

Norton 12 and Under team opens season with two wins

By DICK BOYD

Following a rainout of the doubleheader scheduled at Quinter on Friday, the Norton 12 and Under baseball team opened the season with two wins over WaKeeney here on Monday.

Norton won the opener 8-4 and the nightcap 14-0.

Norton 8, WaKeeney 4

In the opener, Troy Bainter singled and Kaid McKenna drove him home with a double to tie the score at 1-1 in the bottom of the first.

With the score still tied at 1-1 in the third, Landon Keiswetter and Bainter both singled and Spencer Shirk and McKenna doubled and all four scored to put Norton ahead 5-1. McKenna tallied on a sacrifice fly by Brett Terrell.

The Blue Jays scored their final three in the fourth when Justin Griffith and Keiswetter both singled, Shirk tripled and all three scored.

WaKeeney scored its final three in the fifth but it was too little for the Golden Eagles.

Shirk pitched the first four innings, allowing one run on two hits while striking out nine. Bainter hurled the fifth, allowing three hits and striking out two.

Norton had 10 hits, eight of them

from Keiswetter, Bainter, Shirk and McKenna who were each two for three at the plate.

Norton 14, WaKeeney 0

In the nightcap, the Blue Jays shutout the Golden Eagles with a 12-hit, 14-run barrage and outstanding defense.

Only two WaKeeney batters advanced as far as second base.

Norton scored five in the first inning when Bainter blasted a solo home run, followed by a double by Shirk, hits by McKenna and Terrell and a base on balls by John Koch. In addition to Bainter, Shirk, McKenna, Terrell and Koch scored.

The Blue Jays added five more in the second. Dakota Dreher and Justin Griffith each singled, Luke Ninemire walked, Bainter and Shirk singled and Dreher, Griffith, Ninemire, Bainter and Shirk

scored.

Norton added one run in the third when Terrell and Koch singled and Terrell scored.

The final three Norton runs came in the fourth when Bainter tripled, Shirk walked and McKenna drove them in with a home run.

Leading hitters for Norton were Bainter and Shirk, both of whom went three for three, McKenna, who went two for two and Terrell, who was two for three at the plate.

Bainter pitched the first two innings, striking out three and allowing no hits. Blecha pitched the third, giving up no hits and striking out one. McKenna and Terrell pitched the fourth and fifth, shutting out the Golden Eagles.

Co-head coaches for Norton are Lamont Shirk and Mike Terrell.

12 & Under Schedule

Fri., June 17—Colby, There, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., June 17—Goodland at Colby, 7:30 p.m.
Tues., June 21—Grainfield, Here, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., June 27—Quinter, Here, 7 p.m.
 Wed., June 29—WaKeeney, There, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., July 8—Colby, There, 6:30 p.m.
 Fri., July 8—Goodland at Colby, 7:30 p.m.
 All games except Colby and Goodland are doubleheaders.

Area runners competed in run

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Men and women from all over the area competed and won medals in the annual 2-mile and 5-mile Riverless Run on Saturday in Phillipsburg.

A 2-mile walk was also held but no medals awarded.

In the 5-mile run, Kyle Merklein, Prairie View, had the fastest overall time of 31 minutes, 39 seconds and won the 15-19 division.

Syndee Cole, Phillipsburg, won the women's 15-19 division, with a record time of 37:04 and also had the fastest overall women's time.

Other placers in the men's division in the 5-mile were: Cole Malmberg, Phillipsburg, 35:26, second, 15-19; Mark Simonds, Phillipsburg, 36:03, first, 30-39; Marvin Gaines, Logan, 34:19, first; Steve Streck, Norton, 40:21, second, 40-49; Joel Heisterman, Phillipsburg, 36:35, first, 50-59; Dick Boyd, Norton, 1:07.50, first, 60 and over.

Women's placing in the 5-mile were: Tessa Pivonka, La Crosse, 46:33, first, 30-39; Kim Jay, La Crosse, 45:23, first, 40-49.

Marvin Gaines also ran in the 2-mile run where he had the fastest overall time of 12:31. He was first in the 40-49 category.

Fastest woman in the 2-mile run was Brittany Gaines, Logan, 14:19. She was first for women 11-14.

Other women 2-mile placers were: Marcy Gaines, Logan, 19:05, first; Regan Simpson, Alma, 28:18, second, 10 and under; Allison Wach, Prairie View, 17:20, second; Emilie Coca, Phillipsburg, 34:29, third, 11-14; Amy Myers, Norton, 15:08, first, 15-19; Monica Cromwell, Omaha, 25:52, first; Amy Stephen, Phillipsburg, 32:29; Camille Cox, Alma, 32:29, tie for second, 30-39; Mary Jackson, Phillipsburg, 20:59, first; Carolyn Babcock, Phillipsburg, 29:46, second, 50-59; Joyce Kinter, Phillipsburg, 25:52, first and a record for age division; Karen Patton, Phillipsburg, 26:42, second; Marilyn Dunn, Phillipsburg, 27:46, third, 60 and over.

Also placing in the men's 2-mile were: Ethan Shellito, Stuttgart, 20:18, first; Austin Shellito, Stuttgart, 25:02, second, 10 and under; Brian Pinkerton, Logan, 13:55, first; Chris Delzer, Phillipsburg, 20:40, second, 15-19; Anthony Russo, Speed, 12:47, first; Richard Wilson, Phillipsburg, 16:41, second, 20-29; Lester Peak, Kirwin, 15:42, first; Marty Cromwell, Omaha, 28:20, second, 30-39; Harlan Ponstein, Long Island, 15:04, second; Brian Keiswetter, Norton, 19:24, third, 40-49; Kent Otte, Phillipsburg, 16:52, first; Terry Babcock, Phillipsburg, 29:46, second, 50-59; John Stephens, Hays,

16:59, first; Dick Stroup, Smith Center, 17:15, second; Kay Kinter, Phillipsburg, 28:26, third, 60 and over.

