

Strong Finish Lifts 'Lefty' To British Open Title



LEE SMITH/ACTION IMAGES VIA ZUMA PRESS/MCT
USA's Phil Mickelson, right, follows the flight of his shot during the Open Championship at Muirfield in Gullane, Scotland, Sunday. Mickelson started the day five strokes off the lead, but surged to a three-stroke victory.

Mickelson Earns Fifth Major Title With Sunday Round Of 66

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GULLANE, Scotland (MCT) — He finished with a flourish, with an exclamation point, not a comma; a fist pump, not a wave. It could have been one of those backing-in victories we see so often in major golf tournaments.

But it wasn't. A two putt for par would have been fine, enough to close the deal in this 142nd British Open Golf Tournament. But that's not Phil Mickelson.

Don't-hold-back Phil didn't hold back.

Just winning is enough for most. Mickelson won by three.

"It's the way I've played my en-

tire career," he said later. "I've always tended to go out and get it. Today, I did."

He stroked the putt gently, as one must from above any of the holes on this wonderfully devilish Muirfield course. He had read it perfectly. It started right, turned smoothly left and was dead on line and two feet away when Mickelson knew. His arms flew into the air and the emotion rolled up through his throat and into his eyes.

The putt dropped and the tears began.

This wasn't supposed to happen. Mickelson had won four major championships before—three Masters and a PGA—and had kicked away a half-dozen U.S. Opens.

But the British? Are you kidding?

Not his stuff. Not his style.

The British is more for grinders than stylists. Most often, the guy with the weathered skin and the best rainsuit takes the Claret Jug home. You don't float shots in here. You don't spin them back. You ram them over traps or muscle them out of knee-high grass.

On a comfortable and overcast Sunday afternoon, with several thousand Brits surrounding the 18th green in bleachers and behind ropes, they handed Mickelson the coveted trophy and he told them he was "proud to be their champion."

He also told them this was special because, "I didn't think I was equipped."

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Shamrocks 2-2 At State

RAPID CITY — The Yankton Shamrocks finished 2-2 at the S.D. State Amateur Softball Association Girls' Fast-pitch Tournament on Saturday.

The Shamrocks, competing in the 12-under division, eliminated the Yankton Crush Saturday morning before being eliminated later in the day.

Results from the Yankton Xtreme 14-under team were not available at presstime.

The 'B' Division tournaments in 16-under, 14-under, 12-under and 10-under were played in Rapid City this past weekend. The rest of the tournament, including a second 10-under 'B' division, was played in Sioux Falls July 12-14.

YANKTON SHAMROCKS 16, YANKTON CRUSH 15:

The Shamrocks overcame a 15-3 deficit in the final inning to take down their in-town rivals.

Brooklyn Bernatow had a triple, and Lilly Ryken, Ivy Mines and Hannah Muth each doubled for the Shamrocks. Jessica Reinhart, Noel Kusek and Tori Herrboldt added hits in the victory.

For the Crush, Bailey Senjoha doubled and singled, and Rachel Hamburg doubled to lead the way. Brooke Madson, Elsie Marquardt and Bridget Nolz added hits.

Herrboldt picked up the win, striking out three. Nolz took the loss, also striking out three.

BRANDON VALLEY SHOCK 6, YANKTON SHAMROCKS 1:

Lilly Ryken tripled and Noel Kusek doubled to lead Yankton. Brooklyn Bernatow and Ivy Mines added hits.

Tori Herrboldt struck out seven for Yankton.

New Faces Gather For Team USA Camp

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Jerry Colangelo and Mike Krzyzewski arrived in Las Vegas with a group of 28 players ready to participate in a four-day camp that will mark the beginning of preparations for next summer's World Cup in Madrid.

LeBron James isn't on the list. Kevin Durant, Carmelo Anthony and Kobe Bryant aren't here, either. Not one player from last year's gold medal-winning team in London.

And that is exactly how they planned it.

This camp, which is scheduled to begin on Monday, is geared toward bringing some fresh faces into the mix. As Colangelo, the managing director of USA Basketball, likes to put it, it's all about keeping the pipeline filled.

"There should be turnover each competition because then the young players can see that happening," Colangelo said Sunday night. "They can say, 'If I progress as a player and if I'm part of this program and culture, I'll have a chance to compete.'"

Players like Indiana's Paul George, Cleveland's Kyrie Irving, Portland's Damian Lillard and Washington's John Wall will be among those taking part in the camp. New Orleans forward Anthony Davis, who played sparingly for Team USA last summer, is the only player with Olympic experience on the roster.

But the United States isn't competing in any tournaments this summer. The gold medal James and Co. won

Weekend At Riverside Park

ABOVE: Yankton Reds baserunner Miles Carda tries to beat the ball back to second base on a Renner pickoff attempt during the opening game of their VFW Teener baseball doubleheader on Sunday at Yankton's Riverside Field. The Red swept the doubleheader, 8-5 and 9-2.

RIGHT: Yankton Lakers baserunner Michael Heine is called out at home after trying to score on a wild pitch during the second game of the team's VFW Teener baseball doubleheader with Brookings on Saturday at Riverside Field. Making the play at the plate was Brookings pitcher Jameson Meyer, 46. The teams split the doubleheader, with the Lakers winning 5-4 and Brookings winning 15-3.

