

Legion splits games with Colby

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The Norton American Legion baseball team lost their opener to Colby by a score of 19-1 but evened results for the night with an exciting come-from-behind 6-5 win in the nightcap at John Ryan Field on Thursday evening.

Opener

In the first game, the visitors scored seven runs in the top of the first inning, added three more in the top of the third and nine more in the top of the fourth.

Norton's only run came in the bottom of the fourth stanza when Andrew Ellis doubled and scored later in the inning.

Norton had six hits, no walks and four strike outs.

Ellis was leading hitter for Norton, going 2 for 2 at the plate.

Tyler Cook was the losing pitcher for Norton. He pitched one inning. Dakota Dreher hurled one and one-third innings for the

Blue Jays and Drew Ellis pitched one and two-thirds innings.

Colby had 11 hits, 15 walks and one strike out.

Brock James was the winning pitcher.

Nightcap

The second game was a different story with Norton rallying for the exciting 6-5 victory.

Colby took a 2-0 lead in the top of the first inning but Norton held close with one run in the bottom of the inning. Trey Millan doubled and Spencer Shirk singled him home.

The visitors stretched their lead to 5-1 with three more runs in the top of the fourth.

Norton got on the scoreboard again with three runs in the bottom of the fifth to cut the Eagle margin to 5-4. Shirk and Dreher both singled, Kaid McKenna walked, Troy Bainter got on base via an error and Andrew Ellis singled. Shirk, Dreher and McKenna all scored.

Dalton Miller replaced Trey Millan on the mound for Norton and retired the sides in both the top of the sixth and seventh innings. Meanwhile, Norton did not score either in the bottom of the sixth inning, leaving the score at 5-4 with just the bottom of the seventh left for Norton to win the game. And they did just that!

Dreher singled to start the inning and McKenna walked. Bainter stepped to the plate and hit the ball hard. Colby was unable to field the ball in time to stop Dreher from scoring the tying run and McKenna from switching to football mode to slam headfirst into the Colby catcher and score the winning run!

The Blue Jays had nine hits in the game, five walks and seven strike outs.

Dreher was leading hitter for Norton, going 3 for 4 at the plate; Shirk was 2 for 3 batting.

Millan pitched the first five innings for Norton. He gave up

four hits, walked five and struck out five batters. Miller relieved him for the last two innings and gave up one hit, walked one and struck out one batter. Miller was the winning pitcher.

Colby had four pitchers in the game. The losing pitcher was Kryski.

"After the first game, I told the boys to forget it and did they ever," said Norton head coach Scott Ellis.

"We have really been experiencing tough hitting luck but we hit the ball good all night.

"Trey and Dalton pitched great. Kaid scored the winning run on some tough base running!"

Next action

Norton played Ellis at John Ryan Field in Norton on Monday night. Results were not available at the Norton Telegram's press time.



The Norton Legion's Trey Millan started on the mound and pitched five solid innings before being relieved by Dalton Miller during the Blue Jays' come-from-behind 6-5 win over Colby at John Ryan Field on Thursday evening.

- Telegram photo by Dick Boyd

Another successful night of racing at Elmwood Park

By **Mike Hughes**

Three drivers in their respective divisions made a return appearance in victory lane at Elmwood Park Speedway in Norton, KS, on Saturday evening, July 9.

Hometown driver Kelly Karnopp won his third IMCA Hobby Stock feature of the season on the fast one half mile oval. Karnopp passed heat race winner Anthony Martin on lap 8 of the 10-lap caution free race to claim the checkers. Martin finished second and Rick Maynard third.

Randy Bantam jumped out to the lead at the drop of the green in the IMCA 305 Sprint Car feature. Bantam led through lap 6 before heat race winner Darren Berry of McCook, NE, took over the top spot and cruised to the checkers in the 15-lap race for his second win at Norton. Bantam held on for second, followed by Howard Van Dyke, Ron Hadley and Mike

Madden.

Troy Attwood led the opening lap of the 15-lap IMCA Sport Mod feature before the caution flag waved on lap 2 for debris, and again on lap 3 when Ben Hobbs hit the guardrail in turn 2. Attwood led the field back to green and continued to lead past the halfway mark. Then Wakeeney's Brian Conness got under Attwood in turn 2 on lap 11 and drove on for his second trip to the winner's circle at Elmwood Park Speedway. Attwood was second, with Kenny Schmidt, Frank McClurg and Jason McCartney rounding out the top five. Conness and Hobbs won the two heat races.

The IMCA Stock Car division saw its third different winner in the three races held at Norton this season. Pat Bedore led the opening lap before the lone caution waved on lap 2 when Jay Hachmeister straddled the inside

rail. Bedore led the next 4 laps before Dustin McClurg edged Bedore by a nose at the wire on lap 5. But Norton's Jason Davis put his Dart Racing #76 out front on the next lap and drove away for his first win at his hometown track this season. Hachmeister charged back through the field to finish in the runner-up spot, followed by heat race winner Bob Rutherford, Bedore, and McClurg.

The next races at Elmwood Park Speedway will take place during the Norton County Fair on Saturday & Sunday, July 30-31.

RESULTS

IMCA Hobby Stocks

Heat: 1. Anthony Martin, 2. Kelly Karnopp, 3. Rick Maynard.

