

Trojans track team is making big strides

By Shannon Kats

Norton Invitational

The Logan track team participated in their first meet in Norton on April 5.

Freshman Christen Greving rose to the top in the shot put earning a first place finish with a throw of 34'4.5".

Sophomore Justice Voss placed third in the 100m dash with a time of 13.78. She also earned fifth in the 200m dash with a 28.37, and fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 29'7.75".

On the boys side, sophomore Derek Schmidt earned third place in the triple jump with a jump of 39'. Junior Brett Pinkerton placed fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 44.84. The 4 x 100 relay team of Pinkerton, Dillon Schmidt, Derek Schmidt, and Aaron Tien placed sixth with a time of 48.75. The 4 x 400 relay with members Pinkerton, Dillon Schmidt, Cody Babcock, and Austin Tien also placed sixth with a time of 4:00.98.

Other boys who participated included: juniors Logan Kiser - javelin 88'7", 100m 12.86 and 200m 26.84; Brett Pinkerton - 800m run 2:40; Dillon Schmidt - 200m 26.06.

Sophomores: Cody Babcock - 100m 13.91 and triple jump 31'11.5"; Derek Schmidt - long jump 18'.5"; Aaron Tien - high jump 5'4", javelin 101'10", and 100m 12.74.

Freshmen: Regan Kats - shot put 32'11.5", discus 100'8" and javelin 98'7.5"; Joseph Salinas - shot put 33'1" and discus 69"; Austin Tien 400m 59.67 and 800m 2:36. Austin Tien and Garrett Rauth were unable to pole vault due to high winds.

The Logan girls who participated included: senior Katie Becker - shot 26'3", discus 87'4" and javelin 40'10".

Junior Michaela Girard - javelin 74'3.5".

Sophomores: Stacey Richard - shot put 21'7.25" and discus 59'2"; Chelsea St. Clair - 200m 38.66.

Freshmen: Renee Becker - 100m 15.41; Christen Greving - javelin 83' and discus 77'3.5".

Husky Invitational

The Logan track team participated on their home field for the Husky Invitational on April 12.

Boys

Sophomore Richard Zeiters had a super day placing in all four of his events. He placed first in the 100m hurdles with a time of 17.48. He earned third place finishes in the 300 hurdles with a time of 46.24 and high jump with a leap of 5'8". Richard also placed sixth in the 100m dash with a time of 11.75.

Junior Brett Pinkerton placed second in the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.32 and fourth in the 4 x 400 relay with teammates Albert Tello, Dillon Schmidt, and Austin Tien with a time of 4:02.80.

Other Logan boys who participated but did not place were: senior Albert Tello - 400m run 1:03.36; junior Logan Kiser - 100m 12.78, 200m 26.47, and shot put 30'5"; junior Dillon Schmidt - 400m 1:01.42; sophomore Cody Babcock - triple jump 31'6 1/4" and 200m 26.39; sophomore Derek Schmidt - 200m 12.30 and triple jump 37'10"; sophomore Aaron Tien - high jump 5'4" and javelin 105'9.75"; freshman Regan Kats - shot put 33'0", discus 95'4" and javelin 82'9.5"; freshman Joseph Salinas - shot put 29'5" and discus 69'0"; Austin Tien - pole vault 8'0" and 400m 1:01.56.

Girls

Freshman Christen Greving had a great day with a first place in the shot put event with a new personal record of 34'8.5" and first place in the 4 x 100 relay along with teammates Michaela Girard, Justice Voss, and Renee Becker with a time of 55.06.

In addition to the 4 x 100 relay, junior Michaela Girard had a big day as she also placed in her other three events. She earned third in the 200m with a time

of 29.37 and fourth in the 100m with a time of 14.09 and long jump with a leap of 13'10.75".

Sophomore Justice Voss followed close behind with four placings in the meet. Along with the 4 x 100 relay, Justice earned third place in the 100m with a time of 13.47 and triple jump with a jump of 30'1". She also earned fourth place in the 200m with a time of 29.96.

Senior Katie Becker earned a third place medal for her performance in the discus with a heave of 80'.

Other Logan girls who participated but did not score points were: senior Katie Becker - shot 25'5"; sophomore Stacey Richard - shot 21'3" and discus 59'5"; sophomore Chelsea St. Clair - long jump 10'2.5" and 100m 17.15; freshman Renee Becker - 200m 32.98; freshman Christen Greving - javelin 73'3" and discus 76'7.5".

Phillipsburg JV Track Meet

Several Logan tracksters participated in the JV meet in Phillipsburg on April 15.

