

Logan's McElroy big plus for West team

By DICK BOYD

Tim McElroy, a 6-foot-1-inch, 270 pound tackle from Logan, was a stalwart in the line for his West team in the 22nd annual 8-Man All Star Football Game last Saturday in Beloit.

Games were played among Division I and II all stars. McElroy played for the West team in the Division II game on Saturday morning, which was won by the East 16-8.

The West won the Division I game in the afternoon by a 42-30 score.

McElroy played much of the game for the West. He started on offense, where he played most of the game, and also saw considerable action on defense.

The largest player on his West team, McElroy did an outstanding job of blocking East players to give West running backs a chance to make crucial yards.

There was no score after the first quarter. The game remained scoreless until 1:18 remained in the second quarter and the East scored on a 46 yard screen pass from Hope quarterback Tanner Anderson to Axtell fullback Shawn Reinecke. Anderson ran the extra points, giving the East an 8-0 lead at half-time.

The West kicked off to start the

second half, held the East and drove down the field to score. Victoria quarterback Cody VonLintel connected on an 18-yard pass to Brian Gerber of Ingalls to set up a first down on the 1-yard line. With McElroy leading the way, VonLintel scored for the West.

VonLintel also ran for two extra points to tie the score at 8-all with 4:28 left in the third quarter.

The East scored their final touchdown on an 11 yard pass from Anderson to Reinecke with 56 seconds left in the third quarter. Anderson ran for two points to give the East a 16-8 advantage.

After the kickoff, the West drove to the East 30-yard line before the East defense stiffened and took over possession of the football. The East then put together a drive of their own and threatened to score again. They reached the West 10-yard line for a first and goal.

On first down, McElroy threw a monkey wrench in the East's plans to score as he muscled through an East blocker and threw the East ball carrier to the ground like a rag doll for a four yard loss!

Uncertain about their chances of running with McElroy anchoring the West line, the East tried a pass on second down but it was inter-

cepted by the West's Jeremiah Williams and returned to the West 33-yard line. Unfortunately for the West, they were unable to drive for the game tying touchdown as the East intercepted a pass and returned it to the West 38.

The West defense was equal to the occasion, held the East once again and took over the ball with renewed hopes of driving for a tying score. The West offense got a big jump start when they lined up so that tackle McElroy would be eligible for a pass.

The East defense did not realize he was running out for a pass until it was too late. VonLintel fired a pass toward McElroy. It was a little high but the 270 pound Trojan showed his athleticism by leaping high in the air to make an over-the-head catch! The pass completion covered 24 yards.

The West was denied again, however, as the East intercepted another VonLintel pass with 1:43 remaining in the game to end the West's chances of tying the contest.

McElroy, who was the state champion in both the shot put and discus this past season, will throw the weights in college for Fort Hays State University.

He is the son of Glenda and Mickie McElroy of Logan.



Logan's athletic 270 pound tackle Tim McElroy, who played for the West in the 8-Man All Star Football Game, was a hard young man for the East defense to get past. Here he is shown using his brawn to pass block for his quarterback, which he did very successfully throughout the game. McElroy also manhandled defenders while blocking on running plays and was also dominating on defense. — Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton's American Legion baseball team 5-7 for season

By DICK BOYD

After two very early season wins at Minneapolis, the Norton American Legion baseball team lost 12-7 and 2-1 at Cambridge, Neb. on May 30; defeated Alma, Neb., 10-0 and 13-3 at Alma on June 3; defeated Stockton 8-2 and lost to the Tigers 8-5 on June 6 in Norton; played in the Goodland Tournament on June 8-9-10, where they lost 14-1 to Colby, lost 18-2 to Burlington, Colo. and lost 15-5 to Goodland and played Smith Center Tuesday evening at Smith Center where the Redmen won 10-0 in a rain-shortened contest.

CAMBRIDGE

Norton took a 3-1 lead in the top of the second inning when Nathan Morse walked, Logan Keiswetter singled and Blake Wolf got on base and all three scored.

Cambridge scored three runs in the bottom of the third

Norton made it 4-all with a run in the top of the fourth when Keiswetter singled and was driven home by Matt Stanley. Four runs by Cambridge in the bottom of the stanza put the home team on top 8-4 and four more tallies in the bottom of the fifth extended their advantage to 12-4.

In the top of the sixth, Norton added one run when Stanley was hit by a pitch, stole second and scored when Garrett Tacha sacrificed him home. The Blue Jays scored their final two runs in the top of the seventh. Todd Zink, Chris Davis both walked, Keiswetter singled and Zink and Davis both scored.

Norton had five hits, six batters walked and five struck out. Leading hitter for Norton was Keiswetter, who went 3 for 4.

