

# Baseball: Tabor Evens Record With Win Over Wynot

TABOR — The Tabor Bluebirds scored nine unanswered runs after dropping behind 2-0, claiming a 9-2 victory over Wynot in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Jason Humpal had three hits, including a triple, to lead Tabor. Ross Kortan and Nathan Kloucek each had two hits in the win.

Five different players had hits for Wynot.

Jon Vavruska went the distance in the win. Scott Morrison took the loss.

Tabor, 6-6, travels to Lester-ville on Saturday. Wynot travels to Freeman on Thursday.

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Scott Morrison, Mitchell Bruening (8) and Steve Heimes; Jon Vavruska and Wes Kloucek

**Menno 7, Avon 4**

MENNO — Menno's Will Juhnke retired the final 15 Avon batters of the game as the Mad Frogs held off the Bards 7-4 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Doug Hall had two hits and three RBI to lead the Menno offense. Dylan Lehr also had two hits.

Juhnke scattered five Avon hits in picking up the win. Nate Harrington took the loss, also going the distance.

Menno, 3-9 in SCL play, hosts Scotland on Thursday, with the game followed by fireworks. Avon, 7-5, hosts Irene on Friday.

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Nate Harrington and Joey Cuka; Will Juhnke and Jay Thaler

**Yankton 13, Scotland 0**

SCOTLAND — Three Yankton pitchers combined on a one-hit shutout and three Yankton hitters had three hits each as the Tappers topped Scotland 13-0 in SCL baseball action on Sunday.

Mike Janish, Trey Krier and Dave Schmidt each had three hits to lead Yankton.

Schmidt's hits included a double and two runs scored. Krier scored twice.

Also for Yankton, Ross Heine and Josh Cleveland each doubled and singled. Tate Bruckner, Heath Arens and Korey Bromley each had two hits, with Bromley scoring three times and Bruckner scoring twice. Devin Gullikson doubled and Jason Miller added a hit in the win.

For Scotland, Mike Peitz's third-inning single prevented the no-hit bid.

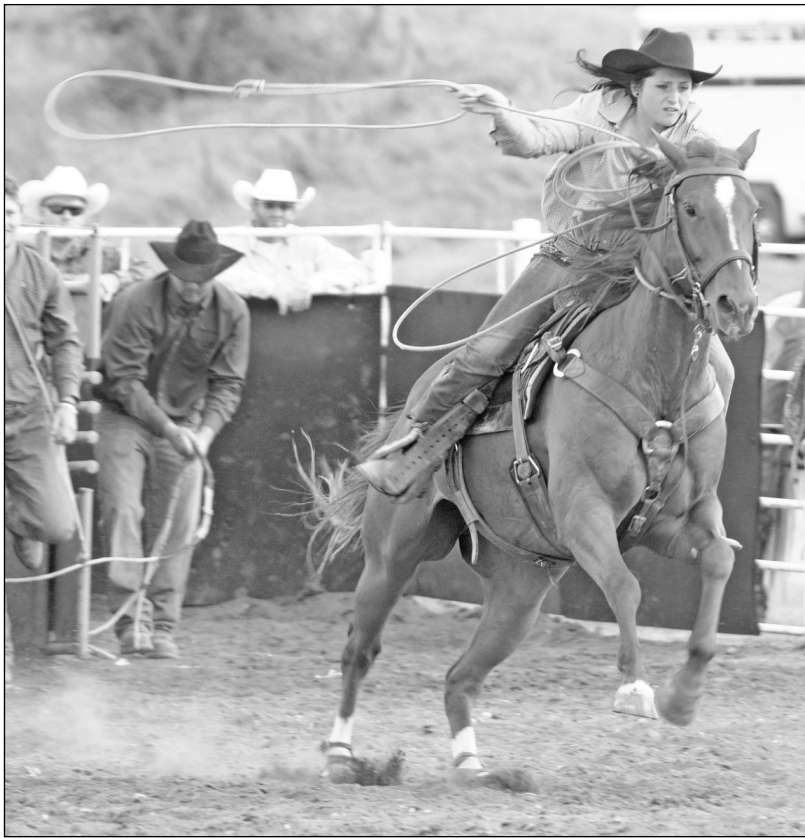
Janish struck out five over five innings for the win, with



JEREMY HOECK/P&D  
Yankton Reds catcher Garrett Tennant dives but is unable to haul in a foul pop fly during Sunday afternoon's game against the Sioux City Saders at the Bob Tereshinski Classic at Riverside Field.

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## Riding On The Edge



A sizable crowd was entertained by the men, women and children competing in the 21st annual Irene Rodeo, which concluded on Saturday in Irene.

**ABOVE:** Calder Johnston of Elm Springs tries to drag down this steer on Saturday night .  
**BELOW:** This youngster hangs on to this sheep in the mutton bustin' event Saturday night.  
**LEFT:** Cheyenne Brown of Brookings chases down a calf during the Ladies Breakaway Roping on Saturday night.

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## Keselowski's Bad Luck Just Won't End

BY JIM UTTER  
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SPARTA, Ky. (MCT) — The champ could be in trouble.

With nine races left before the field is set for the 2013 Chase for the Sprint Cup, reigning series champion Brad Keselowski finds himself outside the Top 10 in points and without any victories.

That's a tough position to be in. To make the Chase a driver must be Top 10 in points or could use one of two wild card spots, but those are reserved for drivers with the most wins.

Even tougher was how Keselowski got in this predicament.

On Lap 48 of 267 of Sunday's rain-delayed Quaker State 400 at Kentucky Speedway, Kurt Busch drove on the apron, drove back up into the racing groove and slammed into Keselowski.

Keselowski's car then slammed into Greg Biffle and Dave Blaney, among others. The accident required NASCAR to halt the race for over 18 minutes to clean the track.

