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Tappers See Season Come To An End After Loss

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MITCHELL – New year, same result. That was the way the Yankton Tappers looked at the larger picture after Friday afternoon's 8-1 loss to Aberdeen at the South Dakota State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell.

It was the same position for Yankton as last summer: An elimination game on a Friday afternoon in the second round of the tournament in Mitchell.

"It feels like we're getting better every year," pitcher Kaleb Bromley said, "but we just have to get over the hump of losing the first game when we get here."

For the first four innings Friday, it looked as though Yankton – of the South Central League – might very well find a way to stay right with Aberdeen Circus Sports Bar – a member of the Northern Plains League.

Aberdeen scored a pair of runs in the top of the first inning off Yankton starter Jesse Bailey, but the Tappers

got a run back in the second on a Jason Livermont RBI groundout. Bailey, a relative veteran of the squad, got into a bit of a groove, but surrendered two more runs in the fifth inning and was taken out in the seventh – Aberdeen would add three runs in the seventh and one more in the eighth.

The problem was, Yankton was held to seven hits (six singles) and stranded seven runners on base.

"Jesse threw exactly the kind of game we needed," player-manager Ross Heine said. "But we can't win by scoring only one run."

And unfortunately for the Tappers, it was much the same story as last year when Renner claimed a 12-2 win in a Friday elimination game in Mitchell.

Unlike a year ago, however, the Tappers maintained that their pitching staff was deeper and more capable of keeping the offense in games.



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Aberdeen second baseman Ryan Ellingson drops down a tag on Yankton Tappers runner Kenny Tomek during Friday's S.D. State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament at Mitchell's Drake Field.

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Soccer | Yankton High School

Bucks Fall 2-1 In Opener

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The Yankton boys' soccer team lost in its opening game of the 2015 season to Watertown on Friday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park in Yankton by a score of 2-1.

"First game of the year is kind of interesting, you're always trying to get the jitterbugs out and you're finding your team, finding the players that will work well," Yankton coach Warren Brenner said. Watertown was able to put the pressure on Yankton early and scored their first goal from midfielder Sawyer Strait able to put a shot in the top left corner from just outside the 18 yard box. Moments later a Yankton shot from forward Cole Lewno went off of the left post of the goal. Yankton had the next scoring chance after a ball bounced around in the box and put on goal before Watertown goalie Grant Carlson was able to corral it.

Following a foul just on the other side of mid field Watertown was able to score their second goal on a free kick with Strait putting the ball in the box for forward Brandon Lindner who wasted no time putting it in the back of the net.

Immediately following the Watertown goal Yankton put a goal of their own on the board after midfielder Evan Dvorak netted a rebound off of the hands of Carlson from just a few yards out. Yankton was able to set up more scoring chances before the end of the half but were stymied by the Watertown defense and a



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Yankton's Treyson Slate, left, and Watertowns Sawyer Strait battle for possession during the second half of their Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' soccer match on Friday at Yankton's Lewis & Clark Soccer Park. Watertown won 2-1.

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Soccer: Arrows Power Past Gazelles 6-1



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Yankton's Brianna Benjamin, center, gets rid of the ball as she is surrounded by Watertown defenders during their Eastern South Dakota Conference girls' soccer match on Friday at Yankton's Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.

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Watertown opened up the 2015 high school girls' soccer season with a bit of flare on Friday night at Lewis & Clark Field in Yankton. The Arrows used four goals from junior striker Sarah Boes to defeat Yankton 6-1.

"Some of our weaknesses were exposed," said Gazelles head coach Tyler Schuring. "We had a lot of girls who haven't played together, and we were just struggling with our touch offensively."

Watertown opened the scoring with a Mahlia Derby goal, but Yankton senior Brianna Benjamin answered with an equalizer to tie things at 1-1.

