

Vermuelen Sets SDSU Save Record In Win Over Western Illinois

MACOMB, Ill. — Trevor Vermuelen became South Dakota State's all-time saves leader, pitching the final two innings to preserve the Jackrabbits' 5-2 victory over Western Illinois in the Summit League opener for both teams Friday afternoon at Al D. Boyer Stadium.

With their ninth consecutive victory, the Jackrabbits improved to 12-9 overall. Western Illinois dropped to 7-20 on the season. SDSU will attempt to at least tie its longest winning streak in the Division I era — 10 games by the 2007 squad — when the Jackrabbits and WIU meet for a doubleheader Saturday starting at noon.

SDSU starter Stephen Bougher continued his strong sophomore season by allowing only two runs in the fourth inning. The Papillion, Neb., native surrendered five hits, walked two and struck out four in improving to 4-2 on the season.

Zach Briggs notched two of the Jackrabbits' nine hits. John Koszulinski tallied two of the Fighting Leathernecks' five hits.

Dan Russell was saddled with the loss despite striking out six in eight innings. He allowed nine hits and walked three.

S.D. Players Of The Year Announced

WATERTOWN — Three boys and three girls have been selected as the 2010-11 state high school basketball Players of the Year by the South Dakota Basketball Coaches Association.

Girls honorees are Rachel Wallers of Sioux Falls Washington (Class AA), Amber Huntington of Sisseton (Class A) and Alex Kneeland of Summit (Class B).

Boys honorees are Cedrick Lang of Sioux Falls O'Gorman (Class AA), Zach Horstman of Winner (Class A) and Joey Mitchell of Hitchcock-Tulare (Class B).

All six players are seniors. The 6-foot-1 Wallers averaged 17 points and nine rebounds per game for a Washington team that went 17-9 and placed fifth in the state Class AA tourney.

Huntington, 5-10, carried Sisseton to a 24-2 record and the state Class A championship. She averaged 14.7 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

Kneeland, 5-8, sparked Summit to a 26-0 record and the state Class B championship. She produced 24.2 points, four rebounds and four assists per game. She finished her career as one of the top scorers in state history with 2,293 points.

The 6-foot-10 Lang carried O'Gorman to its second straight Class AA boys title. The Knights went 24-1. He averaged 11 points and 8.6 rebounds per game.

Horstman, 6-6, averaged 18.1 points, 6.4 rebounds and 3.8 assists per game for a Winner team that went 21-5 and placed seventh in the state Class A tournament.

Mitchell, 6-0, guided Hitchcock-Tulare to a 25-1 season that ended with a fifth-place finish in the state Class B tournament. He averaged 20.8 points, 6.8 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

SDHSAAA Announces Award Winners, New Officers

PIERRE — A number of awards were presented recently at the South Dakota High School Athletic Administrators Association's annual conference March 23-25 at Pierre.

The recipients were recognized during an awards banquet. Wayne Carney of Fort Pierre, Coke Newman of Volga and the late Bill Pistulka of Winner have been announced as 2011 Hall of Fame inductees.

Region Athletic Directors of the Year are Toni Brown of Langford, Region 1; Craig Cassens of Faulkton, Region 2; Moe Ruesink of Sioux Valley, Region 3; Jennifer Boomsma of Wolsey-Wessington, Region 5; Brad McDonald of Tri-Valley, Region 6; Jim Dorman of Sioux Falls Lincoln, Region 6; Rocky Brinkman of Andes Central, Region 7 and Mike Paris of Sturgis, Region 8.

NIAAA Years of Service certificates were presented to Gary Fahrni of Selby Area (35 years), Tom Murphy of Aberdeen Roncalli (25 years), Mark Meile of Sioux Falls (25 years), Klark Thomsen of Lake Preston (20 years) and Craig Nowotny of St. Thomas More (15 years).

Other NIAAA awards were presented to Dorman, Distinguished Service Award and Randy Marso of Brandon Valley, State Award of Merit. Gene Brownell of Aberdeen Central received the NFHS Citation Award. Fahrni, Steve Berseth of Brookings (19 years) and Chuck Welke of Warner (16 years) are retiring athletic directors honored for their years of service.

Joey Struwe of Estelline was elected as the SDHSAAA's second vice president. Other elected officers included Berseth, Professional Development Coordinator and Bill Clements of Dakota Valley, NIAAA Liaison. Jeff VanLeur of Bridgewater-Emery (Region 5), Tom Rice of Gayville-Volin (Region 6) and Jennifer Schaefer of Red Cloud (Region At Large) were elected to three-year terms.

