

Legion team defeats Smith Center in twin bill

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The Norton American Legion baseball team traveled to Smith Center on Sunday, July 1 and returned with a pair of wins.

The Blue Jays outscored the Redmen 6-3 in the opener, then won the nightcap 7-4.

First game

Norton started with three runs in the top of the first inning. Trey Millan and Dakota Dreher both walked and Dalton Miller and Tug Keiswetter both singled. Millan, Dreher and Miller all scored.

Smith Center scored one run in the bottom of the inning to make it 3-1.

Norton was scoreless in the top of the second and a Redman run in the bottom of the inning made it 3-2.

The Blue Jays scored once in the top of the third when Dreher singled and Miller doubled him home to run the score to 4-2 in favor of the visitors.

Norton extended the lead to 6-2 in the top of the fifth inning. Miller walked, Keiswetter singled and Ellis doubled. Miller and Keiswetter both scored.

One run by Smith Center in the bottom of the sixth was too little, too late for the Redmen and Norton prevailed 6-3.

Norton had 10 hits, four walks and eight strike outs. Leading

hitters for Norton were Dakota Dreher, Dalton Miller, Tug Keiswetter and Jordan Wahlmeier, all of whom were 2 for 3 with the bat.

Winning pitcher for Norton was Trey Millan. He allowed just three hits, walked four and struck out 13 batters.

Second game

Norton scored two times in the top of the first inning of the nightcap when Millan walked, Dreher doubled and Miller singled and Tug Keiswetter both crossed home plate.

Smith Center tied it at 2-all in the bottom of the inning and took a 4-2 lead with two more runs in the bottom of the second.

The Redmen didn't score again, however, and Norton ran three runs across home plate in the top of the fourth and two more in the top of the seventh to win 7-4.

Norton scored in the fourth when Brooks singled, Wahlmeier, Travis Cressler and Lane Bigge all walked, Millan was hit by a pitch and advanced, Dakota Dreher singled and Miller walked. Wahlmeier, Cressler and Bigge all scored.

Norton's final two runs in the top of the seventh came when Keiswetter walked and Ellis, Lewis and Wahlmeier all singled. Keiswetter and Ellis scored.

The Blue Jays collected 12 hits in the game, had seven walks and

12 strike outs. Leading batters were Miller and Wahlmeier, who were each 2 for 3 and Dreher and Brooks, both 2 for 4.

Tug Keiswetter started on the mound for Norton and hurled two innings. He gave up four hits, walked one and struck out two batters. Dalton Miller was the winning pitcher for the Blue Jays, giving up two hits, walking none and striking out seven batters in five innings.

Coach's comments

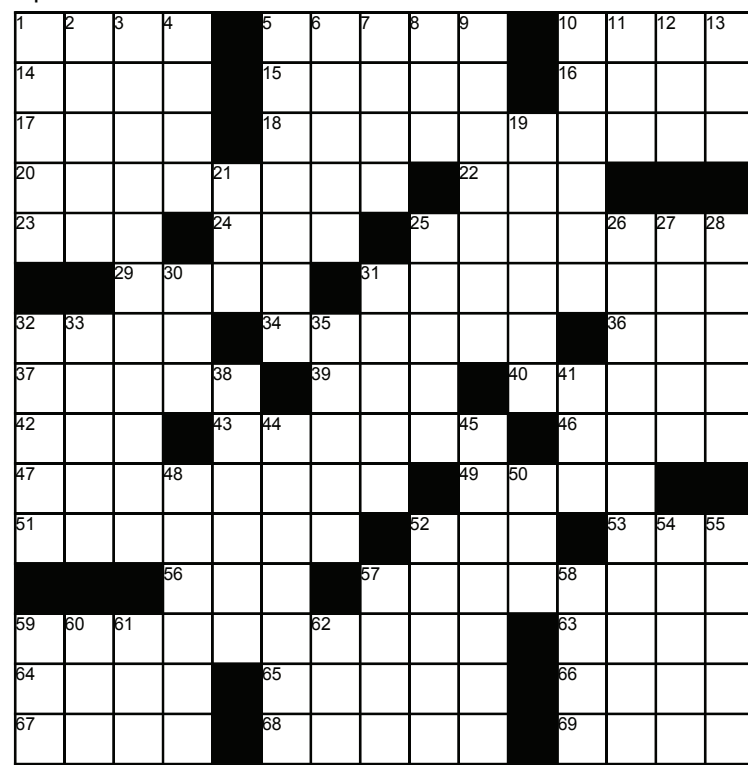
"This probably was the best baseball we have played all summer," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"We had great pitching by Trey and Dalton. We played very good defense and hit the ball hard!"



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ACROSS

- 1. New-__ hay
- 5. Synthetic fiber
- 10. Alka-Seltzer-landing-in-water sound
- 14. Indy winner Luyendyk
- 15. Bobby of the Black Panthers
- 16. Ready to pluck
- 17. Greek Z
- 18. Recap giver
- 20. Monroe __ (1823 pronouncement)
- 22. Churchillian gesture
- 23. Blond shade
- 24. Basis for discrimination
- 25. Is so minded
- 29. Goldie of "Laugh-In"
- 31. In an evasive manner
- 32. Ibn __ (Arabia's founder)
- 34. It has 100 seats
- 36. Beau Brummell
- 37. De Mille or Moorehead
- 39. Signed like an illiterate
- 40. Dustin's "Midnight Cowboy" role
- 42. "Welcome" giver
- 43. Think highly of
- 46. Vintner's dregs
- 47. Lily Tomlin's Ernestine, for one
- 49. Irish Rose's man
- 51. Like some deodorants
- 52. Bearded beast
- 53. "Platoon" war zone, informally
- 56. Part of SSN: Abbr.
- 57. Not invincible
- 59. Sparsely distributed amount
- 63. Shaker stuff

- 64. Hammer head
- 65. Like a King story
- 66. Ballet bend
- 67. Capp or Gump
- 68. Rationed, with "out"
- 69. Malamute's tow

DOWN

- 1. Miata maker
- 2. Stackable cookies
- 3. "Red Scare" fanatic, so to speak
- 4. Clutter-free
- 5. Hands out
- 6. See the old gang
- 7. Partner of rank and serial number
- 8. "Slippery" tree
- 9. Ultimatum alternative
- 10. Blesser of holy water
- 11. Smith or Claiborne

- 12. Unlock, poetically
- 13. __ annum
- 19. " __ Madness" (anti-marijuana film)
- 21. Like steak tartare
- 25. Lamp cover
- 26. Highest-numbered item in a rack
- 27. "How can __?" (gambler's query)
- 28. Proofreader's finds
- 30. Suffix with cannon or block
- 31. Look from Snidely
- 32. Pago Pago's place
- 33. Slack-jawed
- 35. Sing the praises of
- 38. One surrounds each theme entry in this puzzle
- 41. "Rope-a-dope" pugilist
- 44. Placed in inventory

- 45. Acted the field general
- 48. Like a ready-to-use violin bow
- 50. On the other hand
- 52. Bottled spirit
- 54. Kate's TV roommate
- 55. Allotted, with "out"
- 57. Compete in logrolling
- 58. Krait cousins
- 59. Therapeutic spot
- 60. Relief pitcher's locale
- 61. Checkers color
- 62. Writer Rosten

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