

Division II boys' ball exciting

Division II baseball at Ward Field provided some excitement for June games up through the 8th. Here is a recap.

June 4 — Farm Bureau 8, Credit Union 11

Following a rain delay, Farm Bureau started off slow with only Rhett Blecha and Derick Campbell scoring.

Credit Union's James Davis, Phillip Boutwell and Kendall Miller each scored one run to end the first inning.

With assistance of two runs each by Rhett Blecha and Breven Sondergard and one run each by Jordan Karnopp and Gavin Lively, Farm Bureau ended the evening with 8 runs.

Credit Union ended the night on top with one run each by James Davis, Quinton Porter, Kendall Miller, Cameron Heikes, Jessie Courtain, Andrew Bashford, Steve Cummings and Chris Reynolds.

Kowpoke Supply 9, Valley Hope 2

Kowpoke's Clint Cole and Brant Cox each scored one run in the 1st inning. Although scoreless in the 2nd and 5th innings, Clint Cole, Ame Baird, Kobie Unterseher, Cody Land, Eli Lowry, Camden Cox and Jason each scored one run for Kowpoke closing out the game with 9 runs.

Valley Hope was held to only 2 runs which were scored by Dalton Pfannenstiel and Christian Boser.

June 6 — Credit Union 15, Valley Hope 12

Credit Union came out swinging, scoring 5 runs in each of the first 3 innings. James Davis, Quinton Porter, Luke Keilig and Kendall Miller rounded the bases twice with Phillip Boutwell, Connor Cox, Devon Lamborn, Mikey Cliff, Jessie Courtain and Chris Reynolds each scoring 1 run to total 15.

Valley Hope's bats, while not silent, fell short. Christian Boser, Skyler Johnson and Alec Otter crossed home plate for two runs. Scoring 1 run for Valley Hope was Jared Tallent, Weston Erbert, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Chandler Sumner Nic Koch and Derek Rowh.

Farm Bureau 2, Kowpoke Supply 13

Kowpoke Supply started swinging and didn't stop. Clint Cole, Ame Baird and Kobie Unterseher each scored 2 runs with Macy Kasson, Gabriel Anderson, Stewart Whitney, Camden Cox, Colton Bach, Brant Cox, Matt Stutsman and Cody Land each scoring a run.

Rhett Blecha and Jordan Karnopp each scored in the 3rd inning for Farm Bureau.

June 8 — Kowpoke Supply 17, Credit Union 10

After a scoreless 1st inning, Kowpoke stepped up to the plate with Kobie Unterseher scoring 3 runs to lead his team to a win over their opponent.

Matt Stutsman, Brant Cox, Camden Cox, Ame Baird and Eli Lowry each scored 2 runs.

Colten Bach, Cody Land, Stewart Whitney and Macy Kasson each 1 run for Kowpoke.

Credit Union started strong scoring 5 runs in the first and second innings, but was unable to overpower Kowpoke.

James Davis and Luke Keilig each scored 2 runs. Quinton Porter, Connor Cox, Kendall Miller, Devon Lamborn, Mikey Cliff and Andrew Bashford each scored 1 run.

Valley Hope 21, Farm Bureau 15

With a strong 5th inning, Valley Hope was victor of the evening with three runs by Alec Otter, Weston Erbert, Brendon Frack, Chandler Sumner, Christian Boser, Nic Koch and Derek Rowh each scored 2 runs.

Scoring 1 run were James Berry, Jared Tallent, Dalton Pfannenstiel, Skyler Johnson, Andrew McMullen and Nick Peterson.

Farm Bureau's Jordan Karnopp rounded the bases 3 times, followed by 2 runs each by Kaleb Tuxhorn, Breven Sondergard, Rhett Blecha, Derick Campbell and Tyler Kuhn.

Trenton Sprague and Gavin Lively each scored 1 run.



Out? Safe? What?

A collision between a Smith Center player and Norton catcher Kaid McKenna at home plate during K-18 baseball action in Norton last Tuesday evening resulted in the Redman being called out even though McKenna dropped the ball. The rules state that the runner must slide under these circumstances.

— Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Norton K-18 baseball picks up double-header victories

By DICK BOYD

The Norton K-18 baseball team won a double-header from Smith Center at John Ryan Field on Tuesday evening. The young Blue Jays outscored the Redmen 8-3 in the opener, then defeated the visitors 5-3 in the nightcap.

