

Post 12 Pounds Past Harrisburg

Seven different Yankton players had two hits each as Post 12 pounded Harrisburg 11-1 in American Legion baseball action on Thursday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. The game was ended by mercy rule after seven innings, as it was scheduled for nine innings.

Brad Ulmer had two doubles and a run scored, and Mason Townsend and Colin Muth each doubled and singled for Yankton. Muth also had two RBI and a run scored, while Townsend had two runs scored and a RBI.

Also for Yankton, Wyatt Adam had two hits, two RBI and a run scored. Landon Withrow and Ben Cameron each had two hits, two runs scored and a RBI. Levi Schmidt added a double in the victory.

Muth picked up the win, striking out nine in the complete game effort.

Yankton, now 12-5 overall and 3-0 in region play, hosts the Morrie Wachendorf First Dakota Classic beginning today (Friday). Post 12 plays Vermillion at 7 p.m. tonight.

Vermillion 10, Wakefield 4
VERMILLION — Vermillion Post 1 jumped out to a 4-0 lead, then scored five runs in the fifth after Wakefield had tied the game to claim a 10-4 victory in American Legion baseball action on Thursday at Vermillion's Prentis Park.

Brandon Mockler and Joe Miller each doubled and singled for Vermillion. Carter Kratz and Jack Brown each had a hit in the victory.

For Wakefield, Hunter Schweers had two hits and Jack Belt doubled as the visi-

tors outhit Vermillion 7-6.

Mockler picked up the win, with Ethan James pitching two innings of scoreless relief. Alex Conley took the loss.

Vermillion will begin play in the Morrie Wachendorf First Dakota Classic today (Friday) against host Yankton. Start time is set for 7 p.m.

Juniors Yankton 11-2, Renner 4-6

RENNER — Yankton Post 12 split an American Legion junior baseball doubleheader at Renner Post 307 on Thursday.

Four different Yankton players had two hits each as Yankton won the opener 11-4.

Michael Heine had two

doubles and three RBI, and Justin Leader had a triple, a single and three RBI to lead Yankton. Chase Vogt doubled and singled. Caid Koletzky also had two hits. Nathan Hein, Trey Bakke, Carter Peterson and Miles Carda each had a hit in the victory.

Jack Schoenfelder picked up the win, striking out four in the complete game effort.

Yankton dropped the nightcap 6-2.

Heine doubled, and Leader, Jakob Larson and Kellen Franzen each had a hit for Yankton.

Koletzky took the loss, striking out three.

Yankton, 9-12, travels to Harrisburg on Tuesday. Start time is set for 5 p.m. for the doubleheader.



MICHAEL HAMMOND/P&D

Yankton pitcher Colin Muth sends the ball home during Post 12's matchup with Harrisburg on Thursday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Muth struck out nine batters and the Yankton offense did the rest in an 11-1 victory.

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Arena Project Surges Forward



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Construction work continues Thursday on the arena next to the DakotaDome at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion. The arena is expected to be ready for the 2016-17 school year.

Construction Rolls On At USD

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VERMILLION — Though he and his family live near the Twin Cities, Brian Boe calls Vermillion his home during the week.

As superintendent for Mortenson Construction, Boe is in charge of the ongoing work on the arena and track/soccer complex, as well as the science laboratory, at the University of South Dakota.

"I've been a South Dakota resident for three years now," he joked during an interview Wednesday from a construction trailer.

Prior to his crew beginning work last fall in Vermillion, Boe had previously worked on five other athletic arena projects across the country: Facilities at the University of Minnesota, University of Louisville, Southwest Minnesota State, Iowa State University, and most recently the Denny Sanford PREMIER Center in Sioux Falls.

As he provided an update on the \$73 million projects at USD, Boe said he was proud that his staff has remained on schedule for the 3-part project: The 6,000-seat

basketball/volleyball arena, an outdoor track/soccer complex and a Science, Health & Research Laboratory.

"We're tracking right where we want to be," Boe said.

As winter turned into spring and spring into summer, work has rapidly progressed on the projects in and around the DakotaDome. Progress, though, may have seemed slow from the outside, Boe said, as the general public wouldn't have seen the foundation work as they drove by.

"For those seven or eight months, it was nothing," Boe said. "The questions were, 'What's going on?'"

"I needed the precast walls there, so that was the first thing the public saw. Ever since then, there's been a lot of interest and a lot of hype."

And for the Mortenson staff, a lot of milestones.

* The most recent was work Wednesday to close the hole on the west end of the arena 'bowl' (the court and seating structure).

* Then would come work to cut holes into the south walls of the DakotaDome next

week

* Then would work on the arena and laboratory roof, starting on June 29.

As work begins in two weeks on the roof, that will start perhaps the most intriguing benchmark in the project. That phase should be completed by Nov. 1, which would next mean staff can begin painting walls and laying carpet inside the facilities, Boe said — "pretty stuff," as he calls it.

