

Blue Jays finish strong at Oberlin Invitational

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The Norton Community High School girls and boys track and field teams had their best outings of the season on Tuesday with runner-up finishes out of 10 teams in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet.

Oberlin won the girls championship with 136 points, followed by Norton, 93; Smith Center, 63; Hoxie, 61; Wheatland, 50; Atwood, 48; Oakley, 41; Phillipsburg, 34; Weskan, 17; St. Francis, 15.

Boys champion was St. Francis with 89 points, followed by Norton, 85; Weskan, 76; Smith Center, 70; Hoxie, 60; Oakley, 51.5; Wheatland, 51; Oberlin, 27; Atwood, 25.5; Phillipsburg, 23.

"This meet, overall, went well for us," said Norton head coach Jason Jones. "Both of our teams put up some respectable performances."

"We continue to get better in a number of areas in a number of ways and we will continue to work at that going into the league meet next week."

"We hope to build on our performances and gain some more confidence as we progress."

"We are looking forward to the upcoming meets!"

GIRLS

Senior Alec Melvin continued to score points for the Lady Jays in the throws. She won gold medals in both the shot put and discus and placed third in the javelin for a total of 26 points.

Melvin heaved the shot 37'5.25" and threw the discus 115'2". Her distance in the javelin was 104'4".

Junior Bailey Ambrosier was Norton's other gold medal winner. She pole vaulted 9' to win the event, then left before trying to go higher so she could run the 400 meter dash, where she finished runner-up in 1:05.30.

Junior Katelyn Engelbert placed runner-up in the high jump by clearing 4'10". She was also a member of the 4 x 400 meter and 4 x 800 meter relay teams which placed third. Running with her in the 4 x 400 meter relay were Baily Ambrosier, freshman Casey Ambrosier and freshman Hanna Brooks. They were timed in 4:33.90.

Running with Engelbert in the 4 x 800 meter relay were Bailey Ambrosier, Casey Ambrosier and senior Kamilla Jones. Their time was 11:01.55.

Engelbert also finished fourth in the 800 meter run with a clocking of 2:46.13.

Adding to Norton's point total in the discus were junior Cristine Nelson, who was third with a throw of 92'4" and freshman Lexi Voss, who finished fourth with a throw of 89'7". Nelson also placed fifth in the shot put with a heave of 31.2".

Lady Jay junior Darcy Bainter continued to run well in the grueling 3200 meter run, placing fourth in 13:28.12.

Casey Ambrosier placed fifth in the 800 meter run in 2:48.01. Kamilla Jones finished fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15'. Sophomore Kenzie Esslinger placed fifth in the pole vault with a 7'6" clearance.

Sixth place finishes went to freshman Peyton Renner with a distance of 30'11" in the triple jump and freshman Molly Madly in the pole vault with a clearance of 7' and in the 3200 meter run with a time of 14:08.97.

Distances and times of Norton girls which did not place were: senior Teslee Nickell, 29'9", 8th, shot put; Lexi Voss, personal best 93'9", 7th; junior Sophie Manegold, personal best 73'6", 17th, javelin; Peyton Renner, 13'6", 10th; Casey Ambrosier, 13'4", 11th, long jump; Casey Ambrosier, 30'11", 7th, triple jump; junior Johnnye Ruder, 56.54, 7th, 300 meter hurdles; Kenzie Esslinger, personal best 14.46, 13th, 100 meter dash; junior Marisa Madly, 30.94, 10th; Hanna Brooks, 31.17, 12th; Peyton Renner, 31.78, 15th, 200 meter dash; Peyton Renner, 1:13.99, 9th, 400 meter dash; freshman Raenee Patterson, 6:54.20, 8th, 1600 meter run; Johnnye Ruder, Kamilla Jones, Hanna Brooks, Darcy Bainter, 57.80, 8th, 4 x 100 meter relay.

BOYS

The Norton boys had five individual gold medal performances. Senior Jacob Brooks earned three of them.

