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Wynot Keeps Alive Memory Of Former Manager Foxhoven



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Members of the Wynot Expos amateur baseball team huddle together for a brief chat before last Thursday night's South Central League home game against the Crofton Bluejays in Wynot, Neb. The Expos are playing their first season without long-time manager Terry Foxhoven, who died last fall after a lengthy battle with cancer.

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WYNOT, Neb. — There is a noticeable difference in the Wynot Expos amateur baseball team this summer.

Long-time manager Terry Foxhoven is no longer there as a visible face, and voice, for one of the South Central League's most consistently successful squads. The Yankton native and Wynot area farmer passed away last November after a lengthy battle with cancer.

"We're going out to dedicate this season to him," Wynot first-year manager Lee Heimes said. "We know what he did here; he managed for 20 years and was a big part of Wynot. There was a lot he did behind the scenes that people don't realize.'

As a way to both keep alive his memory and acknowledge everything Foxhoven did for baseball in the Wynot area, the Expos have already — and plan to do more in the future — taken steps to recognize their former manager.

The team requested and was later granted permission by the village board to rename the baseball field in honor of Foxhoven. Its new name is Terry Foxhoven Ballpark.

"He had such a big impact on baseball here," Wynot mayor John Eskins said. The Expos have other ideas to honor

their former manager, as well. They want to put a framed jersey, possibly with a photo, on the outfield wall at some pint. Wynot is still working on that, Heimes said. There was understandably a period of

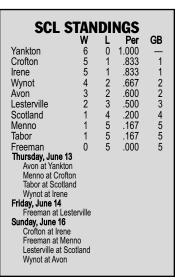
adjustment for players, according to infielder Lance Heine.

"It's definitely different not having him here," Heine said. "We all had to get used to that.'

So too did area Nebraska and South Dakota teams in the SCL. Foxhoven died at age 59 last November.

Born in Yankton in 1953, Foxhoven eventually moved to Wynot, where he and

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SCL: Tappers Top Irene 9-4, Donner K's 16

The Yankton Tappers jumped out to a 9-0 lead and coasted to a 9-4 victory over Irene in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday at Riverside Field.

The game matched the final two unbeatens in league play, with each team entering with a 5-0 SCL mark.

Derrik Nelson had two doubles and two runs scored, and Nik Davis and Dave Schmidt each had two hits and a run scored for Yankton. Trey Krier doubled, and Julian Cutolo and Heath Arens

added hits in the victory. For Irene, George Sees dou-bled and singled, Simon Healy had two hits and Mike King had a two-run homer to lead the way. Brett Jensen doubled, and Wes Robertson and Matt Sees added hits as the Cardinals outhit Yankton 10-9

Josh Cleveland went the distance, striking out six, for the win. Healy took the loss.

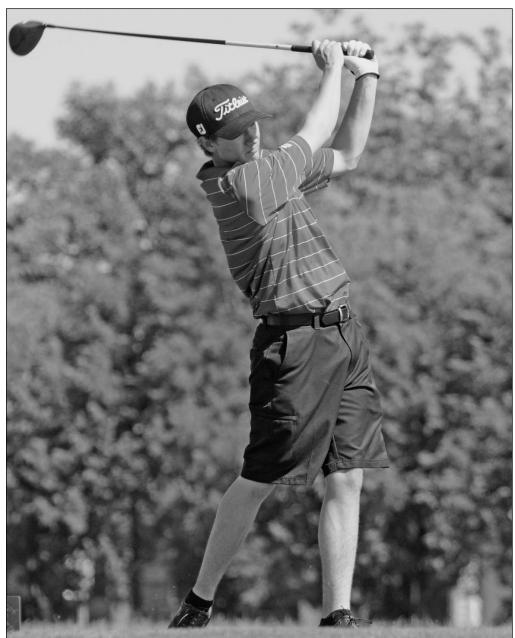
Yankton, now 6-0 in league play, hosts Avon on Thursday. Irene hosts Wynot on Thursday.

Crofton 3, Tabor 0 CROFTON, Neb. — Scot Donner struck out 16 Tabor batters and held the Bluebirds to two hits as Crofton blanked the Bluebirds 3-0 in SCL action on Sunday night.

