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### **15-16 Teeners will face Elk Point Monday BLUFFS**

## BULLETIN

#### **MEN'S SENIOR GOLF FUN LEAGUE**

Twenty-two seniors turned out to play at 9 a.m. on a warm Tuesday morning, July 26.

A match play format was used on the back 9 of The Bluffs.

In a two-man team match, Dick Burbach and Bob Lund won against the team of Ken Beringer and Shorty Hanson. The other matches were between three-man teams.

The team of Ross King, Pat Boyle and Louie Fostvedt won in a close match over the team of Sid Davis, Dave Zimmer and Alan Clem. In another close match Bob Solomon, Lloyd Helseth and Cleland Cook defeated Harlan Schott, Mo Marcotte and Guy Batton. Cleland sank a 22 ft. birdie putt on #10. The team of Max Anderson, Gary Prasek, and Ray Lynn won the match against the team of Turk Pilker, Don Baer and Kim Reed.

Seniors are invited to come to golf with the group. Golfing starts on Tuesdays at 9 a.m. Please come before 8:45 a.m. so you can get assigned to a team.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES GOLF LEAGUE

June 21 was not quite as HOT for the Wednesday Morning Ladies but still a bit humid!

Twenty-two ladies ventured out today for luncheon and friendship. Dori Ryan and Brenda Chatham

were our dessert ladies. They had a delicious variety and yes I did try ALL of them.

Anita White and Lorraine Brunick were our \$5 winners. Glad you could be here today Lorraine. Quarters were won by: Janet Hof,

Glennis Stewart, Joan Olson, Darlene Engbrecht, Beth Silvano, Barb Boone, and me (Pat Steckelberg).

Bridge report: Last week the winner was Ellie Davis and Lois O'Grady and this week Ellie Davis for 1st and Virginia Johnson was 2nd. Lucky, lucky Ellie!!

Golf report: There were two players – Edith Nelson got first and Karine Amundsen was second.

Dominoes report: There were three tables, so there was plenty of competition! Round 1 – Eileen Turner, Barb Boone, and Rose Mart. remained alive for a state Round 2 – Babe Hurowitz, Karine tournament berth as one of the Amundsen, and Brenda Chatham. Round 3 – Eileen Turner, Rula Hatch, and Rose Mart. Total Score - Janet Hof, Rula Hatch, and Agnes Mockler.

### By Parker Knox

Sportwriter

The last of the local baseball teams to begin postseason play, the Vermillion 15-16 Teeners will take to the field in Elk Point at 8 p.m. Monday night in their first game of the double-elimination regional tournament.

Vermillion's second game will be at 6 or 8 p.m. Tuesday. The tournament champion to be determined by the following weekend will advance to the state tournament in Flandreau.

#### **VERMILLION-CANTON**

The final week of the regular season began with a 6-5 nailbiter of a win over Canton at Prentis Park last Thursday. Vermillion trailed 3-2 into the bottom of the fifth when a one-out walk to Tanner Settles started a four-run inning. Chayse Meierkort's double scored Settles, and Nile Morecraft's single scored Meierkort. Walks to Collin Bertram and Jayce Huska set the table for Joe Mazour to single them both home.

A pair of great defensive plays by Joe Mazour at third base started the top of the sixth, and they would prove crucial when the following three batters for Canton reached base, two of them scoring to cut the Vermillion lead to 6-5. In the top of the seventh reliever Tanner Anderson, who got the pitching win, gave up a leadoff single, but that man was later erased in a force play, and Anderson coaxed an outfield fly and an infield grounder from Canton batters to end the game.

Back in the first inning leadoff man Anderson singled and moved around to score on a Meierkort single. Vermillion's other run came in the third when

Meierkort's two-out double was cashed in on Collin Bertram's single.

Meierkort finished with three hits and two RBIs and scored twice. Anderson had two hits among Vermillion's total of eight. Mazour also had two RBIs.

Mazour started on the mound and was scored on in only the fourth of his four innings of work. A single, a double, an infield error and an infield grounder produced two Canton runs. Canton took a 3-2 lead off Anderson in the fifth, but he retired the side with runners at the corners.

The junior varsity game was a 19-1 three-inning rout. Vermillion scored six runs on four hits in the first inning and batted 18 men in a 13-run, seven-hit second that included seven walks and one costly infield throwing error on a play that would have ended the inning with only two runs scoring instead of 13.

Peter Haught had four RBIs, three of them on a bases-loaded triple. Seth Heine, Javce Huska and Tanner Settles each drove in three runs. Heine had three hits, and he, Ty Iverson, Huska and Haught each scored three times.

Huska pitched all three innings, giving up four hits and one unearned run while striking out two.

#### VERMILLION-HARRISBURG

Winning their sixth straight and their eighth in the past nine games, the 15-16 Teeners put Harrisburg out of its misery by reaching a 15-0 advantage in the bottom of the fourth inning, promptly ending the game at that point.

Seven Harrisburg errors certainly helped Vermillion's cause, but the home teamers were slamming the ball all over Prentis Park to the tune of 15 hits. Javce Huska and Collin Bertram slugged RBI hits in a three-run first. Then Vermillion batted 11 men in an eight-run second inning that included seven consecutive batters hitting safely at one point. Chayse Meierkort and Bertram each had a two-run hit in the inning. Tanner Settles, Huska, Nile Morecraft and Peter Haught also each drove in a run.

Another Huska hit and another error let two more runs score in the third. Finally a two-run double by Meierkort in the fourth lifted the score to 15-0 and ended the game.

