

# Baseball: Yankton Juniors Sweep South Sioux Teams Across The Majors Pushed To Extra Innings

SOUTH SIOUX CITY, Neb. — The Yankton Post 12 American Legion junior squad improved to 7-1 on the season with a double-header sweep at South Sioux City, Neb., on Thursday.

In the opener, Jordan Lightner went 2-4 with a double to lead Yankton to an 8-6 decision. Also for Post 12, Brady Hale had a hit and two RBI, and Adam Walter recorded a double. Will Steward, Mitch Mueller and Greg Hauer added hits in the victory.

Steward picked up the win, with Alex Crandall earning the save.

Matt Hilson's third hit of the game, a two-run triple, broke a 3-3 tie and lifted Yankton to a 5-3 victory in the nightcap.

Hilson also doubled for Post 12. Steward, Hale and Ben Cameron added hits.

Colton Diefenderfer picked up the win in relief of Wyatt Adam. Hale pitched the seventh for the save.

The Yankton junior squad hosts Hartington on Sunday.



**A busy sports weekend in Yankton got going with baseball in the Bob Deery Classic VFW Teener baseball tournament at Riverside Field. Game information was not made available by presstime. Photos from the tournament will be available online at spotted.yankton.net later this weekend.**

**ABOVE: Yankton Lakers baserunner Nate Stephenson, behind, gets off the base as Blair Sluggers pitcher Travis Krumwiede sends the ball home during their matchup.**

**LEFT: Vermillion Reds right fielder Trey Hage dives after a sinking line drive during the team's matchup with Blair.**

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## Amateur

### Wynot 13, Irene 5

IRENE — The Wynot Expos squelched an Irene comeback attempt with a six-run ninth, icing a 13-5 victory over the Cardinals in South Central League amateur baseball action on Thursday night.

Wynot led 6-1 after five innings, but Irene scored in the sixth and seventh innings to cut the margin to three, 6-3. The Expos added an insurance run in the eighth, then exploded for six more in the ninth to cap the victory.

Lance Heine went 3-6 with a double to lead Wynot. Lee Heimes and Matt Hames each doubled and singled. Scott Heine added two hits for the Expos.

Mike King went 3-4 with a home run and a double to lead Irene. Ben Crush and Adam Gale each had two hits.

Brett Wiebelhaus picked up

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## Japan Baseball Boss Apologizes For Ball Switch

TOKYO (AP) — The Japanese baseball commissioner apologized on Friday for the confusion caused by introducing a new, livelier ball this season without notifying players.

Nippon Professional Baseball commissioner Ryozi Kato held a meeting with representatives of the 12 teams and issued an apology for his handling of the situation.

"I've caused a lot of trouble for the fans, players and people connected to the game," Kato said. "Baseball is very important in

Japan's sporting culture and I have to carefully reflect on my responsibility to the game."

Japan's 12 teams agreed to have a third party investigate the issue of why NPB secretly made its baseballs livelier.

Kato, a former Japanese ambassador to the United States, indicated he would not resign and vowed to work toward reform within his organization.

NPB acknowledged this week for the first time that a new ball was introduced at the start of the season, resulting in a sharp in-

crease in home runs.

Many players in Japanese baseball have criticized NPB for a lack of transparency.

There were 939 home runs in 2011 and 881 in 2012. This season's tally stood at 512 as of Tuesday, on pace for a season total of 1,297.

NPB previously denied this year's increase in home runs had anything to do with changes to the baseball.

NPB secretary general Kunio Shimoda said the issue was kept secret in order "to avoid confusion."

## ESPN To Kill 3-D Broadcasts By End Of Year

NEW YORK (AP) — ESPN will stop broadcasting in 3-D by the end of the year, the network said Wednesday, dealing a major blow to a technology that was launched with great fanfare but has been limping along for years. The sports network said there were too few viewers to make 3-D broadcasts worth it. It didn't say exactly how many viewers had, but the number was "extremely limited and not growing."

Last year, only 2 percent of TVs in the U.S. were able to show 3-D programming, according to the most recent data from research firm IHS Screen Digest.

ESPN 3D launched in 2010 as one of nine 3-D channels that followed on the release of James Cameron's "Avatar." TV makers rushed to introduce 3-D sets as well. ESPN said then that it expected a "3-D tsunami" in the industry.

But few consumers proved willing to pay the extra \$200 or so for a 3-D-capable set. The sets also required viewers to wear glasses, and many people felt the 3-D effect didn't add that much to the viewing experience.

Optometrists say as many as one in four viewers has problems watching 3-D movies and TV, either because the technology causes tiresome eyestrain or because they have problems perceiving depth.

TV makers have turned their focus to increasing the resolution of their sets to the "Ultra HDTV" level and getting broadcasters to take advantage of that.

ESPN said it would be ready to provide the broadcasts again "if or when 3D does take off."

ESPN is owned by The Walt Disney Co.



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

**Phill Collins pulls his boat to shore on Friday afternoon during the Hobie 17 North Americans regatta at Lewis & Clark Lake.**

## Regatta

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For veteran boaters like Stephen Acquart, that's part of the charm of a regatta.

Acquart, a retired firefighter from San Antonio, Texas, finished second at the North Americans this week. Calling the wind on the lake "a killer," Acquart — like the other boaters — pointed to the location as a major draw.

"This place is fantastic," he said. "The Larson family (from Storm Lake, Iowa) talked us into coming up again. I've made extra trips up here for pleasure. It's a place you want to come back to."

On finishing second, Acquart smiled and said, "I'm glad I survived and held on to that." Like Collins and Acquart, Jane Sherrod made the lengthy trip north to South Dakota. Sherrod, a resident of Galveston, Texas, was, however, the only female boater in the North Americans regatta.

Sherrod, who works on an oil rig off the coast of Brazil, said she was also impressed with the location of this year's event.

"It's so beautiful here," she

said. "I've been trying to imagine Lewis and Clark coming through this area. Before I came up here, I bought some books on them, but I had no idea how gorgeous it is up here."

Last year's North Americans event was held in Nevada, and was in Mississippi in 2011. The Upper Midwest, however, has some of the best action, Sherrod said.

"This is a hotbed for these boats," she said. "A lot of the

best boaters are up in this area."

On the idea of being the only woman in the male-dominated regatta, Sherrod pointed to the assistance of families and other organizers.

"When you're on the water, you're all alone," she said. "Everyone needs help, and I've had some great people helping me along the way."

You can follow Jeremy Hoeck on Twitter at [twitter.com/jhoeck](http://twitter.com/jhoeck)


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