

# 12 and Under team extends record to 7-1

By DICK BOYD

Norton's 12 and Under baseball team extended their winning record to 7-1 with a doubleheader victory over a visiting Grainfield nine on Tuesday evening.

Norton won the opener 5-0 and the nightcap by a 16-2 score.

### Norton 5, Grainfield 0

In shutting out Grainfield, Norton scored all five runs in the bottom of the second inning. Kaid McKenna doubled to start the fireworks, then Dakota Dreher, Luke Ninemire, Justin Griffith, Ryan Blecha, Landon Keiswetter and Brett Terrell all singled. McKenna, Dreher, Ninemire, Griffith and Blecha scored.

Keiswetter pitched the first three innings and got the win. Shirk pitched the final two innings. Shultz was the losing pitcher.

Keiswetter allowed three hits, struck out seven batters and walked none. Shirk gave up no hits, struck out four batters and walked four.

Norton had 12 hits in the game. Shirk was leading batter with two

doubles in two times at bat. Dreher, Ninemire and Blecha were each two for two. All of their hits were singles.

### Norton 16, Grainfield 2

Norton took a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back. Terrell and Shirk both blasted solo home runs, Otter walked and McKenna and Bainter both singled. In addition to Terrell and Shirk, Otter, McKenna and Bainter all scored.

Grainfield tallied one run in the top of the second but the Blue Jays scored five more runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 10-1 game. Ninemire, Griffith, Blecha and Keiswetter all walked, Terrell singled, Shirk and Otter both walked and Bainter was hit by a pitch and drew a base on balls. Ninemire, Griffith, Blecha, Keiswetter and Terrell all scored.

Norton added one run in the bottom of the third when Dreher walked and scored later in the inning.

Five more runs were scored by Norton in the bottom of the fourth

inning to extend the Blue Jay lead to 16-1. Keiswetter walked, Terrell doubled, Otter and McKenna both walked and Bainter and Dreher both singled. Keiswetter, Terrell, Otter, McKenna and Bainter all scored.

Grainfield scored their final run in the top of the fifth to make it a 16-2 game.

Norton had eight hits in the game. Terrell was leading batter. He was three for three with a home run, double and single. Bainter was two for two with two singles.

A different Norton pitcher hurled each inning. Otter pitched the first inning and got the win. Ninemire pitched the second inning, followed by Blecha in the third, McKenna in the fourth and Terrell in the fifth.

Grainfield had four hits and two walks. Ten Grainfield batters struck out.

### Next action

Norton 12 and Under will play Quinter in a doubleheader on Monday at Busch Field in Norton. The first game will begin at 7 p.m.



Norton's Landon Keiswetter pitches to a Grainfield batter during the Norton 12 and Under baseball team's 5-0 win in the opener here on Tuesday. Keiswetter was the winning pitcher. Norton also won the nightcap 16-2. - Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson.

# Norton's 12 and Under team beats Hoxie in doubleheader

By DICK BOYD

The Norton 12 and Under baseball team extended their season record to 5-1 with a doubleheader win over Hoxie on Monday evening at Busch Field in Norton.

### Norton 4, Hoxie 3

In the opener, Norton was scoreless in the first inning but added two runs in the bottom of the second. Kaid McKenna and Brett Terrell both singled and Andrew Otter drove them home with a double.

Hoxie took a 3-2 lead with three runs in the top of the third.

Norton was scoreless in the bottom of the inning but Hoxie was three up and three down in the top of the fourth.

The young Blue Jays tied the

score and took the lead for good with two runs in the bottom of the fourth. Spencer Shirk, McKenna and Troy Bainter both singled, Terrell blasted a double and Otter singled. McKenna and Terrell both tallied to make the final score 4-3.

Bainter was the winning pitcher. He gave up seven hits. Shirk pitched the final inning.

Norton had 11 hits in the game and five different Norton players were 2 for 2 at the plate. Terrell and Otter each hit a double and single and Landon Keiswetter, Shirk and McKenna each hit two singles.