Morecraft scored three times. Meierkkort had three hits and four RBIs, Huska three hits and three RBIs, and Morecraft, Bertram and Colin Olson two hits each.

Bertram needed very little defensive help behind him as he cruised to a pitching win. Of the 12 Harrisburg outs, eight were strikeouts. The only hit off Bertram, who did not walk a batter, was a two-out triple in the first inning. The only other Harrisburg baserunner, who reached on an infield error in the fourth, was erased on a double play.

The five-inning JV game was another Vermillion shutout win, 5-0, Olson struck out five in throwing a complete game sixhitter.

Morecraft had an RBI pop-up in the second. An error led to a third-inning run scoring on a ground-out. Olson's triple and Bertram;s double were followed by an RBI single by Morecraft and an RBI triple by Tanner Anderson in the fourth. Bertram had two of his team's seven base knocks.

#### **VERMILLION-YANKTON**

Following a loss at Garretson Saturday morning, Vermillion hosted the Yankton 16 Black Sox Monday night, and the game got

away in the late innings and ended in a 10-6 Yankton win.

A first-inning Yankton run was offset by a three-run rally by Vermillion in the fourth as a single by Collin Bertram, a successful double steal and an infield grounder by Tanner Anderson drove three across the plate. Bertram pitched the first four innings and restricted Yankton to three hits while fanning three and walking three.

A bases-loaded hit batter by reliever Chayse Meierkort in the fifth brought Yankton back to within 3-2, and the visitors put the game away with an ugly six-run uprising that included four hits, two walks, two errors, a wild pitch that scored a run, and a sacrifice fly.

Seth Heine doubled home a run in the sixth, and another scored on a catcher's throwing error, but Yankton answered with two more runs in the seventh. A final Vermillion run in the seventh scored on a bases-loaded walk drawn by Colin Olson.

Anderson, Peter Haught and Bertram had two hits apiece among Vermillion's eight.

The "B" team, which won at Garretson Saturday, also beat Yankton, 8-5. Jay Munger drove in two runs and Ty Iverson and Olson one each in a four-run first. Heine and Meierkort each drove in a run in the third, and Damarius Cheeseman followed with a two-run double.

Munger, Heine, Meierkort and Ethan James each had two hits for Vermillion. Nile Morecraft pitched 2 1/3 innings, and Anderson got the win in relief, throwing the final  $2\frac{2}{3}$  innings and allowing a single run.

## Grey Sox post district victory over Renner, lose to Garretson

#### By Parker Knox Sportswriter

The Vermillion Grey Sox opened District 7B Tournament play with a rousing come-frombehind 19-9 eight-inning victory over the Renner Oldtimers last Wednesday night.

The Sox then lost a 12-2 eight-inning decision to host Garretson in the district semifinals Saturday. Vermillion district's representatives, however, needing to post a win over Elk Point on Wednesday to qualify. The Grey Sox trailed 4-0 and 5-1 in the early going of their marathon first-round game against Renner but finally got even with a three-run third and a two-run fifth. A two-run single by Reid Meierkort was the big blow in the third-inning rally. In the fifth a leadoff double by Michael Kendall led to his scoring on a wild pitch. Cody Schreiber followed with a double, and his run driven in by Cory Taggart's single tied the game at 6-6. The Sox blew the contest open in the sixth when 14 men batted and 10 of them scored. Kendall drove in three runs in that inning with a single and a double. Taggart, Jerrod Freidel, Travis Lee, and Jason Rasmussen each had an RBI in

the inning, and three other runs scored on a double steal, a wild pitch and a bases-loaded walk.

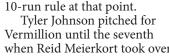
The Oldtimers got three of those runs back in the top of the seventh, but in the bottom of the eighth, after Lee, Tyler Johnson and Rasmussen had singled to load the bases with nobody out, Kyle Nemec put a quick end to the adventure with a bases-clearing double that gave the Sox a 10-run advantage again, thus abruptly ending the game.

Nemec had an earlier RBI for a total of four, Kendall had his three RBIs in one inning, and Meierkort and Taggart each drove in two. Lee was on base all five times he batted,

registering four hits. Rasmussen was the ultimate leadoff man, reaching base all six times he batted, including three hits. Kendall and Nemec also had three hits each while Johnson, Taggart and Freidel had two hits each among Vermillion's total of 21.

Schreiber pitched 6 1/3 innings for the Grey Sox, giving up 10 hits, five of them in Renner's four-run second inning. He was relieved by Kendall, who allowed a two-run single but then retired the last

Kyle Nemec's home run was the only Vermillion offensive highlight in a two-run eighth. Garretson scored two runs in the seventh and two in the eighth to end the game via the



when Reid Meierkort took over. Nick Anglin had two of the seven Grey Sox hits.



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#### WELL FIGHTS HUMIDITY

WELL (Wednesday Evening Ladies League) tried to play golf on July 13 but were rained off the course after two holes. The rain didn't dampen our fun. A few women while drying out played a boisterous game of 31.

Last week was not rained out on July 20 even if there was 90 percent humidity in the air. A few breezes kept us cool and the gnats at bay although there was some biting flies.

Tonight was Barb Weyhrich's lucky night. She won the longest putt on #11, she had a birdie on #12 and was low net with a 29. Congratulation Barb! Mary Gauer was the second best golfer tonight with a birdie on #13 and low gross of 39. Good job ladies!

four batters he faced.

A seven-run third inning by Garretson put the Grey Sox into an inescapable hole in Saturday's semifinal contest.

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