

# Norton Legion played in Goodland Tournament

**By DICK BOYD**  
The Norton American Legion baseball team played three games, one shortened by weather, and had a fourth canceled after half an inning due to weather in the Goodland Tournament on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**BURLINGTON**  
Norton lost 5-0 to Burlington, Colo., in the first tournament game. The game was called after six innings due to a storm.

Burlington scored one run in each of the first three innings, then added two in the fourth.

Norton had six hits. Chris Davis and Denton Bailey were leading hitters for Norton, each with two singles in three times at bat.

Malove was the winning pitcher. Bailey was the loser. He allowed 12 hits, struck out five and walked four.

**WRAY**  
A Saturday evening game with Wray, Colo., was called due to severe weather after Wray batted in the top of the first and didn't score.

Norton played two tournament games on Sunday. In the morning, they played Wray and lost 12-4.

Neither team scored in the first two innings but Wray held a 5-3 lead after three. Norton's runs came when Terrell Lane singled, Pat Burton, Aaron Daniels and Davis doubled and Lane, Burton and Daniels tallied.

Four more runs by Wray in the fourth made the score 9-3.

Norton scored once in the fifth when Daniels slammed a solo home run.

Wray scored three more in the fifth inning to make the final 12-4.

Leading hitters for Norton were Daniels with a double in addition to his home run in three tries and Davis with a double and single in three times at the plate.

Helling was the winning pitcher. He allowed eight Norton hits.

Logan Keiswetter pitched for two innings and Bailey pitched the rest of the game and received the loss.

Wray had 13 hits, seven walks and five strike outs.

**ELLIS**  
In the final game, Norton lost a 10-9 contest to Ellis.

Norton led 9-1 after three in-

nings but was unable to score again.

Ellis added six in the fourth and three in the fifth.

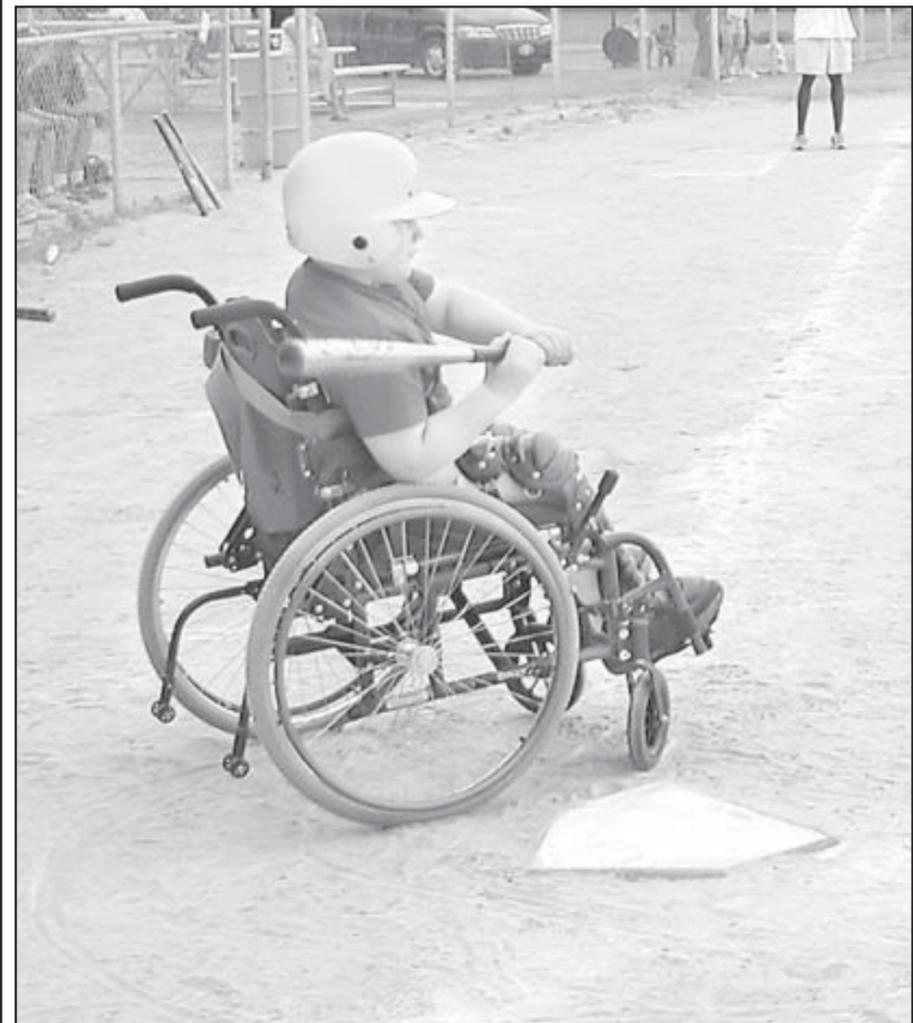
Norton tallied one run in the second inning when Brock McChesney singled, then stole second, third and home to score.

