

American Legion beats Oakley in Zone Tournament

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The Norton American Legion baseball team got a slow start but rallied to defeat Oakley 7-4 in the first round of the American Legion Zone Baseball Tournament on Tuesday, July 22 in Colby.

Norton was designated the home team so Oakley batted first. They scored one run on three hits in the opening inning. Norton was unable to score in the first two innings and Oakley added another run in the top of the third inning on a walk and one hit.

Norton was still scoreless in the bottom of the third and the Plainsmen added two more runs in the top of the fourth on three hits and a Norton error to extend their lead to 4-0.

With only two hits in the first three innings, the Blue Jays said enough is enough and their bats came alive in the bottom of the fourth. Four hits and five runs pulled them ahead 5-4. Jacob Green walked, Trevor Lewis got on base on an error, Lane Bigge

singled, Toby Nickell walked, Gavin Lively singled, Mickey Hahn singled, Andrew Ellis singled, and Dalton Miller got on base on a fielder's choice. Green, Lewis, Bigge, Nickell and Lively all scored.

Oakley did not score again and Norton added two more insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. Lively singled, Ellis got on base on an error and Green doubled both of them home.

Norton had 8 hits, 4 walks and 4 strike outs.

Leading hitters for the Blue Jays were Lane Bigge, 2 for 2 and Gavin Lively, 2 for 2.

Winning pitcher was Clint Cole who gave up 10 hits, walked 2 and struck out 2 batters.

The Norton players and coaches were especially happy with the come-from-behind victory to start the tournament. "We were down 4-0 and never gave up," said Norton catcher Jacob Green.

"Clint Cole pitched a nice game after settling down," said

third baseman Lane Bigge.

"The first three innings we hit the ball right at them but after that we found some holes in their defense," said designated hitter Dalton Miller.

"We ended with a good push," added shortstop Austin Hager.

The game ended with Hager running down and tagging out an Oakley player who was caught off first base by a throw from pitcher Cole.

"We showed very good patience at the plate and played the defensive game of the year," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

With the win, Norton advanced to the next round of the tournament where they played Goodland on Wednesday, July 23.

Goodland received a first round bye along with Ellis. Colby and Plainville were the other two teams in the tournament.

The winner of the tournament will advance next week to the American Legion State Tournament.



Norton shortstop Austin Hager ended the game with Oakley in the Zone Tournament in Colby on Tuesday evening when he ran down and tagged out this Plainsman player who was caught off first base on a throw from pitcher Clint Cole.

—Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

JENNINGS NEWS

By **Louise Cressler**

Our weather is to be cooler by the middle of the week. Sure hope so. On Sunday, the air was very humid and extremely hot. Humidity we are not use to.

Some new buildings have been constructed in Jennings recently. Philip Ritter had a very nice building built on the lot to the north of his house. Quite some time ago the old Carlton

later Mowry house was torn down on this lot.

Eric Fleckentein had the former Richard Kump house demolished and he then had a large garage shop building built.

More recently Bill Heilman had the former Stackhouse house on Topeka street taken down and hauled off. He will have a new building put up.

The Sunflower Senior potluck

dinner was held Wednesday July 9. The food was delicious as always. Those attending included: Agnes Wahlmeier, Rachel Carter, Arlene Sharp, Linda Spresser, Carol Carter, Lawrence Carter, Eleanor Morel, Louise Cressler, Stan and Ramona Shaw. Several enjoyed playing cards in the evening.

Kay and Doyle Brown; Kara and Gordon Kuntz, Hays, at-

tended the beautiful wedding of John R. Tacha, son of John and Deanell Tacha of Lawrence and Ryann Galloway, daughter of Frank and Mada Galloway of Trenton, N.J. The wedding was held in Trenton, N.J.

Jennings City Council meeting is held in the evening of the second Monday of each month.

LYLE NEWS

By **Veda Wood**

Trucks are still going by my house, so harvest is not over. Breakdowns, travel for repairs and rain cause the most delay. It hasn't rained much here, but it has been spotty. We are to have much cooler weather a few days this week. I know we will hear complaints, but it should feel good for a change.

Carolyn Plotts hosted the Liberty Star Club in her home on

Wednesday, with eight members: Toots Magers. Sandy Gade, Linda Jurey, Joyce Price. Kathy Van Meter, Carol Moye, Veda Wood, Carolyn, and a guest, neighbor Patty Stapp. We told our favorite Fourth of July for role call, Carol Moye had the program, some interesting statistics about America and Independence Day. Veda Wood brought her "Upwords" game for activity, and although

we didn't know all the rules, we had as much fun as if we did. Caroline served a delicious lunch, which, of course, knowing Carolyn, was more like a banquet.

Toots Magers had been hoeing in her garden when I talked to her. On Saturday Terry Rippe brought Donna Huff from McCook for a visit, Kathy Van Me-

ter and Lloyd Frandsen were there, and on Sunday Jayne Englehardt, Judy and Charlie Easton visited.

Teresa Wood is giving her new address to her friends. She is moving to 22470 Parallel Road, Onaga, Kansas, 66521. She is hoping for a teaching job, as she did when she met Dwight.



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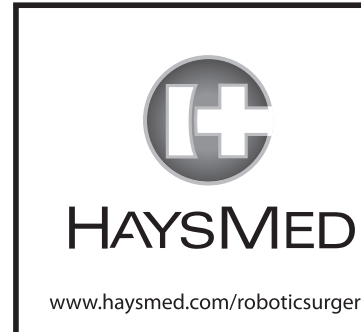
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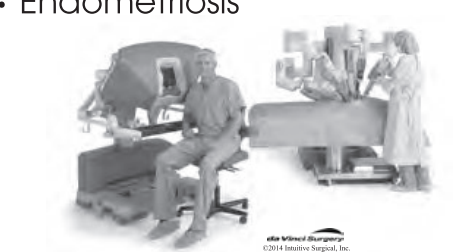
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