

NDSU Tops Coyotes For Summit League Softball Title

FARGO, N.D. — North Dakota State won its second consecutive Summit League Tournament title with a 13-3 win against South Dakota in the championship game Saturday at Ellig Sports Complex.

The Bison (43-9) pounded out 17 hits in just four at bats while pitcher Krista Menke limited the Coyotes (28-25-1) to three hits and struck out nine in five innings of work. Alex Sobrero had a lead-off home run in the first inning and was 3-for-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. Alyssa Reina and Maritza Lopez-Portillo also homered for the Bison.

South Dakota's three hits came on consecutive at bats in the top of the fourth inning. Katie Cochran hit a three-run homer to right that cut the Bison's lead to 8-3. Menke (32-4) retired the next five hitters in order to secure North Dakota State's automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

It was Cochran and sophomore pitcher Rachel Cue who helped South Dakota reach the championship game. Cochran's solo home run in the bottom of the fourth inning was the only run in a 1-0 Coyote victory against IUPUI in an elimination game earlier in the day. The win avenged the team's 11-9 loss to the Jaguars on Friday.

Cue (12-12) pitched her fourth shutout of the season and turned in one of the most dominant performances of her career. She gave up three singles and a walk and none of the runners advanced past first base.

Both Cochran and Cue were named to the 16-person all-tournament team. Teammates Katie Dinning and Morgan Hancock joined them.

Cochran was named to the team for the second consecutive year after batting 5-for-10 with two homers and four RBIs. Cue was 1-0 in two starts

and three appearances at the tournament. She struck out 10 in 15 1/3 innings of work.

Dinning was 7-for-14 with two home runs, three RBIs and six runs scored during the tournament. She was 5-for-5 in an elimination game against South Dakota State Friday. Hancock hit three home runs and had nine RBIs in two games Friday. She was 4-for-9 and drew five walks in four games.

South Dakota finished the season with a Summit League record 77 home runs. The Coyotes batted .325 as a team and averaged more than six runs per game.

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Brandon Valley Tourn.

BRANDON — The Yankton Fury White went 3-0 on Saturday in the U-10 division of the

Brandon Valley girls' softball tournament.

Sunday's rounds were canceled due to weather.

The Fury White squad, now 6-0, hosts Norfolk on Friday.

FURY WHITE 10, BRANDON VALLEY MIDWEST DIRT DEVILS 3: Emma Yost had a hit, a run scored and a RBI, Ellie Karolevitz had a hit and a RBI, and Hailey Oswald had a hit and two runs scored to lead Yankton. Grace Behrns, Nora Welker and Hannah Sailer each scored twice. Thea Chance had a hit and a run scored. Karolevitz picked up the win, striking out 14.

FURY WHITE 21, S.F. FUSION 8: Ellie Karolevitz had a hit, three runs scored and a RBI, and Grace Behrns and Hailey Oswald each had a hit and three RBI for Yankton. Emma Yost and Thea Chance each scored three times. Hannah Sailer, Taryn Fitzgerald and Lydia Yost each scored twice. Behrns picked up the win, striking out six.

FURY WHITE 13, S.F. DIAMONDS 8: Nora Welker had a hit, two RBI and two runs scored, and Thea Chance had a hit, a RBI and a run scored to lead Yankton. Grace Behrns, Ellie Karolevitz, Hannah Sailer and Hailey Oswald

each scored twice. Emma Yost picked up the win, striking out two over two innings. Karolevitz struck out three over two innings to pick up the save.

Brandon Valley 9-2,

Fury Xtreme 3-10

BRANDON — The Yankton Fury Xtreme split with Brandon Valley, dropping a 9-3 decision to their varsity and winning a 10-2 victory over their JV on Friday.

BRANDON VALLEY 9, FURY XTREME 3: Megan McCorkell had two hits and Liz Suing tripled to lead Yankton. Lexie McCorkell and Dani Dvorak also had hits. Hanna Cummins took the loss, striking out four in three innings of work.

FURY XTREME 10, BV JV 2: Alix Peterka had a double and two RBI, and Hanna Cummins had a hit and a RBI to lead Yankton. Holly Mines and Liz Suing had hits in the victory.

Holly Mines picked up the win, striking out two in the five-inning contest.

Vaulters Fly By Records At Relays

65th Juniror High Relays: 2 PV Records Fall, Another Tied On Day; 3 Other Marks Broken

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It was a day for flying high at the 65th annual Yankton Junior High Relays on Saturday at Williams Field.

Six meet records were tied or fell, including three of the four pole vault marks. The eighth grade girls' 800 relay, and seventh grade boys' 110-meter hurdles and 400-meter dash also fell on the day.

"All in all it was a great day," said Yankton junior high coach Doug Haar. "If you look at the number of records that were broken, it reflects that."

