

Tyndall, Vermillion Open State Teener Play Today

Experienced Tyndall Squad Set For Tourney

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While the Tyndall VFW Teener baseball team may not have a ton of experience as one unit — the team is 9-5 on the season — they do have state tournament experience.

From just two weeks ago. Four of the 11 players on Tyndall's roster for the South Dakota State Class A VFW Teener Baseball Tournament, which begins today (Friday) in Volga, played key roles for

the Tabor American Legion team that finished second in the state tournament. The rest were around the ballpark as the tournament was held in Tabor.

"That helps a lot, knowing what to expect," said Tyndall head coach Gary Kortan. "They know what is expected as players in our program. They've all worked hard, and know the goal is to compete for a state title."

All four pitchers on the Tyndall VFW roster were on the state Legion roster:

Hunter Young, Cole Uecker, Zach Sutera and Chase Kortan. Kortan has been a key member of both teams.

"Chase has been our go-to guy," Coach Kortan said. "We're going to try to hold him back until he's needed, hopefully not until the championship. But we'll throw whoever is needed to win the game."

Chase Kortan and Uecker have been a strong middle-infield tandem all season, dat-

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Vermillion Teeners Aim To Make Things Right

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Vermillion Plain Talk

VERMILLION — A group of young men carrying an eclectic bag of emotions and experiences have teamed up to represent Vermillion baseball at a state tournament to wrap the summer sports calendar.

That's the good news. The bad? Well, the bad news may end up being applied to the other teams at the 2014 South Dakota 15-16 Teener Class A State Tourna-

ment in Volga beginning Friday at noon.

Taking the field first will be a Vermillion squad (24-9) that enters as Region 5A champions and with plenty of town pride on the line when they square off with Madison at noon Friday to lead off the quadruple-header in Volga.

The title game is 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10.

Madison is not the easiest opponent to start with, but to be the best you have to beat the upper crust to be

cool on the top shelf.

"Madison has great athletes which won state in football last year and were runners-up in boys' basketball," Vermillion head coach TJ Beacom said.

The Vermillion squad is made up of players who know that championship feeling having captured the 13-14 Teener title in 2013 and they have joined forces with a strong core of roster members that made up the

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Newcomer-Led Cardinals Seek Run At State Tourney

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A movie on the 2014 Irene Cardinals would not be called "Eight Men Out," but "Eight Men In."

Eight new faces dot the Cardinals' (14-11) roster as they begin play in the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament. Irene faces Madison today (Friday) in the day's first contest, an 11 a.m. start.

"We basically have eight brand new guys, young guys and release players," said Irene manager Kendall Johnke. "We lost a lot of power with (Mike) King and (Wes) Robertson leaving, but we got a lot younger and faster."

With veterans like King and Robertson retiring, the Cardinals needed others to step up.

"George Sees, Matt Sees, Simon Healy and Adam Gale are our veterans now," Johnke said. "They've helped the younger players out."

George Sees is batting .341 and is 3-1 on the mound. Matt Sees is batting .269. Healy is batting .290 and is 1-2 on the mound. Gale is batting .333.

While a number of young players have contributed, including Andrew Hora (5-1) and Jack Huether (2-0) on the mound, Johnke said that the surprise of the team has been Trevor Jacobsen (.262).

"We knew he was a great athlete," Johnke said. "But we put him in at third base in some early non-league games, and he's been there ever since. He makes plays over there and hits the ball."

The Cardinals picked up Lesterville's Tyler Edler for the tournament, someone Johnke feels could fill in about anywhere.

"He can pitch, play infield and hit," Johnke said of the recent Mount Marty graduate. "I think he can be a big asset to the team."

The Cardinals face a tough Cornbelt Conference team in Madison, but Johnke is more focused on his team.

"Madison's pretty tough, and they have two great pitchers," he said. "But we can't get intimidated. We need to get runners over and in, and play solid defense."

