

PGDC Edges Winner-Colome To End Regular Season

WINNER — Michael Buitenbos had four hits to lead Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian past Winner-Colome 4-3 in eight innings in a high school club baseball regular season finale on Sunday in Winner.

Both teams had numerous chances to score additional runs, but each was unable to do any further damage. PGDC left 16 runners on base and Winner-Colome stranded 13 runners.

The Honkers scored the winning run in the top of the eighth inning, on a leadoff walk, a sacrifice and a Mike Kimball RBI single.

Richard Sternberg added two hits and two RBI for PGDC, while

Kimball added a pair of hits including a triple. Buitenbos picked up the win in relief of Sternberg.

For Winner-Colome, Austin Calhoon had two of the team's five hits.

PGDC finished the regular season 9-2, including a 9-1 record in region action. The Honkers begin Region 4B post-season action Wednesday against South Central at 7 p.m. in Platte.

St. Thomas More 8, PGDC 3

PLATTE — A pair of three-run innings sent St. Thomas More past Platte-Geddes/Dakota Christian 8-3 in high school club baseball action Sunday in Platte.

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who grabbed three places in the top 18 including Cal Wiese (2nd), Tyler Genzlinger (19th) and Michael Dawson (14th).

Other top finishers were Brad Penney of DeSmet-Lake Preston (3rd), Baltic's Matt Moen (4th) and Cody Gannon of Dell Rapids St. Mary's (5th).

On the girls' side, James Valley Christian just edged out Colman-Egan for the first place by nine strokes. Tara Nihart led the Lady Vikings with a 92 for the individual first place honors.

Also for James Valley Christian, Tia Nihart in third place (97) and Kendra Walter in a tie for 14th (111).

Colman-Egan's Sade Schmidt also scored a 92, but ended taking second in the tiebreaker. The only other spot for the Hawks was Morgan May in fourth place (98).

Howard didn't qualify an entire for the state meet, but do have three solid golfers headed there. Kelsey Dawson in fifth (99), Katy Hiltunen in ninth (107) and Danielle Dornbusch in a tie for 14th (111).

Chester had a good day on the links qualifying Kaylie Eich (103), Jenna Polzen (108) and Jade Wolf (110). Garretson also played well taking a sixth and eighth place which included Alexa Dillon (101) and Steph Brinkman (106).

The golfers will prepare for the South Dakota Class B State Golf Tournament on May 23-24. The girls will be at Elmwood Golf Course in Sioux Falls and the boys Central Valley Golf Course in Hartford.

BOYS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: Garretson 241, Howard 249, Baltic 251, DeSmet-Lake Preston 256, Colman-Egan 256, Chester 276, Wessington Springs 286, Arlington 290, Elkton-Lake Benton 304, Flandreau 318, James Valley Christian 348

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1. Derek Dillon, Garretson 76; 2. Cal Wiese, Howard 77; 3. Brad Penney, DeSmet-Lake Preston 77; 4. Matt Moen, Baltic 77; 5. Cody Gannon, Dell Rapids St. Mary's 78; 6. Patrick Whetham, Garretson 79; 7. Dylan Brende, Baltic 81; 17. Trenton Hemmer, Colman-Egan 81; 19. Tyler Genzlinger, Howard 85; 19. Austin King, Arlington 85; 19. Matt Anderson, DeSmet-Lake Preston 85; 112. Dylan Carlson, Garretson 106; 112. Hayden Schaefer, Arlington 108; 112. Nicole Barker, Arlington 110; 112. Jade Wolf, Chester 110; 114. Dacia Bergelen, Wessington Springs 111; 114. Kendra Walter, James Valley Christian 111; 114. Danielle Dornbusch, Howard 111; 114. Haley McKenna, Baltic 111

GIRLS DIVISION

TEAM SCORES: James Valley Christian 300, Colman-Egan 309, Howard 317, Garretson 319, Chester 321, Arlington 344, Baltic 351, Wessington Springs 356, DeSmet-Lake Preston 374, Elkton-Lake Benton 448