OPENER

Smith Center took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Norton tied it at 1-1 in the bottom of the second. Landon Hamel walked and Kaid McKenna singled him home. Five Norton players crossed home plate in the bottom of the third inning. Brett Terrell, Landon Keiswetter and Hamel all

walked, Ryan Blecha doubled, McKenna singled and Andrew Otter walked. Terrell, Keiswetter, Hamel, Blecha and McKenna scored to put Norton on top 6-1.

Smith Center added two runs in the top of the fourth to make it a 6-3 game. Norton scored two more runs in the bottom of the fourth to make the final 8-3. Robert Blecha, Bainter and Trey Millan all singled and Blecha and Bainter scored.

Norton had six hits, six Blue Jay batters walked and just one struck out.

Leading hitter for Norton was McKenna, who went 2 for 2. Winning pitcher was Bainter.

He allowed six hits, struck out six and walked two.

NIGHTCAP

The second game was much closer but the Blue Jays still prevailed, this time 5-3. The Redmen took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first but Norton tallied twice in the bottom of the inning to go on top 2-1. Landon Keiswetter walked, Hamel and Ryan Blecha both singled and Keiswetter and Hamel scored.

Smith Center answered with two more runs in the top of the second to take a 3-2 advantage.

The young Blue Jays tied it at 3-3 all with another run in the bottom

of the second. Robert Blecha singled, Dakota Dreher, Keiswetter and Bainter walked and Millan got on base via an error. Hamel scored. Norton took the lead for good with one run in the top of the third. Hamel got on base via an error and Robert Blecha singled him home.

The Blue Jays added an insurance run in the bottom of the

fourth. Otter was hit by a pitch and scored following two Smith Center errors to make the final 5-3.

Norton had just four hits in the game, five walks and three struck out. Leading hitter for Norton was Robert Blecha, who was 2 for 2.

Winning pitcher was Hamel. He allowed five hits, struck out eight and walked four batters.

Local track-field participants tops

Norton, Northern Valley and Logan athletes were among the best track and field performers in all enrollment classes in the *Salina Journal* circulation area in 2007 and were listed on their final season honor roll.

GIRLS

Norton sophomore Laura Lee Baird had the second best time in the 800 meter run with a 2:19.60, which was a new school record. She also had the third best time in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 58.40.

Lady Jay sophomore Hayli Bozarth had the third best distance in the shot put with a heave of 40'2.75" and fourth best throw in the discus with a distance of 132'2", which was a new school record and won the silver medal at the state meet.

Northern Valley freshman Alison Cole won the gold medal in the high jump at the state meet by clearing 5'4", which tied her school record.

Norton freshman Hannah Waggoner had the seventh best time in the 200 meter dash with a 26.56 and eighth best in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.64.

Lady Jay junior Courtney LeClair had the eighth best time in the 300 meter hurdles with a clocking of 48.46 and ninth best in the 100 meter hurdles in 15.65.

Norton's 1600 meter relay team of LeClair, Waggoner, Baird and sophomore KaraJo Jones had the tenth best time with a 4:13.88.

BOYS

Norton senior Jared Engelbert recorded the best time in the 800 meter run with 1:56.41, which he ran in the state track meet where he

missed a gold medal by a whisker.

Engelbert combined with seniors Blake VanEaton and Logan Keiswetter and sophomore Zach Bainter to win the gold at the state meet with a school record time of 8:07.57. That time ranked second in the honor roll to Hays High.

The Blue Jay boys had the fourth best time in the 1600 meter relay. Running for Norton were Engelbert, VanEaton, senior Kent Mann and junior Logan Kats. They were timed in 3:29.17.

VanEaton recorded the fifth best time in the 200 meter dash with a 22.59 and tenth best in the 400 meter dash with a 51.69.

Junior Jared Cox had the fifth best 300 meter hurdles time with a clocking of 41.06 and was sixth best in the 110 meter hurdles in

15.45. Norton junior Wes Georgeson had the ninth best 110 meter hurdles clocking with a 15.54.

Norton senior Brett Thomson recorded the sixth best distance in the long jump with a leap of 21'5.75".

Norton senior Nic Lewis was eighth best in the triple jump with a distance of 42'10.5".

Blue Jay senior Nathan Broeckelman was seventh best in the pole vault with a height of 13'.

Logan senior Tim McElroy was a double gold medal winner at the state track meet. He won the shot put with a school record heave of 54'6", which was third best on the honor roll. McElroy also won the discus and was second best on the honor roll with a 170'5".

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