

MMC Men's Soccer Adds Arkansas Prep Standout

Mount Marty College men's soccer announced Friday the signing of Cortez Jordan from Jacksonville, Arkansas. Jordan was a Jacksonville High School forward who will compete for the Lancer team this upcoming fall.

"Cortez is a striker who stays composed in front of the goal and finds the back of the net," MMC first-year head coach Peter Sheperd said. "He is very athletic and an extremely hard worker. He will be a big help to our offense."

Jordan has put up impressive numbers throughout his high school career. In his 4 years at Jacksonville High School, Jordan scored a school record 93 goals in all com-



Jordan

petitions. He was awarded All-Conference honors all four years. During his junior season, his high school team made it to the state championship and he was awarded All-State honors that year. During Jordan's senior year, his team set a school record of 13 wins. During his final season, Cortez was once again awarded All-State and named the 2014-2015 Player of the Year, scoring 19 goals in 15 conference games and 24 goals in all competitions. For his club team, the Arkansas Force, he was named Club MVP

with 18 goals.

"Cortez has a natural instinct for scoring goals and we look forward to having his talent and great work ethic here at Mount Marty College," Shepherd said.

Off the soccer field, Jordan was involved in honors choir and was an All-Region 17th Chair and was awarded All-State for choir. Jordan plans to major in teacher education at MMC and is the son of Sharenda Warren and Lamar Duke of Jacksonville, Arkansas. In addition to his Soccer Award, Jordan will also be receiving the Marty Academic Award.

Iverson Signs With Turkish Team

Yankton High School graduate Colton Iverson has signed to play professional basketball with Pinar Karsiyaka, a Turkish Basketball League team based in Izmir, Turkey, the team announced Friday.

Iverson, who was briefly on the Boston Celtics NBA Summer League roster, most recently played in Spain, and the season before that in Turkey. The 26-year-old averaged 7 points and 6 rebounds per game last season in 24 Euroleague games.

State Softball Tourney Begins



MICHAEL HAMMOND/P&D

Tyndall's Jaclyn Rothschadl slides into third base during a game in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association's state girls' fastpitch tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls. The tournament runs through Sunday.

Notes: Battered Crush Start On Good Note



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Yankton Fury Crush second baseman Rachel Hamburg, left, reaches out to tag a S.D. Fusion baserunner before throwing to first for a double play during their matchup in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association state girls' fastpitch tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls.

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SIoux FALLS – The Yankton Fury Crush 14U team was able to win their first game of the South Dakota Fastpitch Softball State Tournament at Sherman Park in Sioux Falls on Friday.

Yankton was able to defeat SD Fusion Power, 16-2, despite two key injuries at key positions and a strong pitching performance by Bailey Sejnoha. One of the injuries was to shortstop, Bridget Noles, who has been playing with a broken finger, and taping it to be able to play. The second injury was to the right fielder who has missed games due to a rolled ankle.

"To tell you the truth those two girls have really stood up strong," Yankton coach Mark Vellek said. "I just told them before the game that you have to suck up your injuries, it's state tournament time and it's time to play ball.

"They said 'alright' and they both stood up tall and played well."

Sejnoha was able to pitch a complete game only allowing two runs to score and also hit a grand slam to end the game in the fourth inning due to mercy rule.

"The girls stood behind me and played strong and played amazing defense," Se-



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Yankton Fury Wildcats' Ally Lande slides safely into home plate during her team's matchup with the Fusion Rookies in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association state girls' fastpitch tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls.

jnoha said. "I am very proud of them.

"The home run was awesome because that was my first home run and to make it a walk off grand slam is just crazy."

The Crush were able to win their first game and move forward with the tournament.

"The first win is huge, that's kind of been our nemesis in the last few years," Vellek said. "I am proud of these girls."

Yankton is competing

in the 14U Class B Division along with 10 other teams.

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Dakota Valley Pitcher Has Been The Leader

Pitcher Jessie Ripperda has been a huge part of how Dakota Valley has been able to make it to the state tournament.

In DV's game on Friday, Ripperda pitched a complete game of seven innings

allowing just three runs in the 6-3 victory against SD Flash Intensity. Ripperda has pitched about 85 percent of her teams' games throughout the season and has pitched well.

"She's not fast, she's not fancy, she doesn't do anything spectacular, but what she does is goes out and pitches strikes for us," DV coach Stan Schauf said. "She has a change-up that throws batters off so that she can throw fast balls and hit her spots.

"She has been a reason that we have made it this far and whenever she can go we use her."

Ripperda has a more humble approach to her pitching.

"It is all one team and we are all proponents of everything," Ripperda said. "I have focused more on pitching in the offseason working on my endurance.

