

# Mitchell Legion Edges Post 12

Mitchell edged Yankton 6-5 in American Legion baseball action on Wednesday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Levi Schmidt had a double, a single, a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Colin Muth had two hits and a RBI. Landon Withrow had a hit, a run scored and a RBI. Sheldon Gant posted a hit and two runs scored. Mason Townsend and Adam Walter each had a hit and a RBI. Brad Ulmer added a hit and a run scored for Post 12.

Jordan Kathol took the loss in relief of Townsend, who struck out three in six innings of work. Kathol struck out two in his three innings.

Yankton, 6-4, begins play in the Post 307 Tournament on Friday. Post 12 faces Paola, Kansas, at 9 a.m. in Renner, then draws Apple Valley, Minnesota, at 2 p.m. in Harrisburg. Sioux Falls' Ronken Field is also a site for the tournament, which runs through Sunday.

## Amateur

### Lennox 2, Larchwood 1

LENNOX – The Lennox Reds earned their first State Line League victory of the season with a 2-1 victory over first place Larchwood on Tuesday in amateur baseball action.

Bryan Cordell went 3-3 with a RBI to lead Lennox.

Justin White went the distance for Lennox, striking out five. Patrick Sinnema struck out seven over eight innings of work in the loss.

Lennox hosts Canton on Sunday.

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## Softball

### Fury Xtreme 9-7,

### Mitchell 8-3

MITCHELL – The Yankton Fury Xtreme pushed their season record above .500 with a doubleheader sweep of the Mitchell Adrenaline on Tuesday.

In the opener, Yankton rallied for two runs in the bottom of the fifth and final inning for a 9-8 victory.

Liz Suing had two triples and three RBI, and Alix Peterka homered to lead Yankton. Bailey Peterka, Lexie McCorkell, Dani Dvorak and Hanna Cummins each had a hit in the victory.

Holly Mines picked up the win, striking out three.

In the nightcap, Cummins struck out nine batters in a 7-3 Yankton victory.

Suing doubled and singled, and Lexie McCorkell and Britney Davis each had two hits to lead Yankton. Bailey Peterka, Megan McCorkell, Holly Mines, Traia Hubbard, Dvorak and Cummins each had one hit in the victory.

Cummins allowed two earned runs in the complete game victory.

The Fury Xtreme host the Sioux Falls Smash today (Thursday) at Riverside Park. Start time for the twinbill is set for 6:30 p.m.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton pitcher Mason Townsend sends the ball home during Post 12's matchup with Mitchell in American Legion baseball action on Wednesday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

# Will New Baseballs Bring Home Runs To CWS?

Home Runs Up In 2015, But Blasts Have Been Limited At TD Ameritrade Park

BY ERIC OLSON  
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — The home run is back in college baseball, thanks to the new flat-seam ball put into play this year. Everyone now wants to see if the trend carries over to the College World Series in its cavernous stadium.

"Justifiably, all eyes will be on Omaha to see how the ball performs there. I know ours will be," said Damani Leech, the NCAA director of championships and alliances.

Traditionally, the threat of the big inning has been part of the appeal of college baseball. But in the four years the CWS has been played at TD Ameritrade Park, only 25 home runs have been hit in 59 games. Just three were hit in each of the last two years.

That could change when the CWS begins Saturday. The less wind-resistant flat-seam ball boosted scoring and home runs across the country all season, and 135 home runs were hit in regionals and super regionals compared with 87 homers for the entire tournament in 2014.

Yet to be seen is how much more offense is possible at TD Ameritrade Park, which is the home of Creighton University and has been site for three conference tournaments in addition to the CWS. A total of 79 balls have been

hit out — there's been one inside-the-park homer — in the 204 games since the stadium opened in April 2011.

That's a rate of 0.19 home runs per team per game.

While the national home-run rate has risen from 0.39 to 0.55 this year, it held at 0.18 in the 31 games played at TD Ameritrade, though primary tenant Creighton is not built to hit for power.

The CWS will feature NCAA home run leaders in Arkansas' Andrew Benintendi and Miami's David Thompson, who have 19 apiece, and four other players who have hit 15 or more.