Keiswetter was the losing pitcher. He gave up eight hits and walked nine batters.

In the nightcap, Norton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the third inning when Keiswetter, Zink and Jordan Durham walked and Keiswetter scored. Cambridge tallied two runs in the bottom of the fourth to win 2-1.

Norton had just three hits, one each by Keiswetter, Wolf and Morse. Seven Blue Jays walked. Korte was the winning pitcher.

Losing pitcher was Davis who allowed only two hits and walked just two batters.

Due to conditions beyond the control of the City of Norton, the Legion team was unable to practice for more than two weeks prior to the Cambridge games.

"That affected our play," said coach Joe Durham. "Being a field short caused us some heartache and misery. Hill City has a very nice four field complex where the boys and girls play. Steve Schrum, director of the Norton Recreation Committee, has been working hard to get government assistance so Norton can have such a com-

plex. Steve says the big holdup right now is getting the land for such a complex.

"Having a nice baseball and softball complex will only benefit the players and improve their skills.

"Cambridge is a well coached team that doesn't make many mistakes. We made too many errors and they capitalized on every one.

"We were as talented as Cambridge but they were better disciplined. The first game was not one of our better showings but we played more relaxed and disciplined in the second game and it showed. Our teamwork in the second game was what we have been preaching."

ALMA

Morse got his first start of the season against Alma and shutout the visitors. Alma batters were three up, three down in each inning.

Norton scored four runs in the bottom of the first. Keiswetter and Tacha walked, Durham tripled, Stanley and Brian Ulmer both singled and Keiswetter, Tacha, Durham and Stanley all scored.

Keiswetter singled in the bottom of the second and scored to make it 5-0. In the bottom of the third, Durham walked, Wolf doubled and Stanley walked and all three scored.

Norton's final two runs came in the bottom of the fourth when Aaron Daniels walked, Durham doubled, Wolf singled and Daniels and Durham both scored to make the final 10-0.

Morse was the winning pitcher, allowing Alma just one hit and walking just one.

Matt Hoxmeier was the losing pitcher. He gave up seven Norton hits and walked five. Leading Norton hitters were Durham, 2 for 3, and Wolf, 2 for 2.

In the nightcap, Norton scored eight runs in the bottom of the first inning. Keiswetter walked, Zink doubled, Daniels singled, Davis and Durham both doubled, Morse walked, Logan Tuxhorn, Keiswetter and Zink singled. Keiswetter scored twice and Zink, Daniels, Davis, Durham, Morse and Tuxhorn each scored once.

Three more Norton runs in the bottom of the second stanza made it 11-0. Wolf singled, Morse tripled, Tuxhorn singled, Aaron Pulec walked, Keiswetter doubled and Wolf, Morse and Tuxhorn scored.

After Alma scored twice in the top of the third, Norton added one more run in the bottom of the inning. Davis walked and Durham doubled him home.

Alma added a run in the top of the fourth and Norton scored their final run in the bottom of the fourth when Ulmer singled and Tacha doubled him home to make the final 13-3.

Norton batters walked. Leading Norton hitters were Keiswetter, Zink and Tuxhorn, who all went 2 for 3 at the plate. Losing pitcher was Boehler.

Winning pitcher was Davis, who pitched two no-hit innings and was relieved by Tacha in the third inning. Alma had just two hits and two Alma batters walked.

"Pitching will be our Achilles heel all year so training other young men to pitch is our number one goal," said coach Durham. "In his first start as a pitcher, Nate Morse pitched four shutout innings. I was very proud of Nate. He took all the advice that coach Kevin Jilka had been showing our pitchers and applied it.

"Our team is blessed with three solid catchers and four other young men with previous catching experience. Jordan Durham, Matt Stanley and Logan Tuxhorn, who just moved here from Smith Center, are three very solid and capable catchers. Chris Davis, one of our starting pitchers, and Nate Morse have also caught this year. Along with Brian Ulmer and Aaron Daniels, we have a few young men who have caught and that makes our team much stronger down the road.

"Being interchangeable at different positions will only help our team. Being able to move Blake Wolf or Andrew Soderlund or Todd Zink from the infield to the outfield and keeping the same intensity that they had in the infield is a blessing that any coach desires.

"We welcome Garrett Tacha and Jacob Bracht, who played for Gove County last year. Due to a lack of players, they did not have a team this year. They have been traveling about an hour one way to practices so they are serious about playing ball. Aaron Pulec and Logan Rynnion didn't play with us last year and they are learning the game from Steve Jeltz, one of the best coaches that I have seen."

