

7th, 8th traveling baseball team wins big

The Norton seventh and eighth grade boys' traveling baseball team organized by the Norton Recreation Commission has compiled a 9 and 1 league record.

Recently, they went 4 and 0 to sweep first place honors at the South Central baseball league tournament held in Holdrege, Neb.

Eighteen teams from South Central Nebraska and North Central Kansas competed.

Opening Game

The team had some trouble with the number 14 seed in the opener. Minden No. 2, jumped out to a 5-0 lead, and a cloud of doom descended over the Norton crowd. Little did they know the bats of Norton were about to come to life. In the end, Norton prevailed in a romp.

Lead off batter Trevin Rossi reached first followed by a Dalton Miller home run. Austin Hager slammed a triple followed by singles, and good base running by Drew Ellis, Carson McKenna, Trevor Lewis and Drew Schrum. Toby Nickell then hit an RBI double.

Cole Renner led off the second with a triple to right, followed by a walk by Travis Cressler and a home run by Trevin Rossi. Dalton Miller, Drew Ellis, Carson McKenna, and Trevor Lewis each hit RBI singles. Schrum and Nickell reached base on walks.

With the score already 13 to 7, Coach Bainter conferred with officials, and the game was called by time.

Quarter Finals

Quarter final action found the Junior Jays playing Bertrand. Dalton Miller pitched a terrific game for Norton, striking out ten batters while walking only two.

The Norton bats came to life in inning two as Drew Ellis hit a long single followed by a walk by Trevor Lewis. Drew Schrum drove in Ellis followed by another single by Toby Nickell. Mark Miller hit a solid single that drove in Nickell, making the score 3-0 in favor of Norton.

Inning number three was tough for Norton, but they lit up the scoreboard in inning four. Toby Nickell, Cole Renner and Travis Cressler all reached base safe-

ly. Aggressive base running by Cressler exemplified the scrappy play making of this team. Trevin Rossi and Ryan Bainter both scored on a single by Dalton Miller. The final score was 7-2.

Semi-finals

The semi-finals pitted fourth seeded Norton against number one seed Cozad. This game found a scrappy bunch of seventh and eighth graders from Norton jumping on league leading Cozad, and hanging on for dear life to finally win the game by one run.

Dalton Miller hit a triple to drive in Trevin Rossi and Ryan Bainter. A two out single by Drew Schrum followed by a Carson McKenna single and a hard slide home made the score 4 to 0 in favor of Norton. A hard hit three bagger to right by Cole Renner sent speedy Toby Nickell home from first.

Norton led 5-0 going into the fifth inning. The Cozad team finally started to get a bat on Toby Nickell's plethora of pitches, to pull within one, 5 to 4.

Toby got the last out by firing his famous diving curve. The quick Cozad hitter got his bat on it and

hit a hot grounder to Drew Ellis at first, who stepped on the bag for an unassisted out.

Championship Game

The championship game of the tournament was a nail biter, right down to the last pitch. Number seven seed Axtell scored a run early in the game while holding the Junior Jays scoreless until the fourth inning. Ryan Bainter reached first by taking a wild pitch in the back. The Axtell coaching staff intentionally walked Dalton Miller, hoping to set up a double play and avoid his hot bat. Austin Hager smashed a sharp fielder's choice to third that forced the out at third, but an overthrow to second sent Miller home to tie the score. Drew Ellis hit a single to drive in Austin Hager for the winning run, and final score of 2 to 1.

Tremendous defensive plays by Carson McKenna, Ryan Bainter, Drew Ellis and Toby Nickell held off Axtell rallies throughout the game. Special mention must be noted of Toby's arm as the Norton catcher, and Dalton Miller's pitches that only left the infield

once.

Norton Recreation

Norton Recreation manager, Steve Schrum recruited Rick Green to coach, who recruited Dan Bainter to assist. Along with a great group of boys, these guys deserve a big thumbs up.