Feature: 1. Karnopp, 2. Martin, 3. Maynard.

IMCA Sport Mods

Heat 1: 1. Brian Conness, 2. Jason McCartney, 3. Tanner Porte-

nier, 4. Ted Kutsch.

Heat 2: 1. Ben Hobbs, 2. Troy Attwood, 3. Kenny Schmidt, 4. Frank McClurg.

Feature: 1. Conness, 2. Attwood, 3. Schmidt, 4. McClurg, 5. McCartney, 6. John Lashell, 7. Kutsch (DNF), 8. Hobbs (DNF), 9. Dan Lauer (DNF), 10. Portenier (DNF).

IMCA Stock Cars

Heat: 1. Bob Rutherford, 2. Pat Bedore, 3. Tyler Hahn, 4. Dustin McClurg.

Feature: 1. Jason Davis, 2. Jay Hachmeister, 3. Rutherford, 4. Bedore, 5. McClurg, 6. John Annon, 7. Hahn (DNF).

IMCA 305 Sprint Cars

Heat: 1. Darren Berry, 2. Randy Bantam, 3. Howard Van Dyke, 4. Ron Hadley.

Feature: 1. Berry, 2. Bantam, 3. Van Dyke, 4. Hadley, 5. Mike Madden, 6. Troy Edwards (DNF).



Local teen and her archery team place fourth in National Shoot

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Shelbi McKenna, 16, Norton, was a member of a four-person team from Kansas which placed fourth in Recurve Archery in the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition held June 19-24 in San Antonio, Texas.

Her team members were: Ol-

ivia Taylor-Puckett, McLouth; Megan Hilbish, Emporia and Wyatt Smith, Cimarron.

Their coach was John Hilbish of Emporia and Rod Deeken, McLouth, was the National Match Coordinator.

Recurve Archery was one of nine different shooting divisions. The others were Air Rifle,

Air Pistol, Compound Archery, Small-Bore Pistol and Rifle, Muzzle Loading and Shotgun and Rifle.

Thirty states were represented and 30 Kansas 4-Hers competed.

Each day of competition, the teams were split into other teams of four from the other states. All

archery events were outdoors and, despite the high heat index in Texas, the Kansas Recurve Archery Team did very well.

The first day, competition was on the Archery FITA Course. The targets were at 60, 50, 40 and 30 meters with 18 arrows shot from each distance. This is an International Olympic Style Archery.

The Kansas team placed fourth out of five placements and Megan Hilbish placed eighth individually out of 10 placements.

Day two was spent on the Archery Field Course. Kansas does not have this particular course, so this was the first time the team had shot on a course like this. There were 14 different stations set up around a course with four shots each and with marked yardage shots.

For the first time shooting on this particular course, the Kansas team did very well, finishing fourth.

On the third day of competition, the archers were on the Archery 3D course with 30 targets set up around a walk through course in a hunting type situation with unmarked yardages.

Despite the heat index of 105 degrees, the Kansas team finished in fifth place with Megan Hilbish taking tenth place individually.

Figuring competition by all Kansas teams in all the nine disciplines, the state of Kansas placed fifth in the nation.

"I'm very proud of our Kansas youngsters," said Cindy Shirley, mother of Shelbi McKenna. "One thing to be noted is that when shooters from another state had

equipment problems, our Kansas shooters stepped up to the plate and provided a helping hand or let the other person borrow equipment to compete in their events.

"That is something to be said about the morals and values of our Kansas youth."

According to Rod Deeken, it has been a few years since the Kansas Recurve Archery Team has placed individually or as a team in the national 4-H competition so this was quite an accomplishment for the Kansas team.

Shelbi McKenna is the daughter of Cindy and Patrick Shirley, rural Norcatour and Richard McKenna, Norton.

Next year's shoot

In 2012, the National 4-H Shooting Sports event will be held in Grand Island, Neb.



Norton's Shelbi McKenna is shown competing from one of 14 different stations on the Archery Field Course during the National 4-H Shooting Sports event in San Antonio, Texas, where the Kansas team placed fourth in Recurve Archery.

- Photo by Cindy Shirley

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Start Times: 5k - 7:00 a.m. (Open to Runners 12 and Older)
 Kids 1 Mile - 8:00 a.m. (Ages 12 or Younger)
 1 Mile Walk - 8:00 a.m. (Open to All Ages)

— REGISTRATION —

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUESTED BY JULY 15

REGISTRATION: Race day registration will take place at the Norton Community High School parking lot with limited t-shirts available.
 CHECK IN: Race day check-in required before 6:45 a.m. for the 5-K and before 7:45 a.m. for the kids 1 mile and all age fun walk.
 DONATION: 5-K - \$20.00; Children's 1 Mile and Fun Walk - \$15.00.
 LOCATION: Race begins and ends at the Norton Community High School
 COURSE: Norton Streets (Course will be marked and manned)
 AWARDS: Prizes awarded to first through third male and female winners in each age group.
 Jogging strollers, strollers and wheelchairs will be allowed, but NO pets please.
 Food, Fun and Awards for Participants to follow races.

Questions: Call Wendy Sloan, 785-877-5427 or email at saharis@sbgnet.com
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