

Norton track teams take third and sixth

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The Norton Community High School girls track and field team placed third out of 14 teams and the Blue Jay boys finished sixth, just three points out of fifth, in the annual Goldsmith Relays on Friday at WaKeeney.

Girls champion was Colby with 106 points, followed by Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 77; Norton, 68; Scott City, 65; Ness City, 56; Plainville, 55; Oakley, 32; Trego Community, 25; Leoti, 25; Holcomb, 24; Victoria, 10; La Crosse, 6; Russell, 5; Stockton, 4.

La Crosse was the boys champion with 99 points, followed by Holcomb, 80; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 73; Plainville, 69; Scott City, 52; Norton, 50; Ness City, 41; Leoti, 24; Colby, 18; Trego Community, 16; Stockton, 12; Oakley, 11;

Russell, 11; Victoria, 2.

"We are pleased and encouraged with the results from this meet," said Norton head track and field coach Jason Jones.

"Again, our athletes posted some personal records and we had a chance to take some looks at some athletes in new events. Additionally, it was nice to compete against some of the teams in our Regional and see where we stack up against them. Our athletes handled most of these challenges well and they competed hard against the entire field.

"We were competing against some very quality teams with a lot of depth.

"We will keep working out some kinks and we will look to this week to turn the corner in a couple of areas prior to the league meet next week."

GIRLS

The Norton girls did not win

any gold medals in a meet for the first time this season but earned enough seconds, thirds and fourths to finish third.

With senior Alec Melvin leading the way, the Lady Jays scored 22 points in the throwing events. Alec placed runner-up in the discus with a throw of 112'1", third in the shot put with a heave of 35'2" and sixth in the javelin with a distance of 97'1".

Senior Teslee Nickell placed fourth in the shot put with a distance of 32'6.5". Junior Cristine Nelson finished fifth in the shot put with a personal record distance of 32'6" and sixth in the discus with a throw 89'2".

Junior Bailey Ambrosier earned two silver medals individually and one on a relay. She placed runner-up in the pole vault with a 9'6" clearance and runner-up in the 400 meter dash in 1:03.11.

Bailey was edged out of first in the pole vault by Megan Gottschalk of Thomas More Prep-Marian, who cleared the same height but with fewer misses. She was also less than two seconds behind Kelly Wycoff of Scott City, who won the 400 meter dash in 1:01.35.

Bailey took a handoff from her freshman sister Casey Ambrosier to place the 4 x 800 meter relay team in second place in 10:55.18. Running with them were junior Katelyn Engelbert and senior Kamilla Jones.

Norton junior Darcy Bainter had another good meet in the distance races. She placed third in the 3200 meter run in 13:12.34 and fourth in the 1600 meter run in a personal record time of 6:02.29.

Junior Johnnye Ruder finished fourth in the tough 300 hurdles race with a clocking of 55.19.

Katelyn Engelbert faced excellent competition in the 800 meter run, finishing fifth in 2:43.60.

Kamilla Jones placed fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15'1.5" and the Lady Jays' 4 x 400 meter relay team of Katelyn Engelbert, Kamilla Jones, freshman Hanna Brooks and Bailey Ambrosier also finished in fifth with a clocking of 4:31.90.

Placing sixth in the pole vault

with a clearance of 8' was sophomore Kenzie Esslinger.

Freshman Molly Maddy finished strongly to place sixth in the grueling 3200 meter run with a time of 13:32.92.

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: freshman Lexi Voss, 85'9", 10th, discus; Lexi Voss, personal record 83'2", 12th; junior Sophie Manegold, personal record 67'11", 19th, javelin; freshman Peyton Renner, personal best 14'8", 8th; Casey Ambrosier, personal best 13'10", 11th, long jump; Casey Ambrosier, 30'10.5", 8th; Peyton Renner, 29'11", 13th, triple jump; Molly Maddy, 7', pole vault; Hanna Brooks, 31.43, 19th, 200 meter dash; Casey Ambrosier, 1:10.27, 13th; Peyton Renner, 1:13.29, 19th, 400 meter dash; freshman Raenee Patterson, 6:46.73, 15th, 1600 meter run; Johnnye Ruder, Kamilla Jones, Hanna Brooks, Katelyn Engelbert, 4 x 100 meter relay, 55.99, 8th.

