

# Wrestlers sign for college

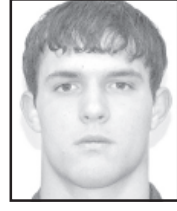
By DICK BOYD

Lance Roe and Jeremy Harding, members of Norton Community High School's three-in-a-row Class 3-2-1A state champion wrestling team, have signed letters of intent to wrestle in college for Pratt Community College.

"Pratt seemed like the perfect fit for both young men because they can become certified electrical linemen and continue to wrestle," said Norton coach Bill Johnson.

"Not many colleges have both of these programs."

Roe was a two-time state wrestling champion for the Blue Jays and four time state medalist. He had a 37-1 record his senior year and was 136-20 for his career. His 136 career wins ranks first in Norton Community High School history.



Lance Roe

This past season, Roe led the Blue Jay team in takedowns with 193 and technical falls with 9. He was also chosen the Most Outstanding Wrestler at the Class 3-2-1A Regional Wrestling Tournament.

Roe holds the following Norton records: takedowns for a season, 193 in 2005-06; takedowns for a career, 515; near falls for three points in a season, 45 in 2004-05; near falls for three points in a career, 114; major decisions in a season, 12 in 2003-04; major decisions in a career, 31; technical falls in a season with 10 in 2004-05; technical falls in a career, 27.

Roe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Roe, Norcatour.

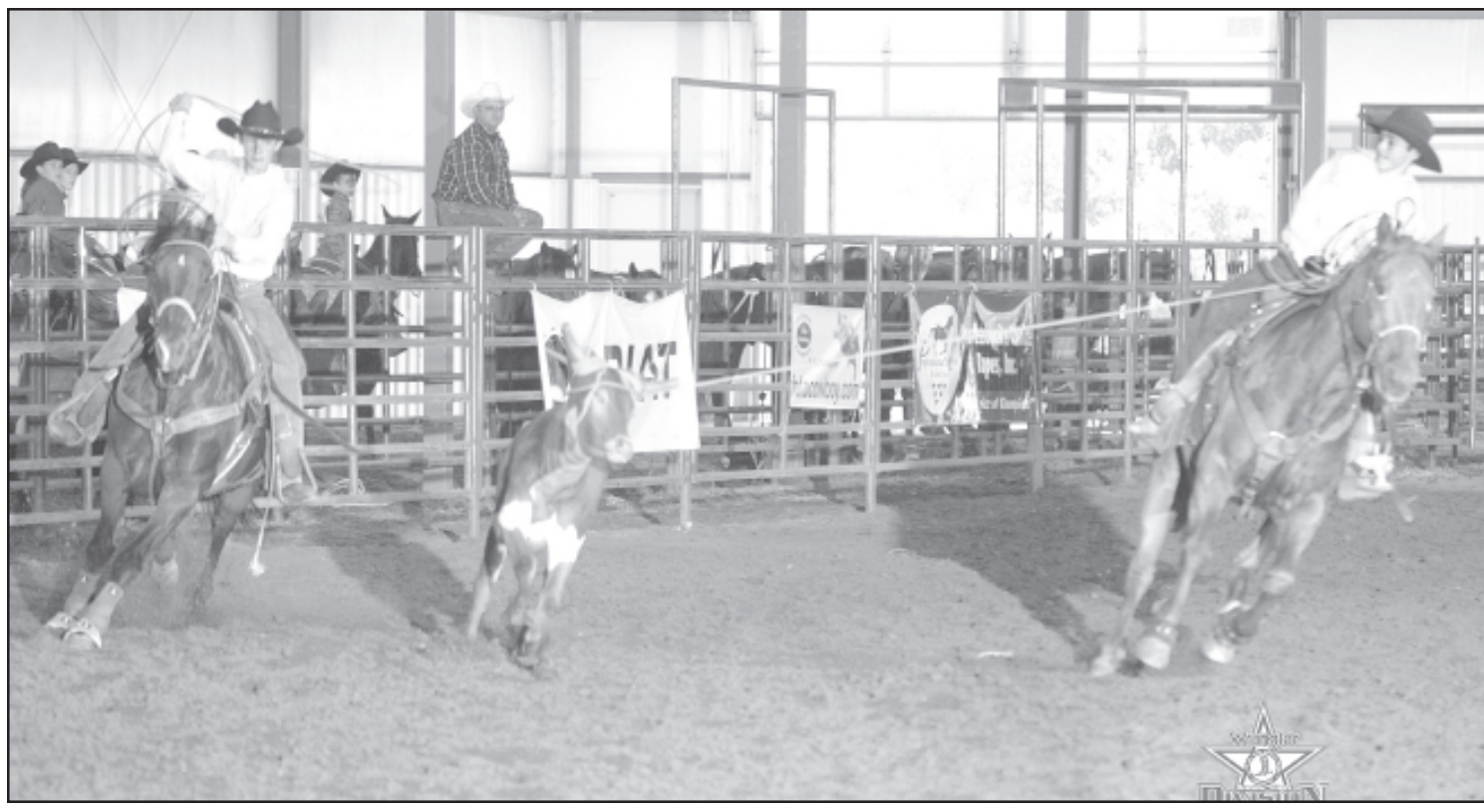
Harding was the Class 3-2-1A state runnerup in 2005-06 and was a state medalist in 2004-05. His record in his senior season was 27-5. His career record is 85-37. During the 2005-06 season, he was injured for about three weeks but managed to rank in the top five of almost every statistics category for Norton.

