

Yankton Battles To Split With East

Tabor Topples Corsica 11-1

Yankton Post 12 split with Sioux Falls East in American Legion baseball action on Thursday, dropping the opener 6-3 before winning the nightcap 3-0.

The split moved Yankton to 22-5 overall, 3-1 in region play.

Austin Johnson tossed a complete game shutout in the victory, striking out four.

Offensively, Landon Withrow, Lane Sawatzke and Mitch Gullikson each had a hit and a RBI. Brad Ulmer and Tanner Termansen each had a double, a single and a run scored. Colin Muth and Johnson added hits.

In the opener, Sawatzke had two hits, two RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Adam Walter had two hits and a RBI. Ulmer posted a double and a run scored. Muth and Johnson added hits.

Sawatzke took the loss in relief of Muth, pitching the final three innings.

Yankton travels to Watertown on Monday.

Tabor 11, Corsica 1

TABOR — Austin Kaul tossed a four-hitter and had three hits of his own to lead Tabor to an 11-1 victory over Corsica in American Legion baseball action on Thursday.

Scott Wieseler had a team-high four hits, including a double, for Tabor. Kaul had a double among his three hits. Nick Blom doubled for Corsica.

Kaul struck out five in the seven-inning contest for the complete game victory. Allen Muilenberg took the loss.

Tabor, 8-3, travels to Canova on Monday to face McCook-Miner.

Juniors: Yankton 5-3, Brandon Valley 2-9

Yankton Post 12 split with Brandon Valley in American Legion junior baseball action on Wednesday at Riverside Field.

Yankton claimed the opener 5-2.



Nate Hein drove in two runs, and Levi Schmidt and Michael Heine each drove in a run to lead Yankton.

Schmidt picked up the win.

Mason Townsend had two hits to lead Yankton in the nightcap, a 9-3 Brandon Valley decision. Hunter Ryan, Jordan Kathol, Schmidt, Heine and Bradey Sorenson each had hits for Post 12. Townsend took the loss.

Softball

Fury White 13-6, Norfolk Golden Girls 9-6

NORFOLK, Neb. — The Yankton Fury White split a doubleheader with the Norfolk Golden Girls, claiming the opener 13-9 before dropping the nightcap 12-6. Yankton was no-hit in the nightcap.

In the opener, Emma Yost had a hit and a run scored, and Taryn Fitzgerald drove in two runs to lead Yankton. Nora Welker, Sydnee Serck, Shae Rumsey and Katie Schulte each scored twice in the victory.



Yankton scored a split against a tough Sioux Falls East squad, dropping the opener 6-3 before claiming a 3-0 victory in the nightcap. Yankton is now 22-5 overall, 3-1 against region competition.

ABOVE: Lane Sawatzke, left, dives to take out a Sioux Falls East baserunner during the opening game of Post 12's American Legion baseball doubleheader with Sioux Falls East on Thursday at Yankton's Riverside Field. (James D. Cimbuerek/P&D)

LEFT: Yankton pitcher Colin Muth fires the ball plateward during the opening game. Muth pitched three innings and took a no-decision. (Adrienne Kusek/P&D)

Cavs Take Wiggins With No. 1 Pick In NBA Draft; McDermott Ends Up In Chicago

NEW YORK (AP) — With Andrew Wiggins at No. 1, it was a big night for Canada and Kansas. And it better be the right one for the Cavaliers.

Cleveland went north of the border to open the NBA draft for the second straight year Thursday night, hoping Wiggins works out better than Anthony Bennett.

Thrilled to go first and even happier when Jayhawks teammate Joel Embiid went two picks later, Wiggins beamed in his black tuxedo jacket with a white floral pattern.

"A thousand thoughts are going through my head right now," Wiggins said. "It's a dream come true."

Bennett was injured last summer, came into the season out of shape and made no impact, one of the reasons the Cavs were back in this spot again.

But Wiggins seems a much more ready product after averaging a Kansas freshman-record 17.1 points. He might have ended up as the top pick anyway, but became the best option for the Cavs when Embiid suffered a stress fracture in his right foot shortly before the draft.

After making Canada the only

country besides the U.S. to have consecutive No. 1 picks, Wiggins slipped on a maroon Cleveland hat, hugged his supporters and went on stage to shake hands with Commissioner Adam Silver, who was calling the first round for the first time since replacing David Stern.

Milwaukee followed with another freshman, Duke forward Jabari Parker, who on Wednesday disputed that he was out of shape for his workout with Cleveland and performed poorly. Some consider him the more NBA-ready player after an All-American season for the Blue Devils, and getting to play in Milwaukee puts him near his family in Chicago.

"I'm just very optimistic," Parker said. "If it was 1, 2, put me at 60, just getting that opportunity, getting that chance of being in the NBA."

Embiid went third to Philadelphia, drawing loud cheers from the many red-and-blue dressed 76ers fans who made the trip to Barclays Center in Brooklyn, as well as from Philadelphia guard Michael Carter-Williams, last season's Rookie of the Year who was sitting on the arena

floor level.

