

Golfers compete at Regionals



Norton senior Christopher Fisher drives the ball onto the green during the Mel Schremmer Invitational Golf Tournament in Phillipsburg on Monday, May 6. Fisher and his teammates completed their season on Monday in the Class 3A Regional Tournament in Cimarron.

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The Norton Community High School varsity golf team placed sixth out of eight teams in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament on Monday in Cimarron.

The top two teams and top five individuals not on one of these two teams qualified for the Class 3A State Golf Tournament on Monday, May 20 in Seneca.

Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays won the championship with a 332, followed by Phillipsburg, 335. Other teams and their scores were Cimarron, 340; Lakin, 365; Scott City, 374; Norton, 378; Holcomb, 450; Southwestern Heights, 497.

“Our biggest problem all season has been our inconsistency as a group and today was another example,” said Norton head golf coach David Stover. “All our golfers were able to put together stretches of good golf

but were just not able to extend those stretches for a lengthy period of time.

“Nonetheless, I am very proud of this group of Norton Community High School golfers. This will bring to a close the high school careers of 12 Norton seniors. I am very proud of this group. They have represented NCHS with a great deal of class for four years and will be successful in any future endeavors they choose. They will be greatly missed by the NCHS Golf program.”

The Norton senior golfers were Ryan Bainter, Cassius Dole, Dalton Miller, Eli Bozarth, Andrew Ellis, Vaughn Newman, Javen Colip, Christopher Fisher, John Risewick, Dustin Daniels, Jordan Hartwell and Treven Rossi.

Norton’s individual results in the regional tournament were: John Risewick, 43/50-93; Christopher Fisher, 47/47-94; junior Garret Otter, 41/53-94 and An-

drew Ellis, 51/46-97.

Also playing for Norton and their scores were: Treven Rossi, 50/48-98 and Jordan Hartwell, 45/58-103.

Individual medalists were Justin Unruh, Scott City, 75; Kade Megaffin, Thomas More Prep, 76; Ryan Hoover, Phillipsburg, 80; Mitch Chalkley, Cimarron, 80; Max Megaffin, Thomas More Prep, 80; Marshal Hutchins, Scott City, 83; Jaron Kellerman, Phillipsburg, 83; Stewart Fairbank, Cimarron, 84; Lucas Jacobs, Phillipsburg, 84; Hayden Rohr, Thomas More Prep, 86.

Unruh, Chalkley, Hutchins and Fairbank all qualified for the state tournament as the top golfers not on the top two teams. In addition, Charlie Pfeifer, Cimarron; Wyatt Burnett, Lakin and Brent Rooney, Lakin, all shot an 87 and tied for the fifth best score not on qualifying teams.

The toughness of the Mid-

Continent League in golf is evidenced by the fact that four different teams from the league qualified for the upcoming state tournaments.

In addition to Phillipsburg in Norton’s 3A Regional, Ellis was runner-up in the Class 2A Regional in Ellis, Trego was the Class 1A champion in the Trego Regional and Stockton was the Class 1A champion in the Linn Regional. Koby Beougher of Stockton was the individual champion in the Linn Regional and Skylar Tebo of Ellis was individual champion in the Ellis Regional.

Chase Meitler, Colton Bobek and Craig Garvert, all of Plainville; Dylan Herald, Colton Boxom, both of Osborne and Payton Buckmaster and Zach Linn, both of Smith Center, qualified for state tournaments as individuals.

Junior Huskies take first at Liberty League track meet

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The Northern Valley Junior High track team traveled to Logan to compete in the Western Kansas Liberty League track meet on Friday, May 10. The Huskies boys teams took first place sweeping both divisions and the 6th and 7th grade Lady Huskies captured the top spot as well.

“The Huskies had a great day, winning three 1st place plaques,” coach Jim Cole said. “The Huskies were first place in the 7th grade boys division, the 7th grade girls division, and in the 8th grade boys division. Seventh grader Briely Yocum had a big day winning four gold medals. Seventh grader Chaylee Lowry had a great day winning two firsts, a second and a third. Sixth grader Paige Baird won two firsts and a second. Eighth graders Carson Wallace and Jarell Seals each placed in four individual events. Many Huskies

had personal bests on the day. We are very proud of our kids efforts. It was a great way to end the track season.”