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1. Tara Nihart, James Valley Christian 92; 2. Sade Schmidt, Colman-Egan 92; 3. Tia Nihart, James Valley Christian 97; 4. Morgan May, Colman-Egan 98; 5. Kelsey Dawson, Howard 99; 6. Alexa Dillon, Garretson 101; 7. Kaylie Eich, Chester 103; 8. Steph Brinkman, Garretson 106; 9. Katy Hiltunen, Howard 107; 110. Jenna Polzen, Chester 108; 110. Kaylee Wallace, Arlington 112; Nicole Barker, Arlington 110; 112. Jade Wolf, Chester 110; 114. Dacia Bergelen, Wessington Springs 111; 114. Kendra Walter, James Valley Christian 111; 114. Danielle Dornbusch, Howard 111; 114. Haley McKenna, Baltic 111

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meet. Nohr was able to turn things around capping a 38 on the back nine.

"I just had a rough front nine and had to pull it together on the back," he said. "I just wanted to pull it together, so I could go down for the fourth time."

Nohr was in the first group along with future roommate Alex O'Neill of Ponca, both of whom are attending Morningside College (Nohr plans to play football, O'Neill golf).

"We have a ton of fun whenever we play together," Nohr said. "Just the camaraderie between the two of us, you can't ask for much more, he is an awesome kid."

Klooz might be a freshman, but he has enough experience and talent to take his skills to the state meet. Klooz mounted an even par on the opening nine holes and finished one over par on the back nine.

"I hit the ball really well," he said. "I wasn't able to get putts to drop, but I kept putting it on the green and didn't have any three putts expect for one hole."

O'Neill came in fourth place with an 81. He has a couple rough holes in the front nine, but managed to smooth it out in the back nine shooting a 39.

Cedar Catholic finished in fifth place as a team at state last year, and Johnson believes with a couple good rounds, the team could be fighting for a top-five finish.

"I'm hoping that we can get it together a little better next week, where we can get in the top five," he said. "I think we have the ability to be in the top five, it's just making we get our work done this week and taking a real business like approach to it."

TEAM SCORES: Plainview 337, Lutheran High Northeast 341, Hartington Cedar Catholic 352, Stanton 358, Ponca 362, Battle Creek 369, Crofton 378, Wisner-Pilger 381, Laurel-Concord-Coleteridge 387, Norfolk Catholic 392, Madison 407, West Holt 419, Boone Central 438, Twin River 444

STATE QUALIFIERS: 1. Mitchell Klooz, Plainview 73; 2. Sam Meurant, Plainview 79; 3. Broderick Baker, Lutheran High Northeast 80; 4. Alex O'Neill, Ponca 81; 5. Riley Knake, Norfolk Catholic 82; 6. Mitchell Smith, Battle Creek 82; 7. Christian Nohr, Groton 82; 8. Nick Oerwich, Stanton 83; 9. Trenton Peterson, Ponca 83; 10. Payton Baker, Lutheran High Northeast 84

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perfect temp."

Since the Bluffs will also host the State A Girls' Golf Tournament next week, Gaughenbaugh said she's had a lot of practice on the course, which has helped her know where to place the ball.

"I've come down here a lot, since I'm coming to school (at USD) next year and both regions and state are being held here," she said. "I came down a lot before the season started and then a few weekends throughout the season. This is one of my favorite courses so I know how to play it pretty well."

The top 28 individual golfers will have the opportunity to play

at the State A Golf Tournament next week at The Bluffs Golf Course.

