

Legion season ends in Zone Tourney action

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The 2009 Norton American Legion baseball team played their last game of the season in the Zone Tournament in Ellis on July 21 and lost to Colby 27-5 to eliminate them from tournament play and conclude their summer campaign.

"Colby had a very good team and it showed," said Norton Legion coach Steve Jeltz. "Most of those young men have been playing ball since February in high school and the experience that they get playing that long as a unit makes them a very good team."

"We came out ready to play and scored off their starting pitcher and felt good about our chances. Not having our most experienced players due to harvest, college work outs and county fair put us at a disadvantage," said general manager Joe Durham.

"One thing I liked about our team this year was the ability of one player to try to always encourage another player no matter what happened on the field," said coach Jeltz.

"The old saying in baseball is that pitching wins championships and that was our Achilles' heel all season.

"Without our young men having the chance to play ball in our school system, it is going to get harder and harder for them to compete in coming years.

"Ellis is a perfect example of how a city got behind their teams and got both softball and baseball in their school system."

"Our younger players in the city league and the K-18 team match up really well until they hit the high school ranks when the

experience of the players in the other cities comes into play," said general manager Durham.

Finishing their careers this year with the Norton American Legion nine were Matt Stanley, who will play football in college; Jake Riedel, who will attend K-State; Brian Spooner, who will play baseball in college and Logan Runnion, who wants to play baseball at the next level.

"We have a very nice core of players returning next season and, if we can develop a few more pitchers, we could be a vastly improved team" said coach Jeltz.

"Casey Temmel, Damien Davis, Kaenon Keiswetter, Landon Keiswetter, Andrew Soderlund, Colby Poage, Tye Nickell, Landon Hamel, Carlos Galloway, Jesse Brown, Vaughn Newman, Kylee Stanley and Skyler Harris should be returning next year and, with Trey Millan and Zach Hartwell moving up from the K-18, things look promising.

"Many thanks to the city of Norton for the work they did on the field; the Recreation Commission, especially Steve Schrum, for making Ryan Field playable; Rich Miller of the Legion for taking care of all the paperwork that goes with fielding a team and our fans who came to our games and cheered on our players whether they won or lost.

"Someone who really helped our team was Von Poage. Von repaired our players' gloves and kept them in playing shape all season."

"I would especially like to thank the Norton Telegram and Dick Boyd for his reporting of our season," said general manager Durham.

K-18 drops two close losses to end season

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The Norton K-18 baseball team ended their 2009 season with two hard-fought, close losses in the Sub-Regional Tournament in Plainville.

They lost a tight 5-4 game to La Crosse, then lost 11-6 to the Hays Renegades.

La Crosse

Norton was the visiting team and scored once in the top of the first inning when Trey Millan blasted a home run!

La Crosse took a 2-1 lead, however, in the bottom of the second inning and scored three more times in the bottom of the third to extend their advantage to 5-1.

The young Blue Jays did not give up and scored two more runs in the top of the fourth to make it a 5-3 contest. Millan, Trevor Lewis, Ryan Bainter and Toby Nickell all walked and Millan and Lewis crossed home plate.

Norton scored one more run in the top of the fifth to cut the La Crosse lead to 5-4. Marc Miller walked, Zach Hartwell singled and Robert Blecha walked and Miller scored.

The Blue Jays had one last chance to tie the score or take the lead in the top of the sixth stanza but were unable to add any runs to their total.

Norton had three hits and eight walks. Hartwell, Millan and Andrew Ellis each had one hit.

Losing pitcher was Millan. La Crosse had four hits and five walks.

Hays Renegades

Norton was the home team

again and got the game off to a good start with two runs in the top of the first. Hartwell singled, Blecha doubled and Millan drove them home.

Hays responded with nine runs in the bottom of the inning to take a 9-2 lead and added one more in the bottom of the third.

Two more runs in the top of the fourth by Norton made the score 10-4. Dalton Miller, Lewis and John Risewick all walked and Miller and Lewis both scored.

Two more Norton runs in the top of the fifth narrowed the Hays lead to 10-6. Hartwell singled, Blecha doubled and Dalton Miller singled and Hartwell and Blecha both scored.

Hays added one more run in the bottom of the fifth and Norton was unable to score again in the top of the sixth, making the final 11-6.

Norton had six hits and five walks. Hartwell was 2 for 2 at the plate, Blecha was 2 for 3 and Dalton Miller and Risewick each collected a hit.

Losing pitcher was Nickell. Hays had six hits and 10 walks.

Coaches of this season's Norton K-18 baseball team included Rick Green, Ward Foley, Fig Millan and Scott Ellis.

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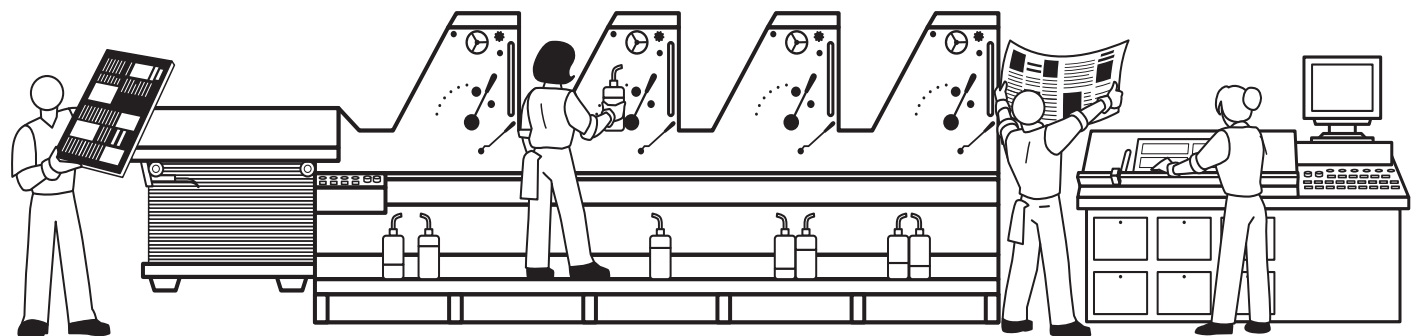
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BI276	Anatomy and Physiology I	5	L. Killman	Hospital	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
BI276L	A & P I Lab	0	L. Killman	Hospital	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
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