Harding is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Brad Harding, Norton.

Wrestling will be a new sport for Pratt Community College in 2006-07. The college last fielded a varsity wrestling team in 1974.

Head coach Charles Thompson comes from a family of coaches. His father, Jody Thompson, recently retired after 20 plus years as head wrestling coach at Labette Community College in Parsons. Charles's brother, Joel, has coached in high school and college.

Thompson wrestled for his father at Labette and earned All-American honors during his sophomore year. He finished his wrestling and education at Fort Hays State University, earning a bachelor of science in physical education in 2003 and master of science in sports administration in 2006.



With his rope around the horns of a steer, 13-year old Colton Lowry, Almena, waits for his partner, Kyle Beecher of Onaga, to rope the heels. The two young cowboys will be roping together at the National Junior High Rodeo Finals.

— Photo by Foto Cowboy

# Norton K-18 opens baseball season 3-1

by DICK BOYD

Norton's K-18 baseball team opened the season going 1-1 in a doubleheader at Plainville last Tuesday and winning a doubleheader from Stockton Friday in Norton to extend their early season record to 3-1.

Norton won the opener at Plainville 4-3. The Blue Jays took a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Terrell Lane singled and scored. Lane singled again in the top of the third and scored to put Norton on top 2-0.

Plainville tied the score 2-all with two runs in the bottom of the fourth.

The game went into an extra sixth inning. Norton scored twice to take a 4-2 lead. Matt Stanley was hit by a pitch and walked, then Kaenon Keiswetter got on base with a fielder's choice. Both scored later in the inning.

Plainville was able to score one run in the bottom of the sixth but it was too little, too late and Norton won 4-3.

Landon Hamel was the winning

pitcher. He allowed just three hits, walked four batters and fanned six.

Norton had six hits and four Norton batters walked. Leading hitter was Lane, who was 2-4.

Norton lost the nightcap 10-9. The score was tied 2-all after the first inning. Zach Bainter singled and Stanley walked and both scored.

Plainville took a 3-2 lead in the second inning. Norton tallied five runs in the top of the third stanza to move ahead 7-3. Lane tripled, Spencer Shirk walked, Zach Bainter singled, Stanley, Kaenon

Keiswetter and Hamel walked. Lane, Shirk, Stanley, Keiswetter and Hamel all scored.

Plainville rallied with four runs of their own in the bottom of the third to tie the score at 7-all.

Norton took an 8-7 lead in the top of the fourth when Lane walked and scored.

Plainville tallied twice in the bottom of the inning to make it 9-8.

In the top of the fifth, the Blue Jays tallied one run to knot the score at 9-all. Troy Bainter walked and Zac Dreyer singled him home.

Two singles by Plainville players in the bottom of the fifth produced the winning run for the Cardinals.

Zach Bainter pitched one inning for Norton, allowing no hits, striking out one batter and walking four. Lane pitched two innings. He allowed three hits, struck out five and walked four. Shirk hurled the last two innings. He gave up three hits, struck out one and allowed no walks.

Norton had five hits, nine walks and nine struck out.

Leading hitters for Norton were Lane and Zach Bainter, who were each 2-3 at the plate.

### Wins over Stockton

Norton's first home games of the season came Friday night when the Blue Jays defeated Stockton 11-5 and 7-0.

In the opener, Norton took a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Shirk and Stanley both singled, Kaid McKenna tripled and drove in both Shirk and Stanley. Kaenon Keiswetter walked and scored and McKenna also scored in the inning.

Four more Norton runs in the bottom of the second stanza extended the Blue Jay lead to 8-0. Dakota Dreyer, Shirk and Zach Bainter singled and Stanley walked. All four scored.

Troy Bainter singled and scored in the bottom of the third to make it 9-0.

# Norton Lady Storm opens season by winning Hill City Round Robin

By DICK BOYD

The Norton Lady Storm 18 and Under Fast Pitch Softball team opened their 2006 season on Saturday and Sunday with a perfect 4-0 record to win the Hill City Round Robin.

After several years' absence, the team was reorganized this season.

The 15 members of the team are Ashli Hageman, Kayla Foley, Ashley Martinez, Chantille Campbell, Courtney LeClair, Danielle LeClair, Thea Wiseman, all of Norton; Tiffany Long, Amy Foster, Kylie Cooper, all of Hill City; Laci Ellis, Lenora; Lacey Roe, Norcatour; Amy Nicholson, Penokee; Karlie Boyd, Phillipsburg and Jessica Strickland, Beaver City.

