

# Colby beats Blue Jays in tourney

By DICK BOYD  
The Norton American Legion baseball team lost a 13-4 contest to Colby in the opening round of the Zone Tournament on Thursday in Colby.

Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Josh Green led off with a double and Denton Bailey singled him home.

Colby scored three runs in the bottom of the first, however, to take a 3-1 advantage.

The Blue Jays took a 4-3 lead in the top of the second inning. Brock McChesney walked, Corey Look singled and Brian Luft got on base with a fielder's choice. Green and Bailey both singled and McChesney, Look and Luft scored.

Colby came right back in the bottom of the second inning when the Eagles scored four more times to take a 7-4 lead.

Neither team tallied in the third inning, then the rain began to pour down in the fourth stanza.

Norton was three up, three down in the top of the fourth but Colby took advantage of a wet ball that was hard for Norton players to field and ran across six more runs to extend their lead 13-4.

The Blue Jays were unable to mount a rally in the top of the fifth inning, leaving the score at 13-4.

"We played pretty well through the first three innings," said Norton Coach Brandon Gay.

"We can't blame the loss on the downpour in the fourth inning, but we did have a pretty hard time fielding and throwing."

"We made it known to the umpires we thought a rain delay was necessary, but you don't always get what you want."

The important thing is aside from that inning, we played with them the entire game."

Bailey was the losing pitcher. He gave up 13 hits, walked two batters and struck out three. Norton had six hits, three batters walked and six struck out.

Green and Bailey were the leading hitters for Norton.

Green was 2 for 3 with a double and single and Bailey had two singles in three times up to the plate.

# Norton defeats Goodland

By DICK BOYD  
Saturday's games in the American Legion Zone Baseball Tournament in Colby were postponed until Sunday by inclement weather and Norton kept the season alive by defeating Goodland 5-2.

The win over the Cowboys advanced the Blue Jays to a semi-finals contest versus Scott City later in the day. It was a very exciting game, but Scott City edged Norton 15-14 in eight innings to end the Blue Jays' season.

Win over Goodland  
Norton took a 1-0 lead over Goodland in the top of the third inning when Jared Mindrup and Green both walked and Rutherford doubled Mindrup home.

The Blue Jays added to their lead with two more runs in the top of the fifth inning. Look started the inning with a double. Mindrup walked. Green singled, Rutherford walked and Look and Mindrup both scored to make it 3-0.

In the top of the sixth, Norton added another run when David Schlegel singled, Look got on base via an error, Luft singled and Green got on base via an error. Green earned an RBI when Schlegel scored.

Norton's final run came in the top of the seventh stanza when Rutherford doubled and Roeder singled him across the plate.

Goodland scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh to make the final 5-2 in favor of the Blue Jays.

Winning pitcher was Rutherford who gave up five hits, walked six and struck out four batters.

"It's a shame Tyler lost the shut-out in the last inning, because he deserved it," said Norton Coach Brandon Gay. "He pitched a great game and both of the runs were unearned. He pitched out of trouble in every inning. Through



Jared Mindrup reached down to tag a Goodland runner in Norton's 5-2 Zone Tournament win over Goodland

the first six innings, Goodland had 16 base runners and he didn't allow any of them to score. That's what makes a guy who throws the ball into a pitcher."

The losing pitcher was West. He gave up seven Norton hits, walked three and struck out ten batters.

Leading hitter for Norton was Rutherford who went a perfect 2 for 2 at the plate with two doubles in two official times at the plate. He walked twice.

Game with Scott City  
Norton took a 2-0 lead over Scott City in the top of the first inning. Foley singled, Roeder walked and Schlegel singled Foley and Roeder home.

Scott City tallied one run in the bottom of the second inning to cut Norton's lead to 2-1.

The Blue Jays added two more runs in the top of the third stanza. Green and Foley both singled and Roeder singled both of them home. Schlegel also singled after Roeder's hit but no one else scored, making it 4-1.

Three more Norton runs in the top of the fourth extended the Norton lead to 7-1. Luft singled, Mindrup walked, Rutherford singled and Luft came home,

Roeder and Schlegel both walked and Mindrup and Rutherford both scored.

Scott City scored five runs in the bottom of the fourth to narrow the Blue Jay advantage to 7-6. Scott City tied the score at 7-all with one run in the bottom of the fifth.

Norton regained the lead in the top of the sixth with one run when Roeder singled, Schlegel got on base when he was hit by a pitcher, McChesney got on via an error, Look walked and Roeder scored.

Scott City tallied six runs in the bottom of the sixth to lead 13-8.

"There have been times when being down by five runs and facing a tough pitcher has seemed like an impossible situation," said Coach Gay. "But they had been battling all day and when I told them they could come back, I could tell they knew they could, too."

