

## MMC Alumni Baseball Game



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Former Mount Marty College baseball coach Bob Tereshinski is lifted onto his players' shoulders after the Lancers captured the 1999 SDIC regular season championship title. Tereshinski, who is retiring as Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Higher Education at MMC, will return to the dugout for Mount Marty's alumni baseball game on Friday night at Riverside Field.

# Tereshinski Set For Dugout Return

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When Mount Marty College talked about having an alumni game to send out retiring Bob Tereshinski, the retiring Vice President and Dean for Academic Affairs Higher Education who got his start at MMC as the head baseball coach, it didn't take long for his competitive fires to get stoked.

Tereshinski, whose teams own five of the six winningest seasons in MMC baseball history, will take to the Riverside Field dugout one last time as MMC hosts an alumni baseball game on Friday. Gates will open at 6:30 p.m., with first pitch at around 7:15 p.m.

Discussions for the event began as a way to "do something a little different" for this year's MMC All-School Reunion, which kicks off on Friday morning.

"I like to try to do things that

haven't been done, or do things a little different than before," said MMC Event Coordinator Wyatt Yager. "We want to try to get a lot of alumni involved."

MMC Chief Advancement Officer Barb Rezac said that all registered alumni who played baseball at MMC were contacted, and the response has been very good.

"They seem pretty excited," she said. "A lot of people are excited to watch the game as well."

Not all of the former players coming back are expected to take the field, Tereshinski said.

"A lot of them have already told me that they can't hit, catch, throw or run anymore," he joked. "I'm sure there could be a lot of them in line at the pork feed on Saturday."

Tereshinski, who coached the Lancers for 12 years, and current head coach Andy Bernatow, also a former player for Tereshinski, were

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put in charge of recruiting the teams, both mostly from their eras. Since Bernatow's team would be younger, Tereshinski also has also made sure there are some "abbreviated rules" to even the playing field.

"We'll have five outfielders, probably five or six infielders, maybe a backup catcher standing 20 feet behind the catcher. The other team can't throw curves," he said. "It makes it more competitive, I think, because of the age factor."

But those who know Tereshinski, who won 331 games during his MMC

coaching career, know it's not about "being competitive."

"I never walked into a ballpark with anyone who wanted to win more than Bob Tereshinski," said Kelly Heller, a former player who was head coach of the Lancers between Tereshinski and Bernatow. "But he epitomized Mount Marty. He cared about the institution, cared about the kids he recruited to play there."

One of those "kids" he recruited was Tony Elizondo, a Texas native who first set foot in Yankton when he came to MMC.

"When I went up there, I was a 17-year-old kid," he said. "(Tereshinski) took care of me, gave me an opportunity to play."

"Coming back is the least I can do to see him off and say 'thank you.'"

For Tereshinski, it's not just a chance to say "thank you" himself, it's a chance to see some Hall of Fame and all-conference players suit up one more time.

"I loved just sitting in the ballpark and watching them play," he said. "A lot of times I would get caught up watching them because they were such outstanding players."

The game is open to the public. MMC is asking for a free will donation from those not registered for the reunion, with those monies going towards scholarship funds.

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## Spitfire Take U-18 Title At Lowell Rang Tourney

MITCHELL — A week after being eliminated by the Mitchell Venom in their home tournament, the Yankton Spitfire exacted some revenge Sunday.

The Spitfire beat the Venom 10-2 for the U-18 division championship at the Lowell Rang Softball Tournament, which concluded Sunday in Mitchell.

It was the third year in a row that the Spitfire have won that tournament.

In other action for Yankton teams, the Lightning finished second in the U-16 division after losing to Mitchell Unleashed 6-0 in Sunday's final. The Yankton Crush responded from a winless pool play day Saturday to win the U-12 division championship Sunday.

**YANKTON SPITFIRE 7, MITCHELL HURRICANES 5:** Abby Schulte drove in three runs and Andi Sprakel hit a two-run double as Yankton beat the Hurricanes 7-5 in Sunday's first game.

Lizzy Bye doubled, singled and drove in a run, while Jessica Wirth and Karlee Kozak both doubled. Haley Hinshel added a single.

Katie Koletzky started in the pitching circle and recorded three strikeouts, and Bye came in on relief to get the win with four strikeouts.

**YANKTON SPITFIRE 10, MITCHELL VENOM 2:** Bye was not only the winning pitcher in Sunday's title game with five strikeouts, but she hit an RBI single and added a 2-run double.

