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# Thunder Girls open season

### By DICK BOYD

nortontelegram@nwkansas.com The Norton Thunder Girls Softball Team opened their 2014 season on Friday by splitting a doubleheader at Osborne and completing weekend play in the ASA Tournament on Saturday and Sunday in Hays.

#### Osborne

In the opener at Osborne, the Lady Thunder held a lead until the bottom of the fourth and final inning when the home team scored three runs to win 7-6.

The Thunder had a big first inning when they tallied five runs on four hits. Tara Brachtenbach led off with a walk, Kirstin Georgeson singled and Tessa Reynolds walked. Then, Amanda Kessler, Kristen Dole and Sabre Plante singled and Shelby Mulford walked. All except Mulford scored.

Osborne scored two runs in the bottom of the second to make it 5-2. Kessler singled in the top of the third and Dole singled her home to extend the Thunder lead to 6-2. Two more Osborne runs in the bottom of the third cut the Norton lead to 6-4. The Thunder was unable to score again but Osborne added three more runs in the bottom of the fourth for the 7-6 win.

The Thunder had 7 hits, 5 walks and 3 strike outs. Leading hitters for the Thunder were Kessler and Dole, both of whom were a perfect 2 for 2 at the plate.

"The first game was a little frustrating because we felt like we should be putting the game away but we kept leaving runners on base," said head coach Brandon Gay. "We stranded eight runners in four innings. That, combined with a couple of errors is why we lost.

"Kirstin pitched great for three innings but with a tournament the next day, we wanted to limit her pitching as much as possible. She was headed for a win but we needed to save her for the tournament."

In Kirstin's three innings, she gave up three hits, walked one and struck out four batters. She was relieved by Gena Randel, who allowed no hits, walked

four and struck out one in onethird inning.

# Nightcap

The second game was close early with both teams scoring five runs in the first inning, then the Thunder pulled away for a 14-7 victory.

The Thunder's first inning runs came when Brachtenbach walked and Georgeson, Revnolds, Kessler, Dole and Plante all singled and all scored.

The Thunder ran another run across home plate in the top of the second when Brachtenbach got on base on an error and tallied to put the Thunder on top 6-5. Osborne tied it at 6-all with a single run in the bottom of the second and led 7-6 after scoring another run in the bottom of the third.

The top of the fourth was another big inning for the Thunder. Ashley Hildebrand, Shelby Mulford, Gena Randel and Neysa Carlson all singled. Samantha Mulford got on base, Brachtenbach and Shauna Gibson both walked and Reynolds singled and all scored to give the Thunder a 14-7 advantage.

The Thunder bats were really active as they collected 14 hits in the game. Reynolds was 2 for 3 with the wood and Shelby Mulford was 2 for 2.

The Thunder had 5 walks and 1 strike out.

Kristen Dole was the winning pitcher. She gave up 3 hits, walked 10 and struck out 3.

"We got some big hits in the second game and played better defensively," said coach Gay. "Kristen had a little trouble with her control in the first inning but settled down and pitched great the rest of the game. She allowed us to save Kirstin and Gena for the tournament, which was huge.'

#### **Hays Tournament**

The Norton Thunder lost 10-7 to Ell-Saline and 9-0 to Larned in tournament pool play and lost 8-1 to Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays in bracket play in the two-day tournament.

**Ell-Saline** 

The Thunder scored two runs in the first inning when Georgeson and Gibson both got on base and scored. Ell-Saline tied the score at 2-all in the third. Ell-Saline scored eight more runs in the fourth inning and the Thunder tallied only five.

Georgeson, Gibson, Plante, Reynolds, Kessler, Dole, Gena Randel, Carlson and Shelby Mulford all walked and Georgeson, Gibson, Reynolds, Kessler and Dole all scored.

The Thunder had only 2 hits, 1 each by Georgeson and Gibson, 9 walks and 5 strike outs.

Georgeson was the Norton pitcher. She gave up 6 hits, walked 4 and struck out 3.

"Ell-Saline is a tough 2A team who went 23-0 this season as the defending 2A state runner-up but we also felt they would be our easiest pool game so we wanted to win against them to put us in the top half of the bracket," said coach Gay. "We almost made that a reality but we made a couple of big mistakes in a couple of big situations that probably cost us the game.

"Kirstin pitched really well and we played decent defensively but our mistakes were deadly."

#### Larned

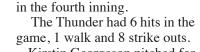
The Thunder was unable to score against Larned and the Renegades ran in four runs in the first inning and five in the second stanza. The Thunder had no hits, 3 walks and 8 strike outs. Gena Randel pitched for the Thunder, giving up 8 hits, walking 4 and striking out none.

"Larned is a very tough team with a dominant pitcher," said coach Gay. "We only batted once through the order so our hitters never really got the chance to time her fastball. That said, it was a good experience for our next tournament."

#### **Hays TMP-Marian**

The Thunder's only run came in the first inning when Gibson, Plante and Reynolds all singled and Gibson scored.

TMP scored one run in the first inning, three in the second



Kirstin Georgeson pitched for the Thunder. She gave up 5 hits, walked 3 and struck out 5. "It was a tough day for the

Mulford family," said coach Gay. "Our center fielder Shelby Mulford left the first game with a thumb injury and our first baseman Samantha Mulford was hit in the ribs in the second game. Neither was able to return.

We were also short-handed at catcher going into the day because our two primary catchers couldn't make the tournament. By the third game, we were playing out of position catcher, first base, shortshop and center field. We wanted to win a low scoring game with TMP but it's tough to keep the score down with so many key players missing defensively.

"Overall, I was satisfied with how we played considering the teams we faced. Winning that first game would have been huge because it would have put us at the top of the bracket. And, it would have been nice to have our whole team together for the last game. But, it didn't work out.

"I'm proud of the effort our girls put in and I'm excited about what they can do the rest

of the season." Next action

The Norton Thunder was scheduled to host Smith Center at Busch Field this Thursday but that has been postponed.

The Thunder will still play Smith Center next but it will be in Smith Center on Tuesday, June 24, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Two other doubleheaders have been added to the schedule. The Thunder will play Beloit on July 3 in Beloit and will host Atwood on July 8 at Blue Jay Park with both beginning at 6:30 p.m.



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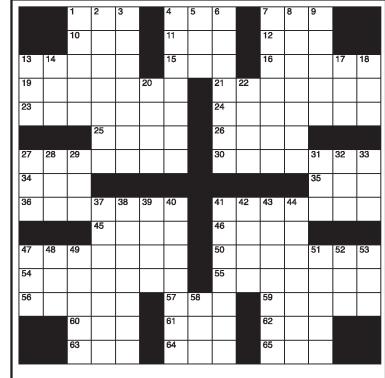
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