

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Vermillion Red Sox Baseball

Vermillion 15-16 Teeners

1:30 p.m. Aug. 12

Noon Aug. 12

Round 2, State A Tourney in Mitchell vs. Castlewood

at State Tourney in Flandreau vs. Groton

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE REPORT

There were many bunnies and at least one turtle spotted on the golf course tonight, Aug. 2, but no birdies for the WELL. It was another beautiful evening, with warm temps but tolerable. There is a tree on #15 that took a beating tonight ... only by balls, no clubs were used.

Birthday girl Susan Oberle had longest putt on #10. Happy Birthday Susan! Low gross was Peggy Donnelly with a 43 and low net was Ann Jensen with a 29. Robin Miskimins won \$6 in the 50/50. Only two more league nights left. This season went fast. Looking forward to a few memorable nights yet this summer.

SENIOR MEN'S FUN LEAGUE

On Aug. 9, Dick Kellogg returned to organize the men's senior league after being on the disabled list due to medical and surgical procedures for the past 12 weeks. Cleland Cook has been the very capable organizer during Kellogg's absence. Kellogg and Cook have been co-chairmen of this Senior Men's Fun League for the past six years, since the death of Howard Connors.

Prizes for the day were randomly distributed by a draw of the cards. Twenty-three players showed up to participate. Teams were divided by white tees and red tees. Winners on the red tees was the team of Elmer Mount, Al Clem and Andrew Clem with a 36. Taking second was the team of Lloyd Helseth and Ken Beringer at 42. The best score off the white tees was a 34 by the team of Bob Lund, Pat Boyle and Dick Burbach. Second went to the team of Jerry Sommervold, Jim Reed and Shorty Hanson at 36. Taking third was Turk Pilker, Gary Prasch and Max Anderson with a 36.

Long putts were as follows: 43-footer by Don Baer at #8, 30-footer by Harlan Schott at #3 and a 25-footer by Turk Pilker at #8.

Vermillion 15-16 Teeners take on Groton in state tourney today

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Several members of Vermillion's VFW 15-16 Teeners got a sweet taste of state championship baseball when their team won the state title in a younger Teener division just two summers ago. Now in the oldest Teener age division, they have a chance to do it again.

Vermillion completed a week of outstanding baseball with their fourth win without a loss in the Region 1A tournament at Elk Point, capturing the crown with an 8-1 domination of Canton Friday, just 24 hours after clinching a state tourney slot with a 14-0 win over the same team. Canton then won an elimination game over Beresford early Friday evening and would have had to beat Vermillion twice to win the championship. Nevertheless, as runners-up, Canton also advances to the state classic that starts in Flandreau today (Friday).

Vermillion takes on Groton, runner-up from the northeast region, in the tournament opener at noon. The other matchup in the upper bracket is Garretson-Parkston. Vermillion's second game will be Saturday at noon or 5:30 p.m. against the loser or winner of Garretson-Parkston.

The bottom bracket matchups are Tyndall-Canton and Webster-Flandreau. The tourney plays out to six places with Sunday's games at noon, 3 and 6.

Collin Bertram gave the Teeners exactly the kind of start to Friday's championship game they wanted, shutting down Canton. He struck out

two in each of the four innings he pitched. Only in the third was Canton able to do anything, putting together a leadoff single and a two-out single for its only run of the game. Canton also had a leadoff single in the fourth, but catcher Chayse Meierkort threw out that batter trying to steal second base. It was the fourth straight tourney game in which he had picked off at least one baserunner.

As he had done the night before, Nile Morecraft came in in the fifth in relief. He gave up a leadoff single, but that man stayed right there as Morecraft got a strikeout and two infield grounders to end the inning. He also struck out a pair in the sixth, and a gorgeous play by shortstop Tanner Settles to end the inning stranded another Canton runner. Meierkort pitched the seventh and barely worked up a sweat, starting with a strikeout, snaring a dribbler himself and ending with a strikeout.

Vermillion's three pitchers got 13 strikeouts among the 21 Canton outs. Seven were infield grounders. Obviously the outfielders had nothing to do but cheer.

The champs sent nine men to the plate in the second against Zach DeJong, doing all their damage with two out. After a leadoff single by Morecraft and a hit by Joe Mazour, Peter Haught drove in the game's first run with a single. Vermillion gladly accepted two more runs that were let in on passed balls. A fourth scored on an infield error.

A run in the third came with a lot of help from Canton – Jayce Huska was hit with a pitch, went to second on a passed ball, stole third and scored on a catcher's wild throw.

Grey Sox surprise seasoned Dells team in State ‘B’ action

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Like the little engine that could, Vermillion's underdog Grey Sox huffed and puffed and, in the end, chugged their way up and over the mountaintop, surprising one of amateur baseball's legendary teams, Dell Rapids Pabst Blue Ribbon, in the first round of the state Class "B" tournament in Mitchell Saturday night.

