

# Norton Legion baseball picks up four victories

By **DICK BOYD**

The Norton American Legion baseball team created nothing but bad luck for Phillipsburg on Friday, July 13 as they rolled over the Panthers 18-3 and 15-1 in a double-header played at Phillipsburg, then edged Osborne 5-4 and 9-8 in a double-header here on Sunday.

## PHILLIPSBURG

In the opener, Norton did not score in the top of the first but made up for it with six runs in the top of the second. Nathan Morse singled, Todd Zink bunted safely, Matt Stanley, walked, Logan Tuxhorn, Aaron Daniels, Logan Keiswetter and Jordan Durham all singled. Morse, Zink, Stanley, Tuxhorn, Daniels and Keiswetter all crossed home plate.

A run by Norton in the top of the third extended the Blue Jay lead to 7-0. Stanley singled and Tuxhorn doubled him home.

Norton scored again in the top of the fourth when Chris Davis and Garrett Tacha both singled and Tacha tallied.

The Blue Jays weren't finished as they ran across 10 more runs in the top of the fifth. Zink singled, Stanley and Tuxhorn both walked, Daniels doubled, Keiswetter and Davis both singled, Durham walked, Morse got on base via an error, Zink doubled, Tuxhorn singled and Daniels doubled for the second time in the inning. Stanley, Daniels, Keiswetter, Davis, Durham and Morse each scored once and Zink and Tuxhorn each tallied twice.

Phillipsburg scored their three runs in the bottom of the fifth to make the final 18-3. Norton's bats were booming as the Blue Jays blasted 17 hits, five walked and four struck out.

Leading hitters for Norton were Tuxhorn, 3 for 3; Zink, 3 for 4; Daniels, 3-5; Keiswetter, 2 for 4 and Davis, 2 for 4. Keiswetter was the winning pitcher. He allowed just four hits, walked five and struck out four.

"Logan really pitched well," said Norton head coach Joe Durham. "He didn't give up a run

until the last inning and, by that time, the game was already decided.

"All of our players are hitting the ball and that is letting Logan relax and just pitch."

The nightcap was more of the same for Norton as the Blue Jays again did not allow a Phillipsburg run until the final inning.

Norton tallied five times in the top of the second. Durham and Morse both walked, Zink, Brian Ulmer and Keiswetter all singled. Durham, Morse, Zink, Ulmer and Keiswetter crossed home plate.

In the top of the third, Norton scored twice when Tacha walked, Durham singled, Morse and Zink both walked, Logan Runnion singled and Tacha and Morse tallied.

Three more Norton runs were scored in the top of the fourth when Keiswetter was hit by a pitch and advanced, Davis and Tacha both walked and Morse and Zink both singled and Keiswetter, Davis and Tacha all scored.

The Blue Jays finished with five more runs in the top of the fifth. Runnion singled, Daniels walked, Keiswetter and Tacha both singled, Durham blasted a triple, Morse and Zink both walked. Runnion, Daniels, Keiswetter, Tacha, and Durham all tallied.

Phillipsburg's lone run in the bottom of the fifth made the final 15-1.

Again, the Norton bats were active. The Blue Jays pounded out 12 hits, 10 Norton batters walked and three struck out.

Leading hitters for Norton were Keiswetter, 2 for 2; Zink, 2 for 2, Durham, 2 for 3 and Runnion, 2 for 4.

Winning pitcher was Davis. He gave up just five hits, walked three and struck out nine Panthers.

"Chris copied Logan in the second game by not allowing a run until the fifth inning," said coach Durham.

"Right now, we are playing good baseball. We have 15 young men who come to play and they play hard."

## OSBORNE

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## BOYS

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Troy Hackney, Hays, with close ties to Norton, is in third with a 38.24 in 1993 and Travis Vallin, Northern Valley, is fourth best with a 38.30 in 1987.

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Sloan is also tied for 12th best in the 110 meter hurdles with a clocking of 14.20 in 2004 and is 20th with a clocking of 14.30 in 2003.

Norton's Neal Philpot threw the discus 185'6" in 2000 and that is the tenth best on the 30-year list. Logan's Nathan Jones recorded a 182'6" in 1998 and it ranks 14th. Ryan Manning of Norton is 18th on the list with a throw of 181'7" in 1994.

Jeremy Lehning of Logan ranks fifth in the old javelin with a throw of 224'5" in 1995.



The Norton American Legion's third baseman Todd Zink took a great throw from left fielder Matt Stanley to put out a sliding Smith Center player during action at John Ryan Field in Norton on July 5. The Blue Jays split a double-header with Smith Center.

The Blue Jays split a double-header with Smith Center. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

The double-header with Osborne in Norton on Sunday evening treated the fans to two close, exciting games.

In the opener, neither team scored until the second inning when the visitors took a 1-0 lead. Norton tied it in the bottom of the inning when Morse hit safely, stole second and third and scored.

Osborne was three up, three down in the top of the third and Norton edged ahead 2-1 in the bottom of the inning. Daniels and Davis both hit safely and Daniels scored.

Osborne jumped out in front again with two runs in the top of the fourth to make it 3-2. One Norton run in the bottom of the inning tied it at 3-all. Durham walked, stole second and third and scored.

The Bulldogs were three up, three down in the top of the fifth and Norton added a run in the bottom of the inning to go ahead 4-3. Tuxhorn, Keiswetter and Tacha all hit safely and Tuxhorn tallied.

Keiswetter, who had relieved Tacha on the mound in the fourth inning, retired the Osborne batters in quick succession in the top of

the sixth but Norton also was unable to score in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the seventh, Osborne scored once to tie the game at 4-4.