8th Grade Boys – 1st Place

- 100m – Jarell Seals – 12.9, 3rd
- 200m – Carson Wallace – 27.8, 2nd
- 400m – Carson Wallace – 1:00.4, 1st
- 3200m – Damian Wellman – 15:33.5, 4th
- 100m Hurdles – Carson Wallace – 18.6, 5th
- 100m Hurdles – Damian Wellman – 18.8, 6th
- Long Jump – Jarell Seals – 15’ 5”, 4th
- High Jump – Jarell Seals – 5’ 0”, 2nd
- Triple Jump – Carson Wallace – 31’ 9”, 2nd
- Pole Vault – Drake Shearer – 7’ 6”, 1st
- Discus – Drake Shearer – 87’ 2”, 4th
- Softball Throw – Jarell Seals – 191’ 0”, 2nd

- 400m Relay – Bach, Baird, Sorenson, Towery – 1:02.2, 3rd
- 800m Relay – Towery, Kinderknecht, Shearer, Wellman – 2:06.8, 4th
- Medley Relay – Shearer, Sorenson, Towery, Wellman – 2:09.2, 3rd

6th and 7th Grade Boys – 1st Place

- 100m Hurdles – Nick Stutsman – 18.8, 1st
- 100m Hurdles – Riley Sides – 19.3, 2nd
- 100m Hurdles – Aidan Baird – 20.1, 4th
- 100m – Cody Sorenson – 14.6, 4th
- 100m – Caden Kinderknecht – 14.8, 6th
- 200m – Briely Yocum – 28.9, 1st
- 400m – Briely Yocum – 1:05.8, 1st
- 400m – Jesus Saenz – 1:11.3, 2nd
- 800m – Nick Stutsman – 2:41.1, 3rd
- 1600m – Aidan Baird –

- 6:46.0, 4th
- High Jump – Briely Yocum – 5’ 0”, 1st
- High Jump – Ross Cole – 4’ 4”, 4th
- High Jump – Nick Stutsman – 4’ 4”, 5th
- Long Jump – Riley Sides – 12’ 0”, 6th
- Triple Jump – Riley Sides – 28’ 2”, 2nd
- Triple Jump – Ross Cole – 26’ 4”, 6th
- Shot – Caden Bach – 27’ 0”, 5th
- Discus – Jesus Saenz – 82’ 10”, 2nd
- Discus – Caden Kinderknecht – 82’ 10”, 3rd
- Pole Vault – Briely Yocum – 8’ 0”, 1st
- Pole Vault – Caden Kinderknecht – 7’ 0”, 2nd
- Softball Throw – Caden Bach – 171’ 2”, 1st
- Softball Throw – Ross Cole – 147’ 8”, 4th
- Softball Throw – Jesus Saenz – 147’ 4”, 5th

8th Grade Girls – 8th Place

- 100m Hurdles – Brittany Wright – 19.5, 3rd
- 400m Relay – Brands, Sammons, Kasson, B.Wright – 1:01.7, 5th
- 800m Relay – Cox, Smith, Kasson, B.Wright – 2:13.3, 5th
- Medley Relay – Speer, M.Wright, B.Wright, Schroeder – 2:19.9, 5th

6th and 7th Grade Girls – 1st Place

- 100m Hurdles – Paige Baird – 17.2, 1st
- 100m Hurdles – Zoe Cox – 20.5, 4th
- 100m – Brianna Johns – 15.0, 6th
- 200m – Paige Baird – 28.7, 2nd
- 400m – Paige Baird – 1:09.7, 1st
- 400m – HalLee Linner – 1:12.0, 2nd
- 400m – Brianna Johns – 1:13.3, 3rd
- 800m – Chaylee Lowry –

