

Boys and girls finish fourth

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams both placed fourth in the tough Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet on Friday.

"Our athletes really competed hard and did very well," said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "This as a really tough meet for us in a number of events, offering the most competitive field that we have seen this season. We were able to establish personal records in multiple areas.

"We are proud of both of our teams finishing fourth. We are looking forward to next week as we hope to have some good, quality practice time and another competitive meet in WaKeeney on Friday."

Beloit won the girls championship with 161 points, followed

by Concordia, 113; Phillipsburg, 90; Norton, 81; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 62; Smith Center, 35; Russell, 15.

Phillipsburg was the boys champion with 155 points. Beloit was right behind with 152 points and Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays was third with 90 points. They were followed by Norton, 64; Concordia, 41; Smith Center, 34; Russell, 21; Phillipsburg JV, 1.

GIRLS

Senior Alec Melvin continued to pile up points in the throws, placing first in the shot put, second in the discus and fourth in the javelin to score 22 points for the Lady Jays.

Alec heaved the shot 35'2.5", threw the discus 103'6" and tossed the javelin 96'1.

Junior Katelyn Engelbert continued her unbeaten string in the

800 meter run with another gold medal in a time of 2:35.52.

Junior distance runner Darcy Bainter scored important points in both the 1600 meter and 3200 meter runs. She was runner-up in the 3200 meters with a time of 13:33.39 and placed a solid fourth in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:07.63.

Freshman Peyton Renner earned points in two events while setting personal records in both. She finished third in the long jump with a leap of 14'6.5" and fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 31'.25".

Placing third in the pole vault with a clearance of 9'6" was junior Bailey Ambrosier.

Also finishing third was the 4 x 800 meter relay team of Engelbert, Bailey Ambrosier, freshman Casey Ambrosier and senior Kamilla Jones. They were timed in 11:11.38.

Lady Jay senior thrower Teslee Nickell placed fourth in the shot with a heave of 33'1.5".

Freshman Molly Maddy placed fourth in the 3200 meter run with a clocking of 13:51.41 and sixth in the 1600 meter run in 6:26.93.

Casey Ambrosier placed fifth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:48.10.

Junior Cristine Nelson finished fifth in the discus with a throw of 94'1" and sixth in the shot put with a personal best distance of 32'4".

The foursome of Engelbert, Jones, junior Marisa Maddy and Bailey Ambrosier placed fifth in the 4 x 400 meter relay in 4:29.49.

Freshman Lexi Voss placed sixth in the discus with a personal record throw of 92'9".

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: Lexi Voss, 72'11", 13th, javelin; Casey Ambrosier, 12'3", 11th; freshman Hanna Brooks, 11'9.5", 14th, long jump; Casey Ambrosier, 29'11.5", 9th, triple jump; sophomore Kenzie Esslinger, 8'6", 9th; Molly Maddy,

no height, pole vault; junior Johnnye Ruder, 19.53, 11th, 100 meter hurdles; Johnnye Ruder, 54.95, 8th, 300 meter hurdles; freshman Cayanna Campbell, personal record 14.73, 11th, 100 meter dash; Marisa Maddy, 30.41, 11th; Cayanna Campbell, 30.85, 14th, 200 meter dash; Hanna Brooks, personal record 1:11.99, 10th; Peyton Renner, 1:12.63, 12th, 400 meter dash; freshman Raenee Patterson, 6:47.82, 10th, 1600 meter run.

BOYS

Junior Austin Hager was the lone individual gold medal winner for the Blue Jay boys. He cleared 13'6" for the win.

The foursome of junior Marc Miller, junior Alec Hager, senior John Renner and freshman Brenden Frack also earned the gold with a time of 9:03.89 in the 4 x 800 meter relay.

Senior Jacob Brooks placed runner-up in the high jump with a clearance of 5'10". He was also fourth in the 100 meter dash in 11.34 and fifth in the 400 meter dash in 55.43.

Miller also finished third in the 800 meter run in 2:12.93.

