



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Yankton's Ben Cameron sends the ball home during Post 12's matchup with McCook-Miner in the Morrie Wachendorf First Dakota Classic American Legion Baseball Tournament on Sunday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Yankton won 3-2 in nine innings, clinching the tournament title.

Yankton Takes Home Classic

Yankton's Mason Townsend singled in the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth to beat McCook-Miner 3-2 in the final game of the Morrie Wachendorf First Dakota Classic on Sunday at Yankton's Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Both teams had entered the game at 3-0 in the tournament.

Townsend also had a double, finishing with two RBI and a run scored for Yankton, which trailed 2-0 going into the bottom of the sixth. Jordan Kathol had three hits and a run scored. Ben Cameron had a hit and a run scored. Sheldon Gant, Colin Muth, Adam Walter and Landon Withrow each had a hit in the victory.

Austin Johnson picked up the win, pitching three innings of shutout relief. Ben Cameron started, allowing two runs in six innings of work.

Yankton, now 16-5 after a 4-0 weekend, hosts region rival Sioux Falls East on Tuesday. Start time for the twinbill is 5 p.m.

VERMILLION 9, PIEDMONT 0: Vermillion's Cole Anderson scattered two hits in a five-inning contest as Post 1 blanked Piedmont on Sunday morning.

Anderson helped his own cause with two hits, a RBI and a run scored. Jack Brown also had two hits and a RBI. Travis Weber had a double and two RBI. Brandon Mockler and Nate Robertson each had a hit in the victory.

Andrew Montoya and Brady Schmitt each had a hit for Piedmont.

Anderson struck out four in the win. Hunter Sluka took the loss.

Saturday

YANKTON 5, CROFTON 0: Yankton opened the tournament with a second straight shutout, blanking Crofton 5-0 on Saturday morning.

Levi Schmidt had two hits, a RBI and a run scored, and Mason Townsend had a double, two RBI and a run scored for Yankton. Adam Walter and Jordan Kathol each had a hit and two runs scored. Sheldon Gant doubled, Adam Heine had a hit and a run scored, and Hunter Cameron and Tanner Watts each had a hit in the victory.

Austin Hegge doubled and singled for Crofton.

Levi Schmidt and Hunter Cameron combined on the shutout victory, with Schmidt striking out five over four innings of work for the victory. Cameron earned the save. Devon Munter took the loss, striking out two in the complete game effort.

CROFTON 1, VERMILLION 0: Crofton's Austin Hegge tossed a complete game five-hitter, striking out nine, as Crofton blanked Vermillion 1-0 on Saturday.

Hegge tripled and scored on a Cody Stratman single for the lone run of the game. Austin Lange and Colton Foxhoven also had hits.

Nate Robertson had two hits and Brandon Mockler tripled for Vermillion. Jack Brown and Hunter Christopherson each had a hit.

Carter Kratz took the loss, striking out eight and walking none.

MCCOOK-MINER 9, VERMILLION 4: McCook-Miner used a five-run second inning and a run in four of the other five innings to beat Vermillion 9-4 on Saturday.

Tanner Miller, Tyler Cleveland and Jesse Muth each had two hits for McCook-Miner. Tim Gassman had a triple and two RBI. Anthony Tuschen doubled, and Cole Cheeseman had a hit and three RBI in the win.

Cole Anderson doubled and singled, and Jefferson Galvin had two hits for Vermillion. Jack Brown and Hunter Christopherson each doubled for Post 1.

Jordan Genzlinger picked up the win, striking out one and walking none in the complete game effort. Ethan James went the distance in the loss, striking out three.

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Swimming Notebook: Long Journey Led Harthoorn Back To Nebraska

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It's been a long journey for Kaitlin Harthoorn and her family.

The family of six has moved from Norfolk, Nebraska, to Africa and then back to Nebraska. And through most of her life, 19-year-old Kaitlin has been swimming.

And not just in regional meets like this weekend's Yankton Charity Invitational at Memorial Park.

In February 2013, Harthoorn — joined by a Dutch national she had been training with — became the youngest person to ever swim across

Lake Malawi (in Malawi, Africa), the ninth largest lake in the world.

The duo swam across the narrow part of the lake, but it was still a 14-mile journey.

"That's how much she loves swimming," her father Corey said Sunday.