Darin Campbell is the team manager and Kirk Foley is the head coach. Erin Hill and Maggie Foley are assistant coaches.

Norton opened play versus Smith Center at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Lady Storm prevailed 11-7 after trailing 7-4 at the end of the fourth inning.

Norton was the visiting team and batted first. Norton scored two runs in the first inning when Boyd doubled and Long singled and both tallied. Smith Center scored three runs in the bottom of the second inning to take a 3-2 lead.

Norton scored two runs in the top of the third when Foley singled and Long tripled. Norton's 4-3 lead disappeared when Smith Center tallied three runs in the bottom of the third to take a 7-4 advantage.

The Lady Storm rallied in the top of the fifth when they scored seven runs. Foley and Long both singled, Chantille Campbell walked and Courtney LeClair, Roe and Boyd singled. Danielle LeClair walked.

Foley singled and Long doubled. Foley, Long, Campbell, Courtney LeClair, Roe, Boyd and Danielle LeClair all scored.

Smith Center was three up and three down in the bottom of the inning to preserve Norton's 11-7 victory.

The Lady Storm had 12 hits and Smith Center had seven. Leading hitters for Norton were Long, 4-4; Foley, 3-4; Roe, 2-3 and Boyd, 2-4. Courtney LeClair was the winning pitcher. She struck out four and walked one.

"We didn't play very well in the opening game," said Campbell. "We had trouble hitting their slower pitcher and our defense did not back up our pitcher very well. "LeClair did an outstanding job of pitching."

At 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Norton defeated Wray, Colo. 12-2. The game was called after three innings due to the 10 run lead rule.

Wray scored their only two runs in the first inning. Norton tallied four runs in the second inning and seven runs in the third inning.

Foster was the winning pitcher. She struck out five batters and gave up just one hit. Norton had 13 hits in the game.

"They had a lot faster pitcher and we hit well," said Campbell. "They were not able to hit a faster pitcher like Foster. She really pitched well."

At 9 a.m. on Sunday, Norton played Smith Center again and had to come from behind once again to win, this time by just a 10-9 score.

Smith Center scored two runs in the top of the second inning but Norton tied the score with two runs in the bottom of the inning. Strickland and Martinez both walked and scored.

Smith Center took a 3-2 lead in the top of the fourth but Norton tied it a 3-all when Danielle LeClair singled and scored in the bottom of the fifth to send the game into an extra inning.

Smith Center tallied six runs in the top of the extra sixth inning to take a 9-3 advantage. The Norton Storm was equal to the occasion and stormed back for seven runs in the bottom of the inning to win 10-9.

Courtney LeClair singled, Martinez and Boyd walked and Danielle LeClair, Long, Roe and Cooper singled. Cooper's single brought in the final two runs for the win.

Courtney LeClair was the winning pitcher. She gave up five hits, struck out five and allowed four walks.

Norton had eight hits. Leading hitter for Norton was Long who went 3-4, followed by Danielle

LeClair, 2-4.

Norton finished play with an 11 a.m. contest with Wray, which they won 18-1 in three innings.

Wray's only run came in the first inning. Norton scored two runs in the second inning when Foster doubled and Campbell hit safely and both tallied.

In the third inning, Foley got on base via an error, Foster walked, Campbell doubled, Courtney LeClair and Ellis singled, Hageman walked, Martinez singled, Boyd walked, Long singled, Foley doubled, Foster singled, Campbell and Courtney LeClair walked, Danielle LeClair singled, Hageman walked and Martinez and Foley singled and all scored at least one time.

Norton had 13 hits. Leading hitters were Campbell, 2-2; Foster, 2-3 and Foley, 2-4.

Foster was the winning pitcher. She had four strike outs and allowed no hits.

"We started from scratch and have received tremendous support from the community," said Campbell. "We've had some great fund raisers and also received sizable donations from local businesses and individuals. We had to purchase all new equipment and uniforms. The businesses have given us some great deals on merchandise.

"My wife, Julie, has really helped tremendously with the organization."

The Norton Lady Storm will play a doubleheader at McCook on Wednesday, beginning at 6 p.m. The rest of the schedule is as follows: Russell Tournament, June 17-18; Colby Tournament, June 24-25; Regional Tournament in Hill City, July 1-2; Southern Valley in Norton, 6:30 p.m., July 7, Jaycees Field; State Tournament in Topeka, July 14, 15, 16.

### Norton County Weather --- June 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup>

Tue 93/62	Wed 98/64	Thu 101/66	Fri 98/65	Sat 95/64
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Normal High: 85  
Normal Low: 56  
Sunrise: 6:11 to 6:13am  
Sunset: 9:10 to 9:13pm

Rain over the weekend will most likely be all we see until harvest. High pressure strengthens over the southwestern U.S. producing dry and hot weather over the High Plains this week and over the weekend. We could see a brief cool spell early next week with a few storms, but by the time we start cutting wheat the following weekend hot and dry weather returns. Let's cross our fingers and hope there is no hail with the storm chances early next week and we get the wheat that's out there in the bin.

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