STOCKTON

In the opener, Stockton took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first and added another run in the top of the second to take a 2-0 advantage.

Norton tallied seven big runs in the bottom of the second. Wolf singled, Tacha was hit by a pitch, Morse walked, Soderlund and Keiswetter both singled, Zink and Davis both doubled and Wolf singled again. Wolf, Tacha, Morse, Soderlund, Keiswetter, Zink and Davis all scored.

Norton tallied one more time when Morse singled, Soderlund was hit by a pitch, Keiswetter walked and Daniels singled and Soderlund scored to make the final 8-2 in favor of the Blue Jays.

Norton collected 12 hits and five Blue Jay batters walked. Leading hitters were: Wolf and Keiswetter, both 2 for 3 and Zink and Daniels, both 2 for 4.

Keiswetter, who allowed just four hits and walked one batter when he hit him with the ball.

Losing pitcher was T. Barned. Norton had twice as many hits as Stockton in the nightcap but still lost 8-5.

Stockton scored twice in the top of the first and Norton added a run when Davis got on base and scored. Four more runs by the Tigers in the top of the second put them on top 6-1.

Norton tallied twice in the bottom of the third to make it 6-3. Zink, Keiswetter and Tacha all singled and Zink and Keiswetter scored.

The Blue Jays tacked on two more runs in the bottom of the fourth when Rynnion and Zink both got on base and scored to cut the Stockton lead to 6-5.

Stockton scored twice more in the top of the fifth and Norton was unable to get a rally going in the bottom of the inning.

Norton had eight hits in the game and four Norton batters walked. Keiswetter and Davis were both 2 for 3 at the plate and Zink was 2 for 2.

Zink was the losing pitcher. He gave up four hits and walked four.

N. Palmer was the winning pitcher.

"This was a night when kite flying would have been fun," said Norton coach Durham. "This was the first time in my three years here that we have played Stockton and it was good to play them. Stockton had a very young coaching staff and they had their players prepared and ready to play.

"Logan Keiswetter pitched a complete game in getting the victory in the opener. He is one of those pitchers you love to have on your team. He has what coaches call a rubber band arm and is able to recover quickly. He is always ready to pitch when you need him.

"Injuries are part of the game and right now we are getting our fair share of them. Being able to play our players in different positions will help us in the long run. We are focusing on the play of our outfield. Not giving up the extra base and cutting off the ball and making a crucial catch will be a key factor for this team.

"In the second game, we pitched Todd Zink, who is one of our players we are teaching to pitch. Todd did a nice job at the beginning but the wind didn't allow him to get into any kind of groove and that affected his control. By the time he got settled down, Stockton had scored six runs and we were not able to make up the difference.

GOODLAND TOURNEY
Norton played Colby first in the Goodland Tournament. The Blue Jays had just five hits and no walks in the 14-1 loss.

Colby scored three runs in the second inning, one in the third, three in the fourth, one each in the

fifth and sixth and five in the seventh.

Norton's single run came in the sixth inning when Keiswetter, Daniels and Davis singled and Keiswetter scored.

Keiswetter, Daniels, Davis, Wolf and Rynnion each got one hit.

Morse was the losing pitcher. He gave up 18 hits and walked seven batters.

Jeremy Dietz was the winning pitcher.

In the next game, Norton lost 18-2 to Burlington.

The Blue Jays tallied once in the first inning when Daniels, Keiswetter and Wolf singled and Daniels scored and once in the second inning when Tuxhorn walked and Daniels singled and Tuxhorn scored.

Burlington scored four runs in the first, four in the second and ten in the fourth inning.

Losing pitcher was Davis. He gave up 20 hits and walked three batters.

Norton had six hits in the game. Daniels and Keiswetter both were 2 for 2. Only one Norton batter walked.

In their tourney finale, Norton lost 15-5 to Goodland.

Goodland took a 10-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Norton scored once in the top of the second when Tuxhorn doubled, Ulmer singled, Bracht walked and Tuxhorn scored.

Goodland added a run in the bottom of the second. Norton scored once in the top of the third when Davis tripled and Tuxhorn singled him home to make it an 11-2 game.

Goodland scored once in the bottom of the third and three times in the bottom of the fourth to make it 15-2.

The Blue Jays could manage only three runs in the top of the fifth. Davis walked, Wolf singled, Tacha tripled and Tuxhorn singled and Davis, Wolf and Tacha all scored to make the final 15-5.

Norton had nine hits and three Norton batters walked. Leading hitters were Davis, 2 for 2; Tuxhorn, 3 for 3 and Davis, 2 for 2.

Keiswetter was the losing pitcher. He gave up 13 hits and walked three batters. The winning pitcher was Elder.

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