

Legion team opens season

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion baseball team opened the season on Monday with a doubleheader loss at John Ryan Field to a visiting Smith County nine.

First game

Norton lost the opener 21-11. The visitors tallied two in the top of the first but Norton tied the score in the second when Chris Davis walked, Pat Burton was hit by a ball and both scored.

Smith County added five more in the third. Norton scored two when Aaron Daniels singled, Brock McChesney tripled to drive him home and Davis walked and scored to make it 7-4.

Smith County scored one in the fourth and Norton added four more in the fourth. Jordan Durham started the fireworks with a double to left field. Logan Keiswetter singled, Aaron Daniels walked,

Brock McChesney blasted a double to right field, Korey Look singled to left and Durham, Keiswetter, Daniels and McChesney all tallied.

Norton recorded five hits in the next two innings but scored only three runs.

Meanwhile, Smith County added 13 runs to win 21-11 and end the game in six innings due to the 10-run rule.

Norton had 11 hits. McChesney was leading hitter. He was three for four with a triple and two doubles. Aaron Daniels went two for three with two singles.

Corey Rutherford was the losing pitcher. He allowed nine hits and nine walks and struck out five batters. He was relieved in the sixth by Look, who gave up six hits, walked one and struck out one.

Linn was the winning pitcher.

Second game

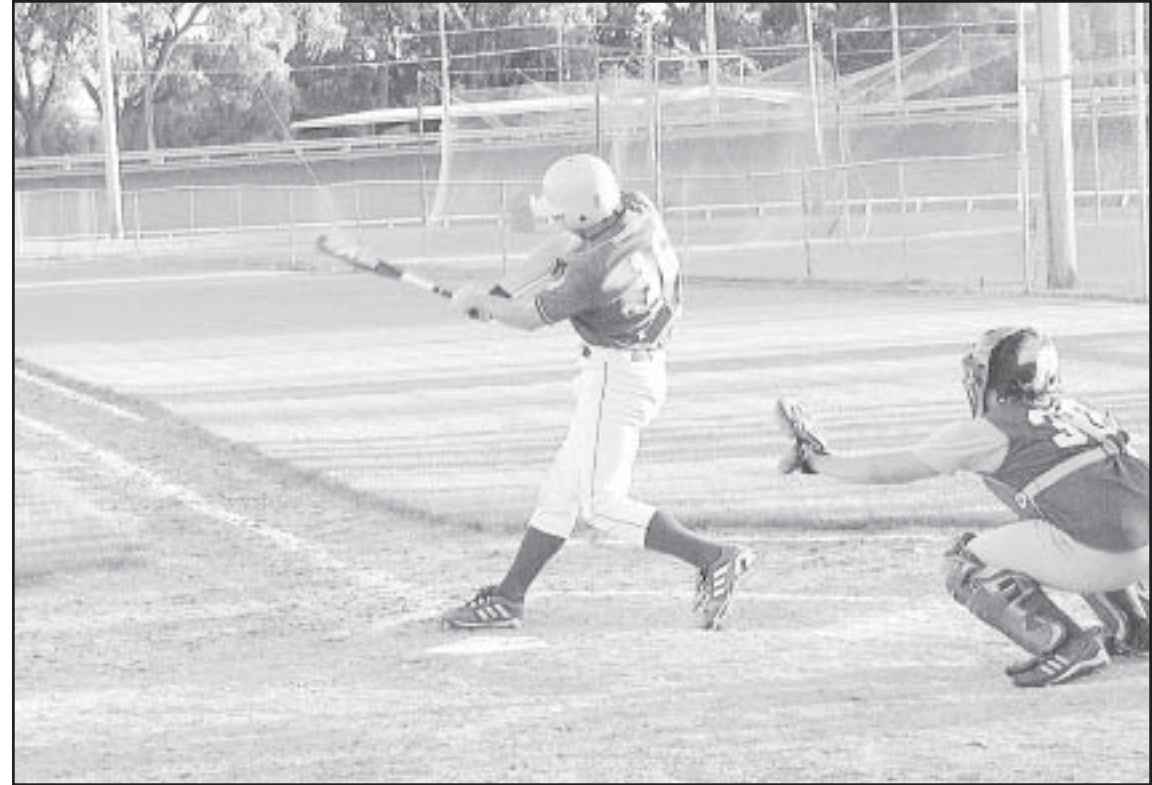
Five innings were played in the nightcap, which was won 16-6 by Smith County.

Smith County jumped out to an 11-0 lead with three runs in the first, five in the second and three in the third.