Vermillion's young whipper-snappers, most of whom are no more than three years removed from American Legion baseball, took a 3-2 lead in the fifth inning, then stunned the tournament with a six-run sixth. Down 9-3, PBR scored five runs in the eighth and ninth, but three profoundly huge insurance runs in the top

of the ninth had given the Grey Sox a comfort margin that survived the Dells team's desperate rallies.

The Grey Sox thus advanced to the second round and a Wednesday night matchup with the Parkston Mudcats. If the Grey Sox came up with more magic in that one, their next game would be in the quarterfinals at 8 p.m. Friday against Miller/Wessington or Tabor. The state championship game is Sunday.

If Cody Schreiber's rubber arm was numb as this week began, it is understandable. He threw 137 pitches in 7-plus innings, allowing four hits and four runs, three of them earned. He struck out four but walked 10, and thus PBR had baserunners almost constantly. They stranded 11 while Schreiber was on the mound

and four more in the final two innings with Michael Kendall pitching in relief.

Dell Rapids PBR won the Corn Belt League regular-season championship and its district tournament, but if they were overlooking a seemingly overmatched Grey Sox club, it cost them. Instead of starting its aces on the mound, PBR went with Dale Solberg. He contained the Grey Sox for four innings, gave up four hits in the sixth, then was blown out of the game in Vermillion's huge sixth inning.

His first reliever, Dean Entringer, lasted only a third of that inning, then Landon Klock finished up. He was on his game, retiring nine batters in a row until, like a lightning bolt that came out of nowhere, the Grey Sox with two out in the ninth suddenly came up with a

three-run burst of insurance, started by Klock himself when he hit Josh Gross and walked Tyler Johnson. The eighth and ninth men in the batting order, Joe Millar and Jerrod Freidel, produced mammoth RBI singles as did leadoff man Jason Rasmussen. That made it 12-5 for the Grey Sox, so when PBR scored three in the bottom of the ninth, it wasn't as nerve-racking as it could have been.

Vermillion's initial run in the first came when Kendall singled and scored on an infield error. Solberg retired 10 Sox in a row until four straight singles in the fifth by Freidel, Rasmussen, Kendall and Schreiber erased a 2-1 deficit and produced a 3-2 lead Vermillion would never relinquish.

With one out in the key sixth, Gross, who like Millar was a pickup play from the Elk

Point Stags, singled as did Tyler Johnson. The game turned on a huge dropped fly ball by PBR's left-fielder that scored two. A pop-up to the pitcher should have ended the inning but, because of the error, was only the second out. So Rasmussen singled, Kendall sent a home-run ball out of Cadwell Park, Schreiber doubled and Reid Meierkort singled him home.

PBR scored once in the sixth and two in the eighth to crawl to within 9-5, so the three runs in the top of the ninth with two out were heaven-sent, to be sure.

Rasmussen and Kendall had three hits each, and Kendall had four RBIs. Freidel and Schreiber also had two hits each. Klock had three RBIs for PBR and Kevin Krull added a pair.

Red Sox clash with Castlewood today in state amateur tourney

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's Red Sox are three wins away from a spot in the state amateur baseball championship game after going 1-1 on the first weekend of state tourney play.

The Red Sox will clash with Castlewood at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Drake Field in Mitchell. The winner takes on either Brookings or the Rapid City Angels at 11 a.m. Saturday, and that winner

plays the Brandon Valley-Renner Monarchs loser at 5:30 to reach Sunday's championship contest against the Renner-Brandon Valley winner.

The Red Sox went to Pierre for the first two games of the Class "A" tournament, needing to win at least once to advance to this weekend's "final six" in Mitchell. They lost to the Renner Monarchs, 8-2, Friday night, but in an elimination game Saturday the Sox scored early and

often, then held off the Valley Green A's of Rapid City, 11-6.

Robin Chute had two hits in the Renner game, but for the most part the Red Sox offense couldn't solve the Monarchs' Dallas Schneiderman, who allowed only one earned run in his eight innings of mound work. He struck out four.

A five-run top of the second got the Red Sox off to a great start against the Rapid City ballclub. After Dan Hansen's single loaded the

bases, two runs scored on a fielder's choice and an error. Jon Elliot's triple scored two more runs, and Chute plated Elliot for a 5-0 lead.

Tyler Candor's two-run home run made it 7-0 in the fourth, and back-to-back triples produced two more

runs in the fifth to make it 9-0. However, the A's started to chip away, scoring once in the fifth and five times in the sixth. Fortunately the 9-6 lead held up until the ninth when Vermillion added a pair of insurance runs for the final count of 11-6.

Chute had a three-hit, three-RBI game, and A.J. Staiert and Steve Johnson also had three hits apiece. Candor, Elliot and Colby Lessmann contributed two hits each to the Red Sox offensive attack.

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Booster Bash

Friday, August 19th

4:30-5:15 p.m.

Soccer, Cross Country, Volleyball, Tennis & Golf

5:30-6 p.m.

Coach Season Previews

6-7 p.m.

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