"Offensivley Brianna was right in the middle of everything," said Schuring. "Madason Tessier and Briana are our leaders on the

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Parkston Advances To 'B' Semis

MITCHELL – Jeff Harris had a pair of hits and Jake Weber pitched five shutout innings as the Parkston Mudcats beat Plankinton 3-0 in Friday night's quarterfinals of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Trevor Freudenthal, Pat Harris and Justin Downes all had an RBI for Parkston, which plays the Madison-Larchwood winner in tonight's (Saturday) 7:30 p.m. semifinal game. Brady Nolz struck out seven batters in four innings in relief of Weber.

Travis Gant was the hard-luck loser for Plankinton as he pitched seven innings.

Alexandria 3, Platte 0

MITCHELL – Cory Marek pitched a complete game 2-hitter as the Alexandria Angels blanked Platte 3-0 in quarterfinal action late Thursday night at the S.D. State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell.

Thomas Gullede had a pair of hits and an RBI for Alexandria, which plays Akron (Iowa) in today's (Saturday) 1 p.m. semifinals at Cadwell Park.

Richard Sternberg struck out nine in a complete game loss for Platte.

Class A

Renner 9, S.F. Brewers 6

MITCHELL –Brian McGuire had three hits and Matt Guiliano doubled and singled to lead Renner past the Sioux Falls Brewers 9-6 on Friday, advancing to the championship of the South Dakota State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament in Mitchell.

Nate Hewes and Michael Clapp also had two hits each. Juan Thomas homered in the victory.

Scott Splett had three hits, including a double, and Andy Ahrendt and Ian Strum had two hits each for Sioux Falls.

Cole Jenkins pitched six innings for the victory, striking out five. Derek Quame allowed one unearned run in three innings for the lone-relief save. Bryce Ahrendt took the loss.

Renner advances to Sunday's championship, a noon start at Cadwell Park. Sioux Falls will face either Aberdeen or Castlewood in the 5:30 p.m. game today (Saturday), with the winner of that game facing Renner in the final.

Castlewood 13, S.F. Squirrels 4

MITCHELL – Trevor Jutting went 4-5 and Ryan Engels had a pair of doubles to lead the Castlewood Ravens to a 13-4 victory over the Sioux Falls Squirrels in an elimination game in the South Dakota State Class A Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Drake Field.

Carter Roach doubled and singled, and Andy Turback and Lucas Hoftiezer each had two hits for Castlewood, which will face Aberdeen today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. Taylor Stacey homered in the victory.

For Sioux Falls, Zach Dible and Damon Baruth each had two hits. Seth Peterson added a double.

Connor Franssen pitched six shutout innings for the win, with Brody Ries pitching three innings for the long-relief save. Trevor Hurley took the loss.

Women's Soccer: Huskers Down USD 6-2 In Exhibition

Coyotes Open At Creighton On Aug. 21

LINCOLN, Neb.—Goals by junior Corey Strang and sophomore Lara Boman put the Coyotes on the board as South Dakota fell to Big Ten's Nebraska 6-2 in an exhibition match Friday at Barbara Hilbner Stadium in Lincoln. Senior Taylor Nivala fed

the ball to Strang at the top of the box in the 60th minute. Strang chipped the ball up and over Nebraska's goalkeeper Erika Johnson.

The second goal came in the final minute as sophomore Lara Boman dribbled into open field with only the

goalkeeper to beat. Boman took a long shot from mid-field and it bounced into the net to finalize the score at 6-2.

Nebraska's Jaycie Johnson and Caroline Flynn each had a pair of goals and one assist. Lia Baldo and Haley Hanson also had one goal apiece. The

Huskers outnumbered the Coyotes in shots taken 18-4.

All three Coyote keepers saw action, with freshman Parker Rytz making her debut in the starting slot. Rytz recorded a save in the first half and freshman Coral Suarez added two more saves in the second half.

Also making their first

start in a South Dakota kit were sophomore Katelyn Floyssand, freshman Tayler Karas and freshman Makenzie Burmeister.

South Dakota opens the regular season at Creighton on Friday, Aug. 21, in Omaha, Neb.