

K-18 team completes winning season

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Norton's K-18 baseball team completed a winning season on Saturday, July 17 in the Sub-Regional Tournament in Plainville.

The Blue Jays were a little short of players with other summer activities underway but still won one of three games as their season concluded.

In their tournament opening game, Norton lost 8-4 to Ellis to drop into the loser's bracket where they outscored Plainville 13-8 before losing to the Hays Renegades 14-0.

Ellis

Norton outplayed Ellis after allowing the Railroaders seven runs in the bottom of the first inning. The Blue Jays' first runs came in the top of the fourth inning when

Trevor Lewis and Travis Cressler both singled, John Risewick was hit by a pitch and walked and Jacob Brooks singled and Lewis and Cressler both scored.

Ellis tallied one more run in the bottom of the fourth inning.

In the top of the fifth inning, Norton added two more runs to cut the deficit to 8-4. Austin Hager tripled and Dalton Miller smashed a home run to score both players. Lewis singled but was unable to score.

Norton had seven hits in the game, one walk and nine strike-outs. Hager and Lewis both went 2 for 3 batting.

Andrew Ellis was the pitcher for Norton. He allowed eight hits, walked seven and struck out three batters.

Plainville

The Norton bats were booming in the 13-8 win over Plainville.

After the Cardinals scored three runs in the top of the first, Norton answered with six in the bottom of the stanza. Hager doubled, Ellis singled and Miller blasted a home run to score three runs. Lewis tripled, Risewick doubled, Jacob Brooks singled, Treven Rossi was hit by a pitch and walked and Hager doubled as the Blue Jays batted around in the inning. All except Rossi scored.

Plainville added two more runs in the top of the second to cut the Norton lead to 6-5.

Norton scored two more times in the bottom of the second to make it an 8-5 game. Cressler doubled, Risewick singled and Brooks tripled them home.

Plainville did not score again until the top of the sixth when they added three more runs to their total. Meanwhile, Norton scored three more times in the bottom

of the fourth and twice more in the bottom of the fifth to win going away.

In the fourth stanza, Miller and Lewis hit back-to-back doubles and Brooks slammed a home run to score all three.

Norton's final two runs in the fifth inning came when Rossi and Hager both walked, Ellis and Miller hit back-to-back doubles and Lewis walked. Hager and Ellis both scored.

Plainville scored three more runs in the bottom of the sixth but it was too little, too late for the Cardinals as Norton won 13-8.

The Blue Jays had 15 hits in the game, three walks and 10 strike-outs. Leading hitters for Norton were Brooks, 3 for 3; Miller 3 for 4; Hager 2 for 3, Lewis 2 for 3 and Ellis, 2 for 2.

Lewis was the Norton hurler. He gave up seven hits, walked 14 and struck out

12 batters.

Hays Renegades

Risewick was injured in the win over Plainville and did not play against Hays. The Blue Jays had to go with eight players in the game and that limited them.

Hays scored four runs in the first inning, three in the second and seven more in the third.

Norton's only hit was a single by Ellis in the third inning but he was unable to score. Three Blue Jay batters walked and nine struck out.

Ellis was the Norton pitcher. He allowed eight hits, walked 11 batters and struck out six.

Coaches

Coaches for the Norton team this season were Rick Green, head coach; Scott Ellis and Brad Cox, assistant coaches.

Kansas Shrine Bowl will kickoff Saturday in Pittsburg

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The Kansas Shrine Bowl All-Star Football Game, featuring two football teams composed of 68 of the best graduated high school players from the East and West, will kickoff at 7 p.m. on Saturday at Carnie Smith Stadium in Pittsburg.

Proceeds from the game and all related events support the Shriners Hospitals for Children, a network of 22 hospitals that provide expert, no-cost orthopedic, burn and spinal care to children under 18.

Children are admitted free to Shriners Hospitals for Children without regard for race, religion, nationality, creed or relationship to a Shriner.

The players are chosen by vote of the Kansas news media with ties broken by a committee of news media personnel.

A number of area players are members of the West Team. They are Jay Cotter, Goodland lineman; Matt Erbert, Ellis lineman; Jordan Funk, Scott City lineman; Ethan Jirak, Oakley lineman; Zach Nemechek, Quinter lineman; Travis Pfannenstiel, Hays fullback, line-backer; Trent Raile, St. Francis halfback, defensive back and Colt Rogers, Smith Center halfback, defensive back.

Also included is Brett LeMaster, wide receiver for Class 3A state champion Wichita Collegiate, who was a playoff foe of Norton Community High School.

Randall Zimmerman, Junction City head coach and former Phillipsburg head coach who is married to the former Steph Hand of Norton, is the head coach for the West. His assistants include Randall Rath of Oakley and Bill Messamore of Wichita Collegiate.

Nemechek busy young man

Zach Nemechek, the 6'4", 235 pound lineman from Quinter, couldn't have been busier this summer. He's spending this summer in Manhattan, taking six hours of class work and preparing for what he anticipates as a productive football career at Kansas State.

Being busy isn't new for Nemechek. In addition to being an all-state football and basketball player, his list of non-athletic accomplishments in high school is lengthy and includes achievements and activities in academics and extra-curricular activities. They range from being an Eagle Scout to earning a 3.8 grade point average. He was also a member of National Honor Society, served on the Quinter Student Council and was an active member in the Future Farmers of America and Students Against Destructive Decisions.

Other activities

While the "star" attraction is the all-star football game, the Kansas Shrine Bowl offers a number of activities on game day, designed to entertain thousands of fans and local Pittsburg residents.

Chief among these is the annual Shrine Bowl Parade, which will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday in downtown Pittsburg. It's the largest annual Shrine parade in Kansas, featuring Shrine parade units from across the Sunflower State.

