

Legion finalizes schedule, coaching staff

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion baseball team expects to play approximately 40 to 45 games this summer and will have some new opponents, according to head coach Joe Durham.

Colby and Stockton will be on the schedule along with Phillipsburg, Goodland, Plainville, Cambridge, Scott City, Smith Center and Osborne. They will compete in the Goodland Tournament where the Blue Jays will play teams from Colorado and Nebraska.

On two occasions, the Legion and the K-18 will play back-to-back games on the same night so local fans can enjoy a double-header featuring their Norton athletes in both age groups.

The season opens on May 30 in

Norton when the K-18 hosts Cambridge and the Legion plays them in the nightcap.

"Our schedule is the toughest it has been since I have been here," said coach Durham. "We will face at least five teams who play high school baseball."

Coaches for the 2007 American Legion baseball team are Joe Durham, manager and coach; Bill Manning, pitching coach; Lou Keiswetter, hitting coach; Steve Jeltz, all-around coach who brings major league expertise to the team.

"Coach Jeltz brings something to our team we have never experienced," said coach Durham. "His experience playing in major league games is something our young men can learn from and hopefully use."

"There are lots of talented men

in Norton who have coached at one time or another and they are welcome to come and help if they are able."

Practice schedule will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 1 p.m. at John Ryan Field

Coach Durham thanked the city council, the businesses of Norton for their donations and the Norton Recreation Commission for all they have done to help the young men of the K-18 and Legion teams. "The City's work on John Ryan Field and the backstop area has really improved our field," said coach Durham. "Just having a warm-up area for the pitchers is something we have always needed. The men from the Norton Correctional Facility have also done a lot of work to get our field

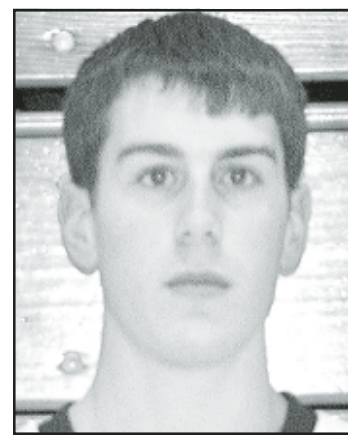
looking good.

"We thank everyone for the tremendous support."

The 15 players who have signed up to play for the Legion team this summer and their high school class based on this school year are: Nathan Morse, 2006 graduate; Chris Davis, Aaron Daniels, Jordan Durham, Logan Keiswetter, Blake Wolf, Todd Zink, seniors; Todd Bolt, Logan Runnion, Brian Ulmer, juniors; Jason Ulmer, Matt Stanley, Andrew Soderlund, sophomores; Logan Tuxhorn, Aaron Pulec, freshmen.

Young men in area communities that do not have a Legion team are eligible to play for the Norton team. Those interested should contact general manager Richard Miller at the Norton County Hospital.

The Journal honors two Norton players



Nic Lewis



Laura Lee Baird

By DICK BOYD

Nic Lewis, senior and Laura Lee Baird, sophomore, have received post-season honors from the *Salina Journal* newspaper for their basketball play in 2006-07.

Both received honorable mention on the *Journal's* 2007 All-Area Basketball Team.

Lewis was a 6-foot-4-inch forward who was Norton's leading scorer, leading rebounder and top shot blocker. He averaged 13.5 points per game, pulled down an average of 5.7 rebounds per contest and rejected 33 opponents' shots. He also led Norton in field goal shooting with 58.8 percent accuracy.

Baird was a 5'8" guard who was the leading scorer for the Lady Jays with a 15.9 points per game average. She hit 71 percent of her free throws to lead the Norton quintet in that category for the second straight season. She was also Norton's leading three-point shooter with an average of 36.6 percent. Baird was also the steals leader with 55 and third high in rebounds and assists.

Others honored

Named to the Girls First Team were: JuliAnne Chisholm, Hillsboro senior; Lissa Mazanec, Colby junior; Kati Pratt, Salina Sacred Heart junior; Jannica Schultze, Osborne senior and Kimber Weiser, Oakley junior.

Coach of the Year was Derek Bissitt, Colby.

Chosen on the Girls Second Team were: Whitney Archer, Goodland senior; Brittany Gasper, Tipton senior, Jordi James, McPherson junior; Lindsey Shamburg, Beloit senior and Katelyn Spresser, Golden Plains senior.

Selected to the Girls Third Team were: Jordan Crosson, Minneapolis senior; Adrianna Franch, Salina South sopho-

more; Amanda Morris, Salina Central senior; Emma Ostermann, Abilene junior and Rhys Pihl, Smoky Valley junior.