The Blue Jays scored four in the third when Todd Zinc singled to left; Keiswetter and Jeff Soderlund walked; Daniels, McChesney, Look and Burton singled; and Durham walked. Zinc, Keiswetter, Soderlund and Daniels all scored.

The Smith County nine went scoreless in the fourth and Norton added two more to make it an 11-6 game. Soderlund singled, Davis was hit by a ball, Daniels and Look singled and Soderlund and Davis scored.

Smith County tallied five runs in the fifth and Norton was three up, three down in the inning, making



Norton first baseman Brock McChesney slams a double during the Norton American Legion's first game with Smith County here on Monday. McChesney was leading hitter for Norton with a triple and two doubles in four times at bat.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

the final 16-6.

Frank was the winning pitcher. Keiswetter and Look shared pitching duties for Norton.

Look was leading hitter for Norton with three hits in three times at bat. Daniels was two for three at the plate.

Norton had 10 hits in the game. Smith Center had 12 hits, nine walks and seven strike outs.

Austin Panter was leading hitter for Smith County with two home runs and a double in four times at bat.

Next action

Norton will travel to Plainville to play a doubleheader on Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m.

Norton Legion 2005 Schedule
June 13—Smith County, Here
June 16—Goodland, Here

June 18—Plainville, There
June 22—Smith County, There
June 24-26—Goodland Tournament

June 27—Plainville, Here
July 1-4—Osborne Tournament
July 11—Smith County, There
July 16—Zone Tournament, TBA

NOTE: All games are double-headers, except for tournaments



Norton pitcher Corey Rutherford fires the ball toward the plate during the Norton American Legion's first game with Smith County here on Monday. Rutherford allowed nine hits and struck out five batters.

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Norton K-18 baseball team plays Tuesday doubleheader at Plainville

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team played a doubleheader at Plainville on Tuesday.

First game

Norton lost the opener 14-1. Plainville tallied seven runs in the bottom of the first and seven more in the third.

The only score for Norton came in the third when Zac Dreher singled and Terrell Lane drove him home with a double.

Norton had four hits. In addition to Lane's double and Dreher's single, Todd Bolt and Brock Lauer each singled.

Zach Bainter started on the

mound for Norton, allowing seven hits. Lane took over in the second inning, gave up no hits and two walks and struck out one. Bolt relieved Lane in the third and gave up four hits and three walks and struck out three.

Bainter was the loser and Toby Ruder was the winning pitcher.

Second contest

Norton lost the nightcap 11-1. Plainville scored four runs in the first, three in the second and four in the fourth.

Norton's only run came in the fourth when Todd Bolt smashed a double and scored later in the inning.

Norton had just two hits, both by Bolt.

Plainville picked up 11 hits. Winning pitcher was A. Dinkel. Losing pitcher was Jordan Bebb, who pitched the first two innings. He gave up six hits and one walk and struck out one. Bolt took over in the third and allowed five hits and a walk and struck out two.

Next action

The Norton K-18 baseball team will travel to Hays on Tuesday for a doubleheader, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Tonight's doubleheader at Phillipsburg has been postponed until a later date.

Elmwood Park Speedway brings exciting racing action

By MIKE HUGHES

Troy Attwood of Blue Hill, Neb., and Brice Riley of Indianola, Neb., were feature winners in their divisions in racing action at Elmwood Park Speedway Saturday.

Attwood took advantage of polesitter Travis Cashman's miscue to win the IMCA Stock Car feature. Cashman started on the pole but spun out on the opening lap to bring out a caution.

Cashman was delegated to the rear of the pack on the restart for causing the caution, allowing Attwood to move from row 2 to the front row on the restart. Attwood took advantage and jumped to the front at the drop of the green and led all 20 laps of the race that went caution free after the opening lap.

Kelly Ford kept Attwood in sight but had to settle for second, followed by Jason Rogers, Cory Struckhoff and Jason Schoenberger. Heat race winners were Ford, Attwood and Tyler Hahn.

Robby Haines led the first 6 laps of the 20-lap IMCA modified feature before being passed by Riley. After a two car tangle in turn two brought out a caution on lap 7, Riley shot past Haines on the restart to take a lead he would not relinquish. Tim Watts worked his way up to finish second, trailed by Rick Schwab, Haines, and Marty Clark. Watts and Riley won the two heat races.