The Blue Jays added eight in the third. Jared Foley walked, Burton brought him home with a home run, Daniels singled, Durham walked, McChesney and Bailey were both hit by pitches as they walked, Davis singled, Keiswetter walked, Jared Mindrup doubled and Foley walked. Foley, Burton, Daniels, Lane, McChesney, Bailey, Davis and Keiswetter scored.

Norton had seven hits by seven batters. Burton led with his home run. Mindrup doubled but Norton's other hits were all singles.

Davis went all the way on the mound for Norton and was the loser. He gave up 15 hits, struck out five and walked one.

Norton will play in the Osborne Tournament on Saturday, Sunday and Monday.



In a Division I game on Friday, Christopher Richards is up to bat for the End Zone team They were playing the All American Glass team. — Telegram photo by Charlotte Stephenson

## Division I boys continue with action at Ward Field

Division I boys baseball is well into its season, playing at Ward Field.

**Prairie Land Electric 11, All-American Glass 10**

On June 8, Kobie Unterseher scored for All-American in the top of the first, but Prairie Land took the lead after Conor Cox and Brendon Frack rounded the bases in the bottom of the inning.

All-American took the lead in the second with Matt Stutsman, Unterseher, Clint Cole and Jordan Baird scoring. But Prairie Land responded by tying the score with runs from Jordan Karnopp, Mikey Cliff, and Cox.

The third only brought one more run to All-American from Unterseher, while Prairie Land brought in two from Quentin Wentz and Karnopp.

The fourth inning saw All-American take the lead again, gaining runs from Brant Cox, Laramie Boyle, Camden Cox and Stutsman, making the score 10-7.

Prairie Land was held scoreless in the fourth, but came from behind in the fifth to win the game with runs coming from Nicholas Koch, Conor Cox, Bradon

Carlton, and Marc Miller.

**New Age Industrial 10, Almena Home Oil 6**

New Age started out the first inning of the second June 8 game with runs from Gavin Lively and Toby Nickell, but Almena took the lead with three from Matt Stutsman, Macy Kasson and Hunter Chandler.

No one scored in the second, but Almena widened its lead to 5-3 after Kasson and Chandler scored. Quinton Porter rounded the bases for New Age in the top of the inning.

The fourth brought New Age the lead with Riley Hager, Lively, Derick Campbell, and Nickell all scoring.

New Age widened the gap a little more in the fifth with Hager, Campbell and Nickell rounding the bases. Stewart Whitney scored for Almena in the fifth, but it wasn't enough as New Age took the win 10-6.

**New Age 4, End Zone 2**

On June 10, End Zone was the only team to score in the first two

innings when Jace Ruder rounded the bases in the top of the first. Brevon Sondergaard scored the team's second run in the third.

New Age evened the score in third with Campbell and Nickell scoring. They took the lead in the fourth, with the final two runs being made by Landon Porter and Nickell.

**All-American Glass 20, Valley Hope 8**

On June 13, Valley Hope started the first inning with runs from Alec Otter and Andrew Smith. All-American responded with runs from Cole, Baird, B. Cox, Kolton Hilburn, Boyle, and Unterseher, taking a 6-2 lead.

The bottom of the second brought All-American six more from Baird, B. Cox, Ian Vincent, Hilburn, Boyle, and Cole.

Otter rounded the bases for Valley Hope in the third, while All-American brought in another four from Baird, Vincent, Boyle and Colton Bach.

In the fourth, Weston Erbert made a run for Valley Hope. Baird, B. Cox, Vincent and Hilburn each scored for All-American.

The fifth was the biggest for Valley Hope with Otter, Andrew Smith, Dalton Pfannenstiel, and Austin Hager each scoring. But, it wasn't enough to overtake All-American's lead.

Baird and Boyle both hit a homer for All-American, while Vincent hit in two home runs. Hager was Valley Hope's home run hitter.

**Logan Lions Club 17, Prairie Land Electric 11**

During the second game on June 13, the first inning was tied after Prairie Land had Wentz, Koch and Miller rounding the bases, while Logan had Kyle Pakkebie, Brett Pinkerton and Logan Kiser scoring.

The second brought another two to Logan as Alvin Ebner and Mitchell Johnson both scored.

Miller, Carlton, Cox, and Frack each made a run for Prairie Land in the fourth. Logan responded with runs from Reuben Harmon, Reagan Kats, Tre Babcock, Austin Tien, Ebner, Johnson, and Pakkebie.

Drew Schrum and Miller both rounded the bases in the fourth, giving Prairie Land 9 runs. Logan's Pinkerton, Kiser, Clayton Rundle, Harmon and Kats each scored.

Frack and Cliff made the final two of the game, giving Prairie Land 11 runs to Logan's 17.

Pinkerton was the only home run hitter in the game.