Gayville-Volin's Ashley Emmick started the assault on the pole vault standards. The eighth grade girls' mark of eight feet was a standard the Raider had already cleared earlier in the week.

"There was a little bit of pressure," she said. "I had only gone 8-3 one time, and I haven't gotten any practice in since that last meet."

Emmick cleared the mark and had solid attempts at a career-best 8-6 before concluding her competition.

"I felt pretty good," she said. "I felt like I was ready to break the record."

For Emmick, who also competes at the varsity level for Gayville-Volin, the Junior High Relays were a chance to relax and compete against girls her age. She also said that her success in recent meets has her ready for more.

"I know I can clear it," she said. "I feel like I'm ready to go higher."

Norfolk's Arleth Ramirez followed in the seventh grade girls' division, tying the stand-

ard set by former Gazelle Cassie Shafer in 2004 by clearing 7-6. Then it was the boys' turn, as Sutton Carpenter of Mitchell edged past the oldest standing record in the history of the 65-year-old meet by clearing 11-1. The mark of 11-0, set by Wentling of Norfolk, Nebraska, was set in 1975.

In the seventh grade boys' division, Canton's Kayden Verley was a double meet record breaker, setting the standards in both the 110-meter hurdles (15.50) and 400-meter dash (56.14). He destroyed the hurdle record by three-quarters of a second (Reed Overweg of Mitchell in 2012), while beating out a former C-Hawk, Cody Majeres (2009) by .46 in the 400. He also won the long jump (17-6).

Also falling by the wayside on the day was the eighth grade girls' 800 relay, as the foursome from Vermillion clocked a 1:54.09 to shatter Brandon Valley's 2012 standard of 1:56.40. Vermillion's eighth grade girls also won the 400 (55.07) and sprint medley (2:02.08) relays.

Mitchell's Tess Limberg was dominant in the eighth grade girls' sprints, taking the 100 (13.50), 200 (27.49) and the 400 (1:03.33). Harrisburg's Seth Halling swept the seventh grade boys' throws, recording a toss of 100-1 in the discus and 32-10.5 in the shot put.

Yankton's eighth grade girls were short-handed due to college graduations and dance recitals scheduled for Saturday, according to Haar.

Yankton's seventh grade girls claimed all four relay

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Gayville-Volin's Ashley Emmick competes in the eighth grade girls' pole vault at the Yankton Junior High Relays on Saturday. Emmick set the meet record in the event, clearing 8-3. The eighth grade boys' record also fell, and the seventh grade girls' record in the pole vault was tied on Saturday. Three other meet records fell in the event.

Former Coyote Huffer Signs With Falcons After Strong Rookie Camp

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Shortly after practice had ended Sunday out at an Atlanta Falcons rookie minicamp, Matt Huffer was asked to bring his bags and meet with the coaches.

Sure, the former Univer-

sity of South Dakota offensive lineman was confident he had done enough to impress the coaches, but was he getting cut? Had his NFL career ended before it really began?

"I wasn't sure what was going to happen," Huffer said by phone Sunday night. "I had already talked to my agent,

and he said there was a chance they would sign me."

Sitting across from two coaches, Huffer soon realized it was good news.

"As soon as he said pack my things up and go to the hotel, I knew they were giving me the opportunity," Huffer said.

The 6-foot-6, 300-pound

offensive tackle from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, was one of two players signed Sunday by the Falcons after the weekend rookie minicamp. Huffer and former USD teammate Steve Tellefsen (Minnesota Vikings) had been offered free agent contracts after the NFL Draft.

For Huffer, he had per-

formed well enough to impress the coaches at the minicamp, which featured 40 players. He and Jonathon Mincy, a cornerback from Auburn, were the only players signed by the Falcons.

"It was a great experience seeing all these guys from all

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Baseball: Bucks Split With Mitchell

The Yankton Bucks split with Mitchell in club high school baseball on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field.

Colin Muth tossed a complete game shutout and drove in the game's only run as Yankton won the opener 1-0.

Muth finished with two hits. Brad Ulmer had a hit and a run scored. Austin Johnson added a hit.

Mitchell claimed the nightcap 12-4.

Ulmer had two hits, including a triple, and a run scored. Jordan Kathol posted a double and a run scored. Muth and Mason Townsend each had hits. Sheldon Gant had a run scored and a RBI.

Ben Cameron took the loss, with Gant pitching in relief.

Yankton, 12-9 overall, finishes region play at 4-2, making the Bucks the second seed behind Mitchell. The Bucks finish the regular season at Sioux Falls Washington today (Monday).

Ken Tomek Tourn.

SIoux FALLS — West Central ended Yankton's late-season surge, beating the Bucks' freshmen-sophomore team in the championship of the season-ending Ken Tomek Baseball Tournament on Saturday.

