

# Norton golf team had a good season

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Coach David Stover's senior-dominated Norton Community High School golf team had an enjoyable 2013 season and showed improvement throughout the campaign.

Senior lettermen were Ryan Bainter, Eli Bozarth, Javen Colip, Cassius Dole, Andrew Ellis, Christopher Fisher, Jordan Hartwell, John Risewick and Treven Rossi.

Other senior members of the team were Dustan Daniels, Dalton Miller and Vaughn Newman.

Assistant coach again this season was Clayton Cox.

Norton opened the season on Tuesday, April 2 by winning the championship of the Smith Center Invitational. The Blue Jays had a score of 177, followed by Mankato, 184; Beloit, 203; Phillipsburg, 203; Osborne, 203; Smith Center, 207; Stockton, 227; Belleville, 269. Only nine holes were played due to darkness.

Scoring for Norton were Christopher Fisher, 42; John Risewick, 43; Andrew Ellis, 45; Dustan Daniels, 47. Fisher, Risewick, Ellis and Daniels were all medalists. Daniels earned his first individual medal.

"This was an excellent start of the season for us," said coach Stover.

On Friday, April 12, Norton competed in the Goodland Invitational which had been postponed from April 9 due to inclement weather. Norton placed sixth out of 13 teams. Goodland won the championship with a 324, followed by Oberlin, 335; Ellis, 341; Ulysses, 356; Thomas More Prep of Hays, 360; Norton, 361. Jordan Hartwell led Norton with a 44/45-89.

Also on Friday, April 12, the Norton junior varsity had their first season competition in the Hill City JV Invitational. No team scores were kept but Norton had four of the 15 medalists. Javen Colip led Norton with a 44, followed by junior Garret Otter, 46; Treven Rossi, 50 and Ryan Bainter, 50. "Our play was good for the season opener, especially due to lack of practice time due to weather," said coach Stover.

The Norton Invitational Tournament was scheduled for Thursday, April 18 but was postponed until Friday due to

weather concerns. The Blue Jays placed fifth out of 13 teams. Goodland won the title with a 328, followed by Ellis, 340; Phillipsburg, 350; Ness City, 357; Norton, 369. Risewick led Norton with a 43/44-87 and was No.8 medalist.

The Norton junior varsity had their second outing of the season when they played in the Goodland JV Tournament. Again, team scores were not kept but Norton had three of the ten medalists. Javen Colip led Norton with a 49, followed by Cassius Dole, 50 and Ryan Bainter, 50.

On Thursday, April 25, the Norton golfers received their biggest test of the season when they played in the I-70 Classic in Ellis and WaKeeney. Each golfer played 18 holes in each town. Norton placed sixth out of 10 teams and was just six strokes out of third. Ellis was the overall winner with a 328 at Ellis, 341 at Trego for a 669. Trego was second with a 351 in Ellis and 338 in Trego for a 689. Norton shot a 369 in each town for a 738 overall score. Fisher was low scorer for Norton in both towns with a 44/46-90 in Trego and 46/42-88 in Ellis. Fisher was No.14 medalist in Ellis and Jordan Hartwell was No. 14 medalist in Trego where he shot a 44/45-89.

"This new format was one that we had never played and was quite a challenge," said coach Stover. "In addition to high winds, added holes and lack of practice played a factor in play of all players in the tournament."

Competition didn't get any easier in the Thomas More Prep of Hays Invitational on Monday, April 29. In this always very tough tournament, Norton placed seventh out of 15 teams. Ellis was the champion with a 330, followed by Goodland, 333; Larned, 342; Oberlin, 346; TMP, 348; Trego, 356; Norton, 370; Phillipsburg, 378. Fisher carded a low score of 45/45-90 and Ellis also shot a 42/48-90.

On Tuesday, April 30, it was time for the Norton junior varsity to return to action and they did in a big way with a championship of their Norton Junior Varsity Invitational. Norton scored a 193, followed by Phillipsburg, 205; Plainville, 207; Norton B, 209.

Treven Rossi was low man

for Norton with a 44 and was also No.1 medalist. Javen Colip shot a 48, followed by sophomore Mickey Hahn, 49 and Ryan Bainter, 52.