Yankton Sertoma Club Baseball Tourney June 24-26

The 2011 Sertoma Club Youth Baseball Tournament will be played June 24-26 in Yankton.

Round-robin action will be played in three divisions, 10-Under, 12-Under and 13-15, with ages as of April 30.

Yankton Cal Ripken and Babe Ruth league rules will be used. For more information, email Larry Vogt at larryv@aowelding.com or Sherry Kozletsky at skozletskylaw@iw.net. Registration forms are available online at yanktonsertoma.baberuthonline.com.

AREA CALENDAR

Saturday, April 9
BASEBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Northwestern (DH, 1 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB 9-10 Brookings at Yankton (DH, 1 p.m.)
SOFTBALL, COLLEGE MMC at Dakota Wesleyan (DH, 5 p.m.); USD at Minnesota (DH)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUTDOOR North Dakota/South Dakota State vs. USD at Yankton (11 a.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, PREP Brandon Valley Inv. (YHS, 10:30 a.m.); Dakota Valley Inv. at North Sioux City (Beresford, Dakota Valley, Vermillion, 11 a.m.); Jim Flevaras Relays at Tyndall (Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Centerville, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Menno, Scotland, Tripp-Deimont-Armour, Wagner, 9 a.m.); Vince Relays at Flandreau (Parker, 9 a.m.)

Sunday, April 10
BASEBALL, COLLEGE JV MMC at Augustana (DH, 2 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB Brookings at Yankton (2 p.m.), Bon Homme at Vermillion (5 p.m.); Dakota Valley vs. Corsica-Stickney-Armour-Plankinton at Corsica (1 p.m.); Dakota Valley vs. Wessington Springs-Mount Vernon-Ethan-Hanson-Woonsocket at Mount Vernon (5 p.m.)

BASEBALL, CLUB JV Brookings at Yankton

Monday, April 11
BASEBALL, CLUB Parkston at Vermillion (4:30 p.m.)
BASEBALL, CLUB 9-10 Yankton at Harrisburg (DH, 5 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Creighton-Laurel-Concord-Coleridge at Randolph (4 p.m.)

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American League

| East Division | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Baltimore | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| Toronto | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| New York | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Boston | 1 | 6 | .143 |
| Tampa Bay | 0 | 6 | .000 |

| Central Division | | | |
|------------------|---|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Chicago | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Cleveland | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Kansas City | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Detroit | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Minnesota | 3 | 4 | .429 |

| West Division | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|-------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Texas | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Seattle | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| Oakland | 2 | 5 | .286 |

Thursday's Games
 Cleveland 1, Boston 0
 Oakland 2, Toronto 1
 N.Y. Yankees 4, Minnesota 3
 Chicago White Sox 5, Tampa Bay 1

Friday's Games
 Boston 9, N.Y. Yankees 6
 Detroit 5, Kansas City 2
 Minnesota 2, Oakland 1
 Texas at Baltimore, p.p.d., rain
 Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
 N.Y. Yankees (Nova 1-0) at Boston (C.Buchholz 0-1), 12:10 p.m.
 Kansas City (Chen 0-0) at Detroit (Coke 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay (W.Davis 0-1) at Chicago White Sox (Humber 0-0), 3:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Kansas City at Detroit, 11:05 a.m.
 Texas at Baltimore, 11:35 p.m.
 Oakland at Minnesota, 12:10 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Chicago White Sox, 12:10 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Texas at Detroit, 11:05 a.m.
 Tampa Bay at Boston, 5:10 p.m.
 Oakland at Chicago White Sox, 6:10 p.m.
 Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.
 Toronto at Seattle, 8:10 p.m.

National League

| East Division | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Philadelphia | 5 | 2 | .714 |
| Florida | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 4 | .500 |
| New York | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Washington | 3 | 4 | .429 |

| Central Division | | | |
|------------------|---|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Cincinnati | 5 | 1 | .833 |
| Chicago | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Milwaukee | 3 | 5 | .375 |
| St. Louis | 2 | 5 | .286 |
| Houston | 1 | 6 | .143 |

| West Division | | | |
|---------------|---|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| Colorado | 4 | 1 | .800 |
| San Diego | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Los Angeles | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| San Francisco | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| Arizona | 2 | 3 | .400 |

