

Baseball: Lakers Roll To Sweep Of Renner

RENNER – Yankton Lakers pitching allowed one hit and scored 34 runs in a double-header sweep of Renner in VFW Teener baseball action on Monday.

In the opener, Levi Wiersma tossed a one-hitter and helped himself with a home run, three doubles and three RBI to lead Yankton to a 23-0 victory.

Ethan Wishon had three hits – a grand slam and two doubles – and five RBI for Yankton. Wishon and Wiersma's home runs were back-to-back.

Rex Ryken had three hits and three RBI. Owen Feser had a double and a RBI. Kyle Withrow and Cole Sawatzke each had a hit and a RBI. Michael Drotzmann and Kieren Lullman each had a hit. Sam Mooney drove in two runs in the victory.

In the nightcap, Wishon and Mooney combined on a no-hitter in an 11-0 Yankton

victory.

Ryken had four hits and two RBI, and Wiersma had three hits, including two doubles, and four RBI to lead Yankton. Drotzmann doubled and singled, driving in two. Feser had a double and a RBI. Peyton Mull had a hit and two RBI in the victory.

Wishon pitched the first four innings for the victory. Mooney tossed the fifth to complete the no-hitter.

Yankton, 19-8 and winners of 10 straight, host Brookings today (Tuesday). Start time is set for 1 p.m.

Legion Vermillion 16-7, Canton 1-2

CANTON – Vermillion Post 1 finished the regular season with a doubleheader sweep of Canton in American Legion baseball action on Monday. In the opener, Vermillion

used a nine-run third and a five-run fifth to claim a 16-1 victory.

Cole Anderson went 3-3 with two doubles, four runs scored and two RBI to lead Vermillion. Jefferson Galvin had two hits, including a triple, and four RBI. Jack Brown had two doubles, three RBI and two runs scored. Carter Kratz had a hit and three runs scored, and John Benson, Jake Odens and Nate Robertson each had a hit in the victory.

Carter Dahl had the lone Canton hit and scored the only Post 53 run. Kevin Frick drove in that first-inning run.

Kratz struck out five in the five-inning contest for the win. Frick took the loss.

Cole Anderson doubled and singled, driving in three, and Kratz drove in two runs with a double and a single to lead Vermillion. Travis Weber also doubled. Odens and Benson each had a hit in the

victory.

Dahl had two of Canton's four hits. Frick and Elliott Anderson each had a hit.

Hunter Christopherson picked up the win, with Benson pitching the final 2 2/3 innings for the save. Jordan Schor took the loss.

Post 1 hosts the Region 3B Tournament later this week. Pairings will be announced today (Tuesday).

Youth Brookings Tourn.

BROOKINGS – The Yankton Twins went 2-1 to place second in their division at the Brookings Invitational this past weekend. The squad, now 28-10, will play in the 12-under state VFW Baseball Tournament in Mitchell July 18-19.

WATERTOWN 18, TWINS 10: Brodey Peterson homered and drove in three runs, and Dylan Prouty had two hits for Yankton. Aiden Feser, Trent

Herrboldt and Jimmie Cunningham each had a hit.

Trevor Fitzgerald took the loss.

TWINS 7, S.F. SWAT TITANS 5: Aiden Feser allowed three earned runs in a complete game effort, and helped his cause with a hit and a run scored to lead Yankton. Trevor Fitzgerald had three hits, including a home run, and two RBI. Brodey Peterson, Trent Herrboldt, Dylan Prouty and Rugby Ryken each had a hit and a run scored. Jimmie Cunningham also scored for the Twins, who took the lead with a five-run fifth.

TWINS 8, S.F. CYCLONES RED 6: Yankton scored all eight of its runs in the fourth inning after trailing 4-0.

Brodey Peterson homered, and Aiden Feser, Herrboldt, Dylan Prouty, Trevor Fitzgerald and Roy Knapp each had a hit and a run scored for Yankton. Rugby Ryken and Jimmie Cunningham also scored in the win.

Trent Herrboldt picked up the win, striking out nine batters in five innings of work.

Amateur Wynot 3, Irene 1

WYNOT, Neb. – The Wynot Expos had just three hits, but it was enough to claim a 3-1

victory over Irene in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Lee Heimes had a triple and a RBI, and Scott Heimes had three walks, three stolen bases and two runs scored to lead Wynot. Kyle Wiepen and Matt Hames also had hits in the victory.

Matt Sees had a double, and Simon Healy had a hit and a RBI for Irene. Trevor Jacobsen, Jack Huether and Mitch Dunbar each had a hit in the effort.

