

Parkston, Renner Win State Amateur Titles

MITCHELL – The Parkston Mudcats edged Sunshine League rival Alexandria 4-3 for the championship of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Sunday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Parkston's Brady Nolz was named the tournament MVP after earning his fourth victory of the tournament with a complete game effort, striking out four. In the five games, Nolz pitched 38 innings, struck out 33 batters and went 4-0 with a save.

Spencer Freudenthal went 3-4 with a double, and Matt Malloy, Jeff Harris and Tyler Nolz each had two hits for Parkston. Trevor Freudenthal also doubled in the win.

For Alexandria, Cory Marek

went 3-4 with a double, and Thomas Gullede and John Greicar each had two hits to lead the way. Cole Wenande added a double for the Angels, who lost in the championship for a second straight year.

Corey Marek took the loss, allowing all four runs (three earned). Trevor Vermeulen pitched 3 1/3 innings of relief, giving him 30 1/3 innings in the tournament. Vermeulen won in his other three appearances, all complete game victories.

Alexandria 17, Akron 3

MITCHELL – Tyson Gau went 4-5 with a home run as Alexandria pounded Akron 17-3 in the semifinals of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Saturday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Cory Marek had two doubles and a single, and Jordan Gau had three hits for Alexandria. Trevor Doyle doubled and singled. John Greicar and Thomas Gullede each had two hits. Chris Marek homered in the victory.

Eric McGlauffin had two hits, including a home run, for Akron.

Trevor Vermeulen picked up his third victory of the state tournament, striking out seven in the seven-inning complete game victory. Adam McVay took the loss.

Parkston 12, Larchwood 2

MITCHELL – Parkston's Brady Nolz picked up his third victory of the state tournament, tossing a seven-inning one-hitter in a 12-2 Mudcats victory over Larchwood

on Saturday in the semifinals of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament.

Matt Malloy had a triple, double and single, Spencer Freudenthal had a double and two singles, and Jeff Harris had three hits for Parkston. Justin Downes doubled and singled. Dan Bonte added a pair of hits in the victory.

Chase Vanderfeen's RBI double in the seventh was the lone Larchwood hit.

Nolz struck out six and walked one in the victory. Ryan Brassler took the loss.

Larchwood 11, Madison 1

MITCHELL – Larchwood jumped out to an early lead, then put the game out of reach with an eight-run

eight inning for an 11-1 victory over Madison in the quarterfinals of the South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball Tournament on Friday at Mitchell's Cadwell Park.

Travis Feekes had three hits and Nick Meisinger doubled and singled, driving in three to lead the balanced Larchwood attack. Micah Linn, Koury Kramer and Keaton Grevengeod each doubled for the Diamonds in the victory.

For Madison, Brian Miller had three hits to lead the way. Deon Entringer had a pair of hits.

Patrick Sinnema went seven innings, striking out six and allowing one run, to pick up the win. Chris Brozik took the loss.

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Young Bucks Set For Season

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A new wave of golfers will hit the tee box this season for the Yankton Bucks.

Having graduated a large group that led Yankton to a fourth-place finish at the conference meet and a fifth-place finish at the state tournament, the Bucks now turn to some new — and mostly young — faces this fall.

"It's a young team, but a team that when I look at it, shows some real promise," said head coach Brett Sime, whose team opens the season Monday at the Brandon Valley Invite.

Just how young are the Bucks?

Of the 17 golfers on the roster, there are three seniors, three juniors, five

freshmen, two 8th-graders and four 7th-graders.

Put together, that means more than half the roster is barely out of middle school or still in middle school.

"Are we going to compete at the level of the last few years? That's yet to be seen," Sime said. "That's what we're going to work for."

Senior Mason Sundleaf is the most seasoned player on the roster, with three state meet trips under his belt. Fellow senior Mat Jensen also returns with state tournament experience.

They will be joined by A.J. Fernandez (Jr.) and Michael Frick (Fr.), while Chase Erickson, Chris Eilers (Sr.) and Jimmie Cunningham (7th) were battling for the last two spots for Monday's opening lineup.

"Mason has been playing really well early in the season, hopefully he'll be a leader for us," Sime said. "I'm looking for some senior leadership out of those guys because they've been there before."

Among the four seniors Yankton will look to replace are two college-bound golfers: Jace Guthmiller (Nebraska) and Mitch Schlingman (S.D. Mines).

"It's going to hurt losing the two seniors we did," Sime said. "When you lose guys like that, it's hard to fill those spots."

Not only on the scoreboard, but on the leadership scale.

To help give the younger golfers an early chance to play with veterans, Sime mixed up the foursomes — youth alongside experience — for pre-season qualifying rounds.

"That way, those younger can see what it takes to get there," Sime said. "If they have some questions while they're out there, they've got those guys to ask."

That kind of mentorship should no doubt come in handy by the end of the season.

The Eastern South Dakota Conference tournament will be held Sept. 26 in Brookings, while the S.D. State Class AA tournament will be Oct. 5-6 in Rapid City.

"If we keep our goals reasonable, maybe the top half of the conference, you never know in golf what can happen," Sime said. "It'll be interesting to see how it goes our first time out at Brandon Valley."

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Jason's Day: Golfer Scores Record -20 To Win PGA Championship

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HAVEN, Wis. (TNS) — Jason Day finally won his first major with a record run to golf glory.

Displaying steady nerve and slashing shot-making, Day outlasted Jordan Spieth in a dramatic duel under the sun Sunday to win the 97th PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.