Kozak and Sprakel both had an RBI double, while Loecker hit an RBI single. Wirth added a single in the win.

### U-16 DIVISION

**YANKTON LIGHTNING 6, PIERRE 2:** Heather Hauer singled three times, while Bailey Kortan and Sophie Drotzmann both drove in two runs for Yankton in Sunday's loss.

Brynn Albers added a pair of singles, while Jenny Feilmeier singled and Ellen Andersen had an RBI.

Kalyn Peterka was the winning pitcher with two strikeouts.

**YANKTON LIGHTNING 3, S.F. BLADES 2:** Kortan tripled twice as Yankton won an extra inning game Sunday afternoon.

Morgan Rothschild also tripled, while Albers and Drotzmann both singled. Madison Dangler pitched 6 1/3 innings and Jaclyn Arens came in for the final 1 2/3 innings.

**MITCHELL UNLEASHED 6, YANKTON LIGHTNING 0:** In Sunday's championship game, the Lightning got singled from Albers, Hauer, Arens, Dangler and Feilmeier. Arens struck out six in the pitching circle.

### U-12 DIVISION

**YANKTON CRUSH 8, MITCHELL HURRICANES 4:** Bridget Nolz tripled and singled, and struck out 12 in the pitching circle Sunday for Yankton.

Brooke Madison, Bailey Sejnoha and Megan McCorkell all added a pair of hits for the Crush, while Tia Vlasman chipped in with a single.

**YANKTON CRUSH 7, BRANDON VALLEY IMPULSE 3:** In Sunday's championship game, Nolz again pitched and this time struck out eight batters.

Sejnoha doubled, singled, drove in four runs and scored twice. Chloe Koletzky, McCorkell, Vlasman, Rachel Hamburg and Madison all had one hit, while Payton Vellek scored a run.

### Saturday's Pool Play

#### U-18 DIVISION

**SPITFIRE 13, MITCHELL MUTH LIGHTNING 0:** Jessica Wirth and Karlee Kozak both drove in two runs as Yankton rolled past Mitchell 13-0 on Saturday.

Kozak was 3-4, while Wirth singled twice. Ely Miller had an RBI single, while Abby Schulte, Brooke Loecker and Taylor Ruby all singled.

Lizzy Bye pitched and struck out 10 batters.

**MITCHELL VENOM 7, SPITFIRE 6:** Wirth went 3-3 with two RBI but Mitchell edged Yankton 7-6 on Saturday.

Bye and Katie Koletzky both had RBI singles, while Loecker drove in a run on a sacrifice fly. Schulted doubled and singled, Ruby singled twice, and Kozak doubled. Andi Sprakel and Miller both singled.

Koletzky pitched and had four strikeouts.

**SPITFIRE 12, S.F. STING 1:** Wirth tripled twice and drove in three runs, while Bye and Sprakel both added a pair of singles in Yankton's win Saturday.

Schulte drove in two runs, while Ruby singled twice. Loecker chipped in with a single. Koletzky again pitched and struck out five batters.

#### U-16 DIVISION

**YANKTON LIGHTNING 13, PIERRE 0:** Brynn Albers and Jaclyn Arens both drove in three runs for Yankton in Saturday's pool play shutout.

Ellen Andersen had two RBI, while Sophie Drotzmann and Heather Hauer each had one RBI. Morgan Rothschild singled.

Kalyn Peterka was the winning pitcher with four strikeouts.

**YANKTON LIGHTNING 12, MITCHELL HURRICANES 0:** Peterka had three RBI for Yankton in Saturday's second consecutive shutout.

Albers and Andersen both drove in two runs, while Madison Dangler, Arens, Abby Bartlett and Hauer all had one RBI. Drotzmann chipped in with a single.

Dangler struck out eight batters to pick up the pitching win.

**YANKTON LIGHTNING 5, S.F. BLADES 5:** Arens struck out eight batters over seven innings, but Saturday's final pool play game ended in a tie.

Albers doubled and singled with two RBI, while Feilmeier also doubled and singled. Bailey Kortan, Bartlett and Arens all singled.

#### U-12 DIVISION

The Yankton Crush lost two games and tied another in Saturday's pool play action.



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**Yankton Spitfire shortstop Karlee Kozak snags a fly ball during the team's Lowell Rang Tourney championship game victory over the Mitchell Venom on Sunday.**

## Cardinals Blast Past Black Sox

IRENE — The Irene Cardinals exploded for nine runs in the seventh to claim a 10-0 victory over Freeman in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday.

