

Legion team opens season with double-header win at Osborne, 20-13 and 9-7

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The Norton American Legion Baseball Team opened the 2012 season on Tuesday evening with a double-header win at Osborne.

The Blue Jays won the opener by a 20-13 score and took the nightcap 9-7 in just five innings.

In the opener, Norton had 9 hits, 15 walks and 9 strike outs.

Leading hitters were Trey Millan, who was 3 for 5, including two doubles, and Tug Keiswetter, who was 2 for 3.

Osborne had a 1-0 lead after one inning but Norton scored 4 in the top of the second. John Risewick singled, Trevor Lewis and Travis Cressler both walked, Trey Millan doubled, Andrew Ellis got on base on an error and Dalton Miller walked. Risewick, Lewis, Cressler and Millan all scored.

Norton tallied 5 runs in the top of the third to take a 9-1 lead. Risewick, Lewis, Toby Nickell, Cressler and Jared Bohl walked in succession and all five scored in the inning.

Osborne scored 2 runs in the bottom of the inning to make it a 9-3 game.

The Blue Jays added 2 more runs in the top of the fourth when Nickell and Cressler walked and later scored. Four runs by Osborne in the bottom of the inning narrowed the Norton lead to 11-7.

The Blue Jays scored 3 more runs in the top of the fifth as Miller, Tug Keiswetter and Risewick all walked and scored to make it 14-7. Osborne matched Norton with 3 runs in the bottom of the inning and it was 14-10.

The Blue Jays added 2 more runs in the top of the sixth when Dakota Dreher walked, Millan got on base on an error and Ellis walked and both Dreher and Millan tallied. Osborne did not score in the bottom of the inning and the score remained

16-10.

In the top of the seventh, Norton sent four more runs across home plate as Dreher, Millan, Ellis and Miller all doubled and Keiswetter singled and Dreher, Millan, Ellis and Miller all scored.

The home team scored 3 runs in their half of the inning to make the final score 20-13 in favor of the visitors from Norton.

Winning pitcher was Trey Millan. He allowed 9 hits, struck out 11 and walked 14 batters.

Second game

Norton shutout Osborne for the first three innings of the second game while scoring 2 runs in the first, 1 in the second and 2 in the third for a 5-0 lead.

Millan and Keiswetter both doubled and scored in the top of the first. Drew Schrum walked and was driven home by a second straight Millan double in the second. Ellis also singled in the inning but died on base.

Miller singled, Risewick walked and Jordan Wahlmeier singled and Miller and Risewick scored in the top of the third.

The Blue Jays did not score in the top of the fourth, however, and the Bulldogs scored their first 4 runs to make it a 5-4 game.

Norton had a good fifth inning as the Blue Jays added 4 more runs. Schrum doubled, Millan walked, Ellis, Dreher and Miller all singled and Schrum, Millan, Ellis and Dreher all scored.

Three more Osborne runs in the bottom of the fifth were too little, too late and the Jays won 9-7.

Norton had 11 hits, 4 walks and 8 strike-outs. Ellis was 3 for 4 with the bat, Millan was 2 for 3 at the plate and Miller was 2 for 4.

Winning pitcher was Dalton Miller. He gave up 2 hits, walked 5 and struck out 6 bat-

Logan competes at state track

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Seven athletes from Logan, four boys and three girls, competed in Class 1A in the 102nd Kansas Track and Field Meet last Friday and Saturday at Cessna Stadium in Wichita.

The Logan girls placed 27th with 8.5 points and the Logan boys did not place.

Logan senior Hannah Pinkerton tied for third in the pole vault with a clearance of 8'6".

"Hannah had an okay day in the pole vault but had to settle for a three-way tie for third," said Logan coach Chris Graham.

Hannah also just missed medaling with an eighth place in the 1600 meter run where she was timed in a career best 5:38.07.

"Hannah missed a medal by a couple of seconds," said coach Graham. "She was in contention early, then kicked at the end but came up just short."

Lady Trojan freshman Justice Voss placed fourth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 13.03.

