



The Blue Jays' Matt Stanley smashed a hit during the Norton K-18's 14-4 win over Smith Center here on Tuesday evening. Norton also won the opener 9-2. Norton's Zac Dreher, right, crossed the plate to score during the Blue Jays' 14-4 victory over Smith Center in K-18 action here Tuesday evening. Norton also won the opener 9-2. - Telegram photos by Dick Boyd



Norton K-18 baseball team defeats Smith Center

By DICK BOYD

Coach Ward Foley's Norton K-18 baseball team defeated Smith Center in a doubleheader here on Tuesday evening.

The Blue Jays were 9-2 winners in the opener and blasted the Redmen 14-4 in the nightcap.

"We played well," said coach Foley. "To defeat Smith Center by such large margins was awesome. We had our full team back and it showed. Our boys played to win."

Norton had big first innings in both games, scoring five runs in the initial inning of the opener and 10 to start the second game.

OPENER

After holding Smith Center scoreless in the top of the first, Norton crossed home plate five times in the bottom of the inning.

Terrell Lane was lead-off hitter and singled. Zach Bainter, Matt Stanley, Troy Bainter and Zac Dreher all walked and Kaenon Keiswetter singled. Lane, Zach Bainter, Stanley, Troy Bainter and Dreher all scored.

After a scoreless top of the second for Smith Center, Norton extended their lead to 8-0 with three more runs in the bottom of the inning. Lane walked, Zach Bainter singled and Stanley walked and all three scored.

The Blue Jays made it a 9-0 game in the bottom of the third stanza. Kaenon Keiswetter walked and scored later in the inning.

Smith Center got two singles and two walks in the top of the fifth to score two runs and make the final 9-2.

Landon Hamel pitched the first two innings and was the winning



Norton's Terrell Lane blasted a triple during the Blue Jays' 10-run first inning in a 14-4 K-18 victory over Smith Center here

pitcher. He allowed four hits, walked none and struck out four batters. He was relieved by Troy Bainter, who gave up four hits, walked two and struck out five batters.

Norton had just three hits in the game but took advantage of 10 walks and only one Blue Jay batter struck out. Lane, Zach Bainter and Kaenon Keiswetter each hit safely.

NIGHTCAP

In the second game, Smith Center tallied three runs in the

top of the first inning to take a 3-0 lead.

Norton responded with 10 runs in the bottom of the inning to take a commanding 10-3 advantage. Lane and Shirk both walked, Zach Bainter doubled, Stanley, Zac Dreher, Kaenon Keiswetter and Blecha all singled. The top of the batting order came up again and this time Lane tripled to left field, Shirk singled, Zach Bainter doubled again and Stanley hit safely. Lane, Shirk and Zach Bainter scored twice in the inning

Tuesday evening. Norton also won the first game 9-2. Jerry Hawks was the home plate umpire. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

and Stanley, Dreher, Kaenon Keiswetter and Blecha each scored once.

One more run by Norton in the bottom of the second inning made it 11-3. Zac Dreher walked,

Kaenon Keiswetter singled, Blecha doubled and Dreher scored.

The Redmen scored one run in the top of the third to cut the Norton lead to 11-4.

In the bottom of the third, the Blue Jays tallied three more times to win 14-4 and end the game with the 10-run rule. Shirk singled, Zach Bainter and Stanley both walked, Zac Dreher and Kaenon Keiswetter singled and Blecha walked. Shirk, Bainter and Stanley all scored.

Hamel pitched the first two innings again and that was enough to give him two wins for the night. Hamel gave up three hits, walked one and struck out two batters. Shirk relieved him and allowed two hits, walked one and struck out one batter.

Norton had 14 hits in the contest. Leading hitters were Kaenon Keiswetter, 3-3; Shirk, 2-2; Zach Bainter, 2-2; Stanley, 2-2; Zac Dreher, 2-2; Blecha, 2-2.

Next action

The Norton K-18 nine played at Stockton last night.

They will host Hays on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in a doubleheader postponed from earlier due to rainy weather.

Annual Best Road Race by 'Dam' site in Alma on July 4

By DICK BOYD

The 26th annual Best Road Race by a "Dam" Site will be held on Tuesday, the Fourth of July in Alma, Neb.

This well-known Independence Day race features 10K, 5K and one-mile fun runs and a two-mile walk.

Check-in will be from 7-7:30 a.m. at the Alma Vista South Shore parking area on the south side of the Harlan County Reservoir.

The one-mile fun run and two-mile walk begin at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K and 10K runs begin at 8 a.m. and end at the football field.

Refreshments will be served. Showers will be available at the Alma swimming pool for the runners.

T-shirts will be awarded to all entrants. Medals will be awarded

to the first three places in each age group in the 10K and 5K races. A \$50 gift certificate will go to the overall men's and women's winners of the 10K. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the overall men's and women's winners in the 5K.

A trophy will be awarded to the oldest and youngest finishers of the 10K. All runners will be eligible to win merchandise drawings.

Men and women runners in the 5K and 10K races will compete in age divisions 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. There will be no divisions in the one-mile run.

Entry fee is \$20 per person. If four or more enter as a family, the fee is \$18 each.

If you wish to mail your entry,

send your name, address with phone number, race you wish to enter, sex, date of birth and age before July 4, 2006 to: Alma Chamber of Commerce, Box 52, Alma, Neb. 68920. Entry forms are also available at all Alma Chamber member businesses.

For more information, contact Deb Smolik, (308) 928-8969; Jess Stemper, (308) 928-2199 or Rhonda Hogeland, (308) 473-3203.

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