

## Successful Weekend For Yankton Soccer, Softball



The Yankton Phitens outscored opponents 30-0 in winning their U-12 girls' division of the Yankton Invitational youth soccer tournament on Sunday. Team members include (front) Madison Schroeder, Megan Cap, Molly Vornhagen, Payton Wolfgram, Thea Luken, Ava Manning, (back) Madison Wuebben, Lexi Rust, Morgan Strahl, Sadie Fedders, Kylie Bochman, Emily Rafferty and Emma Christensen.



The Yankton Fury White finished second in the silver division of their age group at the Lowell Rang girls' softball tournament, which concluded on Sunday. Team members include (front) Madelyn Eidsness, Camryn Koletzky, Nora Welker, Thea Chance, Frannie Kouri, Coach Luke Serck, (middle) Sydnee Serck, Brynn Kenney, Emma Yost, Grace Behrns, Katie Schulte, Taryn Fitzgerald, Chloe Vander Tuig, (back) coaches Todd Chance, Tyler Behrns and Jay Fitzgerald. Not pictured is Shae Rumsey.



The Yankton Shamrocks won the silver division of their age group at the Lowell Rang girls' softball tournament, which concluded on Sunday. Team members include (front) Lauren Eidsness, Noel Kusek, Jessica Reinhardt, Larkyn Mason, Abby Newman, (back) coach Brian McGinnis, Carissa Salvatori, Bat girl Jazlin Romero, coach Steve Kirby, Jaidyn Wishon, Brooklyn Bernatow, Gabby Pietila, Hannah Muth, Kelsey Oswald, coach Katrina Romero and head coach Ramon Romero.

### World Cup

## Instead Of Break, US Contemplates Math

SAO PAULO (AP) — Instead of taking a breather, the U.S. created a World Cup math puzzle for its fans back in America.

Just 30 seconds from clinching advancement with a game to spare, the U.S. conceded a stoppage-time goal that left it with a 2-2 draw against Portugal on Sunday. With four points, the Americans may need at least a tie from their Group G finale against three-time champion Germany to advance to the knockout stage.

"Now we have no choice but to regroup, get ourselves ready for another big game on Thursday," midfielder Michael Bradley said.

Germany leads the group with four points after routing Portugal 4-0 and tying Ghana 2-2. The U.S., which opened with a 2-1 victory over Ghana, also has four points and trails on goal difference. Ghana and Portugal have one point each.

The U.S. would advance to the knockout stage of consecutive World Cups for the first time with a win or a tie against the Germans, or a draw between Ghana and Portugal in a match played simultaneously. If there's a winner in the other game, the Americans also could advance with four points on a tiebreaker: goal difference,

## Mexico Beats Croatia 3-1 To Advance

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — One of the first things Miguel Herrera did when he became Mexico's fourth coach in a year was call Rafael Marquez and ask the 35-year-old defender known as "the boss" to return to the national side as captain.

On Monday, the world saw why. Marquez's pivotal goal from a header in the 72nd minute ignited a scoring burst, and Mexico surged into the World Cup's knockout stage for a sixth straight time with a 3-1 triumph over Croatia.

"I did not hesitate one minute after my talk with him to appoint him captain,"

Herrera said of Marquez, now in his fourth World Cup. "He's had many achievements in his career, personally, but he's also provided leadership to the team, that soundness, and that is why they call him the boss."

Marquez, Andres Guardado and Javier "Chicharito" Hernandez scored in a 10-minute span in the second half, dooming a talented Croatia side to elimination from the group stage.

The Croats had to win to advance and held the bulk of possession, but had trouble seriously threatening goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa, who kept out all ef-

orts until an 87th-minute consolation goal from Ivan Perisic.

Mexico entered the game needing only a draw, but played aggressively and looked dangerous in attack even before breaking through. The result gave Mexico a second-place finish behind Brazil in Group A and set up a second-round meeting with Group B winner the Netherlands.

Marquez, who had scored in Germany in 2006 and South Africa four years ago, made it three straight World Cups with a goal by beating Croatia defender Vedran Corliuka to head home Hector Herrera's corner.

followed by total goals, head-to-head points, head-to-head goal difference and head-to-head goals. If a tie still isn't resolved, there would be a drawing of lots.

"Had we been down 2-1 and we came back, we'd be flying high right now," goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "It's the Group of Death. Most people counted us out. So, it's no problem. We're going to the last game with a chance."

The U.S. arrived back at

its base hotel in Sao Paulo at about 5 a.m. on Monday after a four-hour flight from the match in the steamy Amazon rainforest capital of Manaus. The starters were given the day off, and the reserves trained in the late afternoon at Sao Paulo Futebol Clube.