The team players are Dalton Miller, pitcher/catcher; Drew

Ellis, first/pitcher; Ryan Bainter, second; Carson McKenna, short/pitcher, eighth grade; Toby Nickell, catcher/pitcher; Austin Hager, third/pitcher; Trevor Lewis, outfield/pitcher/short; Trevin Rossi, outfield; Drew Schrum, outfield; Mark Miller, outfield; Cole Renner, outfield; Travis Cressler, outfield, seventh grade.

•PUBLIC NOTICE•

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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The governing body of the City of Edmond will meet on the 5th day of August, 2008 at 5:00 P.M., at the Methodist Church for the purpose of hearing and answering objections of taxpayers relating to the proposed use of all funds and the amount of 2008 ad valorem tax.

Detailed budget information will be available at this hearing.

BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget 2009 Expenditures and the Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax establish the maximum limits of the 2009 budget. Est Tax Rate* is subject to change depending on final assessed valuation.

Fund	2007		2008		Proposed Budget 2009		Est Tax Rate*
	Prior Year Actual Expenditures	Actual Rate	Current Year Estimate	Actual Rate	Expenditures	Amount of 2008 Ad Valorem Tax	
General	17,049	20.050	19,021	21.691	19,021	6,750	23.278
Special Highway	1,322		1,320		1,320		
Totals	18,371	20.050	20,341	21.691	20,341	6,750	23.278
Less: Transfers	0		0		0		
Net Expenditures	18,371		20,341		20,341		
Total Tax Levied	6,737		6,737		6,737		
Assessed Valuation	336,031		310,564		289,971		

*Tax Rates are expressed in mills.

Familiar names going into Hall

By DICK BOYD

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Six individuals have been chosen for induction on Oct. 11, into the Tigers Sports Hall of Fame at Fort Hays State University.

Honored will be Mike Appelkans, Hill City, track and field; Casey Seyfert, Beloit, football, track and field; Garry Sigle, Osborne, cross country/track and field; Skip Numrich, Scott City, football; Dennis Edwards, Annapolis, Md., basketball and Tom Spicer, athletic director/contributor.

They will be inducted in Eagle Communication Hall of the Robbins Center at 10 a.m. and will also be honored at half-time of the football game between Fort Hays and Missouri Southern, starting at 2 p.m.

Mike Appelkans (2000-03)

Appelkans was a 10-time All American in track and field. Seven of his All-America honors came in outdoor track.

As a sophomore, Appelkans was the anchor leg on the NCAA Division II outdoor national championship 400 meter relay team. He earned All-American honors four years in outdoor track and field as a member of Tiger 400 meter squads, which earned second place finishes during his junior and senior years and a third place finish his freshman year.

Appelkans also earned All-America status twice in the 200 meter dash, with third being his highest finish nationally as a senior, and once in the 100 meter dash, with a sixth place finish as a freshman.

Indoors, Appelkans was a three-time All-American, earning honors twice in the 60 meter dash and once in the 55 meter dash. Appelkans still owns three individual school records (outdoor 100 meters, outdoor 200 meters and indoor 200 meters) and was a member of the 400 meter relay team which holds the school record in outdoor track and field.

He was the Most Valuable Athlete in the RMAC Outdoor Championships in 2000 and 2002.

Appelkans is currently a resident of Hill City.

Casey Seyfert (1998-02)

Seyfert was a standout athlete in football and track. He played football for the Tigers from 1998 to 2001, earning first team All-America honors in football as a defensive lineman his senior year. He had 55 tackles, 17.5 tackles for loss and seven sacks. In his career, he amassed 126 tackles, 41.5 tackles for losses and 17 sacks.

Seyfert competed in track from 1999 to 2002. He was a two-time NCAA Division II indoor track national champion in the shot put,

as a freshman in 1999 and a junior in 2001 and was a four-time indoor All-American in the shot put. He was also a two-time outdoor All-American in the shot put, finishing second in 2000. He owns the school records for shot put for both indoor and outdoor.

Garry Sigle (1974-78)

Sigle was a two-time NAIA All-American for the Tigers in cross country (1975 and 1977) and a two-time NAIA indoor track All-American in the two mile (1976 and 1978, placing second in both).

