

MMC Baseball Signs Two Junior College Players

Austin White of Oakridge, Oregon, and Bazil Zuehlke of Coleraine, Minnesota, will attend Mount Marty College and play baseball for the Lancers, the institution announced on Wednesday.

White, a transfer from Southwestern Oregon Community College in Coos Bay, Oregon, earned second-team NWAC Southern Region honors. In league play, which only allows wood bats, White finished .311 with 28 hits, 19 runs scored, six doubles, a triple and six stolen bases while helping SWOCC make the league playoffs. For the season, White tied for team honors in hits



White (45), runs scored (27) and doubles (7). In high school, White was a two-time all-state selection, earning first-team honors in 2013. "He comes highly recommended from his junior college coach who is doing a tremendous job of turning around the program at SWOCC. We are getting a highly-skilled athletic player in White and his experience and ability has the potential to make an immediate impact for us since we graduated

17 seniors including four outfielders," said MMC head baseball coach Andy Bernatow. "I am eager to get Austin to campus and excited to have a player of his caliber joining the recruiting class."

White, the son of Dustin and Patricia White, plans to major in recreation management at MMC. He will receive a Mount Marty College Incentive Scholarship for his academic achievement in addition to his baseball scholarship.

Zuehlke, was a two-time Minnesota College Athletic Conference Northern Division Player of the Week this past season. The



Zuehlke left-handed batting Zuehlke, who plays outfield, first base and catcher, batted .331 while leading Itaska Community College in both hits (40) and runs scored (32). The MCAC Northern Division all-league selection finished with eight doubles, two home runs and 27 RBI on the season.

"Over the years Mount Marty Baseball has had a strong relationship with Itasca Community College and I am happy to get another out-

standing player from Coach Justin Lamppa (a MMC alumn) and ICC," Bernatow said. "Bazil is coming off a strong sophomore season in which he was productive offensively and versatile defensively. Offensively, he showed the ability to hit velocity with power."

Zuehlke, the son of Bobby Zuehlke and Nikki Miskovich, plans to major in business administration at MMC. He will receive a Mount Marty College Marty Academic Scholarship in addition to his baseball award.

R100 Returns To Yankton

Elephant, Lion, Giraffe Among Targets At 'Unique' Event

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Bill Hewes admits he has a new appreciation for the targets he was helping to set up Wednesday.

It's hard not to, he said while driving through a range on an ATV, after seeing the animals up close during a recent two-week trip to South Africa.

Hewes, a Ranges, Grounds & Logistics Manager with the National Field Archery Association (NFAA), and his staff were in charge of setting up the targets for this weekend's Rinehart 100 (R-100) Archery Tournament in Yankton.

Among the 'exotic' targets for the event that travels around the country? An elephant, lion, zebra, rhinoceros and a 20-foot tall giraffe.

"Last year, I thought they were huge; maybe a little unrealistic," Hewes said. "Now I know they're life-sized."

Those targets will be among the 100 for the two-day tournament that will be held Saturday and Sunday at the field ranges behind the Easton Yankton Archery Complex. The shoot is open to any archer, and a total of \$6,000 in door prize money will be awarded.

Archers in the Yankton area got a look at the same targets last year when the tournament was held at Paddlewheel Point, but Hewes – along with many on the local NFAA staff – saw the real things during their recent trip to Africa.

"We saw elephants up close; it was pretty awesome," Hewes said Wednesday as he drove through the range. He also said he saw lions up close while sitting in



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
This large elephant target will be one of 100 targets archers can take aim at during this weekend's Rinehart 100 (R-100) Archery Tournament in Yankton. The tournament was held in Yankton last summer at Paddlewheel Point, but will be held this weekend at the field ranges behind the Easton Yankton Archery Complex.

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MMC Teams Earn NAIA Honors

Fifteen NAIA athletic programs offered by Mount Marty College were recognized by the NAIA as Scholar-Teams, announced on Wednesday.

For a team to be considered for the NAIA Scholar-Team Award, it must have a minimum 3.0 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) as defined by the institution. The team grade point average includes all eligible varsity student-athletes.

The women's basketball program led MMC with a 3.56 GPAC, with women's tennis (3.55), men's cross country (3.52) and women's golf (3.51) right behind them. Men's indoor (3.44) and outdoor (3.43), and women's indoor (3.38) and outdoor (3.37) track and field were close

behind, followed by softball (3.35), men's golf (3.33) and volleyball (3.31). Women's cross country (3.22), baseball (3.16), men's basketball (3.08) and women's soccer (3.05) rounded out the list.

Among Great Plains Athletic Conference teams, Concordia had 17 teams honored, with Hastings posting 16 honorees. Dakota Wesleyan and Morningside had 15 honorees each. Briar Cliff and Northwestern each had 14 honorees. Dordt and Midland 13 each, and Doane 10. Nebraska Wesleyan completes in NCAA Division III in several sports.

