Baseball: Alexandria Beats Menno 16-5

MENNO – Tucker Kingsbury and Tim Leach each drove in three runs as Alexandria defeated Menno 16-5 in an eight-inning American Legion baseball game Monday night in Menno.

Josh Feiner and Andrew Arend both singled twice and drove in two runs for Alexandria, which used a six-run sixth inning to pull away. Wyatt Kayser pitched six innings for the win.

In the loss for Menno, which was playing its first game of the season, Caleb Preszler singled twice and drove in two runs. Preston Gall doubled, singled and drove in a run, while Dustin Lehr and Matt Munkvold both doubled. Preston Gall pitched into the sixth inning.

Menno will host Lennox on Friday night starting at

Amateurs

Crofton 5, Menno 2 MENNO - Nick Hegge

hit a two-run homer and added a two-run single as the Crofton Bluejays beat Menno 5-2 in South Central League amateur action Sunday night in Menno.

Carl Schieffer added two singles and an RBI for Crofton (3-2). Ben Hegge pitched the first four innings and was relieved by Alex Mueller who got the win.

For the Menno Mad Frogs (3-2), Josh Berndt doubled and singled, and Tate Bruckner and Macon Oplinger both singled twice. Doug Hall pitched the first six innings.

Menno, which was able to get the field ready after significant rain Saturday night, hosts Freeman on Thursday.

Tabor 13, Scotland 1

SCOTLÁND – Austin Kaul had three hits and the Tabor Bluebirds used a 9-run fourth inning to beat Scotland 13-1 in seven innings in South Central League action Sunday night in Scotland.

Mike Mesman pitched the first six innings for Tabor (1-5), which won its first league

For the Scotland Highlanders (0-5), Scott Ulmer, Josh Vaith and Anthony Walloch all had one hit. Seth Ireland pitched the first six innings and took the loss.

Tabor hosts Yankton on Thursday and Scotland hosts Lesterville on Friday.
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Yankton Reds shortstop Chris Steffen, left, tags out Renner's Jack Stam on a stolen base attempt during their VFW Teener baseball doubleheader on Monday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Results were not reported by press time.

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archers will shoot at. Recurve archers will have one target down range for the competition, while the compound archers will have three targets. This is due to the team competitions because compound archers could possibly break their teammates' arrows when shooting on the same target. – Michael Hammond

Archers, Official Recognize Significance

Budaev Schulman of Russia, with the help of coach translating, said this was the first big competition that he was a part of.

"This is his first world level competition in Archery, so it is very exciting," he said. "This is a very serious completion for his future career as an archer."

Choi Kyunghwan, a Delegation Official for the Korea team, said he was pleased with the set up of the course.

"It is very good because the Yankton Easton Archery Center is an amazing place to be a part of the competition," he said. "The facilities, training field, and the completion field are very nice."

Lee Seunguin of Korea, who is participating in the Recurve competition, with Kyunghwan translating, said, "Óbviously this is a very good opportunity for me since this is the Youth World Championship,'



A World Archery judge, left, inspects a bow during Monday's practice round for the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

Seunguin said his personal goal was to become a member of the national

Elaina Claps, a member of Team USA from Washington, said making it to this world event, showed the amount of work she put in.

"It shows that all the hard work has paid off," she said.

"All the days I spent practicing were for something."

Claps will be participating in the Recurve Cadet Women field.

– Dylan Huggins

Small Town South

When you have athletes

from all around the world there are many cultural differences. All of the archers came together in the small town of Yankton, South Dakota.

Hamish Thompson is from Melbourne, Australia, which is located in southeastern Australia and has a population of 4.4 million peo-



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

This archer from Turkey talks to her coach during Monday's practice round of the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

ple compared to just fewer than 15,000 in Yankton.

'Melbourne is pretty much one of the sporting and cultural centers of Australia," Thompson said. "It's really nice being in Yankton, it's really flat and open here and I like it."

Joe Ground if from a small town outside of Norwich, England.

"My town is a bit bigger than here, but is more or

less the same," Ground said. With competitors from 50 different countries there are all sorts of differences coming to Yankton. The archers will have to get used to this

small city to win. – Michael Hammond

International Travel

Budaev Schulman of Russia mentioned the trip was long, but there were no problems getting to the competition.

"It was a very long trip and the longest flight was from Frankfurt (Germany) to Chicago, but it was okay without any troubles," he

Lee Seunguin said although it was a long flight, he was excited to compete at a world event.

"It was a long way to be here, but it wasn't a difficult time for me because I'm excited to attend this tournament," he said.

"I have my hopes and expectations for the completion, so it was a good time for me to be here," he said.

There are participants from 51 countries who will be competing today (Tuesday) in the World Archery Youth Championships.

– Dylan Huggins

Kicking Ax: Women Compete In Lumberjack Sports

VERNON, Conn. (AP)

— Make no mistake, these women kick ax. Their T-shirts

even say so. They fling their throwing axes 20 feet into bull's-eyes and race to obliterate pieces of wood with cutting axes, long saws and chain saws — all while in lipstick, polished nails and tight-fitting jeans.

They're the Axe Women Loggers of Maine, a group of friends with their own pinup calendar who travel across the country showing off their skills at county fairs, music festivals and motorcycle shows.

