

# Norton K-18 takes 4th in sub-regional

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team compiled a 4-2 record in three days of games to place fourth in the Sub-Regional Tournament held Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 14, 15, 16 in Plainville.

The Blue Jays outscored Hill City 15-5 on Friday evening, then lost a 10-9 contest to Russell on Saturday. After defeating La Crosse 16-6 on Saturday afternoon, Norton beat Smith Center 27-23 on Sunday. The Blue Jays then defeated Plainville 26-24 in their second game on Sunday and ended Sunday evening with a 16-0 loss to Russell.

Ellis won the championship, Hays placed second, Russell was third and Phillipsburg finished in fifth place.

Norton qualified for the K-18 Regional Tournament which was held last weekend in Russell. Norton's first game was versus Colby Friday evening. Norton lost to Colby and the Eagles won the championship on Sunday evening.

"I was so proud of our players because of their attitudes," said coach Ward Foley.

"We cheered for each other and played hard. We were very supportive of one another. We never quit no matter how many runs down we were.

"In the second game with Russell, we played everyone on the roster. The regulars had already played six and one-half hours in 100 plus degree heat and we knew we'd already qualified for the regional tournament. It gave some of our other players some good experience and gave some relief to our normal starters.

"We have a very good team but we are very young. We'll have to play our best in the regional tournament or we'll struggle. I'm confident we will play our hardest and be supportive of each other and that's all we can ask."

## Defeated Hill City

Norton jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first three innings of their 15-5 win over Hill City in their tournament opener on Friday evening.

The Blue Jays tallied three runs in the bottom of the first inning. Terrell Lane was hit by a pitch and walked. Spencer Shirk singled, Matt Stanley walked and all three scored.

In the bottom of the second inning, Norton tallied 11 more runs to stretch their lead to 14-0. Kyle Mindrup and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked and Landon Hamel

blasted a triple. Lane doubled, Shirk singled, Zach Bainter, Stanley and Troy Bainter all walked. Mindrup and Kaenon

Keiswetter walked for the second time in the inning and Hamel and Shirk singled for their second hit of the inning and Brett Terrell got on base with a fielder's choice. All

except Terrell scored at least one run; Mindrup, Keiswetter and Hamel each tallied twice.

Neither team scored in the third inning. Hill City scored four runs

in the top of the fourth to make the score 14-4. Norton added one run to their total in the bottom of the inning to stretch their lead to 15-4. Kaenon Keiswetter walked and Shirk singled him home.

One final run by Hill City in the top of the fifth inning was too little, too late for the Ringnecks and Norton won 15-5.

Zach Bainter was the winning pitcher. Hill City had three hits, five struck out and three walked.

Ross was the losing pitcher. Norton got seven hits, nine walked and four struck out. Shirk was the leading hitter for Norton with a perfect 4-4 at the plate. Hamel went 2-2.

## Lost 10-9 to Russell

Norton played catchup in their game with Russell and took a 6-5 lead after five innings. Russell jumped back in the lead with five runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to record the win.

Russell took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Norton scored once in the top of the third when Kaenon Keiswetter was hit by a pitch and walked and scored later in the inning. One more run by Russell in the bottom of the inning made it a 4-1 game.

The Blue Jays added two runs in the top of the fourth. Stanley, Zane Perez and Troy Bainter all singled. Stanley and Bainter both scored to narrow the Russell lead to 4-3. One run by Russell in the bottom of the fourth made it 5-3.

The Blue Jays had a good top of the fifth as they scored three runs to take a 6-5 advantage. Lane walked, Shirk singled and Zach Bainter cleared the bases with a home run! Stanley, Perez and Troy Bainter all singled in the inning but were unable to score.

Norton extended their lead to 8-5 with two more runs in the top of the sixth. Lane walked, Zach Bainter doubled and Stanley singled. Lane and Bainter both scored.

In the bottom of the sixth, Russell took the lead for good by scoring five runs on two walks and three hits.

The Blue Jays tallied one more run in the top of the seventh when Ryan Blecha and Mindrup both singled and Blecha scored to make the final 10-9 in Russell's favor.

