

# Norton K-18 nine loses in Oakley

## Tournament play...



The Norton 12 and Under boys baseball team played in a tournament on Saturday and didn't fair so well. The teams involved were Phillipsburg who took first, Northern Valley in second, Smith Center in third and Norton placed fourth. In the first game Northern Valley beat our Norton 16-1. In the second game Phillipsburg dominated Smith Center 13-2. The third game put Smith Center against Norton and Norton lost 5-1. Northern Valley then lost to Phillipsburg 7-4 in the fourth game. In the fifth game Norton lost to Phillipsburg 18-1 and lastly Smith Center lost to Northern Valley 8-1. Ricky King is seen here pitching during the second game Norton played.

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After defeating Oakley in two close games in Norton last Monday, the Norton K-18 baseball team traveled to Oakley on Thursday where the short-handed young Blue Jays lost 12-1 and 10-4.

"We only took nine guys on the trip to Oakley so, obviously, we were short-handed and were missing some key players," said Norton head coach Rick Green.

"We had our opportunities to make some plays and stay in both games. Unfortunately, we didn't make those plays.

"We did receive some extra playing time for some of our young men who usually split time, so that was a good thing. I was happy that our boys didn't quit trying.

"We should be back to full

strength when we host Goodland on Monday and travel to Colby on Wednesday."

### First game

Norton's only run in the opener came in the top of the fourth inning. Collyn Auker walked, Trenton Wright singled, Will Ellis got on base on an error, Oren Rhea gained base on a fielder's choice and Jesse Courtain singled. Wright was the only one to score as Norton left three runners on base.

Oakley scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning, five in the bottom of the second and three in the bottom of the third.

Norton had four hits, three walks and five strike outs. Ryan Johnson, Jace Ruder, Trenton Wright and Jesse Courtain each had one hit.

Trenton Wright was the losing pitcher for Norton. He gave

up nine hits, walked four and struck out two batters.

### Second game

Three of Norton's four runs in the nightcap came in the top of the first inning. Ruder walked and Gavin Lively slammed a home run to put Norton on top 2-0. Auker walked and scored later in the inning to make it 3-0 in favor of the visitors.

Oakley tied it at 3-all with three runs in the bottom of the first and took a 5-3 lead with two more in the bottom of the third. Another Oakley run in the bottom of the fourth and four in the bottom of the fifth extended the Plainsmen lead to 10-3.

Norton tallied their final run in the top of the sixth and final inning. Auker got on base, Wright singled, Ellis walked and Courtain singled and Auker scored.

Despite the wide difference in

the score, statistics were fairly even for both teams. Norton had five hits, three walks and seven strike outs. Oakley had five hits, five walks and five strike outs.

Ryan Johnson, Jace Ruder, Gavin Lively, Trenton Wright and Jesse Courtain each had one hit for Norton.

Jace Ruder was the losing pitcher for the young Blue Jays.

### Next action

The Norton K-18 nine hosted Goodland at John Ryan Field on Monday. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time. The Norton K-18 will play their final regular season contests on Wednesday when they travel to Colby.

Regionals will be played Saturday and Sunday in Colby.

# Legion team suffers loss in Nebraska

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The Norton American Legion baseball team traveled to Cambridge on Sunday afternoon but was unable to defeat the home team in a double header.

Cambridge won the opener 13-2 but Norton lost the second contest by only 7-6.

### Opener

Cambridge took a 2-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Norton scored one run in the top of the second when Toby Nickell walked and Lane Bigge drove him home.

Six more runs by Cambridge in the bottom of the third extended their lead to 8-1.

Norton tallied their final run in the top of the fourth inning when Andrew Ellis singled and Nickell drove him in.

Cambridge added five more runs in the top of the fourth stanza to make the final 13-2.

The single by Ellis was the only Norton hit. The Blue Jays had three walks and six strike outs.

Toby Nickell was the losing Norton pitcher. He allowed six hits, walked seven and struck out two batters.

"We faced a good team from Cambridge and probably the best pitcher we have seen this year," said Norton Legion head coach Scott Ellis. "We hit him fairly well but the hits went to the opposite field and right at them."