Scott Morrison picked up the victory. Jackson Sudbeck struck out four over three innings of work, allowing one hit, to pick up the save. Huether went the distance in the loss.

Wynot finishes the regular season at Scotland on Sunday. Irene hosts Tabor on Wednesday.

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Jack Huether and Alex Lees; Scott Morrison, Jackson Sudbeck (7) and Steve Heimes

Basketball | MMC Team Camp

Players, Teams Focus On Future

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Megan Bultsma is not using team camps this summer to narrow her collegiate prospects.

No, she has already decided on a college: South Dakota State University.

Instead, Bultsma – a 6-foot-3 senior post player from Mount Vernon-Plankinton – is using the opportunity to gel with her teammates and see new competition.

“It’s a nice change to play new teams from all over,” she said at Monday’s Mount Marty College girls’ basketball team camp at Cimpl Arena.

It was nearly two years ago that Bultsma verbally committed to SDSU and in that time she has developed into one of the state’s top players on both ends of the court – she was a Class A first team selection as a junior.

Also a volleyball and track standout, Bultsma has the luxury, she said, of not worrying about attracting college attention during the summer when she and her teammates criss-cross the region for camps.

“Then I’m not worrying about deciding where to go,” said Bultsma, who added that it was nice to spend time with her future teammates during an SDSU team camp earlier this summer.

Bultsma, though, was far from the only future college prospect playing Monday at Mount Marty.

The two-day camp (varsity Monday) featured teams from Burke-South Central, Freeman, Gayville-Volin, Hamlin, Menno, McCook Central-Montrose, Mount Vernon-Plankinton, Sioux Falls Christian, Vermillion and Viborg-Hurley, as well as two teams from Yankton.

Bultsma was the only NCAA Division I commit, as of now, at the camp, while Viborg-Hurley’s Abby Hora is an Augustana College commit.

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Mount Vernon-Plankinton's Megan Bultsma, front, calls for the ball during a game with Hamlin at Monday's Mount Marty College girls' basketball team camp at Cimpl Arena. Bultsma is a South Dakota State commit.

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Lewis & Clark Tennis Classic July 31-Aug. 2 In Yankton

The annual Lewis & Clark Tennis Classic will be played July 31-Aug. 2 in Yankton. Juniors will begin tournament play on Friday, July 31, with adults beginning play on Saturday, Aug. 1.

Entry deadline is July 25. Registration forms are available at the Summit Activities Center, by email at yankton.tennis@hotmail.com, or online at www.northern.usta.com (click on tournament #5550016815).

Study: Rough Play Is Riskier Than Heading In Youth Soccer

CHICAGO (AP) — Heading takes the heat in youth soccer, but limiting rough play might be a better way to prevent concussions and other injuries, a nine-year study of U.S. high school games suggests.

More than 1 in 4 concussions studied occurred when players used their heads to hit the ball. But more than half of these heading-related concussions were caused by collisions with another player rather than with the ball. These

collisions included head-to-head, elbow-to-head and shoulder-to-head contact, said Dawn Comstock, a University of Colorado public health researcher who led the study.

There have been recent calls to ban or limit heading in youth soccer, particular among players younger than 14, because of concerns about long-term effects of concussions and repeated brain trauma. Women's soccer stars including 1999 World Cup star Brandi

Chastain are among supporters of a ban in kids' soccer.

But says Comstock: “If the rules of soccer were simply enforced better, we would actually be more successful in reducing concussion rates.”

Rough play has become more common at all levels of soccer, but it violates rules that prohibit most player-to-player contact on the field, she said.

Freeman's Kaufman Shines At National Senior Games

Harriet Kaufman, rural Freeman, won Gold and Bronze medals at the 2015 National Senior Games in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on July 8-10.

Her Gold medal came in the women's 75-79 year-old 400-meter relay in a time of 1:49.45, which also set the national meet record for her age group. She took third place in the long jump (2.04 meters), as well as fourth in the high jump (0.8 meters), and fifth in the 50-meter dash (11.12 seconds). Her 100-meter dash time was good for ninth (23.15), one place from making the finals. She also placed 11th in the Javelin (9.58 meters) and 14th in the Shot Put (5.76 meters).

Harriet qualified at the 2014 South Dakota Senior Games in Rapid City where she won five events and four second places.



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Harriet Kaufman of rural Freeman carries the baton in helping her team to a national meet record in the 400-meter relay at the 2015 National Senior Games earlier this month in Minneapolis.

Fury Black Finish Second At State Softball

SIOUX FALLS — The Yankton Fury Black finished second in the 12-under ‘C’ division in the South Dakota Amateur Softball Association state girls’ fastpitch tournament, which concluded on Sunday in Sioux Falls.