"We were trying to get patient because it looked like we will get the whole race in before rain and there is no reason to drive like an animal," said Keselowski, who was

credited with a 33rd-place finish.

"Apparently, I am the only one that got that memo. It is one of those deals."

With Sunday's finish Keselowski has dropped to 13th in the series standings, 14 points behind 10th-place Joey Logano, Keselowski's teammate at Penske Racing.

Overcoming that deficit is not impossible but Kentucky was considered a good opportunity for Keselowski to pick up a win. He was fast all weekend and won the race a year ago.

"We are just going to go do our thing and we are just on a streak of bad luck," Keselowski said. "It will turn around and when it does we will be in Victory Lane and be alright."

"I don't know if we would have threatened for the win but I think we could have ran fifth and had a decent day but obviously not now."

After the incident, Busch apologized over his team radio. Keselowski was asked if Busch's apology changed how he viewed the accident.

"I am still wrecked so I don't know," he said. "Kurt is smarter than that. He knows better than that."

## Softball: Spitfire Go 1-2 In Sioux Falls

SIoux FALLS — The Yankton Spitfire went 1-2 in the U-18 division of the USSSA Softball Tournament, held Saturday and Sunday in Sioux Falls.

Yankton's Spitfire and Lightning face off on Tuesday, a twinbill at Riverside Park. Start time is 6 p.m.

**S.F. BLADES 8, YANKTON SPITFIRE 5:** Haley Hinseth went 3-3 with a double and two RBI for Yankton. Jessica Wirth posted an RBI single. Andi Sprakel and Abby Schulte had run-scoring hits. Katie Koletzky took the loss.

**Pool Play**  
S.D. FUSION 8, SPITFIRE 2: Katie Ko-

letzky was 2-3 with a RBI double, and Jessica Wirth and Abby Schulte had doubles for Yankton. Schulte also drove in a run. Koletzky took the loss, striking out two.

**SPITFIRE 8, BRANDON RAGE 7:** Taylor Rube doubled and scored on a Jessica Wirth single to rally to victory.

Haley Hinseth and Wirth each had two hits and two RBI. Ruby doubled and singled. Katie Koletzky had a two-run double. Abby Schulte had a RBI single. Karlee Kozak, Brooke Loecker and Elly Miiller added hits.

Koletzky picked up win, striking out six.

## Beckett Optimistic About Upcoming Surgery

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Josh Beckett realizes he has a long road ahead to get back to the mound for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

A day after the club announced that the three-time All-Star right-hander will have season-ending surgery to treat the thoracic outlet syndrome in his neck, the three-time All-Star talked about what lies ahead once the surgery is performed in about 1 1-2 weeks in Dallas.

"This surgery has a good track record, and I think it's going to put me in a better position than I was," Beckett said Sunday. "We tried a lot of aggressive

treatments. We tried old stuff. We tried new stuff. Stuff other people have tried. Unfortunately, nothing did the trick."

Beckett was 0-5 with a 5.19 ERA in eight starts. He is expected to be ready for the start of spring training.

"I think I had to prepare myself for the worst-case scenario," he said. "And the worst-case scenario is just the time that I'm down. I've never had surgery, so I'm not looking forward to it. But I was kind of preparing for that, and if it didn't happen it would have been icing on the cake."

## NCAA Allows Women's Hoops To Have Summer Workouts

BY DOUG FEINBERG  
AP Basketball Writer

Suzie McConnell-Serio was excited to get a jump on the season.

The new Pitt women's basketball coach doesn't have to wait until the fall to get a chance to work with her team. Because of a new NCAA rule, coaches are allowed to workout with their players for eight hours a week — including two on the court — if the athletes are enrolled in summer school or have met certain academic benchmarks.

The men adopted the rule last summer. In the past, teams could only workout in the summer with coaches if the school was taking a foreign trip.

"Being a new coach with a new program, it's an incredible opportunity to get on the court and work so closely with your players," said McConnell-Serio, who coached at Duquesne last season and was hired at Pitt after spring workouts had concluded.

"You're starting to develop that relationship you wouldn't get if you didn't spend this time with them on the court. You're getting to know them before practice and after practice. Learn about their work ethic in the weight room. It's really for me been beneficial on and off the floor."

One hope of the new summer workouts is to improve players skills. In a report Val Ackerman submitted to the NCAA last week, the first WNBA president and new Big East commissioner noted how scoring was down to an all-time low 62.1 points this past season. That's nearly eight points lower than the first year of NCAA women's play in 1981-82.

"I'm happy they added it," Duke coach Joanne P. McCallie said. "Our game needs it and our players need it."

The new rule also has allowed incoming freshmen a chance to work with their new coaches.

"I've heard very positive things especially for new coaches," WBCA Chief Executive Officer Beth Bass said. "It also helps freshman not get shell shocked like deer in headlines when the season starts."

Not everyone has been able to take advantage of the new rule, and sometimes they don't mind.

The Ivy League doesn't allow its schools to have any summer workouts — regardless of whether the athletes are in summer school or not. That's just fine with Princeton coach Courtney Banghart, whose team has won the past four league championships.

"The summer access would put undo pressure on them to stay local when they can be doing a million different internships," she said. "I think it helps us since most of our kids aren't going to be playing basketball when they are done. It can put you at a disadvantage if you let it, or it can put you at an advantage. If they don't know how to develop their game in the off-season then I wasted 180 days while I had them."

While the Ivy League has an across-the-board policy of not allowing summer workouts, other conferences like the Patriot League re trickier. Colgate doesn't have summer school, so the athletes would have to pay their own way to stay on campus. Army and Navy have very limited time to train because of military commitments over the summer and those activities don't count as summer