## Norton K-18 baseball team splits with Smith Center

**By DICK BOYD**  
The Norton K-18 baseball team split a doubleheader with Smith Center in Norton on Thursday.

After committing eight errors and losing 15-2 in the opener, the Blue Jays rallied in the nightcap to win 9-4.

**First game**  
Smith Center scored seven runs in the first inning. Norton's first score came in the second to make it a 7-1 game. Terrell Lane singled and Austin Brown singled him home.

Smith Center tallied its final eight runs in the fourth.

In the fourth, Todd Bolt tripled and scored for Norton on a passed ball to make the final score 15-2.

Norton had just three hits in the game. Bolt, Lane and Brown were all one for three at the plate.

Bolt was the losing pitcher. He pitched the first three innings and allowed just two hits and four walks and struck out four.

Zach Bainter pitched one-third of the fourth inning and Lane pitched the final two-thirds.

Kuhlmann was the winning pitcher.

**Norton 9, Smith Center 4**  
Smith Center scored three runs

in the top of the first but Norton answered with three tallies. Lead-off hitter Brown, Ray, Bolt and Bainter all walked and Brown, Ray and Bolt scored to tie the game at 3-all.

The Blue Jays held the Redmen scoreless in the second and scored once in the inning to take a 4-3 lead. Zach Dole doubled and scored.

Smith Center tied the score at 4-all with a run in the third but the Redmen went scoreless the rest of the way.

Norton tallied five more in the fourth to make the final score 9-4.

Kaenon Keiswetter singled, Jordan Bebb walked, Zac Dreher was hit by a pitch and walked, Ray, Bolt and Bainter all singled and Lane walked. Keiswetter, Bebb, Dreher, Ray and Bolt all scored.

Norton had just five hits but was helped by seven bases on balls. Leading hitters were Ray, Bolt, Bainter, Keiswetter and Dole, all of whom were one for two at the plate.

Bebb pitched all five innings for Norton to get the win. He allowed six hits, struck out five and walked two.

The losing pitcher was Palmer.

## K-18 faced Stockton in doubleheader

**By DICK BOYD**  
The Norton K-18 baseball team played a doubleheader at Stockton on Saturday.

**First game**  
Norton lost the first game, 14-6. Norton took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Travis Ray and Zach Bainter both singled and scored.

Stockton tallied six runs in the bottom of the first to make the score 6-2.

Three more runs by Norton in the second cut the Stockton lead to 6-5. Jordan Bebb got on base via a fielder's choice, Adam Myers walked, Ray and Bainter both singled and Bebb, Myers, and Ray scored.

Stockton added two more in the second to extend the Tiger lead to 8-5.

Norton was scoreless in the third and fourth and Stockton scored five more in the third and one in the fourth to make the score 14-5.

The Blue Jays' final run came in the top of the fifth when Bainter singled, Bolt got on base with a

fielder's choice, Zach Dole and Kaenon Keiswetter both walked and Bolt scored.

Ray and Bainter had Norton's only hits. Both were two for three at the plate and all their hits were singles.

Bolt was the losing pitcher. He allowed just four hits, struck out five and walked nine. Palmer was the winning pitcher.

**Second game**  
Norton was beaten 11-8 in the nightcap.

The Blue Jays took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first when Ray singled and Bainter doubled and both scored.

Stockton scored four in the bottom of the first to make it a 4-2 game.

Norton was scoreless in the second and the Tigers tallied six, highlighted by a home run by Tyler Johnson, to extend their lead to 10-2.

Bainter tripled and scored in the third to make it 10-3.

Stockton scored its final run in the third.

## Annual best road race to be at Alma

The 25th annual Best Road Race by a "Dam" Site will be held on Monday, the Fourth of July, in Alma, Neb.

This well-known Independence Day race features 10K, 5K and one-mile fun runs and a two-mile walk.

Check-in will be from 7-7:30 a.m. at the Alma Vista South Shore parking area on the south side of the Harlan County Reservoir.

The one-mile fun run and two-mile walk begin at 7:45 a.m. and the 5K and 10K runs begin at 8

a.m. and end at the football field.

Refreshments will be served. Showers will be available at the Alma swimming pool for the runners.

T-shirts will be awarded to all entrants. Medals will be awarded to the first three places in each age group in the 10K and 5K races. A \$50 gift certificate will go to the overall men's and women's winners of the 10K. A \$25 gift certificate will be awarded to the overall men's and women's winner in the 5K.

A trophy will be awarded to the

oldest and youngest finishers of the 10K. All runners will be eligible to win merchandise drawings.

Men and women runners in the 5K and 10K races will compete in age divisions 18 and under, 19-29, 30-39, 40-49 and 50 and over. There will be no divisions in the one-mile run.

Entry fee is \$20 on race day.

For more information, contact Deb Smolik, (308) 928-8969; Jess Stemper, (308) 928-2199 or Rhonda Hogeland, (308) 473-3203.

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