After Tuesday's training session, the team makes the three-hour-plus flight to the northeast beach city of Recife. While the Americans have just three days off be-

tween matches, Germany has four.

"There's a lot of things you can't control. That's a quirk of the schedule," U.S. Soccer Federation President Sunil Gulati said. "It's a quirk of the schedule that we've got more travel than anybody else in the first round, but we had less than everyone else in the first round in South Africa. So those things balance out."

## Tulowitzki, Bautista Named Captains At All-Star HR Derby

BY PAT GRAHAM  
AP Sports Writer

Troy Tulowitzki just hopes no one will hold any grudges when he picks the National League participants for the Home Run Derby at the All-Star Game.

The Colorado Rockies shortstop will serve as captain of the NL side and select the four other members for the derby. Jose Bautista of the Toronto Blue Jays is in charge of the American League.

"To be the captain, I don't know if that's something I'm looking forward to because of how tough the decisions are going to be," Tulowitzki said Monday before the Rockies played the St. Louis Cardinals. "You can't put everybody that wants to participate on your team. So with that, you open yourself up."

"But, at the same time, I'm honored to be the National League captain."

The event will be held July 14 at Target Field, the night before the showcase game in Minneapolis.

Bautista is a two-time major league home run champion. Tulowitzki has hit at least 25 homers in three of the past four seasons.

Although the honor was just recently bestowed on Tulowitzki, he's already mulling over his options. Giancarlo Stanton of Miami is high on his list, especially since he leads the league in homers with 20. Yasiel Puig of the Los Angeles Dodgers is also a consideration.

Tulowitzki may even select teammate Justin Morneau, especially since the first baseman came up in the Twins' organization and it would be a homecoming.

"That would be neat for him," said Tulowitzki, who has 18 homers this season. "Obviously, he's a guy I have a relationship with."

## SCL

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players intact.

The lineup for Sunday night's game included names like Jake Weier, Mitch Wollmann, Brett Scherschligt, Lee Scherschligt, Smidt, Nathan Weier and Allan Scherschligt. In short: Names that are familiar to SCL followers.

Freeman, though, isn't immune to newcomers. Christian Wolfgang (who leads the team with a .438 batting average, at last check) and Derek Wieman joined the team this summer.

Experience has played a role in situations, for example, when the Black Sox make errors in the field, Brett said.

"I think for us, we have the ability to look past an error or two," he said. "It's not something where we hang our head, you just have to keep playing."

With the exception of two games, every SCL contest has been relatively close for the Black Sox. Freeman lost its league — and season — opener to Irene 15-1, then lost to Crofton 4-2, and then was defeated by Wynot 11-4.

Since then, every game has been decided by three runs or fewer.

"Overall, we're getting there, which is fine, but we're winning the close games we need to," Allan said.

What does Freeman need to do to keep its hot streak rolling? The Black Sox have a stretch coming up against Tabor (6-2), Crofton, Wynot and Tabor again.

"If we can get everyone in our lineup hitting, we should be able to stay in some games," Allan said. "It's all about having confidence in yourself."

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## Golf: Yankton Couple Wins Husband-Wife Senior Title

DELL RAPIDS — Steve and Cindy Weiland of Yankton won the senior division of the South Dakota Golf Association's Husband-Wife Championships, held this past weekend at Rocky Run Golf Course in Dell Rapids.

The Weilands shot a two-day score of 156 to score a four-stroke victory over Robert and Jean Nash of Rapid City, as well as Keel and Patty Coddington

of Sioux Falls.

In the open divisions, James and Tracey Grotenhuis of Yankton beat out another Yankton couple, Bill and Lisa Berry, for top honors in the third flight. Grotenhuis' shot 165 to win by one stroke.

The top two duos in flight four were also from Yankton, as Jim and Stacy Schramm (174) scored a 10-stroke vic-

tory over David and Carla Ewald.

Larry and Anne Meyer won the third flight in the senior division, shooting a 176 for a two-stroke victory. Buddy and Karen Hovland of Yankton finished second in the fourth flight of seniors.

Dustin and Ashley Horning of Rapid City won the Open division title.

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means the same on this team."

Yankton's experienced ball players are helping the young-guns through the struggles of a legion season, Krier said.

"Our older guys have been great leaders, guys like Termansen, Gullikson, and Sawatzke have been here and don't get overwhelmed," he said. "They play the game the right way. They've really taken the younger guys under their wing and have acted like there is no age difference and have the ability to share with each other."

Gant feels his game is only going up, playing under his respected peers.

