

Junior Legion: Yankton Ousted On Opening Day



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Yankton catcher Trey Bakke stretches to catch a throw for a force play against Brandon Valley during the Region 2A Junior Legion Tournament on Thursday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

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With the help of bats and good pitching, Brandon Valley was able to get past Yankton Post 12.

It didn't take long for Brandon Valley to get on the scoreboard, and it continued through the end of the game. Brandon Valley captured a 6-1 victory in an elimination game Thursday night at the Region 2A Junior Legion baseball tournament at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Brandon Valley scored three runs in the first inning and also scored three runs in the third inning. Brandon Valley had many players that contributed to scoring runs in the game.

Jeremy Johnson recorded 12 strikeouts and also recorded an RBI.

Taylor Crow, the center fielder for Brandon Valley, scored a run, had a stolen base, and a single in the game. First baseman Lucas Schobert scored a run and hit a single.

Post 12 also had contributions from different players.

Yankton centerfielder Carter Peterson hit a double and scored a run.

"We could have done better in the field," he said. "There was an error out in center field that I should have had."

Peterson said his team will be participating in a new tournament in a couple of weeks.

"We're going to go out and compete in the Black Sox state (VFW Teeners) tournament, so we hope our effort we'll be good there," he said.

Third baseman Justin Leader hit a single, stole

two bases, and walked for Yankton.

With the win, Brandon Valley will play Harrisburg at 5 p.m. today (Friday).

S.F. West 6, Yankton 2

SF West scored 6 runs and forced 4 errors to defeat Yankton on Friday in the Junior Legion Championship.

SF West was led by Louis Peterson, the pitcher, who only gave up two runs and five hits.

Peterson said it felt good having a big impact on his team.

"It feels really good just knowing we can move on in this region tournament," he said.

"When we get down on

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Legion: Post 12 Rolls Past Brandon Valley

VALLEY SPRINGS – Yankton Post 12 finished with a 7-1 record in Region 2A play with a 7-2 victory over Brandon Valley in American Legion baseball action on Thursday.

Sheldon Gant doubled and singled with three RBI and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Landon Withrow also doubled and singled, scoring a run. Adam Walter homered, and Brad Ulmer and Mason Townsend each had a hit in the victory.

Ryan Meyer had three hits to lead Brandon Valley. Wilson Kolbeck, Mitchell Hoover and Logan Hanzel each had two hits in the effort.

Muth tossed five shutout innings, striking out five, to pick up the win. Jordan Kathol allowed two unearned runs in four innings, striking out four, for the long-relief save. Ethan Horner took the loss, allowing two earned runs in 6 2/3 innings.

Yankton, 25-14, finishes the regular season at Mitchell today (Friday). Brandon Valley hosts Huron on Saturday.

Yankton will return to Valley Springs next week for the Region 2A Tournament.

Sioux Falls Teams Stay Unbeaten In 2A Juniors

Top-seeded Sioux Falls East scored five runs in the first inning and held on for an 8-7 victory over Harrisburg in the Region 2A American Legion Junior Baseball Tournament on Thursday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

East will face second-seeded Sioux Falls West today (Friday) at 2:30 p.m., with the winner advancing to the championship. Harrisburg will play Brandon Valley in an elimination game at 5 p.m. today.

Nate Nelson doubled and singled, and Joe Sudbeck had two hits for East. Jesse Grevier doubled in the victory.

Caleb Deist doubled and singled, and Derek Vander Wande, Jake Reuwsaat and Cam Berndt each had two hits for Harrisburg.

Joel Swenson picked up the win. Brown took the loss.

Harrisburg 12, Brandon Valley 6

Harrisburg jumped out to a 7-0 lead and held on for a 12-6 victory over Brandon Valley in the opening game of the Region Tournament on Thursday.

Leif Thorson had three hits and two runs scored, and Tanner Brown and Cam Berndt each had two hits to lead Harrisburg.

Jacob Johnson had three hits and Derek Gonseth doubled and singled to lead Brandon Valley. Mason Van Weston and Lucas Schobert also had two hits each. Weston Struble doubled in the effort.

Thorson picked up the win. Gonseth took the loss.

4B: Tabor Stays Alive

TABOR – Down 6-3 entering the bottom of the eighth inning, Tabor erupted for 10 runs to eventually capture a 13-6 victory Thursday night over Gregory in the Region 4B American Legion baseball tournament in Tabor.

Alex Caba drove in three runs during that eighth inning, and it was Sam Caba's two-run single that broke a 6-6 tie. Tabor put together seven hits and benefited from three errors in the frame.

Chase Kortan got the win on the mound in relief of starter Tanner Van Driel, and Mace Merkwan pitched the ninth. Kortan also had two hits at the plate, while Alex Caba singled twice.

Gregory got a double from Jayd Vanderwerff, and singles from Brandon Warnke, Blake Boes and Joe Veskna.

Tabor will face the loser of Alexandria and Wagner today (Friday) at 5 p.m. Gregory saw its season come to an end.

Alexandria 3, Tabor 2

TABOR – Alexandria jumped out to a 3-0 lead and held on for a 3-2 victory over Tabor in the opening round of the Region 4B American Legion baseball tournament on Wednesday in Tabor.

Tim Leach had two hits for Alexandria. Cole Uecker had two hits, and Alex Caba had a two-run double to lead the Tabor offense.