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IFAA World Field Championships Notebook: Trip 'Very Special' For Liechtenstein Family



The Zacharias family of Liechtenstein poses for a photo on Thursday during the fourth day of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships in Yankton. Family members include (L-R): Alphons, Anja, Stefan and Aurelia.

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One of the smallest countries in the world was very nearly not represented in Yankton.

But here they are, a family of four from Liechtenstein, population just under 37,000.

The land-locked central European country has only two entrants at this week's International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships, which wraps up today (Friday).

Sibling archers Stefan, 14, and Anja Zacharias, 13, aren't alone in their odyssey to South Dakota. They are joined by father Alphons and mother Aurelia Schadler Zacharias.

Together, the family has enjoyed not only the five-day archery tournament, but their first-ever trip to North

America — let alone the United States.

"It is one chance in a million," said Alphons, who speaks the best English of the family. He translated for his wife and children during a media interview. "Otherwise we wouldn't be here."

"It's very special for us." The family's trip to South Dakota wasn't planned until last November, when Anja expressed interest in shooting at the World Field Championships, her father said.

And so, to extend their stay, the family spent two weeks in West River South Dakota after flying into Rapid City. They visited Mount Rushmore and Badlands National Park, among other stops, Alphons said.

"It was an experience we wanted them to see, but once the championships are over, they would be too tired for

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vacation," he said.

Instead, the scenic landmarks were an early highlight of their international trip, Anja said.

"It was very beautiful, the landscape was incredible," she said, through translation.

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Klemens Voggenberger of Austria examines the arrows on Thursday during the fourth day of the International Field Archery Association (IFAA) World Field Championships in Yankton. The five-day tournament concludes today (Friday).

Wynot Wins State Opener 2-1 State: 'Fun' Red Sox Open State Today

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MITCHELL — Wynot's Scott Morrison tossed a complete game seven-hitter, striking out nine, as the Expos stopped Lennox Only One 2-1 in the opening round of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

The Expos will play Akron in the second round, Monday at 6 p.m. The Rebels blanked Milbank 7-0, scoring all of their runs in the first inning.

Clif Kephart and Kyle Wiepen each had two hits for Wynot. Drew Sweeter had two hits and Justin Reilly doubled for Lennox.

Wynot got out of trouble in the second. After one-out singles by Mark Houck and Aaron Johnson, Morrison



Lennox second baseman Travis Clark takes a throw as Wynot's Chase Rolfes tries to steal second base during the first round of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park. Rolfes was out on the play. Wynot defeated Lennox 2-1.

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The Vermillion Red Sox do not look like the same team they did a couple of years ago. One thing has not changed, though: the squad's ability to win baseball games.

Vermillion takes an 18-4 record into the South Dakota State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament, which begins today (Friday) in Renner.

For the most part, the Red Sox are a younger team this season, according to manager Kirk Sorensen.

"We're down to three of the old veterans: Robin Chute (.325), Colby Lessman (.328) and Dan Hansen (.280)," he said. "We have three more guys who are starting to get to 'veteran' age."

"I had no idea these guys would play this well."

Kendall Hazel (7-0) and Kris Eckstaine (4-2), whose father also played for Sorensen, have anchored the pitching staff this season. Tyler Candor (.301) and A.J. Staiert (.320) have again been key contributors for the squad.

"This has been a fun team this year," Sorensen said. "I'm really going to enjoy it this weekend, no matter what happens."

The Red Sox also picked up Mitchell's Joey Fitzgerald (.287) for the tournament.

The Red Sox open tonight against the Sioux Falls Saints, an 8 p.m. start in Renner. Host Renner plays Castlewood in tonight's early

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contest. Winners and losers from today's contests will face off on Saturday morning and afternoon.

Three of those four teams will advance to the second weekend of the tournament, as well as three of the four from the other side of the bracket.

"We've got to win one in Renner to get back to Mitchell, Sorensen said. "Looking at the 'A,' there is a lot of parity. Anybody can beat anybody over there."

For the Red Sox to be one of those teams that advances to Mitchell, Aug. 15-17, they will have to stay focused.

"We have to keep our heads in the game," Sorensen said.

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