

# State Amateur: Fast Start Lifts Tabor Past Clear Lake

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MITCHELL — A first inning surge of four runs helped push the Tabor Bluebirds past the Clear Lake Slough Sharks past the first round of the 2014 South Dakota State 'B' Amateur baseball tournament at Cadwell Park in Mitchell on Tuesday evening.

"We got guys on base, their errors came at good times," Tabor coach Jon Vavruska said. "Our boys made the plans when we needed to, it was a 100 percent effort from the guys tonight."

The Bluebirds defeated the Slough Sharks 10 to three behind eight hits.

"We started out hot, and then slowed down," Tabor starting pitcher Doug Vanecek said. "We put the ball in play. We definitely took advantage of the balls he was throwing us."

Tabor used their top of the lineup hitters to get to Clear Lake pitcher

Trevor Cassels.

Vanecek had an RBI in the first inning, along with a run scored. Rob Keppen added an RBI double to two more runs, while he scored off a walk, which gave the Bluebirds an early four to zero lead.

"He was missing his strike zone, which gave us walks and we had some hits up the middle," Varuska said. "Our guys were patient at the plate tonight, that first inning was huge for us."

The Slough Sharks answered back with a run in the bottom of the first, as Tate Pope scored on an

Zach Toben RBI groundout. Tabor added a run in the third inning and two in the third inning, which pushed their lead to seven to one.

Clear Lake used a Chris Stoebner RBI single to get another run on the board in the third, but still trailed seven to two.

The Slough Sharks added a run in the fifth inning, of a Josh Stickland RBI sin-

gle that scored Mitch Moes. However, Clear Lake still trailed Tabor seven to three.

In the sixth inning, Tabor went to the bullpen. They took Vanecek out for Josh Vavruska.

"Doug (Vanecek) has had some control issues throughout the year," Vavruska said. "He found the zone tonight right away. Against good teams you have to keep the gas on at all times. We were on and off, we can't do that on Sunday."

The Tabor Bluebirds were able to add three insurance runs in the ninth inning, which boosted their lead to 10 to three.

The Bluebirds were able to hold onto the 10 to three victory, which advanced them to the next round.

Vanecek picked up the victory for Tabor in five innings. He gave up one



NICK ROBINSON/P&D

Tabor Bluebirds pitcher Doug Vanecek fires home against Clear Lake in the opening game of the 2014 South Dakota 'B' Amateur baseball tournament in Mitchell.

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## IFAA World Field Championships



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Jaco Wessels, left of South Africa, and Monika Hoim-Wessels of Estonia watch their arrows in flight on Wednesday during the third day of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships in Yankton.

## Wynot Expos Open State Amateur Tourney Today

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Manager Lee Heimes felt the Wynot Expos could "play with anybody." After runner-up finishes in the South Central League regular season standings and the District 6B Tournament, the Expos will get a chance to prove him right.

Wynot (17-12) begins play in the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament today (Thursday) against Lennox Only One. The game is scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start time.

"I thought we could play with anybody. We just needed a couple more parts," he said. "With wood bats, there are a lot of close games. We just need a couple little things to put us over the edge."

The Expos have been bolstered this season by the return of Kyle Wiepen (.307, 7 doubles, 14 RBI) and Cliff Kephart (.241, 4 doubles, 6 RBI). Veterans Chase Rolles (.297, 9 RBI, 9 SB) and Matt Hames (.305, 15 RBI) have provided a spark, as has Lee Heimes (.462, 3 HR, 8 doubles, 14 RBI, 9 SB).

Lance Heine (.307, 1 HR, 7 doubles, 14 RBI), Ryan Heimes (.340, 2 HR, 13 RBI) and Aaron Burbach (.222, 10 RBI) have each driven in key runs. Danny Melena (.238, 8 RBI, 9 SB) and Scott Heimes (.264, 8 SB) have contributed in the running game.

Eric Hames (7-1) and Scott Morrison (4-3) have been key contributors on the mound. Devon Lammers (3-0) also has multiple wins.

The Expos picked up veterans Brett Scherschligt (Freeman) and Jay Thaler (Menno) for the tournament.

"They're very smart baseball players," Lee Heimes said. "When they are asked to step in, I'm sure they'll be ready."

For the Expos to make a deep tournament run, they can't make mental mistakes, according to Lee Heimes.

