

# Santana Notches Rare No-Hit Feat

## Angels Hurler Gives Up Run In Win

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CLEVELAND (MCT) — Ervin Santana might get to like Cleveland after all.

On the same field where he made his major league debut by allowing a cycle to the first four big league hitters he faced (a triple, double, single and home run), the Angels right-hander pitched the Angels' first one-man no-hitter since 1984, beating the Cleveland Indians, 3-1, on Wednesday afternoon.

"Everybody dreams about it," said Santana, who returned to his locker to find four bottles of champagne chilling in plastic buckets emptied of Double Bubble gum.

"It's a dream come true." It is the first no-hitter by a single Angels pitcher since Mike Witt's perfect game in Texas on Sept. 30, 1984. Mark Langston and Witt combined on a no-hitter against the Seattle Mariners on April 11, 1990, and Jered Weaver and Jose Arredondo combined on an eight-inning no-hitter, losing 1-0 to the Dodgers on June 28, 2008.

Santana's no-hitter was the third in the majors this season — all by pitchers with losing records going into that game. Minnesota Twins left-hander Francisco Liriano was 1-4 before he no-hit the Chicago White Sox on May 3. Detroit Tigers right-hander Justin Verlander was 2-3 before he pitched his no-hitter against the Toronto

Blue Jays four days after Liriano's and Santana took a 5-8 record to the mound Wednesday.

"His stuff is much better than his win-loss record indicates this year," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "Obviously, you're not going to do that every night. You're fortunate to do it once and if you do it twice you're blessed. But he's got that kind of arm. Everything fell into place today."

At first, it fell with a thud. The first Indians batter, Ezequiel Carrera, reached base on an error by shortstop Erick Aybar, stole second and went to third on a ground-out. He scored on a wild pitch by Santana when catcher Bobby Wilson couldn't block a slider in the dirt.

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# East

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wall, making the margin 11-3.

Pierre coach Bob Sullivan was happy to see his kids keep working after the early deficit.

"When you fall behind 11-0, it's easy to fold," he said. "But we kept battling and made it respectable."

Neilan added a solo shot off reliever Michael Houk in the eighth. The two home runs, though, didn't concern Hunt.

"As a coach, I'm really OK with those home runs," he said. "I just want our pitchers attacking the hitters. I'd rather have (home runs) than walks."

East ended the game by mercy rule in the bottom of the eighth with a RBI single by Halgerson and a two-run single by Hander.

Schaeffbauer made himself the early favorite for the tournament's "Big Stick" award with a five-hit performance, one of six East players with multi-hit games as it out-hit Pierre 21-6.

"It feels good just to get any hits," he said. "But it felt pretty good today. It's was a pretty good day."

Hander finished with four hits and four RBI. Gordon had two doubles and a single.

Cross had a double and two singles, Halgerson doubled and singled, and Ridl added two hits in the win.

While East hit the ball well, Sullivan felt Pierre's defensive lapses opened the door.

"I think the place where we lost this game was on defense," he said. "We gave them a couple extra opportunities, and they took advantage."

Neilan had two of Pierre's six hits, both for extra bases. Deneke's home run was the only other extra base hit for Pierre.

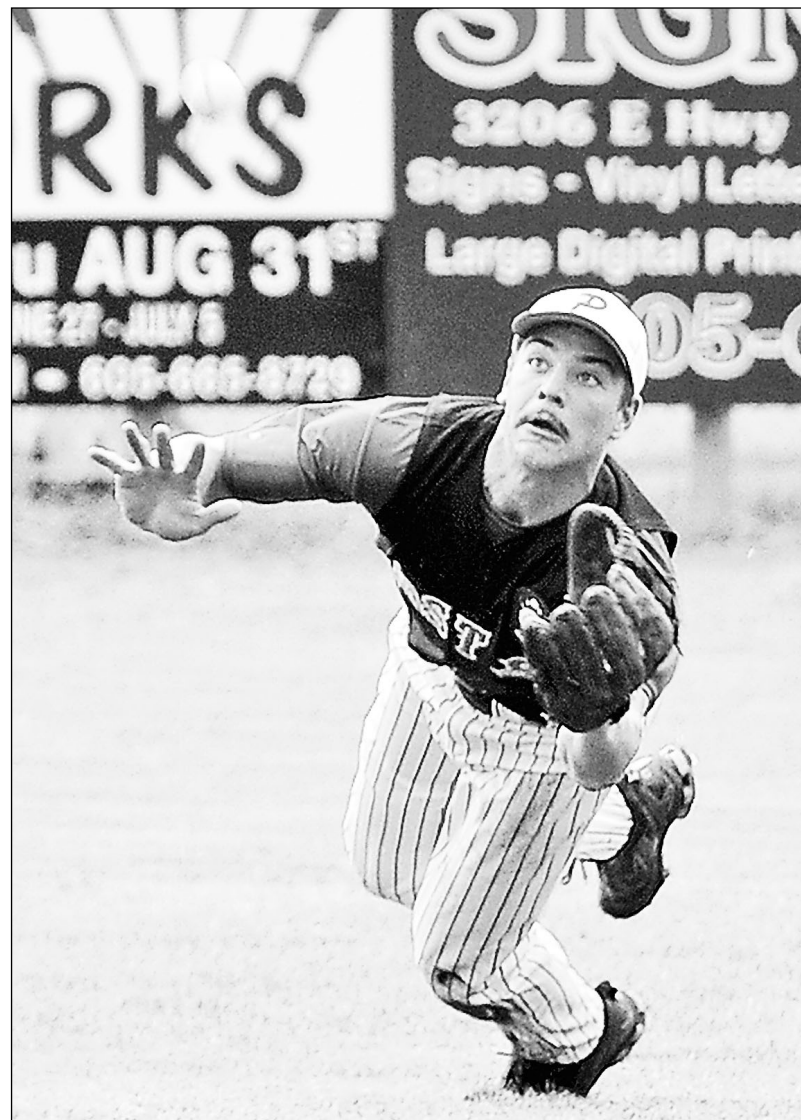
Schultz allowed three runs on three hits over six innings, striking out five for the win. Cichos took the loss, giving up eight earned in three innings of work.

