



Norton’s Chris Chastain, who had tripled earlier, slid into home after a Smith Center error to score the K-18 Blue Jays’ fifth run in the initial inning of Norton’s 8-7 win on Friday evening at John Ryan Field in Norton. The Redman catcher is Zach Carder and the home plate umpire is Kyle Burge.

- Courtesy photo by Julie Kuhlmann

K-18 wins opener

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The Norton K-18 baseball team opened the 2011 season last Friday evening with an 8-7 victory over Smith Center at John Ryan Field in Norton.

A doubleheader was scheduled but the nightcap was halted by rain after one and one-half innings with Norton leading 9-5. The contest will be continued the next time the two teams play on Friday, June 17 in Smith Center prior to the scheduled doubleheader that night.

In the 8-7 win last Friday, Norton got off to a good start with a 5-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning. Clint Cole, Kendall Miller and Travis Cressler all walked. Brandt Cox got on base via an error and Chris Chastain tripled. Cole, Miller, Cressler, Cox and Chastain all scored.

Neither team tallied in the second inning but Smith Center got on the scoreboard with 6 runs in the top of the third to take a 6-5 advantage.

Norton edged ahead 7-6 with two runs in the bottom of the stanza when Miller singled, Cressler

walked, Toby Nickell singled, Brandt Cox singled and Miller and Cressler scored.

The Redmen tied the score at 7-all with one run in the top of the fourth. The Blue Jays could not score in the bottom of the inning and held Smith Center scoreless in the top of the fifth.

Norton got the winning run in the bottom of the fifth when Miller singled and scored later in the inning.

The Blue Jays had seven hits, five walks and eight strike outs. Miller was a perfect 2 for 2 at the plate and scored three runs. Nickell was 2 for 3 batting.

Five Norton batters walked and eight struck out.

Winning pitcher was Clint Cole, who allowed five hits, walked eight and struck out 10 batters.

“With our inexperience, I was happy to see us battle back after getting a lead and them catching us,” said Norton head coach Rick Green.

“Clint Cole pitched a good game.

“Errors cost us some runs but we hung in there to get the win.”

In the second game, Smith Center scored two runs in the top of the first but Norton tallied nine runs and batted around in the bottom of the first. Cole, Lewis and Cressler all walked to start the inning. Nickell singled, Cox and Chastain both walked, Drew Schrum got on base via an error, Tallent walked and Cole walked again during his second time at bat.

Lewis, Cressler, Nickell, Cox, Chastain, Schrum and Tallent all scored once and Cox tallied twice.

The Redmen added three runs in the top of the second stanza before the rain forced a postponement with the Blue Jays leading 9-5.

Norton had just one hit, five walks and one strike out.

Lewis was pitching for the Blue Jays. He gave up no hits, walked five and struck out two batters.

Next action

The Norton K-18 nine will play next on Tuesday when they travel to Phillipsburg.

All scheduled games are two five inning contests, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Riverless Run attracted many energetic runners

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The popular Riverless Run/Walk, which was held Saturday morning in Phillipsburg, attracted 80 participants.

For the second straight year, Norton’s Staci Manning broke the record in the women’s 30-39 year age group in the 2 Mile Race. Her time was 15:03.36. She had set the record last year with a clocking of 15:20.01.

Brianna Pinkerton of Logan was the champion of the 10 and Under female runners in the 2 Mile Race with a time of 19:43.20.

The gold medal in the 2 Mile Race in the 40-49 year age group went to Michelle Wiltfong, Edmond, who was timed in 20:08.11.

Donna Foley of Norton fin-

ished runner-up in the 50-59 year age group of the 2 Mile Race with a time of 21:20.82.

In 5 Mile competition, Pam Shelton of Norton won the gold medal in the 40-49 age group with a clocking of 43:56.61.

Klare Givens of Norton placed runner-up in the 5 Mile Race in the 20-29 age group with a time of 49:20.31.

Marvin Gaines of Logan continued to show his high fitness level by winning the 50-59 year age group in both the men’s 2 Mile and 5 Mile Races! He was clocked in 14:10.74 in the 2 Miles and in 40:33.87 in the 5 Miles.

Brett Pinkerton of Logan was the winner of the men’s 15-19 age group in the 2 Mile Race with a clocking of 13:38.07. Aaron Harrison of Norton was third in

the 20-29 age group with a time of 15:24.24.

Ryan Manning of Norton placed third in the 30-39 age group in 15:04.28.

Bryan Keiswetter of Norton finished runner-up in the 2 Mile Race in the 40-49 category with a clocking of 22:31.16. Rob Pinkerton of Logan was third in that category in 23:09.18.

In the 5 Mile Race, David Givens of Norton was the champion of the 20-29 age group with a time of 49:21.30.

Other placers in the women’s division of the 2 Mile Race were: 11-14, Jazmine Gibson, Agra, 28:26.01, first; 15-19, Sarah Edwards, Phillipsburg, 17:37.71, first; RaeAnn Pinkerton, Phillipsburg, 18:45.53, runner-up; Brooke Boyington, Phillipsburg,

29:04.84, third; 20-29, Bridget Ziola, Phillipsburg, 14:30.10, record, first; Tara Knowles, Phillipsburg, 16:30.00, runner-up; 30-39, Kim Nonhoff, Phillipsburg, 18:15.36, runner-up; Erin Kenney, Phillipsburg, 18:34.89, third; 40-49, Becky Lanier, Phillipsburg, 28:40.73, runner-up; Penni Britt, Phillipsburg, 31:36.81, third; 50-59, Tammy Martin, Holcomb, 18:39.25, record, first; Joanne Niemczyk, Phillipsburg, 26:03.74, third; 60-69, Iris Stones, Phillipsburg, 26:04.49, first; Tina Johnson, Phillipsburg, 27:50.14, runner-up; Carolyn Babcock, Phillipsburg, 28:15.56, third.