"What I expect is for us to go compete," he said. "If we don't beat ourselves, we're as good as any team up there. All it takes is to get a little hot streak going, put a couple of good games together."

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# Notebook: Yankton Not The Only Stop For Estonian Archers



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Arch Nixon, front, from New Mexico gets ready to release an arrow on Wednesday during the third day of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships in Yankton.

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A 48-hour round-trip trek to and from her native country to Yankton will not be the only traveling Monika Hoim-Wessels does over the next two weeks.

No, the archer from Estonia has plans to criss-cross the United States before eventually making her way back home 12 days after the conclusion of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships.

The idea was to see more than just Yankton.

"It's not worth it just to come for this tournament," Hoim-Wessels said Wednesday after her 28-target round in the third day of the five-day tournament.

"You never know, we might not come back soon again."

Hoim-Wessels, who is one of three Estonian archers in Yankton this week, said she

will spend 12 more days in the United States once the IFAA tournament concludes Friday.

Those next destinations include Yellowstone National Park, Grand Teton National Park and the Grand Canyon, followed by a flight home from Las Vegas.

Those stops, however, can wait. For now, Hoim-Wessels is in archery mode, she said.

"It's been great, nice to meet all the archery people," she said.

In total, Hoim-Wessels' travel to Yankton took 24 hours, from taking a ferry to Finland, then flights to Chicago and Sioux Falls, followed by a car ride down to Yankton.

It's not the easiest destination to reach, given the travel, she added.

"I was thinking of not coming because of that," Hoim-Wessels said. "It'd be nicer if

## Wallace Inducted Into Motorsports Hall Of Fame

DETROIT (AP) — Former NASCAR driver Rusty Wallace was one of seven men inducted into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America on Wednesday.

Wallace made his debut on the top circuit in 1980 in a Roger Penske-owned car and joined the series full-time in 1984. His first victories came in 1986 with Raymond Beadle's Blue Max Racing team and he won the 1989 Sprint Cup championship after holding off Dale Earnhardt.

Wallace moved to Penske's team in 1991 and ran the final 15 years of his career for the car owner, who presented him for induction Wednesday.

"He's been an incredible mentor," Wallace said. "I never had any car dealerships and I ran it by him for some advice and now I have seven of them."

Wallace finished his career with 55 wins — 37 with Penske — and was inducted into the

NASCAR Hall of Fame in 2013. Five of those victories came at Michigan International Speedway, once owned by Penske.

His former car owner was happy to introduce Wallace on Wednesday.

"What he's done for this sport and our team, we wouldn't have what we have today without him," Penske said. "He was one of the first drivers to really understand what it meant to keep a sponsor. Miller got in back then and is still involved today. He was a driver, a technician, a marketer and a good friend."

Arie Luyendyk, who began racing in the IndyCar circuit in 1985 and won the Indianapolis 500 in 1990 and '97, also was inducted. The Dutch-born driver's winning average speed of 187.433 in his first Indy victory — at a time when Penske entries dominated at Indy — stood as a race record until 2013.

## Menno's Bohlmann Fifth At Hershey's Final

HERSHEY, Pa. — Trey Bohlmann of Menno placed fifth in the boys' 13-14 year-old softball throw at the Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Finals, held Saturday in Hershey, Pennsylvania.

Bohlmann recorded a toss of 205 feet, two inches in the event. He was one of nine South Dakotans selected to the Midwest team, which included athletes from Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and North and South Dakota.

Jesse Hastings of Mount Vernon won a national title in the boys' 11-12 year-old standing long jump with a mark of 8-5 1/2. Dacey Rihaneck placed second in the girls' 11-12 year-old 400-meter dash in 1:03.45. Jacee Johannsen of Madison finished fourth in the girls' 11-12 year-old softball throw with a toss of 147-4. Andrew Martens finished eighth in the boys' 11-12 year-old 800-meter run in 2:30.14.

The Sioux Falls foursome of Jacob Becker, Dely Felix Saez, Iman Legesse and Demareio Hester placed seventh in the boys' 400-meter relay in 49.08.



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The South Dakota contingent that competed at the Hershey's Track & Field Games North American Finals included (front) Dacey Rihaneck, Jacee Johannsen, Dely Felix Saez, Iman Legesse, Andrew Martens, (back) Kelly Elletson (chaperone), Jesse Hastings, Demareio Hester, Jacob Becker, Trey Bohlmann and Troy Goehring (chaperone).