

## Lewis &amp; Clark Wooden Bat Classic

# Pitching Takes Over On Day One

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On a day marked by close games and dominating pitching performances, three American Legion teams stand unbeaten after Friday's action at the Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic.

Brandon Valley, Brookings and Mitchell all went 2-0 on Friday in their respective pools. The tournament is being held at three sites: Yankton's Riverside Field's, Vermillion's Prentis Park and Crofton, Neb.'s Baseball Park.

Yankton Post 12 split its two games Friday, falling to Brandon Valley 8-3 and later beating Spearfish 9-1. The tournament continues today (Saturday) at all three sites, beginning at 10 a.m. Yankton faces Omaha Central at 10 a.m. and Blair at 7 p.m.

Championship day moves to Riverside Field on Sunday, with semifinal games at 11 a.m. and 1:15 p.m., followed by the championship game at 3:30 p.m.

## Yankton Bracket

## Brandon Valley 8, Yankton 3

Brandon Valley made the most of five hits and benefited from four Yankton Post 12 errors in an 8-3 victory Friday morning at Riverside Field.

Cole VanderBeek drew three walks and Luke Bauske added two hits for BV, which broke open a close game with four runs in the top of the sixth inning. Yankton scored twice in the bottom of the sixth.

Brad Ulmer had two hits and drove in two runs for Post 12, while Andrew Hummel also had two hits. Dustin Hopper had the other RBI for Yankton. Zach Benjamin took the loss.

## Brandon Valley 6, Blair 0

Nic Peterson struck out seven in a complete game shutout as Brandon Valley blanked Blair, Neb. 6-0 on Friday afternoon at Riverside Field.

Jacob Adams had three hits and drove in four runs for Brandon Valley, which broke the game open with a 4-run bottom of the sixth inning.

Dane Apple had two hits for



Norfolk pitcher Michael Obermiller delivers to home plate in the seventh inning of Friday morning's game against Crofton at the Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic in Crofton, Neb. Obermiller struck out 14 Crofton batters in a 1-hit shutout.



ABOVE: Sam Wendte of Yankton Post 12 swings away at a pitch during Friday morning's game against Brandon Valley in the Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic at Riverside Field. (Nick Robinson/P&D) RIGHT: Vermillion's Jayce Huska lays down a perfect bunt while at the plate Friday morning as Vermillion faced Sioux Falls West during the opening game of the 12th Annual Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic held at Prentis Park in Vermillion. (David Lias/Vermillion Plain Talk)



Crofton third baseman Scott Foxhoven charges in to catch a pop fly during Friday morning's game against Norfolk at the Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic in Crofton, Neb.

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## Iowa State Hires Sadler As Men's Assistant

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Doc Sadler watched from afar as Fred Hoiberg turned Iowa State into a perennial Big 12 contender.

Sadler was so impressed that he joined Hoiberg as soon as an opportunity presented itself.

Hoiberg announced Friday that he has hired Sadler, the former coach at Nebraska, as an assistant. Sadler, who led the once-rival Huskers from 2006-12, will fill the vacancy left when T.J. Otzelberger took a job at Washington.

"When you look at the program, with Hilton Coliseum, the fans and what Hoiberg been able to do in three years, it's unbelievable," Sadler said.

Sadler was 101-98 at Nebraska, leading the program to three NIT appearances before being fired at its first season in the Big Ten. He spent last season as the director of basketball operations at Kansas.

"Doc brings a wealth of experience to our staff and is respected in the profession. His Big 12 coaching experience and extensive recruiting background will help on the road and make him a very valuable member of our staff," Hoiberg said.

Sadler worked as an assistant at Texas Tech, Arizona State and UTEP before taking over the Miners in 2004. He led UTEP to a 48-18 record and an NCAA tournament berth in 2005 before moving on to Nebraska.

But Sadler could never quite get the Huskers into the NCAA tournament. In fact, Hoiberg's first Iowa State team beat Nebraska in overtime in February 2011, a loss many believed was a major reason the Huskers were sent to the NIT.

Sadler spent one season under Bill Self in Lawrence after being let go by the Huskers. But Sadler wanted to get back to a job that would put him on the floor, and Hoiberg had openings

after Otzelberger left and Jeff Rutter departed for a job at nearby Drake.

"I'm excited for Doc. He did a great job here. All the players loved him, respected him and certainly he added a great additional set of eyes and mindset to our staff. He will definitely be missed," Kansas coach Bill Self said.

Sadler's experience undoubtedly made him a strong candidate for a number of assistant coaching positions. But Sadler said Hoiberg's early success and deep ties to the Iowa State community swayed HIM toward the Cyclones.

Sadler said he isn't necessarily going to replace Otzelberger. He's instead prepared to fill any role Hoiberg has in mind.

"To work for a guy who is so committed to the community and that university; you know he's going to be there," Sadler said.

## Baseball: Lakers 2-0 At Mitchell Tourney

MITCHELL — The Yankton Lakers won both of their games Friday at a VFW Teener baseball tournament in Mitchell.

**LAKERS 5, MITCHELL 0:** Hunter Cameron had a strong outing on the mound and picked up the win for Yankton. He also had a hit and drove in a run to help his own cause.

Nathan Hein also had a hit and an RBI, while Nate Stephenson, Michael Heine and Tyler Strahl all had one hit and a run scored.