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Baseball Roundup: Reds Sweep Past Renner

The Yankton Reds swept Renner Post 307 in VFW Teener Baseball action on Sunday, taking the opener 8-5 and the nightcap 9-2 at Yankton's Riverside Field.

In the opener, Caid Koletzky went 3-4 with three runs scored and two RBI to lead Yankton. Miles Carda had two hits and two runs scored. Garrett Tennant had two hits and a RBI in the win. Wyatt Duncan pitched five innings for the victory, with Tanner Fitzgerald earning the save.

In the nightcap, Tennant and Koletzky each had three hits, with Tennant driving in two and Koletzky driving in one run. Eichacker had two hits and two RBI. Jack Schoenfelder added a hit and two RBI in the win.

Eichacker picked up the win, with Gennant and Ben Wold throwing in relief. Yankton, 16-19-1, hosts Sioux Falls East on Tuesday.

Lakers 5-3, Brookings 4-15

The Yankton Lakers split with Brookings in VFW Teener baseball action on Saturday at Yankton's Riverside Field.

The Lakers won the

opener 5-4. Tyler Strahl had two hits, and Jordan Kathol had a hit and two RBI to lead Yankton. Kade Larson added a hit.

Kathol picked up the win. Brookings took the nightcap 15-3.

For Yankton, Michael Heine and Strahl each had two hits and two runs scored. Garrett Tennant had two hits and a RBI in the win.

Hunter Cameron took the loss.

The Lakers, 19-15, host Mitchell on Wednesday. Start time for the twinbill is 5 p.m.

Region 3A

Tyndall 21, Parkston 11

TABOR — Tyndall scored 17 unanswered runs, including 12 in the fourth inning, to beat Parkston 21-11 in the championships of the Region 3A VFW Teener 13-14 year-old baseball tournament on Saturday in Tabor.

Both teams advance to state, July 26-28 in Vermillion.

Bailey Kortan had three hits to lead Tyndall. Dawson Semmler recorded a triple, double and single for Parkston.

Nate Klinnert pitched three innings of shutout relief for the win. Trenton Weber took the loss.

Parkston 12, Spearfish 11

TABOR — Parkston rallied from an 8-4 deficit to beat Spearfish 12-11 on Saturday to advance to the championship and earn the second tournament berth out of Region 3A.

Braden Leischner had a double and two singles to lead Parkston.

Alex Scott picked up the win. Zach Zwaska took the loss.

Legion

Region 4B: Tabor 7, Corsica 4

PLATTE — Tabor scored four runs in the top of the ninth to claim a 7-4 victory over Corsica in the championship of the Region 4B American Legion baseball Tournament on Saturday in Platte.

The victory sends Tabor to the S.D. State Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament, July 26-30 at Webster. Tabor will open

State B Legion Pairings Set

WEBSTER — Pairings for the 2013 S.D. State Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament, set for July 26-30 in Webster, have been announced.

Vermillion and Tabor both qualified for the event. Vermillion will play the second game on Friday, taking on McCook-Miner County, 30 minutes after the Winner-Colome vs. Flandreau game, a 10 a.m. start.

Tabor faces Milbank to begin the 5 p.m. session on Friday, followed by host Webster against Groton.

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Blase Vanacek had a triple and a single, and Austin Kaul had two hits to lead Tabor. Aaron Groeneweg doubled and singled for Corsica.

Kodi Larson pitched seven innings of shutout relief, striking out 11 and allowing no hits, to pick up the win. Allen Muilenberg took the loss, also in relief.

CORSICA 12, CHAMBERLAIN 0: Corsica rolled past Chamberlain on Saturday to advance to the championship.

Brandon Tolliver had three hits, including a double, to lead Corsica.

Allen Muilenberg struck out five batters in the seven-inning contest to earn the win. Hunter Knipping took the loss.

CHAMBERLAIN 8, PLATTE-GEDDES 3: Tyson Fleury had three hits as Chamberlain eliminated host Platte-Geddes Friday night.

Richard Sternberg and Nate Spawen each had two hits for PG.

Jacob Byre went the distance for the win, striking out six. Connor Kuipers took the loss.

TABOR 4, CORSICA 3: Blase Vanacek and Ross Kortan combined on an eight-hitter as Tabor advanced to the final with a victory over Corsica on Friday.

Vanacek struck out seven in 7 1/3 innings for the win. Kortan got the final five outs, getting out of a two-on jam in the eighth, for the save. Deric Denning took the loss, striking out 10 and allowing just five hits, but walking seven.

PLATTE-GEDDES 7, PARKSTON 5: Phil Schroeder tossed a complete game as Platte-Geddes beat Parkston to stave off elimination.

Drew Turnis had a double, a single and three RBI to lead Platte-Geddes. Spencer Lucas had a triple and two doubles to lead Parkston.

Schroeder allowed three earned runs in the win. Brian Vermeulen took the loss, with Cole Donahue tossing four innings of shutout relief.

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