Brooks won the high jump

with a clearance of 5'10", the 100 meter dash in a personal record time of 10.96 and the 200 meter dash in 23.20. He also placed fifth in the 400 meter dash in 56.33.

Senior Lucas Engel captured the gold medal with a personal best heave of 42'6.5" in the shot put and junior Austin Hager won his speciality, the pole vault, with a clearance of 13'.

Freshman Brenden Frack won a sprint to the finish line with Tyler Kaus, Hoxie, to place runner-up in the 3200 meter run. Frack was timed in 11:24.17 and Kaus in 11:24.19, two hundredths of a second behind. Taker Gillespie, Wheatland, won the race in 11:17.13.

Frack also anchored Norton's 4 x 800 meter relay team to a third place finish in 8:58.29. Running with him were junior Marc Miller, junior Alec Hager and senior John Renner.

Miller also placed third in the 800 meter run in 2:11.43.

Junior Trever Lewis finished fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18'4.5".

Sophomore Jordan Karnopp placed fifth in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 17.97.

Freshman Ryan Thrailkill finished fifth in the 1600 meter run with a personal best time of 5:31.58.

The Blue Jay 4 x 100 meter relay team of Austin Hager, Trever Lewis, sophomore Christian Boser and junior Tanner Furbush placed fifth in 47.75.

Norton's 4 x 400 meter relay team of sophomore Kobie Unterseher, Alec Hager, Christian Boser and Marc Miller placed sixth in 3:54.89.

Marc Miller also finished sixth in the pole vault with a clearance of 11'.

Senior Dylan Sprigg placed sixth in the discus with a throw of 114'4".

Distances and times of Norton boys which did not place were: sophomore Stewart Whitney, personal best 39'1", 7th; Dylan Sprigg, 34'1.5", 19th, shot put; senior Lane Bigge, 104'3", 12th; junior Cole Renner, 93', 17th, discus; Stewart Whitney, personal best 124'2", 11th; Cole



Norton junior Bailey Ambrosier completes a successful pole vault during her gold medal performance in the event in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. She was the only vaulter to clear 9' but didn't try to go higher because it was time for her to run the 400 meter dash, where she placed runner-up.

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Renner, personal best 112'3", 14th; Dylan Sprigg, 107'6", 16th, javelin; Tanner Furbush, 17'5.5", 8th; sophomore Kobie Unterseher, 16'7", 12th, long jump; Tanner Furbush, 35'4", 10th; Trever Lewis, 35'1", 12th; freshman Weston Erbert, 29'6", 15th, triple jump; Kobie Unterseher, 10'6", 8th, pole vault; Jordan Karnopp, 50.30, 11th, 300 meter hurdles; Austin Hager, 11.79, 13th; junior Kai Kawahara, personal best 12.39, 21st, 100 meter dash; Tanner Furbush, 24.97, 9th; Kai Kawahara, personal best 26.06, 15th, 200 meter dash; Christian Boser, 59.05, 11th; Kobie Unterseher, 1:00.23, 15th, 400 meter dash; John Renner, 2:26.27, 11th, 800 meter run; sophomore Dalton Vanover, 5:37.56, 9th, 1600 meter run.

Next action

Norton will compete this Friday in the 53rd annual Russell Relays.

Competing, in addition to Nor-

ton and Russell, will be teams from Abilene, Beloit, Concordia, Phillipsburg, Scott City and Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays.

Field events will begin at 3 p.m. and running events at 4:30 p.m. Running events finals will begin around 6 p.m.

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Norton freshman Brenden Frack gave it all he had to sprint past Tyler Kaus, Hoxie, at right, and place runner-up in the 3200 meter run in the Oberlin Invitational Track Meet on Tuesday. Brenden also anchored the Blue Jay 4 x 800 meter relay team to a third place finish.

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Norton JV golfers win their own tournament

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The Norton Community High School junior varsity golf team won the championship of their Norton JV Invitational Golf Tournament held Tuesday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton.

