

# Legion team out of running for state win

By Dick Boyd

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The Zone Tournament champion Norton American Legion baseball team played two games in the AA Kansas State American Legion Baseball Tournament on Wednesday and Thursday in Orlis Cox Field in Ottawa.

In their game on Wednesday morning, they played defending state champion Pratt and ran into a buzz saw, losing 31-0.

In the loser's bracket on Thursday morning, Norton played

Doniphan County, who lost their opener 8-6 to Clifton-Clyde. It was a very competitive game between two evenly matched teams. The difference in the game was a three-run home run that lifted Doniphan County to a 3-0 victory and eliminated the Blue Jays from the tournament.

## Doniphan County

Norton was designated the home team. The game was a pitchers' battle between Norton's Trey Millan and Doniphan County's Derrick Nold. Neither

team could hit the other's pitcher and it was a scoreless contest until the top of the sixth inning when Brandon Bell hit a home run with two runners on base to produce the 3-0 lead and eventual 3-0 victory.

Other than the home run, statistics for the two teams were very close. Norton had three hits, two walks, seven strike outs, two errors and four players left on base. Doniphan County had three hits, no errors, three walks, nine strike outs, no errors and five men left on base.

Millan doubled and Spencer Shirk singled in the sixth inning for Norton when the Blue Jays had their best chance to score. Dakota Dreher singled in the second inning for Norton's other hit.

## Pratt

Norton was also designated home team in the game with Pratt. The defending state champions started right off hitting ball and scored 20 runs on 13 hits and five Norton errors in the top of the first inning. Pratt scored two more runs in the top of the second and four more in the top of the third to make the score 26-0.

Five more Pratt runs in the top of the fourth inning made the final 31-0 and ended the game on the 10 run lead after four innings rule.

Dreher had the only hit for Norton, a single in the third inning.

The Blue Jays had two walks and six strike outs.

Pratt had 22 hits, nine walks and two strike outs.

Norton used four pitchers in the game: Spencer Shirk, Dalton Miller, Trey Millan and Tug Keiswetter.



Norton's Trey Millan pitched a tremendous game on Thursday against an excellent Doniphan County team in the American Legion State Baseball Tournament in Ottawa. He allowed just three hits, walked three batters and struck out nine. Behind him is Norton third baseman Kaid McKenna.

## Coach's comments

"I don't know what happened against Pratt," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis. "They had a good team and everything just snowballed against us."

"Pratt was state champion and second in the Midwest last year."

"We came back and played really well in a tough game today against Doniphan County."

"We had a good pitchers' dual today. Trey matched their good pitcher in every inning. He really pitched a good game."

"They beat us with an Earl Weaver baseball play. They got two runners on base and hit the home run for three runs."

"We hit the ball pretty good; we just couldn't string hits together."

-Telegram photo by Dick Boyd  
"Dakota made some fantastic catches in center field today."

"Overall, it was just a really good baseball game."

"We also had a really good season. I enjoyed coaching these young men. Thanks to everyone who helped this season, including parents and fans."



The Norton Legion's Lane Bigge fielded two straight ground balls from his third base position and fired the ball to first baseman Andrew Ellis.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

# Races planned for this weekend at Elmwood Park

By Darin Racek

The Norton County Fair is gearing up for the annual two nights of racing during the fair at Norton Elmwood Park Speedway on the nights of July 30 and 31. The pits will open at 3 p.m., the grandstands 5 p.m., and the races will begin at 7 p.m. Central Time on both nights. On Saturday night, grandstand admission will be \$10 for adults, \$5 for teens 14-18, and free for children 13 and under, if they are accompanied by a paying adult. On Sunday night, the adult tickets will go up to \$12, but as they come in on Saturday night, they will have the option of purchasing a two-night ticket for \$20. Pit passes will be \$25 each night, but there will be no entry fees required by the track.

On Saturday night, the United Rebel Sprint Series 305 Sprint Cars will be racing for \$500 to win and they will be racing for URSS points. The other classes will be sanctioned by the International Motor Contest Association (IMCA). Modifieds will race for \$400 to win, Stock Cars \$300, Northern SportMod \$250, and Hobby Stocks \$200. The International Motor Contest Association classes will require 10 cars in their division for that payout.

On Sunday night, the URSS 305 Sprints are back, racing for \$700 to win, but will not run for URSS points. If the International Motor Contest Association Modifieds can draw at least 15 cars, the winner will receive \$500. International Motor Contest Association Stock Cars are again looking for at least 10 cars to race for \$400 to

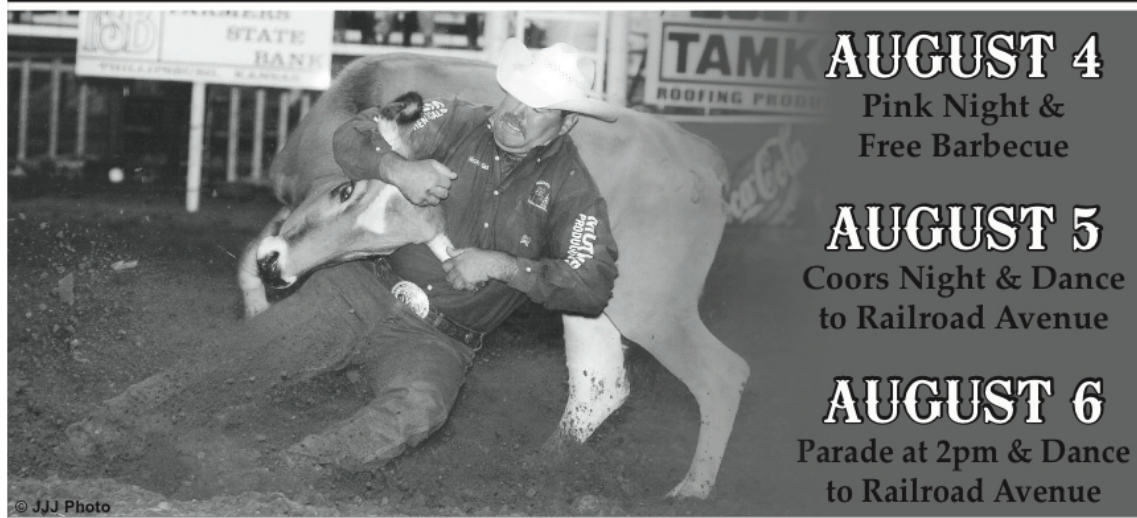
win. If the International Motor Contest Association Northern SportMods have at least 10 cars in the pits, they will race for \$350 to win, and if there are at least 10 International Motor Contest Association Hobby Stocks, they race for \$300 to win. It will be a draw-redraw night for the four International Motor Contest Association classes.

Tow money will be offered each night.

Norton Elmwood Park Speedway is on the south edge of Norton in Elmwood Park, on the east side of U.S. Highway 283. For more information, contact Rick Schwab at 785-871-0851. Schwab can also be emailed at schwabie43@hotmail.com. The track's website address is <http://nepra.squarespace.com/>.

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