

# K-18 ball season to open

By DICK BOYD

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Norton's experienced K-18 baseball team will open the 2014 season this Thursday, May 29 by hosting the Colby No.1 team at John Ryan Field in Norton.

Two six inning games will be played, beginning at 6 p.m.

Rick Green is the head coach again this season and returning as his assistant is Robert Wiltfong.

Only two players graduated from last season's strong team.

This year's players are: Ja-

cob Green, Josh VanLaeys, Jace Ruder, Trenton Wright, Wilson Ellis, Collyn Auker, Ryan Johnson, Hayden Wiltfong, Riley Sides, Ross Cole, Braden Smith, Dallas Gosselin, Tucker Gosselin and Miles Harrington.

"This year's team features an experienced group of returning players, so my expectations are pretty high," said coach Green. "Add to the fact that Josh VanLaeys will return after missing last season with an injury.

"I really don't think we have any major weaknesses and I think our pitching will be a

strong point of this team. We return our top three pitchers in Jacob, Jace and Trenton with them having a lot of innings pitched. Eight of our 14 players have pitched at this level last season and I feel comfortable having any of them on the mound.

"Jacob, Jace and Collyn were our top hitters last season and Josh will only make those areas even stronger.

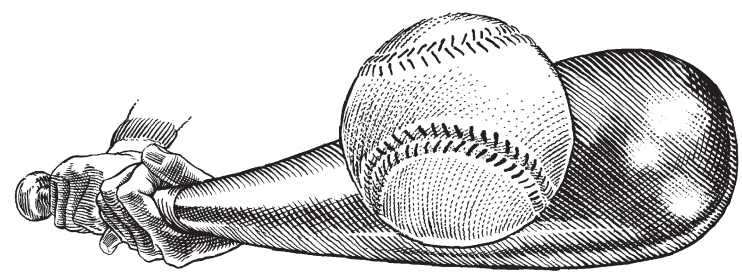
"We should also be solid defensively. My top ten players are pretty interchangeable, meaning they can play several different positions, both infield

and outfield.

"Hayden, Riley and Ross all got some valuable playing time last year as first year players and Wilson and Ryan show signs of major improvement as they have gotten faster and stronger.

"This year's newcomers, Braden, Dallas, Tucker and Miles, have a lot of learning to do but have made strides since the first practice. To help them along, I hope to add some extra practice games for them. These games will be in addition to our full schedule."

K-18 Baseball Schedule	
Thursday, May 29 - Colby No.1 - Here	Monday, June 2 - Oakley - There
Thursday, June 5 - Colby No.2 - There	Monday, June 9 - Hill City - Here
Monday, June 16 - Goodland - There	Thursday, June 19 - Colby No.1 - There
Monday, June 23 - Oakley - Here	Thursday, June 26 - Colby No.2 - Here
Monday, June 30 - Hill City - There	Thursday, July 10 - Goodland - Here
Sat., Sun., July 19-20 - Western Regional - Hays	Fri., Sat., Sun., Tues., July 25-29 - State Tourney - Lucas



# Legion baseball to start season

By DICK BOYD

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Returning 11 players from last season's successful team, the Norton American Legion baseball squad will open the 2014 season this Friday with a double header at Oakley. Games will start at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Returning to bolster the Norton nine will be Andrew Ellis, Dalton Miller, Lane Bigge, Travis Cressler, Trevor Lewis, Toby Nickell, Clint Cole, Mickey Hahn, Jordan Dole, Gavin Lively and Jacob Green.

Joining the team this year are

Jacob Brooks, Austin Hager, Drew Schrum, Brandt Cox and Will Ellis.

Coaching the team again this season are Scott Ellis and Shawn Miller.

"We struggled to finalize the schedule this year since a couple of teams from previous years

are not playing this summer," said coach Ellis.

"I really do like this schedule; however, since it should be very competitive.

"We return a group of hard-nosed, smart players. We are very excited to get the season started!"

American Legion Baseball Schedule	
Games at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. except one seven inning 7:30 p.m. game at Holdrege	
Friday, May 30 - Oakley - There	Tuesday, June 3 - Holdrege - There
Wednesday, June 11 - Smith Center - Here	Wednesday, June 18 - Cambridge - There
Tuesday, June 24 - Smith Center - There	Friday, June 27 - Oakley - Here
Wednesday, July 2 - Cambridge - Here	Wednesday, July 9 - Colby - There
Sunday, July 13 - Colby - Here	Tuesday, July 15 - Holdrege - Here
Zone Tourney dates - possibly July 22-27 ??	

# Norton AYSO Region Soccer season comes to an end

By April Bashford

AYSO referee  
On Saturday, May 3, the Norton AYSO Region 1365 Youth Soccer Organization held their final week of Soccer Games to end the 2014 Season. These are some of the statistics for the 2014 season for each of the teams.

For the U6 division team Bashford had 46 total goals and six wins, team Cunningham had 39 goals and five wins, team Ruiz with 45 goals and four wins and team Vanpatten with 27 goals and three wins. Team Collins had 18 goals and two wins, team Kunclrs with 12 goals and two wins, team Rushton with 19 goals and one win and team Meyer with 12 goals

and one win.

In the U8 division team Vahling had 58 goals and six wins, team Hansen with 48 goals and six wins, team Porter with 35 goals and five wins and team Lockhart had 22 goals and three wins. Team Stewart had 20 goals and three wins, team Fick had 18 goals and two wins and team Davis had 15 goals and one win.

In the U10 division team Hansen made 34 goals and won seven games, team Wente had 13 goals and five wins, team Caldwell had nine goals and five wins and team Meyer with 16 goals and three wins, and team Hanlon had seven goals and two wins.