### Norton 14, Hoxie 1

Norton took a 2-0 lead in the first inning of the nightcap. Shirk singled, McKenna doubled and

both scored.

Hoxie scored their only run in the top of the second to make it a 2-1 game but Norton added four more runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 6-1 lead. Terrell and Otter singled, Justin Griffith walked, Luke Ninemire singled and Terrell, Otter, Griffith and Ninemire scored.

In the bottom of the third, Norton scored three more runs to extend their lead to 9-1. Keiswetter and McKenna both walked, Terrell doubled, Otter singled and Keiswetter, McKenna and Terrell all scored.

Norton tallied five more runs in the bottom of the fourth to make the final score 14-1. Ninemire and Dakota Dreher both singled and Shirk cleared the bases by blasting a home run! McKenna and Bainter both walked and scored.

Norton had a different pitcher in each of the five innings. Ryan Blecha started on the mound for the Blue Jays and received the win. He was followed by Terrell, Keiswetter, McKenna and Dreher.

Hoxie had only three hits. Norton had 13 hits. Otter and Ninemire were both 2 for 2 and Dreher, Shirk and Terrell were each 2 for 3 at the plate.

### Next action

Norton will play a doubleheader versus Quinter on Monday at Busch Field in Norton, beginning at 7 p.m.

# Norton Legion team loses two games at Smith County

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion baseball team lost a doubleheader to Smith County by scores of 15-4 and 10-7 on Wednesday in Smith Center.

### Opening game

Smith County held a 2-0 lead after three innings. In the top of the fourth, Norton tallied four runs to make it a 4-2 game. Jordan Durham, Pat Burton, Chris Davis, Aaron Daniels and Denton Bailey all singled. Durham, Burton, Davis and Daniels all scored.

In the bottom of the inning, Smith County ran across 13 runs to win 15-4.

Norton had 11 hits in the game. Burton hit two singles in two times at bat. Davis went two for three with a double and single. Daniels and Bailey were each two for three. Their hits were all singles.

Frank was the winning pitcher. Rutherford was the loser.

Smith County had 15 hits, seven walks and four struck out.

### Second game

Smith County scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning. Norton tallied one run in the top of the second when Look walked and

scored later in the inning to make it 2-1.

Smith County scored three times in the bottom of the inning to make the score 5-1.

In the bottom of the fourth, Smith County extended their lead to 7-1.

Neither team scored in the fifth inning.

Norton scored two runs in the top of the sixth. McChesney tripled, Look, Daniels and Keiswetter all singled. McChesney and Look both scored and it was a 7-3 contest.

Smith County tallied three more runs in the bottom of the sixth to extend their lead to 10-3.

The Blue Jays ran in four runs in the top of the seventh to make the final score 10-7. Davis walked, Burton was hit by a pitch and walked, Bailey singled, McChesney and Look both

doubled, Daniels and Mindrup both walked and Keiswetter singled. Bailey, McChesney, Look and Daniels all scored.

Norton had 13 hits in the game.

Keiswetter was leading batter for Norton. He was three for four at the plate with three singles. McChesney had a triple and double in four times at bat. Look was two for three with a double and single. Burton was two for three with a double and single in two times at bat. Bailey hit two singles in three times up. Daniels hit two singles in three times at bat.

Allen was the winning pitcher. Bailey was the loser. He gave up 12 hits, struck out 11 and walked four.

### Next action

The Norton Legion team will compete in the Goodland Tournament today, Saturday and Sunday in Goodland.

# 10 and Under team beats Smith Center

By DICK BOYD

The Norton 10 and Under baseball team defeated Smith Center 8-1 on Saturday.

Norton scored two runs in the first inning when Carson McKenna and Ryan Bainter both singled and scored.

Norton tallied three more runs in the third inning. Treven Rossi, Drew Ellis and Cody Ellis all singled. Rossi, Drew Ellis and Cody Ellis all scored.

