

Lady Storm goes 3-2 in Hill City

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Lady Storm Fast Pitch Softball Team compiled a 3-2 record in the Regional Tournament held Saturday and Sunday, July 1-2 in Hill City.

The Lady Jays had a good day on Saturday when they defeated Colby 8-5, outsourced Kansas Heat of Hoisington 13-5 and shutout Dodge City Magic 7-0. On Sunday, they lost 7-0 to Kansas Heat and 6-5 to Dodge City Magic.

"Things went great on Saturday but, on Sunday, everything we hit went right at them," said team manager Darin Campbell.

DEFEATED COLBY

The Lady Storm rallied in their opener to defeat Colby 8-5.

The Lady Eagles scored four runs in the top of the second inning to take a 4-0 lead.

Norton scored once in the bottom of the inning when Chantille Campbell led off by blasting a home run!

Colby's final run came in the top of the third inning to make it a 5-1 contest.

The Lady Storm scored seven runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to win 8-5. Campbell and Kylie Cooper both singled, Courtney LeClair walked and Amy Foster, Karlie Boyd, Danielle LeClair and Tiffany Long all hit safely and all scored. Pettibone was the losing pitcher. She allowed 11 Norton hits, walked two batters and struck out three.

Winning pitcher was Foster. She gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out six batters.

Campbell was leading hitter for Norton with a perfect 3-3, including her home run. Boyd and Foster were both 2-2 at the plate.

OUTSCORED KANSAS HEAT

The Lady Storm scored six runs in the first two innings to take a 6-4 lead over the Kansas Heat, then added five more runs in the third inning in their 13-5 victory.

Norton was the home team and batted last. In the bottom of the first inning, Danielle LeClair singled, Long walked and Campbell singled. LeClair and Long both scored to give the Lady Storm a 2-0 lead.

The Kansas Heat took a 4-2 lead by scoring four runs in the top of the second.

In the bottom of the second inning, the Lady Jays took the lead for good with four runs to go on top 6-4. Courtney LeClair walked, Foster singled, Lacey Roe was hit by a pitch and walked, Long tripled and Kayla Foley singled. LeClair, Foster, Roe and Long all tallied.

The Lady Storm put five more runs on the scoreboard in the bottom of the third stanza to extend their lead to 11-4. Courtney LeClair singled, Foster, Roe and Danielle LeClair walked and Long tripled for the second straight inning and all five scored.

Kansas Heat added one run in the top of the fourth inning to cut the Norton lead to 11-5.

The Heat did not score again. The Lady Storm added one more run in the bottom of the fifth inning when Foster doubled and scored and a final run in the bottom of the sixth when Long walked and Kylie Cooper singled and Long tallied to make the final score 13-5.

Courtney LeClair was the winning pitcher. She allowed six hits, walked four and struck out two batters.

Norton had nine hits. Long and Foster were leading hitters, both going 2-2 at the plate.

SHUTOUT DODGE CITY MAGIC

Foster pitched a four-hitter in Norton's 7-0 shutout of the Dodge City Magic. She also struck out nine batters and did not walk a single batter.

The Lady Storm scored one run in each of the first two innings. In the bottom of the first, Boyd led off with a triple and scored. In the bottom of the second, Foster doubled and scored.

The Lady Storm ran across four runs in the bottom of the third inning. Roe singled, Long doubled, Campbell and Foster both singled and Cooper doubled. Roe, Long, Campbell and Foster all scored.

Norton's final run came in the bottom of the sixth inning. Cooper walked and Foster and Roe both singled and Cooper scored.

Norton had eight hits in the win. Foster was leading hitter and went 2-3.

LOST TO HEAT

After losing to Norton on Saturday, the Kansas Heat turned the tables on the Lady Storm in their first of two games on Sunday, defeating the Lady Jays 7-0.

The Heat scored one run in the first inning, five in the third and one in the fourth.

The Lady Storm had just four hits in the game. Danielle LeClair and Foster each went 2-3 at the plate. One Norton batter struck out and one walked.

Losing pitcher was Long who gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out two batters.

LOST TO DODGE CITY MAGIC

The Dodge City Magic also got revenge on Sunday for a defeat by Norton on Saturday by edging the Lady Jays 6-5.