Thursday's Games
 Houston 3, Cincinnati 2
 Colorado 7, Pittsburgh 1
 Milwaukee 4, Atlanta 2
 Philadelphia 11, N.Y. Mets 0
 Washington 5, Florida 3, 11 innings

Friday's Games
 Washington 6, N.Y. Mets 2
 San Francisco 5, St. Louis 4, 12 innings

Saturday's Games
 Philadelphia (Oswalt 1-0) at Atlanta (Beachy 0-0), 11:10 a.m.
 Colorado (G.Reynolds 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Morton 12-0), 6:05 p.m.
 Florida (Vazquez 0-1) at Houston (Norris 0-1), 6:05 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0) at Milwaukee (Narveson 0-0), 6:10 p.m.
 Washington (Gorzelanny 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Capuano 0-0), 6:10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Cincinnati (Arroyo 1-0) at Arizona (D.Hudson 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers (Kuroda 1-0) at San Diego (Moseley 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
 St. Louis (Garcia 1-0) at San Francisco (Cain 1-0), 9:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Washington at N.Y. Mets, 12:10 p.m.
 Colorado at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
 Philadelphia at Atlanta, 12:35 p.m.

The NBA

| Atlantic Conference | | | |
|---------------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| y-Boston | 5 | 24 | .696 |
| x-New York | 4 | 38 | .519 |
| x-Philadelphia | 4 | 39 | .513 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 55 | .304 |
| Toronto | 21 | 58 | .266 |

| Southeast Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| y-Miami | 5 | 24 | .696 |
| x-Orlando | 5 | 29 | .633 |
| x-Charlotte | 3 | 47 | .405 |
| Washington | 21 | 58 | .266 |

| Central Division | | | |
|------------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| z-Chicago | 5 | 20 | .747 |
| x-Indiana | 3 | 43 | .463 |
| Milwaukee | 3 | 47 | .405 |
| Detroit | 28 | 51 | .354 |
| Cleveland | 17 | 62 | .215 |

Western Conference

| Southwest Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| z-San Antonio | 6 | 19 | .759 |
| x-Dallas | 5 | 25 | .684 |
| x-New Orleans | 4 | 33 | .582 |
| x-Memphis | 4 | 34 | .570 |
| Houston | 41 | 58 | .519 |

| Northwest Division | | | |
|--------------------|----|-----|------|
| W | L | Pct | GB |
| y-Oklahoma City | 5 | 26 | .671 |
| x-Denver | 4 | 31 | .608 |
| x-Portland | 4 | 33 | .582 |
| Utah | 3 | 42 | .468 |
| Minnesota | 17 | 62 | .215 |

Pacific Division

| W | L | Pct | GB |
|---------------|---|-----|------|
| y-L.A. Lakers | 5 | 23 | .705 |
| x-Phoenix | 3 | 41 | .481 |
| Golden State | 3 | 44 | .444 |
| L.A. Clippers | 3 | 49 | .388 |
| Sacramento | 2 | 56 | .291 |

Thursday's Games
 Chicago 97, Milwaukee 73
 Portland 98, Utah 87

Friday's Games
 Indiana 114, Atlanta 102
 New York 116, New Jersey 93
 Philadelphia 98, Toronto 93
 Boston 104, Washington 88
 Chicago 93, Cleveland 82
 Detroit 110, Milwaukee 100
 Miami 112, Charlotte 103

Saturday's Games
 Atlanta at Washington, 6 p.m.
 L.A. Clippers at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 Cleveland at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
 Utah at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
 Minnesota at Denver, 8 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Chicago at Orlando, noon
 Boston at Miami, 2:30 p.m.
 New Orleans at Memphis, 5 p.m.
 Detroit at Charlotte, 5 p.m.
 New Jersey at Toronto, 5 p.m.
 New York at Indiana, 6 p.m.
 Phoenix at Dallas, 6:30 p.m.
 Sacramento at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Tuesday's Games
 Oklahoma City at L.A. Lakers, 8:30 p.m.

