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Vermillion Stays Alive At State

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SALEM – Vermillion remains alive. Vermillion advanced in the South Dakota State Class B American Legion Baseball Tournament by beating Groton, 10-0, in six innings in Salem on Sunday.

Ethan James was able to throw a gem for Vermillion while the bats came alive after a slower day at the plate in their Saturday loss.

Vermillion put a run on the board early in the first inning after Jack Brown drove in Cole Anderson with a double. They then added two in the third inning with another RBI from Brown, who hit a single, and a run scoring fielder's choice hit by Joe Miller. Brown scored in the fifth inning from a sacrifice fly to right field from Miller.

The game was blown open in the bottom of the sixth with three consecutive bases loaded singles from Brown, Hunter Christopherson, and Miller making the score, 9-0, with only one out in the inning. Two batters later Travis Weber was able to deliver a single that scored Miller for the decisive run, ending the game due to the 10-run rule.

"A big day from Jack Brown at the plate really leading our team offensive-

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Vermillion's Joe Miller lines an RBI single in Post 1's 10-0 win over Groton in day three of the Class B Legion baseball state tournament in Salem Sunday afternoon.

ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

Willems Loses No-Hit Bad Late As Garretson Tops Tabor



Hunter Young tags out a runner during Tabor Post 183's loss to Garretson in day two of the Class B Legion baseball state tournament in Salem Saturday afternoon.

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SALEM – Garretson was able to defeat Tabor, 6-3, in the South Dakota Class B Legion State Tournament on Saturday in Salem. Garretson pitcher Tyler Willems had an outstanding performance on the mound taking a no hitter into the seventh inning of the game. The loss for Tabor eliminates them from the tournament.

The game remained scoreless until the top of the fourth inning when Garretson was able to score two runs on a double from Willems, a single from Derick Veldkamp, and a pair of errors by the Tabor defense, all coming with two outs in the inning.

Scoring stopped until the top of the seventh when Garretson made the lead three runs, scoring on a walk and another pair of errors from Tabor. With one out in the bottom of the inning Tabor was finally able to put an end to their offensive woes when Brendan Bares was able to drive a ball into shallow right centerfield. Two batters later Carter Mecham put Tabor on the scoreboard driving Bares in with a double to left center to make the score, 3-1. In the top of the ninth Garretson made the score, 6-1, with a bases loaded single from Cole Fiegen that plated three. This was a pinch-hit at-bat from Fiegen who left Friday's game against Vermillion with an apparent injury.

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Baseball: Irene, Freeman Win West Central Tops Vermillion 8-6 Saturday

IRENE – Logan Hunter struck out seven in a seven-inning complete game as Irene blanked Scotland 10-0 on Sunday night at the District 6B Amateur Baseball Tournament in Irene.

Mike King doubled and singled, while Trevor Jacobsen and Jack Huether each singled twice. Adam Gale chipped in with a double for Irene, which plays the Menno-Tabor loser on Thursday for the right to advance to state.

Ryan Robb and Dalton Mogck both had hits for Scotland, which was eliminated from the tournament. Paul Plante took the loss.

SCOTLAND.....000 000 0-0 2 3
IRENE.....501 000 4-10 10 0
Paul Plante, Scott Ulmer (7) and Anthony Walloch, Logan Hunter and Sam Parkinson

IRENE – Derek Waltner had three hits as the Freeman Black Sox stayed alive at the District 6B Tournament with a 4-3 victory Sunday night over Lesterville, in Irene.

The winning scored on an error in the bottom of the ninth inning. Waltner doubled twice and singled in the win, while Jake Weier and Mitch Wollman both singled twice. Eric Hortness went the distance on the mound.

For Lesterville, which saw its season

come to an end, Ian Powell doubled and singled. Tanner Termansen went the distance in a losing effort. Freeman will play the Crofton-Wynot loser on Thursday night.

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FREEMAN.....010 110 001-4 9 0
Tanner Termansen and Zach Johnson, Eric Hortness and Brett Scherschligt

Tabor 8, Freeman 3
IRENE – Seventh-seeded Tabor scored five runs in the top of the 10th inning to beat Freeman 8-3 in 10 innings on Friday night at the District 6B Tournament in Irene.

Austin Koch and Rob Keppen both doubled and singled for Tabor, while Blasé Vanecek singled twice. Doug Vanecek pitched 9 1/3 innings for the win.