The 27-year-old Australian closed out the championship with a final-round 67 to finish at 20-under par.

Day recorded the lowest under-par score in a major championship, eclipsing the 19-under par Tiger Woods shot to win the 2000 British Open.

Day's most emphatic stroke of the day was a stroke of putting genius, a 50-footer

that he rolled in for birdie at the par-3 7th hole.

Day, who held a two-stroke advantage heading into the final round, recorded his first major title after plenty of near misses. And it came just two months after a bout of vertigo short-circuited his chances at the U.S. Open in Chambers Bay.

Before Sunday, Day had recorded six top-five finishes in the majors since 2011.

Spieth, the Masters and U.S. Open champion, was aiming to join Ben Hogan and Woods as the only players to win three majors in one season — golf's modern triple crown.

The 22-year-old Texan closed with a final-round 68 to finish at 17-under par.

He just missed a playoff

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P&D FILE PHOTO
Mason Sundleaf watches his tee shot during the final round of the 2014 S.D. State Class AA Boys' Golf Tournament. Sundleaf and the Bucks open the 2015 season today (Monday) at the Brandon Valley Invitational.



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Jason Day tees off on the first hole during the final round of the PGA Championship on Sunday at Whistling Straits in Haven, Wis.

Kenseth In Control At Michigan, Wins 3rd Cup Race Of Season

BY NOAH TRISTER
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BROOKLYN, Mich. (AP) — Matt Kenseth had little to say about how NASCAR's rules package affected his race at Michigan International Speedway. "I didn't see much of the race, which was totally fine with me," he said. "We were up front the whole time."

Kenseth started in the lead, stayed there for most of the race and finished with his third Sprint Cup victory of the season Sunday, beating Kevin Harvick by 1.7 seconds.

It was the second race under NASCAR's high-drag aerodynamic package, which was also in place at Indianapolis last month in an effort to improve passing. At Michigan,

Kenseth won while leading 146 of 200 laps — so whatever excitement there was occurred further back in the pack.

"Cars could really, at the end of the straightaway, gain on others, two or three car lengths," said Jason Ratcliff, Kenseth's crew chief. "But they just couldn't do much once they got there, and they got down in the corner. They were

kind of helpless. On the restarts, it got exciting. ... I'd say eighth place back, it was fun to watch. Like Matt said, I'm glad he was watching it in the rear-view mirror."

Kenseth led for 73 percent of the laps Sunday, the highest percentage by anyone in a Cup race this year. He'd led for only 147 laps

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Minnesota Duo Commits To USD Women

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Iowa and Minnesota.

The recruiting reach of the University of South Dakota women's basketball program has garnered verbal commitments from high school standouts in both states over the past handful of days.

First was the announcement last week by Taylor Frederick, a 6-foot-1 post from Harlan (Iowa) Community High School. Then came the news via their social media accounts over the weekend that Madison McKeever (Erskine, Minnesota) and LaShayla Wright-Ponder (Bloomington, Minnesota) committed to USD, led by head coach Amy Williams.

McKeever, a 5-foot-8 point guard from Win-E-Mac High School, has already scored 2,503 career points and owns a state championship. Last season as a junior, she averaged 24.8 points, 4.9 steals, 4.1 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game. McKeever played AAU ball this summer for North Tartan, out of the Twin Cities.

Wright-Ponder, a 6-foot-1 forward, averaged 18.5 points per game last season for Bloomington Kennedy High School. She played AAU ball this summer for the Minnesota Stars.

The Minnesota duo joins Frederick, who has guided Harlan to consecutive Iowa state championships.

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Milone Powers Twins Past Cleveland 4-1

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Thanks to Tommy Milone's curve ball and Minnesota's bullpen, the Twins are heading into their biggest road trip of the season on a positive note.

Milone returned from the disabled list and pitched five innings, Kurt Suzuki had two key RBIs and the Twins beat Carlos Carrasco and the Cleveland Indians 4-1 on Sunday afternoon.

Trevor Plouffe hit his 17th home run and four Twins relievers held Cleveland scoreless over the final four innings, capped by Glen Perkins working the ninth for his 31st save.

Next up for the Twins, who entered Sunday two games back in the wild card race, is a 10-game East Coast road trip that could make or break their season.

"We got a tough trip coming up," Twins manager Paul Molitor said. "We just gotta keep fighting."

The Twins took a 2-1 lead after Suzuki lined a single to center field that scored Miguel Sano and Eduardo Nunez in the second inning.

That was all the scoring Minnesota could muster against Carrasco (11-9), who struck out seven in seven innings.

"We got Suzuki's big hit early, and at the end we were able to make that stand up," Molitor said. "Big kudos to the bullpen today."

Milone (6-3), making his first start since coming off the DL with a left elbow strain, was limited to 76 pitches. He allowed one run on three hits with three strikeouts to help the Twins win just their third series since the All-Star break.

Milone walked Francisco Lindor to load the bases with two outs in the fifth, but got Yan Gomes to chase a breaking ball in the dirt and strike out to end the inning.

"I knew I needed to get him and I'm happy they stuck with me to do the job," Milone said. "This year, the curveball has been a pitch that I rely on a lot."

Carrasco has allowed just five runs in his last four starts, lowering his ERA from 4.26 to 3.63. But the Indians have provided the righty with just six runs of support during the dominant run.

"You know what? I don't care about that," Carrasco said. "I just

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