It was almost a jinx to lead the IMCA hobby stock feature as 4 of the frontrunners all fell by the wayside in the 15-lap event. Wade Wagenblast shot to the front at the drop of the green with Garrett Brown and Brandon Naasz in tow. At the halfway mark, Wagenblast had Tracy Holloway on his back bumper, followed by Brady Schoen and Naasz. But in the next few laps, Naasz, Holloway and Schoen all had problems and had to pit. Naasz and Holloway would return but Schoen would not. Then with just 2 laps to go, Wagenblast stopped in turn 2 with a flat tire, ending his chance for a win, and

setting up a green-white-checked finish. Jared Remus of Downs led the field back to green and held on for the win. Veteran Gene Sneath was second, with birthday boy Kelly Karnopp, Adam Balthazor and Trevor Thornton rounding out the top five. Sneath, Wagenblast and Holloway were victorious in their heat races.

It was a battle of the two heat race winners in the Cruiser main event with Joe and Jim Carter of Russell holding on to score the win, their second of the season at Elmwood Park, over Jason Albrecht and Terry Gradig. Mike Hockemeier and Jim Ellis finished third.

Racing action returns to the big oval on Saturday, June 25, with the regular four classes in action. Race time will be 7 p.m.

RESULTS

IMCA Modifieds
Heat 1: 1. Tim Watts, 2. Robby Haines, 3. Jeff Walters, 4. Matt Kasson.

Heat 2: 1. Brice Riley, 2. Marty Clark, 3. Brian Calhoun, 4. Mitch Kline.

Feature: 1. Riley, 2. Watts, 3. Rick Schwab, 4. Haines, 5. Clark, 6. John Fose, 7. Kasson, 8. Doug Shearer, 9. Calhoun, 10. Roger Boland (DNF), 11. Walters (DNF), 12. Kline (DNF), 13. Jeff Williams (DNS), 14. Steve Reedy (DNS), 15. David Murray (DNS).

IMCA Stock Cars
Heat 1: 1. Kelly Ford, 2. J.R. McCreery, 3. Caleb Peters, 4. Travis Cashman.

Heat 2: 1. Troy Attwood, 2. Nathan Glendening, 3. Jason Schoenberger, 4. Jason Davis.

Heat 3: 1. Tyler Hahn, 2. Jason Rogers, 3. Cory Struckhoff.

Feature: 1. Attwood, 2. Ford, 3. Rogers, 4. Struckhoff, 5. Schoenberger, 6. Hahn, 7. Bryan LaRiviere, 8. Davis, 9. Glendening, 10. Peters, 11. Pat Bedore, 12. McCreery, 13. Marty Clark (DNF), 14. Josh Hudson (DNF), 15. Cashman (DNF).

IMCA Hobby Stocks
Heat 1: 1. Gene Sneath, 2. Garrett Brown, 3. Kelly Karnopp, 4. Jason Nelssen.

Heat 2: 1. Wade Wagenblast, 2. Brady Schoen, 3. Brandon Naasz, 4. Shaylor Holloway.

Heat 3: 1. Tracy Holloway, 2. Jared Remus, 3. Justin Wagner, 4. Adam Balthazor.

Feature: 1. Remus, 2. Sneath, 3. Karnopp, 4. Balthazor, 5. Trevor Thornton, 6. Phil Hinger, 7. Nelssen, 8. Wagenblast, 9. Wagner, 10. Naasz, 11. Laura Hinger, 12. T. Holloway, 13. Rhona Annon, 14. Schoen (DNF), 15.

S. Holloway (DNF), 16. Dustin McClurg (DNF), 17. Brown (DNF), 18. Ricky Gitchel (DNF).

Cruisers

Heat 1: 1. Jason Albrecht/Terry Gradig, 2. Macy Thomas/Kimberly Thomas, 3. Barry Brush/Jeremy Wahrman.

Heat 2: 1. Jim Carter/Joe Carter, 2. Doug Monty/Jason Monty, 3. Jebb Tally/Gerry Tally, 4. Jeff Kleen/Mark Goebel.

Feature: 1. Carter/Carter, 2. Albrecht/Gradig, 3. Mike Hockemeier/Jim Ellis, 4. Kleen/Goebel, 5. Norman Wiechman/Brian Wiechman, 6. Thomas/Thomas, 7. Nick Horn/Tim Horn, 8. Brush/Wahrman, 9. Monty/Monty, 10. Colby Larson/Monica Larson (DNF), 11. Tally/Tally (DNF), 12. Daniel Hoppe/Mickey Gitchel (DNF), 13. Wes Eagleburger/Chuck Eagleburger (DNS).

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