"I think it's empowering that we're women and we're doing a very male-dominated sport," said Alissa Harper, a 35-year-old native of Bar Harbor, Maine, who formed Axe Women in 2010. "I like to show that we're feminine, that we're girls, but we're super athletic. That's one of my selling points: all my girls are serious professional competitors.'

Members of the group have won events and set records at major competitions including the World's Open Lumberjill Championship in Boonville, New York, where Harper won the ax throwing contest in 2006. Members of Axe Women

hold six world titles in various events.

Men's lumberjack competitions have been around for decades and have been gaining popularity, especially with the Stihl Timbersports series featuring professionals and collegians televised on ESPN and ABC. Women's competitions have only gained a foothold in recent years, and there's no tour like the high profile Stihl series.

Three Axe Women were among more than a dozen "lumberjills" competing recently at the Town of Erin Wood Festival in upstate New York. No dressing pretty on this day — the women were vying for cash prizes based on how quickly they could cut and chop.

"With Axe Women we always have a blast and we're just kindred spirits basically," said Chelsev Black of Buffalo. "We like to keep it lighthearted, but we're also very talented and serious about the

Black took home about \$90 for top-seven finishes in a handful of ax and saw events.

When Harper began working in her first lumberjack show in Maine about 15 years ago, she was the only woman and had to compete against men. She was well versed in swinging axes and running chain saws, having worked with her father in his wood-

cutting business. They said if I could keep up, I could work there for the summer," she said. "It was definitely scary competing against the men. I was the only girl there and I didn't want to look sillv.

Harper has turned Axe Women Loggers of Maine, which now includes a dozen lumberjills, into a popular touring show. She says the group is booked solid from June through November at sites around Canada and the U.S. Axe Women's website offers calendars, tank tops and even underwear with "girls kick axe" printed on the back for sale.

The group kicked off the 2015 season recently in Vernon, Connecticut, where it performed demonstrations at the headquarters of Axe Women sponsor LogRite Tools.

Harper and fellow Axe Woman Laurette Russell of New Gloucester, Maine, took turns throwing axes into a dart board-like target. Harper also

took on longtime friend and Axe Woman Tracie Henning in the "underhand chop," in which competitors stand on thick blocks of wood and race to cut all the way through them, their axes swinging at targets just below their legs.

You get a cute girl up there whacking away on a piece of wood and it could be alluring to a man," joked Henning's husband, Chris, who competes on the Stihl Timbersports circuit. "I'm sure the appeal of a woman competing in a male-dominated sport would be intriguing to anyone, not

Henning, of Walworth, New York, finished fourth overall last year in the World's Open Lumberjill Championship, placed third overall the year before and holds the world record with her partner in the two-woman crosscut sawing race. She hopes the women will have a tour like the Stihl Timbersports series one day.

'Men say it's sexy, it's attractive, it's hot seeing women using sharp objects," she said. "I get to show how strong I really am compared with the rest of the women out there. I get to travel around and do something I love so much."

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sunscreen, she pointed out with a smile — in that bag can be replaced, but it's a little harder to participate in an archery tournament with a bow and arrows.

"I can buy other clothes

much," Lennon said. "I was more worried about my shooting." That was her instant reaction when told that her

easy, but bows, not so

luggage hadn't arrived: What about the tournament? "Maybe they'll find it,"

Lennon said. "I was worried right away, like, 'What am I going to do?" While Lennon was able to

buy a new quiver and arrows from Lancaster, an archery supply company that has a trailer set up on site in Yankton, finding a bow was a whole other challenge. Easton Center officials

initially borrowed Lennon another bow, but it was too long. That's when Orlic approached her with the option of using one of her spare "At the start, I didn't want

to," Lennon said. "I didn't want to take one of hers, because what if she needed it?" And what if Orlic needed

it to eventually beat Lennon in a head-to-head competition? That's another common sight in archery: Helping an opponent. There are always issues

you hear about people having problems with their bows during a competition," Scott said. "And sometimes you see people you're shooting against wanting to help you."

There are no concerns about what's going on back home; about whether or not your countries have issues with each other. That's not a worry at an archery tourna-

After all, it's the universal language, as archery folks

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tum rolling? That's the plan, the Chandler, Arizona native

"Every time I go to a meet, I definitely have expectations," she said. "I have certain heights I want to hit. Going into this one, I have

high expectations.
"Now that I got the new PR (personal record), I want

And she'll need to do exactly that to join fellow USD vaulters Bethany Firsick and Emily Grove to reach first team All-American status.

There are 14 vaulters who have gone at least 14 feet this year. And according to USD sports information, over the past decade it has

taken an average vault of 13-7 to become a first team All-American.

Having spent time with and jumping against Grove and Firsick (who graduated) in practice throughout her career no doubt helped push

Wilkes. "It just gives me more motivation to keep going," Wilkes said. "There's a lot of great vaulters, especially at our school. I see what they're doing and I want to do it too."

It's that kind of depth in distance events and pole vault that has USD climbing the ladder in the D-I ranks.

The track program sent five athletes to nationals in 2013, and although nobody qualified a year ago, sending three to Eugene this week shows progress, Wilkes said. "It shows that throughout the years, we'll be getting more people here and more people to nationals," she Between the Summit

League success and the number of athletes who qualified for the NCAA West Preliminaries, the Coyote programs continue to move forward. Eichkorn said.

"It's a great stepping stone," she said. "We have so many girls that were so close to making it. It should show every newcomer that's coming in, that South Dakota is a place for somewhere to

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