

# Tanagers Place Third In State High School Baseball Tourney



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Vermillion second baseman John Benson goes flying after being upended by McCook's Ross Roling during the third place game of the South Dakota Class B High School Baseball Tournament on Saturday in Sioux Falls.

## Vermillion Rallied Past McCook In Third Place Game; Fell To Dells In Semis

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SIOUX FALLS – Vermillion High School topped McCook Central 6-4 for third place in the Class B state baseball tournament Saturday afternoon at Augustana College's Ronken Field in Sioux Falls.

"This is group of kids you don't have to say much about," said head coach Jason Gault. "They're going to compete, and if that means playing for third place instead of first place, they're going to go out there and they're still going to do a great job and hustle and give it 100 percent."

Travis Weber's two run single in the top of the third inning gave the Tanagers a 2-0 lead, but Vermillion fell behind 4-2 in bottom of the frame.

"We go up early with two, they chase back with four," Gault said. "Then we get a big hit out of Travis Weber. Just pretty typical of what you've seen in the past four or five games."

Weber again got the Tanagers on the board in the fifth inning with an RBI single followed by another RBI single from Jake Odens. Weber came around to score when Nate Robertson hit into a fielder's choice.

Hunter Christopherson's RBI single in the sixth inning gave the final score of 6-4.

Odens started on the mound for Vermillion and didn't give up a hit until the third inning. In all, Odens gave up four runs on two hits with four walks. Carter Kratz came in for relief in the third and gave a solid performance going four and two-thirds innings giving up two hits with four strikeouts.

"We think the strike zone kind of shrinks a little bit on us with (Odens) up there in that inning where he walked a couple guys and then Carter comes in and does a good job."

Cole Anderson went 2-for-4 and Brandon Mockler was 1-for-1 with two walks.

In Saturday morning opening game of the tournament, Vermillion fell to Dell

Rapids 3-2.

"We have to score more runs than two if we're going to beat that team and that's just the way it is," Gault said. "It was a good baseball game though, and I think it gives you an idea of the kind of competition the state tournament brings in."

The Tanagers went up 1-0 early in the first when Christopherson reached base on an error that scored Kratz.

Christopherson again brought Kratz home in the third with an RBI single.

Dell Rapids plated three in the bottom of the sixth inning with a sacrifice fly and a two run single for the go-ahead run.

"It was a tough one," Gault said. "You feel like you're in control of it. We knew that two runs weren't going to be enough to beat them. That's a very good baseball team."

Christopherson threw a complete game for the Tanagers going six innings and allowing five hits with three strikeouts and two walks.

Vermillion ends the season as regional champions and third place in the state with a 14-4 overall record.

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# 'So Different From Back Home'

## Opening Ceremony Provides Interaction

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In their home country, Mansour Alawi and Obai Arafat would probably have never danced with a large group that included females.

That's the custom in Saudi Arabia; the genders are typically separate from each other. Outside of an intimate relationship, there wouldn't be much interaction between a man and a woman.

That wasn't the case for the two male Saudi Arabian archers during Sunday's opening ceremony for the World Archery Youth Championships (WAYC) in Yankton.

Two of the three male Cadet Recurve shooters from their country, Alawai and Arafat joined in the large crowd of archers who went out to dance during a Native American performance.

"It's very important," said their coach, Clint Savo, a native of the Philippines. "It gives them more of an open mind, because it's so different from back home."

Both Alawi and Arafat said their favorite part of the hour-long opening ceremony was the dancing, during the Osni Ponca Heduska (Warrior) Society performance.

Although both archers weren't thinking of their cultural instincts when they joined in the fun, it's all part of the experience of visiting a new country, their coach said.

"It's totally different," Savo said. "Back home, it's close-

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## Smiles, Laughs At WAYC

ABOVE: Archers dance along with a member of the Osni Ponca Heduska (Warrior) Society during a performance at Sunday's opening ceremony for the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

LEFT: These archers and coaches take photos of Sunday's World Archery Youth Championships opening ceremony in Yankton.

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## Rest, Then Racing For American Pharoah After Triple Crown

NEW YORK (AP) — A hero's welcome greeted Triple Crown winner American Pharoah onto a Kentucky on Sunday, the first of many such receptions expected for the sporting world's newest superstar.

The 3-year-old colt has more racing in his future, along with an avalanche of publicity and money-making opportunities after pulling off the first sweep of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont in 37 years.

Before leaving Belmont Park, trainer Bob Baffert led American Pharoah onto a patch of grass outside of, fittingly, Barn 1 on a sunny and warm morning. It was only hours after his front-running, 5 1/2-length victory, but the low-key champ appeared to

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## Baseball: Mitchell Wins Shortened Daryl Bernard Classic

Mitchell was named the champion of the Daryl Bernard Classic baseball tournament after Saturday's final game of the tournament was called due to weather concerns.

Both Mitchell and Yankton came in to the final game with a 3-0 record. Mitchell led 3-0 after three innings when the game was called. The game needed to go one more inning to be an official game, but Mitchell had the tiebreaker edge after allowing fewer runs.

Yankton's American Legion junior squad plays at Tabor on Tuesday. Start time for the twinbill is 5 p.m.

**YANKTON 4, S.F. WEST 3:** Kellen Franzen went 2-3, and Chase Vogt, Caid Koletzky, Jack Schoenfelder, Jakob Larson and Miles Carda each had one hit.

Cater Peterson did not allow an earned run in the complete game victory.

**YANKTON 13, S.F. EAST 9:** Jack Schoenfelder had three hits and five RBI, and Michael Heine also had three

hits for Yankton. Chase Vogt and Nathan Hein each had two hits. Caid Koletzky, Kellen Franzen and Justin Leader each had a hit.

Trey Bakke picked up the win, pitching three innings.

**YANKTON 5, WEST CENTRAL 1:** Chase Vogt, Justin Leader and Michael Heine each went 2-3 with a RBI to lead Yankton.

For West Central, Deron Garry, Brandon McKnight and Joseph Hanisch each had two hits.

Jack Schoenfelder went the distance for the win. McKnight took the loss.

**MITCHELL 11, WEST CENTRAL 3:** Christian Hackett had two hits for West Central. Tristen Boeckholt took the loss.

## Legion Watertown 7-8,

## Yankton 3-6

**WATERTOWN** – Watertown cooled off Yankton, sweeping Post 12 in American

Legion baseball action on Saturday.

In the opener, Taylor Stacey had two double, and Ricky Hannasch and Cody Olson each had a double to lead Watertown to a 7-3 victory.

For Yankton, Brad Ulmer had two hits and a RBI, and Landon Withrow had a double, a single and a run scored to lead the way. Levi Schmidt and Mason Townsend each had doubles, with Schmidt also scoring a run. Adam Walter had a hit and a run scored. Jordan Kathol added a double.

Justin Larson settled down after giving up three runs in the second inning to claim a complete game victory. Ben Cameron took the loss.

Hannasch homered as Watertown jumped out to an 8-2 lead and held on for an 8-6 victory.

Ben Cameron doubled and singled with a run scored and a RBI, and Sheldon Gant and

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JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D  
Yankton's Michael Heine sends the ball home during the final game of the Daryl Bernard Classic on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. The matchup with Mitchell was called after three innings, and Mitchell was declared the tournament champion.