

# K-18 splits with Phillipsburg at home

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The Norton K-18 baseball team had been unable to beat an excellent Phillipsburg team in two previous doubleheaders this season but, in the second game of a twin bill on Tuesday night at John Ryan Field in Norton, the young Blue Jays were able to do just that. They took an early lead, Phillipsburg caught up and tied the score but Norton scored the final run to defeat the young Panthers 10-9!

ning and left one runner stranded on third base in the bottom of the fifth.

Kendall Miller had Norton's only hit in the game. The young Blue Jays had no bases on balls and 12 strike outs.

Trever Lewis was the Norton pitcher. He gave up seven hits, walked three and struck out seven batters.

Derr was the Phillipsburg hurler.

Cox singled, Trever Lewis was hit by a pitch and advanced and Kendall Miller doubled. Hager, Cox and Lewis all scored.

Phillipsburg scored three times in the top of the third to cut the Norton advantage to 8-5. One Norton run in the bottom of the inning made it 9-5. Schrum and Hager both walked and Schrum tallied.

Three hits and a Norton error led to four runs for the young Panthers in the top of the fourth and a 9-all tie.

Norton was three-up, three-down in the bottom of the inning but Phillipsburg was also three-up, three-down in the top of the fifth.

In the bottom of the inning, Cressler came up with his second great hit of the night when he doubled and came sliding safely at home plate for the winning run after Schrum advanced him with an out and Stutsman got on base with a fielder's choice.

Cressler also slid into home plate safely for one of Norton's five runs in the bottom of the first inning.

Lewis also was safe on a slide at home when he scored one of Norton's three runs in the bottom of the second inning.

Norton had seven hits, five walks and five strike outs in the game.

Leading hitter for Norton was Cox, who was a perfect 3 for 3 with the bat. Cressler was right behind him with 2 hits in 3 times at the plate.

Cole pitched for Norton. Phillipsburg had eight hits, six walks and eight strike outs.

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The dust flew as Travis Cressler slid into home plate safely to score the winning run for the Norton K-18 baseball team in the second game of a doubleheader with Phillipsburg on Tuesday night at John Ryan Field in Norton. The play occurred in the bottom of the fifth and final inning and Cressler's score broke a 9-all tie! The home plate umpire is Tyler Rutherford. - Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

The opener was also close but Phillipsburg prevailed 5-1.

**Opener**

In the first game, Phillipsburg scored twice in the top of the second inning but Norton tallied once in the bottom of the inning to make the score 2-1. Norton's run came when Toby Nickell got on base via an error and scored later in the inning.

Phillipsburg added three more runs in the top of the fifth inning to make the final score 5-1.

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**Nightcap**

Phillipsburg scored once in the top of the first but the young Blue Jays ran five runs across home plate in the bottom of the inning to take a 5-1 lead.

Clint Cole got on base on an error, Brant Cox singled, Kendall Miller walked, Travis Cressler slammed a triple, Drew Schrum walked and Matt Stutsman singled.

All except Stutsman scored.

Phillipsburg added one run to their score in the top of the second but Norton added three more runs in the bottom of the inning to extend their lead to 8-2. Alec Hager walked, Brant

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**Next action**

The Norton K-18 team has completed regular season games and is now ready for post-season.

They will play in the Sub-Regional Tournament in Plainville on Saturday and Sunday.

Norton will play Victoria at 9 a.m. on Saturday. If Norton wins, they will play the winner of the Phillipsburg-Russell game at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

## K-18 team keeping busy

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The Norton K-18 baseball team completed a rain-shortened game with Smith Center, played a doubleheader with Smith Center and a doubleheader with Phillipsburg in recent action.

**Smith Center**

On Friday evening, July 8, Norton hosted Smith Center to complete the season-opening, rain-shortened contest which was held Friday, June 3, then played a regularly scheduled doubleheader.

When the original game was halted after one and one-half innings, Norton was leading 9-5 after winning the opener 8-7.

This time around, the visitors scored two runs in the top of the third inning and four in the top of the fourth while Norton managed only one more run and lost the game 11-10.

Norton had two hits, eight walks and eight strike outs.

Trever Lewis was the Norton pitcher for three and two-thirds innings and Brant Cox hurled for one and one-third inning.

Smith Center had four hits, 11 walks and six strike outs.

In the doubleheader here on Friday night, Norton lost to Smith Center 11-3 and 3-2.

**Opener**

Smith Center scored three times in the top of the first inning but Norton matched it with three scores of their own in the bottom of the inning. Clint Cole walked, Brant Cox singled, Toby Nickell gained first base on an error and Kendall Miller and Matt Stutsman both singled. Cole, Cox and Lewis all tallied.