**LAKERS 4, HURON 2:** Heine went 2-3 with two runs scored and an RBI as Yankton beat Huron on Friday. Strahl had a hit, run scored and a walk, while Stephenson got the win.

Yankton returns to Mitchell on Sunday.

## Reds 1-1 In Mitchell

MITCHELL — The Yankton

Reds split their two VFW Teener baseball games Friday at a tournament in Mitchell.

**PARKSTON 10, REDS 3:** Carter Peterson and Caid Koletzky combined to allow zero earned runs on the mound for Yankton, which lost the 5-inning game.

Kellen Franzen was 1-2 in the loss with two RBI, while Peterson was 2-2 with a run scored. Trey Bakke and Jack Schoenfelder both scored a run.

**YANKTON 12, HARRISBURG 11:** Koletzky drove home Bakke with the game-winning run as the Reds beat Harrisburg on Friday.

Jackson Somsen was 3-3 with two RBI and two runs, while Bakke was 3-4 with three RBI. Miles Carda went 2-3 with two RBI and Peterson was 2-3 with three runs scored. Somsen pitched three innings and

struck out five, while Carda got the win in relief.

Yankton will play Renner today (Saturday) at 11 a.m. and will face Brandon Valley on Sunday at 6:15 p.m.

## Amateurs

## Avon 19, Menno 9

AVON — Logan Tycz had three hits and drove in four runs while Dan Bures also had four RBI as Avon routed Menno 19-9 in South Central League amateur action from Thursday night.

Tycz also stole four bases, while Joey Cuka added three hits and three RBI for the Bards. Joe Sees was the winning pitcher, striking out four in five innings.

For the Mad Frogs, Doug Hall

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## DOUBLE CHAMPS



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The Yankton U-10 and U-12 Twins were crowned champions at the Mother's Day SWAT Extravaganza Tournament in Sioux Falls on May 12. Members of both teams include: (front, L-R) Jimmie Cunningham, Rugby Ryken, Dylan Prouty, Quentin Moser, (second row) Aidan Feser, Matthew Mors, Michael Mors, Max Raab, Trent Herrboldt, Brodey Peterson, Trevor Fitzgerald, (third row) Owen Feser, Sam Mooney, Peyton Mueller, Cole Sawatzke, Michael Frick, Cole Withrow, Trey King, (fourth row) Kyle Withrow, Jack Raab, Michael Drotzmann, Rex Ryken, Ethan Wishon, Dalton Maibaum, (back row) coach Aaron Feser, coach Jim Sawatzke, coach Ryan Mors, coach Jay Fitzgerald, coach Travis Wishon and coach Mark Ryken. Not pictured is Carson Koletzky.

## Women's CWS Postponed By Weather In OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The NCAA postponed the two games scheduled at the Women's College World Series on Friday night because of severe weather. Plans to make up the games were not immediately announced.

Tennessee had been scheduled to play Washington, with top-seeded Oklahoma facing rival Texas on Friday night in winner's bracket games. The original plans called for four elimination games to be played Saturday, which also will play into the rescheduling plan.

The teams involved were staying away from Hall of Fame Stadium and sought shelter in a downtown parking garage near their hotels. Washington team spokeswoman Alyssa Olveda said six of the eight teams gathered in the same hotel tunnel and parking garage downtown to ride out the storm.

## Construction Almost Done On NU Arena

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — The scoreboard has been hung and most of the red cloth seats have been anchored at the new arena that will be the home for Nebraska basketball.

With construction 85 percent to 90 percent complete, the project manager said Friday that Pinnacle Bank Arena is on schedule to be ready for the university's August graduation ceremony.

The \$179 million arena, with a seating capacity of about 15,500, sits on the northwest side of downtown Lincoln looking like a big silver space saucer just a few blocks west of Memorial Stadium.

Nebraska already has sold every ticket for the 2013-14 men's basketball season, and a media tour revealed a steep seating configuration that could make for an intimidating home-court advantage.

"It's right on top of the court, so it'll be a great building for basketball," said John Hinshaw, project manager for Minneapolis-based M.A. Mortenson Co.

About half of the seats are in the lower bowl, with a portion of them retractable to make room for convention space or other sporting events. The floor is equipped for ice equipment, meaning the arena could be used for ice hockey if Nebraska chooses to add the sport someday.

The main entrance was specifically designed to offer a view of the State Capitol rising to the southeast. There also is an outdoor deck that will be open during warm weather.

A total of 36 suites ring the arena, each equipped with three rows of four seats, a drink rail, wet bar, cook top and television. There also are 20 mini suites with seating for four. The seats in the arena are 20 inches wide. Unlike the old Devaney Sports Center, which had bench seats in the upper levels, every seat has a back at the new arena.

Hinshaw said the Panasonic high-definition center-hung scoreboard will be one of the finest in college sports and better than most in NBA arenas. The four-sided scoreboard is 16 1/2 feet tall and 22 feet wide and is topped by another full video board that is 6 feet tall and 22 feet wide.

There were no obstacles in construction other than a problem with improperly bent rebar that caused a delay of about a month in late 2011. The project still will be completed about a month sooner than first projected.

Mortenson Co. also built the Sprint Center in Kansas City, Mo., Coors Field in Denver and the Target Center and Target Field in Minneapolis. The company also won the contract to build the Minnesota Vikings' new stadium in downtown Minneapolis.