

Soccer: Yankton Rebels Win Their Way To Regionals

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Yankton is sending a youth soccer team to the Buckeye State for a rather prestigious tournament later this month.

The Yankton Rebels picked up a 2-0 victory Sunday over Dakota Alliance (DASC) Premier Black in the girls' U-17 division at the South Dakota Soccer State Cup.

It wasn't for a championship, but it was still a significant win for the Rebels.

The victory qualified Yankton to the 2014 US Youth Soccer Region II Championship, to be held June 21-25 in Beavercreek, Ohio — a suburb of Dayton.

"For those ladies, that's a

big deal," Rebels head coach Warren Brenner said Sunday. "I don't know that they've ever had a chance like this. In those regional-type tournaments, there are some very good teams."

According to the Region II Championships website, the tournament consists of state champions from 14 states, as well as wildcard entries — which Yankton earned. The tournament will attract more than 212 boys' and girls' teams, ages U-13 through U-19.

Regional winners in Ohio will earn a berth to the 2014 US Youth Soccer National Championships.

Advancing out of the South Dakota State Cup, however, was tough for the Rebels, according to Brenner. Yankton won Friday's opener

5-0, but then suffered a 6-0 loss Saturday against SDU Legacy. Then came Sunday's game.

"They worked really hard; they earned that spot," Brenner said.

The Rebels defeated DASC Premier Black 2-0 on Sunday, thanks to two goals from Brianna Benjamin, to earn the victory — their first over DASC.

"To upset them and play like they did, the girls had an outstanding game," Brenner said. "They had good connections, good passing, and the defense top to bottom was very good."

"It was an emotional uprising," he added, with a chuckle.



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The Yankton Rebels won the U-17 girls' division at the South Dakota Soccer State Cup, thanks to a 2-0 victory Sunday over DASC Premier Black in Brookings. Yankton earned a bid to the U.S. Youth Soccer Region II Championship, to be held June 21-25 in Beavercreek, Ohio. Team members include: (front, L-R) Amber Simek, Haliegh Diede, Autumn Barnett, Erin Luken, Brianna Benjamin, Kendall Lillie, Danielle Beckmann, Becca Moser, (back) Coach Warren Brenner, Natlaie Ferris, Amanda Gravholt, Sophie Bisgard, Taylor Ruter, Haley Schild, Madason Tessier, Raquel Cole, Janae Osborne, Elizabeth Rust and Coach Tyler Schurring.

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'He Would Have Loved This'

Long-Time Youth Supporter Died Last Week At 84

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The family members of Morris "Morrie" Wachendorf were the guests of honor at Riverside Field on Saturday following the passing of what is being remembered as a great sportsman.

Wachendorf, of Bismarck, North Dakota and formerly from Yankton, passed last Monday at the age of 84. For some members, it was the first time they were able to attend the Morrie Wachendorf Classic.

"This was his pride and joy. It was his life. He always wanted his family to come," said daughter in law Kathy Wachendorf, who was among the family members recognized on the field prior to Saturday morning's first game.

"For some of us, this is our first time here. He would have loved this."

According to those who remember him, Wachendorf was a huge fan of baseball. In



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Andy Bernatow, center, shakes hands with members of the Morrie Wachendorf family prior to Saturday's first game of the Morrie Wachendorf Classic at Riverside Field. Wachendorf, a long-time support of youth baseball, died last week at the age of 84.

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Yankton Junior Legion Takes Third At Wachendorf Classic



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Beresford third baseman Thatcher Schlup hauls in a pop fly during Sunday's third-place game against Yankton Junior Legion of the Morrie Wachendorf Classic at Riverside Field.

In the first Morrie Wachendorf Classic since the passing last week of the event's namesake, Yankton Junior Legion closed its weekend with a third-place victory Sunday over Beresford at Riverside Field.

Yankton lost both of its games Saturday, and suffered a loss earlier Sunday before beating Beresford 9-6 for third. West Central beat Millard Sox for the championship.

BERESFORD 14, YANKTON 11: In Saturday's first game, Yankton got three hits from Mason Townsend, and two each from Reid Sawatzke and Michael Heine.

Jordan Kathol, Bradey Sorenson and Adam Heine all chipped in with one hit, and Chase Vogt took the loss.

MILLARD SOX 4, YANKTON 3: In Saturday's loss, Tyler Guthmiller led Yankton with two hits, while Michael Heine, Townsend and Sorenson all had one hit. Hunter Cameron was the losing pitcher.

WEST CENTRAL 4, YANKTON 1: In Sunday's first game, Townsend led Yankton with three hits and Guthmiller added two more.

Hunter Ryan, Sawatzke and Tanner Watts all had one hit, and Sorenson took the loss.

YANKTON 9, BERESFORD 6: In the third-place game, Sawatzke, Michael Heine and

Adam Heine all had two hits in the win.

Townsend, Levi Schmidt, Sorenson, Kathol and Vogt all had one hit. Watts picked up the win.

Yankton Junior Legion, now 8-8, returns to action Wednesday at home against Sioux Falls East.

Legion

Milt Simmons Tourn.

SIOUX FALLS — Yankton Post 12 went 2-2 at the Milt Simmons Tournament in Sioux Falls, moving to 8-3 on the season.

