

# Blue Jays compete in Plainville

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed fourth out of 11 teams, just two points out of third, and the Blue Jay boys also finished fourth in the annual Plainville Invitational held Tuesday in cold and windy weather.

Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays won the girls championship with 138.5 points, followed by Oberlin, 104.5; Plainville, 87; Norton, 85; Ellis, 68; Trego Community, 34; Hill City, 14; Russell, 9.5; La Crosse, 6; Stockton, 6; Victoria, 2.5.

Boys champion was La Crosse with 131.5 points, followed by Thomas More Prep, 112; Plainville, 79; Norton, 68.5; Ellis, 45; Russell, 26; Trego Community, 24; Oberlin, 24; Stockton, 20; Hill City, 20; Victoria, 8.

"Overall, we had a decent day," said Norton head coach

Jason Jones.

"It was cloudy and cold all day long but our athletes fought through that.

"We are getting closer to figuring out where to enter people to give ourselves the best team shot down the road in the championship season and we saw some outstanding performances from some of our people in this meet. That is exciting!

"We posted some new personal records on both sides. That is what we want to see and we are very proud of the effort our athletes are giving. We are excited about our teams' future."

## GIRLS

Junior Bailey Ambrosier won one of the Norton girls' two gold medals. She hit the finish line first in the 400 meter dash with a time of 1:04.94.

Ambrosier also anchored the 4 x 400 meter relay team which placed runner-up and the 4 x 800 meter relay foursome which

finished third.

Running with her in the 4 x 400 meter relay were senior Kamilla Jones, junior Katelyn Engelbert and junior Marisa Maddy. Their time was 4:32.84.

On the 4 x 800 meter relay team with Bailey Ambrosier were Engelbert, Jones and freshman Casey Ambrosier, and they were timed in 11:03.97.

Bailey Ambrosier also placed runner-up in the pole vault with a clearance of 8'6".

Katelyn Engelbert was the other gold medal winner for the Lady Jays. She won the 800 meter run in 2:35.37.

Senior Alec Melvin continued to score points in the throws. She placed runner-up in the shot put with a distance of 34'5" and third in the discus with a throw of 105'7".

Senior Teslee Nickell placed third in the shot put with a heave of 31'7.5".

Junior Darcy Bainter finished third in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 6:04.02.

Freshman Molly Maddy also placed third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:46.31.

Freshman Peyton Renner finished fourth in the triple jump with a leap of 30'8.5" and sophomore Kenzie Esslinger placed fourth in the pole vault with a clearance of 7'6".

Junior Johnnye Ruder finished sixth in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 55.88.

Junior Marisa Maddy placed sixth in the 200 meter dash with a personal record time of 29.62.

Casey Ambrosier finished in sixth place in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:47.43.

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: junior Cristine Nelson, 29'6.5", 8th, shot put; Teslee Nickell, 74'4", 13th; Cristine Nelson, no distance, discus; Alec Melvin, 98'2", 7th; Teslee Nickell, 63'8", 13th; Cristine Nelson, 59'6", 14th, javelin; Peyton Renner, personal best 14'6.25", 7th; Kamilla Jones, 14'4.75", 8th; Casey Ambrosier, 13'5.5", 11th, long jump; Casey Ambrosier, 30'1", 8th; freshman

Hanna Brooks, personal best 28'11.5", 10th, triple jump; Kamilla Jones, 7', 7th, pole vault; Johnnye Ruder, 19.06; 9th, 100 meter hurdles; Marisa Maddy, 14.85, 10th, 100 meter dash; Hanna Brooks, 30.74, 9th, 200 meter dash; Peyton Renner, personal best 1:11.00; Hanna Brooks, 1:14.77, 11th, 400 meter dash.

## BOYS

Senior Jacob Brooks was high point scorer for the Blue Jay boys, accounting for 24 points. He won the high jump with a clearance of 5'10" and the 400 meter dash with a time of 51.72. Jacob also placed fourth in the 200 meter dash in 23.75.

Junior Marc Miller was the other gold medal winner for the Blue Jay boys. He won the 800 meter run in 2:13.66.

Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team came close to winning gold medals with a runner-up finish. Running for the Blue Jays were Marc Miller, freshman Brenden Frack, senior John Renner and junior Alec Hager. They were timed in 9:07.75 and the winning La Crosse team was clocked in 9:06.02.

Brenden Frack placed third in the 1600 meter run in 5:14.63.

Junior Austin Hager placed third in the pole vault with a clearance of 11'6".

Blue Jay junior Tanner Furbush finished fourth in the triple jump with a personal record distance of 39'4" and placed fifth in the high jump with a clearance of 5'4".

Junior Trever Lewis placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 19'2".

John Renner finished fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:22.94.

The foursome of Austin Hager, sophomore Derick Campbell, sophomore Kobie Unterseher and Tanner Furbush placed fifth in the 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 46.90.

Sophomore Jordan Karnopp finished fifth in the 110 meter hurdles with a personal best time of 18.22.

Norton sophomore Dalton Vanover finished sixth in the



Norton junior Marc Miller had enough stamina at the end of the 800 meter run to hold off a challenge by Quinn Dewey of Plainville to win the gold medal in the Cardinals' home track and field meet on Tuesday. Miller was timed in 2:13.66 and Dewey in 2:13.68.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

3200 meter run in 12:17.