Junior Trever Lewis placed third in the long jump with a leap of 18'11.5" and fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 37'10.5".

Junior Tanner Furbush placed fourth in the triple jump with a distance of 38'4.5", and fifth in the 200 meter dash with a personal best 24.62.

Jacob Brooks anchored the 4 x 100 meter relay team which placed fourth in 46.60. Running with him were Austin Hager, sophomore Derick Campbell and Tanner Furbush.

Sophomore Jordan Karnopp placed fourth in the 110 meter hurdles with a personal record time of 17.81.

Brenden Frack finished fifth in the 3200 meter run in 11:05.88.

Senior Dylan Sprigg placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 123'10".

The 1600 meter run is always



Lady Jay junior Darcy Bainter crosses the finish line to finish runner-up in the grueling 3200 meter run in the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet on Friday.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

special in this meet. It is named the "John Mason Mile" in honor of the legendary Phillipsburg runner who starred at Fort Hays as well as internationally and ran the mile or its equivalent 31 times under four minutes. This year's winner was Alex Conn of Beloit with a time of 4:36.35. He will keep the traveling trophy for the next year.

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: sophomore Stewart Whitney, personal record 38'11.5", 11th; senior Lucas Engel, 38'8", 12th; Dylan Sprigg, 34'1.5", 20th, shot put; senior Lane Bigge, 98", 15th; Stewart Whitney, 92'8", 20th, discus; Stewart Whitney, 111'4", 14th; Dylan Sprigg, 107'6", 15th; junior Cole Renner, 106', 17th, javelin; sophomore Kobie Unterseher, 15'4", 13th; Derick Campbell, 15'2.5", 15th, long jump; Derick Campbell, 31'5", 14th, triple jump; Tanner Furbush, no height, high jump; Marc Miller, 10'6", 11th; Kobie Unterseher, personal best 10'6", 12th, pole vault; Jordan Karnopp, 51.41, 15th, 300 meter hurdles; junior Kai Kawahara, 12.92, 19th, 100 meter dash; sophomore Chris-

tian Boser, 25.84, 17th; Kai Kawahara, 26.21, 18th, 200 meter dash; sophomore Conor Cox, 58.99, 11th; Kobie Unterseher, 59.39, 14th, 400 meter dash; Alec Hager, 2:25.74, 10th; John Renner, 2:25.86, 11th, 800 meter run; freshman Ryan Thrailkill, 5:42.23, 10th, 1600 meter run; sophomore Dalton Vanover, 12:44.58, 8th, 3200 meter run; Conor Cox, Alec Hager, Christian Boser, Marc Miller, 3:58.08, 8th, 4 x 400 meter relay.

Next action

The Norton junior varsity competed in the Hill City 9/10 Track Meet today.

The Norton varsity will compete in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney this Friday, beginning at 3:30 p.m. with running event preliminaries at 5 p.m.

Competing, in addition to Trego Community and Norton will be teams from Colby, Holcomb, Leoti, Ness City, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Russell, Stockton, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays and Victoria.

On Tuesday, Norton will compete in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet, beginning at 3 p.m.



Norton junior Alec Hager receives the baton from senior John Renner for the final two laps of the 4 x 800 meter relay during the Phillipsburg Invitational Track Meet on Friday. The two Blue Jays and teammates junior Marc Miller and freshman Brenden Frack won the gold medal.

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Junior varsity track and field competed in WaKeeney

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity track and field team competed in the Trego Freshmen/Sophomore Invitational on Monday, April 15 in WaKeeney.

The Norton girls placed sixth and the Blue Jay boys finished eighth.

Colby and Hill City tied for the girls championship with 78 points each, followed by Grainfield-Wheatland, 57; Goodland, 56; Trego Community, 52; Hoxie, 38; Ransom-Western Plains,

35; Norton, 29; Russell, 26; Hays Thomas More Prep, 22; Ellis, 11.