YANKTON 2, S.F. EAST 1: In the first game, Brad Ulmer drove in the game-winning run in the top of the seventh inning with a bunt single. He also doubled for Post 12.

Colin Muth pitched six innings with five strikeouts for the win, while Mitch Gullikson got the save.

Lane Sawatzke and Muth both singled, while Landon Withrow singled and scored.

OMAHA BURKE 16, YANKTON 11: Despite three RBI from both Ulmer and Austin Johnson, Post 12 came up short to Omaha Burke.

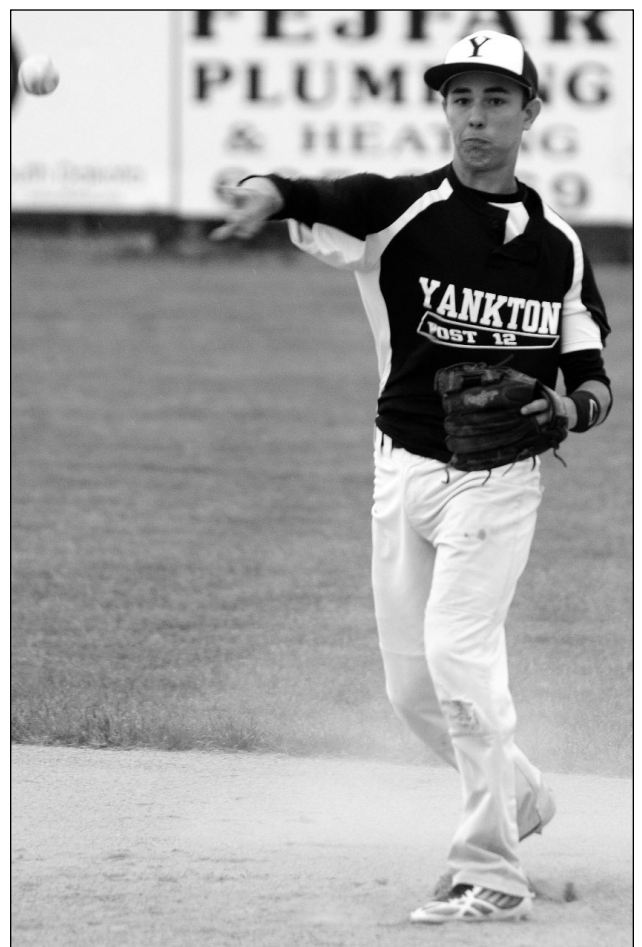
Johnson pitched five innings, while Gullikson got the loss. Johnson double and singled at the plate, with three RBI, while Ulmer tripled, doubled, singled and drove in three.

Sheldon Gant doubled and drove in a run, Sawatzke had an RBI double, Adam Walter doubled and Gullikson added a hit.

RODSA'S 9, YANKTON 0: Ulmer, Johnson and Gant all singled for Post 12, while Sawatzke took the loss.

YANKTON 7, S.F. WEST 6: In Post 12's final game, Withrow pitched six innings with three strikeouts to get the win. Sawatzke got the save.

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Yankton Junior Legion second baseman Hunter Ryan fields a grounder and throws to first during Sunday's third-place game against Beresford at the Morrie Wachendorf Classic at Riverside Field.

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Softball: Spitfire Capture Norfolk Golden Girls Tourney Crown

The Yankton Spitfire claimed the championship at the Norfolk Golden Girls Softball Tournament. Team members include: (front, L-R) Jessica Wirth, Brooke Loecker, Karlee Kozak, (back) Heather Hauer, Bailey Kortan, Sophie Drotzmann, Allison Sexton, Morgan Rothschild, Jaclyn Arens and Liz Suing.

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NORFOLK, Neb. — The Yankton Spitfire traveled an hour from home and made the trip worthwhile, claiming the team championship at the Norfolk Golden Girls Softball Tournament which concluded Sunday.

The Spitfire defeated the Golden Girls 9-8 in Sunday's championship game, thanks to three hits and three runs scored by Bailey Kortan.

Heather Hauer had a pair of RBI singles, while Sophie Drotzmann singled twice and had two RBI. Jessica Wirth doubled and singled, Karlee Kozak singled twice, and Brooke Loecker and Morgan Roth-

schild both singled.

Jaclyn Arens was the winning pitcher, with three strikeouts, while also singling with two RBI at the plate.

Yankton returns to Norfolk on Wednesday and will host the Wayne Dirt Devils for a 6:30 p.m. doubleheader on Thursday at Riverside Park.

Pool Play

SPITFIRE 6, TEKEMAH-HERMAN 2: In Saturday's first game, Wirth was 3-3 with two singles, a 2-run home run and three runs scored for Yankton, while Rothschild tripled twice.

Arens had a pair of RBI singles, and was also the winning pitcher with five strikeouts. Kortan and Drotzmann both singled, and Hauer scored a run.

SPITFIRE 8, FIRE & ICE 1: Kozek hit a 2-run homer and added an RBI single, while Drotzmann and Rothschild singled twice with two RBI for Yankton on Saturday.

Hauer and Liz Suing both singled, while Arens was again the winning pitcher with four strikeouts, and a single at the plate.

RED RIPPERS 6, SPITFIRE 4:

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