Norton's weight relay team of sophomore Stewart Whitney, senior Lane Bigge, senior Dylan Sprigg and senior Lucas Engel won their 4 x 100 meter relay with a time of 49.52.

Times and distances of Norton boys which did not place were:

Lucas Engel, 38'3.5", 10th; Stewart Whitney, 37'2", 11th; Dylan Sprigg, 32'10.5", 16th, shot put; Dylan Sprigg, 116'3', 9th; Lane Bigge, personal best 116', 10th; Stewart Whitney, 92'8", 13th, discus; Stewart Whitney, personal best 122'9", 13th; junior Cole Renner, personal best 106'11", 17th; Dylan Sprigg, 105'5", 18th, javelin; Kobie Unterseher, 16'4.5", 14th, long jump; Trever Lewis, 37'2.5", 9th; Derick Campbell, 33'1", 15th, triple jump; Marc Miller, 10', 7th; Kobie Unterseher, 9'6", 8th, pole vault; Jordan Karnopp, 50.55, 10th, 300 meter hurdles; Austin Hager, 12.12, 8th; Derick Campbell, personal best 12.44, 13th, 100 meter dash; Tanner Furbush, personal best 24.94, 9th; sopho-

more Christian Boser, personal best 25.44, 14th, 200 meter dash; sophomore Conor Cox, personal best 57.31, 10th; Christian Boser, personal best 57.84, 12th, 400 meter dash; 4 x 400 meter relay, Kobie Unterseher, Conor Cox, Christian Boser, Marc Miller, 3:58.19, 7th.

## Next action

Norton will compete today in the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet, beginning at 3 p.m. with field events, followed by running preliminaries at 4:30 p.m. and running finals at 5:30 p.m.

Competing teams, in addition to Norton and Phillipsburg, will be Beloit, Concordia, Larned, Russell, Smith Center, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and the Phillipsburg junior varsity.

Plaques will be given to the first and second place teams and medals will be awarded to the first three places in all events.

The John Mason Mile Traveling Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the boys 1600 meter run.



Norton freshman Casey Ambrosier begins her 800 meter leg of the 4 x 800 meter relay after receiving the baton from senior Kamilla Jones during the Plainville Invitational on Tuesday. The two combined with Bailey Ambrosier and Katelyn Engelbert for a third place finish.

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# Norton's golf team takes sixth at Goodland Invitational

By DICK BOYD

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Coach David Stover's Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed sixth out of 13 teams competing in the tough Goodland Invitational Golf Tournament, which was played on Friday after a postponement from Tuesday due to inclement weather.

Goodland won the championship with a 324, followed by Oberlin, 335; Ellis, 341; Ulysses, 356; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 360; Norton, 361; Hugo-

ton, 372; Atwood, 388; Oakley, 394; Scott City, 399; Hays JV, 411; Colby, 419; Hoxie, 420.

Norton's four-man team and their scores were: Jordan Hartwell, 44/45-89; John Rise-wick, 45/45-90; Christopher Fisher, 47/44-91 and Dustan Daniels, 45/46-91.

Other Norton players were Andrew Ellis, 47/47-94; Eli Bo-zarth, 45/49-94.

All six Norton players are seniors.

Individual medalists were: Kade

Brown, Oberlin, 75; Tanner Jones, Goodland, 78; Skylar Tebo, Ellis, 80; Kelly Brown, Oberlin, 81; Gannon Ihrig, Goodland, 83; Gage Younger, Ellis, 84; Jonah Pflingsten, Ulysses, 86; Austin Cantrell, Ulysses, 86; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 87.

"Our round today was really played in two different weather conditions," said coach Stover. "The first 12 holes were played in very good conditions, warm with a little wind. Then western Kansas showed up and we were

forced to have a weather delay of approximately one hour. After the delay, the conditions had completely changed. Now it was wet, cold and windy.

"Ironically, we played better golf in the poorer conditions.

"Overall, we played solid golf today considering the lack of practice time recently due to weather.

"We will need to continue to bring our scores down if we are going to compete with the better teams in the area.

"We were led today by Jor-

dan Hartwell, who posted a career-low 18 hole score and just missed medaling."

## Next action

Today, Norton was to host their annual Norton Invitational Golf Tournament at the Prairie Dog Golf Course south of Norton but it was postponed due to inclement weather.

Competing, in addition to Norton, will be teams from Atwood, Colby, Ellis, Goodland, Hill City, Hoxie, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville and Smith Center.

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# Barnstormer game set

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The Kansas Barnstormers, featuring the four senior players from this season's K.U. basketball team, will be in Colby this Sunday, April 21 to play the Northwest Kansas Boys High School Senior All-Stars.

Norton's Jacob Brooks will be a member of the All-Star Team.

The K.U. Barnstormers Team will include Jayhawk senior players Jeff Withey, Travis Releford, Kevin Young and Elijah Johnson.

The game will be played in the Colby Community Building and will begin at 5 p.m.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters

of Thomas County are sponsoring the event again this year.

Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased at: Palace Drug Store, Farmers and Merchants Bank at Dillons, The Sports Shoppe and J & B Meat Market and Peoples State Bank.

Tickets will be sold until they are sold out. There is no guarantee that tickets will be available to purchase at the door on game day.

Doors open at the Community Building at 4 p.m. Ticket holders can get autographs and purchase Kansas barnstorming t-shirts starting at 4-4:45 p.m. downstairs in the little theater.

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