

Amateur Baseball I District 6B Tournament

Freeman, Menno Looking To End State Drought

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Brett Scherschligt has played at the state tournament many times. He even helped Wynot win a title last summer.

But the team he manages, the Freeman Black Sox, hasn't qualified for the South Dakota State Amateur Tournament since 2011.

"Honestly, that's one of the reasons I keep coming back, is to get these younger guys a chance to get there," said Scherschligt, who lives in Sioux Falls and drives nearly an hour for every game.

Things are looking up, though, for the Black Sox.

Freeman, 11-5 in South Central League play, will take the No. 2 seed into the District 6B Tournament, which begins Thursday night in Irene. The district will qualify four teams to state, a decrease from five last year.

Freeman, more than anyone in the league, knows just how little a seed means for districts. The Black Sox were the No. 3 seed a year ago but missed out on the state tournament – Scherschligt was then picked up by

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Scherchligt said. "It's been something we've tried to do for the last few years."

The return of former player Eric Hortness has given the Black Sox two top-end pitchers to their staff, along with Scherschligt. The duo has a combined 8-1 record with a 3.28 earned run average, and have been supported by a deep – and youthful – lineup that includes the likes of Derek Waltner, Kyle Weier, Brett & Allan Scherschligt, Christian Wolfgang, Jake Weier and Nathan Weier.

The Black Sox, however, aren't the only SCL team seeing a resurgence.

Menno is also making a serious push to end a long state tournament

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Wynot and helped the Expos win the championship.

There's been a renewed focus on reaching state in 2015, the manager added.

"It's been a big goal for us as a team, for sure,"



P&D FILE PHOTO
Menno pitcher Macon Oplinger delivers to home plate during a June 16 South Central League amateur game in Lesterville.

SCL: Lesterville Edges Crofton, Frogs Tip Cards

LESTERVILLE – Ian Powell singled home Cody Ulmer in the bottom of the 10th inning to lead Lesterville past first-place Crofton 5-4 in South Central League action Sunday night in Lesterville.

Cameron Schiltz homered and doubled for Lesterville (4-12), which will be the No. 6 seed for the District 6B Tournament in Irene. Powell doubled and singled twice in the win, while Andy Gall and Mike Pavel both doubled. Alex Wagner got the win in relief of Tyler Edler.

Rand Thygeson doubled, while Nick Hegge and Alex Mueller both singled twice for Crofton (12-4), which will be the No. 1 seed for districts. Mueller took the loss.

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LESTERVILLE (4-12).....001 012 000 1 - 5 10 2
Nick Hegge, Alex Mueller (8) and Carl Schieffler, Tyler Edler, Alex Wagner (6) and Zach Johnson

Menno 11, Irene 5

IRENE – Three different Menno Mad Frogs had two hits apiece and Doug Hall went the distance on the mound in an 11-5 South Central League victory Sunday night over the Irene Cardinals.

Kyler Pekarek doubled and singled, while Tom Sattler and Macon Oplinger both singled twice for Menno, which ends the regular season at 10-6. Dylan Lehr chipped in with a double.

In the loss for Irene (9-7), Simon Healy and Alex Loes both doubled and singled, while Sam Parkinson doubled. Logan Hunter took the loss.

The District 6B Tournament begins Thursday night in Irene, with No. 4 Wynot playing No. 5 Irene at 8 p.m. Menno, the No. 3 seed, plays No. 6 Lesterville on Friday night at 6 p.m. in Irene.

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IRENE (9-7).....000 020 020 - 5 9 5
Doug Hall and Dylan Lehr, Logan Hunter, Jack Huether (5), Zach Aakers (7), George Sees (8) and Sam Parkinson

USD's Glisar, Haase Earn Post-Graduate Scholarship

VERMILLION — South Dakota track and field athletes Megan Glisar and Brant Haase have been awarded NCAA Postgraduate Scholarships for their dedication in the classroom and on the track. Glisar and Haase will each receive a one-time \$7,500 scholarship to be used for postgraduate study.

The NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship program was created in 1964 to promote and encourage postgraduate education by rewarding the Association's most accomplished student-athletes. The NCAA awards 174 scholarships across all sports and divisions each year. Awardees must carry a minimum 3.2 grade-point average, be nominated by the faculty athletics representative and intend to pursue graduate studies.

The duo add to the list of 29 other Coyotes who received this scholarship, 18 of which were also members of the Coyote track and field program. South Dakota ranks among the top-50 schools across all NCAA divisions in the number of postgraduate recipients.

Glisar, a two-time All-American for the Coyotes, graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders and held a 3.70 cumulative GPA. Beyond her All-America distinctions, Glisar won four Summit League high jump titles and set the school record at 6-0 ¾ in both the indoor and outdoor high jump.

Haase graduated with a perfect 4.00 GPA and earned a bachelor's degree in health sciences. During his Coyote career, Haase made the 2015 Capital One Academic All-America Men's Cross Country/Track and Field Team, earned seven All-Summit League honors and collected six Academic All-Summit League awards.

Glisar plans to remain at the University of South Dakota to earn her doctorate in audiology. She was one of five students accepted into this fall's class. Haase will pursue a graduate degree in pharmacy.

