

Softball: Coyotes Sweep Past SDSU

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VERMILLION — Forty-four runs in nearly five and a half hours.

To say it was a marathon day for the University of South Dakota and South Dakota State softball teams would be putting it lightly.

The one, rather big, solace for the Coyotes was that they picked up a pair of one-run Summit League wins, 7-6 and 16-15 over their rivals in Friday's doubleheader in Vermillion.

"It wasn't necessarily our best defensive or pitching games, but we figured out a way to come out on top," said USD head coach Amy Klyse, whose team improves to 24-12 and 7-1 in league play.

"And that's all that matters in the end, that you get two 'W's.'"

It was far from easy and far from pretty, though.

On a blustery day in the South Dakota Showdown Series, the teams combined for

eight errors, 15 walks and 33 runners left on base.

The story, rather than a Coyote sweep, was nearly an epic USD collapse. Once up 13-2 in the second game, the hosts gave up 10 unanswered runs.

"Mentally we can't let that get to us," said sophomore catcher Allie Daly, who had two home runs and eight RBI on the day. "After we make the error, we have to make sure we're ready for the next play."

The fact that the Coyotes were able to do exactly that on Friday is perhaps direct evidence that 2013 is proving to be vastly improved from 2012, according to Klyse — whose team has already eclipsed last year's win total.

"I think for sure last year if someone scores 15 runs against us, we're nowhere close to being in the game," she said. "We're scoring runs, and that hasn't always happened in the past."

Having already won game one in dramatic fashion, the Coyotes appeared ready for any-

thing but drama in game two.

A pair of 6-run innings, highlighted by a Katelyn Wudel 2-run triple and a Daly grand slam in the third, put the Coyotes ahead 13-2.

The Jackrabbits made a furious comeback, scoring 10 unanswered runs to get within 13-12 — aided by some Coyote mistakes and an Alex Landon 3-run homer.

USD responded with three runs in the bottom of the fifth, but the Jacks made things interesting by scoring three runs in the top of the seventh.

"We just have to keep a level head, and coach always says, 'Go pitch by pitch,'" said Coyote senior pitcher Erica Denney, who got the save in game two.

"If you do that, you don't focus on what could happen, you worry about that play going on."

In what was a back-and-forth first game, SDSU pulled ahead 5-4 after a 3-run top of the



DAVID LIAS/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK
South Dakota's softball team celebrate after teammate Katie Cochran hit a homerun Friday during a double-header with SDSU at Nygaard Field in Vermillion. Softball action between the Coyotes and Jackrabbits will continue Saturday at noon.

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Oster, Winter Selected For S.D. Athletic Administrators Hall

PIERRE — Former Avon athletic director Tom Oster and former Yankton activities director Bob Winter were among the three individuals selected for induction into the South Dakota Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Hall of Fame.

Winter, Oster and the late Butch Bachman were inducted during a ceremony at the SDIAAA spring conference awards luncheon, March 27 in Pierre. Candidates are considered through three criteria, national, state and local involvement. Individuals are chosen who have volunteered time to promote the belief and purpose of the SDIAAA and who have promoted the importance of athletics and sportsmanship within their school and community.

Oster was a 1979 graduate of Ethan High School, and earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Northern State and an Educational Specialists Degree from USD. Oster began his career in Frederick as a teacher, head football and track & field coach and assistant boys' basketball coach. In 1991, he was selected as principal and head football coach at Avon and served as superintendent from 1999-2008. Tom was honored as Region Football and State Middle School Coach of the Year. For 24 years, Oster was athletic director at Frederick or Avon. During his tenure, 19 teams qualified for state tournaments and seven won state titles. He took a leadership role on the SDHSAA Football Advisory Committee. Tom also served as South Dakota Secretary of Education and Superintendent at Sioux Valley. Oster contributed to the SDIAAA as Region Rep and 2004 State President.

Winter graduated from Wessington Springs High School and Yankton College (1963), and earned a Master's Degree from the University of South Dakota. Winter's entire 47-year career as a teacher, coach and administrator was in the Yankton School District. Many identify Bob with basketball — a combined boys and girls record of 473-116 with nine state titles. From 1989-2010, Winter served as activities director. Under his direction, Yankton won 29 state championships and greatly improved its athletic facilities. He received the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award for directing state events and leadership on committees for In and Out-of-Season Rules, Girls In Sports Elite 15 and Basketball Advisory. Bob is a member of several halls of fame, including the South Dakota and National Coaches. Winter was selected as National Athletic Director in 2009.

Benjamin "Butch" Bachman, CAA graduated from Isabel High School and Northern State University in 1972. Bachman taught and often coached football, basketball and track during stops at Watertown, Hanson, Gayville-Volin and Tri-Valley High Schools and Dakota Wesleyan University. He was athletic director at Gayville from 1980-82 and resumed that career at Tri-Valley from 1988 until his passing in 2003. Butch was on the SDIAAA Executive Committee for 10 years, acting as President in 1996-97 and Exhibitors Chairperson. He also served the SDHSAA as a State Events Director and member of its Board of Directors and the NFHS Coaches Education Committee. Butch was involved at many National AD Conferences. Bachman received the SDHSAA Distinguished Service Award and NIAAA Award of Merit and was SDIAAA Athletic Director of the Year in 2000.