The Magic took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Norton added one run in the top of the second when Foley and Cooper both singled and Foley scored.

The Magic's last four runs came in the bottom of the second to give them a 6-1 advantage.

The Lady Storm tallied four runs in the top of the third. Courtney LeClair walked, Boyd doubled, Danielle LeClair, Long and Foley all singled, Campbell doubled, Foster walked and Cooper singled. Courtney LeClair, Boyd, Foley, and Campbell all scored.

Neither team scored the rest of the game and the Lady Jays had to settle for a 6-5 loss.

Norton had 13 hits in the game. Leading hitters for the Lady Storm were Foley and Cooper, each a perfect 3-3 at the plate and Long, 3-4.

Foster was the losing pitcher. She gave up just six hits, walked only one batter and struck out five.

NEXT ACTION

The Norton Legion team will compete in the State Softball Tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday in Topeka.

Their first game will be versus Team Rokk from Topeka at 9 p.m. tonight. A win tonight will advance the Lady Storm to a game at 11 a.m. on Saturday versus the winner of the game between the Lady Titans from Topeka and the Chiefs from Kiowa at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

K-18 baseball goes 1-1 with Hays

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team split a doubleheader with Hays in Hays on Monday evening.

The young Blue Jays lost the opener 10-2 but rallied in the second contest to win 16-2.

OPENER

In the first game, Hays took a 6-0 lead in the first inning.

Norton scored both of their runs in the top of the second inning. Zane Perez and Kaid McKenna both walked and Terrell Lane singled. Both Perez and McKenna tallied to make the score 6-2.

Norton was unable to score again, however, and Hays added one run in the bottom of the second inning, two in the bottom of the third and one in the bottom of the fourth to make the final 10-2.

Norton had just four hits in the game. Spencer Shirk was leading hitter, going 2-3 at the plate. Lane and Troy Bainter got Norton's other two hits.

Clair was the winning pitcher. In addition to allowing four Norton hits, he struck out 10 batters and walked five.

Shirk pitched the first two innings for Norton and was the losing pitcher. He gave up eight hits and walked two batters. Kaenon Keiswetter relieved him and allowed two hits, walked three and struck out one batter.

NIGHTCAP

The Blue Jays turned the tables on Hays in the second game. They scored nine runs in the first inning en route to an impressive 16-2 win over the league leaders.

With the win, Norton extended their winning record to 13-7.

Norton had two outs in the top of the first inning before recording six hits and nine runs. Zach Bainter doubled, Lane singled, Troy Bainter walked, Perez doubled, Kyle Mindrup singled, Kaenon Keiswetter, Ryan Blecha and Matt Stanley walked, Shirk singled and Zach Bainter doubled for the second time in the inning. Zach



Norton's Terrell Lane fired a fast ball for a strike during the K-18's loss by a score of 2-1 to Hays here on Wednesday, July 5. Lane allowed just one hit in the game. Norton also split a doubleheader at Hays on Monday evening.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Bainter, Lane, Troy Bainter, Perez, Mindrup, Kaenon Keiswetter, Blecha, Stanley and Shirk all scored.

Hays did not score in the bottom of the inning and Norton added four more runs to their total in the top of the second to extend their lead to 13-0. Perez walked, Mindrup and Kaenon Keiswetter both singled, Blecha and Stanley both walked and Shirk and Zach Bainter both singled. Perez, Blecha, Stanley and Shirk all scored.

Hays scored both of their runs in

the bottom of the second inning to cut the Norton lead to 13-2.

In the top of the third, the Blue Jays added one more run when Troy Bainter walked and scored later in the inning to extend the lead to 14-2.

The final two Norton runs came across the plate in the top of the fourth inning. Blecha singled and Zach Bainter drove him home with a blast that Bainter stretched all the way around the bases. He had a triple but made it home on a Hays error. Lane and Troy Bainter also singled in the inning but did not

score.

Zach Bainter, who relieved starting pitcher Perez after two innings, made Hays batters go three up, three down in the bottom of the third and fourth innings to preserve the 16-2 Norton victory.

Perez was the winning pitcher. He gave up seven hits and walked two batters. Bainter allowed no hits, walked one batter and struck out two.