### Nightcap

In the second game, Cambridge took a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first but Norton tied it 4-all in the top of the second inning. Bigge walked, Clint Cole singled, Travis Cressler was hit by a pitch and advanced, Gavin Lively got on base on an error, Ellis walked and Dalton Miller singled. Bigge, Cole, Cressler

and Lively all scored.

Cambridge took a 7-4 lead with three runs in the bottom of the third stanza.

The Blue Jays tallied two more runs in the top of the fourth but they weren't quite enough for a rally win. Nickell, Lively, Miller and Lewis all singled but only Nickell and Lively were able to make it across home plate.

Norton was also scoreless in the top of the fifth and final inning.

The Blue Jays had six hits, seven walks and four strike outs. Dalton Miller was leading hitter for Norton. He was 2 for 3 with the bat. Toby Nickell, Gavin Lively, Trever Lewis and Clint Cole each had one hit.

Clint Cole was the losing Norton pitcher. He gave up six hits, walked three and struck out two batters.

"Errors cost us in both games," said coach Ellis. "The

breaks did not go our way in the second game. We just need to be more patient at the plate and play a lot better defense.

"Dalton is swinging the bat well and had our only timely hit.

"We need to make the routine plays or they will continue to cost us wins.

"Clint had a rough start but pitched very well."

### Next action

The Norton Legion nine completed the regular season on Monday evening with a double header at Loomis. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

Norton's next competition will be in the Zone Tournament which will be held in Goodland, beginning on Wednesday, July 24.

# Cowboy NASCAR coming to Rodeo

It's sharp-turnin', dirt-slingin' excitement, in two four-horse drawn chuckwagons!

Chuckwagon races return to Kansas' Biggest Rodeo!

Kenny Petet brings his "Gone with the Wind" chuckwagon races to town for the rodeo, and it'll be great watching! The Terrell, Texas cowboy is the owner and one of the racers of the chuckwagon.

The former bullfighter turned barrelman got into the chuckwagon business when a friend put them up for sale, and Kenny was the "only guy he knew that had money to buy the whole thing out." There were a few more events to fill, so he finished his contracts and hired drivers.

Then, one time at a rodeo when Kenny was barrelman and

had his wagons, one of his drivers nearly missed making the event, and Kenny told himself, "I'd better learn how to drive my own wagons."

So he took lessons, and "the first time I went around those cones, I was hooked. It's one of the few things I've done that brings as big an adrenaline rush as fighting bulls does. The rider is out of control, a lot like fighting bulls."

"When we turn those horses loose, we're just steering a runaway. My horses aren't trained like parade horses. They're a race horse, and they run into the bit. Rodeo committees ask if I can be in a parade," he chuckles. "Yes, I can. But we'll start in the back, and by the end, the horses and wagons will be at the front of the parade, and the marching

band will never be the same."

Petet and his wagons have raced at the National Finals Rodeo opening, the World's Toughest Cowboy Tour, the Mesquite (Texas) Championship Rodeo, were seen on FOX Sports Network, and at the Prairie Circuit Finals and Texas Circuit Finals Rodeo.

And it's Katie-bar-the-door for the races. "Once you turn loose and roll, you're motoring. Those horses love to run. We're racing!"

The chuckwagon races, along with the premiere entertainment of Kansas' Biggest Rodeo, can be seen August 1-3 at 8 p.m. each night. Tickets are available at Heritage Insurance Co. in Phillipsburg (685 Third Street) or via credit card (785.543.2448).



Chuckwagon races are a part of Kansas' Biggest Rodeo in Phillipsburg. They'll provide the "cowboy NASCAR" element of rodeo entertainment, each night, August 1-3! Courtesy photo

# Norton All-Stars Win Tournament

★Oberlin 18-6 ★Phillipsburg 15-8 ★Trego/WaKeeney 8-2



Pictured are, front row, left to right: MaKensy Schroeder, Delila Geringer; second row: Coach Tim Geringer, Reagan Musquiz, Tayli Ruesch, Callie Uehlin, Jaيدا McEwen, Abbey Auker, Coach Noe Musquiz; back row: Samantha Mulford, Sylence Auker, Valerie Geringer, Taryn Kuhn, Ashley Karnopp, Jasmine Covington, Hayley Cadwalader. Not pictured: Coach Dani Hartwell.

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