TEAM SCORES: Sioux Falls Christian 336, Vermillion 356, Canton 362, Elk Point-Jefferson 376, Harrisburg 399, West Central 402, Dakota Valley 409, Lennox 423, Beresford 457, Tea 514

STATE QUALIFIERS: Kylie Gaughenbaugh, Canton 77; Kelsey Leif, Elk Point-Jefferson 78; Styler Funck, Dakota Valley 79; Abby Perrenoud, Sioux Falls Christian 79; Audrey Kieliszewski, Sioux Falls Christian 81; Emma Wynia, Sioux Falls Christian 84; Kelly Amundson, Vermillion 85; Brianna Tuenge, Harrisburg 85; Ellen Brown, Vermillion 88; Angie Ewert, West Central 89; Alyssa Hunt, Dakota Valley 91; Brooke Schwasinger, Vermillion 92; Mikaela Theobald, Sioux Falls Christian 92; Kenzie Huska, Vermillion 93; Kayla Kallenbach, Canton 93; Lindsey Sorlie, Canton 94; Kiersten Warkentien, Sioux Falls Christian 94; Cassie Hilbrands, Elk Point-Jefferson 95; Alaina Meyer, Lennox 95; Morgan Darner, Harrisburg 95; Alexa From, West Central 95; Sadie Swier, West Central 97; Hannay Zylstra, Canton 98; Allison Herne, Vermillion 99; Morgan Hussler, Elk Point-Jefferson 100; Jessica Christensen, Beresford 100; Chelsey Swelker, Lennox 102; Ashlee Stepp, Elk Point-Jefferson 103

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Madison Sweeps Big 8 Track Titles

MADISON — The Madison Bulldogs claimed both the boys' and girls' team titles at the Big 8 Conference Track and Field Meet on Monday. The boys' team defeated number two West Central 107-67, while the girls' team defeated the West Central girls 98.5-86.5.

Chris Nelson led the Madison boys with a first place finish in both the 200 meter (22.7), and the 400 meter (50.1).

Adam Pohlmann from Harrisburg also won two events, breaking the tape in both the 110 hurdles (15.6) and the 300 hurdles (42.5).

West Calliger led the way for the West Central girls by winning the top spot in both the 100 meter (12.1) and the 200 meter (26.2).

Brian Vermeulen had a two-run triple in the loss for Mount Vernon.

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dert said, smiling amidst all the post-game hugs and photos. "We were really down and now we're really high. We told ourselves that they weren't going to beat us twice."

After suffering a deflating loss in the first championship game, keyed by a 3-run home run by North Dakota in the top of the 10th inning, the Huskies found a way to respond.

"You just hope your girls have it in them to come back from a loss like that," said Hall, whose team did not take infield between games. "We just told them, 'Hey, we still believe in you and your talents. We've got one game left.'"

"And they took a big gulp, put on their big girl pants and got it done."

The Huskies got a solo homer from Kaitlin Southerland in the second inning and a two-run double from Kate Maddock in the third to take a 3-0 lead.

Again, North Dakota clawed back, scoring twice in the bottom of the third. And when HBU pulled in front 5-2, the Sioux answered with an RBI double and an RBI single — both with two outs — in the fifth.

Even down 7-4 in the bottom of the seventh inning, North Dakota made things more interesting with a two-run homer by Kenna Olsen. But a pop out and a strikeout ended the rally.

"That's been our M.O. all year," UND coach Sami Strinz said. "We fight and fight and fight, and never give up. Our girls fought all the way, but we just ran out of time and ran out of energy."

In the first title game, both teams had plenty of chances to score in a nail-biter that took three hours.

The Sioux got a two-out 3-run

Dayton, Lawmakers To Meet With NFL

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Gov. Mark Dayton and state lawmakers sponsoring a Vikings stadium bill have plans to meet with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell to talk about the project.

Rep. Morrie Lanning says Monday the meeting is scheduled for Tuesday morning at the governor's residence. He says he and Sen. Julie Rosen, his fellow lead sponsor of the stadium proposal, will join Dayton and Goodell.

Lanning says he'll ask what financial commitment the league might for the stadium construction. The Vikings want backing from lawmakers to help build a \$1.1 billion stadium at a suburban site in Ramsey County that would be funded by the team and state and county taxpayers.