East now advances to face the Watertown-SF West winner today (Thursday) at 5 p.m.

"We have to come out and try to be aggressive," Hunt said. "We need to try to get out early, give the other team something to worry about against us."

For Pierre, a win-or-go-home game against the Watertown-SF West loser awaits at 10 a.m. today. Post 8 plans to throw Deneke on the mound.

"We've gotta play a lot better. Five errors is not going to cut it in a state tournament game," Sullivan said. "Offensively we can put up some runs, but our defense has to play a lot better."



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Pierre's Adam Deneke makes a diving catch in short center field during the first game of the 2011 State Amateur Baseball Tournament. Pierre lost to Sioux Falls East 14-4.

# Watertown

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aged to escape without letting a run score on a double play to end the inning. West led 2-1 after three innings.

Although Watertown had managed to put runners on base, its first hit didn't come until the fourth inning when Mitch Trego hit a single to left field. Ryan Engels hit an RBI single to right field, bringing in Trego, but when trying to steal second on the next at bat, Dylan Olson was thrown out stealing home.

The bottom of the fourth would be West's strongest inning, as the team put up three runs and took a 5-2 lead. After Danforth walked the first batter, Dusty Huffeman laid down a sac bunt, advancing Joe Rezac to second. On the next at bat, Austin Holzer hit a single to right field, placing runners on the corners. Rezac was brought in on an RBI by Frazier and an infield error on the next at bat would keep Trevor Hurley on base. Another big hit by Wolfgang brought in the second run of the inning for SFW, which would lead to Danforth's replacement on the mound by Shawn Mack. Hurley would score the final run of the inning after another error by Watertown. West led 5-2 after four.

In the top of the seventh, it looked as though Watertown would make a run at the lead as Engels was hit by another pitch (the fifth hit batter of the game by Dunn). Hurley replaced Dunn on the mound after Dunn walked Tanner Siegling, but the momentum was short lived as Watertown wasn't able to put the runners in position to score.

"Sam Dunn pitched effectively wild. He was all over the zone, but when he had to make a pitch he came in and made a pitch," Watertown head coach Ryan Neale said. "You can get away with that for awhile. He did an outstanding job, I thought he through the ball well, but we got to him when he was getting tired and finally took advantage of all those walks."

Watertown made another error in the bottom of the seventh, keeping Davis on base after what was meant to be a sac bunt. Ben Nelson would advance to third on the error, but a tremendous throw by center fielder Siegling after a fly out by Rezac would take Nelson out at home.

It looked as though Watertown would have a short lived attempt at the state championship as they continued to make errors and couldn't connect at the plate.

"We feel we have a good base-

ball squad and these games are nine innings, so we talk about extending the inning, getting the next guy to the plate and it doesn't really matter what happens behind that," Neale said. "We talk about the mental approach as well. The game is nine innings for a reason and we have the capability to strike a big number on the board at any time."

He was right. In the eighth inning, Post 17 would prove why they're one of the top teams in the tournament.

With two outs to start the top of the eighth, SFW's pitching continued to put the team in tough situations. As the third batter, Mack was hit with a pitch and advanced to second on a wild pitch. Hurley walked Matt Moes on the next at bat and hit Olson with another pitch to load the bases with two outs. Engels stepped up and hit a two-RBI single and Hurley loaded the bases again after walking Siegling.

With no hits on the night, Danforth stepped up to the plate and knocked one out of the park for a grand slam, Watertown taking the 8-6 lead.