"If we don't have more home runs, a better percentage at the College World Series, it's not going to be the ball," American Baseball Coaches Association executive director Craig Keilitz said. "It's going to be the wind, which you can't do anything about, or the fence."

Keilitz added, "We have to protect what fans want to see. I don't think anyone wants to see the crazy scores. But a lot of great moments in baseball revolved around home runs. I don't want a ballpark to change a game. If a 3-hole hitter is a home-run hitter, and he squares it up and it doesn't go out, in my opinion that changed a little bit of the game."

Tim Corbin, coach of defending national champion Vanderbilt, said he would be extremely surprised if there aren't a lot more than three home runs this year.

"I think the ball's been the best

adjustment college baseball's made in quite some time," he said. "I think this ball is a true indicator of offense in college baseball."

The TD Ameritrade fences are 335 feet from the plate down the lines, 375 in the power alleys and 408 to center field. Those are identical to the dimensions at the old Rosenblatt Stadium, where there were an average of 33 home runs over the last 10 years the CWS was played there.

But Rosenblatt sat atop a hill and the field orientation made it so the wind typically blew out. TD Ameritrade Park sits low, and the prevailing summer winds blow in from the south. Another factor is that TD Ameritrade opened the same year the NCAA's new bat standards went into effect. Bats simply aren't as lively as the ones that produced so many homers at Rosenblatt.

Minutes after his team lost 3-2 to Virginia in a 15-inning CWS game last year, TCU coach Jim Schlossnagle blasted the combination of the toned-down bats and the big ballpark. "It's a travesty what we've done to college baseball," he said.

In an interview last week, Schlossnagle said he has high hopes for the new ball at TD Ameritrade.

"I think the biggest thing the ball has done, other than the home runs, is push the outfielders back," he said. "It will do that in Omaha, too, so at least you can score from second base on a normal single to the outfield, which you couldn't

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## U.S. College Players Dot Other Nations' Rosters At World Cup

BY ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

Mariela Jacome was in Ecuador visiting her grandmother after wrapping up her first season at St. John's when her uncle suggested she should go kick the ball around with the country's national team.

Six months later, Jacome is playing for Ecuador at the Women's World Cup.

Jacome is among several current U.S. college players who are playing for other nations in the World Cup, which is being played over the next month in six Canadian cities. The final is set for July 5 in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Quite a summer break. Ecuador is playing for the first time in the World Cup. La Tricolor, as the team is known, earned a spot in women's soccer's premier tournament by defeating Trinidad and Tobago in a two-leg playoff late last year before Jacome joined the team.

The Women's World Cup expanded this year to 24 teams, and eight are newcomers. Like the other rookie teams, La Tricolor isn't expected to go very far — they got blown out 6-0 by Cameroon in their group-stage opener on Monday — but Jacome is relishing the experience.

"I got tickets to the World Cup as a Christmas present and I was like, 'Oh my God, I got the best gift ever. I get to watch a World Cup game live,'" she said. "Now I'm playing in it. Absolutely insane."

Jacome, a forward/midfielder who hails from New York state, appeared in all 20 games for St. John's her freshman year, starting in one. After the season ended, she set off to Ecuador for winter break to visit her ailing grandmother. Jacome's late father was from Ecuador.

At her uncle's urging she ended up working out with Ecuador for three days, touching off a whirlwind of change over the next several months. Jacome signed up for online classes at St. John's for the next term and moved to Ecuador to train full time with the team. The deal was

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## Yankton

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which has helped put on a WAYC, according to New Zealand coach Robert Turner — who has prior coaching experience in the United States.

"Bruce and the NFAA have done high-profile events in the past, and that expertise really shows," Turner said. "In the small details, you can really tell."

And Turner knows firsthand what those details can mean for visitors. He is working with a team at his sixth consecutive WAYC.

"Everything is organized for us," Turner said. "From the bus routes to the meals to everything else, we don't have to stress."

"Those little details add up."

