

# Blue Jay golfers take first

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The senior-dominated Norton Community High School golf team opened their 2013 season on Tuesday by winning the championship of the Smith Center Invitational.

Norton won the title with a 177, followed by Mankato, 184; Beloit, 203; Phillipsburg, 203; Osborne, 203; Smith Center, 207; Stockton, 227; Belleville, 269.

The tournament was scheduled for 18 holes but only nine were counted for scoring since darkness cut down on the sec-

ond nine.

The top four Norton players are seniors and were among the individual medalists. Their scores were: Christopher Fisher, 42; John Risewick, 43; Andrew Ellis, 45 and Dustan Daniels, 47.

Also scoring very well were seniors Jordan Hartwell, who also shot a 47 and Eli Bozarth, who carded a 49.

Individual medalists were: Koby Beougher, Stockton, 38; Zach Linn, Smith Center, 40; Christopher Fisher, Norton, 42; John Risewick, Norton, 43; Sam Flinn, Mankato, 43; Devon

Freeman, Mankato, 44; Andrew Ellis, Norton, 45; Dustan Daniels, Norton, 47; Adam Horn, Mankato, 47; Sam Pahls, Beloit, 47.

"This was an excellent start of the season for us today," said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"Due to the weather, practice time has been very limited up to this point, so we weren't completely sure if we were ready.

"We came out and shot a solid front nine and were playing well on the back nine as well but darkness forced the tournament to be scored on every player's

first nine holes. Fortunately, that front nine was good enough for us to earn the tournament championship.

"Dustan Daniels was able to earn his first individual medal in varsity action and placing four in the top eight individual results is a good start to the season as well."

### Next action

The second outing of the season for the Norton golfers will be this Tuesday, April 9 when they play in the Goodland Invitational, beginning at 2 p.m.



Norton senior Dustan Daniels tees off during one of the holes during the Smith Center Invitational Golf Tournament on Tuesday. Dustan shot a 47, which ranked him No.8 medalist. It was his first individual medal in varsity action.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Track season opens for junior varsity

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity track and field team opened their 2013 season on Monday by competing in the Smith Center Junior Varsity Track Meet.

The Norton girls won the championship for the second straight year and the Blue Jay boys placed eighth.

The majority of the Norton athletes competing were freshmen.

"Our athletes did a wonderful job of handling themselves and competing very well in their opener," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"For the most part, this was the first track and field competition for them in their high school careers.

"They were able to establish some good opening marks.

"We are excited about the future and the improvements that are to come for them as they continue to compete throughout the season.

"These athletes' next meet is our Norton Invitational on Friday (today)."

### GIRLS

The Norton girls scored 130 points, followed by Russell, 87; Smith Center, 54; Thayer Central, 49; Beloit, 40; Northern Valley, 34; Belleville, 14; Phillipsburg, 5.

The young Lady Jays won gold medals in eight different events.

Freshman Molly Maddy won two gold medals. She hit the finish line first in the 3200 meter run with a time of 14:02.13 and won the pole vault with a height of 7'.

Freshman Lexi Voss won the discus with a throw of 88' and placed runner-up in the shot put with a heave of 28'10.5".

Freshman Hanna Brooks medaled in three events individually. She won the long jump with a leap of 13'8.25", finished third in the triple jump with a distance of 27'8.5" and placed fifth in the 100 meter dash in 15.20.

Hanna won another gold medal as a member of the first place 4 x 400 meter relay team, which was clocked in 5:04.20. Running with her were freshmen Peyton Renner, Casey Am-

brosier and Cayanna Campbell.

Renner won a second gold medal with a first place in the triple jump with a distance of 30'5". She also finished third in the long jump with a leap of 13'5.25" and placed third in the pole vault with a height of 6'6".

Ambrosier also earned a second gold medal with a first place in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:59.72, finished runner-up in the long jump with a leap of 13'8" and placed runner-up in the triple jump with a distance of 29'1".

Freshman Raenee Patterson was the other gold medal winner for the Lady Jays. She was first in the 1600 meter run with a time of 7:01.71.

Campbell also placed third in the 100 meter dash in 14.98.

Junior Sophie Manegold also competed. She threw the discus 46'10" for 19th best and heaved the shot 17'8.5" for 21st.

### BOYS

Northern Valley won the boys championship with 104 points, followed by Beloit, 82; Russell, 77; Thayer Central, 64; Phillipsburg, 58; Belleville, 58; Smith Center, 31; Norton, 25.

Freshmen Riley Hager and Ryan Thrailkill had the best performances for the Norton boys. Riley and Ryan tied for runner-up in the pole vault with heights of 8'6".

Thrailkill also placed third in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:46.64.

Thrailkill and Hager combined with freshman Weston Erbert and junior Kai Kawahara to place fourth in the 4 x 400 meter relay in 4:30.89.

Erbert placed sixth in the 400 meter dash in 1:05.68.

Competing but not placing were: junior Andre Valencia, 32'8.5", 11th; freshman Cameron Heikes, 31'9", 12th; junior Travis Cressler, 29'9", 14th, shot put; Cressler, 81'5", 11th; Heikes, 75'11", 14th; Valencia, 60'1", 26th, discus; Erbert, 27'4.5", 7th, triple jump; freshman Andrew Bashford, 13.42, ninth; Hager, 14.04, tenth; Kawahara, 15.01, 13th, 100 meter dash; Kawahara, 27.77, tenth; Bashford, 30.63, 14th, 200 meter dash.

# Huskies take first and sixth at meet

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The Northern Valley Huskies boys and girls track teams competed in Smith Center on Monday, April 1 at the Smith Center JV Track Meet.

The Huskies boys team took first place in the meet with 104 points.