The 76ers had two top-10 picks and could afford to take a chance on Embiid, the big man who may have ended up the top prize despite his lone season at Kansas ending early because of a bad back. But once the foot injury popped up during workouts, leaving his NBA debut uncertain after surgery, the two teams at the top passed.

"He worked so hard," Wiggins said. "He didn't let nothing get to him. He always stayed motivated. So I'm just proud. It's a proud moment for Kansas."

Arizona forward Aaron Gordon went fourth to Orlando, which also had two picks in the lottery, followed by Australian guard Dante Exum to Utah.

Then came two teams not used to picking so high: The Boston Celtics took Oklahoma State guard Marcus Smart, with the rival Los Angeles Lakers following at No. 7 with Kentucky forward Julius Randle.

It was considered a deep draft, with top-level talent stretching toward the bottom of the lottery and perhaps beyond. It squeezed itself

into the free agency frenzy that kicked off Monday, when Carmelo Anthony informed the New York Knicks he would become a free agent. LeBron James did the same the next day in Miami, and moves around the league since then appeared to be made with the pursuit of them in mind.

If James is interested in returning to Cleveland, a new teammate would be glad to welcome him.

"I want to win," Wiggins said. "If he wants to win, we'd be good together."

The 76ers took point guard Elfrid Payton of Louisiana-Lafayette at No. 10 with their second pick — they went into the draft with seven overall in the two rounds — and Orlando grabbed Croatian forward Dario Saric with its other lottery pick at No. 12.

In between, Denver took Creighton's Doug McDermott, but the scoring star was already bracing for a reported trade to Chicago, asking officials if he was supposed to keep wearing the Nuggets hat. He was told he was until the deal was made.

NBA Selects Isaiah Austin In Draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Between the 15th and 16th picks in Thursday night's draft came a very special selection by the NBA.

Commissioner Adam Silver announced at that point that the NBA would let Isaiah Austin fulfill the dream of every young player, making him a ceremonial pick.

Just over a week ago, the sophomore center from Baylor was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome, a rare genetic disorder that affects the heart. It ended his playing career.

The illness was discovered during a physical for the draft.

"For Commissioner Silver to even invite me here was a tremendous blessing and it just shows how much class that man has," Austin said. "It's really been a tough week for me, and it's been really rough. I've just had a tremendous amount of support from everybody around the world, telling me they're praying for me and everything. I can't thank everybody enough."



Menno's Ryan Liebl lines a single up the middle during Thursday night's South Central League home game against Lesterville. JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Mad Frogs Mow Down Lesterville

MENNO — Tom Sattler tossed an efficient complete game, throwing just 102 pitches, as the Menno Mad Frogs mowed Lesterville 6-2 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Thursday.

Ryan Liebl had a double and two singles, and Doug Hall and Dylan Lehr each had two hits to lead Menno. Macon Oplinger had a RBI double and Tyler Miller added a two-run single in the victory.

For Lesterville, Darrin Svacina had a double and two singles, driving in one, to lead the way. Cody Ulmer added a RBI double for the Broncos.

Sattler scattered nine hits in the complete game victory. Tyler Edler took the loss.

Menno, now 3-8 in SCL play, hosts Avon on Sunday. Lesterville hosts Irene on Sunday.

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Tyler Edler, Darrin Svacina (7) and Zach Johnson; Tom Sattler and Jay Thaler

U.S. Advances In World Cup Despite Loss To Germany

RECIFE, Brazil (AP) — Joachim Loew and Jurgen Klinsmann shook hands, smiled and patted each on the shoulders, like the two good friends they are. The two coaches had every reason to be pleased: both of their teams advanced to the knockout stage of the World Cup.

Loew's Germany beat Klinsmann's United States 1-0 thanks to Thomas Mueller's fourth goal of the tournament and the outcome allowed both teams to advance. Portugal beat Ghana 2-1 in the other Group G match but both were eliminated.

A draw would have been enough as well, and it had been the matter of much conjecture before Thursday's match at the rain drenched Arena Pernambuco. But neither team held back and both attacked, although Germany was clearly in control.

"Well, first I asked him (Klinsmann) for the result of the other match. I didn't know that and he also told me they advanced and I told him, I'm happy," Loew said.

"That is a tough group and

the Americans were a bit the outsiders. Everybody considered Portugal a favorite to make it. ... (The Americans) really have qualities, they fight, they can run and they really are tough on the opponent. If you beat Ghana, play a draw against Portugal, I think you deserve to make it to the next round."

Germany, a three-time champion, now travels to Porto Alegre to play Algeria, the runner-up in Group H, on June 30. The Americans play group winners Belgium on July 1 in Salvador.

Belgium beat South Korea 1-0 and Algeria finished second in the group with a 1-1 draw against Russia.

"It's a good feeling because now it's really just a clear picture for everyone. Just focus on that one opponent you have for that next game. ... We'll just talk about one team to beat at a time and this is why I'm really excited" about this next phase, Klinsmann said.

Klinsmann was Loew's predecessor and was him