- 2:47.2, 2nd
- 800m – Makensy Schroeder – 2:52.5, 4th
- 800m – Makenna Hammond – 2:58.6, 6th
- 1600m – Makensy Schroeder – 6:18.0, 1st
- Long Jump – Chaylee Lowry – 13’ 0”, 3rd
- Long Jump – HalLee Linner – 12’ 4”, 6th
- Triple Jump – Chaylee Lowry – 27’ 8”, 1st
- Triple Jump – HalLee Linner – 26’ 5”, 3rd
- Triple Jump – Brianna Sammons – 25’ 2”, 6th
- High Jump – Chaylee Lowry – 4’ 7”, 1st
- High Jump – Morgan Wright – 4’ 2”, 5th
- Discus – Jaden Smith – 67’ 9”, 3rd
- Discus – Micah Kasson – 62’ 7”, 4th
- Softball Throw – Brianna Johns – 127’ 8”, 3rd

Northern Valley tracksters bring home third place at Liberty League

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Both the Northern Valley High School boys and girls track teams came away with third place finishes at the Western Kansas Liberty League track meet on May 10 in Logan.

Sophomore Kortney Cunningham earned first place in the high jump and long jump, and freshman Brooke Baird took first place in the pole vault for the girls squad. Sophomore Clint Cole got the boys squad off to a good start by winning the pole vault. Three juniors placed second in their respective events: Ian Vincent in the javelin, Hunter Chandler in the high jump and Jordan Baird in

the long jump. The boys 4 x 100 relay team ran their fastest time of the season, 47.4 seconds, which was also good for second place.

Girls – 3rd place, 69 points

- High Jump – Kortney Cunningham (4’ 10”), 1st
- Long Jump – Kortney Cunningham (14’ 11.25), 1st
- Triple Jump – Kortney Cunningham (31’ 4”), 3rd
- Pole Vault – Brooke Baird (7’ 6”), 1st
- Shot Put – Shayna Vincent (31’ 8.75”), 4th
- Javelin – Erika Chandler (94’ 9”), 5th
- 100m Hurdles – Brooke Baird (17.4), 2nd
- 100m Hurdles – Kortney Cun-

- ningham (18.18), 3rd
- 300m Hurdles – Brooke Baird, (54.66), 4th
- 1600m – Allison Keith (7:00.39), 5th
- 3200m – Brooke Baird (14:51.18), 3rd
- 4 x 400m Relay – Shayna Vincent, Talia Lowry, Allison Keith, Sarah Baird (5:15.56), 6th

“The girls performed fairly well. Kortney and Brooke were able to get some big points in their events,” coach Staci Montgomery said. “Shayna was able to increase her distance in the shot put with a throw of 31 feet, eight and three-quarter inches. Every girl scored, and that is what you want to have happen at the league meet. Now we will

focus on getting prepared for the regional meet.”

Boys – 3rd place, 76.5 points

- High Jump – Hunter Chandler (6’ 0”), 2nd
- High Jump – Clint Cole (5’ 2”), tie 6th
- Long Jump – Jordan Baird (18’ 10”), 2nd
- Long Jump – Phillip Bryant (18’ 6”), 4th
- Pole Vault – Clint Cole (12’ 0”), 1st
- Pole Vault – Eli Lowry (10’ 6”), 5th
- Javelin – Ian Vincent (140’ 3”), 2nd
- Javelin – Eli Lowry (135’ 9”), 4th
- 100m – Jordan Baird (11.78), 5th

- 200m – Jordan Baird (24.52), 4th
- 1600m – Jon Compton (5:04.44), 6th
- 3200m – Jon Compton (11:01.99), 4th
- 110m Hurdles – Clint Cole (18.95), 3rd
- 4 x 100 Relay – Phillip Bryant, Hunter Chandler, Phillip Rupp, Jordan Baird (47.04), 2nd
- 4 x 400 Relay – Eli Lowry, Phillip Rupp, Brant Cox, Hunter Chandler (3:56.86), 6th
- 4 x 800 Relay – Phillip Rupp, Macy Kasson, Camden Cox, Hunter Chandler (10:15.3), 3rd