BOYS

Senior Jacob Brooks scored 20 points to lead the Norton boys. He won the high jump with a clearance of 5'11", placed runner-up in the 100 meter dash in 11.44 and fifth in the 400 meter dash in 52.95.

Levi Morss of La Crosse edged Jacob for the gold medal in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11.30, 14 hundredths of a second faster!

Norton freshman Brenden Frack had a good meet, winning the gold medal in the 3200 meter run in 11:05.51 and running with junior Marc Miller, senior John Renner and junior Alec Hager to finish third in the 4 x 800 meter relay in 9:13.91.

Junior Austin Hager placed runner-up in his specialty, the pole vault, with a clearance of 12'6". Sam Dreiling of Thomas More Prep-Marian won the gold with a height of 13'.

Blue Jay junior Marc Miller finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:08.94.

Senior Dylan Sprigg placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 115'5".

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were:



Norton senior Dylan Sprigg hurls the discus as he earns points for the Blue Jays in the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday.

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senior Lucas Engel, 39'2", 11th; sophomore Stewart Whitney, 37'7.5", 16th; Dylan Sprigg, 32'7", 27th, shot put; senior Lane Bigge, 100'4", 16th; junior Cole Renner, 90'6", 23rd, discus; junior Travis Cressler, personal best 121'8", 12th; Cole Renner, personal best 108'2", 19th; Stewart Whitney, 99'3", 23rd, javelin; junior Tanner Furbush, 18'3", 14th; junior Trevor Lewis, 18'1.5", 15th; sophomore Kobie Unterseher, personal best 17'9.5", 18th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 38', 11th; freshman Weston Erbert, 29'4.75", 21st; Trevor Lewis, no distance, triple jump; Marc Miller, 11', 7th; Kobie Unterseher, 10', 9th, pole vault; sophomore Jordan Karnopp, 19.28, 9th, 110 meter hurdles; Jordan Karnopp, 50.90, 14th, 300 meter hurdles; junior Kai Kawahara, 13.24, 33rd; sophomore Christian Boser, 13.36, 35th, 100 meter dash; Tanner Furbush, 25.34, 14th; Kai Kawahara, 26.69, 31st, 200 meter dash; Christian Boser, 59.40, 21st; Weston Erbert, per-

sonal best 1:03.74, 25th, 400 meter dash; Alec Hager, 2:24.72, 17th; John Renner, 2:24.93, 18th, 800 meter run; sophomore Dalton Vanover, 5:33.66, 15th; Ryan Thrailkill, personal best 5:36.95, 16th, 1600 meter run; Austin Hager, Trevor Lewis, Stewart Whitney, Tanner Furbush, 47.61, 9th, 4 x 100 meter relay; Kobie Unterseher, Alec Hager, Christian Boser, Marc Miller, 3:57.19, 12th, 4 x 400 meter relay.

Next action

Norton is competing today in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet.

Teams in the meet, in addition to Norton and Oberlin are Goodland, Hoxie, Oakley, Phillipsburg, Atwood, St. Francis, Smith Center, Weskan and Wheatland/Grinnell.

Field events begin at 2:45 p.m. with running events to begin at 4:45 p.m.

Norton will also compete in the Russell Relays this Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. with field events.



Lady Jay senior Teslee Nickell heaves the shot during the annual Goldsmith Relays in WaKeeney on Friday. A steady performer, Teslee placed fourth.

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Blue Jays hit the greens in I-70 Golf Classic

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Norton head golf coach David Stover chose an all-senior team to compete in the tough I-70 Golf Classic on Thursday in Ellis and WaKeeney.

Golfers played 18 holes in Ellis and 18 holes in WaKeeney.

Norton finished sixth out of 10 teams, but just six strokes behind third place.

Ellis had the low score on their course and Trego had the low score on their course.