In the fourth inning, Norton scored their final three runs. John

Renner, Carson McKenna, Drew Ellis, Rossi and Cody Ellis all singled, Cassius Dole doubled and Dalton Miller singled. Renner, McKenna and Drew Ellis all scored.

Leading hitters for Norton were McKenna, Drew Ellis and Cody Ellis, who were all two for three at the plate, and Rossi, who was two for two.

McKenna pitched the first two innings for Norton and Miller pitched the rest of the way.

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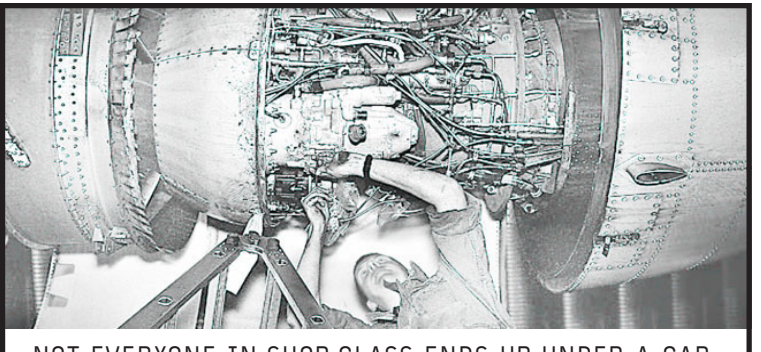
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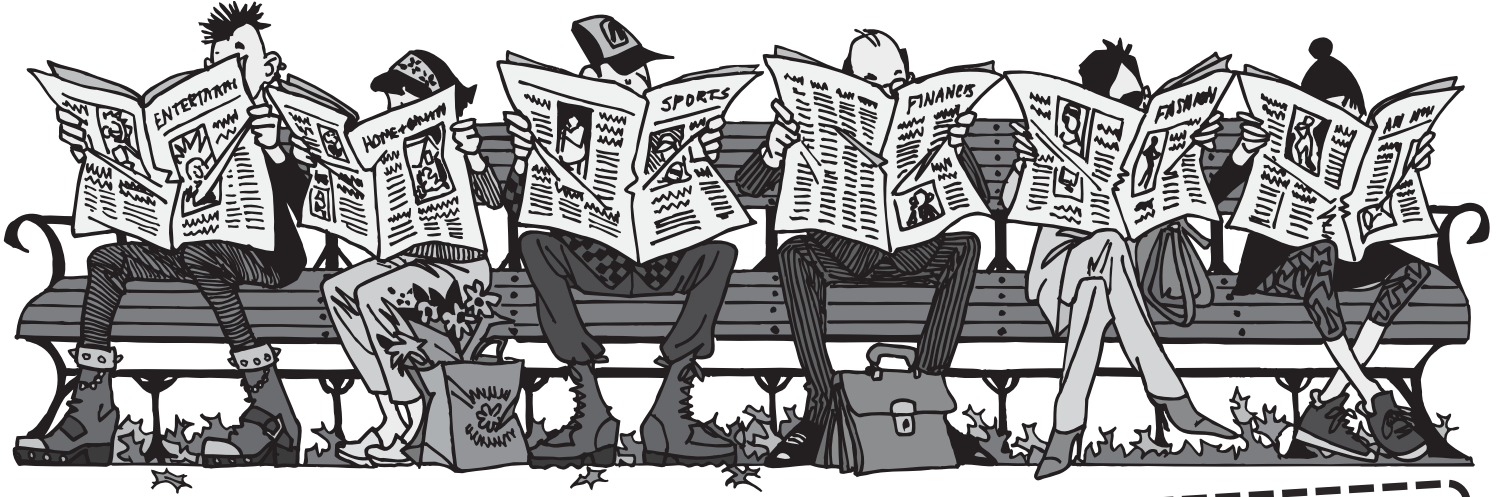
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