

Norton K-18 defeats Phillipsburg

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team extended their season record to 12-6 with a doubleheader win over Phillipsburg here on Friday evening.

The Blue Jays defeated the Panthers 4-3 in the opener and 8-7 in the nightcap.

OPENING WIN

Both teams scored one run in the first inning of the opener. Terrell Lane led off for Norton in the bottom of the inning and got on base via an error. Adam Myers walked and Lane scored later in the inning.

The next two innings were scoreless, then Norton ran across three runs in the bottom of the fourth to take a 4-1 lead. Troy Bainter walked, Zach Bainter singled, Kyle Mindrup got on base via an error and Landon Keiswetter and Breyer Simmons both singled. Both Bainters and Mindrup all scored.

In the top of the fifth, Phillipsburg tallied twice and two Panthers made it as far as third base but did not score and Norton won 4-3.

Landon Hamel was the winning pitcher. He allowed just four hits and walked two batters.

Norton had only three hits off losing pitcher Wood. Three Blue Jays walked and five struck out.

Norton's leading hitters were Zach Bainter, Landon Keiswetter and Simmons. All went 1-2 at the plate.

WON NIGHTCAP, TOO

In the second game, Norton trailed 7-2 after three innings but rallied in the last two innings for the 8-7 win.

"We got our enthusiasm going in the fourth inning and everyone contributed to the win," said Norton coach Ward Foley.

Phillipsburg took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning, then expanded it to 6-0 with five runs in the top of the second.

Norton scored their first run in the bottom of the second. Zac Dreher and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked and Dreher stole home on a passed ball to make it 6-1.

Phillipsburg added a run in the top of the third to extend their lead to 7-1. The Blue Jays also scored once in the bottom of the inning when Lane walked, Perez got on base via an error and Lane scored to make it a 7-2 contest.

Norton took advantage of four

walks and three errors by Phillipsburg in the bottom of the fourth inning to score four times and cut the visitors' lead to 7-6. Landon Keiswetter and Ryan Blecha walked. Zac Dreher got on base via an error, Kaenon Keiswetter walked, Lane and Troy Bainter got on base via errors and Perez walked. Landon Keiswetter, Blecha, Dreher and Lane all scored.

With the bases loaded and only one out in the top of the fifth, Kaenon Keiswetter relieved Zach Bainter on the mound for Norton. Keiswetter struck out a batter and another hit to third for the final out.

Norton still trailed 7-6 going into the bottom of the fifth inning. Matt Stanley, Landon Keiswetter and Blecha all walked. Stanley

stole home on a passed ball to tie the score at 7-all. Phillipsburg changed pitchers at that point. Zac Dreher hit a ground ball and was out but Landon Keiswetter scored on the play to earn an 8-7 victory for Norton.

Landon Keiswetter got the save for Norton. Zach Bainter allowed five hits, walked 10 batters and struck out two while pitching for the Blue Jays.

Norton had no hits in the game but took advantage of seven Phillipsburg errors and 11 walks.

Horn pitched most of the game for Phillipsburg.

NEXT ACTION

The Norton K-18 nine will compete in the Sub-Regional Tournament, which will be held Friday through Sunday in Plainville.



Norton's Zac Dreher slides into home to record the K-18 Blue Jays' first run in their 8-7 win over Phillipsburg here on Wednesday. Norton also won the first game by a 4-3 score.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton K-18 goes 2-2 in recent games

By DICK BOYD

In recent games, Norton's K-18 baseball team traveled to Stockton on Thursday, June 29 and returned with two victories, then hosted Hays on Wednesday evening and lost two hard fought games to the league leaders.

OPENER AT STOCKTON

The Blue Jays got off to a good start in the doubleheader at Stockton by blasting 17 hits and winning the opener 17-1.

In the first inning, Terrell Lane and Matt Stanley both singled and Lane scored. Norton added three more runs in the top of the second stanza. Troy Bainter walked, Kaid McKenna was hit by a pitch and walked, Kyle Mindrup walked, Ryan Blecha and Lane both singled. Bainter, McKenna and Mindrup all scored.

Four more Norton runs in the bottom of the third inning extended the Blue Jay lead to 8-0. Zach Bainter and Stanley both singled, Kaenon Keiswetter got on base via an error, Troy Bainter tripled and Landon Hamel walked. Zach Bainter, Stanley, Keiswetter and Hamel all scored.

In the top of the fourth, Stockton scored their only run. In the bottom of the inning, Norton ran across nine more runs to make the final 17-1. Lane doubled, Spencer Shirk, Zach Bainter, Stanley and Kaenon Keiswetter singled, Hamel doubled, Mindrup singled, Blecha walked, Lane singled in his second time at bat in the inning, Adam Myers was hit by a pitch and Zach Bainter singled for the sec-

ond time in the inning.

Lane scored twice and Shirk, Zach Bainter, Stanley, Kaenon Keiswetter, Hamel, Mindrup and Blecha scored once.

Lane was a perfect 4 of 4 at the plate and Stanley was a perfect 3-3. Zach Bainter went 3-4 and Mindrup was 2-2.