"Everyone did a great job for us," said coach Stover. "In good playing conditions, we had many season and career best rounds, led by Rossi's first individual tournament title."

The Colby Invitational was the Blue Jays' next competition and the undependable weather played a part in when it was held and who played in it for Norton. Originally scheduled for Thursday, May 2, it was postponed until Friday. Four from Norton competed and the Blue Jays placed sixth. Norton players were Ryan Bainter, Dustan Daniels, freshman Quinton Porter and Mickey Hahn. "We gained valuable tournament experience," said coach Stover.

Also on Friday, May 3, Norton played in the Hill City Invitational and continued to show improvement by placing fifth out of 12 teams. Ellis won with a 307, followed by Trego, 326; Phillipsburg, 326; Ness City, 330; Norton, 342; Plainville, 345; Osborne, 381; Hill City, 384; Stockton, 392.

"We bettered our previous team low for the season by 10 shots," said coach Stover.

"We were more consistent in our play from start to finish. We had many season best performances. Christopher Fisher shot a 41/41-82 and was a medalist and Garret Otter shot a career-low round, including the best nine hole score of the season for us." Otter carded a 44/39-83.

On Tuesday, May 7, the Norton junior varsity closed their season with a fifth place finish in the Trego JV Invitational. The highlight for Norton was Mickey Hahn taking top medalist honors with a 44/45-89. "This was an excellent way to close a successful junior varsity season," said coach Stover.

Norton competed in the annual Mel Schremmer Invitational in Phillipsburg on Monday, May 6 and placed sixth in four-man play and fifth in two-man. Ellis, Risewick and Rossi all shot career-low rounds. Ellis carded a 41/38-79, Risewick shot a 41/43-84 and Rossi scored a 40-48/88.

"We're playing our best golf," said coach Stover. "We improved our overall best team



Norton senior Eli Bozarth was a steady member of this season's Blue Jay golf team. Here he is shown putting during Norton's championship performance in the Smith Center Invitational.

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score for the second consecutive tournament."

Ellis won the four-man title and Trego was the two-man champion.

On Thursday, May 9, Norton placed fifth in the rugged Mid-Continent League Tournament, which was played in Plainville. Phillipsburg won the championship with a 323, followed by Plainville, 329; Ellis, 329; Trego, 329; Norton, 342; Stockton, 355; Smith Center, 359; Osborne, 391; Hill City, 400.

"Once again, we were able to equal our season-best team score but, against the high quality teams in our league this season, our overall placing was not what we had hoped for," said coach Stover. "John Risewick stepped up with a career-low

round to earn individual medalist honors." Risewick shot a 37/42-79.

Norton traveled to Cimarron on Monday, May 13 to compete in the Class 3A Regional Golf Tournament. The Blue Jays placed sixth out of eight teams. Thomas More-Prep won the championship with a 332, followed by Phillipsburg, 335; Cimarron, 340; Lakin, 365; Scott City, 374; Norton, 378; Holcomb, 450; Southwestern Heights, 497.

Top players for Norton and their scores were Risewick, 43/50-93; Fisher, 47/47-94; Otter, 41/53-94 and Ellis, 51/46-97.

The top two teams and top five golfers not on one of the two teams qualified for the State

Tournament which was held in Seneca on Monday, May 20.

In addition to Phillipsburg in Norton's Regional, Ellis was runner-up in the Class 2A Regional in Ellis, Trego was the Class 1A champion in the Trego Regional and Stockton won the Class 1A championship in Linn.

A number of Mid-Continent League golfers also qualified for state play as individuals.

"I'm very proud of this group of NCHS golfers," said coach Stover. "I'm especially proud of our 12 seniors. They have represented NCHS with a great deal of class for four years and will be successful in any future endeavors. They will be greatly missed by the NCHS golf program."

# Annual Biking Across Kansas begins today at state line

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The 39th annual Biking Across Kansas bicycle ride, the most extensive bicycling ride across the Sunflower State, will begin today at the Kansas-Colo- rado line west of Johnson City in southwestern Kansas and will total 522 miles.

The beginning of the event today will be a short ride from the border to Johnson City, a distance of just 15 miles.

