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13-14 Teeners to compete in region play

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

One of Vermillion's VFW Teener baseball teams enters postseason play this weekend while the other continues its regular-season schedule for two more weeks.

The 13-14 Teeners will compete in Region 3A in Wagner, one of six ballclubs from a wide swath of South Dakota geography assigned to this region. Vermillion drew Winner in a noon game Saturday to begin tournament play. A win in that game would mean playing Tyndall in a winners' bracket game later in the afternoon while an opening-game loss would put Vermillion into a losers' bracket contest late Sunday afternoon. Other teams in the region are

Wagner, Parkston and Redfield in the opposite bracket. The tournament champion to be decided Tuesday night advances to the state tournament in Milbank July 29-31.

Meanwhile, the Post 3061 15-16 Teeners continue with regular-season play at home against Lennox on Monday night and against Canton next Thursday. That ballclub will still have four more regular-season contests on their schedule before their regional begins in Elk Point on July 30.

The 15-16 Teeners won three games and sustained one tough loss while competing in Yankton's wood bat classic last Friday and Saturday. Vermillion defeated Yankton's 15 Grey Sox, 3-1, in the opening game, following that up with a 12-3 domination of Dakota Valley. On

Saturday a 1-0 loss to South Sioux City was the only thing that kept the Teeners out of the championship game. Instead they settled for third-place honors, beating the Grey Sox again, 5-2.

In the opening win over Yankton, Jayce Huska kept the Grey Sox scoreless through six innings of no-hit baseball, striking out six and walking none along the way. Yankton had only two baserunners against him over those six innings, one on an infield error and another on a hit batter.

Meanwhile, Vermillion scored a run in the second when Nile Morecraft reached on a shortstop's error, moved to third on Huska's hit and scored on Pete Haught's RBI single.

Vermillion gave Huska a pair of insurance runs in the top of the

seventh, and they would prove beneficial. Leadoff hits by Haught and Joe Mazour and a sacrifice by Colin Olson set the table for Ty Iverson's RBI single and Collin Bertram's sacrifice fly.

Yankton staged a rally in the bottom of the seventh as they loaded the bases with nobody out on the first hit off Huska and two hit batters. Mazour came in in relief and retired three men in a row to end the game. One of those outs was an outfield fly which sent in Yankton's only run of the game. But a pop-up to shortstop Tanner Settles closed the door with the potential tying runs on base.

Haught and Mazour had two hits each while Settles, Huska and Iverson had one base knock apiece. The win over South Sioux was less

dramatic as Vermillion scored five runs on four hits and three errors in the first and added two more scores in the second. South Sioux got to within 7-3 after four innings, but Vermillion added two in the fifth and three in the sixth to renew its comfort zone.

Olson and Bertram had two hits each among the team's 10. On the mound Mazour threw the first two innings, allowing no hits. Settles pitched one inning, giving up two hits. Tanner Anderson finished the game, allowing a lone hit in his three-inning tenure.

Bertram was the pitching hero against South Sioux City with a beautiful one-run performance, but his team got only two hits themselves off South Sioux pitching.

Vermillion Post 1's rally keeps team alive in Region 3B

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Vermillion Post 1 was down to possibly the last four innings of its season Monday afternoon. But a five-run, six-hit sixth inning lifted Vermillion from a 2-0 deficit into a 5-2 lead which later became an 8-5 win over Dakota Valley.

The victory kept Post 1 alive in the Region 3B Tournament at Prentis Park, heading into Tuesday's fourth day of play. Wet grounds caused postponement of the day's play to Wednesday, which then set back championship day to Thursday. The tournament winner plays in the state "B" tournament at Winner starting next Wednesday.

Vermillion had begun the tournament with a 15-9 win over Lennox on Saturday night. Post 1 trailed early 4-1 but found its offense in the middle innings. Tyler Husby started on the mound for Vermillion, and Nate Garrett pitched the last half of the game, keeping Post 1's lead comfortable.