Winning pitcher was Deutscher. He allowed 16 Norton hits, walked four batters and struck out five.

Leading hitters for Norton were Stanley and Perez who were both 3-4. Troy Bainter was 2-3 at the plate.

Losing pitcher was Hamel. He allowed 10 hits, walked six and struck out four batters.

## Outscored La Crosse

On Saturday afternoon, Norton jumped on La Crosse early for an easy 16-6 victory.

La Crosse scored two runs in the top of the first inning to take a 2-0 lead.

Norton tallied five runs in the bottom of the first stanza, thanks to seven walks. Zach Bainter, Stanley, Troy Bainter, Perez, Zac Dreher, Kaenon Keiswetter and

Hamel all walked and Lane singled. Zach Bainter, Stanley, Troy Bainter, Perez and Zac Dreher all scored to give Norton a 5-2 lead.

La Crosse picked up one run in the top of the second to make it 5-3.

Norton added nine more to their total in the bottom of the second inning to go up 14-3. Zach Bainter and Stanley hit back-to-back doubles, Troy Bainter walked, Perez singled, Zac Dreher and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked, Hamel and Lane both singled, Shirk tripled and Zach Bainter singled for his second hit of the inning and all nine Norton batters scored.

The Blue Jays added one more run in the bottom of the third when Hamel singled and scored later in the inning to make it 15-3.

La Crosse ran three runs across home plate in the top of the fourth inning to cut the Norton lead to 15-6. Norton's final run came in the bottom of the fifth. Shirk tripled and Troy Bainter singled him home to make the final 16-6 in favor of the Blue Jays.

Hamel and Shirk shared pitching duties for Norton. La Crosse had eight hits, six walks and nine struck out.

Losing pitcher was Clinton. He allowed 11 Norton hits, walked 17 batters and struck out seven.

Leading hitter for Norton was Lane, who went 2-3. Shirk and Zach Bainter were both 2-4 and Hamel was 2-2.

## Beat Smith Center 27-23

Both teams had a lot of hits and lot of walks in Norton's 27-23 win over Smith Center on Sunday afternoon.

Norton took a 9-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Lane walked, Shirk singled, Zach Bainter, Stanley, Troy Bainter, Perez, Breyer Simmons, Kaenon Keiswetter and Hamel all walked and Lane and Shirk each singled in their second time to the plate in the inning. All but Hamel scored and Lane scored twice.

Smith Center scored four runs in the top of the second to make it 9-4, then added four more in the top of the third to make the score 9-8.

Norton ran one run across home plate in the bottom of the third to take a 10-8 advantage. Lane and Shirk both singled and Lane scored.

The fourth inning was a big one for both teams. Smith Center tallied seven runs to take a 15-10 lead. Not to be outdone by the Redmen, the Blue Jays crossed home plate 11 times in the bottom of the inning to go on top 21-15.

Stanley singled, Troy Bainter walked, Perez singled, Blecha and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked, Hamel got on base via an error, Lane tripled, Shirk doubled, Zach Bainter singled, Stanley doubled in his second time at bat in the inning and Perez, Blecha and Kaenon Keiswetter walked. All scored at least once; Stanley and Blecha scored twice in the inning.

One more run by Norton in the bottom of the fifth inning made it



Norton's Spencer Shirk belted a triple during the K-18 Blue Jays' 16-6 win over La Crosse in the sub-regional tournament in Plainville. Shirk hit two triples in the game.

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22-15. Stanley walked and scored.

The Redmen wouldn't quit. They tallied three more runs in the top of the sixth to make it a 22-18 contest. Not to be outdone, the Blue Jays tacked five more runs onto their total in the bottom of the sixth to take a 27-18 lead. Blecha and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked, Hamel singled, Lane walked, Shirk singled, Zach Bainter walked and Troy Bainter doubled. Blecha, Hamel, Lane, Shirk and Zach Bainter all scored.