Stacy Mowry was the race di-

rector. The races were sponsored by the Phillips County Hospital, Long Term Care and Wellness Center, Phillips County Medical Clinic and Logan Medical Clinic.

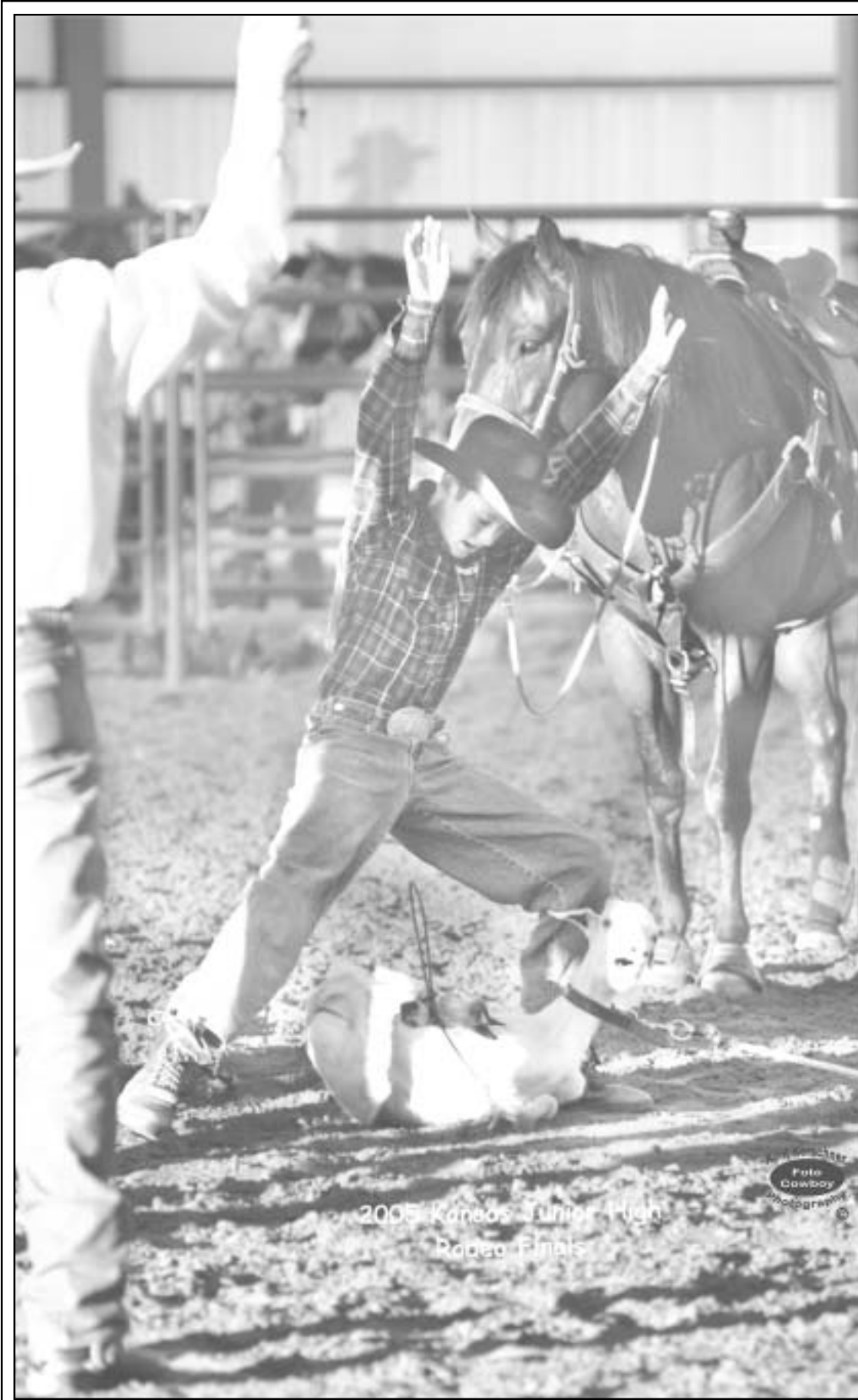


Steve Streck, Norton, completes the 5-mile run in the Riverless Run held Saturday in Phillipsburg. Streck placed second in the 40-49 year age group with a time of 40:21. — Photo courtesy of Phillips County Review

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Colton Lowry, 12, threw up his hands as he finished tying a goat in the Wrangler Junior High Rodeo competition Sunday in Wild Cat Arena, Whitewater. His performance earned him a chance to compete in the national junior rodeo finals. — Photo by Kent Kerschner

Almena boy earns spot on junior high rodeo team

Colton Lowry, a sixth-grade student at Northern Valley Junior High School, has earned a spot on the Kansas Wrangler Junior High rodeo team. He qualified at the Kansas State Junior High Rodeo finals held June 4-5 at Wild Cat Arena in Whitewater by finishing third

overall. He is beginning his second year in rodeo competition. He rides his horse, Little Bay, in competition. He will be going to Gallup, N.M. from Tuesday-Friday, July 5-8, to compete at the first Wrangler Junior High Finals Rodeo in

the boys goat tying competition. Colton will be one of more than 700 contestants from 29 states and Canada competing for prize money and college scholarships. He is the son of Curtis and Cindy Lowry, Almena.

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