Other placers in the men’s division of the 2 Mile Race were: 11-14, Mike Gibson, Agra, 28:23.20, first; Quinton Conrad, Phillips-

burg, 29:01.05, runner-up; Royce Turner, Phillipsburg, 31:06.84, third; 15-19, John Boyington, Phillipsburg, 13:38.54, runner-up; Jameson Nyp, Stockton, 13:59.40, third; 20-29, Adam Bedient, Stockton, 12:40.98, first; Kevin Pinkerton, Stockton, 13:38.09, runner-up; 30-39, Tom Roberts, Concordia, 13:50.18, first; Josh Smith, Portis, 14:29.64, runner-up; 40-49, Curtis Johnson, Plainville, 14:30.93, first; 50-59, Kent Otte, Phillipsburg, 18:29.87, runner-up; 60-69, Terry Babcock, Phillipsburg, 29:25.52, first; Wesley Hall, Phillipsburg, 32:20.46, runner-up.

Other placers in the women’s division of the 5 Mile Race were: 20-29, Sydnee Cole, Phillipsburg, 34:08.50, first; 30-39, Janna Manning, Hays, 43:43.65, first; 40-49,

Kristy Nyp, Stockton, 45:39.48, runner-up; Nancy Pfeifer, Ellis, 48:52.37, third.

Other placers in the men’s division of the 5 Mile Race were: 30-39, Mike Holliday, Hays, 32:26.39, first; Joe Buresh, Phillipsburg, 44:29.08, runner-up.

Winner of the women’s Kids One-Half Mile Race was: 6-7, Anika Nyp, Stockton, 4:22.05, first.

Winners of the men’s Kids One-Half Mile Race were: 6-7, Keeten Levin, Allen, Tex., 3:53.59, first; Brecken Lee, Austin, Tex., 3:59.89, runner-up; Brock Buresh, Phillipsburg, 4:24.34, third; Zachary Nonhoff, Phillipsburg, 4:28.58, fourth.

Sponsor of the Riverless Run/Walk was the Phillips County Heath Systems.



Pictured above are some of the outstanding runners in the annual Riverless Run in Phillipsburg on Saturday. At left is Norton’s Bryan Keiswetter, who placed runner-up in the men’s 2 Mile Race in the 40-49 year age group. In the second photo, Pam Shelton of Norton can be seen on her way to the women’s 5 Mile Race championship in the 40-49 year age group. Third from left, Marvin Gaines of Logan was “fit as a fiddle” for the occasion as he won not only the men’s 2 Mile Race in the 50-59 year age group but also was the champion of the 5 Mile Race! At far right, Edmond’s Michelle Wiltfong is en route to earning the gold medal in the women’s 2 Mile Race in the 40-49 year age group. - Courtesy photos by Steven Seems

Legion ball team played WaKeeney

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The Norton American Legion baseball team traveled to WaKeeney on Monday evening for a doubleheader with the Golden Eagles.

The Blue Jays lost the first game by a 10-0 score but played better in the nightcap, despite losing 9-5.

In the opener, WaKeeney scored one run in the bottom of the first inning, one in the second and eight in the third inning.

Norton had two hits, one walk and six strike outs.

Chris Maddy was 1 for 1 batting and Brett Terrell was 1 for 2 at the plate.

Tyler Cook was the Norton pitcher. He gave up three hits, walked one and struck out four batters. Trey Millan relieved him in the third inning. He allowed eight hits, one walk and struck out two batters.

Papes was the winning pitcher.

The game was called after four innings due to the 10-run lead rule.

Second contest

In the nightcap, WaKeeney tallied five runs in the bottom of the first inning and three in the bottom of the second for an 8-0 lead.

Norton got on the scoreboard in the top of the third stanza when Maddy walked, Zach Hartwell

singled, Dalton Miller tripled, “Tug” Keiswetter doubled and Tyler Cook walked. Maddy, Hartwell and Miller all tallied to make the score 8-3.

The Blue Jays did not score in the top of the fourth and WaKeeney added one more run in the bottom of the inning to make it 9-3.

Norton’s final two runs came in the top of the fifth when Hartwell, Miller and Keiswetter all singled, Lane Bigge doubled and Maddy walked. Hartwell and Keiswetter both scored.

Norton had six hits, four walks and ten strike outs. Hartwell was a perfect 2 for 2 batting; Miller and Keiswetter were each 2 for 3

at the plate.

The Golden Eagles had 12 hits, three walks and five strike outs.

Keiswetter was the Norton pitcher.

Coach’s comments

“Tyler and Tug pitched well but we had way too many errors,” said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

“We ran into a very hot hitting team from WaKeeney.”

Next action

The Norton Legion nine’s next games will be this Monday, June 13 when they travel to Loomis, Neb.

These games were rained out on May 26.

Contests begin at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

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