Norton did not score again in the game, however, and Smith Center added six runs in the top of the second and two in the top of the fifth to win 11-3.

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Nickell was the Norton pitcher. He gave up three hits, walked 12 and struck out 10 batters.

Fink was the winning pitcher.

**Nightcap**

The second game of the evening was much closer and could have gone either way but the Smith Center nine edged the locals 4-2.

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The visitors added one more run in the top of the third. Norton added another run in the bottom of the fourth to narrow the Smith Center lead to 3-2. Lewis singled and Nickell got on base on an error and scored.

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**Games with Phillipsburg**

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In the first game, Phillipsburg scored three runs in the bottom of the first inning, four in the bottom of the second and two more in the bottom of the third. Norton had no hits in the game, one walk and 13 strike outs.

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## Holdrege defeats Norton

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The Norton American Legion baseball team traveled to Holdrege on Tuesday evening and took on an outstanding Holdrege nine, losing 11-0 and 3-1.

**Opener**

In the opener, Norton was unable to get any hits or scores.

Holdrege scored twice in the bottom of the first inning, five times in the bottom of the second and four times in the bottom of the fourth.

Andrew Ellis pitched the first inning for Norton and Brett Terrell hurled the next three innings.

Holdrege had only five hits, 11 walks and three strike outs.

Norton had no walks and seven strike outs.

Wilson was the winning pitcher.

**Nightcap**

The second game was much better for the visitors from Norton. They limited Holdrege to just three runs but again could not score themselves.

Holdrege scored once in the bottom of the first inning and twice in the bottom of the third.

In the top of the fourth stanza, Spencer Shirk singled for the second time in the game and Dakota Dreher walked. Shirk scored before the inning ended.

The Blue Jays were unable to tally in the top of the fifth and Holdrege won 3-1.

Norton had just three hits in the game; Shirk was 2 for 2 with the bat. The Blue Jays had two walks and six strike outs.

Shirk pitched the entire game for Norton, giving up just four hits, walking two and striking out seven batters.

Maaske, Jensen, Hamling and Breece shared pitching duties for Holdrege.

**Coach's comments**

"Holdrege pitched well and made all the routine plays," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"They are well coached and true gentlemen.

"We struggled hitting during the first game and, in the second game, we continued with our season-long tough hitting luck. We hit the ball well but it was right to them."

**Next action**

Norton traveled to Goodland for a doubleheader on Thursday evening. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.

It was the last regular season games for the Blue Jays, who will begin Zone Tournament action on Sunday in Norton.

## Zone tournament in Norton

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For the first time in a number of years, Norton will be the host team for the AA Zone 7 American Legion Baseball Tournament, which will begin Sunday at John Ryan Field in Norton.

It will be a double elimination tournament and the winner will advance to the American Legion State Baseball Tournament in Ottawa on July 27-30.

Norton is seeded No.3 in the six-team field.

Colby (14-12) is the No.1 seed and received a first round bye.

Two games will be played Sunday evening in Norton. At 6 p.m., No.4 seed Trego (8-14) will play No.5 seed Goodland (4-7).

In the nightcap at 8 p.m., Norton (6-8) will play No.6 seed Osborne (1-9).

No.2 seed Smith Center (7-6) also received a first round bye.

On Tuesday, Colby will play

the winner of the Norton-Osborne game at 6 p.m. and Smith Center will play the winner of the Trego-Goodland game at 8 p.m.

Wednesday games in the loser's bracket will feature the loser of the Norton-Osborne and loser of the Colby vs. Trego-Goodland winner at 6 p.m. and the Trego-Goodland loser vs. the loser of the Smith Center vs. Norton-Osborne winner at 8 p.m.

In the loser's bracket on Thursday at 6 p.m., the winners of Wednesday's two games will play. On the championship side at 8 p.m. on Thursday, the winner of the Colby vs. winner of Trego-Goodland and winner of the Smith Center vs. Norton-Osborne winner will play.

At 6 p.m. on Friday in the loser's bracket, the winner of Thursday's consolation game will play the loser of Thursday's game on the championship side. In the 8 p.m. game on Friday, the winners of

the championship side and the consolation side will play for the championship.

If the loser of the championship game has only one loss, another game will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday to determine who will play in the State Tournament.

There will be seven Zone Tournaments.

Rich Miller is the tournament manager for the Norton American Legion. He will receive assistance in coordinating the operation of the tournament from the Norton Recreation Commission.

All players of all teams will repeat the Code of Conduct prior to each game to promote sportsmanship.

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