Patt Sees had three hits, and Ben Crush ripped two doubles to lead Irene.

Simon Healy doubled and singled, and Adam Gale added two hits in the win.

Kyle Weier doubled and singled for two of Freeman's four hits.

Simon tossed a four-hit shutout for the win. Alan Scherschligt took the loss.

Irene steps out of league play to face Alexandria on Tuesday. Freeman travels to Avon on Thursday.

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## Swim

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third place received \$150 and \$50, respectively.

While meet marshal Bill "Duke" Ellingson has been a part of every Charity Invitational since 1964, Dawn Bergeson was in her first as head coach of the Yankton Swim Team.

Bergeson, who once swam in the meet, said she was impressed by her newcomers.

"Some of our kids were swimming for the first time," she said during a break Sunday. "There's a big difference between a short course (25 meters) and this one at 50 meters. It's a big jump for them, but they've handled it well."

Yankton has 32 kids on its roster this summer, Bergeson said. And for those swimmers, the prelims/finals format for their home meet is beneficial, she added.

"At most of the other meets they'll swim at, it's once and you're done," Bergeson said. "This gives them more experience."



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**Evan Schott of Yankton sports a temporary tattoo saying "Swim Fast, Breathe Later!" as he takes to the water in the boys' 8-under 50-meter backstroke at the Yankton Charity Invitational swim meet on Sunday at Yankton's Memorial Park pool.**

### Size Doesn't Matter For Vermillion Squad

When it comes to the pool, size does not really matter for Vermillion.

Of those 14 teams at the Yankton Charity Invitational were ones of various sizes. Vermillion, as one of the smallest, has benefited from its small numbers, according to its coach and swimmers.

"I came from a very big club team in Milwaukee, where there were like 200 kids

and 12 coaches," third-year head coach Mike Moran said Saturday. "There wasn't much one-on-one attention."

In Vermillion, however, there is plenty of that. And the swimmers — of which there are around 35 this summer — say they love that luxury.

"We're a small team, so our coaches focus with us more," said 13-year-old Madisen Martinez, who was first in two events on Saturday, the 200-meter breaststroke and 100-meter freestyle.

"We're all about the same age, so we push each other."

Doing so has produced some impressive achievements for the team. In Saturday's 11 & over finals session alone, Vermillion had one swimmer set new meet records and a handful others finish first in their respective races.

That record-breaking performance came from 13-year-old Maddie Lavin in the 200-meter butterfly — an event she called "one of the hardest" in the meet.

"I tried to tell myself to stay long and strong," she said. "It's a lot harder than most of the other ones (events)."

Another of the Vermillion swimmers to finish first Saturday was 12-year-old Anna Van Holland in the 100-meter breaststroke.

"I thought I could win, but I was really nervous," said Van Holland, who has already been with the team for three years. "It was fun walking in like that, but it made me more nervous."

Nerves were not so much a factor for Martinez, but she said she prefers the freestyle over the breaststroke because it's a shorter distance; one lap across the pool rather than two.

"When we come here, we get to race against our friends," Martinez said. "And you get two chances at your event; two chances to get faster."

Part of improving those times, too, has to do with a willingness to want to shave times, Moran said.

"They're all good kids and they listen," he said. "That's the biggest thing. They want to get better and because there's not a big group, we can work with them more."

On certain nights, the team will split up at practices, giving the athletes even more one-on-one attention in the pool, Lavin said.

"The coaches can tell you what you're doing right or what you should work on," she said. "The more feedback helps you."

Ultimately, the team has seen an across-the-board progression, Moran said.

"Those older kids have gotten better, and those kids behind them are getting better," he said. "It's really been a snowball effect."

### Minnesota Record Breaker

Kylie Vermeire made her first trip to Yankton a memo-

orable one.

The 16-year-old from Marshall, Minn., set a new meet record in the girls' 13 & over 400-meter freestyle, with a time of 4:56.20 on Saturday afternoon — breaking the previous record that had stood since 2010.

"I felt really good warming up, and my stroke felt good and strong," she said after her race. "If I raced well, I thought I could set the record."

A member of the Southwest Swim Club, Vermeire will be a junior at Marshall High School this fall and plans to swim in college, but has not decided what school to attend.

Vermeire, who has been swimming for 10 years, said she has an uncle who lives in Yankton. And though she was able to visit family, she said her trip was all business — especially with the chance to take advantage of Yankton's unique setup for the meet.

"You don't always have the chance to swim prelims and finals, so it's good practice for the bigger meets," she said.

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