"I think I will pitch most of the games throughout the tournament, but I hope I don't pitch every single one of them."

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Short Handed Scotland Team Wins Two

The Scotland Wolfpack 18U team was able to win two games on Saturday while only

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Baseball: Yankton 1-1 To Open Gopher Classic

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. – Yankton Post 12 dropped its opening game of the Gopher Classic American Legion baseball tournament, 5-4 to Millard West (Nebraska) on Friday in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Yankton bounced back to beat host Bloomington Gold 5-0. As the games concluded late Friday evening, more information was not available by presstime.

Yankton faces Chaska, Minnesota, at 2:30 p.m. today (Saturday). Chaska went 2-0 on Friday, beating both Millard West and Bloomington Gold. Post 12 concludes pool play on Sunday, facing Rose-town, Minnesota, at 9 a.m., and Mankato (Minnesota) National at 11:30 a.m.

Sixteen pool champions will advance to single-elimination play on Monday, with the championship set for Tuesday

For EPJ, Cody Reed had a home run and two RBI. Jake Herrity, Dillon Streets, Taylor Brandon and Jake White each had a hit in the effort.

Hunter Christopherson allowed two earned runs in 5 1/3 innings for the victory. Herrity took the loss.

Vermillion, 9-10, travels to Beresford today (Saturday) for a 2 p.m. start.

Platte-Geddes 10, Tabor 9

PLATTE – A wild pitch in the bottom of the ninth inning allowed the winning run to score as Platte-Geddes beat Tabor 10-9 in a wild American Legion game Thursday night in Platte.

Platte-Geddes built a 9-4 lead in the sixth inning, but Tabor rallied to score five unearned runs in the top of the eighth to tie the game. Platte-Geddes loaded the bases with nobody out in the bottom of the ninth, and after a reliever came in to strike out the next batter, a wild pitch brought in the winning run.

Colton Plooster and Coby Johnson both had two hits for Platte-Geddes, while Hunter Hallock tripled. Riley Hoffman got the win in relief of Allen Muilenburg.

Hunter Young, Chase Kortan and Cole Uecker all had two hits for Tabor, while Kortan took the loss in relief.

Platte-Geddes plays McCook-Minor in Salem on Monday night at 7 p.m.

Junior Legion District C2 North Bend Cent. 2, Crofton 0

WEST POINT, Neb. – North Bend Central held Crofton to two hits in a 2-0 victory in the opening round of American Legion juniors District C2 play on Friday.

Colton Mitties went 2-3 with two triples and a RBI for North Bend Central. Matt Ortmeier and Joel Heins each doubled for the Black Sox, who finished with five hits.

Ethan Poppe and Dawson Sudbeck had hits for Crofton.

Dawson Poessnecker picked up the win. Jalen Wieseler took the loss, striking out nine in six innings of work.

Crofton faces either Wakefield and Battle Creek in an elimination game today (Saturday) at 1:30 p.m.

Hartington 21, Stanton 5

WEST POINT, Neb. – Hartington used an 11-run second inning to help spark a 21-5 rout of Stanton in the opening round of District C2 American Legion junior baseball action on Friday.

Tonne Keiser went 4-5 with six RBI, and Sean Kathol and Kelby Schomme each doubled for Hartington.

Cameron Bates went 3-3 with two RBI for Stanton.

Mathew Shaete picked up the win. Trenton Calldwellader took the loss.

Hartington faces West Point at 4 p.m. today. Stanton plays an elimination game on Sunday at 4 p.m.

State Softball: Yankton Teams Shine On Opening Day

SIoux FALLS – Five teams from Yankton opened play in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association's state girls' fastpitch tournament on Friday. Older teams played at Sherman Park, with younger teams playing at Harmodon Park.

Four of the five Yankton teams in action on Friday won their first game. Full recaps and scores were not available at presstime.

The oldest Yankton team in 2015, the 16-Under Fury Xtreme, open play at 8 a.m. today (Saturday) at Sherman Park.

The double-elimination tournament runs through Saturday.

12-Under

FUSION ROOKIES 11, FURY WILDCATS 4: The Fusion Rookies jumped out to a 9-0 lead after two innings and held on for an 11-4 victory over the Yankton Fury Wildcats.

Ella Mulder had two hits and Emma Soulek doubled for Yankton. Emily Reinhart and Addison Soulek each had a hit in the effort.



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Yankton Fury Red's Tori Vellek runs to third base after a hit by a teammate during the squad's matchup with the Tea Huskies in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association state girls' fastpitch tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls.

The Fury Wildcats played an elimination game late Friday night. Results were not available at presstime.

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