Alex Mueller had two hits to lead Crofton. Donner, Kyle Mueller, Cody Wilken and Carl Schieffer added hits.

Nathan Kloucek tripled and

AREA GOLFERS SHINE AT SDGA JUNIOR TOUR EVENT





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LEFT: Mitchell's Jacob Rice watches his tee shot on Hole No. 12 during his round in the SDGA Junior Tour event at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course on Monday. RIGHT: Marion's Arron Lickteig putts on the No. 13 green during his round in the SDGA Junior Tour event at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course on Monday. Lickteig and Rice tied for top honors in the boys' 16-18 year-old division, each shooting a 1-under 71.

Yankton's Mingo Takes Girls' Honors; Lickteig, Rice Tie In Boys' Division

Yankton's Megan Mingo, Marion's Arron Lickteig and Mitchell's Jacob Rice were the top finishers in the 16-18 division as the South Dakota Golf Association made a Junior Tour stop at Yankton's Fox Run Golf Course on Monday morning.

Mingo, an Augustana recruit, easily won the girls' 16-18 year-old division, shooting an even-par 72 to beat Sioux Falls' Ashlee Eggebraaten by 15 strokes. Yankton's Amber Livingston was third at 88.

Lickteig, who golfed for Freeman High School and is a member at Fox Run, and Rice each shot 71 on the day, three strokes better than Sioux Falls' Sam Olson. Yankton's Logan Megard finished fourth, shooting a 76.

In the 14-15 year-old divisions, J.J. Cooney (76) of Lake Andes won the boys' division, while Brooke Piearson (89) of Brookings won the girls' division. The 12-13 year-old divisions went to Ryan Fed-

ders (76) of Sioux Falls and Courtney Heath (65) of Sisseton. Jimmie Cunningham (46) of Yankton won the boys' 11under division, while the girls' title went to Taylee Indahl (63) of Burke.

SDGA Two-Man Championships

VERMILLION — Ryan Tjeerdsma of Slayton, Minn., and Tad Leistico of Omaha, Neb., edged out Danny Amundson and Charlie Jacobson of Sioux Falls for top honors in the South Dakota Golf Association's Two-Man Championships, held Saturday and Sunday at The Bluffs Golf Course in Vermillion.

Tjeerdsma and Leistico combined for a two-day score of 135, one shot better than Amundson and Jacobson. Five different groups tied at 139.

The first flight went to Chris Dohrer and Steve Pelzl of Aberdeen with a 142. Sioux Falls' Paul and Kyle Schock shot a 148, edging out Yankton's Chris Schaefer and Ryan Elwood by two strokes in the second flight.

Yankton duos took both the third and fourth flights. Adam Walsh and Jay Batcheller claimed the third flight with a 155. Mark Casev and Nels Thorsted tied for top honors in the fourth flight with a 161, matching Scott Simpson (Pierre) and Larry Rohrer (Vermillion), and Gordy (Milbank) and Joseph (Tea) Munson.

Wynot 5, Menno 1 WYNOŤ, Neb. — Matt Hames had a team-high three hits to

lead Wynot to a 5-1 victory over Menno in SCL baseball action on Sunday.

Six different Expos also had hits: Lee Heimes, Chase Rolfes, Lance Heine, Steve Heimes, Aaron Burbach and Eric Hames.

Tyler Miller had both Menno hits. Jay Thaler drove in the lone Madfrog run.

Scott Morrison struck out eight to pick up the win. Macon Oplinger took the loss, striking out four.

Both teams return to action on Thursday, as Wynot visits Irene and Menno travels to Crofton, Neb.

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Rear Slap Gets Ex-NFL Receiver Chad Johnson 30 Days Jail

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) - Former NFL star Chad Johnson was sentenced Monday to 30 days in jail for a probation violation in a domestic violence case by a judge who angrily rejected a no-jail plea deal after Johnson playfully slapped his attorney on the backside in court.

