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With the introduction of wood bats to all levels of South Dakota amateur baseball this summer, suddenly it was going to take some time for Class B teams to adjust.

A month into the South Central League season, I think it's safe to say teams have adjusted. Through my frequent contacts with league managers and players (not only for our weekly notebook stories, but for stats, game reports and other conversations), it is becoming apparent that the 9 Class B teams in the league are now comfortable using wood bats.

The change from aluminum bats wasn't going to have a huge impact for a team like the Irene Cardinals,

Impact Of Wood Bats In Amateur Baseball Seems To Be Slowing

but for other teams like Scotland or Lesterville or Menno, there was going to be a significant impact. In other words, teams that traditionally field powerful hitters will still rack up the home runs, no matter the stick being used.

Following suit, the Irene duo of Mike King and Simon Henrich led the SCL with three homers apiece. A group of five players have two homers, including Avon's Dan Bures, Crofton's Bill Guenther, Irene's Wes Robertson, Tabor's Doug Vanecek and Wynot's Lee Heimes. Then there's a group of 17 players with one homer this season — including three more from Irene.

As the summer progresses, I would expect those numbers to pick up, as teams become more and more familiar with wood bats, and what it takes to plant the ball over the fence (certainly harder than with aluminum). In the meantime, however, Irene figures to continue its powerful ways.

Former Jackrabbit Thielbar One Step Away From Majors

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Former South Dakota State University pitcher Caleb Thielbar was recently promoted by the Minnesota Twins to their Triple-A affiliate Rochester Red Wings, putting the left-hander one step away from the majors.

Thielbar began the 2012 season in A-ball with Fort Myers of the Florida State League, where was turned in a 1-1 record despite not allowing an earned run in seven appearances, covering 12.1 innings. He then made 16 relief appearances at Double-A New Britain (Conn.), compiling a 2-0 record with a 1.80 ERA in 25 innings. In a combined 37.1 innings this season, Thielbar has struck out 42 batters and walked only five.

A native of Randolph, Minn., Thielbar was drafted by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 18th round of the 2009 Major League Baseball Draft. He spent two seasons in the Brewers organization before signing with the Twins late in the 2011 campaign after a brief stint with the St. Paul Saints of the independent American Association.

In four seasons (2006-09) at SDSU, Thielbar posted a 20-19 record while setting the Jackrabbit career record with 274 innings pitched in 64 appearances - 44 starts. He also ranks second in career strikeouts with 196 and shares the team single-season record with 100 strikeouts, set during his senior campaign.

Determan Signs With DWU Golf

MITCHELL — The Dakota Wesleyan University men's golf team added a third signee for the 2012-13 season this week when head coach Adam Anderson announced the signing of Jay Determan.

Determan, a Burke native, is the third South Dakota native to sign with the Tigers for the upcoming season. He joins Hot Springs' Brady Besco and Winner's Anthony Husher, as well as eight other South Dakota natives already on the Dakota Wesleyan roster.

Determan joins the Tigers after earning four varsity letters on the South Central boys' golf team. He had a stroke average of 80 and finished in 21st at the Class B state golf tournament as a senior in 2011. That same year, he took third at regions and helped the Cougars to the region title and a fifth-place finish at the state meet.

Padres Tryout Camp June 25

AKRON, Iowa — The San Diego Padres will hold a try-out camp on Monday, June 25, at Sargent Field in Akron, Iowa. It will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m.

The camp is open to baseball players ages 15-21. Players must provide their own uniforms, gloves and shoes.

A number of scouts and college coaches will be in attendance. For more information, contact Hank Krause at 712-568-2600.

SCOREBOARD

GOLF

LAKEVIEW GOLF COURSE

LADIES LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Irma Arens 46

LOW NET: Andrea Tramp 27

STANDINGS: Linda Trenhaile-Deanna Lockman 219, Irma Arens-Cathy Magorian 194, Patty

Zavadi-Donna Stecker-Kelly Reader 193, Mar-

ianne Merkle-LaDonna Kuchta-Dana Merkel 185,

Katie Paulson-Bonnie Gussio 173, Norma Gayney-

Karen Clark 168, Dawn Stukel-Barb Doolley 155,

Sheri Moser-Ginger Schieller-Danielle McFarland

146, Katie Tramp-Julia Tramp-Kay Blankenfeld

141, Andrea Tramp-Michelle Townsend 139, Lau-

rie Bailey-Judy VanDerhule 136, Brenda Leader-

Mardy Mackeprang 123, Sharon Koller-Jane

Brown 88, Lonnie Haggoli-Barb Peck 55

TUESDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Eric Bailey 37

LOW NET: Dale Trenhaile 32

STANDINGS: Baily-Kuchta 78, Wiebelhaus-

Wiebelhaus 68, Kuchta-Merkel 65, Zavadi-Pooler

60, Folkers-Romero 64, Sailor-Graveland 60,

Sprake-Zavadi 59, Noh-Gordon 59, Wieseler-

Merkel 55, Jackson-Thurker 53, Murphy-Pe-

tersen 53, Bartles-Hoffart 52, Kuehn-Edwards 51,

Tramp-Leader 50, Janssen-Paulder 50, Hysell-

Brauer 49, Wilken-Sprinkel-Schurman 45,

Haubrick-Van Essen 45, Kaiser-Steffen 38, Poko-

mey-Trenhaile 38, Tramp-Potts 38, Johanson-Lar-

son 37, Sprinkel-Schurman 35, Ferdin-Johannsen

30, Clark-Fish 28, Schmidt-Ryan 25

THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE

LOW GROSS: Mike Christensen 40

LOW NET: Steve Tammen 31

TEAM LOW GROSS: Wankers 188

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STANDINGS: Wild Road Enterprises 103,

West-Hodson 99, Sacred Heart Monastery 96,

High Construction 88, Huether Seemless Siding

84, Wankers 84, Town & Country Insurance 83,

Goeden Construction 81, Duh Differs 75, One

Holerz 71, The Glass Cutter 71, Photography by

BASEBALL

NCAA COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

AT TD Ameritrade Park Omaha, Omaha, Neb.