College of St. Mary, which joins the GPAC in 2015-16, had eight teams honored. CSM is a women-only school.

Omaha Prep Standout Commits To USD

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A two-way player who led his team to a state championship game last fall has committed to the University of South Dakota.

Trystn Ducker, a 5-foot-9 incoming senior wide receiver, defensive back and kick returner from Nebraska, committed Wednesday night, he said.

Ducker, who has also attracted interest from other Missouri Valley Football Conference schools, attended Creighton Prep High School in Omaha as a junior but will transfer to Bellevue West High School this fall.

He has been on USD's radar since March and was offered a scholarship

at the spring game in April.

"I love it so far; every time I've been there," Ducker told the Press & Dakotan. "The campus, the coaches, and I've met a few players. I'm in love with it right now."

Ducker, who guided Creighton Prep to the Nebraska Class A state title game last fall (where it lost to Omaha North, which features incoming USD freshmen Calvin Strong and DeValon Whitcomb), attended USD's Senior Prospect Camp last Friday.

Five days later, he informed the Coyote coaching staff.

"I've known they're on the rise," Ducker said. "The thing that really sold me was when I met some of

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As Top Prospects Trickle In, Twins Are In Contention

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — After stumbling through the last four seasons, the Minnesota Twins have summoned several of their best minor leaguers this summer, some straight from Double-A.

These prized prospects have provided further reinforcement of the assumption the franchise is headed for brighter days. The funny thing about this rebuilding phase? The Twins have become contenders again.

Like, now.

"We've gotten to a point now where it's like, 'OK, this is something that we can do not only for a month or two months, but for a season,'" manager Paul Molitor said. "Let's make it fun. I haven't tried to look too far out, as far as talking to these guys about the playoffs and those kinds of things, but I hear them. I feel them. They're believing."

The Twins, at 49-40, have the second-best record in the American League.

In mid-July.

"We're getting better, and part of that is the influx of young talent we've been able to insert into our lineup from time to time," Molitor said.

Molitor has helped instill a sense of self-assurance in a team comprised largely of players influenced by his past teaching as a roving minor league instructor in the organization. His Hall of Fame status, attention to detail and fresh perspective have commanded him built-in respect in the clubhouse despite a mere 89 games as manager.

He's not the only rookie

Platte-Geddes Wins Region 4B Legion Opener



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Platte-Geddes' Hunter Hallock drives a ball deep to center field during Wednesday night's game against Gregory at the Region 4B American Legion baseball tournament in Tabor. Platte-Geddes won the game 8-0 to advance in the winner's bracket. The tournament runs through Saturday, with the "if" game scheduled for Sunday.

Irene Amateurs Beat Tabor In 10 Innings

TABOR – Allen Muilenburg struck out 10 in a complete game 6-hitter as Platte-Geddes blanked Gregory 8-0 in the first game Wednesday of the Region 4B American Legion Tournament in Tabor.

Tanner VanGenderen and Colten Plooster each singled twice for Platte-Geddes, while Seth Kirsch, Muilenburg, Riley Hoffman and Payton Foxley all had a hit.

For Gregory, Mason Juracek had four of the team's six hits (all singles), while Jayd Vanderwerff and Joseph Veskna both had a hit. Robert Vomackw was the losing pitcher, and was relieved by Vanderwerff.

Platte-Geddes advances to play the Alexandria-Tabor winner on Friday.

Youth Yankton Twins 13, Lennox 6

The Yankton Twins finished the regular season with a 13-6 victory over Lennox on Wednesday at Sertoma Park.

Aidan Feser and Brodey Peterson each had three hits, including a home run, with Feser scoring four times and Peterson scoring three to lead Yankton. Jimmie Cunningham had two hits and two runs scored. Rugby Ryken and Roy Hobbs each had a hit and two runs scored. Trent Herrboldt and Trevor Fitzgerald each had a hit in the victory.

Kaden Luellman pitched two scoreless innings to pick up the victory. Cunningham, Hobbs, Ryken, Peterson, Dylan Prouty and Quentin Moser each pitched in the effort.

The Twins finish their season with the state 12-under

VFW baseball tournament this weekend in Mitchell.

Amateur Irene 4, Tabor 3, 10 innings

IRENE – Irene scored one run in the top of the tenth to edge Tabor 4-3 in 10 innings in South Central League amateur baseball action on Wednesday. The game was played in Irene, but Tabor was the home team. It was originally scheduled for June 25 in Tabor, but a suitable date could not be found where Tabor's field was available.

George Sees and Mitch Dunbar each had two hits for Irene, which trailed 2-0 after one inning and 3-2 after five innings. Simon Healy doubled in the win.

Blasé Vanecek had three hits, including a two-run

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