"Justice ran two of her best races of the year at state," said coach Graham. "Her time in the preliminaries was just two hundredths of a second off her season best in the regional meet. She had a terrific start in both races and reached her season goal of getting on the podium at the state meet."

Logan senior Caley Greving competed in the shot and javelin and did well but was unable to medal. She was 11th best in the shot with a heave of 33'11.5" and 12th best in the javelin.

"Caley's shot distance was one of her better throws of the season," said coach Graham. "In the javelin, her throw was off her season-best by eight feet but she ends her high school career with two state medals. She earned medals in the shot and 4 x 100 meter relay last year."

"Caley and Hannah are also two of the few athletes in Logan High School history to qualify for state volleyball, basketball and track and field in the same school year."

The Logan boys 4 x 400 meter relay team of sophomore Brett Pinkerton, junior Albert Tello, junior Martinez Fidencio and senior Tracy Archer ran a time of 3:38.92 in the preliminaries but placed fifth and did not qualify for the finals.

"Our boys relay team ran off their season-best 3:37.83 at the Beloit Relays and that would have come close to making the finals," said coach Graham.

Archer also competed in the pole vault but did not place.

"Tracy had a rough day in the pole vault, no-heighting for the only time this season," said coach Graham. "His best of 13'6" ranks as one of the top vaults in school history."

K-18 baseball season set to begin Monday

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The Norton K-18 Baseball Team will open the 2012 season on Monday in Norton with a mixture of veteran and new players.

The Blue Jays will host Smith Center at John Ryan Field, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Two six inning games will be played.

Coach again this season is Rick Green and his assistant coach is Brad Cox.

"I welcome a nice mixture of older and younger players," said

coach Green. "The nice thing is that almost all of them have been playing on travel teams for a few years and with success."

"Veterans Clint Cole, Brandt Cox, Kendall Miller and Kobie Unterseher have to step into the leadership role."

"I am excited with the addition of a couple of new players: Micky Hahn and Koby McEwen. Both come from athletic families and will be key ingredients to our success."

"Then, there is the nucleus of two previous championship teams at younger age divisions,

which doesn't really mean anything at this level but does add some anticipation and excitement. These players include Jacob Green, Josh VanLaeys, Trenton Wright, Layton Miller, Will Ellis, Jace Ruder, Caden Kinderknecht, Ryan Johnson and newcomer Mitchell Hickman.

"I am really excited to get the season started Monday night. I think we have the capability to make it to the state tournament but a lot of things need to be pieced together for that to happen."

Norton K-18 baseball schedule
Two six inning games each night beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, June 4
Smith Center - Here

Thursday, June 7
Plainville - There

Thursday, June 14
Smith Center - There

Monday, June 18
Phillipsburg - There

Thursday, June 21
Phillipsburg - Here

Monday, June 25
Plainville - Here

Thursday, June 28
Smith Center - Here

Monday, July 2
Phillipsburg - Here

Thursday, July 5
Plainville - There

July 14-15
Sub Regional in Plainville

July 21-22
Regional in Ellis

Lady Thunder season opens Sunday

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The Norton Thunder 16 and Under Girls Softball Team will open the 2012 season on Sunday when they host Colby in a 5 p.m. game at Blue Jay Field in Norton.

This year's Norton players are Tara Brachtenbach, Kim Bradshaw, Kristen Burge, Kendra Cadwalader, Brandy Davis, Skylar Davis, Kirsten Georgeson, Shauna Gibson, Rickele Green, Ashley Hildebrand, Brianna Karnopp, Allyssa Miller, Shelby Mulford, Sabre Plante and Jena Rise-wick.

Coaches are Brandon and Candace Gay.

The season schedule has only seven games and a tournament but more games will be added, according to the coaches.

In 7 p.m. games, Norton will travel to Smith Center on June 11, play at Oberlin on June 12, host Oberlin on June 19 and travel to Phillipsburg on June 21. Norton will host Phillipsburg in a 5 p.m. game on June 24.

The Norton Thunder will play in a Hays Tournament on June 30-July 1 and will host Smith Center in a 7 p.m. contest on July 5.

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