"Usually on arenas, getting the roof started is a huge milestone," Boe said. "Then we're that much closer to being able to put a roof on to start our next phase."

In order to connect the academic laboratory (with a price tag of \$15.2 million) with the DakotaDome, construction crews first had to build a steel support structure inside the dome, to stabilize that foundation — so that the top sections wouldn't fall down and the bottoms wouldn't tip over.

With that stage complete, Mortenson crews will begin cutting holes into the south walls of the DakotaDome next week, to begin connecting the two structures and creating



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

This worker installs a piece for the University of South Dakota arena on Wednesday in Vermillion.

'portals' — walkways between the facilities.

The trick there was to coordinate with the spring football and indoor track seasons at USD, and then to complete that interior work before football begins fall practices in August.

"We cannot impact what sports events they have," Boe said.

The arena project is still on schedule for an early summer 2016 completion, Boe said Wednesday — which has been the target date all along.

Meanwhile, the track and soccer complex will be

completed first. Mortenson will have all of its concrete asphalt work and the track surface down in time so sod can be laid down this fall, so it establishes through the spring, Boe said — again, the same initial target date.

Other than a slight rise in total cost (from \$53 million to \$58 million on the Sports Performance Enhancement Facility, and from \$12.5 million to \$15.2 million on the laboratory), the projects haven't seen any significant design changes, Boe said.

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Hurst Leaves CSU For USD Men's Hoops

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The University of South Dakota men's basketball program has added another Division I transfer.

Carlton Hurst, a 6-foot-3 guard from Colorado State, will transfer to USD, according to Twitter reports Thursday night. Hurst did not return messages left by the Press & Dakotan.

Hurst will have to sit out next season and will then have two seasons of eligibility with the Coyotes, beginning in 2016-17 (USD's first in its new arena).

Hurst averaged 9.1 minutes of action in 31 games last season as a sophomore at Colorado State.

A native of Michigan who went to high school in Colorado, Hurst joins Trey Dickerson (Iowa) and Matt Mooney (Air Force) as D-I transfers to USD. All three will have to redshirt next season.

USD Swimming And Diving Adds Eight

VERMILLION — South Dakota head swimming and diving coach Jason Mahowald is pleased to announce the addition of eight athletes to the 2015-16 roster. The additions include Christopher Clemons, Tommy Drazick, Tristan Gens, Steven Howell, Samantha Norlin, Hunter Padgett, Austin Painter and Jared Thorson.

"This class is going to make an immediate impact out of the gate," said Mahowald. "Each of these athletes will help our program in one way or another during their freshman year. We are looking at a solid incoming class."

A diver hailing from Houston, Texas, Norlin is a four-time Texas 6A State Meet qualifier. Working with coach Sven Schultz, Norlin finished her senior season in 12th place at the state meet. Norlin also made the all-state diving team all four years and is a three-time region champion in the one-meter dive. She holds a personal best one-meter dive score of 398.10 for 11 dives. Norlin also played water polo for the Falcons. At South Dakota, she plans to major in sustainability.

A native of Valley Center, Kan., Clemons will swim the individual medley, the sprint

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DYLAN HUGGINS/P&D

A Brookings infielder flips the ball to try to retire Yankton's Bailey Peterka, right, during the opening game of their girls' softball doubleheader on Thursday at Riverside Park.

Softball: Brookings Cools Off Fury Xtreme

The Brookings Outlaws swept the Yankton Fury Xtreme in girls' fastpitch softball action on Thursday at Yankton's Riverside Park. The sweep ended the Xtreme's 11-game win streak.

In the opener, Yankton was held to three hits in a 10-0 Brookings victory.

Bailey Peterka, Holly Mines and Dani Dvorak each had a hit for Yankton. Mines took the loss.

In the nightcap, Dani Dvorak went 3-3 and Traia Hubbard doubled and singled, driving in two, but Brookings topped Yankton 10-5.

Also for Yankton, Bailey Peterka, Holly Mines, Lexie McCorkell and Merlye Mason each had a hit.

Hanna Cummins took the loss.

The Fury Xtreme, 22-16-2, play in the Yankton Girls' Softball Invitational on Saturday and Sunday in Yankton. The Fury Xtreme will face the Sioux Falls Smash at 10:30 a.m., the Mitchell Adrenaline at 3 p.m. and Sioux Falls Drake at 6 p.m.

MMC Softball Adds Catcher

Destini Smith of Albuquerque, New Mexico, will attend Mount Marty College and play softball for the Lancers, according to an announcement by the institution.

Smith, a catcher, was a two-year varsity letterwinner for Valley High School, batting .268 this past season.

"She is a very good catcher that works well with pitchers and is solid at the plate," said MMC head softball coach Albert Fernandez. "Destini is a great person, comes from a great family and is a wonderful fit with our team and the Mount Marty College community."

The daughter of Julian and Marquita Smith, she plans to major in criminal justice at MMC. She will receive a Mount Marty Academic Scholarship in addition to her softball award.



Smith