

Boys Of Summer Ready For 2015



The Wynot Expos capped off a successful 2014 summer with a South Dakota State Class B Amateur Baseball championship. Wynot, and the rest of the South Central League, opens its season Sunday.

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South Central League Preview

Wynot Seeks Title Repeat

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

The South Central League will down one team in 2015, as the curtains were drawn on the Avon Bards. The league, though, still returns four Class B and a Class A team that played in the 2014 state amateur baseball tournament, led by Class B champion Wynot and Class B semifinal qualifier Crofton.

As it has been for the past couple of years, both Nebraska teams (Wynot, Crofton) in the South Central League appear to have the pieces in place to not only contend for a District 6B title but a state championship. Crofton, the 2011 champs, has put together deep tournament runs of late, while both Nebraska teams were in the semifinals a year ago.

"I'd say ours is one of the best in the state," Wynot manager Lee Heimes said of the SCL. "We have some good players in here and some guys who know how to play baseball."

SCL play begins Sunday around the area, with nine teams competing for the league title. The District 6B Tournament will be played July 23-Aug. 1 in Irene.

Here is a look at the teams, with Yankton first, then the rest in alphabetical order.

Yankton Tappers

The Tappers return players Dave Schmidt, Kory Bromley, Kaleb Bromley, Jake Broscha, Nik Davis, Mike Janish, Jesse Bailey, Devin Gullikson, Derek Blumenstock, and Ross Heine.

In addition to the returning play-

ers the Tappers have the following newcomers, Jason Livermont, Lane Sawatzke, Brandon Deplay, Kenny Taumont, Colton Thomas, Dakota Kirkman and Oscha Brewer.

"This year the pitching staff is deep," said manager Ross Heine, "we should also be able to score runs."

"We'd like to make it to the state tournament, and try to win the title," said Heine, "That's our goal every year."

Crofton Bluejays

Returning for the Bluejays are Nick Hegge, Rand Thygeson, Aaron Losing, Kyle Mueller, Alex Mueller, Carl Schieffer, Seth Erdmann, Tyler Zimmerman, Brandon Hegge, Austin Filips, and Alex Filips.

The newcomers for the Bluejays this year are Ben Hegge, Greg Rethwisch, and Mitch Mueller.

"We would like to make a run in the state tournament again this year," said manager Carl Schieffer.

Freeman Black Sox

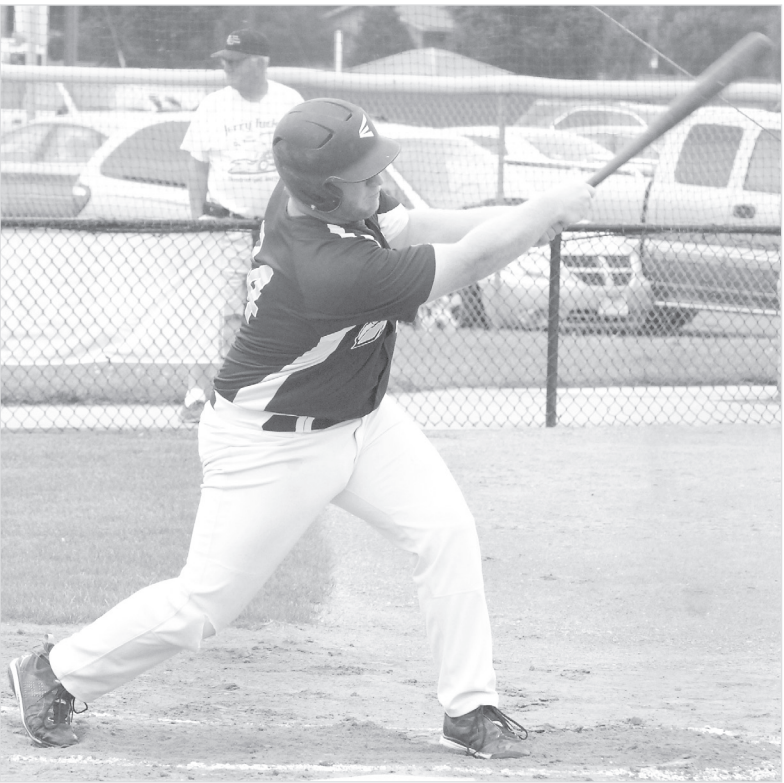
Freeman finished third in the South Central League with a record of 11-7 last year.

