

K-18 wins one, loses one

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team split a doubleheader with Smith Center at Smith Center on Thursday.

The difference between the two games was like day and night. In the opener, Smith Center defeated Norton 16-0 but the Blue Jays rallied to win the nightcap 7-3.

FIRST GAME

Smith Center scored 10 runs on 10 hits against pitcher Chris Davis in the bottom of the first inning.

Davis was relieved by Todd Bolt in the second and the Redmen tallied six more runs on seven hits.

Norton had no hits, one walk and two batters struck out. The winning pitcher was Rice. The losing pitcher was Davis.

SECOND GAME

In the nightcap, Norton took a 2-0 lead in the first inning as Davis was hit by a pitch and walked; Pat Burton singled; Logan Keiswetter, Todd Zink, Aaron Daniels and Travis Ray walked and Burton and Keiswetter scored.

Norton added one more in the top of the second when Blake Wolf walked, Davis doubled, Burton singled and Wolf scored to make it 3-0.

Smith Center tallied two runs on three hits in the bottom of the second to make it a 3-2 ballgame.

Norton did not score in the top of the third and Smith Center tied the score at 3-all in the bottom of



Tyler Rutherford reached back to throw a pitch in the Norton Legion baseball team's game against Stockton last night. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

the inning.

The Blue Jays regained the lead in the top of the fourth when they scored three runs to double the score on the Redmen.

Zach Dole walked to start the inning; Davis, Zink and Aaron Daniels all singled; David Counter walked; and Bolt singled. Dole, Davis and Zink all scored.

Smith Center did not score in the bottom of the fourth and Norton added an insurance run in the top of the fifth when Wolf walked,

Burton singled and Wolf scored.

The Redmen were unable to rally in the bottom of the fifth and Norton won 7-3.

Winning pitcher was Logan Keiswetter. He gave up nine hits, walked three and struck out three.

Wilson was the losing pitcher. He gave up nine hits, walked ten and struck out five.

Leading hitters for Norton were Burton and Davis. Burton was three for four and Davis was two for three, including a double.

Baseball team beats Stockton

By DICK BOYD

After two postponements due to inclement weather, the Norton K-18 baseball team's second doubleheader of the season with Stockton was played on Sunday at Stockton and the Blue Jays won both games as they had in their first encounter with the Tigers.

First Game

The Norton batters got the post-Fourth of July fireworks going early and kept them going throughout the opener as they blasted 23 hits en route to a 27-1 win.

Norton scored seven runs in the top of the first on six hits. Chris Davis led off with a single; Logan Keiswetter walked; Todd Zink, Travis Ray, Aaron Daniels and Blake Wolf all singled; Todd Bolt tripled and Davis, Keiswetter, Zink, Ray, Daniels, Wolf and Bolt all scored.

The Blue Jays added two runs in the top of the second when Davis doubled, Pat Burton tripled and Zink singled and Davis and Burton both tallied to make the score 9-0.

Stockton scored their only run in the bottom of the second inning.

Norton added three more in the top of the third when Ray and Daniels walked, Wolf singled and Bolt doubled and Ray, Daniels and Wolf all scored to make it 12-1.

In the top of the fourth and final inning, Norton scored 15 runs on 12 hits. Burton got the fireworks started in the inning with a single to center field, then Zink blasted the ball over the 350-foot left field fence for a home run. David Counter walked, Ray singled, Daniels walked, Bolt and Zach Dole both singled, Davis walked and Keiswetter singled.

Burton came up to the plate for the second time in the inning and hit another single. Zink followed and tripled. Counter singled, Ray got his second single of the inning, Daniels and Wolf both singled and Bolt walked. Burton, Zink, Counter, Ray and Daniels scored twice in the inning and Wolf, Bolt, Dole, Davis and Keiswetter each scored once.

Norton had five batters with at least three hits in the contest. Zink was the leader with four hits in four at-bats. Ray and Bolt were both 3 for 3 at the plate and Burton and Wolf were both 3 for 4.

Winning pitcher was Ray who pitched the first two innings. Bolt relieved him for the last two innings. Ray gave up four hits, struck out one batter and walked two. Bolt allowed one hit, struck out three batters and walked one. Losing pitcher was N. Palmer.

He walked seven batters and struck out three.

Second Game

Although the score was much closer, Norton won the nightcap 11-4.

Stockton took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning but Norton tied the score at 1-all in the top of the second when Ray singled and scored.

Norton took a 4-1 lead in the top of the third inning when Bolt doubled to left field, Dole singled, Keiswetter doubled and Bolt, Dole and Keiswetter all scored.

The Blue Jays scored four more runs in the top of the fourth stanza to take an 8-1 lead. Counter, Ray, Daniels, Wolf and Bolt all singled and Counter, Daniels, Wolf and Bolt all scored.

Stockton scored one run in the bottom of the fourth to make it 8-2.

Three more runs came in for Norton in the top of the fifth as Burton and Zink singled, Ray and

Daniels walked and Burton, Zink and Ray tallied.

An attempted Stockton rally in the bottom of the fifth fizzled after two runs to make the final score 11-4.

Leading hitters for Norton were Ray and Bolt who each went 2 for 2 at the plate and Keiswetter, who went 2 for 3.

Zink pitched the first two innings for Norton, then Keiswetter relieved him for the last three innings and the win. Zink gave up two hits, walked three batters and struck out three batters. Keiswetter gave up six hits, walked three batters and struck out four.

