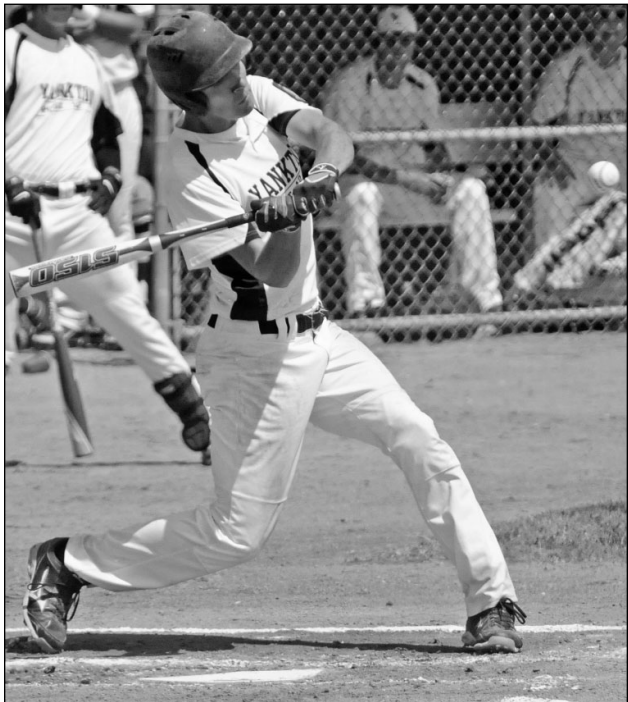


State Legion: Yankton On To ‘Final Four’



NICK ROBINSON/P&D
Yankton's Landon Withrow takes a swing during Post 12's matchup with Pierre in the South Dakota State Class A American Legion Baseball Tournament on Friday in Huron.

Post 12 Rallies Past Pierre 7-5, Will Face Brandon Valley Today

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HURON — Yankton Post 12 saw themselves in a deep hole to start out their contest versus Pierre Post 8 in an elimination game in the 2014 South Dakota State Class A American Legion baseball tournament at Memorial Park Stadium in Huron on Friday afternoon.

Post 12 climbed out of that hole, via a three-run home run from Colin Muth that lifted Yankton to a 7-5 victory and a berth in Saturday's round.

"That win felt good," Yankton head coach Trey Krier said. "We came back exactly how I wanted us too. I was very happy the way we executed and battled back."

Yankton Post 12 sent their ace, and Mount Marty College commit, Tanner Termansen to face slinger Cooper Walton for Post 8.

"It feels great," Termansen said. "There is more than just me on the mound out there. It is awesome to see those eight guys out there give me run support when I am down."

Pierre pounced on Termansen in the first inning, scoring the first four runs on five hits.

"I was down on myself, but I knew it was a long game," he said. "If we could chip away at that lead, I knew I would be able to put up zero's and get us within striking distance."

Yankton struggled to get the bats going until the fifth inning. Post 12 was able to score two runs on an RBI sacrifice from Mason Townsend. Mitch Gullikson scored a run off an error, cutting the lead to four to two.

In the fifth inning, Post 12 was able to get to Walton.

"We have only faced him once," Termansen said. "We knew he was kind of a head case. He threw good, he's a good pitcher and we tried to get to his head. We were fighting him off and took him deep into counts. We kept having good approaches. He started to lose speed and the rest was history. The chips fell in our favor."

Brad Ulmer and Landon Withrow started the inning with two singles. On a full count, Colin Muth shot a rocket past

the right field fence, giving Post 12 their first lead at five to four.

"Great for Colin, he was on the wrong end of the same situation yesterday," Krier said. "He has the ability to bounce back and had a big hit for us today."

After hitting a batter and another base hit by Townsend, Walton was replaced by Quinn Reimers.

Termansen hit a rough patch in the first, but he recorded 11 straight put-outs from the fourth inning to the seventh inning.

"I settled in and got into a groove," Termansen said. "I was cruising and hitting my spots, the umpire loosened up his zone and gave me a few pitches and I was switching my speeds very well."

Yankton ran Reimers out of the game, as well, after Austin Johnson and Brad Ulmer each had a single and double.

Nick Rabern came into pitch for Pierre. Post 12 was able to crack Rabern, as Withrow hit an RBI sacrifice fly to score a run and Lane Sawatzke hit

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Archery Notebook | 69th Annual NFAA Outdoor Nationals

Duo Proves Archers Can Start Sport At Any Stage Of Life

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Though 23 years apart in age, Susan Dillman and Heather Gore are proof that archery can be something a person can pick up at any stage in life.

The two female archers may have started shooting for different reasons, but the point is, they say, they fell in love with the sport.

"The passion came back," Gore, a 26-year-old from Grass Valley, California, said Friday during the third day of the NFAA Outdoor National Championships in Yankton.

Gore, who comes from an "archery-loving" family, said she originally started shooting a bow at age two, but "put it away" for 10 years.

Her brother's love for the sport played a key role in re-introducing her to it, she added.

And then came the NFAA Outdoor Nationals last summer in Darrington, Washington, which proved to be a big motivator for her, Gore said.

"After that, I really wanted to improve," she said.

In the case of Dillman, a 49-year-old registered nurse from Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, she started shooting to spend more time with her husband — though she joked you typically hear the opposite when an athlete retires.

Her husband was shooting with friends back home, and Dillman "wanted to do more things with him," she said.

"He shoots recreationally, but I'm very competitive," Dillman said. "Right now, I'm still learning the ins and outs."