Levi Doyle picked up the win, with Wyatt Kayser throwing 3 1/3 innings of shutout relief for the save. Uecker took the loss.

Lennon: 5 Storylines To Watch In The Second Half

BY DAVID LENNON
Newsday

(TNS) — In a year, not much changed with the All-Star Game. Mike Trout was named MVP again, the American League won again — securing home-field advantage for the World Series, of course — and everyone talked about how much they watched, or didn't watch, an event that now, after 86 of them, tends to struggle with its relevancy.

As for the games that truly count, for most of Major League Baseball anyone in the second half, those resume Friday. And as it stands now, 19 teams either currently possess a playoff spot or are within 5 1/2 games of one.

If the postseason began Friday, in the AL, the Yankees would play the Angels in the first round, with the Royals waiting for the wild-card winner between the Twins and Astros. In the NL, the Nationals would face the Dodgers, with the Cardinals in line for the winner of the Pirates-Cubs wild-card game.

That's a few new story lines for October, but here's some to consider before we get there in the second half.

—1. Sell-off in San Diego? A.J. Preller got an A-plus for effort this winter in attempting a quick rebuild of the Padres. But all they've accomplished so far is to get manager Bud Black fired and limo to a 41-49 record, which

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Fighting For State

ABOVE: Wagner's Drue Soukup, bottom, slides safely into second base as Alexandria second baseman Mason Mayer drops the ball during their game Thursday night at the Region 4B American Legion baseball tournament in Tabor.

LEFT: Tabor's Hunter Young lines a sharp grounder up the middle during Thursday night's elimination game against Gregory at the Region 4B American Legion baseball tournament in Tabor.

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Souhan: First True Glove Can Mean The World To A Kid

BY JIM SOUHAN
Star Tribune (Minneapolis)

(TNS) —Behold the baseball glove: Talisman and totem, tactile symbol and wearable nostalgia, proof of the human race's occasional bursts of genius.

There is nothing in the world like a baseball glove, nothing so dear and perpetually near. Take it from the 12-year-old me.

As a child, I read and saved every article on sports I could find, watched every game we could pull in with the antennae on our small, boxy television, and played every sport and sports board game available.

My bedroom walls were rumors hidden behind sports posters and pennants. Ticket stubs, baseball cards and sports books obscured the

floor, along with footballs, basketballs real and Nerf, and baseballs.

It sounds silly to say that all of those things were my life, but that's the way it felt to a painfully skinny, socially awkward, sickly kid whose family moved every few years. All those primary colors and faded memories made the bedroom more museum than refuge.

Even then, if you had forced me to choose between a room filled with memorabilia, books, collectibles and other equipment, and my baseball glove, I would have taken the glove.

My first glove that didn't feel like melted plastic was a Rawlings Brooks Robinson infielder's model. I had to have Brooks' name on it. Living in southern Pennsylvania

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Crofton Powers Past Irene

CROFTON, Neb. – Crofton's Rand Thygeson struck out 11 batters and helped his cause with a home run and a single as the Bluejays downed Irene 12-2 in seven innings in South Central League amateur baseball action on Thursday in Crofton.

Nick Hegge had a double and two singles, and Tyler Zimmerman and Brandon Hegge had three hits each for Crofton, which finished with 18 hits. Kyle Mueller had two hits and Aaron Losing homered in the victory.

Mike King's two-run home run in the fourth accounted for the Irene scoring. Sam Parkinson had two hits and Simon Healy added a hit for the Cardinals.

Thygeson went the distance for the win. King took the loss.

Crofton finishes regular season play at Lesterville on Sunday. Irene hosts Menno

on Sunday.

IRENE.....000 200 0-2 4 1
CROFTON.....022 240 2-12 18 0
Mike King, Alex Loes (5) and Sam Parkinson;
Rand Thygeson and Carl Schieffer

Menno 8, Crofton 6

CROFTON, Neb. – The Menno Mad Frogs jumped out to a 5-1 lead and held on for an 8-6 victory over Crofton in South Central League amateur baseball action on Wednesday.

Tate Bruckner had three hits and Josh Berndt had a double, a single and three walks to lead Menno. Dylan Lehr also doubled and singled for the Mad Frogs in the win.

Tyler Zimmerman doubled and singled to lead Crofton. Nick Hegge, Rand Thygeson and Carl Schieffer each doubled in the effort.

Macon Oplinger picked up the win. Ben Hegge took the loss.

Menno finishes the regular season at Irene on Sunday.

MENNO.....005 001 011-8 11 1
CROFTON.....010 010 022-6 7 4
Macon Oplinger, Josh Berndt (8) and Jared Nelson;
Ben Hegge, Gage Rethwisch (3), Alex Mueller (9) and Carl Schieffer

Larchwood 4, Garretson 1

LARCHWOOD, Iowa – The Larchwood Diamonds rallied from an early deficit to beat Garretson 4-1 in State Line League amateur baseball action on Wednesday.

A.J. Whalen had two doubles and a RBI, and Nick Meisinger had a two-run single to lead Larchwood.

Taylor Morris went the distance for the win, allowing three hits while striking out 14.

Larchwood travels to Akron today (Friday).

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GARRETSON.....000 000 22X-4 5 0
Lukes, Van Hove (7), Gacke (8) and Vandenberg;
Morris and Ripperts