Girls honorable mention choices, in addition to Baird, included Callie Baalman, Oakley senior; Ashley Barnes, Colby senior; Rachel Belisle, Palco junior; Rebekah Burgess, Smith Center senior; Claire Cole, Kensington senior; Megan Dennis, Oakley senior; Lauren Fortin, Oberlin senior; Demi French, Osborne junior; Sarah Miller, Atwood junior; REXANNE SCHILOWSKY, Phillipsburg senior; Kendra Spresser, Golden Plains sophomore; Whitney Taylor, Ellis sophomore; Brea Teeter, Oakley junior and Nikki Welsh, Sharon Springs senior.

Chosen on the Boys First Team were: Jordan Crawford, McPherson senior; Bryson Flax, Southeast of Saline senior; Kyle Hammerschmidt, TMP-Marian senior; Justin Holcom, Smoky Valley senior and Ethan Kuhlmann, Kensington junior.

Coach of the Year was Jeff Crawford, Natoma.

On the Boys Second team were: Travis Blackwill, Quinter senior, Paul Bronson, Abilene senior; Chris Crawford, McPherson senior, Trevor Ottley, TMP-Marian senior and Jeff Reid, Brewster sophomore.

Selected to the Boys Third Team were: Grant Brown, Beloit junior; Jason Crawford, Natoma junior; Bryant Johnson, Concordia senior; Paul Kuhlman, Oakley senior and Stephen Shaw, Salina Central junior.

Boys honorable mention choices, in addition to Lewis, included Jarret Abell, Phillipsburg senior; Nick Angelos, Goodland senior; Jason Argabright, Atwood senior; Mikey Doll, Goodland senior; Brett Spresser, Golden Plains senior and Braden Wilson, Smith Center junior.

Junior Jay wrestlers face Stockton, Osborne

Here are the results of the Norton Junior High School wrestling dual with Stockton and Osborne. The report lists the Norton wrestlers first, S=Stockton and O=Osborne:

84-lb. Andy Nickell won by a fall in 4:42 over Haley Dix/S

92, Tye Nickell won by a fall in 3:03 over Josh Henke/O

100, Troy Bainter won by a fall in 1:37 over Diego Galloway/S

100, Robert Blecha lost a 0-5 decision to Seth Conway/O

105, Billy Broeckelman won by a fall in 3:28 over Andrew Plowman/O

100, Chance McMullen won by a fall in 3:02 over Quentin Patee/O

110, Landon Keiswetter won by a fall in 3:30 over Dylan Spears/O

115, Caleb Campbell won by a fall in 2:58 over Ethan Morgan/O

120, Spencer Shirk won by a fall in 2:32 over Brady Page/S

120, Damien Davis won by a fall in 3:25 over Austin Wieden/S

132, Brennon Salem won by a fall in 3:44 over Austin Hackerott/O

125, Kaid McKenna won by a fall in 3:05 over Connor Winters/S

145, Robert Blecha won by a fall in 3:11 over Wyatt Chestnut/S

152, Casey Timmel lost by a fall in :32 to Brice Grabarst/O

175, Terrell Lane won by a fall in 3:45 over Mike Schellenger/O

88, Colby Poage won by a fall in 2:58 over Josh Henke/O

80, R.J. Ellis won by a fall in 3:22 over Haley Dix/S

96, Brett Terrell won by a fall in 3:43 over Andrew Plowman/O

105, Billy Broeckelman won by a fall in 3:32 over Diego Galloway/S

100, Robert Blecha won by a fall in :17 over Quinton Patee/O

125, Kaid McKenna won by technical fall over Jacob Fielder/S

132, Rylee Stanley lost by a pin in 1:38 to Damon Schurr/O

145, Ryan Blecha won by a fall in 3:30 over Austin Hackerott/O

152, Anthony Wentz lost by a pin in 2:02 to Wyatt Chestnut/S

92, Tye Nickell of Norton won by a fall in 2:34 over Colby Poage/Norton

84, Andy Nickell of Norton won a 6-0 decision over R.J. Ellis/Norton

100, Troy Bainter of Norton won by a fall in 3:22 over Keegan Vanover/Norton

105, Justin Waggoner of Norton won by a fall in 2:11 over Chance McMullen/Norton

96, Brett Terrell of Norton won by a fall in 3:46 over Seth Conway/O

115, Brady Riggins of Norton

won by a fall in :22 over Kurt Douglas/Norton

120, Trey Millan of Norton won by a fall in 3:30 over Eric McDaniel/O

132, Brennon Salem of Norton won by a fall in 3:45 over MeMe Rogers/Norton

145, Ryan Blecha lost by a fall in 2:05 to Jonathan Bellerive/S

132, Rylee Stanley of Norton won by a fall in 2:05 over Connor Winters/S

160, Jeremy Sproul of Norton won by a fall in 3:28 over Marlin Pulec/S

Hwt, Tyler Lewis of Norton won by a fall in 1:49 over Anthony Wentz/Norton

110, Keegan Vanover of Norton won a 9-6 decision over Brady Riggins of Norton

125, Luke Ninemire of Norton won a 4-2 decision over Trey Millan/Norton

Northern Valley junior Huskies compete well in track

Junior High Boys

The Northern Valley 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys track team traveled to Smith Center to compete in the Kensington Invitational track meet on Monday, April 2. The Huskies did very well for their first meet of the season.

8th grade boys

3rd place

• Individual results

100m — 2nd Dusty Eagleburger, 5th Zachary Vincent

200m — 2nd Dusty Eagleburger, 4th Zachary Vincent

800m — 1st Colton Lowry 2:41

1600m — 5th Colton Lowry

75m hurdles — 5th Matthew

Dole

Triple jump — 2nd Dusty Eagleburger

Pole vault — 1st Matthew Dole 7'8"

Discus — 2nd Dusty Eagleburger

400m relay — 5th Lowry, Sain, Pinzenscham, Dole

800m relay — 4th Lowry, Sain, Pinzenscham, Harris

1600m relay — 3rd Pinzenscham, Harris, Gallentine, Sain

7th grade boys

2nd place

• Individual results

800m — 2nd Gunnar Hays

1600m — 1st Gunnar Hays 6:07

200m — 6th Austin Herman

75m hurdles — 2nd, Austin Herman, 4th Nate Land

High jump — 3rd Tyler Montgomery, 5th Zane Miller

Triple jump — 2nd Austin Herman

Long jump — 5th Austin Herman

Discus — 2nd Dillon Hogan, 3rd Nate Land

400m relay — 4th Hays, Bach, Land, Montgomery

800m relay — 2nd Hays, Bach, Land, Miller

6th grade boys

1st place

• Individual results

200m — 1st, Alex Tharman

800m — 1st Tyson Callaway

1600m — 1st Tyson Callaway

75m hurdles — 1st Phillip Compton, 2nd Tyson Callaway

Long jump — 1st Phillip Compton

Shot — 3rd Alex Tharman

Discus — 1st Phillip Compton, 2nd — Alex Tharman

Junior High Girls

The Northern Valley Junior High track girls took part in the April 2 meet at Kensington and came away with some impressive performances.

Here are the results:

6th grade girls

1st place with 156 points.

• Individual results

50 meter — McKinsey Evans

2nd, Shelia Stillion 3rd

75 Meter — Regan Simpson 1st

(11.57), Olivia Lowry 4th

100 meter — Shelia Stillion

2nd, Olivia Lowry 4th

200 meter — Regan Simpson

1st (32.46)

400 meter — McKinsey Evans

2nd, Shelia Stillion 3rd

800 meter — McKinsey Evans

1st (3:41.03), Olivia Lowry 2nd

1600 meter — Regan Simpson

1st (7:02.56)

75 Hurdles — Erika Chandler

1st (15.21)

Long Jump — Erika Chandler

3rd

75 meter hurdles — Ashley Constable 1st (15.98)

High Jump — Kelsey Raburn

3rd

Long Jump — Melissa Hawks

1st (13' 7 1/2")

Triple Jump — Melissa Hawks

1st (25' 5"), Kynzie Stevens 5th

Softball Throw — Kenzi Husted 2nd, Katie Stillion 4th

Shot Put — Cassie Field 2nd, Katie Stillion 3rd

Discus — Sarah Whitney 2nd, Cassie Field 3rd, Katie Stillion 4th

400 meter relay, 1st place

1:00.71 — Hawks, Constable,

Raburn, Whitney

800 meter relay, 3rd — K. Stillion, Whitney, Husted, Stevens

8th grade girls

5th place 51 points

• Individual results

100 meter — Kenzi Chandler

5th

200 meter — Kenzi Chandler

2nd, Staci Dole 4th

400 meter — Staci Dole 3rd

800 meter — Kayla Field 3rd

3200 meter — Kayla Field 2nd

Triple Jump — Staci Dole 1st

(27' 11")

Long Jump — Staci Dole 4th

75 Hurdles — Kayla Field 6th

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