In the U12 / 14 division team

Rushton had 41 goals with eight wins, team Hammond had 27 goals and six wins, team Hall with 32 goals and five wins, team Wente had 12 goals and two wins and team Davis had 13 goals and one win.

Of course no organization can be successful without the assistance of certain people who have a desire to be role models and teachers to the youth of our community. AYSO in general is an entire volunteer force for the most part. Without these volunteers there would not be any type of AYSO Soccer Organization. The season would not have been a success without them.

The volunteer referees were: April Bashford, Austin Koerperich, Timothy Bashford, James

King, Andrew Bashford, Sylvia Estes, Chris Lowry, Jeff Porter, Ricky King, Anthony Wente, Marty Harrington, Deena Wente, Larry King, Ray Caldwell and Laroyce Brown.

The volunteer coaches this year were: Catrina Kunclrs, Nicole Rushton, Danielle Cunningham, Alisha Stark, Troy Collins, April Bashford, Rafael Ruiz, Matthew Vanpatten, Tim Meyer, Amanda Davis, Josh Vahling, Jeff Stewart, David Porter, Mandi Fick, Martin Ruiz, Josh Hansen, Lacey Hansen, Kent Lockhart, Anthony Wente, John Hanlon, Ray Caldwell, Patrick Hall, Tiffney Yeager, Clint Hammond, Deena Wente and Laroyce Brown.

The season was a time for the

youth of Norton County to have the opportunity to learn and improve their skills in the game of soccer, and to come away with some improved knowledge of how to play the game of soccer. There are six philosophies that are a large part of AYSO Soccer. Three of these philosophies that are taught to the players and coaches are Player Devel-

opment, Good Sportsmanship and Positive Coaching. So once again we say THANK YOU to all the above listed people for their time. We hope to see you all once again next season and also hope that we will have the rest of the community as spectators, or even more volunteers to assist in the teaching of our players.

# Husky golfer competed in State Tourney



Northern Valley junior Matt Stutsman hits the ball onto the green during competition in the Norton Invitational Golf Tournament earlier this season.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Matt Stutsman, Northern Valley High School junior, qualified for the Class 1A State Golf Tournament with a tie for fifth place in the Regional Tournament on Monday, May 19 at Stockton.

To qualify, Matt shot a 98 on the Rooks County Golf Course.

Matt competed in the State Tournament in Garden City on Tuesday. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

Matt also competed in the state tournament his freshman year in high school.

His coach is Logan Kats.

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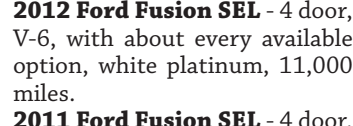
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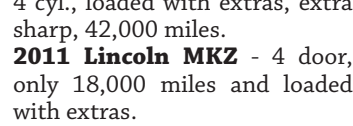
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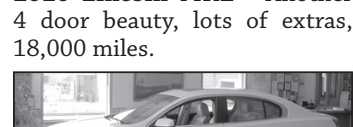
**2012 Ford Fusion SEL** - 4 door, V-6, with about every available option, white platinum, 11,000 miles.




**2011 Ford Fusion SEL** - 4 door, 4 cyl., loaded with extras, extra sharp, 42,000 miles.




**2011 Lincoln MKZ** - 4 door, only 18,000 miles and loaded with extras.



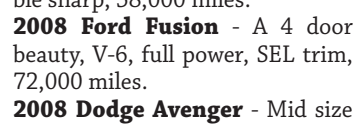
**2010 Lincoln MKZ** - Another 4 door beauty, lots of extras, 18,000 miles.



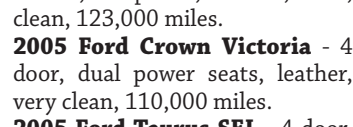
**2009 Lincoln MKS** - A luxury 4 door with navigation, moon roof and all the available luxury options, plus all wheel drive, 36,000 miles.



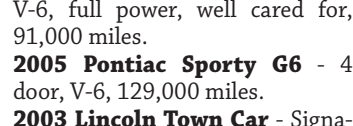
**2009 Lincoln MKS** - Another gorgeous luxury 4 door and double sharp, 58,000 miles.




**2008 Ford Fusion** - A 4 door beauty, V-6, full power, SEL trim, 72,000 miles.



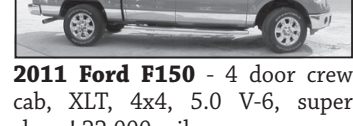
**2008 Dodge Avenger** - Mid size 4 door, full power, 2.7 V-6, FWD, clean, 123,000 miles.



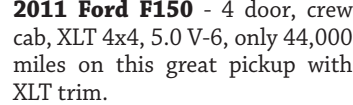
**2005 Ford Crown Victoria** - 4 door, dual power seats, leather, very clean, 110,000 miles.



**2005 Ford Taurus SEL** - 4 door, V-6, full power, well cared for, 91,000 miles.




**2005 Pontiac Sporty G6** - 4 door, V-6, 129,000 miles.




**2003 Lincoln Town Car** - Signature Series, higher miles but exceptionally clean.

**2008 Ford F150** - 4 door, crew cab, XLT, 4x4, loaded with extras, just 39,000 miles.

**2008 Chev Silverado** - 1500 Series, 4 door, crew cab, Z71, 5.3 V-8, 4x4, super clean, 59,000 miles.




**2006 Chev Colorado** - A 4 door, crew cab 4x4 and just 45,000 miles on this beauty.



**2013 Chrysler Town and Country Touring** - Loaded with options, too many to list them all! Gorgeous, 18,816 miles.


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