"So far, this season has been a lot of fun, I have learned a lot from the older guys," he said. "Their leadership has been great."

A main factor for Yankton's successful start has been its pitching.

"Our success so far has a lot to do with pitching and throwing strikes," Sawatzke said. "We can throw six or seven guys who can pitch a win. We have been hitting pretty good, but we haven't hit our stride yet."

A key to keeping their success is staying focused on the ultimate goal.

"One thing we cannot do this season is coast," Gant said. "Never can we be satisfied with what we have. We need to learn from every game and take practices like games. We cannot think and just be content. Everyday is a new one, which means we have room to improve and push ourselves to be the best we can be."

As a leader, Sawatzke knows defense to be elite going into July.

"We need to stay focused, keep having good practices and our defense needs to step up. We can always tweak things, but to win baseball games, defense needs to be very solid."

Krier sees a lot from the 2011 state runner-up squad in this summer's gang.

"There are a lot of similarities (to the 2011 state runner up team)," he said. "We aren't going to pound the ball around the park, we play a lot of small ball, which was exactly like that team. We have been very solid on defense so far and are six guys deep on the pitching staff, just like that team was in the tournament."

Post 12 has its biggest week so far of the season, with four games against Sioux Falls. Two double headers versus Sioux Falls East and West.

"(Going into league play) We are going to keep the same mindset; some teams may be scared of the Sioux Falls teams, but I mean, we've beat Sioux Falls West four times this season already," Sawatzke said. "We know that we can compete and win those games."

Krier sees this week as a chance for Yankton to control their own destiny early in the regional tournament hunt.

"Right now we are focused

on this week, it's huge for us," he said. "Consistency is the name of the game, you need to make plays and the dog days of summer are coming with a lot of games. We need to stay mentally strong like we have been all season."

"We have four games against Sioux Falls teams (East and West), and three of them are league games. If we win these games, we could control our own destiny for a number one seed in the Regional tournament next month."

Krier isn't concerned about repeating their success at the Gopher Classic tournament in Minneapolis. Last season, Post 12 made a Cinderella run into the Elite Eight.

"We have always had the mentality that the league games were the most important games on our schedule," he said. "Last season it worked out great with our run at the Gopher Classic that we had all our arms."

Gant said his team isn't content with the great start, but is feeding off the energy.

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improve and push ourselves to be the best we can be."

With the band all playing the same tune, the goal is clear for the rest of the season, Krier said.

"We are going to look to improve the rest of the season, we tell them that everyday teams are getting better," he said. "Our ultimate goal is in late July, we are able to play our best baseball, we're just looking for that moment when it all clicks and hopefully it stays."

After two cracks at a state tournament, Sawatzke hopes his third time is a charm.

"Every year you go into the season wanting to make a run at the state tournament, and that's any sport," he said. "After three seasons on the legion team, I haven't tasted that yet, we as seniors have one last ride."

Yankton hosts Sioux Falls West today at Riverside Field. The twinbill is set to start at 5 p.m., with the second directly after. On Thursday, Yankton hosts Sioux Falls East at 2 p.m., with the second to follow. Both games will be counted as league games.

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## Baseball

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Lesterville visits Menno on Thursday and Wynot hosts Yankton on Friday.

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David Schenk, Eric Hames (1) and Scott Heine, Alex Wagner and Zach Johnson

### Freeman 6, Irene 5

FREEMAN — Mitch Wollman's RBI single in the bottom of the 11th lifted Freeman past Irene 6-5 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday night.

Alan Scherschligt reached on a one-out single, advanced on a Jake Weier groundout and scored the winning run on the Wollman hit.

Weier and Wollman each had two hits for Freeman.

Alex Loes, George Sees and Mike King each had two hits for Irene, which

outhit the Black Sox 12-7.

Lee Scherschligt picked up the win. King took the loss.

Both teams travel to Tabor next, Freeman on Tuesday and Irene on Friday.  
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Andrew Hora, Mike King (8) and Sam Parkinson; Jake Weier, Lee Scherschligt (7) and Derek Wieman

### Avon 13, Scotland 6

SCOTLAND — Dan Bures had five hits, including two doubles, and drove in three runs as Avon powered past Scotland 13-6 in South Central League action on Sunday.




Drue Soukup had three hits, including two doubles, and two RBI for Avon. Nick Honke added three hits and two RBI for the Bards.

For Scotland, Wyatt Brosesch and Jason Vaitch each had three hits.

Logan Tyzc picked up the win. Bryan Fuks took the loss.

Avon travels to Freeman and Scotland hosts Crofton on Friday.

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