Against tournament favorite Beresford in Sunday's second round, Vermillion was in a 3-3 tie after two innings. However, the game quickly got out of hand when Beresford scored 10 runs in a nightmarish third inning. Beresford managed only three hits in the inning but got a lot of help - two hit batters, two walks, a catcher's interference call and, worst of all, six Vermillion errors.

From that 13-3 lead Beresford went on to score twice more in the fourth for a 10-run lead. When Post 1 was retired without scoring in the fifth, the game ended abruptly via the 10-run rule, and Beresford moved on into the championship round, needing to win only two more games, one Monday and another on championship day. They got the first one of those against Canton Monday, so whoever survives through the losers' bracket would have had to beat Beresford twice in Thursday's championship games.

Nick Anglin pitched three innings and Bob Osterberg one against Beresford. Jackson Anderson got the win for Beresford, allowing seven hits, two of them to D'Andre Fore. Zach McDonald and Nate Garrett had RBI hits in the early going as Vermillion fought back to tie the game at 3-3. Two later Vermillion runs crossed the plate as the result of an infield error and a bases-loaded walk.

Facing the prospect of having to win three consecutive elimination games to reach championship day, Post 1 got the first of them on Monday afternoon against Dakota Valley. For awhile it looked as if an upset were in the making as Dakota Valley made a first-inning run hold

up through five innings and added an insurance run in the top of the sixth.

Meanwhile, Vermillion was squandering numerous opportunities - for example, bases loaded on three hit batters with one out in the first and did not score; bases loaded with none out in the second and did not score; leadoff man on base in the third, fourth and fifth innings and did not score.

Meanwhile, Dakota Valley, held in check by starter Tyler Husby through five, got some momentum rolling in the sixth with a one-out double, a walk and an infield error to score once. They had the bases loaded with two out, threatening to open up some breathing room for starter Evan Steemken. But Nate Garrett relieved Husby in that critical situation and threw one pitch to get an outfield fly that ended the inning.

Moments later Caleb Miller's sharp hit just past the DV shortstop ignited the Vermillion offense. After one man was out, Anglin followed with a hit, and Garrett beat out a bunt for a hit of his own to load the sacks. Fore came through in the clutch with a double, and Jason Rasmussen smashed a line drive single to score two more. A throwing error by the Dakota Valley catcher let another run in, and McDonald's double scored the fifth Vermillion tally.

For good measure the seventh inning saw a leadoff single by Stormy Mirtz, an RBI single by Fore and a two-run blast in the left-field trees by Rasmussen for an 8-2 lead.

Garrett got into some trouble in the top of the ninth when Dakota Valley put together four hits, scoring three times, but a two-out grounder to Rasmussen to shortstop ended the uprising and preserved Vermillion's advancement to the next round.

Rasmussen finished with four RBIs along with his two hits. Fore had two hits and two RBIs. Garrett, Anglin, and Mirtz also had two hits among Vermillion's total of 13.

Husby and Garrett each struck out three during their stints on the mound. Husby allowed only three hits in his 5 2/3 innings of work, and Garrett permitted only two until DV got its four base knocks in the ninth.

Chayse Meierkort, outfielder/pitcher, sustained an ankle injury early in the Beresford game and watched the Dakota Valley game on crutches but was hoping to be back for Post 1's stretch run through the losers' bracket. Vermillion's fourth-day game was an elimination game against Harrisburg, and the winner of that one would have next played Canton for the right to take on Beresford on championship day.

Grey Sox streak comes to an end

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A three-game winning streak by the Vermillion Grey Sox ended last week when the Sox dropped a pair of games which were similar in that the team couldn't muster much offense.

The Akron Rebels dealt the Grey Sox a 4-1 State Line League loss at Prentis Park last Wednesday. Winning pitcher Derrick Appley and reliever Tyler Stuerman, who picked up the save, held the Sox to seven hits, two by Cory Taggart and two by Cody Schreiber.

Michael Kendall allowed only seven hits to the Rebels in seven innings on the mound, but they

strung enough of them together to score once in the third, twice in the sixth and once in the seventh. The Grey Sox got their only run in the bottom of the ninth.

On Friday the Grey Sox were held to three hits by Kasey Neumann of the Red Sox in his 7-0 pitching victory. Neumann struck out 15 Grey Sox batters. Tim Ross was losing pitcher.

Three runs in the first inning were all that Neumann needed, but his team got him two more each in the fourth and seventh innings.

A Grey Sox game at Garretson scheduled for Sunday was forfeited by the Garretson club.

VAST swims to 4th place in Sioux Falls

The Vermillion Area Swim Team sent 22 swimmers to the annual Sioux Falls Summer Open Swim Meet Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10 and left the meet with a fourth place finish. The hosts Sioux Falls Snowfox ran away with the meet, sending over 100 swimmers to their own meet. All swimmers notched best times in nearly every event, in one of the last tune ups until the South Dakota State Meet held at the same pool in 3 weeks.

The Girls 11-12 200 meter freestyle and 400 meter freestyle relays comprised of Maddie Lavin, Madisen Martinez, Kyleigh Moran and Lexie Malimanek swam to victories. On Friday, the girls competed in the 200 Freestyle Relay, winning by over eight seconds and continued their domination the following day, winning the 400 Freestyle Relay by just over 17 seconds!

One more swimmer from VAST achieved a state qualification time. Charlie Ward swam the 100 freestyle for the first time in his swimming career and made the 8 and under state time. Ward also made it in the 50 freestyle. VAST now has over 15 swimmers qualified for the state meet later this month.

Head Coach Mike Moran praised the efforts of the team. "We all did a great job this weekend against some tough competition. This was

a big meet for many of our swimmers and they swam really well," he said. Moran said that the team is gearing up for the next three weeks, which takes them to Brookings, Mitchell and the state championships back in Sioux Falls.

For more information about VAST, please contact Head Coach Mike Moran at: vastcoach@yahoo.com

RESULTS FOR VAST SWIMMERS IN THE TOP 8:

Tally Allison, Girls 8 and Under, 100 Backstroke, 6th, 2:09.40.

Kayleen Job, Girls 8 and Under, 100 Breaststroke, 8th, 2:54.69.

Hunter Lavin, Boys 8 and Under, 200 Freestyle, 2nd 3:28.77; 50 Freestyle, 1st, 42.70; 50 Breaststroke, 1st, 1:00.54; 100 Butterfly, 2nd, 2:16.44; 100 Freestyle, 1st, 1:38.16.

Maddie Lavin, Girls 11-12, 200 Freestyle, 2nd, 2:36.59; 400 Freestyle, 1st; 5:34.18; 100 Butterfly, 2nd, 1:20.69.

Lexie Malimanek, Girls 11-12, 50 Backstroke, 5th, 39.80; 200 IM, 6th, 3:02.33; 100 Freestyle, 8th, 1:13.82.

Madisen Martinez, Girls 11-12, 200 Freestyle, 7th, 2:51.10; 50 Freestyle, 8th, 33.28; 100 Breaststroke, 3rd, 1:33.31; 50 Butterfly, 7th, 37.61; 50 Breaststroke, 3rd, 41.96; 100 Butterfly, 8th, 1:38.77.

Kaleb Martin, Boys 13-14, 200 Breaststroke, 7th,

3:30.96; 100 Breaststroke, 7th, 3:37.37.

Kylie Martin, Girls 15 and Over, 200 Breaststroke, 8th, 3:14.73; 100 Breaststroke, 3rd, 1:24.94; 100 Freestyle, 5th, 1:06.66.

Kyleigh Moran, Girls 11-12, 200 Freestyle, 4th, 2:37.36; 100 Breaststroke, 5th, 1:37.24; 50 Butterfly, 5th, 37.21; 50 Breaststroke, 8th, 45.04.

Megan Muriuki, Girls 8 and Under, 50 Backstroke, 1st, 51.22; 50 Freestyle, 1st, 39.22; 100 Breaststroke, 4th, 2:14.61; 50 Butterfly, 4th, 58.24; 100 Freestyle, 1st, 1:36.04.

Gabe Telleria, Boys 8 and

Under, 100 Breaststroke, 2nd, 2:35.98; 50 Butterfly, 4th, 1:07.04; 100 Backstroke, 3rd, 2:00.04; 50 Breaststroke, 2nd, 1:08.16; 100 Freestyle, 3rd, 1:46.04.

Isabel Telleria, Girls 9-10, 200 IM, 8th, 3:40.53.

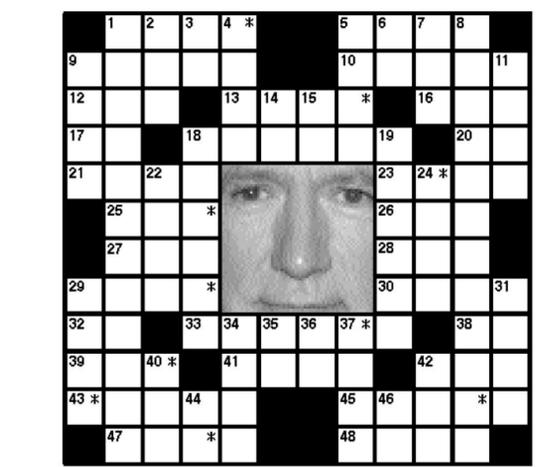
FINAL TEAM SCORES

1. Sioux Falls Snowfox
2. Black Dog Swimming (Minnesota)
3. Greater Omaha Aquatics
4. Vermillion Area Swim Team
5. North Suburban Swim Team (Minnesota)
6. Mitchell Aquatic Club (South Dakota)

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The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

ACROSS

1. "Body of Proof" star
5. "___ Times" (1974-79)
9. "___ From the Crypt"
10. "Broken ___"; 1996 John Travolta movie
12. Make a selection
13. "To ___ the Truth"
16. 90 degrees from NNW
17. Initials for actor Hudson
18. Chris O'Donnell's role on "NCIS: Los Angeles"
20. Setting for "Evening Shade"; abbr.
21. Foot part
23. Wheel rod
25. Before, in poetry
26. Role on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
27. "___-wee's Big Adventure"; 1985 film
28. "War, ___"; 2008 John Cusack movie
29. Active person
30. Flower's needs
32. Shucks forerunner
33. "That '70s Show" role
38. Battery size
39. Yank's foe
41. Role on "The Waltons"
42. "The ___ and I"; 1947 Fred MacMurray film
43. Bill ___; Jen's hubby on "The Little Couple"
45. Evans and Robertson
47. "___ Do It Again"; 1975 Sidney Poitier movie
48. "___ City" (1996-2002)

DOWN

1. Role on "No Ordinary Family" (2)
2. Pilot's distance up; abbr.
3. Where to find Lincoln; abbr.
4. Dog in "The Thin Man"

5. Storm or Gordon
6. Word in the title of Howie Mandel's game show
7. Miner's discovery
8. Role on "Law & Order: SVU" (2)
9. Spelling, for one
11. "While You ___ Out" (2002-06)
14. "___ Cantante"; 2006 Jennifer Lopez movie
15. Initials for the star of "Alice"
18. 1991 best comedy series Emmy winner
19. "Face the ___"
22. ___ Summer
24. Lucy Lawless role
29. "___ Angel" (2000-02)
31. Droops
34. Two-digit numbers
35. Series for Laura Innes, once
36. "Star Wars: Episode ___ - Return of the Jedi"
37. "Split ___"
40. Mayberry resident
42. Actor Marienthal
44. "Whip ___"; 2009 Drew Barrymore film
46. UPI competitor



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