburger with 6 and 11 assists for 17; Matt Dole with 6 and 3 assists for 9. Bach with 5 tackles and no assists for 5; Bryant Tharman had 4 and 1 assist for 5; Ian Vincent had 4 and 3 assists for 7. Dillion Hogan had 3 and 4 assists for 7; Steven Brown had 3 and one assist for 4; Compton had one tackle and Hunter Chandler had 3 assists.

Northern Valley gets first big win

By Dana Paxton

On September 17, the Northern Valley Huskies took on the Logan Trojans in gridiron action at Logan and captured their first win of the season, beating Logan 42-6.

Not long into the first quarter Dusty Eagleburger ran a 42 yard touchdown and then ran it in for two more. Shortly after Austin Herman ran in a 20 yard touchdown and Jordan Baird got the extra two with his run. The Huskies led at the end of the first quarter 16-0.

In the second quarter, Eagleburger ran 20 yards for the third touchdown of the game. The pass for the extra points failed, leaving the score at 28-0.

At the start of the second half, Colton Lowry caught a pass from Herman and ran 25 yards for another Husky touchdown. Once again the run for the extra two was stopped by the Trojans. This brought the score to 34-0 in favor of the Huskies. Logan came back halfway through the quarter and had a long 63 yard run for their first and only touchdown. They were unsuccessful in their run for extra points. With only 2 minutes and 36 seconds left on the clock, Herman

had a two yard touchdown and then Calen Bach ran it in for two more to bring the score to 42-6.

No points were scored during the fourth quarter. This was the Huskies' first win of the season with the score of 42-6.

Coach Chuck Fessenden said, "We were finally able to put together four quarters of football. We played well on both sides of the ball. Our line did a nice job of blocking and our backs ran hard. Penalties were an area of concern. It was nice to get that first win."

Northern Valley rushed 66 times for 443 yards and Logan had 30 carries for 117 yards rushing. The leading rusher for the Huskies was Eagleburger with 20 carries for 203 yards followed by Herman with 17 carries and 88 yards; Bird had 13 carries and 48 yards and Bach carried the pigskin 12 times for 83 yards. Nate Land had 2 carries for 7 yards and Gunnar Hays had 2 carries for 12 yards.

The Huskies passed the ball 10 times with 5 completions for 63 yards. The Trojans passed 13 times and completed 3 for 70 yards. Herman passed the ball to Eagleburger 3 times for 33 yards and to Lowry twice for 30 yards

and two touchdowns. Lowry also had one interception for 9 yards.

Northern Valley had 18 first downs to Logan's 6. Penalties were plentiful for both teams. The Huskies had nine flags for 90 yards and the Trojans had 9 for 55 yards.

Lowry punted the ball twice for 66 total yards and Herman got one punt return for 14 yards. Hays got two kickoff returns for 32 yards.

The Huskies fumbled the ball 4 times losing only one. The Trojans only fumbled once and regained control over it.

The leading tackler for the Huskies was Matt Dole with 7, solos, 8 assists for 15 total; followed by Herman with 6 solos, 6 assists for 12; Lowry with 5 solos, 6 assists for 11 and Dillon Hogan with 4 solos, 4 assists for 8. Hunter Chandler and Steven Brown both had 4 tackles and 3 assists for a total of 7 each. Bryant Tharman had 2 tackles and 4 assists for 6 and Ian Vincent had 3 solos, 3 assists for 6. Calen Bach had 3 tackles and 2 assists for 5. Phillip Compton had 1 solo, 2 assists for 3; Terry Shrader had one tackle and one assist for 2; Gunnar Hays had 2 assists and Alex Stevens had one tackle.

Last race of season cancelled due to rain

By Mike Hughes

Due to inclement weather, the final race of the 2010 season at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, was canceled. The race will not be rescheduled.

Three hometown drivers claimed track championships in their respective divisions.

In the IMCA 305 Sprint Car division, Norton's Randy Bantam

edged out Bill Hays of Edison, NE, by 3 points to claim the track championship.

Rick Schwab of Norton also won by 3 points in the IMCA Modified division over Beloit's Tim Watts.

It was a two car race for the IMCA Hobby Stock title with hometown driver Kelly Karnopp claiming the title over Cody Gra-

ham of Hays 291 to 283.

Also winning track championships were Dustin McClurg of Logan in the IMCA Stock Cars, and WaKeeney's Brian Conness in the IMCA Northern Sport Mods.

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