Ellis won the overall championship with a 328 at Ellis, 341 at Trego and 669 total score. Second place went to Trego with a 351 in Ellis, 338 in Trego and 689 overall. Finishing third was Atwood with a 343 at Ellis, 389 at Trego, 732 overall; followed by Plainville, 377 in Ellis, 359

in Trego, 736 total; Ellinwood, 368 in Ellis, 369 in Trego, 737 overall; Norton, 369 in Ellis, 369 in Trego, 738 overall; Ness City, 379 in Ellis, 360 in Trego, 739 overall; Oakley, 398 in Ellis, 381 in Trego, 779 overall; Osborne, 401 in Ellis, 387 in Trego, 788 overall; Hill City, 451 in Ellis, 405 in Trego, 856 overall.

Norton's golfers and their scores in Trego were: Christopher Fisher, 44/46-90; Andrew Ellis, 44/49-93; Eli Bozarth, 50/47-97; Jordan Hartwell, 44/45-89.

Also playing for Norton and their scores in Trego were John Risewick, 41/56-97 and Treven Rossi, 48/49-97.

Norton's scores in Ellis were: Christopher Fisher, 46/42-88; Andrew Ellis, 46/46-92;

Eli Bozarth, 45/46-91; Jordan Hartwell, 52/50-102. Other scores were John Risewick, 50/48-98 and Treven Rossi, 49-50-99.

Christopher Fisher was No.14 medalist at Ellis and Jordan Hartwell was No.14 medalist at Trego.

Medalists in Ellis were: Skylar Tebo, Ellis, 71; Hunter Leibrandt, Atwood, 79; Tyler Walters, Ellis, 81; Jared Oelke, Ellinwood, 83; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 84; Dion Reetz, Trego, 85; Blake Huxman, Trego, 86; Cayle Hubert, Oakley, 86; James Peterson, Atwood, 86; Jake Williams, Atwood, 87; Gage Younger, Ellis, 87; Cameron Staples, Trego, 88; Jaden Richardson, Ness City, 88; Christopher Fisher, Norton, 88; Ryan Dowling, Ellis, 89.

Medalists at Trego were: Skyler Tebo, Ellis, 75; Koby Beougher, Stockton, 77; Cameron Staples, Trego, 80; Cayle Hubert, Oakley, 81; Blake Huxman, Trego, 81; Connor Collins, Plainville, 83; Jaden Richardson, Ness City, 84; Gage Younger, Ellis, 85; Jared Oelke, Ellinwood, 86; John Griffith, Trego, 87; Jacob Hoss, Ness City, 88; Ryley Ney, Ellinwood, 88; Josh Tway, Ellis, 89; Jordan Hartwell, Norton, 89; Chase Meitler, Plainville, 89.

"This was quite an experience for us," said coach Stover. "The new format of this tournament, 36 holes over two courses, is one that we have never played and it was quite a challenge. In addition to the added holes, high winds and recent lack of practice time really played a factor

in the play of all players in the tournament.

"We were consistent throughout the day and it was a very tightly bunched team race with the third through seventh teams separated by just seven shots.

"I was very pleased that Christopher at Ellis and Jordan at Trego earned individual medals.

"Hopefully, this is a springboard into a very busy stretch with four tournaments in the next eight days."

Next action

Norton competed in the always tough Thomas More Prep Invitational on Monday in Hays. Playing in that tournament, in addition to Norton and TMP, were teams from Hays High, Colby, Dodge City, Oberlin, Phillipsburg, Larned, Ellis,

Trego Community, Goodland, Russell and Hoisington.

The Norton junior varsity will host their Norton JV Invitational today on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton, beginning at 3 p.m. Teams competing, in addition to Norton, will be Atwood, Colby, Ellis, Hoxie, Northern Valley, Phillipsburg, Plainville, Smith Center, TMP and Trego Community.

On Thursday of this week, Norton will compete in the Colby Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

Also, Norton will be playing on Thursday in the Trego JV Invitational in WaKeeney, beginning at 9 a.m.

This Friday, Norton will play in the Hill City Invitational, beginning at 3 p.m.