Norton had 13 hits in the game, four Norton batters struck out and two walked.

Next Action

Norton's next K-18 baseball action will be tonight when they host Plainville in a doubleheader which begins at 6:30 p.m. at John Ryan Field.

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Cookie League ends season with several makeup games

The Cookie League season came to an end after rainout dates were used to makeup postponed games.

PrairieLand Electric 18, Valley Hope 5

Valley Hope got on the scoreboard first with a run from Rhett Blecha in the first. PrairieLand responded with six runs. For PrairieLand, Derek Rowh and Conor Cox singled and scored and Marc Miller, Bradon Carlton and Nicholas Koch scored.

PrairieLand added to its lead in the second when Alec Hager doubled and scored and Miller and Riley Hager scored. The runs gave PrairieLand a 9-1 lead.

Valley Hope added a second run in the third when Austin Hager singled and scored and Breven Sondergaard singled.

PrairieLand put the game out of reach for Valley Hope in the third with nine runs that made the score 18-2. In the inning, Koch, Jordan Baird, Hunter Chandler, Rowh, Cox, Miller and Alec Hager all singled and scored. Riley Hager and Carlton also scored.

Valley Hope added three in the fifth when Mikey Cliff singled and scored, Andrew McMullen scored, Kyle Pakkebie scored and Sondergaard singled. The final was 18-5 in favor of PrairieLand.

Almena 10, New Age 4

Almena scored first when Macy Kasson singled and scored in the top of the first.

New Age got on the scoreboard in the second with a single and run from Andrew Smith.

Almena took a 7-0 lead in the third with singles and runs from Carson Montgomery, Eli Lowry and Kasson and runs scored from Chandler and Baird. The big blow was a Stewart Whitney home run. New Age had a home run in the inning when Dereck McKeever rounded the bases. Derick Campbell and Andrew Smith also scored in the inning.

Almena scored three in the top of the fifth. Chandler and Thrailkill scored and Jordan Baird hit the game's third home run. Almena held New Age scoreless and won the game 10-4.

Valley Hope 18, New Age 18

Austin Hager lead off the game for Valley Hope with a single and runs scored. Cliff and Pakkebie also scored for Valley Hope. New Age took a 6-3 lead in the bottom of the inning when Derick Campbell, Bryce Baker, Smith, Gavin Lively, Dereck McKeever and Christopher Chastain scored.

Valley Hope took the lead 9-6 in the second with runs from Carlton, Miller, Austin Hager, who homered, Cliff, who singled, Sondergaard and Pakkebie.

Valley Hope extended its lead to

11-6 in the top of the third when Carlton and Miller scored. New Age scored five to tie the score. Cole Renner, Baker, Lively, Chastain and Kobie Unterseher scored.

Chris Richards scored for Valley Hope in the fourth, making the score 12-11. New Age again tied the score with a run from Baker.

Both teams scored six in the fifth for an 18-18 tie. Scoring for Valley Hope were Carlton, Miller, Austin Hager, Pakkebie, Ricahrd and Andrew McMullen. Scoring for New Age were Campbell, Renner, Baker, Chastain, Unterseher and Jordan Karnopp.

Almena 12, PrairieLand Electric 12

Almena started the scoring with five first-inning runs. Kasson, Chandler, Baird and Whitney all rounded the bases and the scoring was capped off with a Matt Stutsman home run. PrairieLand got two runs back in the bottom of the inning when Koch and Carlton scored to make the score 5-2.

Almena rallied for seven in the top of the third to take a 12-2 lead. Scoring were Chandler, Laramie Boyle, Baird, Whitney, Stutsman, Ian Vincent and Clint Cole.

PrairieLand had a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. Carlton

and Alec Hager scored.

PrairieLand scored eight in the fifth to tie 12-12. Scoring were Koch, Carlton, Alec Hager, Miller, Drew Schrum, Rowh, Tyler Kuhn and Austin Hager.

New Age 13, Almena 9

New Age scored four in the first. David Browne, McKeever, Smith and Renner scored. Chandler and Jordan Baird scored for Almena in the bottom of the inning.

Almena took a 5-4 lead in the second when Vincent singled and scored and Cole and Ame Baird scored.

New Age scored five in the third, giving them a 9-5 lead. McKeever singled and scored and Campbell, Smith, Ethan Ross and Unterseher scored. Almena responded with a pair of runs in the bottom of the inning by Jordan Baird and Whitney that made the score 9-7.

New Age added three in the fourth, giving them a 12-7 advantage. Browne, McKeever and Garrett Otter scored.

New Age added a run in the fifth when Renner singled and scored. In the bottom of the inning, Jordan Baird singled and Stutsman and Vincent scored for Almena, but New Age held on to win 13-9.

Coach to speak at clinic

Bill Lowry, basketball coach at Northern Valley High School, is listed among the area coaches who will be speaking at the fifth annual Western Kansas Basketball coaching clinic to be held in Hays July 19-20. Keith Riley, Hill City High School, will also be speaking.

Hastings College head coach, Tony Hobson, will discuss his half and full court man defense as well as his drills for improving post and guard play. There will be a special presentation by Fort Hays State University head track coach Jim

Krob on how to motivate athletes.

The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at Hays High School, 2300 East 13th Street. Cost of the clinic is \$55. A clinic T-shirt and two lunches are provided with the clinic along with door prizes.

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