Smith Center rallied in the top of the seventh and scored five more runs to come within four runs of Norton and make the final score 27-23 in favor of the Blue Jays.

Hamel, Lane, Troy Bainter and Zach Bainter shared pitching duties for Norton. Hamel pitched the first two innings and received the win. Lane pitched in the third inning, Troy Bainter in the third and fourth and Zach Bainter in the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh innings.

Smith Center had 14 hits, 14 walks and nine strike outs in the game.

Trevor Rempe was the losing pitcher. He gave up 14 Norton hits, walked 22 batters and struck out six.

Shirk and Lane were leading hitters for Norton. Shirk was a perfect 6-6 at the plate and Lane was a perfect 4-4. Stanley went 3-5 with the bat.

## Norton 26, Plainville 24

Later on Sunday afternoon, Norton edged Plainville in the Blue Jays' second straight high scoring contest.

The score was tied 5-all after two innings but Plainville took an 8-5 lead after three. Norton went ahead 15-12 by the end of four but trailed 18-17 after five innings. The Jays were still behind 24-21 heading into the seventh inning but added five more runs to earn the 26-24 victory!

Norton took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Lane and Shirk both singled, Zach Bainter doubled and Stanley singled. Lane, Bainter and Stanley all scored.

Plainville answered with four runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 4-3 lead. Two more runs by Norton in the top of the second put the Jays back on top 5-4. Kaenon Keiswetter and Hamel both walked, Lane singled and Shirk doubled. Hamel and Lane both scored.

Plainville tied it at 5-all with a single run in the bottom of the inning. Norton did not score in the top of the third but added three runs to their score in the bottom of the third to take an 8-5 lead.

The fourth inning belonged to Norton. The Blue Jays scored 10 big runs on nine hits. Lane walked, Shirk, Zach Bainter, Troy Bainter, Perez, Kaenon Keiswetter and Hamel all singled. The top of the batting order came up again and this time Lane doubled, Shirk singled and Zach Bainter tripled. Everyone scored at least once and Lane, Shirk and Zach Bainter tallied twice in the inning to put Norton ahead 15-8.

Plainville came through with four runs in the bottom of the inning to cut the Norton advantage to 15-12.

The Blue Jays added two more runs to their total in the top of the fifth to move ahead 17-12. Troy Bainter and Kaenon Keiswetter were each hit by a pitch and walked and both scored. Lane and Shirk both singled in the inning but did not score.

Plainville would not give up. The Cardinals took advantage of four hits and four walks in the bottom of the fifth to score six more runs and edge ahead 18-17.

The sixth was a big inning for both teams. Norton scored four runs to go ahead 21-18. Troy Bainter and Perez both singled, Kaenon Keiswetter doubled, Hamel walked and Lane doubled. Bainter, Perez, Keiswetter and

Hamel all scored.

In the bottom of the sixth, Plainville tacked on six more runs to take a 24-21 lead into the seventh inning.

The Blue Jays were equal to the occasion as they scored five more runs in the top of the seventh to take a 26-24 lead. Zach Bainter walked, Troy Bainter, Perez and Landon Keiswetter singled, Kaenon Keiswetter walked, Hamel, Lane and Shirk singled. Zach Bainter, Troy Bainter, Landon Keiswetter, Kaenon Keiswetter and Hamel all scored.

Plainville was three up, three down in the bottom of the seventh and Norton had an exciting 26-24 victory!

Losing pitcher was Darnell. He gave up 28 hits, walked seven and struck out seven.

Leading hitters for Norton were Lane, a perfect 6-6 and Shirk, who was 6-7. Zach Bainter went 3-4 at the plate and Troy Bainter was 3-5.

Lane pitched the first two innings for Norton. Hamel relieved him and hurled two innings. Zach Bainter finished on the mound for Norton. Plainville had 18 hits, 17 walks and seven strike outs.

## Lost to Russell

In the final game of the tournament for Norton, the Blue Jays lost 16-0 to Russell in three innings.

Russell scored three runs in the first inning and 13 in the second.

Winning pitcher was Plante. He did not allow any Norton hits.,

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