Corey was in a support boat during the race, and although he got seasick midway through, was able to watch his daughter finish.

"I think it actually helped her," Corey joked. "She probably thought, 'At least I'm doing better than dad.'"

Corey, who now works



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Kaitlin Harthoorn a 19-year-old swimmer with the Norfolk (Neb.) Aquajets, competes Sunday in the 400-meter individual medley at the Yankton Charity Invitational at Memorial Park. Harthoorn will be a sophomore this fall at Nebraska-Omaha, where she is a Division I swimmer.

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Young Yankton Teams Shine



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D
Players from the Yankton Fury White, left, and Yankton Fury Red, right, meet at home plate for the pre-game coin toss prior to the U10 championship of the Yankton Girls' Softball Association Invitational on Sunday at Yankton's Sertoma Park. Fury White won the title.

Fury White Beat Fury Red In U10 Final

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The youngest division produced the best showing for the local teams at the Yankton Girls' Softball Association Invitational on Sunday.

Yankton Fury White beat Yankton Fury Red in the championship game of the U10 division, 9-3.

Defense and pitching is what got Fury White to the championship, while the hitting for the team is what won them the final game of the tournament.

"It was good to finally win a tournament since we had gotten three seconds in a row," Fury White coach Todd Chance said. "It was good to climb the hump and get our first win."

"It was also great to see two teams from Yankton make the final."

As the top seed Fury White earned a bye into the second round of the championship bracket and defeated fifth seeded Dakota Valley to advance to the final.

Xtreme Fall In U16 Semifinals

The Yankton Fury Xtreme dropped a 7-3 decision to the Sioux Falls Smash in the U16 semifinals of the Yankton Girls' Softball Association Invitational on Sunday at Yankton's Sertoma Park. The Smash avenged a loss to Yankton from pool play.

Holly Mines had a RBI triple, and Alix Peterka had a hit and a RBI for Yankton. Megan McCorkell, Liz Suing, Hanna Cummins and Meryle Mason each had a hit in the effort.

Cummins took the loss, striking out six and walking none.

The Xtreme, 24-18-2, face the U14 Yankton Fury Crush on Tuesday. Start time for the twinbill is 6 p.m. at Riverside Park.

Pool Play

XTREME 5, S.F. SMASH 0: Hanna Cummins struck out eight in a five-hit shutout as Yankton blanked the Smash on Saturday. Bailey Peterka doubled, and Megan McCorkell, Cummins, Lexie McCorkell and Meryle Mason each had a hit for Yankton.

XTREME 13, MITCHELL ADREN-

ALINE 8: Yankton overcame an early 7-0 deficit to claim the victory. The Xtreme scored 11 runs in the top of the third.

Bailey Peterka went 3-3 with a double, and Megan McCorkell and Traia Hubbard each had two hits, two RBI and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Dani Dvorak had a hit and three RBI. Holly Mines had a hit and two RBI, and Hanna Cummins and Meryle Mason each had a hit in the victory.

Mines picked up the win.

S.F. DRAKE 7, XTREME 4: Drake jumped out to a 7-0 lead and held on for the victory.

Alix Peterka had two hits and Holly Mines doubled for Yankton. Meryle Mason had the other Yankton hit.

Hanna Cummins took the loss, allowing two earned runs while striking out four.

U10 Division

The Yankton Fury White beat the Yankton Fury Red 8-3 in the championship in the U10 division.

Emma Yost had three hits, including two triples, scored three runs and drove in another to lead Yankton. Elle Feser and Taryn Fitzgerald each had two hits and

two runs scored. Ellie Karolevitz led off the game with a home run. Hannah Sailer and Thea Chance each had a double and a RBI in the victory.

Brooklyn Townsend had a hit for Fury Red.

Yost picked up the win, striking out seven.

The Fury White, now 30-4, travel to Norfolk, Nebraska, to face the Golden Girls on Tuesday.

Other Sunday Games

FURY WHITE 8, DAKOTA VALLEY 2: Hailey Oswald had a hit and two RBI, and Thea Chance had a hit and a RBI to lead Yankton. Ellie Karolevitz, Grace Behms and Emma Yost each scored twice. Taryn Fitzgerald and Hannah Sailer each scored in the win.