For second-seeded Freeman, Derek Waltner and Kyle Weier each singled twice. Brett Scherschligt pitched the first nine innings. Tabor will play Menno on Tuesday night at 8 p.m.

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FREEMAN.....010 200 000 0-3 5 5
Doug Vanecek, Austin Kaul (10) and Blasé Vanecek, Brett Scherschligt, Christian Wolfgang (10) and Allan Scherschligt

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Vermillion's Hunter Christopherson on the mound in Post 1's 8-6 loss to Humbolt at the Class B Legion baseball state tournament in Salem Saturday afternoon.

ELYSE BRIGHTMAN/VERMILLION PLAIN TALK

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SALEM – West Central was able to advance to the final of the winner's bracket in the South Dakota Class B Legion State Tournament by winning a close game against Vermillion, 8-6, Saturday in Salem.

Vermillion was able to score the first run of the game in the top of the first inning on an error which scored Cole Anderson. In the bottom of the inning West Central was able to answer in a big way scoring three runs on four consecutive two-out hits. The following inning West Central tacked on two more runs with two outs once again from two hits and an error by Vermillion shortstop Carter Kratz.

The next three innings of the game turned into a pitching duel between Vermillion's Hunter Christopherson and West Central's Blake Svoboda. The two pitchers combined to throw 249 pitches with Christopherson (127) lasting seven and two-thirds innings and Svoboda (122) throwing eight.

"I thought he threw real well, he had good command of his stuff," West Central coach Mark Rockafellow said of Svoboda.

In the top of the seventh inning Vermillion was able to take the lead,

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Rough Sixth Inning Downs Gibson, Twins In Loss To Yanks

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A day filled with stress finally caught up with Kyle Gibson.

After five innings of pitching out of trouble, Gibson gave up five runs in the sixth as the New York Yankees topped the Minnesota Twins 7-2 on Sunday.

Gibson (8-8) had held the Yankees to just one run, coming on Chase Headley's solo homer leading off the fifth. But he allowed New York's leadoff man to reach four times in six innings, and it all fell apart for him in the sixth, which included three hits and two walks.

"It takes a toll on you when you're constantly battling against jams, even if they're mini-jams," Twins manager Paul Molitor said. "The first three innings he got out, but at all times they were threats."

After Brett Gardner's leadoff single in the sixth, Gibson walked Mark Teixeira on four pitches. He then fell behind Brian McCann 3-0 before eventually walking him to set the stage for New York's big inning.

"I felt good until that sixth inning," Gibson said. "It's unfortunate

that I kind of lost it there for three hitters, especially in row. It turned what I felt like was going to be a pretty decent day into a sour day."

The Twins' hitters couldn't do much with Nathan Eovaldi (10-2), who had only five strikeouts but looked dominant nonetheless. He easily topped 90 mph in the later innings and induced Twins batters into harmless grounders and pop-ups in reaching double-digit wins for the first time.

Stephen Drew hit a two-run homer off Twins reliever Ryan O'Rourke in the sixth.

After being outscored 15-1 in the first 12 innings of the three-game series, the Yankees returned the favor by outscoring the Twins 15-2 over the final 15. The Twins looked flat on Sunday after allowing the Yankees to come back from a 5-0 deficit to win it in the ninth the night before.

"We knew they were playing well when they came in," Molitor said. "You get the first game and you get a little greedy. We let one slip away yesterday, and sometimes those

things carry over somewhat. So you take your medicine, you lose the series and you move on."

NO HALL FOR MOLITOR:
Molitor missed Sunday's Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Cooperstown for only the second time since he was inducted in 2004. The other year he missed was 2013, when no players were inducted. Molitor said he never considered asking management to attend the ceremony, although GM Terry Ryan told reporters he would've been receptive.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Yankees: DH Alex Rodriguez got a day off after hitting three homers Saturday night. Manager Joe Girardi said he had been planning to give Rodriguez a day off either in Minnesota or Texas.

Twins: Ryan said RHP Ryan Pressly (shoulder) should be able to start throwing soon. "He's healthy now, got no pain and now he can move to the next step, which is picking up a ball. ... It'll be a while for him, but we can at least start the process now."



Minnesota Twins' Eduardo Nunez (9) grounds out and is thrown out at first as the New York Yankees' Garret Jones (33) gets the ball before Nunez can tag in the fifth inning on Sunday. The Yankees beat the Twins 7-2.

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