

South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament

Crofton Returns To 'B' Semis

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MITCHELL — In a rematch of the 2012 'B' Amateur state title game, the Crofton Bluejays got revenge on the Parkston Mudcats in the 2014 tournament.

The Bluejays handled the Mudcats 8-2 on Friday evening at Cadwell Park in Mitchell in the quarterfinals of the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament.

"We came out and played good defense," Crofton player-manager Carl Schieffer said. "Our main goal was to stand behind Scott. You can't let a team like Parkston get momentum, and we didn't let them do that."

That's a good team and we need to do the same tomorrow."

Crofton sent its ace, Scot Donner to the mound, while Luke Tiesler went for Parkston.

"We knew it was going to be a battle, Parkston is good," Crofton shortstop Alex Mueller said. "Scot (Donner) went out there for us and threw a great game, that's what was able to lift us. We brought the bats, too, which always helps."

After a scoreless inning from both squads, Crofton busted the game open with four runs, and sent Tiesler to the dugout early.

A two RBI single from Mueller started the rally for the Bluejays. Tyler

Up Next Semifinals, Saturday

Clark vs. Wynot, 1 p.m.
Crofton vs. Alexandria-
Flandreau winner, 7:30 p.m.

Championship, Sunday

Clark-Wynot winner vs.
Crofton-Alexandria-Flan-
dreau winner, 2 p.m.



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Crofton players celebrate after their 8-2 victory over Parkston in the Class B quarterfinals of the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

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Renner Rolls Past Tappers 12-2

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MITCHELL — The Yankton Tappers had the defending State 'A' Amateur champion Renner Monarchs on their toes through four innings.

The Monarchs busted out a six run inning in the fifth, to defeat the Tappers 12-2 in eight innings, in the 2014 South Dakota Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament at Drake Field in Mitchell on Friday afternoon.

"We started off pretty well, getting good approaches and playing good defense," Yankton player-coach Ross Heine said. "But, it got sour pretty quick. Big innings can really dig a hole, and that's what happened to us today."

Yankton sent its ace Trey Krier on the mound for the game, while Renner sent lefty submarine pitcher Matt Wilber.

"He (Krier) is a guy who



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Yankton's Trey Krier sends the ball home during the Tappers' Class A elimination game with Renner in the South Dakota State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Drake Field.

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Red Sox Move To 'A' Final

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MITCHELL — Robin Chute played a key role when the Vermillion Red Sox won three titles (2 Class B, 1 Class A) in a four-year span a decade ago. Thanks to his work with the bat and some good pitching by one of the team's newcomers, he'll have a chance to play for another.

Vermillion advanced to Sunday's Class A championship game for the first time since 2006 with a 3-1 victory over the Sioux Falls Brewers in the South Dakota Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

"It's definitely a different situation. We've usually played in the losers bracket," said Chute. "It feels great, though."

Chute and Kendal Candor each doubled and singled on the day, with Chute also scoring a run and driving in two. Blake Meecham and A.J.

Staiert also had two hits each.

Dan Morrison had two of Sioux Falls' six hits. Nick Bruning doubled and scored the Brewers' lone run.

Kendal Hazel pitched eight innings for the win. Nate Olson pitched a scoreless ninth for the save. Bryce Ahrendt took the loss.

"You couldn't ask for any more from our pitching," said Vermillion manager Kirk Sorensen after the game. "You look at their lineup, all of those hitters, and to hold them down is pretty good."

After Sioux Falls dodged a bullet in the top of the second, it took advantage in the bottom of the frame. Bruning led off with a double, then scored on a Bryce Ahrendt single. The Red Sox escaped further damage when Chute ran down a sinking liner in short left field and fired to second to double off Ahrendt.

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Vermillion Red Sox catcher Kendal Candor catches a pop fly during their Class A matchup in the S.D. State Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Champions Of The Softball Diamond



Dakota Windmill & Supply was the regular season champion in the Competitive League. Team members include: (front, L-R) Steph Anderson, Laurisa Hofman, (middle) Sara Olson, Garrett Evans, Valetta Rehnagel, Miranda, Samantha Olson, (back) Larry Rehnagel, Colton Bender, Kayla Weisler, Dustin Olson, Dalton Crisman and Jacey Schmidt.



Bentley Moving was the regular season and tournament champion in the Recreational League. Team members include: (front, L-R) Michaela Bunde, Kristina Lloyd, Ashley Bentley, AJ Fernandez, Adam Peterson, (middle) TJ Smith, Sophia Lopez, Anissa White, Shaina Lonneman, Albert Fernandez, (back) James Beringer, Kevin White, Dan Bentley, Brandon Lloyd and Tyler Schuring. Not pictured is Kristin Loutsch.



Marquardt Transportation was the regular season and tournament champion in the Power League. Team members include: (front, L-R) Erin Brown, Stacy Zeigler, Kylie Gross, Mallory Wriedt, Chantel Fischer, (back) Doug Marquardt, Nick Walters, Josh Lynde, Clint Scheuring, Brian Feifar and Lance Gamar. Not pictured are Christine Broders, Tagney Walters, Katie Behrns, Tyler Behrns and Tim Lynde.



Ear, Nose & Throat Associates was the regular season champion in the Just For Fun League. Team members include: (front, L-R) Bridget Simonsen, Korine Reindl, Amanda Bottolfson, Samantha Plantenberg, Noelle Auch, Abbi Hegge, (back) Dylan Gobel, Lee Reindl, Kenny Plantenberg, Travis Auch, Jeremy Platenberg, Rod Green, Jeremy Bottolfson and Perez Welch. Not pictured is Lexy Plantenberg.



Main Street Pub was the tournament champions in the Just For Fun League. Team members include: Harrison Hawley, Jon Smith, Josh Timmerman, Dustin Hinker, Jacque Smidt, Sara Gregg, Ashley Ouellette, Amy Richardson, Cody Merrigan, Tyler Zimmerman, Candie Beninga, Shawn Kruse, Becca Hawley and Dana Hannahs.



Bank of Hartington Ligers was the regular season champion in the Competitive League. Team members include: (front, L-R) Lauren Steffen, Brooke Lammers, Renae Mainquist, Kayla Gubbels, Taylor Lammers, (back) Chris Gubbels, Devon Lammers, Kyle Lammers, Nate Holan, Brett Mainquist and Brandon Mainquist.