In the bottom of the inning, Daniels and Davis both hit safely and Daniels scored to earn Norton the 5-4 victory.

Norton had 10 hits, one walk and one strike out. Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Daniels, 3 for 4 and Davis, 2 for 3.

Keiswetter was the winning pitcher. Osborne got six hits, four walks and one strike out.

"Clutch hitting and solid defense have become our trademark, along with solid pitching and again that is what won the game for us," said coach Durham.

"Right now, we are not beating ourselves with bad plays and that goes back to the beginning of the year when coach Steve Jeltz and I stressed always making the routine plays.

"Our outfield led by Todd is becoming very solid and not letting a single turn into a double with an error. Out infield is led by Chris and they don't allow themselves to get down when an error is made. Our guys have become very good at picking each other up. Our pitchers expect to win when they take the mound and our catching has gotten better.

"Overall, our team has improved all year and we plan to continue that trend through the rest of this year and carry it over to next year."

In the nightcap, Osborne jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning. Norton scored

twice in the bottom of the stanza to make it 3-2. Keiswetter hit safely and Tacha was hit by a pitch and both scored.

Norton tied it at 3-all in the bottom of the second inning when Zink hit safely, stole both second and third and scored.

Osborne took the lead again with two runs in the top of the third. Norton tallied once in the bottom of the inning to make it 5-4. Tacha was hit by a pitch and advanced, stole second and Durham drove him home.

Osborne was three up, three down in the top of the fourth but Norton was also scoreless in the bottom of the inning.

In the top of the fifth, the Bulldogs tallied twice to extend their lead to 7-4. Norton was unable to score in the bottom of the inning. Osborne added one more run in the top of the sixth to extend their advantage to 8-4 but Norton did not give up and rallied for the win.

In the bottom of the inning, the Blue Jays scored once when Tuxhorn hit safely and scored to make it 8-5.

The Norton defense was equal to the occasion in the top of the seventh, holding the visitors scoreless.

Norton had one more chance in the bottom of the inning and the Blue Jays came through with flying colors. Ulmer was hit by a pitch and advanced, Daniels and Keiswetter both walked, Tacha and Davis both hit safely and Ulmer, Daniels, Keiswetter and Tacha all scored to earn Norton the 9-8 victory!

Norton had six hits, five Blue

Jays walked and none struck out.

Morse started on the mound for Norton and pitched two innings. He was relieved by Davis, who got the win. Osborne had 13 hits, three walks and one strike out.

"We fell behind and had to battle back the entire game," said coach Durham. "Catcher Jordan came down with heat stroke and was taken to the hospital, where he was admitted overnight. The doctor said a few days rest and plenty of fluids and he would recover."

Norton also split a double-header at Goodland on Wednesday but results were not available at press time.

## Next action

Norton will host Colby tonight, beginning at 6 p.m. The Blue Jays will also play in the Zone Tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 27, 28 and 29 in Goodland.

# Locals figure in Journal's honor roll

By **DICK BOYD**

Many local names were on the 1977-2007 Area Track and Field Honor Roll in all enrollment classes which was printed recently by the *Salina Journal*.

## GIRLS

Norton's 1600 meter relay team of Susan Colip, LaNell Cox, Renee Cox and Angela McKie ranked No. 1 on the list until this year with a state record clocking of 4:01.8 in 1980.

Concordia, with a 3:59.65, and Beloit, with a 4:00.63, edged them out of first place in the state meet this year.

The Lady Jays' 1600 meter relay team of LaNell Cox, Renee Cox, Teddi Blackim and Amy Bullock also recorded a time of 4:03.40 in 1982 when Norton won the state team championship. That time is now 16th on the list.

LaNell Cox still ranks high in the 300 meter hurdles. She ran a 44.70 in 1982, which ranks seventh and had times of 44.76 in 1983 and 44.80 in 1984, which rank 10th and 12th, respectively.

Stef Sloan of Norton is tied for fourth best in the 100 meter dash with a time of 12.02 in 2001 and Christine Eveleigh of Norton is tied for eighth with a clocking of 12.09 in 1992.

Eveleigh is also 20th in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.56 in 1991 and 1993.

Kelly Pakkebie, Logan, is tied for ninth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.40 in 1985. Pakkebie is also tied for 14th in the 400 meter dash in 57.80 in 1985.

Norton's Megan Hillebrand is tied for 12th in the pole vault with a 2003 height of 10'6".

Chris Triplett of Logan is still on top of the list in the shot put with a distance of 48'5.25" in 1998. She also ranks eighth with a 44'4" in 1997 and 13th with a 43'7.25" in 1996.

Sonya Triplett, Logan, is 18th with a 42'6" in 2001.

After 30 years, Lynn McMurry's time of 14.69 in the 100 meter hurdles when she was running for Norton is still on the top 20 list with a 19th ranking, 78

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Norton's Chad Manning and Neal Philpot both heaved the shot put 59'10" and are tied for tenth on the list. Manning's heave was in 1996 and Philpot recorded his mark in 2000. Norton's Jeremy Hawks is tied for 20th with a heave of 58' in 1993.

Mike David of Lenora ranks in a tie for 13th in the triple jump with a distance of 46'2.75". Shane Baird of Northern Valley is eighth in the 400 meter dash with a clocking of 48.90, 37 hundredths of a second out of first.

Urs Sahli, exchange student who ran for Norton, ranks in a tie for 15th in the 800 meter run in 1:56.30. The Blue Jays' Jared Engelbert ran a 1:56.41 to place second in the state meet this year and ranks 17th, just over a second out of fifth.

Jason Jones, Norton's current high school track and field coach, is also listed from his high school days at Logan High School. His 15'2" pole vault in 1994 while a Trojan is 10th on the 30-year list.

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