



Norton's Brett Terrell slid safely into home plate to score during the Blue Jay American Legion's game here on Monday with Holdrege. Pictured are, from left: Tyler Rutherford, home plate umpire; Norton player Troy Bainter, Terrell and Holdrege pitcher Tyler Kayton.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Legion baseball team had a tough opener

By DICK BOYD

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The Norton American Legion baseball team opened the 2011 season on Monday by hosting Holdrege, Neb., probably the toughest team they will play all season, at John Ryan Field in Norton.

The Blue Jays were outscored 13-2 in four innings. The contest was shortened due to the run rule.

The visitors scored four runs in the first inning, two in the second, two in the third and five in the final inning.

Spencer Shirk started on the

mount for Norton and pitched three innings, allowing just three hits, one per inning. He struck out three batters and walked six. He was relieved in the fourth inning by Kaid McKenna, who gave up five hits and walked three.

Norton had no hits in the game but scored their two runs in the fourth inning when Tyler Cook got on base with a sacrifice and Brett Terrell, Zach Hartwell and Dalton Miller all walked and Cook and Terrell tallied.

Winning pitcher was Rod Allmend, who hurled three innings and was relieved by Tyler Kayton. Six Norton batters walked

and 10 struck out.

"At times we played pretty well but we were playing an awfully good team," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"We'll get better as the season continues."

A junior varsity game was held prior to the scheduled contest and Holdrege won that contest by a 9-5 score.

Legion assistant coaches this season are Mike Terrell and Shawn Miller.

Other Norton Legion team members, in addition to Shirk, McKenna, Cook, Terrell, Hartwell and Miller are Andrew

Ellis, Lane Bigge, Dakota Dreher, Trey Millan, Landon Keiswetter, Troy Bainter and Vaughn Newman.

Next action

The Norton American Legion baseball team's next games were a double-header on Thursday in Loomis, Neb. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

The Blue Jays will not play again until Monday, June 6 when they travel to WaKeeney for a double-header with games scheduled for 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Legion 2011 baseball schedule

2011 Norton American Legion Baseball Schedule
 Monday, May 23 - Holdrege, Neb. Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, May 26 - Loomis, Neb. There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Monday, June 6 - WaKeeney There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, June 28 - Smith Center There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Monday, June 20 - Ellis There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, June 23 - Smith Center Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Sunday, June 26 - WaKeeney Here 2 p.m. & 4 p.m.
 Tuesday, June 28 - Colby There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, June 30 - Goodland Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Wednesday, July 6 - Loomis, Neb. Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, July 7 - Colby Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Monday, July 11 - Ellis Here 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Tuesday, July 12 - Holdrege, Neb. There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 Thursday, July 14 - Goodland There 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
 July 17 - July ?? Legion Tournament TBA

Area golfers did well in State tournaments

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A number of area high school golf teams performed well in the Kansas State Golf Tournaments which were held at various locations on Monday.

In Class 3A, Goodland placed fourth as a team with a 312, Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays was fifth with a 313 and Phillipsburg finished seventh with a 326.

Medalists included: Bellani, Goodland, 73, sixth; Rohr, TMP-Marian, 73, ninth; Gage Ihrig, Goodland, 76, tie for 11th; Holub, TMP-Marian, 78, tie with Hoover,

Phillipsburg, 20th.

In Class 2A, Plainville finished seventh with a 371 and Ellis was eighth with a 374. Trego placed tenth with a 382. Medalists included Tebo, Ellis, 82, third; Compton, Plainville, 85, tie for 11th; Loftus, Oakley, 85, tie for 11th; Walters, Ellis, 87, tie for 17th.

In Class 1A, Hoxie placed tenth with a 388 and Stockton was 11th with a 393.

Medalists included Beougher, Stockton, 85, tie for 15th; Moss, Hoxie, 85, tie for 15th.

Norton Junior Jays compete at MCEL track

By DANA PAXTON

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The Norton Junior Jays attended the MCEL track meet in WaKeeney on May 10. The seventh grade girls won with 88.5 points and the eighth grade girls took eighth with 43 points. The seventh grade boys placed second with 71 points and the eighth grade boys took fifth with 57.50 points.

Seventh Grade Girls Results

Cayanna Campbell took sixth in the 100 meter dash in a time of 14.96 then she placed fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 31.13.

Kirsten Georgeson took sixth in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:12.71.

Peyton Renner took second place in the 800 meter run in 2:56.65 followed by Lauren Mordecai in fifth in 3:00.13.

Molly Maddy got second in the 1600 meter run in 6:39.67 followed by Raene Patterson in fourth with a time of 6:55.30.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Audrey Morel, Nickala O'Hare, Sabrina Gibson and Cayanna Campbell placed fifth with a time of 1:02.42.

The 4x400 meter relay of Hanna Brooks, Casey Ambrosier, Kirsten Georgeson and Shelby Mulford won in a time of 5:08.50.

Hanna Brooks placed sixth in the high jump with a height of 4'2".

Molly Maddy won the pole

vault with a height of 6'9" followed by Nickala O'Hare in third at 6'0" and Peyton Renner in fifth with a vault of 6'0".