Norton had a score of 193, followed by Phillipsburg, 205; Plainville, 207; Norton B, 209; Trego Community, 212; Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays, 217; Smith Center, 237; Colby, 242; Norton C, 252; Hoxie, 263.

Norton senior Treven Rossi was the low scorer for Norton with a 44 and was also No.1 medalist for the tournament. He was followed by senior Javen Colip, 48; sophomore Mickey Hahn, 49 and senior Ryan Bainter, 52.

Also playing for Norton's first junior varsity team and their scores were: senior Dalton Miller, 53 and senior Cassius Dole, 55.

Playing for the Norton B team and their scores were: freshman Quinton Porter, 50; sophomore Derek Rowh, 52; sophomore Chance Uehlin, 53; senior Vaughn Newman, 54; junior Branson Addington, 61.

Members of the Norton C team and their scores were: freshman

James Berry, 57; freshman Nick Peterson, 57; sophomore David Smith, 68; sophomore Noah Johnson, 70; freshman Skylar Johnson, 75.

"Everyone did a great job for us today!" said Norton head golf coach David Stover.

"In good playing conditions, we had many season and career best rounds shot today, led by Treven Rossi earning his first individual tournament title.

"Being able to win the tournament team title and have a second team just two shots away from placing illustrates the good play throughout the lineup.

"This group is doing an excellent job as the season continues. Their hard work is paying off and, hopefully, it will carry over to the season-ending junior varsity meet in WaKeeney, which has been postponed until next Tuesday."

Individual medalists were: Treven Rossi, Norton, 44; Matt Stutzman, Northern Valley, 45; Izacc McCune, Plainville, 45; Tanner Crist, Phillipsburg, 45; Owen Toepfer, TMP, 48; Javen Colip, Norton, 48; Mickey Hahn, Norton, 49; Colton Aldridge, Plainville, 50; Quinton Porter, Norton B, 50; Peyton Taylor, Hoxie, 50.



(Left) Norton senior Ryan Bainter putts the ball during the recent Norton Invitational Golf Tournament. Ryan was a member of the Norton junior varsity golf team which won the Norton Junior Varsity Golf Tournament championship on Tuesday on the Prairie Dog Recreation Association course south of Norton.

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BOWLING

Stardust League

Standings as of March 18

1. Team 1- 25 wins, 19 losses
2. The PC's- 24 wins, 20 losses
- 3, FSBT 1- 24 wins, 20 losses
4. FSBT 2- 15 wins, 29 losses

High Line: Janet Manning-181, Bev Miller-165, Cindy Linner-163, FSBT 1-325, The PC's-306, Team 1-263.

High Line Handicap: Janet Manning-229, Sandra Horesky-208, Bev Miller-202, FSBT 1-410, Team 1-405, FSBT 2-391.

High Series: Janet Manning-495, Cindy Linner-457, Bev Miller-452, FSBT 1-947, The PC's-887, Team 1-726.

High Series Handicap: Janet Manning-639, Sandra Horesky-584, Cindy Linner-571, FSBT 1-1202, Team 1-1152, The

PC's-1136.

Stardust League

Standings as of March 25

1. The PC's- 26 wins, 22 losses
 2. FSBT 1- 26 wins, 22 losses
 3. Team - 25 wins, 23 losses
 4. FSBT 2 - 19 wins, 29 losses
- High Line: Cindy Linner-194, Bev Miller-179, Janet Manning-166, FSBT 1-345, The PC's-323, FSBT 2-293.

High Line Handicap: Cindy Linner-233, Natalie Linner-224, Bev Miller-217, FSBT 2-435, FSBT 1-431, The PC's-407.

High Series: Cindy Linner-504, Bev Miller-482, Janet Manning-430, The PC's-915, FSBT 1-912, FSBT 2-749.

High Series Handicap: Natalie Linner-623, Cindy Linner-621, Bev Miller-596, FSBT 2-1175, FSBT 1-1170, The PC's-1167.

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