The rest of this year's route

is Johnson City to Sublette, 57 miles, Saturday; Sublette to Dodge City, 53 miles, Sunday; Dodge City to Coldwater, 75 miles, Monday; Coldwater to Anthony, 80 miles, Tuesday; Anthony to Arkansas City, 67 miles, Wednesday; Arkansas City to Sedan, 56 miles, Thursday; Sedan to Oswego, 83 miles, Friday and Oswego to Galena at the Kansas-Missouri border, 35 miles, Saturday.

Through the years, a number of bikers from the Norton area

have participated in BAK. None are listed from Norton County this year but the following 19 have signed up from our area: Thomas Annis, Oakley; Vicki Becker, Plainville; Martin Burton, Bird City; Leo Caspar, Scott City; Josiah Dermeyer, Concordia; Don Dodds, Kensington; Gina Gogot, Holcomb; Joe Hickert, Colby; Rachel Johnson, Hays; Pam Jones, Hays; Michael Lacy, Hays; Tanner Lacy, Hays; Tyler Lacy, Hays; David Main, Sharon Springs;

Bonita Oliva, Woodston; Lester Peak, Kirwin; Taylor Peak, Kirwin; Laryl Rous, Beloit; Charlene Smith, Athol.

Michael Lacy is a Norton native.

Each overnight stop community will have special welcoming events for the bikers, who will stay in gymnasiums or pitch tents outside. Each day, their suitcases and duffle bags filled with extra clothes, riding outfits and personal belongings will be transported to the next overnight

stop by truck so the cyclists can just ride their bicycles without being overloaded.

Most of the close to 900 riders will be from Kansas but 26 other states will be represented. Cyclists will also be from California, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma, Illinois, Colorado, Indiana, Arkansas, Texas, New Mexico, Tennessee, New Jersey, Wisconsin, Virginia, Florida, New York, Arizona, Washington, Michigan, Oregon, Nebraska, Nevada, Iowa, Minnesota,

North Carolina, Georgia.

Participants will enjoy the state's favorable cycling conditions but the main goal of Biking Across Kansas is to have fun, get some exercise and experience the beauty of the Kansas landscape and friendliness of its people.

For more information, go to BAK's website at [www.bak.org](http://www.bak.org).

# Bozarth sets Iowa State record

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Hayli Bozarth, a graduate of Norton Community High School who is a junior in eligibility at Iowa State University, has had a productive 2013 outdoor track season for the Lady Cyclones but what happened to her in the Big 12 Track and Field Meet in May was unexpected.

She was competing in the hammer throw, shot put and discus but the hammer throw turned out to be really special. She relaxed on her third and final throw in the preliminaries, knowing that she had already made finals, and she broke the Iowa State University hammer throw record with a throw of 199'3"!

On her second throw of the finals, she threw the hammer almost six feet farther to break

her record at 203'7"!

Knowing she had broken the school record twice, she continued to stay relaxed on her third and final throw and heaved the hammer 207'8" to break the school record for the third time and place third in the Big 12!

"It feels great; it still hasn't quite hit me yet but when it does it's going to be amazing," Hayli said of the record.

"My coach told me if I try to throw it, it would never go far. At Big 12's, I didn't try to throw it and it went far. It was by far the easiest feeling I have ever felt in all my years of throwing!"

The previous hammer throw record at Iowa State was 197'1" held by fifth year senior Laishe- ma Hampton. She set the record last year at the Big 12 Outdoor Championships in Manhattan.

Also at the Big 12 Meet, Hay-

li had the tenth best distance in the shot put with a heave of 51'3.75" and 14th best in the discus with a throw of 142'8"!

Since the Big 12 meet, Hayli has thrown in the NCAA Regional Meet in Austin, Tex. The top 12 finishers qualified for the NCAA National Meet. Hayli finished 15th in the hammer throw and 31st in the shot put.

During the next two weeks, Hayli plans to enter several meets with the intention of improving on her marks and qualifying for the US Championships.

Still the Norton Community High School record holder in the shot and discus, Hayli is the daughter of Marla and Curt Bozarth. Her grandparents are Bozie and the late Deloros Bozarth and the late Rose and Leo Uhrich.

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