The never-say-die Blue Jays scored six runs in the top of the seventh inning to take a 14-13 lead. Green walked; Foley, Rutherford and Schlegel singled; Look blasted a double that scored three runs; Luft, Mindrup and Green singled and Foley walked. Green, Foley, Rutherford, Schlegel, Look

and Luft all scored. Later in the day, Norton lost 15-14 in the semi-finals to Scott City.

and Luft all scored. Scott City got just one hit in the bottom of the seventh inning but also scored one run to tie the score at 14-all and send the game into extra innings.

Norton was three up and three down in the top of the eighth inning and Scott City tallied one run on two hits in the bottom of the inning to win the contest.

"You never like for your season to end in a loss, but I've never felt better about a loss before," said Coach Gay. "I've been proud of these guys a lot over the years, but probably never more proud than I was Sunday night and that includes when they won the K-18 state championship. We battled all day from the afternoon game on Sunday into early Monday morning and never gave up."

"Missing the championship game by one run in a tournament in which all of our opponents were 4A schools that play high school baseball is an accomplishment. Schools that play high school baseball have a huge leg up and there aren't even a lot of towns in the area that don't have high school ball and still field Legion teams. The teams with high school

baseball have the support, the resources and a three-month head start.

"We have a number of seniors on the team and we're grateful they have stuck with baseball all the way. They can all be proud of what they did at the tournament and what they did for Norton baseball through the years.

"Barely losing was an accomplishment, but I think what these guys will remember most is that they left everything they had on the field. It was a total team effort. We were short-handed in the tournament and only had nine guys there on Sunday, but they all contributed. I can't say enough about each one of them.

"When I look back on what this group did, I'll remember all the winning they did in K-18 and all the heart they showed in the tournament and be equally proud of both. And, hopefully, they will do the same."

G. Huck was the winning pitcher. He gave up 16 Norton hits, walked five batters and struck out 14.

Roeder pitched five innings for Norton. He gave up ten hits, walked five and struck out three. Schlegel pitched one-third inning, giving up one hit. Rutherford was the losing pitcher. He hurled two and two-thirds, giving up three hits and walking two batters.

Leading batters for Norton were Schlegel and Green. Schlegel was 3 for 4 at the plate and Green was 3 for 5. All their hits were singles.

# Division I boys baseball winds up season

Division I boys baseball action in Norton has concluded.

**Bridges Group 12, Engel's Sales and Service 6**

Bridges took an early lead in the bottom of the first when it came up with seven runs. Scoring were Damien Davis, Gunner Hays, who reached on a triple, Eli Bozarth, Carson McKenna, Drew Ellis, Zane Miller and Kurt Douglas. Dillon Hogan also had a single.

Engel's got four back in the top of the second when Jacob Brooks and Brett Pulec singled and scored and Cassius Dole and Lucus Engel scored.

Engel's added two in the third to cut the Bridges' lead to 7-6. Lane Archer and Jacob Brooks scored the runs.

Bridges put the game away with five third-inning runs and went on to win 12-6. Brooks, Dole and Dalton Miller all got on base to start the inning and Trey Millan hit a grand slam to drive them in. Casey Temmel followed with a double and scored. Seth Antrim and Engel also scored.

**Engel's Sales and Service 20, Brooks Motel 10**

Brooks got on the scoreboard first when Cody Ellis doubled and scored in the top of the first.

Engel's took a 7-1 lead in the bottom of the inning. In the inning, Trey Millan homered, Casey Temmel doubled and scored, Brooks singled and scored and Dole, Dalton Miller, Seth Antrim and Engel scored.

Brooks scored twice in the top of the second when Michael Courtain scored and John Renner singled and scored. Engel's scored six more in the bottom of the inning. Scoring were Dylan Sprigg, Pulec, Anthony Wentz, Jordan Hartwell, Brooks and Dole.

Brooks rallied for 7 runs in the top of the third. Alex Tharman, Taylor Meder, Christopher Fisher, RJ Ellis, Courtain, Daniel White and Renner scored. Engel's scored seven more runs in the bottom of the inning and won the game 20-10. Scoring for

Engel's were Antrim, Engel, Lane Archer, Austin Duschler, Sprigg, Pulec and Wentz.

**Bridges Group 6, Brooks Motel 6**

Damien Davis led off for Bridges in the top of the first with a triple and scored. Bozarth also scored to give Bridges a 2-0 lead. Brooks scored five times in the bottom of the inning. Renner, Treven Rossi, Ellis, John Risewick and Joseph LeClair scored.

Bridges made the score 6-5 in the top of the second with runs from Davis, Bozarth, Drew Ellis and Wyatt Wentz.

John Risewick hit a solo home run in the bottom of the third for Brooks and neither team scored the rest of the game, making the

conclusion a 6-6 tie. LeClair and Courtain had singles in the inning.

**Engel's Sales and Service 12, Brooks Motel 0**

All 12 runs in the game came in second and third innings. Engel's rallied for six runs in the second and six more in the third.

Scoring in the second were Millan, Temmel, Engel, Jordan Wahlmeier, Wentz and Miller.


In the third, Jordan Hartwell, Archer, Jacob Brooks, Millan, Temmel and Dole scored.

(The last games will be in Friday's paper.)

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