Hamel was the winning pitcher. He was relieved in the third inning by Zach Bainter. Stockton got only two hits, two Tigers walked and seven struck out.

Barnett was the losing pitcher.

NIGHTCAP AT STOCKTON

The second game at Stockton was a different story as the Blue Jays had to come from behind to win 8-7.

Stockton took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Norton tallied four runs in the top of the second to take a 4-2 lead. Troy Bainter singled, Hamel doubled, Zac Dreher singled, Mindrup doubled, Perez walked and Lane and Shirk both singled. Bainter, Hamel, Dreher and Mindrup all scored.

Stockton responded with five more runs in the bottom of the second stanza to regain the lead at 7-4.

The Blue Jays scored two more runs in the top of the third to narrow the Tiger lead to 7-6. Troy Bainter, Kaenon Keiswetter and Hamel all singled and Bainter and Keiswetter scored.

The fifth and final inning began with Norton still trailing 7-6. Stanley and Troy Bainter both walked and Hamel and Blecha both singled. Stanley crossed

home plate to tie the score and Bainter tallied the winning run. Norton had 13 hits in the game. Shirk and Hamel were both a perfect 3-3 at the plate and Troy Bainter was a perfect 2-2.

Troy Bainter started on the mound for Norton and pitched two innings. He was relieved by Hamel in the third inning and Hamel was the winning pitcher. He struck out six batters, allowed one hit and walked three. Bainter gave up six hits and walked three.

OPENER VS. HAYS

Norton took an early 3-0 lead in the first game with Hays here on Wednesday evening. Lane doubled and Perez and Stanley both singled and all three tallied.

Five runs by Hays in the top of the second gave them a 5-3 advantage. Norton was unable to score in the bottom of the inning and Hays added two more runs in the top of the third to make it a 7-3 game.

Norton scored once in the bottom of the third when Lane doubled and crossed the plate to make it 7-4.

Neither team was able to score in the fourth inning. Hays ran another run across the plate in the top of the fifth to extend their lead to 8-4.

The Blue Jays tallied one more run in the bottom of the fifth but it was too little, too late for the locals and they lost 8-5. Norton's final run came when Hamel walked, Lane singled and Stanley walked and Hamel scored.

Norton had just five hits in the game. Lane was the batting leader,

going 3-3. Hamel was the losing pitcher. He gave up nine hits, struck out six batters and walked just one.

Wilhoft was the winning pitcher. He walked three Norton batters and struck out five.

NIGHTCAP VS. HAYS

The finale for the night was well played by both teams but Hays edged Norton 2-1.

Three walks and a hit allowed Hays to score one run in the top of the second. Neither team scored again until Hays got another run across the plate in the top of the fifth to lead 2-0.

In the bottom of the fifth and final inning, Norton had two outs when Zac Dreher walked and stole second. Landon Keiswetter doubled to drive Dreher home. Lane singled and Keiswetter, the potential tying run, ran to third but could not make it home. A third out ended the game with the Jays trailing 2-1.

Pitching was outstanding by both teams. Lane was on the mound for Norton. He pitched a one-hitter in a losing cause, struck out five batters and walked eight.

Winning pitcher was Clair. He allowed just three Norton hits, Landon Keiswetter's double and singles by Lane and Zach Bainter. He struck out six batters and walked five.

League-leading Hays extended their season record to 13-3. Norton dropped to 10-6 and from second in the league to third. Plainville moved up into second place.

More results from Division III boys

Brooks Motel 6

Engel's/NAPA 4

In the second game on June 22, Brooks scored two in the first from Jordan Wahlmeier and Trey Millan. In the third, John Renner, Wahlmeier and John Risewick each rounded the bases to score. Chris Fisher made the team's last scoring run in the fifth.

Engel's got on the board in the second with a run from Robert Blecha. Blecha scored again in the fourth, along with Tye Nickell and Carson McKenna.

Love's 14

Brooks Motel 3

On June 27, Loves got off to a three run lead in the first when Drew Ellis, Jacob Brooks and Joe LeClair rounded the bases to score. The second saw Daniel Field, Cassius Dole, Jordan Hartwell, Ellis and Brooks crossing home plate. Casey Temmel scored in the third, while Dole, Hartwell, Justin Waggoner, Ellis, and Brooks fin-

ished it off in the fourth.

Trey Millan made two of Brooks' three, one in the second and another in the fourth. Kurt Douglas rounded the bases to score in the third.

Love's 9

Brooks Motel 7

Brooks took the lead in the top of the first with two from Chris Fisher and Trey Millan. Treven Rossi and Kurt Douglas brought in another two in the second, followed by Jordan Wahlmeier and Trey Millan rounding the bases in the third. Fisher crossed home base a second time in the fourth, giving the team 7 runs.

Loves didn't score until the second when Joe LeClair, Damien Davis, Casey Temmel and Brett Pulec rounded the bases to score. They fell behind in the third, but then took the lead and the game in the fourth with one each from Davis, Temmel, Pulec, Daniel Field, and Gunnar Hays.

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