Returning players for the Black Sox include Jake Weier, Kyle Weier, Nathan Weier, Joseph Weier, Christian Wolfgang, Mitch Wollman, Austin Smidt, Adam Watson, Alan Scherschligt, Lee Scherschligt, Brett

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P&D FILE PHOTO

Yankton's Ross Heine returns to the Tappers lineup as both a player and manager for the 2015 season.

Scherschligt and Jason Prouty.

New players for the Black Sox include Chet Peterson, Gunnar Lafrenz, Derek Waltner, Tomas Kaufman and Cole Paulson.

Manager Brett Scherschligt says expectations for the Black Sox are high.

"We were third in the league last

year. If we have enough steady pitching we should be alright," Scherschligt said.

Irene Cardinals

After a strong season and a run to the quarterfinals of the state tourna-

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RICH REMMERS/WATERTOWN PUBLIC OPINION

Yankton's Jason Schindler competes at Friday's Eastern South Dakota Conference Boys' Tennis Tournament in Watertown.

Track: Dvorak Leads E-P Past Bon Homme At Trojan Relays

ETHAN – Aided by another big day from Wes Dvorak, the Ethan-Parkston boys' track team edged Bon Homme for first place at the Ethan-Parkston Trojan Relays, which were held Friday in Ethan.

Dvorak recorded victories in the long jump (20-10.25), triple jump (41-4.5) and 300-meter hurdles (40.82). He helped the Trojans score 145 team points for first place, three points in front of Bon Homme. Also for Ethan-Parkston, Camden Meyers won the high jump (6-2).

For Bon Homme, Devin Millen was first in the 100-meter hurdles (16.96), Brendan Bares won the 100-meter dash (11.23), and the Cavaliers also won the 400 relay, 800 relay and 1600 relay.

Andes Central-Dakota Christian's Michael Maas won the 200-meter dash (24.0) and 400-meter dash (52.74).

On the girls' side, Ethan-Parkston scored 148 for first place, while Andes Central-Dakota Christian was a distant second (96).

Winning titles for Ethan-Parkston were Darbi Gustafson in the shot put (38-11), Hannah Wegehaupt in the 100 hurdles (18.29), Sydney Wickersham in the 1600-meter run (5:53.36),

Results

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McKenzie Prunty in the 300 hurdles (52.66) and Patience Nesheim in the 800-meter run (2:37.44).

For Bon Homme, Rachel Sestak won the pole vault (8-6), Morgan Rothschadl won the 400-meter

dash (59.61) and Anna Heusinkveld won the 200-meter dash (27.05). The Cavaliers also had the top times in the 400 relay, 800 relay and 1600 relay.

Andes Central-Dakota Christian won four events, as Lydia Hansum won the long jump (15-0), Beulah Blackcloud won the high jump (4-9), Erica Kitchenmaster won the 100-meter dash (12.79) and Anna VanderPol was first in the 3200-meter run (13:57.34).

In other area finishes, Scotland's Carley Skorepa won the discus (115-2) and Avon's Kacie Mudder won the triple jump (31-1.5).

The area track teams will return to action next week for their respective region meets, in advance of the South Dakota State Track Championships.

Yankton Takes Third At ESD

WATERTOWN – The Yankton Bucks earned third place at the Eastern South Dakota Conference boys' tennis tournament, which was held Friday in Watertown.

Mitchell easily won the conference title, recording 418 points. Aberdeen Central was a distant second with 187 points, followed by Yankton (181), Brandon Valley (156), Watertown (121), Pierre (110) and Brookings (66). Huron did not record a point.

