

American Legion wins one, loses a pair and ties a game

By DICK BOYD

The Norton American Legion baseball team lost 5-1 to Plainville and rallied to win 13-8 in the second game on June 29 in Norton, lost a 5-4 contest at Stockton on Monday and tied with the Tigers 9-9 in the nightcap.

PLAINVILLE

In the 5-1 loss to Plainville, Norton's only run came in the bottom of the sixth inning when Eric Burton led off with a single and was driven home with a single by David Schlegel.

Plainville scored one run in the first inning, one in the second, two in the third and one in the fourth. Norton had just three hits in the game and two of them were by Burton who doubled in the first inning in addition to his single in the sixth stanza. Garcia was the winning pitcher. He struck out seven batters and walked three.

The losing pitcher was Tyler Rutherford who gave up six hits, walked just two batters and struck out five.

The Norton bats warmed up in the second game when the Blue Jays earned ten hits in their 13-8 victory over the Cardinals.

Norton took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning and never looked back. Josh Green led off with a double, Burton walked, Rutherford and Dan Roeder each singled and Green, Burton and Rutherford all scored.

Norton added five more runs in the bottom of the second inning to take an 8-0 lead. Denton Bailey and Kai Mann both walked; Green got on base via a fielder's choice; Burton, Rutherford and Roeder all singled; Schlegel walked and Brian Luft singled and Mann, Green, Burton, Rutherford and Roeder all scored.

Plainville scored twice in the top of the third inning to make it a 8-2 game.

In the bottom of the fourth, the Blue Jays added four more runs to take a 12-2 lead. Korey Look led off with a triple, Schlegel and Luft both walked, Bailey got on base via an error and Mann singled. Look, Shlegel, Luft and Bailey all scored.

Plainville scored one run in the fifth inning and four in the sixth inning to narrow the Norton lead to 12-7. Norton added a run in the bottom of the sixth to make it 13-7. Luft doubled, Bailey singled, Mann walked, Jared Mindrup got on base via an error and Green got on base with a fielder's choice. Luft scored.

Plainville scored again in the top of the seventh to make the final

Baseball games postponed due to stormy weather

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The Norton K-18 baseball team's doubleheader, scheduled June 29 at Stockton, was rescheduled to this Saturday due to inclement weather.

Norton was also scheduled to play Smith Center in Norton

July 1 but those games were also not played due to weather. These games have not been rescheduled at this time.

Norton played Smith Center last night and will play Plainville here on Tuesday. Games will begin at 6:30 p.m..

score 13-8 in favor of Norton.

Roeder was the winning pitcher. He evened his record at 1-1. Roeder pitched 5 and 2/3 innings and was relieved by Bailey. Roeder gave up four hits, walked ten batters and struck out four. Bailey gave up two hits, struck out one and gave up no walks.

Norton had ten hits, nine walks and six strike-outs.

Roeder, Rutherford and Luft were leading batters for Norton. Luft had a double and single in three official times at bat. Roeder had two singles in three official times at bat and Rutherford had two singles in four times at bat.

STOCKTON

Norton had two close games with Stockton on Monday in Stockton. In the first game, Stockton took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning. Norton got on the scoreboard in the top of the fifth when Green doubled, Burton got on base via an error, Rutherford doubled and Schlegel singled and Green, Burton and Rutherford tallied to give Norton a 3-1 advantage.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Stockton scored twice to tie the score at 3-3.

Norton broke the tie in the top of the sixth with one run to take a 4-3 lead. Luft walked, Mann got on base via an error, Burton singled and Luft scored.

Stockton rallied in the bottom of the seventh inning with two runs to win 5-4. Stithem was the win-

ning pitcher. He gave up eight Norton hits, walked three batters and struck out five.

Rutherford was the losing hurler. He gave up nine hits, walked two and struck out eight Stockton batters.

Schlegel and Burton were leading hitters for Norton. Schlegel had two singles in three official times at bat and Burton had a double and single in four at-bats.

The nightcap was tied 9-9 after seven innings but did not go into extra innings due to inclement weather.

Norton took an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Green and Burton both walked, Rutherford singled and Schlegel got on base via an error. Green, Burton and Rutherford all came home.

The second and third innings were scoreless. Norton added four more runs to their total in the top of the fourth inning when Rutherford and Roeder both singled, Schlegel walked, Brock McChesney singled and Luft got on base via an error. Rutherford, Roeder, Schlegel and McChesney all scored.

In the bottom of the fourth stanza, Stockton scored three runs to make it a 7-3 contest. The Tigers added four more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to tie the score at 7-7.

Norton tallied twice in the top of the sixth. Roeder and Schlegel both walked and scored to put Norton back on top 9-7. Stockton



Eric Burton catches a fly ball in left field and gets into position to throw to second base during the American Legion baseball team's practice last night. The team is preparing for games with Plainville and Holdrege next week. — Photo by Dick Boyd

narrowed the Norton lead in the bottom of the sixth with one run, then added another run in the bottom of the seventh to tie the score at 9-9.

Schlegel was the Norton pitcher. He allowed only three hits, struck out nine batters and walked none. Benoit pitched for Stockton. He gave up seven Norton hits, walked seven and struck out nine.

Rutherford was leading hitter for Norton with two singles in four times at bat.

Norton was scheduled to play a doubleheader on Wednesday in Colby but it was canceled due to a shortage of players.

NEXT ACTION

The Norton American Legion baseball team will play Stockton at home on Monday and a doubleheader at Plainville on Tuesday. Games start at 6 p.m.

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