The 2-1 Torajans victory ended Yankton's 11-game win streak. Oakley Palmer had a hit and a run scored in the win. Peterson also picked up the win.

Yankton completed pool play with a 9-1 victory over O'Gorman on Saturday morning.



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

Yankton pitcher Colin Muth sends the ball home during the opening game of a club high school baseball doubleheader with Mitchell on Saturday at Bob Tereshinski Stadium at Riverside Field. Muth tossed a complete game shutout as the Bucks won the opener 1-0. Mitchell won the nightcap.

Koletzky had two doubles and a single, and Bakke had two singles and a double to lead Yankton. Peterson had two hits and three runs scored. Nate Eichacker had two hits in the win.

Miles Carda struck out seven in seven innings for the win.

On Friday, Yankton opened the tournament with a 3-1 victory over Roosevelt, with Schoenfelder's two-run single in the top of the seventh providing the margin of victory.

Carda had a hit and two runs, and Bakke had a hit to lead Yankton. Eichacker added a run scored.

Somsen struck out four and allowed an unearned run over six innings to pick up the win. Peterson earned the save.

Yankton finished with a 13-9 record after a 2-8 start.



SEAN WELSH/BROOKINGS REGISTER

Yankton's Ethan Klimisch hits a return shot during his No. 6 singles match against Aberdeen Central at the Brookings Quadrangular on Saturday at Hillcrest Tennis Courts.

Tennis: Bucks Sweep Quad

BROOKINGS — The Yankton Bucks earned a weekend sweep of a quadrangular in boys' tennis action on Saturday in Brookings.

The Bucks beat Huron 9-0, Aberdeen Central 6-3 and Brookings 7-2.

"We beat a good Aberdeen Central team that we were looking forward to playing again," said YHS boys' tennis coach Matt Termansen. "We lost to them in our first match of the year, and it left a bad taste in our mouth."

Yankton's top four players each went 3-0 in singles and doubles on the day: Luke Rockne (11-3), Jason Shindler (11-5), Hunter Rockne (11-5) and Paul Fanta (7-2). Luke and Hunter Rockne (9-5) were 2-0 at flight one, while Shindler and Fanta were 3-0 at flight two to improve to 14-2 on the season.

"The top of our lineup is playing the best tennis of the season," Termansen noted.

The Bucks, now 14-5, will

play at home against Mitchell and Brandon Valley on Tuesday, a 1 p.m. start. Yankton's trip to Sioux Falls today (Monday) to face Roosevelt and O'Gorman was canceled due to expected poor conditions.

YANKTON 9, HURON 0

SINGLES: Luke Rockne Y def. Blake Meyer 10-3; Jason Shindler Y def. Rick Strubel 10-1; Hunter Rockne Y def. Reese Uecker 10-2; Paul Fanta Y def. Henry Rubish 10-2; Nate List Y def. Brandon Claeys 10-3; Ethan Klimisch Y def. Brenden Schlader 10-8

DOUBLES: Ben Mooney-Tanner Dykstra Y def. Uecker-Carson Hruby 10-4; Shindler-Fanta Y def. Strubel-Rubish 10-3; List-Klimisch Y def. Claeys-Schlader 10-2

JV: Mooney Y def. Tyrese Thues 6-3; Theus H def. Cole Sawatzke 6-4

YANKTON 6, ABERDEEN CENTRAL 3

SINGLES: Luke Rockne Y def. Jesse Margolies 10-4; Jason Shindler Y def. Adam Zimmerman 10-0; Hunter Rockne Y def. Gabe Swanson 10-0; Paul Fanta Y def. Matt Hollan 11-10 (7-2); Eric Marnette AC def. Nate List 10-7; Parker Monson AC def. Ethan Klimisch 10-2

DOUBLES: Rockne-Rockne Y def. Margolies-Zimmerman 10-4; Shindler-Fanta Y def. Sawson-Hollan 10-5; Marnette-Monson AC def. List-Klimisch 10-4

JV: Trevor Gooding-Dylan Bader AC def. Ben Mooney-Tanner Dykstra 10-4

YANKTON 7, BROOKINGS 2

SINGLES: Luke Rockne Y def. Baylor Dobbs 10-0; Jason Shindler Y def. Jason Ritterhaus 10-3; Hunter Rockne Y def. Dalton Ritterhaus 10-5; Paul Fanta Y def. Jonah Dobbs 10-7; Nate List Y def. Kevin Wu 10-7; Alex Miley B def. Ethan Klimisch 11-10 (7-4)

DOUBLES: Rockne-Rockne Y def. Ritterhaus-Ritterhaus 10-4; Shindler-Fanta Y def. Dobbs-Dobbs 10-6; Wu-Miley B def. List-Klimisch 11-9

JV: Desmond Hanan B def. Tanner Dykstra 10-7; Hanan-Yilun Li B def. Dykstra-Ben Mooney 10-6

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