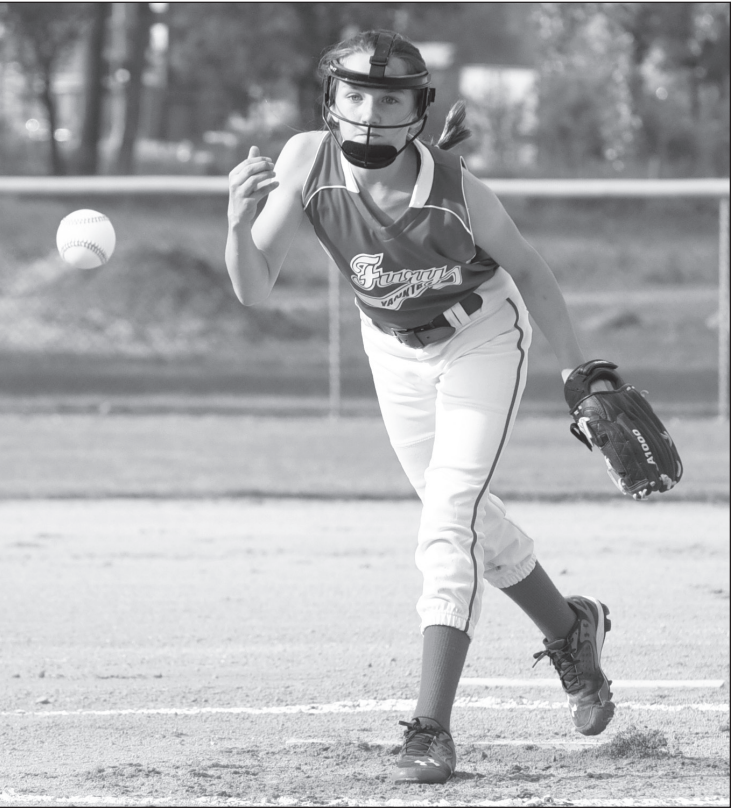
Yankton had three players earn second place in their respective singles flights: Luke Rockne in flight one, Jason Shindler in flight

two and Hunter Rockne in flight three. The doubles tandem of Rockne and Rockne also captured a consolation championship in flight one, while Shindler and Fanta teamed up to take second in flight two.

Nathan List lost in the consolation championship in flight five singles, while Ethan Klimisch lost both of his matches at flight six. Together, they went 0-2 in their flight three doubles division.

Yankton will next compete in the South Dakota State Tennis Tournament on May 21-23 in Sioux Falls.

Yankton Fury White Nets Sweep



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Yankton Fury White pitcher Ellie Karolevitz delivers to home plate during the first game of Friday night's softball doubleheader against the Norfolk Golden Girls at Riverside Park.

Coyote Men, Women Take Second At Summit League Outdoor Track

MACOMB, Ill. — South Dakota's men's and women's track and field teams finished runner-up at the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Championships, which concluded Friday at Hanson Field after three days of competition.

Taking home Men's Track Championship MVP honors for his performances in the middle distance races was sophomore Mach Dojiok. Freshman Shanice Cannigan earned Women's Newcomer of the Championship to add to her indoor newcomer accolade.

The Coyotes added nine individual champions on Friday for a total of 14.

Senior Taylor Chapman got the Coyotes rolling as he cruised to a win in the 1,500-meter run. Chapman led from the gun and clocked 3 minutes, 52.31 seconds. Right on his heels was Dojiok, finishing runner-up in 3:52.98. Junior Isaac Allen and senior Stephen Nielson both clocked under four minutes as well to take fourth and sixth, respectively.

A little more than an hour later, Dojiok came from the back of the pack and out-kicked three runners in the final stretch to win the 800 meters in 1:52.04. Chapman finished sixth, senior Taylor Huseman took seventh and Nielson was eighth.

Freshman Gawain Williams put on the jets in the last 50 meters to snatch the 100-meter dash title in 10.64 seconds.

South Dakota took four of the top-five spots in the men's pole vault. Senior Kevin Sarehkhani won his second Summit League pole vault title by clearing 16-4. Junior teammate Erik Jorgensen finished runner-up with a height of 15-10. Junior Peter Chapman and freshman Jake David both went over 15-4 ¼ for fourth and fifth, respectively.

Senior Lukas Bernard came from behind to clock a new career best of 51.87 and win the 400-meter hurdles. Bernard improves to 34th on the NCAA West Preliminary performance list. Senior teammate Erik Hill had the lead on the final straightaway, but was outkicked by Bernard to finish in third. Hill also ran a new career best of 52.10, which puts him 43rd in the NCAA West. Freshman Tomas Kamenik took eighth.