Goodland was the boys champion with 112 points, followed by Hays Thomas More Prep, 96; Colby, 92; Russell, 75; Ellis, 51; Norton, 28; Ransom-Western Plains, 23; Hoxie, 20; Grainfield-Wheatland, 20; Trego Community, 12.

"Our athletes competed very hard," said Norton head track coach Jason Jones. "Even through a cold wind, they continued to better themselves. It is nice to see some personal re-

ords come out of a day like that and we like that their hard work is paying off for them.

"We are proud of them and we continue to be excited about the remainder of the season for these athletes!"

GIRLS

Freshman Lexi Voss earned two gold medals for the Lady Jays. She heaved the shot a personal record distance of 29'5" for first and threw the discus 86'3" to win that event as well.

Voss also placed sixth in the javelin with a throw of 63'10.5".

Freshman Raenee Patterson won points in two events. She placed fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 3:11.42 and fourth in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 6:48.62.

BOYS

Freshman Riley Hager placed runner-up in the pole vault with a personal record clearance of 9'6".

Junior Travis Cressler finished third in the javelin with a personal record throw of 103'3.5".

Finishing fourth in the 400 meter dash was freshman Weston Erbert with a time of

1:04.83. Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of Riley Hager, Weston Erbert, freshman Ryan Thrailkill and junior Kai Kawahara placed fourth in 4:24.81.

Kai Kawahara also placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a personal record clocking of 26.19 and sixth in the 100 meter dash with a personal best time of 12.92.

Ryan Thrailkill finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a clocking of 5:48.17 and placed sixth in the pole vault with a clearance of 8'6".

Distances and times of Norton performances that did not place were: freshman Cameron Heikes, 31'8", 7th, shot put; Travis Cressler, 78'10", 8th; Cameron Heikes, 78'7", 9th, discus; Cameron Heikes, 75'10", 9th, javelin; Weston Erbert, 27'7.5", 11th, triple jump; Riley Hager, 14.12, 12th; freshman Andrew Bashford, 14.64, 14th, 100 meter dash; Andrew Bashford, 29.87, 14th, 200 meter dash.

Northern Valley wins own Husky Invitational

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The Northern Valley High School girls track team took first place at the Husky Invitational on Friday, April 12 in Logan. Huskies sophomore Kortney Cunningham won the long jump, triple jump and high jump, and finished second in the 100m hurdles. Freshman Brooke Baird was equally impressive, winning the pole vault, 100m hurdles and 300m hurdles, and finished second in the 3200m run.

NVHS Girls - 1st Place, 89 points

Long Jump - Kortney Cunningham (15'2.25"), 1st

Triple Jump - Kortney Cunningham (31'9.50"), 1st

High Jump - Kortney Cunningham (5'2"), 1st

Pole Vault - Brooke Baird (7'0"), 1st

Javelin - Erika Chandler (86'6"), 3rd

Shot Put - Shayna Vincent (28'11"), 6th

100m Hurdles - Brooke Baird (16.98), 1st

100m Hurdles - Kortney Cunningham (17.84), 2nd

300m Hurdles - Brooke Baird (54.12), 1st

3200m Run - Brooke Baird

(14:20.34), 2nd

1600m Run - Allison Keith, (7:08.12), 5th

4x400 Relay - Shayna Vincent, Talia Lowry, Allison Keith, Sarah Baird (5:22.19), 4th

"Winning this track meet is huge for our girls team," said coach Staci Montgomery. "Brooke and Kortney had a huge day, both had three first place finishes and a second place finish. This was Kortney's first meet to long jump, and she had a great showing at 15 feet, two and three quarter inches. Brooke improved her 100 hurdle time, getting a personal record with a 16.98. We really needed some points at the end of the meet, and the 4 by 400 relay team of Vincent, Lowry, Keith and Sarah Baird came through to help us get the win. We are very proud of where our girls' team is right now and look forward to improving each meet."