The Norton bats were plenty loud in the game. The Blue Jays smashed 14 hits and no Norton batters struck out. Nine Norton batters walked.

Leading hitters for Norton were Zach Bainter, who was a perfect 4-4 at the plate; Lane, who was 2-3; Shirk, who went 2-4 and Mindrup, who was 2-2.

Nelson was the losing pitcher.

NEXT ACTION

Norton will compete in the Wildcat/Shocker Sub-Regional K-18 Baseball Tournament tonight, Saturday and Sunday in Plainville.

Also competing in the tournament and their records are: No. 1 seed Hays, 15-5; No. 2 seed Ellis, 20-0; No. 3 seed Plainville, 11-5; No. 4 seed Russell, 16-4; WaKeeney, 9-9; Ness City, 7-13; Smith Center, 5-12; Hill City, 2-18; Stockton, 4-15; Phillipsburg 7-11 and La Crosse, 4-14.

Norton will play Hill City at 8 p.m. on Friday on the Main Field. The winner will play Russell at 12 p.m. on Saturday on the Main Field. The loser will play at 11 a.m. on Sunday on the Auxiliary Field. The winner of the game with Russell will play in the semi-finals at 6 p.m. on Saturday on the Main Field. Winner of that game will play for the championship at 7 p.m. on Sunday on the Main Field.

The third place game will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday on the Main Field and the fifth place game will be at 5 p.m. on Sunday on the Auxiliary Field.

Norton Legion team loses doubleheaders

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion Baseball Team lost a doubleheader at Osborne by scores of 9-8 and 13-0 on July 2 and lost a doubleheader at Cambridge, Neb. by scores of 7-1 and 14-2 on July 6.

OPENER AT OSBORNE

In the opener at Osborne, Norton held a 4-2 lead after four innings but a big fifth inning by both teams put Osborne ahead 8-7. Osborne scored one more run in the bottom of the sixth inning and Norton tallied once in the top of the seventh to make the final 9-8 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Norton's lone run in the first inning came when Logan Keiswetter walked and Chris Davis brought him home with a single.

Osborne tied the score at 1-1 with a score in the bottom of the first.

The Blue Jays scored twice in the top of the third. Aaron Daniels and Keiswetter both singled and scored.

The Bulldogs added one run in the bottom of the third to cut the Norton lead to 3-2.

Norton tacked on a run in the top of the fourth when Nathan Morse and Andrew Soderlund both walked and scored to make it a 4-2 contest.

The Blue Jays tallied three more runs in the top of the fifth to extend their lead to 7-2. Jared Mindrup and Davis hit back-to-back singles. With two outs, Jordan

Durham singled and Morse doubled. Mindrup, Davis and Durham all scored.

In the bottom of the fifth, Osborne tallied six runs on five hits to take the lead for the first time. With Osborne on top 8-7, Norton was unable to score in the top of the sixth and the Bulldogs added a run in the bottom of the inning to lead 9-7.

Davis walked in the top of the seventh, Todd Zink was hit by a pitched ball and walked to put the tying runs on base. Durham was out on a fly ball but Davis scored to make it a 9-8 game. The Blue Jays were unable to get a tying or winning run and the Bulldogs survived with a 9-8 victory.

Norton had eight hits in the game. Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Davis, who was 2-3, and Durham, who went 2-4.

Burch started on the mound for Osborne. Worley relieved him in the fifth inning and was credited with the win.

Nathan Morse pitched the first three innings for Norton. He was relieved by Logan Keiswetter in the fourth. Davis relieved him in the sixth inning. Keiswetter was the losing pitcher.

Osborne had 13 hits, five Bulldogs walked and none struck out.

NIGHTCAP AT OSBORNE

Norton was limited to just two hits in the second game at Osborne and was shutout 13-0.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Clayton City Council Meeting

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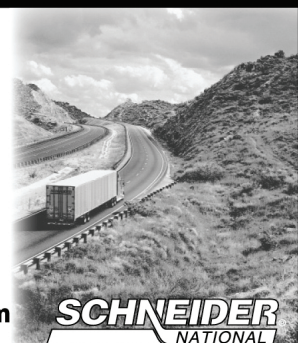
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