Monday, June 18

Kent State 5, Florida 4, Florida eliminated

Arkansas 2, South Carolina 1

Tuesday, June 19

Florida State 4, UCLA 1, UCLA eliminated

Wednesday, June 20

Kent State vs. South Carolina, ppd., rain

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

Washington 39 27 .591 —

Minnesota 38 32 .543 3

Atlanta 37 32 .536 3 1/2

Miami 33 34 .493 6 1/2

Philadelphia 33 37 .471 8

Central Division

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Cincinnati 38 30 .559 —

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St. Louis 35 34 .507 3 1/2

Milwaukee 32 37 .464 10 1/2

Colorado 28 41 .406 12 1/2

Chicago 24 45 .348 14 1/2

West Division

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Los Angeles 42 26 .618 —

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San Diego 24 46 .343 19

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Atlanta 4, N.Y. Yankees 3

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Pittsburgh 7, Minnesota 2

Detroit 6, St. Louis 3

Tampa Bay 5, Washington 4

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.

Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

CENTRAL DIVISION

W L Pct GB

Cleveland 36 32 .529 —

Chicago 36 33 .522 1/2

Detroit 33 35 .485 3

Kansas City 31 36 .463 4 1/2

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WEST DIVISION

W L Pct GB

Texas 43 27 .614 —

Los Angeles 37 32 .536 5 1/2

Oakland 32 36 .471 10

Seattle 30 41 .423 13 1/2

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Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets 5, Baltimore 0

Boston 7, Miami 5

Kansas City 2, Houston 0

Toronto 10, Milwaukee 9

Seattle 12, Arizona 9, 10 innings

Oakland 3, L.A. Dodgers 0

L.A. Angels 12, San Francisco 5

Texas 7, San Diego 3

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 7, Colorado 2

Wednesday's Games

Atlanta 10, N.Y. Yankees 5

Kansas City 2, Houston 1

Milwaukee 6, Toronto 3

Arizona 14, Seattle 10

Texas 4, San Diego 2

Cleveland 8, Cincinnati 1

Minnesota 2, Pittsburgh 1

St. Louis 3, Detroit 1

Washington 3, Tampa Bay 2

N.Y. Mets 4, Baltimore 3

Boston 15, Miami 5

Chicago White Sox 7, Chicago Cubs 0

L.A. Dodgers at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Philadelphia 7, Colorado 6

Thursday's Games

St. Louis (Lohse 6-2) at Detroit (Turner 0-4),

12:05 p.m.

Blackley 1-2, 2:35 p.m.

Colorado (Francis 0-1) at Philadelphia (Wor-

ley 3-3), 6:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Hendrix 0-3) at Pittsburgh

(Ja.McDonald 5-3), 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Mi.Moore 4-5) at Washington

(G.Gonzalez 5-3), 6:05 p.m.

Miami (Zambrano 4-5) at Boston (Matsuzaka

0-2), 6:10 p.m.

Friday's Games

Detroit at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Philadelphia, 6:05 p.m.

Washington at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.

Thursday, June 21

BASEBALL, AMATEUR

Avon at Scotland, Crofton at

Menno, Freeman at Yankton, Tabor at Wynot

Friday, June 22

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER

Yankton Lakers at Tabor

Saturday, June 23

BASEBALL, AMATEUR

Irene at Lesterville (7:30 p.m.,

KVHT-FM)

BASEBALL, LEAGION

First Dakota Tourm. at Yankton (Nor-

folk vs. Yankton, 9:30 a.m.; Beresford vs. Norfolk, 11:30 a.m.;

Beresford vs. Chamberlain, 1:30 p.m.; Lincoln vs. Tabor, 3:30

p.m.; Dakota Valley vs. Yankton Split-Squad, 5:30 p.m.; Cham-

berlain vs. Yankton, 7:30 p.m.)

BASEBALL, VFW TEENER

Wahoo Tourm. (Yankton Black

Sox)

Atlanta at Boston, 6:10 p.m.

Minnesota at Cincinnati, 6:10 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees at N.Y. Mets, 6:10 p.m.

Toronto at Miami, 6:10 p.m.

Cleveland at Houston, 7:05 p.m.

Colorado at Texas, 7:05 p.m.

Milwaukee at Chicago White Sox, 7:10 p.m.

St. Louis at Kansas City, 7:10 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.

Seattle at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta at Arizona, 8:40 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA FINALS

Tuesday, June 12

Oklahoma City 105, Miami 94

Thursday, June 14

Miami 100, Oklahoma City 96

Friday, June 15

Miami 91, Oklahoma City 85

Tuesday, June 19

Miami 104, Oklahoma City 98; Miami leads

series 3-1

Thursday, June 21

Oklahoma City at Miami, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 24

Y-Miami at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 26

Y-Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

Atlanta Classic this weekend in

Yankton.

VFW Teener

Mitchell 3-9, Black Sox 1-0

MITCHELL — The Yankton

CorTrust Black Sox were swept in a

teen doubleheader Wednesday in

Mitchell, falling by scores of 3-1

and 9-0.

In the first game, Brady Hale

and Adam Walter each had two

hits, while Brad Ulmer hit an RBI

double. Jordan Lightner, Will Stew-

ard, Blake Smith and Austin John-

son all added one hit.

Hale pitched six innings, with

three strikeouts, to