Hanna Brooks took second in the triple jump with a distance of 28'3.75".

Lexi Voss placed third in the shot put with a throw of 30'6.75" and then she won the discus by throwing 71'1". She went on to take second in the weight throw with 138'7".

Eighth Grade Girls Results

The eighth grade girls found it harder to place in the top six in several events but Jesika Smith placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in a time of 7:04.12 followed by Sierra Giffith in fifth with 7:14.98.

Sierra went on to place third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 15:37.82. Then she then ran the 100 meter hurdles and took fourth in 18.68.

The only relay team to place was that of the 4x200 team consisting of Nicole Tacha, Jesika Smith, Sierra Griffith and Morgan Farber. They placed sixth with a time of 2:20.21.

Kaitlyn Bohl took second in the high jump with a height of 4'6".

Kenzie Esslinger won the pole vault for Norton with a height of 8'0" followed by Adrienne Hager in fourth with 6'6".

Morgan Farber took fifth in the shot put with a throw of 31'3" and then she also took fifth in the weight throw with a distance of 137'6".

Seventh Grade Boys Results

Chandler Sumner took third in the shot put with a throw of 30'9.50" followed by Cameron Heikes in fourth with 29'1" and Alec Otter in sixth with 26'10.25".

Chandler Sumner also took sixth in the discus with a throw of 81'6".

Gavin Lively won the high jump with a height of 4'10" followed by Quinton Porter in third with 4'6".

Kyle Bell placed third in the 100 meter hurdles in a time of 17.68.

Brendon Frack placed fourth in the 1600 meter run in a time of 6:09.71 followed by Riley Hager in sixth with a time of 6:29.61.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Cody Campbell, Dalton Pfanenstiel, Skylar Johnson and Cameron Heikes placed sixth in a time of 1:05.89.

Kyle Bell placed fifth in the 400 meter run with a time of 1:04.66.

The Norton 4x200 meter relay team of Gavin Lively, Weston Erbert, Alec Otter and Kyle Bell won the relay with a time of 1:58.58.

Gavin Lively took second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:39.81 followed by Kyle Bell in sixth in 2:52.57.

Lastly, the 4x400 meter relay team of Mike Kasson, Weston Erbert, Alec Otter and Gavin Lively won the relay with a time of 4:50.88.

Eighth Grade Boys Results

Jordan Karnopp placed fifth in the shot put with a throw of 34'5.75".

Conor Cox took third in the discus with a throw of 106'6".

Derick Campbell placed fourth in the high jump with a height of 4'10".

Kobie Unterseher took second in the pole vault with a height of 8'6" followed by Dalton Vanover in fourth at 8'0".

Jordan Karnopp placed fifth in the triple jump with a distance of 33'10.75" and then placed fourth in the 100 meter hurdles in 17.63.

Dalton Vanover placed third in the 3200 meter run with a time of 11:51.56 and then placed fifth in the 1600 meter run in 5:43.61.

The 4x100 meter relay team of Conor Cox, Breven Sondargard, Caysean Campbell and Wyatt Harting placed fifth in a time of 54.52.

The 4x200 meter relay team of Conor Cox, Breven Sondargard, Wyatt Harting and Christian Boser took second in 1:52.08.

Christian Boser placed fourth in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:28.36.

Derick Campbell placed fourth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 26.07.

Lastly, the 4x400 meter relay team of Conor Cox, Christian Boser, Kobie Unterseher, and Derick Campbell took third with a time of 4:20.40.

Area women ran in half-marathons

By DICK BOYD

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Four area women, Mary Jane Wahlmeier and Pam Shelton, both of Norton, Michelle Wiltfong, Edmond, and Brandi Diederich, Oberlin, displayed their long distance running skills in organized competition on Sunday, May 1.

Mary Jane and Michelle were two of over 1,000 women and men who ran in the Johnson's Wichita Half-Marathon along the river in Wichita.

Mary Jane finished first in her age group of 65 and over, with a time of 2 hours, 12 minutes for the 13.2 miles. She received a Female Grand Master Champion award for her efforts.

Under the Handicap System, Mary Jane placed 10th overall,

which included both women and men.

Michelle ran her first ever half-marathon and was in the 40-45 year age group. She finished in 2 hours, 45 minutes for the 13.2 miles.

Pam and Brandi ran on the same day in the Lincoln National Guard Marathon and Half-Marathon in Lincoln, Neb. Pam ran in the half-marathon for the third time. She was in the 45-50 age group and ran the 13.2 miles in 2 hours, 15 minutes.

Brandi ran the half-marathon in 2 hours, 30 minutes and was in the 15-20 age group.

There were over 10,000 women and men runners in the two races.



Mary Jane Wahlmeier of Norton is pictured at right running in the Johnson's Wichita Half-Marathon on Saturday, May 1 in Wichita. She placed first in her age group for the 13.2 mile run and was 10th overall among women and men based on the handicap system.



Brandi Diederich (on the right) of Oberlin is shown running in the Lincoln National Guard Half-Marathon in Lincoln, Neb. on Saturday, May 1. She competed in the 15-20 age group and completed the 13.2 miles in 2 hours, 30 minutes.

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