GIRLS DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: 1. Madison 98.5; 2. West Central 86.5; 3. Harrisburg 45; 4. Vermillion 31; 5. Lennox 22
100 — Sami Calliger, West Central 12:1; 200 — Sami Calliger, West Central 26:2; 400 — Lexi Finck, Madison 1:01.2; 800 — Emily Mammenga, West Central 2:32.1; 1600 — Blair Gilkyson, Vermillion 5:46.5; 3200 — Emily Hawkes, Madison 12:11.1; 100 HURDLES — Laura Blom, Madison 15:7; 300 HURDLES — Allie Macdonald, West Central 49.8; 400 RELAY — West Central 52.1; 800 RELAY — West Central 1:50.7; 1600 RELAY — Madison 4:14.5; 3200 RELAY — Madison 10:19.0; 1600 MEDLEY — Harrisburg 4:32.6; DISCUS — Ashley Curran, Madison 111-07; HIGH JUMP — Kristen Klinger, Lennox 4-11; LONG JUMP — Shannon Spurgin, Madison 15-11.5; POLE VAULT — Mackenzie Huber, Vermillion 8-0; TRIPLE JUMP — Coley Stoller, Madison 34-11; SHOT PUT — Elizabeth Szymonski, Vermillion 35-0;

BOYS DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: 1. Madison 107; 2. West Central 67; 3. Lennox 43; 4. Harrisburg 35; 5. Vermillion 28
100 — D'Arist Williams, Madison 11:0; 200 — Chris Nielson, Madison 22:7; 400 — Chris Nielson, Madison 50:1; 800 — Tyler Stolsmark, West Central 2:07.7; 1600 — Tim Weber, West Central 4:41.6; 3200 — Hunter Streff, Madison 10:54.4; 110 HURDLES — Adam Pohlmann, Harrisburg 15:6; 300 HURDLES — Adam Pohlmann, Harrisburg 42.5; 400 RELAY — Madison 4:2; 800 RELAY — Madison 13:2; 1600 RELAY — Vermillion 3:31.4; 3200 RELAY — Lennox 8:39.7; 1600 MEDLEY — Harrisburg 3:54.3; HIGH JUMP — David Mulbah, West Central 6-1; POLE VAULT — Devon Bruna, Madison 11-0; LONG JUMP — Zach Koonsman, Lennox 19-7.5; TRIPLE JUMP — Brandon Schreppel, Madison 40-02.5; SHOT PUT — Taylor Bloom, Madison 47-10; DISCUS — William Mart, Vermillion 145-06.



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North Dakota's Maggie O'Neill dives after a fly ball during the Great West Conference Softball Championships, held Monday at Vermillion.

homer on Olsen in the top of the 10th inning.

Down 2-0 after the first inning, North Dakota got on the scoreboard in the third thanks to a 3-run homer from Brittany Baker.

"It was totally a roller coaster," Strinz said. "I could look over and see people starting to pack things up, but we made them wait. We knew all along that we'd have to battle like this."

From there, it was a game of missed chances for both sides. HBU left nine runners on base, including two on with one out in the bottom of the ninth.

Yet, the Huskies found a way to get the job done even when

things looked bleak — HBU stranded 10 runners on base in the second game.

The same could be said of the school's transition to Division I.

Before winning 38 games this season, the Huskies went 28-13, 18-23-1 and 16-30 in the first three years outside of the NAIA ranks.

Through it all were the five seniors, who Weidert said "learned a ton."

"This is so surreal what we've gone through," she said. "Each year has gotten harder with our schedule and who we play, but we've stuck together. We believed in ourselves all season."

With Houston Baptist having to travel the furthest of any school in the four-team tournament field, it benefited from having the largest contingent of fans.

Many parents, friends and other supporters made the 17-hour, 1,000-mile drive to Vermillion to cheer on their orange-clad Huskies.

"We heard that the only person here from Utah was the bus driver, so that just showed us how much it meant that we had all these people cheering us on," Weidert said. "If we wouldn't have had that, we would've caved."

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