Johnson, known as Chad Ochocinco for his jersey number in Spanish during his

playing days, had reached a deal with prosecutors calling for community service and counseling instead of jail. Broward County Circuit Judge Kathleen McHugh said she would tack on an additional three months' probation because Johnson had failed to meet with his probation officer during three previous months.

It was all set until Johnson, when asked

by McHugh if he was satisfied with his lawyer Adam Swickle, gave the attorney a light swat on the rear — as football players routinely do to each other on the field. The courtroom erupted in laughter and at that McHugh said she wouldn't accept the deal.

"I don't know that you're taking this whole thing seriously. I just saw you slap

your attorney on the backside. Is there something funny about this?" McHugh said, slapping the plea deal document down on her desk. "The whole courtroom was laughing. I'm not going to accept these plea negotiations. This isn't a joke."

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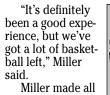
Miller's Shots Sure-Fire Boost For Heat In Finals

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Moments after getting his championship ring on the night this NBA season opened last October, Mike Miller walked to midcourt, grabbed a microphone and addressed the delirious crowd.

The journey that starts tonight is going to be even more challenging," Miller said.

At the time, Miller had no idea how prophetic those words would seem.

Stuck on the Miami Heat bench for much of the year, laughing on the outside as little more than a coping mechanism designed to hide his frustration, Miller is getting plenty of time again in these NBA Finals. A star of last year's title series — he made his first seven 3-point tries of Game 5, the clinching win against Oklahoma City — Miller is relishing the chance to contribute to perhaps a second straight championship.



Sunday night in

three of his 3point attempts

Miller

Miami's 103-84 victory that tied the series against the San Antonio Spurs at one win apiece. Game 3 is at San Antonio on Tuesday night.

If the current trend continues, Miller will be the first sub off the bench for coach Erik Spoelstra. Over a 2 1/2-month stretch earlier this season, Miller saw first-quarter minutes exactly once. He's now gotten them in each of Miami's last three games, after taking the role that had been filled by Shane Battier, who was sent to the bench because of a shooting



slump. "The little things," Spoelstra said when asked what Miller brings to the table. "He does a lot of those things. Very similar to Shane. Some of those things don't show up in a box score, but his effort, his hustle, extra efforts, closeouts. He has a knack for being around the ball. If you see a collision or loose ball, Mike likely is involved with it somehow, some way. You add all those up, those are winning plays."

And he still can shoot, which helps

Miller's three shots from Game 2 might not seem like much, but they all came at key times. His first gave Miami a lead in the second quarter, and his two others helped fuel what became a 33-5 run.

Miller was on the floor for all but the very first field goal in that massive Heat spurt. He replaced Dwyane Wade with 3:11 left in the

third quarter, with the Heat up 63-62 pending a free throw by Mario Chalmers. When Wade returned and Miller came out with 7:43 left to play, it was 91-67.

Wade's locker is next to Miller's, and at least once this year, Wade asked Spoelstra to find Miller some more minutes. The way Wade sees it, having Miller around without a spot for him to play has been "an amazing luxury" for the Heat this season.

"I love it. I love seeing Mike Miller on the floor," Wade said. "I'm just as excited to see him as I am when I'm on the basketball court, because I know what he can bring to this team. And not even just his ability to shoot the ball, but his ability to rebound. Mike is an underrated playmaker as well."

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3-1 AT DASC INV.

The Yankton Renegades went 3-1 in their U-10 boys' division at the 26th Annual Dakota Alliance Soccer Cub Summer Invitational, held this past weekend. Team members include (front) Austin Pederson, Ethan Yasat, Will Pavlish, Ashton Christ, (back) Josh Riibe, Jacob Kirchner, Garrett Cut-Ier. Jared Cutler. Ardie Salhi and Trace Jensen

Chris Sutera added a hit for Tabor.

Nathan Kloucek took the loss. Crofton, 5-1 in league play, hosts Menno on Thursday. Tabor travels to Scotland on Thursday. TABOR CROFTON .. BOR000 000 000 — 0 2 0 OFTON000 201 00X — 3 6 1 Nathan Kloucek, Jon Vavruska (8) and Wes Kloucek; Scot Donner and Kyle Mueller, Carl Schieffer (5)