The NHL

| Atlantic Conference | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT Pts | GF | GA | |
| x-Philadelphia | 81 | 46 | 23 | 12 | 104 | 252 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 81 | 48 | 25 | 8 | 104 | 233 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 81 | 43 | 33 | 5 | 91 | 228 |
| New Jersey | 80 | 37 | 38 | 5 | 79 | 169 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 81 | 30 | 38 | 13 | 73 | 225 |

| Northwest Division | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT Pts | GF | GA | |
| y-Boston | 80 | 45 | 24 | 11 | 101 | 241 |
| x-Montreal | 81 | 43 | 30 | 8 | 94 | 212 |
| x-Buffalo | 81 | 42 | 29 | 10 | 94 | 240 |
| Toronto | 81 | 37 | 33 | 11 | 85 | 217 |
| Ottawa | 81 | 32 | 39 | 10 | 74 | 191 |

| Southeast Division | | | | | | |
|--------------------|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT Pts | GF | GA | |
| y-Washington | 81 | 46 | 22 | 11 | 107 | 224 |
| x-Tampa Bay | 81 | 45 | 25 | 11 | 101 | 241 |
| Carolina | 81 | 40 | 30 | 11 | 91 | 234 |
| Atlanta | 81 | 34 | 35 | 12 | 80 | 221 |
| Florida | 81 | 29 | 40 | 12 | 70 | 194 |

Western Conference

| Central Division | | | | | | |
|------------------|----|----|--------|----|----|-----|
| GP | W | L | OT Pts | GF | GA | |
| y-Detroit | 81 | 44 | 26 | 11 | 99 | 219 |
| x-Nashville | 81 | 44 | 28 | 9 | 97 | 225 |
| Chicago | 81 | 37 | 33 | 11 | 85 | 238 |
| St. Louis | 81 | 34 | 34 | 13 | 81 | 211 |
| Columbus | 81 | 34 | 34 | 13 | 81 | 211 |

Northwest Division

| GP | W | L | OT Pts | GF | GA | |
|-------------|----|----|--------|----|-----|-----|
| z-Vancouver | 81 | 53 | 19 | 9 | 115 | 259 |
| Calgary | 81 | 41 | 29 | 11 | 93 | 248 |
| Minnesota | 80 | 37 | 35 | 8 | 82 | 198 |

LANCERS

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game.”
 The Lancers look to continue their streak against Northwestern today (Saturday) in Orange City, Iowa. Bernatow knows that his team will have their hands full heading into the matchup.
 “We’ve been playing good baseball and I told our kids just keep rolling,” he said. “It says a lot if we can come out today and get some wins.”

SCOREBOARD

Florida at Houston, 1:05 p.m. —
 Chicago Cubs at Milwaukee, 1:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
 St. Louis at San Francisco, 3:05 p.m.

Cincinnati at Arizona, 3:10 p.m.
Monday's Games
 Colorado at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.
 Chicago Cubs at Houston, 7:05 p.m.

St. Louis at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.
 Cincinnati at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.
 L.A. Dodgers at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

Colorado 80 29 43 8 66 221 282
 Edmonton 80 25 44 11 61 189 262

Pacific Division
 GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 y-San Jose 80 47 24 6 102 242 208
 x-Los Angeles 80 46 28 6 98 217 193
 Phoenix 80 42 25 13 97 226 220
 Anaheim 80 45 30 5 95 234 233
 Dallas 80 41 28 11 93 221 226

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss, x-clinched playoff spot, y-clinched division, z-clinched conference

Thursday's Games
 Atlanta 3, N.Y. Rangers 0
 Ottawa 3, Montreal 2, OT
 Dallas 4, Colorado 2
 Vancouver 5, Minnesota 0

Friday's Games
 Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Islanders 3, SO
 Chicago 4, Detroit 2
 Buffalo 4, Philadelphia 3, OT
 Carolina 6, Atlanta 1

Saturday's Games
 Tampa Bay 4, Florida 2
 Nashville 4, Columbus 1
 Dallas at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 Minnesota at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
 San Jose at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
 Los Angeles at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Sunday's Games
 New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 11:30 a.m.
 Ottawa at Boston, noon
 Montreal at Toronto, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Tampa Bay at Carolina, 6 p.m.
 Washington at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Buffalo at Columbus, 6 p.m.
 Nashville at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Vancouver at Calgary, 9 p.m.
 JEFF STEVENS (RHP) at Pittsburgh and Andrew Cashner on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 6; RHP Randy Wells on the 15-day DL, retroactive to April 5.

National League
 AHL — Suspended Adirondack RW Zac Rinaldo three games as a result of his actions in an April 6 game against Albany.

Worcester Sharks — Called up F Matt Francis from Gwinnett (ECHL).

ECHL
 ECHL — Suspended Idaho's Adam Huxley one game and fined him an undisclosed amount as a result of his actions in an April 6 game at Las Vegas.

ELMIRA JACKALS —