Coach Chuck Fessenden's boys squad also came away with a victory at the Husky Invitational with 107.5 points. Huskies sophomore Clint Cole captured the pole vault, clearing 11 feet, and junior Ian Vincent won the discus with a throw of 122 feet and 7 inches, and the team of Phillip Bryant, Hunter

Chandler, Philip Rupp and Jordan Baird won the 4x100m Relay in a time of 47.31.

NVHS Boys - 1st place, 107.5 points

High Jump - Hunter Chandler (5'10"), 2nd

High Jump - Clint Cole (5'8"), 5th-tie

Pole Vault - Clint Cole (11'0"), 1st

Pole Vault - Eli Lowry (7'6"), 3rd

Long Jump - Jordan Baird (19'2.75"), 2nd

Long Jump - Phillip Bryant (18'9.75"), 4th

Discus - Ian Vincent (122'7"), 1st

Shot Put - Ian Vincent (37'11.5"), 5th

Javelin - Ian Vincent (132'1"), 3rd

Javelin - Eli Lowry (127'5"), 5th

3200m Relay - Brant Cox, Macy Kasson, Camden Cox, Jon Compton, (10:34.64), 4th

110m Hurdles - Clint Cole (18.72), 3rd

100m - Jordan Baird (11.62), 3rd

100m - Phillip Bryant (11.64), 4th

1600m Run - Brant Cox (5:26.0), 5th

4 x100m Relay - Phillip Bry-

ant, Hunter Chandler, Philip Rupp, Jordan Baird (47.31), 1st

200m - Jordan Baird (23.98), 3rd

200m - Phillip Bryant (24.25), 4th

3200m Run - Jon Compton (11:23.5), 3rd

1600m Relay - Philip Rupp, Eli Lowry, Brant Cox, Clint Cole (4:06.31), 5th

"This was a very good meet for us. We had many kids place and help us to a first place finish," said coach Chuck Fessenden. "We were happy with the way Ian Vincent performed in the throwing events, particularly his throw in the discus. Jordan Baird and Phillip Bryant performed well in the sprints and the long jump. We thought that the 400 meter relay team did a nice job. Clint Cole is showing consistency in the pole vault with another 11-foot vault. Jon Compton was able to post his best time of the young season in the 3200 meters. Our next meet is at Osborne on Friday.

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Huskies junior varsity wins Phillipsburg Track Meet

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Despite difficult weather conditions the Northern Valley Huskies boys junior varsity track team took first place at the Phillipsburg JV Track Meet on Monday, April 15 in Phillipsburg.

Boys - 1st place, 143 points

Shot Put - Ame Baird (32'8.25"), 6th

Javelin - Eli Lowry (131'9"), 2nd

Javelin - Ame Baird (122'9"), 3rd

Long Jump - Phillip Bryant (17'4.5"), 3rd

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

Pole Vault - Clint Cole (10'0"), 2nd

Pole Vault - Eli Lowry (8'6"), 4th

110m Hurdles - Clint Cole (19.76), 2nd

100m - Phillip Bryant (12.1), 1st

100m - Phillip Rupp (12.76), 6th

1600m - Brant Cox (5:26.95), 1st

1600m - Macy Kasson (5:49.21), 3rd

1600m - Camden Cox (6:16.25), 6th

400m Relay - Matt Florence, Eli Lowry, Philip Rupp, Phillip Bryant (49.69), 2nd

400m - Phillip Rupp, (60.74), 4th

300m Hurdles - Clint Cole (52.17), 2nd

800m - Brant Cox (2:30.4), 1st

3200m - Macy Kasson (13:07.55), 1st

3200m - Camden Cox (13:59.15), 3rd

200m - Phillip Bryant (24.39), 1st

1600m Relay - Eli Lowry, Brant Cox, Matt Florence, Philip Rupp (4:29.3), 2nd

"The conditions were not the best for producing very good times or distances in the jumping events, but our athletes competed hard," coach Chuck Fessenden said. "Eli Lowry and Ame Baird did throw for personal records in the javelin. We were able to place first in quite a few events. It was nice to get a win in our second and final JV meet of the season."