“We had some really nice weather Friday and our kids had a good day,” coach Chuck Fessenden said. “Clint Cole got us off to a good start with a PR (personal record) in the pole vault and a first place finish. He came back and ran well enough in the high hurdles to pick up a third. Hunter Chandler jumped well in the high jump and got six feet for the first time this season. Our long jumpers, Jordan and Phillip were able to get some big points in the long jump. I thought that Ian and Eli had some good throws in the javelin. In the distance races, Jon Compton had personal bests in both the 1600 and 3200. The 400 meter relay team ran their best time of the season. Overall, I felt like we had a pretty good meet. Next Friday we will travel to Hays for the 1A regional

Repeat winners at Elmwood races

By Mike Hughes

Dustin McClurg of Logan and ‘The Hill City Hotshoe’ Jeff Radcliffe both made repeat appearances in victory lane at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, on Saturday evening, May 11, which saw the caution flag only wave twice all night long.

McClurg took the lead from Bob Rutherford on lap 5 of the 18-lap IMCA Stock Car feature and drove off to the checkers for his second win of the season at Norton. Jason Davis won the race for the runner-up spot, followed by Michael Dancer, Nolan Remus, and Rutherford. Heat race winners were Rutherford and McClurg.

It took Radcliffe 10 laps before he could pass Howard Van Dyke in the 15-lap Heartland Sprint Series main event before driving away for his second win at the one-half mile oval this year. Van Dyke held on to second, followed by Ron Hadley, Mike Madden and Aaron Ploussard.

Travis Coop looked to be on his way to his first ever feature

win in the IMCA Hobby Stock feature before heat race winner Jeremy Wagner dove under Coop in turn 4 on the last lap coming to the checkers to steal the win. ‘The Wild Child’ Garrett Hager was third, followed by Colton Pfeifer and Theron Martin.

Kaid Calhoon led all 12 laps of the IMCA Northern Sport Mod main event for his first win at Norton this season. Cory Struckhoff chased Calhoon the entire distance but had to settle for the runner-up spot. Tyler Watts, Paul Donovan and J.R. Ewing completed the top five. Calhoon also won the heat race.

After edging out brother-in-law Brian Calhoon in the IMCA Modified heat race, Beloit’s Tim Watts was able to hold off Calhoon a second time on this night to win the feature.

All five divisions return to Elmwood Park Speedway on Saturday, June 15. The green flag will fly at 7:00 p.m.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat race winner: Jeremy

Wagner.
Feature: 1. Wagner, 2. Coop, 3. Garrett Hager, 4. Colton Pfeifer, 5. Theron Martin, 6. Ray Caldwell (DNS).

IMCA Northern Sport Mods

Heat race winner: Kaid Calhoon.
Feature: 1. Calhoon, 2. Cory Struckhoff, 3. Tyler Watts, 4. Paul Donovan, 5. J.R. Ewing, 6. Brian Connors (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat race winners: Bob Rutherford, Dustin McClurg.
Feature: 1. McClurg, 2. Jason Davis, 3. Michael Dancer, 4. Nolan Remus, 5. Rutherford, 6. Robert Walker, 7. Eric Kinderknecht, 8. John Annon, 9. Dana Morgan, 10. Darin Racek (DNS)

IMCA Modifieds

Heat race winner: Tim Watts.
Feature: 1. Watts, 2. Brian Calhoon.
Heartland Sprint Series
Feature: 1. Jeff Radcliffe, 2. Howard Van Dyke, 3. Ron Hadley, 4. Mike Madden, 5. Aaron Ploussard, 6. Greg Reiners (DNS).



The Elmwood Park Speedway held races over Mother’s Day weekend and this night was dedicated to the moms and Pink Out Night. The first 100 moms received a rose and anyone wearing pink got in at a discounted price. In the photo, Norton sprint car drivers Ron Hadley and Mike Madden enter turn three and both slide sideways narrowly escaping a collision. The next races to be held at the ELmwood Park Speedway will take place on Father’s Day Weekend, June 15 with stands open at 5 p.m., hot laps at 6 p.m. and races at 7 p.m.

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