On the idea of a town the size of Yankton (with 15,000 residents) hosting a WAYC, Randle said she could see both sides — the advantages and drawbacks.

"It has its pros and cons," she said. "When you're at a smaller town, there isn't a big shopping center."

"But everyone here knows you, they wave at you and say hi to you when you walk in a shop."

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## WAYC

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have their best two archers from men's junior recurve and women's junior recurve," she said. "We will be shooting two arrows each for score. It will be the total of four arrows at the target."

Any team round is more of an accomplishment than any individual medal, Klimitchek said.

"You won it together or you lose together. Either way it's something you can share with your fellow teammates," he said.

Team USA, the No. 6 seed, faced No. 11 Kazakhstan, which eventually went on to beat USA.

"We'll be shooting against another team, whoever has the highest score gets two set points," Brown said. "If we both have the same score it's one set point each. It's the first to five set points."

The final score was Kazakhstan 5 (36,38,37), USA 1 (31,36,37).

Team USA found success in other mixed team divisions, however. The United States duo of Dahlia Crook and Dane Johnson advanced to the gold medal match in the Compound Cadet Mixed Team. And Team USA won the bronze medal Wednesday in the Compound Junior Mixed Team (Danielle Reynolds and Chris Bee) and the bronze medal in Recurve Cadet Mixed Team (Eliana Claps and Ryan Oliver).



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

These archers from Ukraine and Colombia check their scores during their Mixed Team match Wednesday at the World Archery Youth Championships in Yankton.

– Dylan Huggins

## Varying British Experience

While Kirsten George is in the middle of her second WAYC, her Great Britain teammate, Lucy Mason, is experiencing one for the first time.

Their common thought? Yankton knows how to host a quality archery tournament.

George, a 17-year-old from the Isle of Man (a small island in the Irish Sea between Ireland and Great Britain), finished fifth in her division

at the 2013 WAYC in China.

"This one is brilliant," she said Wednesday. "People are working more together to make this better."

George, who won her individual match Wednesday morning by 29 points, battled the wind like everyone else, but for her, it wasn't much of a new obstacle.

"It's actually good for me," George said. "I live where there's a lot of wind. I'm used to it."

Mason, meanwhile, is new to the format of the WAYC. The 14-year-old from the British mainland has competed

in other European tournaments, but like George, commended the Yankton WAYC.

"I really like it," Mason said. "The standard of archers is so much better."

That's why it's beneficial for a country to send as many archers as possible to the WAYC, according to Simon Scott, a coach for Great Britain.

"Britain has a good stream of archers coming through right now, so this is good for them to raise their game," Scott said.

Plus, success in Yankton could lead to other opportu-

nities, George said.

"Hopefully everyone back home sees that I went to a World Championship and performed well, and hopefully that means we can get more funding for more trips," she said.

– Jeremy Hoeck

## Korea Seeks Recurve Gold

Korea has positioned itself to face Chinese Taipei for the gold medal in the Recurve Junior Mixed Team division.

Lee Woo Seok, with the help of team official Choi Kyunghwan translating, mentioned that he could only focus on his own game.

"I tried to focus on my own play and my own shooting," Woo Seok said.


Kyunghwan said Woo Seok works a lot with his teammates and they show good team work, Kyunghwan said. Lee Eun Gyeong was the other member of the Korea Recurve Mixed Team.

"It worked well today and we had a good performance," Eun Gyeong said, through translation. "I was quite nervous actually, but I just tried to enjoy it."

Eun Gyeong had a lot of fun shooting with her teammates and competing against opponents, Kyunghwan said.

Korea defeated three opponents (Turkey 5-1, PR China 5-1 and Ukraine 6-2) on Wednesday to make it to final round. Korea faces Chinese Taipei for the gold on Saturday.

– Dylan Huggins



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**WEEKDAYS MONDAY-FRIDAY**

**Thursday, June 11**  
7:40 am Yankton Conv/Vis (Stephanie Moser)  
8:20 am Yankton Chamber (Carmen Schramm)

**Friday, June 12**  
7:40 am World Archery (Various)  
8:20 am SD Magazine (Bernie Hunhoff)