Northern Valley Boys- 104 points, 1st place

100 - Phillip Bryant-12.19 (1st), Philip Rupp-12.89 (4th)

200 - Phillip Bryant-25.19 (3rd)

400 - Philip Rupp-1:02.14 (3rd)

800 - Brant Cox-2:31.35 (3rd)

1600 - Brant Cox-5:25.42 (1st), Macy Kasson-5:56.5 (5th)

3200 - Macy Kasson-13:34.39 (3rd), Camden Cox-13:41.63 (4th)

Long Jump - Phillip Bryant-19'5" (1st), Philip Rupp-16'10.5" (6th)

Triple Jump - Cody Land-27'6" (6th)

High Jump - Clint Cole-5'4" (1st)

Pole Vault - Clint Cole-11'0" (1st), Eli Lowry-8'6" (4th)

Javelin - Eli Lowry-111'3" (4th), Ame Baird-110'10" (5th)

4 x 100 Relay - Matt Florence, Eli Lowry, Philip Rupp and Phillip Bryant-49.8 (2nd)

"We took 12 freshmen to Smith Center on Monday for a JV track meet. This was a little bit early in the season for our kids but they performed very well. Clint Cole picked up first

place finishes in the pole vault and high jump. He set a new personal best in the pole vault with a jump of 11 feet. Phillip Bryant placed first in both the long jump and 100 meters. He had a very good jump of 19 feet, 5 tenths of an inch in the long jump. Brant Cox got our other first place finish for us in the 1600. This was a very good way for our young kids to start the season. We were extremely pleased with the win and all of their performances," said head coach Chuck Fessenden.

The Huskies girls team had four freshmen compete at the Smith Center meet and finished in sixth place with 34 points.

Northern Valley Girls- 34 points, 6th place

Shot Put - Shayna Vincent-

30'7" (1st), Sarah Baird-26'10.5" (6th)

100 - Talia Lowry-15.66 (6th)

400 - Talia Lowry-1:21.02 (2nd)

800 - Allison Keith-3:28.53 (3rd)

1600 - Allison Keith-7:11.37 (2nd)

"This was a great chance for our young squad to compete early in the season. Shayna Vincent did very well in her first high school track meet, getting first in the shot put with a throw of 30 feet and seven inches. All of the girls competed hard and we are excited to see their improvement as the season progresses," said head coach Staci Montgomery.

# BOWLING

### Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of Feb. 25

1. Animal Health - 21.5 wins, 14.5 losses

2. Nelson Bros. - 21 wins, 15 losses

3. BEB & Assoc. - 20.5 wins, 15.5 losses

4. Geezeretts - 20 wins, 16 losses

4. Logan Gals - 20 wins, 16 losses

High Line: Kathleen Berlier-183, Joy Johnson-165, Kathleen Berlier-146, BEB & Assoc.-420, BEB & Assoc.-414, Geezeretts-399.

High Line Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-238, Joy Johnson-230, Judy Luft-214, Geezeretts-605, BEB & Assoc.-586, BEB & Assoc.-580, Geezeretts-580.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-462, Joy Johnson-428, Sharon Smith-393, BEB & Assoc.-1194, Geezeretts-1140, Animal Health-974.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-627, Joy Johnson-623, Judy Luft, Geezeretts-

1758, BEB & Assoc.-1692, Logan Gals-1669.

### Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of March 4

1. BEB & Assoc. - 24.5 wins, 15.5 losses

2. Geezeretts - 24 wins, 16 losses

3. Animal Health - 23.5 wins, 16.5 losses

4. Nelson Bros. - 23 wins, 17 losses

5. Logan Gals - 20 wins, 20 losses

High Line: Jackie Wright-177, Sharron Smith-175, Sharon Smith-157, BEB & Assoc.-457, BEB & Assoc.-420, BEB & Assoc.-408.

High Line Handicap: Jackie Wright-241, Sharron Smith-224, Jean Johnson-223, BEB & Assoc.-624, Animal Health-600, Nelson Bros.-598.

High Series: Sharron Smith-477, Jackie Wright-420, Joy Johnson-404, BEB & Assoc.-1285, Geezeretts-1088, Nelson

Bros.-1087.

High Series Handicap: Sharron Smith-624, Judy Luft-613, Jean Johnson-612, Jackie Wright-612, BEB & Assoc.-1786, Nelson Bros.-1744, Animal Health-1702.

### Inter-City League Standings as of Feb. 28

1. Bailey Electric - 48 wins, 24 losses

2. B & C - 40 wins, 32 losses

3. Jett SS - 34 wins, 38 losses

4. BLD's - 32.5 wins, 39.5 losses

5. Hawks Depot - 32.5 wins, 39.5 losses

High Line: Mark Bailey-196, Rusty Miller-176, Dennis Corbin-175, Bev Miller-168, Bailey Electric-602.

High Line Handicap: Mark Bailey-240, Barb Burk-222, Dennis Corbin-221, Aaron Daniels-215, Hawks Depot-814.

High Series: Mark Bailey-530, Bev Miller-489, Rusty Miller-467, Dennis Corbin-466,

Bailey Electric-1725.

High Series Handicap: Mark Bailey-662, Dennis Corbin-604, Craig Knapp-594, Bev Miller-591, Bailey Electric-2301.

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## Norton Kids wrestlers perform well at State Wrestling in Topeka

The Norton Wrestling Club sent 16 Kids Wrestlers to compete in the State Kids Wrestling Tournament this past weekend in Topeka's Expo Center.

Many wrestled well but five athletes came home with top

six state placings.

Their finishes were: Jacob Green, first place; Skylar Johnson, first place; Michael Kasson, fourth place; Judson Wiltfong, fourth place; and Jared Tallent, fifth place.

*Wishing all the area golf and track teams a successful season!*

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