In outdoor track, Sigle was an NAIA honorable mention All-American in the 10,000 meters in 1978, placing fifth at nationals. He was a two-time CSIC outdoor champion (1976, 1978) in the three mile and a four-time all-conference performer in cross country.

He is cross country coach at Riley County High School.

Skip Numrich (1976-1977)

Numrich was an Associated Press All-American honorable mention quarterback in 1976. That year he set six individual school records and led the CSIC in passing with 1,562 yards. He helped the Tigers win their only CSIC championship in 1976, going 5-1 in conference play.

He ranks fifth in touchdowns in a single season with 17 his junior year in 1976. He ranks sixth on the career passing yards list at Fort Hays with 2,952, sixth on the career passing attempts list with 426, sixth on the passing completions list with 216 and sixth on the passing touchdowns list with 27. He played two seasons at Fort Hays.

Dennis Edwards (1994-1995)

Edwards was a force for the Fort Hays basketball team during his two years on the team, earning All-American honors in both

seasons and was the 1994-95 CoSIDA National Player of the Year as a senior, was named the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Player of the Year both seasons and was a two-time all-RMAC first team selection.

Edwards holds the school's single-season scoring record with 806 points in 1994-95. He also has the second highest season total at Fort Hays with 799 in 1993-94 and ranks first and second in single season points average with a 26.9 average in 1994-95 and 25.8 average in 1993-94. He has the only two 50 point games in Tiger history and owns the next three highest point games in school history. Edwards broke the 30 point mark 22 times in his career.

Tom Spicer (1989-2004)

Spicer was Fort Hays athletic director for 15 years. He presided over two national championship teams, the 1990-91 NAIA women's basketball and the 1995-96 NCAA Division II men's basketball.

He also led the athletic department in 2000 when the baseball team earned NCAA Division II World Series runner-up honors.

Spicer was largely responsible for improvements at Lewis Field Stadium. He also implemented softball and women's golf as the school's 15th and 16th varsity sports.

Spicer is currently athletic director at Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo



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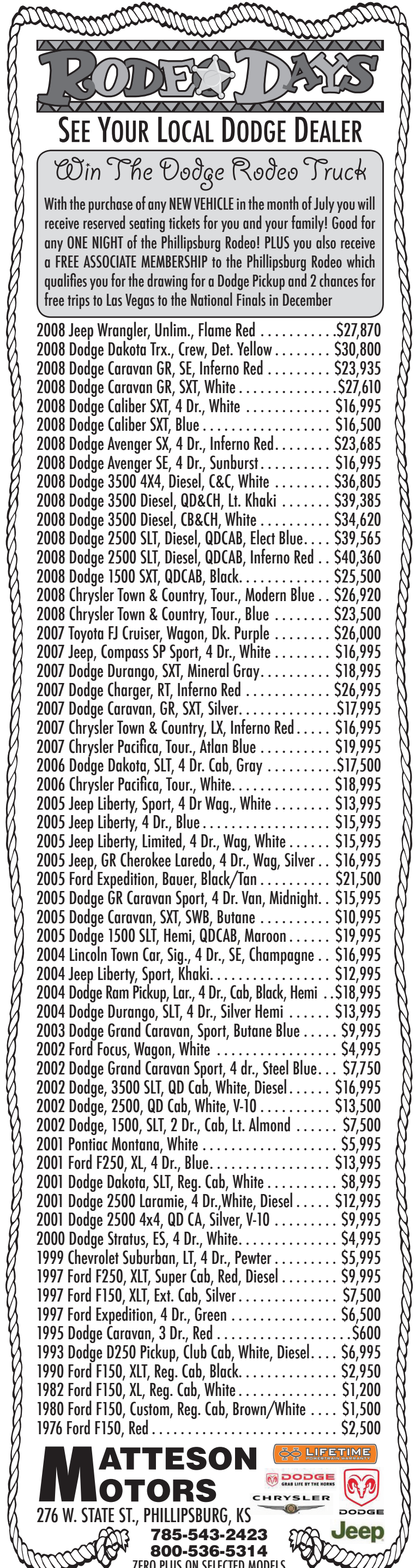


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