"After the first two at bats, I was getting anxious — I was walked twice and just wanted to get the ball in play," Danforth said. "The third at bat, my confidence got cut short, but it's one of those things where you never say die and that's what Ryan Neale said. I came up that next at bat and the ball was in the right spot and it was gone, it was pretty cool."

Pfeifer then drove in Turbak and Neale on a 2-run double to make the score 10-6.

Neither team would put any runners on base in the final inning and Watertown advanced to the second round of the championship bracket with the 10-6 comeback victory over Sioux Falls West. West will take on Pierre today (Thursday) at 10 a.m. and Watertown will play against Sioux Falls East at 5 pm.

Danforth said although Post 17 struggled offensively against SFW, no one should count them out of the tournament.

"We're pretty excited — Sioux Falls East is a good team, we've battled with them all year and last year. Coming back and winning in the eighth inning is a momentum builder and you can't count us out without hitting, we're eventually going to come around and hit," he said. "We just can't lose ourselves, we've got to stay in the game and keep working. (East) hits spots pitching wise and have the top five hitters. They've got good fielding. We shut them down, hit spots and make plays in the field, we could win."

# Archery

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"It's all my boys' fault."

In the case of Justine Barden, it wasn't family that prompted her to pick up a bow and arrow.

Instead, the Arlington, Va., resident began shooting in 2004 after the second Lord of the Rings movie was released. A Virginia newspaper listed all the local areas where interested people could shoot, and that sparked Barden's interest.

"I've always wanted to shoot," said Barden, who is also competing in the Adult Female Freestyle Limited division. "When I was a kid, we had a bamboo stand in the backyard, and we would make our own bow and arrows. "You couldn't shoot anything

past four feet, but it was a good time."

Since 2004, Barden has furthered her archery career at various regional and national tournaments, though this year's NFAA championships is her first field event.

"We all have a good time," she said. "That's one of the best things about doing something like this. Everyone's relaxed and friendly."

When it comes down to the women vs. men debate in archery, Stacy Pearce said the women can hold their own.

"Some of these women are phenomenal shots," Pearce said, looking around at groups at nearby targets. "Usually, the men are better at that top pro level because they use a higher poundage, but some women can do the same things."

"We've got some pretty good ones out here."

# Brookings

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back, stopping any threat on defense and knocking in four more runs in the 8th and 9th inning to take a 8-2 victory.

Brookings was led by Texley, who was 4-5 with three RBIs and a homer. Beste added a 4-5 day with two doubles and two runs. Marcus Daniel went 2-4 with a walk and two runs as well for Brookings.

"We had a couple big hits there, with Joey having a nice day and Kelby having a couple big hits," said Hirrschoff.

"We are not a team who relies too much on one guy offensively and when you come into this tournament you hope to get a couple guys hot and that re-

mains to be seen, or even a couple guys hot each game. I would say offensively we are a team that has a pretty long lineup and looks for contributions from everyone," Hirrschoff added.

Steckler pitched 7 1/3 innings on the loss for Garretson, he walked two batters and struck out four for a 7.36 ERA. Steckler was relieved by Isaac Lukes eighth inning. Lukes faced five batters and had an ERA of 10.80.

At the plate Garretson was led by Brady Mudder, who went 2-3 on the day. Zachary Lukes also contributed with a 2-4 day with a double and two RBIs.

Brookings advances to the winners bracket today (Thursday) to play the winner of the Yankton and Rapid City game.

Garretson moves to the consolation bracket and go up against the Yankton-Rapid City loser

"We are going to enjoy this game for a few hours, get something to eat and relax a bit, then probably come out to the ballpark and see," said Hirrschoff.

# Riverside

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upkeep time and money, not to mention avoiding the traditionally unpredictable spring weather in the Upper Midwest, Larson said.

"With field turf, certain things like maintenance, fertilizing, watering and dirt work would come off the books to save money," Larson said. "Games wouldn't get rained out, and if it did snow, you could push it off without any trouble."

## Vision For Baseball

The key to the changes at Riverside Field has been fundraising efforts.

A 2005 YBA fundraiser helped offset the costs of vast improvements to the grandstand and pressbox. The nearly \$310,000

project began in the fall of 2006 and was completed in spring 2007.

A fundraiser earlier this year, in conjunction with the inaugural YBA Hall of Fame class, helped raise money for the installation of field turf at Riverside. Benjamin said the reception for the first induction ceremony was "better than we imagined," and added that YBA will look to continue the trend in the future.

Aside from the installation of field turf, Riverside could also see an upgrade in lights, Bernatow said.

"We don't want to overwhelm ourselves all at once, so it's been a step by step process," he said.

"The next goal would be turf and then we'll move on from there."

With eight legion teams, including friends, family and other supporters, making the trip to Yankton for this week's state tournament, the host city will be able to showcase not only what it has already but its plans for the future, Larson said.

"This is really an effort to provide for our current youth sports and also be able to host more tournaments and events," he said.

"We already have nice tournaments, but there are things we can't have, so we just want to increase our opportunities."

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