The parade will also include members of Shrine clown units, Shrine dignitaries and the players, coaches, managers, trainers and cheerleaders along with 60 high school cross country runners who will compete prior to the game. A Charity Road Race will be run in conjunction with the cross country road race.

Other events prior to the game include an All-Star Cheer Clinic, prostyle high school Combine and

Clinic which gives high school players the chance to measure their skills in several areas, fireworks show, military flyover and parachutists from SKYDIVE Kansas in Osage City.

All-State Masonic Band

For the 27th year, the All-State Masonic Marching Band will add color and excitement to the Kansas Shrine Bowl.

"Football and bands just go together," said Kansas Shrine Bowl Executive Director Dave Mize. "It's hard to imagine being at a college or high school game without the band setting the stage before the game, entertaining the crowd at halftime and providing a backdrop during the game itself."

"It's an integral part of the entire football package and we are thankful to all the terrific band directors and bandsmen who have made the Masonic All-State Marching Band such a big part of our game for 27 years."

The 2010 band will be one of the largest, with over 200 band members from high school and junior high programs from all over Kansas. They reported Tuesday for several days of intense practice.

The band is set to provide music at the annual Shrine Bowl Banquet this evening, a traditional event for players, their families and Shriners that will be held at Pittsburg High School.

The Band will also get the annual Shrine Bowl Parade off to a rousing start, leading the 10 a.m. parade through downtown Pittsburg and will perform during pregame festivities prior to kickoff on Saturday night. And, of course, there will be the traditional halftime show, which will feature both the band's musical and marching skills.

A. Douglas Whitten, Director of Bands at Pittsburg State, is the

director of this year's Masonic Band.

St. Louis trip

Less than 24 hours after reporting to their respective training camps in Salina and Emporia, members of the two Kansas Shrine Bowl football teams embarked on a day-long trip that has become one of the highlights for players and coaches participating in the state's premier all-star football game.

A group of about 135 players, coaches, managers, trainers, media personnel and Shriners from around Kansas left Kansas City's Union Station at 7:30 a.m. last Saturday for the traditional trip to the St. Louis Unit of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For the second straight year, the Shrine Bowl teams traveled to St. Louis via Amtrak, a five-hour trip each way that makes for a long day but provides multiple rewards for the travelers.

After arriving in St. Louis, the players and accompanying personnel were bused to the hospital, a pediatric hospital that specializes in orthopedics. It's the second busiest hospital of the 22 North American Shrine hospitals, with over 100 surgeries performed each month. Over 1,000 children from birth to 18 years of age also receive outpatient treatment in St. Louis.

Virtually every player and coach says the long train ride to and from St. Louis is well worth the time. The hospital visit turns out to be the highlight of the Shrine Bowl experience for most players, many of whom are in awe of the work done at the hospital. They are also deeply impressed with the positive spirit of many of its young patients.

West head coach Randall Zimmerman has been to the hospital several times as a Shrine Bowl

coach and appreciates each visit to the hospital. "If you don't walk away from there with a tremendous appreciation of what you have, what you're able to do and what's been given to you, there's something wrong," he says.

Father-son team

This is a story about two football teams, one from the Western part of Kansas, the other from the East. The team from the West has dominated its opponents from the East for several years. Then a team from the East rises up and defeats the mighty Western squad, ending years of domination, much to the delight of fans of the East and disappointment of those in the West.

This could be a description of the East vs. West match up in the Shrine Bowl, with the West owning an unprecedented four-game winning streak over the East. But it's not.

Instead, it's a tale about an eastern Kansas football team upsetting a western Kansas powerhouse in the 2A-1A state finals last November, when Centralia's Panthers

downed the Smith Center Redmen 20-12 in the state championship game, ending Smith Center's 79-game winning streak!

It's also a story about a father-son duo that combined not only to help win the state crown but is teaming up one more time to help the East try to end its Shrine Bowl losing streak.

Centralia Head Coach Larry Glatczak will be on the sidelines as one of six assistant coaches for the East and son Tyler will be on the field as a player. It's not the first time that a father-son combination has coached and played in the Shrine Bowl but the selection of both coming on the heels of Centralia's exciting run to the championship makes their participation even more special.

Tyler was the Panthers' quarterback who scored the go-ahead touchdown in overtime, then threw for a two-point conversion to his brother Michael for an 8-point lead that Smith Center was unable to overcome on its overtime possession.

Remember your polling place on Election Day

Norton County

Almena City and Township – Almena City Hall
Center Precinct 1 – Courthouse Lobby
Center Precinct 2 – Courthouse Lobby
Harrison – Almena City Hall
Highland Precinct 1 – Lenora Community Bldg
All of Modell – Lenora Community Bldg
Highland Precinct 2 – American Legion Bldg
Highland Precinct 3 – Courthouse Lobby
Solomon Precinct 1 – American Legion Bldg
Old Belle Plain – Courthouse Lobby
Solomon Precinct 2 – American Legion Bldg

Norton City

Ward 1 – American Legion Bldg
Ward 2 – American Legion Bldg
Ward 3 – American Legion Bldg

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NORTHWEST TECH is pleased to announce the grand opening of the Betz-Saint House located at 1219 Center Street built by the 2009-2010 Northwest Tech Construction Division. The date is August 4 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm MDT with a ribbon cutting. This energy efficient, low maintenance home is perfectly located within walking distance to area churches, art center, town and beautiful parks. Proceeds from the sale of the home go back to support the ongoing commitment of "hands-on" education by Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The Northwest Tech Admissions Team will be available on August 4 to assist any prospective students with enrollment or questions regarding the Carpentry, Engineering and HVAC programs offered at the College. For more information on these programs, call 1-800-316-4127 ext. 515, 785-890-3641 or go to our website at www.nwktc.edu.