BOWLING

Inter-City League Standings as of March 21

1. Bailey Electric - 64.5 wins, 34.5 losses
2. B & C - 53 wins, 46 losses
3. BLD's - 47 wins, 52 losses
4. Jett SS - 41 wins, 58 losses
5. Hawks Depot - 39.5 wins, 59.5 losses

High Line: Dave Keller-203, Bill LaSalle-191, Bill LaSalle-189, Aaron Daniels-176, Jett SS-586, Bailey Electric-586.

High Line Handicap: Dave Keller-253, Bill LaSalle-235, Bill LaSalle-233, Aaron Daniels-232, B & C - 833.

High Series: Bill LaSalle-534, Dave Keller-514, Dennis Balderston-495, Aaron Daniels-447, Bailey Electric-1706.

High Series Handicap: Bill LaSalle-666, Dave Keller-664, Dennis Balderston-645, Robert Burk-621.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of March 11

1. BEB & Assoc. - 27.5 wins, 16.5 losses
2. Geezeretts - 25.5 wins, 18.5 losses
3. Animal Health - 24.5 wins, 19.5 losses
4. Nelson Bros. - 24.5 wins, 19.5 losses
5. Logan Gals - 22.5 wins, 21.5 losses

High Line: Lyndelle Linde-176, Sharron Smith-168, Margaret Thomas-162, BEB & Assoc.-428, BEB & Assoc.-409, Nelson Bros.-402.

High Line Handicap: Lyndelle Linde-247, Margaret Thomas-230, Joy Johnson-220, Nelson Bros.-620, Animal Health-608, Geezeretts-600.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-462, Sharron Smith-435, Joy Johnson-424, BEB & Assoc.-

1193, Geezeretts-1152, Nelson Bros.-1070.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-627, Joy Johnson-613, Lyndelle Linde-611, Geezeretts-1764, Nelson Bros.-1724, BEB & Assoc.-1691.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of March 18

1. BEB & Assoc. - 29.5 wins, 18.5 losses
2. Geezeretts - 28.5 wins, 19.5 losses
3. Nelson Bros. - 26.5 wins, 21.5 losses
4. Animal Health - 25.5 wins, 22.5 losses
5. Logan Gals - 24.5 wins, 23.5 losses

High Line: Kathleen Berlier-163, Kathleen Berlier-160, Kathleen Berlier-149, BEB & Assoc.- 421, BEB & Assoc.-395, BEB & Assoc.-390.

High Line Handicap: Kath-

leen Berlier-217, Kathleen Berlier-214, Judy Luft-209, Animal Health-597, Geezeretts-587, BEB & Assoc.-587, Logan Gals-580.

High Series: Kathleen Berlier-472, Joy Johnson-414, Evah Dougherty-381, BEB & Assoc.-1206, Geezeretts-1069, Animal Health-1030.

High Series Handicap: Kathleen Berlier-634, Evah Dougherty-600, Joy Johnson-600 Judy Luft-596, BEB & Assoc.-1704, Logan Gals-1697, Geezeretts-1678.

Ladies Inter-City League Standings as of March 25

1. Geezeretts - 32.5 wins, 19.5 losses
2. BEB & Assoc. - 31.5 wins, 20.5 losses
3. Animal Health - 28.5 wins, 23.5 losses
4. Nelson Bros. - 28.5 wins,

23.5 losses
5. Logan Gals - 25.5 wins, 26.5 losses

High Line: Carol Ross-166, Sharron Smith-166, Kathleen Berlier-154, Kathleen Berlier-145, Jackie Wright-145, BEB & Assoc.-432, BEB & Assoc.-400, BEB & Assoc.-395.

High Line Handicap: Carol Ross-234, Charlene Hildebrand-216, Sharron Smith-215, Nelson Bros.-608, BEB & Assoc.-599, Geezeretts-581.

High Series: Sharron Smith-448, Kathleen Berlier-428, Carol Ross-394, BEB & Assoc.-1227, Geezeretts-1075, Animal Health-1068.

High Series Handicap: Carol Ross-598, Sharron Smith-595, Charlene Hildebrand-593, BEB & Assoc.-1728, Animal Health-1710, Logan Gals-1707.



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