Karolevitz picked up the win, striking out 10.

FURY RED 10, NORFOLK IMPACT 5: Brooklyn Townsend had a double and two singles, and Annika Gordon doubled and singled for Yankton. Britta Pietila also had a hit. Addison Gordon, Brielle Castillo, Camryn

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Thygeson Powers Crofton Past Tappers

Rand Thygeson took a shutout into the ninth and struck out 11 as Crofton beat Yankton 5-1 in South Central League amateur baseball action on Sunday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Aaron Losing had three hits and Nick Hegge had two doubles to lead the Crofton offense. Tyler Zimmerman and Kyle Mueller each had a double, a single and two runs scored in the victory.

Dave Schmidt had a double, a single and scored the lone Tapper run. Kenny Tomek and Derrick Nelson each had a hit for Yankton.

Kaleb Bromley took the loss.

Crofton travels to Irene on Tuesday. Yankton travels to Wynot on Thursday.

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Rand Thygeson and Carl Schieffer, Kaleb Bromley, Brandon Nickolite (5) and Kory Bromley

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Soccer Notes: Yankton Inferno Take U19 Title

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Action concluded on Sunday in the Yankton Invitational youth soccer tournament, with champions crowned in two girls' and six boys' divisions. Titles were not awarded in the U8 and U10 divisions, and no scores were kept in the U8 divisions.

Yankton Boys Win U19 Title

The Yankton Inferno defended home turf on Sunday, as they defeated the DASC Phoenix to win the championship.

The Inferno previously beat three teams to get to the championship.

Their first game they beat the Tempo Vortex 4-0. In the second game they won 5-0 over Bismarck Dakota United. And in their third game they beat Norfolk Express 4-2.

Head coach Warren Brenner said his team performed well and connected as a team.

"The whole tournament the boys played pretty well. We also had a good rotation as far as the players were concerned," he said.

Brenner mentioned how the heat may have affected both teams.

"The heat always plays a factor forth both sides.

"With the heat and the humidity especially since we haven't had very much it takes a while for the body to

get acclimated and get nice and cool," he said.

Brenner was happy to not only finish first, but win it in Yankton.

"It's always nice to win your home tournament. I told these guys that when they come in and play that they protect their home turf," he said.

Derek Brenner helped Yankton win by scoring a goal in the championship game.

"It felt really good. The ball came out to me and I was fortunate enough to take a hit and it went in thanks to my teammates."

Brenner also mentioned how communication with his teammates was important to their success in the tournament.

"We've been together for a long time. We are all really close as a group. Out on the field everyone stays calm and composed," he said.

Brenner didn't just play in this year's tournament. He also was the coach for the U16 Boys team the Yankton Chaos.

"It's a great experience. Coaching kids always humbles you and gives you something to look forward to," he said.

"It kind of makes you realize the small details of the game instead of just playing all the time," he said.

Yankton won the game by a score of 3-0.

Norfolk Girls Win Shootout To Claim U15 Girls' Title

The Norfolk Green Chargers not only won the title, but won it in a shootout.

Head coach Angie Baumann was proud of how her team battled in the final game.

"It was a long game. A lot of heat and I only had one sub," she said. "The team worked hard and I would take this team to a shootout any day," she said.

Baumann said her team was confident going into the shootout.

"They were very confident. They practiced their penalty kicks, but it's just focus and get the job done," she said.

We keep them out of the sun and keep them hydrated during water breaks," she said.

Anden Baumann scored one of the goals in the shootout for Norfolk.

"It was a fight the whole way through. I mean it was a really even match, but I'm glad we came out with the win," she said.

Baumann was pleased with how she performed in the shootout.

"It felt really good. Because I felt like I was helping my team out," she said.

"I knew I was going to have to shoot and I kept my mind clear," she said.

Gabby Ruth, who was the goalie for Norfolk, said she was nervous during the shootout.

"It's just really nerve-racking because you don't know where they're going to kick. Sometimes their eyes go a different way and you're wondering where the ball will go," she said.

Norfolk won the game against Yankton 3-2.

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Yankton Phitens' Cecelia Kouri celebrates after scoring a goal during her team's match against the Tempo Lightning in the U15 girls' division at the Yankton Invitational youth soccer tournament on Sunday at Lewis & Clark Soccer Park.