

Grey Sox wins against Dakota Valley

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With the top of their batting order due up in the bottom half of the 11th inning Sunday night, it seemed to be only a matter of time before the Vermillion Grey Sox would push across the winning run against Dakota Valley.

And it didn't take long. With the score tied at 8-8, leadoff man Jason Rasmussen was plunked by Pilot pitcher Steven Gross, setting the table for Jerrod Freidel. He may never again lay down as perfect a bunt as he

did this time. Freidel beat it out for a hit but more importantly advanced the winning run to second base.

Then it became Brooks Little's turn to play the hero's role. He smashed a line drive to left field, bringing home Rasmussen, and the Grey Sox, down by 7-3 and 8-4 earlier in the game, emerged victorious, 9-8.

It had taken Vermillion from the third inning to the bottom of the ninth to overcome a disastrous top of the third in which they dug themselves a major hole, committing four errors. Dakota Valley also had four hits in the inning and came out of it with six runs

to take a 7-3 lead.

The Sox had gone up 3-1 in the second when Reid Meierkort led off with a triple and Merritt Groh and Rasmussen had RBI hits. Two Pilot errors helped the home team's cause.

Little singled home a Sox run in the fifth to cut their deficit to 7-4, but Dakota Valley answered with an unearned run in their seventh to again lead by four.

Just as the Grey Sox had helped Dakota Valley score a bunch earlier, the Pilots chipped in with some gifts of their own in the bottom of the seventh. Rasmussen and Little led off with hits.

An error at shortstop let in one Grey Sox run, and a dropped fly ball in left field allowed two more to score, and it was 8-7.

Little, who like Rasmussen had four hits in the game, led off the bottom of the ninth with a hit. Grant Lueders' sacrifice bunt set Little into motion, and he kept going all the way home to tie the game as the Pilot first baseman's throw toward second base in a failed attempt to nail Little sailed into left field.

Sox starter Alex Schaack, shaking off the six-run, four-error third, kept Dakota Valley in check for the rest of

the first nine innings, holding the Pilots to only one run and five scattered hits over that stretch. But in extra innings, once his team had finally caught up, Schaack mowed down Dakota Valley in order in the 10th and the 11th, and as a result he emerged from the evening with a pitching win.

Besides the eight hits compiled by Rasmussen and Little, Freidel had two, Meierkort one and Merritt Groh one. Little had two RBIs, Rasmussen one and Groh one. Ryan Gossett had three of Dakota Valley's 10 hits, and Mike Keegan drove home a pair of runs.

Coyote men's basketball adds Australian Thoseby

University of South Dakota head men's basketball coach Dave Boots announced Monday that Melbourne, Australia, native Adam Thoseby has inked with the Coyotes bringing the 2012-13 recruiting class to six.

Thoseby will sit out the 2012-13 season due to NCAA transfer rules, but will have three years of eligibility with the Coyotes beginning in 2013-14.

"Adam will be a huge addition for us," