Plain Talk Sports

Upcoming Sports Schedule

VFW 15-16 Teeners Vermillion Grey Sox

Vermillion Red Sox

6:30 p.m. July 1 vs. SF Central 7:30 p.m. July 6 vs. Akron, IA 2 p.m. July 10 7:30 p.m. July 13 vs. Vermillion Red Sox 7:30 p.m. July 6

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IRON KID



Madisen Lavin of Vermillion raced in the Iron Kids Triathlon held in Sioux Falls June 18 at the Elmen Center and won the 9-11-year-old female division qualifying her for the national competition to be held in Des Moines, IA, Sept. 17. She finished the 150-yard swim, four-mile bike ride and one-mile run in 28 minutes.

A TEAM EFFORT



Last month, members of the Vermillion Youth Baseball Association's U12 Travel Team painted a shed to be placed adjacent to a new batting cage near Barstow Park in Vermillion. Herren-Schempp Building Supply donated the paint and the majority of the shed, as well as the use of their storage area in which to paint the shed. Other donations were received from Masaba, Coca-Cola, Jones' Food Center and Ace Hardware. The Vermillion Youth Baseball Association serves 150 Vermillion-area youths.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

Grey Sox will host Akron

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

The Vermillion Grey Sox amateur baseball team will take the holiday weekend off before hosting the Akron Rebels next Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. in State Line League action. The Sox squeezed in a pair of games last week between rain storms, winning them both to improve their record to 5-3, pending a game this past Wednesday at Canton. The Grey Sox won a 17-1 league game over the Dakota Valley Pilots, the contest ending after six innings because of the 15-run rule. Vermillion scored in five of the six innings, including a five-run second and a six-run third to establish their comfortable advantage early. Cody Schreiber controlled the Pilots from the mound, striking out 10 in his six innings of work. He also was a terror as a batter, going 4-for-4 with two home runs and seven runs batted in. Tim Ross also contributed a home run among his four RBIs. On Sunday the Grey Sox trailed the Renner Oldtimers from the outset when the visitors scored twice in the top of the first. They remained on the short end of the score into the bottom of the eighth when a six-run outburst erased a 6-4 deficit. Renner got one run back in the top of the ninth, but that was all as the Sox prevailed, 10-7. Kyle Nemec was winning pitcher for Vermillion. Tim Ross had two doubles, and Travis Lee swatted a double to lead the Sox hitters.

The Grey Sox began a oncepostponed game against the Elk Point Stags later Sunday afternoon, but the game was

15-16 Teeners to host S.F. Central

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A seven-run fifth inning broke open a 3-1 game and lifted Vermillion's VFW 15-16 Teeners to an 11-1 six-inning victory over Parkston last week.

The win, which improved the team's record to 5-2, was their first in nine days after two other scheduled games were rained out. The ballclub will be at home tonight (Friday) at 6:30 p.m. against Sioux Falls Central.

Triples by Nile Morecraft and Joe Mazour, doubles by Colin Olson and Tanner Settles and a single by Collin Bertram were all part of the seven-run inning against Parkston. Those five hits were part of a nine-hit Vermillion attack. Mazour and Olson each had two hits, and they and Settles all had two RBIs apiece.

Bertram scattered seven hits and struck out eight as starting pitcher, going five innings and allowing only the lone Parkston run. Chayse Meierkort pitched the final inning, striking out the side although he also walked a man and hit another.

In a "B" game the same night, Parkston, using the same lineup as in the varsity game, defeated the Vermillion "B" squad, 8-3, in a five-inning game. Pete Haught started on the mound, allowing seven runs and four hits. Singles by Haught and Jayce Huska and doubles by Seth Heine and Ethan

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most recent games and in addition saw

three games rained out within an eight-

day period.

Vermillion's Red Sox went 1-2 in their

The victory came over the Sioux City

Saints by an 11-2 count. Eric McGhland's

Colby Lessmann's three hits, including a

double, were the major offensive blows for the Red Sox. Garrett Linhardt secured the pitching win with his five innings of work

on the mound, and Nate Olsen finished

Olsen was the pitching loser in an

up by throwing the final four innings.

On Sunday the Red Sox lost to

earlier 3-1 loss to Brandon Valley.

home run, Jon Elliott's three hits and

James were the only Vermillion hits.

Team leaders at the midway point of the season show Bertram as the ace of the Teeners' pitching corps. Having thrown 17 1/3 innings through last weekend, he has struck out 30 percent of the batters he has faced and is allowing only three-tenths of a run per inning pitched. Settles has pitched seven innings, allowing .3 runs per inning pitched; Mazour six innings, 1.1; Morecraft 5 1/3 innings, 2.4, and Meierkort three innings, .3.

At the plate among the regulars, Morecraft has a .467 batting average in 20 plate appearances, Olson .462 in 16 official at-bats, Haught .438 in 23 appearances at the plate, and Mazour .409 in 23. D'Andre Fore, who has seen limited Teener action, has a .500 batting average in eight at-bats. The team's batting average is .347.

SOUTH SIOUX TOURNEY

Earlier in June, the 15-16 Teeners went 2-1 in pool play at South Sioux City's tournament but had to settle for playing in the fifth-place game, which they won.

Vermillion and two other teams tied for best record in their pool at 2-1, but the tie-breaker was fewest runs allowed, and one bad game cost Vermillion in that category.

In their tourney opener the Teeners capitalized on three walks

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in the bottom of the seventh inning of a 2-2 game when Pete Haught's single, only Vermillion's second hit of the game, brought home the winning run in a 3-2 victory over the Sioux City East JVs.

Earlier in the third inning Collin Bertram's infield grounder had scored a Vermillion run. The other run came in the fourth when Seth Miller reached on a walk and advanced around the bases on passed balls. Besides Haught's game-winner, Bertram had the other basehit for the winners, who drew 10 bases on balls off East pitching.

Bertram through a complete game seven-inning win, giving up six hits and two runs while fanning nine.

Tanner Settles came within one batter of a perfect four-inning game in Vermillion's 15-0 win over Wisner-Pilger. A dribbler down the third-base line that refused to roll foul was the only hit off Settles, who then retired the next batter to end the game. He faced only 13 batters, striking out two. Seven of the outs came on infield ground balls.

Vermillion had 12 hits in all, including two apiece by Nile

Morecraft, Tanner Anderson, Haught and Joe Mazour. Haught had three other runs batted in beside the game-winning tally. Jayce Huska had three RBIs on a bases-loaded double.

Vermillion's loss in pool play came at the hands of Hartington in a 13-1 four-inning loss. Morecraft started on the mound and had a nightmarish first inning. Of the first 12 batters he faced, only two were retired while he allowed five hits and three walks and hit two men. Mazour in relief gave up three runs in 2 1/3 nnings on the mound.

In the fifth-place game Vermillion defeated Crofton, 9-6, although it was interesting toward the end as the Nebraska team stranded two runners in the fifth inning and three more in the sixth. Mazour got the win as the starter, giving up four runs and six hits while striking out three in four innings. Settles in relilef threw three innings to pick up a save, allowing two runs and two hits while fanning three.

Heine, Mazour and Bertram had two RBIs apiece. Bertram and Mazour had three hits each while Haught, Morecraft and Olson had two hits apiece.

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weathered out when a rain and lightning storm swamped Vermillion.

Akron Rebels, 8-4. Olsen started and went six innings to take the pitching loss. and McGhland hurled the last three





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CELEBRATION

Saturday, July 2nd Teen Pool Party (Prentis Park Pool) 9pm – 11pm

Pool party for Vermillion Teens, ages 13-19. \$5 admission at the door or \$4 admission with a facebook RSVP. (Pool passes will not be accepted for this private event.) Food and drinks will be available for sale. For more information call 605-677-9132.

Sunday, July 3rd High School Softball Tournament

(Prentis Park Ball Field) 1pm

Each High School grade competes to play a championship game against a Faculty/ Parent Team. For more information call 605-677-9132.

Open Swim (Prentis Park Pool) 6pm – 9pm

Prentis Park Pool will be offering Open Swim time on Sunday evening in place of Family Swim. Normal admission prices apply.

Monday, July 4th Fun in the Sun (Prentis Park Pool) 9am – Noon

Money dive for K-8th grade starting at 9am. Fun events with great prizes for all ages including dives with the biggest splash, smallest splash, and best belly flop, longest treading water, farthest underwater swim and family/group relay race. Individual events are \$1 per entry, relay race is \$5 per entry. For more information, call 677-9132.

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Celebrate in the Park (Barstow Park) 6pm – 9pm

Inflatables for kids with \$5 arm-band, music provided by C&K Entertainment, vendor booths for food and crafts including a beverage garden sponsored by the Eagles.

5th Annual Hy-Vee Hot Dog Eating Championship (Barstow Park) 8pm

2 Divisions (mens & ladies), \$100 top prize & \$50 2nd prize for both divisions. Sponsored by Hy-Vee, Equalizer, Coca-Cola, & Sara Lee. For more information, rules and registration, contact the Hy-Vee customer service desk.

Fireworks Extravaganza (Barstow Park) Dark

Fireworks by Fireworks Unlimited. Music by C & K Entertainment. Sponsored by WalMart, City of Vermillion and VCDC.