Dillman, who has been shooting for three years, said she likes national tournaments like the Outdoor Na-



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Heather Gore takes aim at a target Friday during the NFAA Outdoor National Championships in Yankton. Gore, from Grass Valley, California, had grown up in a family of archers but had stepped away from the sport for a decade before picking it back up again.

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State Teener Tourney Begins

Mitchell will go into today's (Saturday) second day of the South Dakota State VFW Teener Class AA 13-14 Majors baseball tournament unbeaten after a pair of victories on Friday at Yankton's Riverside Field.

Mitchell moved to the battle of unbeaten with a 13-5 victory over the Rapid City Kings. It will play either Watertown or Aberdeen, the winner of the late winners bracket matchup.

Six teams advanced to today's action in the tournament, which is run in a similar format to state American Legion baseball tournaments. Five games will be played at Riverside today, with the championship and "if" game on Sunday.

Here is a look at the games played on Friday. Due to deadlines, not all of Friday's game recaps were available.

Second Round
MITCHELL 13, R.C. KINGS 5: Briggs Havlik helped his cause with two hits and two runs scored as Mitchell downed the Rapid City Kings 13-5 on Friday night.

Kiel Nelson added a hit, a RBI and a run scored in the victory.

Brian Peterleit had two hits and two runs scored for Rapid City.

Ian Krump took the loss.

PIERRE 11, BRANDON VALLEY 4: Pierre eliminated Brandon Valley with an 11-4 decision on Friday night in Crofton.

Pierre pitcher Alex Badger helped his own cause, recording three hits. Dan McGee tripled, Kyle Stover doubled and Austin Sanger added a hit in the victory.

Jacob Johnson doubled and singled to lead the Brandon Valley offense. Jeremy Johnson, Mason Van Westen and Brandon Sorenson added hits.

Badger picked up the win. Van Westen took the loss.

First Round
WATERTOWN 10, YANKTON LAKERS 2: Braydon Shriver drove in four runs and scored two as Watertown downed host Yankton 10-2 in the opening round on Friday afternoon.

Shriver doubled and singled for the Black Sox.

For the Yankton Lakers, Miles Carda had a two-run single, and Garrett Tennant, Caid Koletzky and Jack Schoenfelder added hits.

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Golf Notebook | Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am

Quarterback Fits Right In With Yankton's Top Prep Golfers

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A pairing of three golfers and a quarterback sounds like one of those celebrity pro-ams where washed-up former pro athletes play with PGA professionals and paying customers.

Except this quarterback isn't washed up. He's also a pretty good golfer.

Yankton High School senior Mason Strahl, the top returning quarterback for the Bucks this season, is paired with the Bucks' top two returning golfers, Jace Guthmiller and Mitch Schlingman, for the first three days of the 41st annual Hillcrest Pro-Am. Strahl, who first played the Pro-Am two years ago, regularly plays golf with Guthmiller and Schlingman.

"Mason's been a good friend of mine since middle school," Guthmiller said. "We play nine or 18 holes every day. He's a good golfer."

With three high school seniors, the Yankton trio is the youngest of the 52 teams in the event.

"When we thought about

who we wanted to play with, we thought it would be a good idea to play with someone we know," Schlingman said. "We've been playing with Strahl a lot. We knew it would be a good fit, and we knew we would all have a good time."

"For someone who throws a football around, he sure knows how to swing a club."

So far the pairing is working. Despite having the lowest team handicap in the field — Guthmiller and Schlingman are each 1-handicaps, Strahl is a 5-handicap — they are still in the hunt for team honors. They enter the final day of team competition in second, eight strokes off the lead.

After today's (Saturday) third round, the trio will go their separate ways, Guthmiller and Schlingman to golf practice and Strahl to football practice. (Pairings for Sunday's final round are based on scores.) All three, though, feel they are getting something rewarding out of this experience.

For the two regular golfers, it's a chance to com-

pete against top-level competition on a challenging course.

"The Yankton Invitational is at Hillcrest, and this is four good days of practice," Schlingman said. "Playing against all these good guys helps our game even more."

For Strahl, it's a couple of days to play golf with friends before the rigors of fall football camp begin.

"Most weekends after this will be about football. After this we have one more week before we start practice," he said. "It's nice to get a little break."

Guthmiller To Nebraska

Guthmiller officially announced that he will attend the University of Nebraska and play golf for the Huskers beginning in the fall of 2015. For the Yankton senior, playing golf at a major college program has been a goal.

"Since my freshman or sophomore year, I've had a goal of playing golf at a Big 10 or Big 12 university," he said. "Assistant coach Judd Cornell is great. So is head coach Bill Spangler. They practice at Wilderness Ridge and they

have a good indoor practice facility."

Cornell has golfed the Hillcrest Pro-Am in the past, most recently in 2013.

Guthmiller also referenced Nebraska's schedule. While the Huskers' 2014-15 schedule is not finalized, it includes fall dates in Maricopa, Arizona; Overland Park, Kansas; and Las Cruces, New Mexico; in October.

"They have a competitive schedule, and they travel south when it's cold," he said. Travel for himself and his family was also a concern.

"I didn't want to be terribly far from home," he said. "I believe I will fit in there."

Guthmiller had pondered the decision for a while, actually longer than he had planned.

"I wanted to decide in spring," he said. "But it's nice to get it out of the way. That will help me focus on getting ready for college."

Guthmiller's group played with pro Chris Bruening of Norfolk, Nebraska, a former Husker golfer, in Friday's round.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Mason Strahl puts on the No. 6 green during Friday's second round of the Hillcrest Invitational Pro-Am. Strahl, who will be a senior at Yankton High School, was a quarterback for the Bucks last fall. He golfed with YHS' top two returning golfers, Jace Guthmiller and Mitch Schlingman

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