Fishback Soccer Tourney Champs



The Yankton Renegades U12 boys' soccer team won its division of the Fishback Classic Soccer Tournament, held this past weekend in Brookings. Team members include (front) Jacob Kirchner, Garrett Cutler, Ethan Yasat, Alexander Nockels, Will Pavlish, Ashton Christ, Gage Becker, (back) coach Peter Shepherd, Ardie Salhi, Brody Mathrole, Robert Schaefer, Zach Fedde, Zach Hebda, Jared Cutler, Josh Riibe and coach Dane Hansen.

RIGHT: The Yankton Phitens U13 girls' soccer team won the U13-14 division of the Fishback Classic Soccer Tournament, held this past weekend in Brookings. Team members include (front) Haley McCloud, Megan Cap, Payton Wolfgang, Halle Stephenson, Emily Rafferty, (back) coach Joe Rust, Cece Kouri, Lexi Rust, Emma Christensen, Madison Schroeder, Madison Wuebben, Sadie Fedders, Kylie Bochman, Ally Fedde, Kelsey Oswald, Rachel Hebda, Morgan Strahl and coach Warren Brenner.

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Johnson Wins British Open, Stops Spieth's Bid

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland (AP) — Zach Johnson cradled the silver claret jug in his arms. Jordan Spieth let it slip through his fingers.

Spieth was right where he wanted to be in his spirited bid for the Grand Slam — tied for the lead with two holes to go in the British Open, right after making a 50-foot birdie putt that made it feel as though he were destined to win at St. Andrews for his third straight major.

And he was still there at the very end Monday, but only as a spectator.

The slam gone, Spieth graciously returned to the steps of the Royal & Ancient clubhouse to watch Johnson finish off a sterling performance of his own. Johnson rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole that got him into a three-man playoff, and he outlasted Louis Oosthuizen and Marc Leishman to win the British Open.

Johnson described himself as a "normal guy" from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when he won the Masters in 2007.

And now?
"I'm a normal guy from Cedar Rapids ... with a green jacket that has something that most guys don't get to drink out of right now," Johnson said, smiling as he looked at golf's oldest trophy with his name etched alongside most of the game's greatest players.



RUSSELL CHEYNE/ACTION IMAGES/ZUMA PRESS/TNS
USA's Zach Johnson reacts after making his birdie putt on the 18th green during the final round of the British Open on Monday at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland.

Spieth was close to having his name on that jug. No one ever came closer to the third leg of the Grand Slam.

He fought back from taking four putts for a double bogey on No. 8

with back-to-back birdies. He rolled in that long birdie putt on the 16th for a share of the lead. After missing an 8-foot par putt on the tough 17th hole, Spieth needed a birdie on the closing hole to join the playoff.

"Up and down for a playoff," was the last thing Spieth said to caddie Michael Greller from about 90 yards away. It was too far right and quite hard enough, and it rolled to the edge of the Valley of Sin short of the green. His birdie attempt up the slope stayed inches left of the cup, and he tapped in for a 69.

"We gave it a great effort," Spieth said.

At least he was in elite company. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods — the three biggest names in golf over the last 50 years — were the only other players to capture the Masters and U.S. Open in a bid to sweep the four professional majors in the same year. All came up short in the British Open. Spieth was the only one who had a share of the lead so deep in the final round.

"I'm going to go home and reflect," Spieth said. "It won't hurt too bad. It's not like I really lost it on the last hole, and 17 was brutally challenging. I just didn't hit a great putt there, and I just picked the wrong wedge out of the bag on 18. I made a lot of the right decisions down the stretch and certainly closed plenty of tournaments out. And this just wasn't one of those. It's hard to do that every single time."

"I won't beat myself up too bad,

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Prohm, Iowa State Men's Hoops Prep For Trip To Spain

AMES, Iowa (AP) — Steve Prohm inherited more than just a talented team when he accepted the Iowa State job.

He also took over a group whose personality had already been forged through years of shared experiences — good and bad.

Prohm and the Cyclones are about to truly get to know one another.

Iowa State opened practice Monday in preparation for a four-game trip to Spain early next month that includes stops in Barcelona, Valencia

and Madrid. The Cyclones, who won 25 games and the Big 12 tournament last season, open the 2015-16 season Nov. 13 against Colorado in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

"Hopefully we get a chance to bond," Prohm said. "Learn about each other more...and just get a chance to pour into one another. That's the biggest thing. It's not really about winning games and playing. It's about the time together, the camaraderie."

The NCAA allows team to make one trip overseas every four years.

The Cyclones couldn't have picked a better year for theirs.

Prohm, the former coach at Murray State, took over Iowa State's program last month after the Chicago Bulls hired away Fred Hoiberg.

Though Prohm is expected to play a style similar to Hoiberg's fast-paced system, there will inevitably be differences — mostly on defense. Iowa State is expected to adopt more of an aggressive approach under Prohm.

And even though Prohm and the Cyclones don't have any idea what

level of competition they'll be facing in Spain, this represents their first chance to test some of Prohm's ideas for his first Iowa State team.

"I think the biggest thing for him is to make the other team feel uncomfortable and get out of their rhythm and really try to get on them in the passing game," forward Georges Niang said.

The trip to Spain also finally gives the Cyclones an opportunity to play with one of their most important

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