Sophomore Richard Zeiters came out with another big day by placing in three events. He took first in the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.96. He also placed third in the 400m with a time of 1:00.7 and fourth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 1:00.98.

Sophomore Derek Schmidt placed in two events, second in the long jump 18'1", and fourth in the 200m 26.08. Sophomore Cody Babcock earned third in the triple jump with a leap of 33'4.25".

Freshman Austin Tien earned the most awards for the day by placing in all four of his events. He vaulted a foot higher than in the previous track meet and placed third with a vault of 9'. He also placed third in the 800m with a time of 2:38.93. Austin earned two fifth place finishes in the 400m 1:05.23 and long jump 15'5".

Freshman Regan Kats placed third in the discus with a throw



Logan Trojans sophomore Richard Zeiters (center) took first place in the 110 meter hurdles at the Husky Invitational track meet held in Logan on April 12, with a time of 17.48 seconds.

-Photo courtesy Cynthia Bressler

of 97'3".

Others who participated in the meet were: sophomore Cody Babcock - 100m 13.31 and 200m 28.78; freshman Regan Kats - shot 31'11.5"; and Garrett Rauth - 100m 14.51 and discus 50'1".

Logan girls who participated were: sophomore Stacey Richard - shot 20'7", discus 54'3" and javelin 33'10"; Chelsea St. Clair - 200m 37.46, long jump 10'3", and 100m 17.08.

Osborne Invitational

The Logan track team participated in the Osborne meet on April 19.

Junior Michaela Girard scored the most points on the day with three placings. The 4 x 100 relay team of Girard, Justice Voss, Christen Greving and Renee Becker placed second with a time of 55.19. Individually,

Girard earned third in the 200m with a time of 28.99 and fourth in the 100m 13.61.

Sophomore Justice Voss added more points for the team with a third place finish in the 100m 13.35 and sixth place in the 200m 29.89.

Freshman Christen Greving earned third place in the shot with a heave of 33'2".

Other participants were: junior Michaela Girard - long jump 13'4" and Justice Voss - triple jump 29'.

In boys action, Brett Pinkerton placed in two events for the Trojans. He placed sixth in the 300m hurdles with a time of 45.67. He also ran with teammates Dillon Schmidt, Aaron Tien and Richard Zeiters in the 4 x 100 relay to earn fourth with a time of 47.52. Sophomore Richard Zeiters also

placed in the 110m hurdles with a time of 17.65.

Freshman Austin Tien placed fifth in the pole vault with a vault of 9'6".

Other participants were: 4 x 400 relay team of Pinkerton, Schmidt, Aaron Tien and Austin Tien 3:54.06; Aaron Tien high jump 5'4"; and Dillon Schmidt in the 400m.

"The High School Track team has made vast improvements this season with times, distances, and technique. They have all been working really hard at accomplishing their final goals of making it to state. I am very proud of all of them for the work they are putting forth, especially with the weather this season, practices outside have been minimal," said coach Crystal Dunlap.

Brooks signs letter of intent

By DICK BOYD

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Norton Community High School senior multi-sport stand-out athlete Jacob Brooks has signed a letter of intent to play football for Hutchinson Community College.

Jacob is a four-year letterman for coach Lucas Melvin's Blue Jay football team. A running back, wide receiver, defensive back, punter and kick returner, the 6'3", 190 pound Brooks was a first team All-Mid-Continent League choice by league coaches.

He was also chosen to the Class 3A All-State Team selected by the Kansas Football Coaches Association.

Jacob was also named to the All-Area Super 11 by the Hays Daily News.

As the Norton tailback, he gained 1,162 yards and scored 11 rushing touchdowns this season. He averaged 6.2 yards per carry and also caught 10 passes for 306 yards and four touchdowns.

His abilities on the gridiron were rewarded when he was chosen to play in the prestigious

40th annual 2013 Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game to be played on Sat., July 27 in Topeka.

Jacob is also a four-year letterman in basketball and was a first team All-Mid-Continent League choice. He is a three-year letterman in track. A sprinter and high jumper, Jacob has medaled in both the 200 meter and 100 meter dashes in the state track meet in Wichita. Last season, he was the high point performer for the second year in a row for the Norton track and field team.

Jacob is also a solid member of the Norton American Legion baseball team in the summer.

Hutchinson Community College is coached by Rion Rhoades, who completed his sixth year of guiding the Blue Dragon gridders. "Jacob Brooks has good height and length; he's rangy built," said coach Rhoades of Brooks. "We need wide receivers and his profile fits. We recruited him as a wide receiver."

"We think he'll be a great one for us."