Perfection Knows No Age



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Frank Osborn, Sr., of Mission Hill shows off his rings that commemorate his first three 300 games, as well as other bowling honors, as well as a tattoo that commemorates his first three 300 games. Osborn will be adding to that collection, as he recently rolled his fourth career 300 game at the age of 80.

Osborn Rolls Fourth Career 300 Game At Age Of 80

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Bowling his fourth 300 game was something special for Frank Osborn, Sr. But accomplishing this at 80 years old made it that much more memorable.

Osborne bowled his first 300 in November of 2005, his second in February of 2006 and his third in October of 2011. His fourth came March 20th of this year, and Osborne said this one was just as nerve-racking as the others.

"It was a thrill to get to this point, but it was pretty nerve-racking when I got to the 10th frame from there on out," he said. "I'm really not sure how I dealt with it. Things just stopped — people start slowing down around you watching you bowl. I just tried to block it out and throw the shot for the remaining frames that were left."

"Afterward there was a lot of applause when the last pin went down, and just about everybody in the bowling alley came up to shake my hand or hug me to congratulate me."

In November of 2001, Osborn also bowled an 810 series. Osborn said he had to average 720 a game for three games in order to get that series.

"It seemed like it was a natural night — I wasn't doing anything special," he said. "I was comfortable and the pins were falling good for me."

Osborn was 57 when he first started bowling with a league through his work. This year marks his 23rd year of bowling — something he does competitively, but also for fun.

"The place I was working asked if I wanted to get into and I did," Osborn said. "The challenge is to get strikes of course, and then the remaining part is to be able to pick up all of your spares."

"I've particularly enjoyed it and the camaraderie that goes with it — there's really a lot of nice people who are involved with the game."

Although Osborn isn't the oldest player, age is something he thinks

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Baseball: Lancers Earn GPAC Split With Morningside



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Mount Marty shortstop Zac Hollenback fires to first base to complete a double play during game one of the Lancers' Great Plains Athletic Conference baseball doubleheader with Morningside on Friday at Riverside Field. Morningside won the opener 1-0, but MMC rallied to take the nightcap 2-1.

MMC Drops Opener 1-0, Wins Nightcap 2-1 To Move To 4-2 In League Play

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The Mount Marty Lancers baseball team was able to put together successful hitting and pitching after their first game Friday night to face the Morningside Mustangs.

The Lancers hosted Morningside at the Riverside Field in Great Plains Athletic Action, losing 1-0 in their first game, but taking a 2-1 victory in the second.

Head coach Andy Bernatow said because the Lancers pitching and defense held up, they had the chance to win both games, an improvement for them.

"Our defense was better," he said. "When you start talking about games that are that close, if your defense doesn't stand up, you don't have an opportunity at all. We had opportunities to win both games. I do feel fortunate that our pitching and defense held up today, because a lot of times if you only score two runs in a double-header you don't walk away with a victory, and we were able to get one today."

After three scoreless innings in the first game, Morningside's David Badalucco walked on first and then stole second, setting up Keaton Rowe for the RBI single,

which put the Mustangs up 1-0 in the fourth.

MMC's pitcher Dominic Wieseler held the Mustangs to four hits, while Morningside's Jeff Gacke and John Sorenson only gave the Lancers five — two to Bryton Carlson in the first and the fourth innings, two to Kyler Pekarek in the third and the fifth and one to Zac Hollenback in the third. Rowe took two of the Mustang's hits — in the second and the fourth — with Jordan Mouw and Josh Gross claiming the other two in the fifth and sixth innings.

Bernatow said the ability to shake off the first loss is something his team is also getting better at.

"We're growing as a team. In terms of our mindset and how we came out in the second game, it was great if you want to see a quality baseball game," he said. "We had two pitchers dueling pitch for pitch. Usually when a pitcher pitches as good as Dominic, you win nine out of 10 times."

"I'm really impressed with where our middle psyche is. It shows that we're growing and mentally we're getting tougher in terms of being able to respond that second game, not letting the

first game deflate us."

Mount Marty put up nine hits in the second game — two in the second inning from Michael O'Connell and Nik Davis. Mathias Godsil then put up a single in the bottom of the third. The Mustangs responded with a single from Rowe in the fourth. MMC's Tyler Edler and Sparen each put up one single in the fourth.

Putting up a total of five hits, Morningside's Chris Eckstaine had a single right at the top of the fifth, followed by a single by A.J. Staier. A single RBI from Rowe put the Mustangs ahead 1-0. Mount Marty's Godsil put up another single in the fifth, followed by a sacrifice bunt by Bryton Carson to advance Godsil to second. Jared Miller put up a double to send Godsil home to tie the game 1-1. An RBI single from Edler put the Lancers up 2-1. Hollenback took another single in the sixth.

Junior AJ Griffith said despite not doing their jobs during the first game, the Lancers were able to come back to have a solid second game.

"We played really well. We took a tough loss in the first one, but we bounced back," he said. "We weren't really doing our jobs on offense in the first game. In our second game when we put up that two-spot everybody did

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