CHAMPIONSHIP – MADISON 6, FURY BLACK 4: Lexi Madison and Isabel Castillo each had two hits for Yankton. Grace Livingston and Courtney Pavel each had a hit.

MADISON 6, FURY BLACK 5: Lexi Madison had three hits to lead Yankton. Isabel Castillo, Jaidyn Wishon, Olivia Larson and Meghan DeLozier each had a hit.

FURY BLACK 12, MADISON 6: Jaidyn Wishon and Isabel Castillo each had three hits as Yankton advanced to the final with a victory on Saturday. Lexi Madison, Olivia Larson, Paige Gullikson and Courtney Pavel each had a hit.

FURY BLACK 21, STORM 11: Lexi Madison, Olivia

Larson and Isabel Castillo each had three hits as Yankton battled past the Storm. Jaidyn Wishon, Abigail Newman, Courtney Pavel and Meghan DeLozier each had hits.

FURY BLACK 18, RIVER RIDGE 4: Lexi Madison went 4-4 with an inside-the-park home run to lead Yankton. Isabel Castillo and Olivia Larson each had two hits. Lexie Wiersma, Paige Gullikson, Meghan DeLozier, Courtney Pavel and Grace Livingston each had hits.

FURY BLACK 13, ROCKERS 0: Jaidyn Wishon and Olivia Larson each went 2-3 as Yankton blanked the Rapid City Rockers. Isabel Castillo, Lexi Madison, Abigail Newman, Grace Livingston and Caitlin Berndt each had a hit.

FURY BLACK 25, MITCHELL ADRENALINE 3: Isabel Castillo went 4-4, and Lexi Madison, Olivia Larson, Jaidyn Wishon, Caitlin Berndt, Paige Gullikson, Grace Livingston and Abigail Newman each had hits as Yankton rolled in the opener.

Trout, Harper, Plenty Of Fresh Faces Highlight All-Star Game

CINCINNATI (AP) — Not too long ago, Mike Trout, Bryce Harper and Gerrit Cole were the ones picking up the extra balls and getting pranked into paying the pricey checks.

Now, along with the likes of Kris Bryant, Matt Harvey and many others, they’ve become the face of the All-Star Game and the future of the major leagues.

“The Derek Jeter generation in the last few years came to the end of their careers. We have a great new crop of young players,” new Commissioner Rob Manfred said.

This is an age when The Kids are All Right — a record 20 of the 76 All-Stars for Tuesday night’s game are 25 or younger, according to STATS.

“I think the young talent in baseball is better than it’s been in years,” said Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, one of the older All-Stars at 35. “These are exciting players, players that kids can look up to.”

His former teammates — baseball royalty, in the form of Mariano Rivera and Jeter — are gone.

The brash bats who rule the new era belong to Giancarlo Stanton, Yasiel Puig and Manny Machado, trying to solve bold arms led by Chris Archer, Cole and Harvey.

Major League Baseball, which often relies on the nostalgia of its 19th-century roots, is striving to connect with 21st-century youth more familiar with Reddit and Tinder than Josh Reddick and Branden Pinder.

“We’re working very hard to give our fans the kind of access to those players and others in order to raise their awareness of these players,” Manfred said. “We do realize we have a challenge in that regard because of what I characterize as generational change.”

How different it was in 2011, when Trout was 19 and arrived at his first big league camp. Some Los Angeles Angels’ veterans invited him to dinner Mastro’s City Hall Steakhouse in Scottsdale, Arizona.

A waiter brought the check, which came to \$1,800, and ace pitcher Jeff Weaver handed it to Trout and told him the bill was his to pay.

When Trout arrived at Tempe Diablo Stadium a few days later, he found a toy truck in front of his locker. Inside were 7,200 quarters.

And Weaver punked the newbie outfielder later in spring training with a message on the right-field scoreboard, urging fans to call “Mike Trout directly with your baseball questions” during an exhibition game — with his actual cell phone number, of course.

“It was pretty creative of them,” said Trout, now a four-time All-Star and winner of an MVP award. “It’s part of breaking into the big leagues.”

At 23, Bryant looks more high school student than big-time ballplayer. He made his big league debut in April, and his 12 homers and 51 RBIs have given Chicago Cubs’ fans hope of a first World Series title since 1908.

Face of the game? He doesn’t think so.

“It is pretty cool to be mentioned in the same sentence as those guys,” he said.

Cole, a new All-Star at age 24, hopes to bring the Pirates their first title since 1979. He’s just two years removed from bringing the veterans balls and gloves out to the field every day during spring training and proving his worth to teammates with a different kind of pitch.