Hutchinson Community College compiled a 9-3 season in 2012. One of two losses to But-

ler County Community College was in the Regon VI championship by a 26-16 score. On December 1, they defeated Iowa Central 41-21 in the Salt City Bowl. Their only other loss was to Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas.

As a Blue Dragon player in the mid-1990s, Rion Rhoades was a tough, aggressive, intense linebacker. He brings those same qualities as the head coach of the team. He bases his program on four basic principals and never wavers from them: high personal character, discipline and hard work, academic achievement and athletic excellence.

Coach Rhoades is also active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"Jacob wants to be good," said Norton head coach Lucas Melvin. "He'll keep working hard to do well."

"I'm excited for his opportunity to play college football for Hutchinson. I think he is focused and ready to do well."

Jacob is the son of Jennifer and Jamie Wildeman and David Brooks.

Huskies win Logan Invitational

By Mike Stephens

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Northern Valley's girls and boys track teams won the Logan Invitational on Tuesday in Logan. The girls squad was led by senior Erika Chandler and freshman Brooke Baird. Chandler won the javelin throw and took second in the discus. Baird won the pole vault and 3200 meter run and finished second in the 100 meter hurdles.

The boys team earned individual victories by junior Jordan Baird in the 200 meter dash and sophomore Clint Cole in the pole vault. The boys 4 x 100 meter relay team of Phillip Bryant, Hunter Chandler, Philip Rupp and Baird also captured the top spot.

Girls - 88 points, 1st place

100m Hurdles - Brooke Baird (17.14), 2nd

100m Hurdles - Kortney Cunningham (20.92), 6th

200m - Sarah Baird (30.76), 5th

400m - Sarah Baird (1:09.65), 4th

1600m - Allison Keith (7:01.87), 5th

3200m - Brooke Baird (13:54.5), 1st

Shot Put - Shayna Vincent (30'11), 3rd

Shot Put - Erika Chandler (30'9), 4th

Discus - Erika Chandler (83'10"), 2nd

Javelin - Erika Chandler (102'10"), 1st

Javelin - Sarah Baird (81'1"), 6th

High Jump - Kortney Cunningham (5'0"), 2nd

Long Jump - Kortney Cunningham (14'6.25"), 2nd

Triple Jump - Kortney Cunningham (30'2"), 3rd

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

"This really was a team effort. We needed every single point to win the track meet. I was especially pleased with the throwing performances today," said coach Staci Montgomery. "Erika has

seen great improvement in her

distances, and was able to get first in the javelin and second in the discus. Shayna and Erika really stepped up in the shot put, both throwing over 30 feet, and getting third and fourth (respectively). We continue to hope for improvement as we get closer to league and regional."

Boys - 113 points, 1st place

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

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

Pole Vault - Eli Lowry (8'0"), 4th

Long Jump - Jordan Baird (19'25"), 3rd

Long Jump - Phillip Bryant (18'10"), 4th

Discus - Ian Vincent (112'6"), 4th

Javelin - Ian Vincent (132'10"), 3rd

Javelin - Eli Lowry (128'1"), 6th

3200m Relay - Philip Rupp, Hunter Chandler, Macy Kasson, Brant Cox (10:06.47), 3rd

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

100m - Jordan Baird (11.31), 3rd

100m - Phillip Bryant (11.72), 5th

1600m - Jon Compton (5:14.28), 2nd

4 x 100m Relay - Phillip Bryant, Hunter Chandler, Philip Rupp, Jordan Baird (47.56), 1st

200m - Jordan Baird (23.21), 1st

200m - Phillip Bryant (24.11), 4th

3200m - Jon Compton (11:12.38), 2nd

3200m - Macy Kasson (12:16.47), 4th

1600m Relay - Eli Lowry, Philip Rupp, Brant Cox, Hunter Chandler (4:01.31), 3rd

"We had pretty decent weather for this meet," coach Chuck Fessenden said. "Our kids performed well. Even though we were only able to win three events, we placed in most of the events and picked up the win. Jordan Baird ran very well in both the 100 and 200. He set PR's (personal record) in both of those events. Jon Compton gave us some valuable points in the distance races."



Jacob Brooks, outstanding all-around senior athlete at Norton Community High School, is pictured signing a letter of intent to play football for Hutchinson Community College. Pictured with him are his step-father Jamie Wildeman, at left, and his mother, Jennifer Wildeman. Standing is Norton head football coach Lucas Melvin. Not pictured is Jacob's father David Brooks.

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd



Norton Adult Co-ed Softball Team Sign Up

\$150.00 Entry Fee Per Team
Deadline is May 17

Season Starts June 2

Call Bart Brooks at 871-0860 or Missy Rumbach at 785-567-3003 with questions and to sign up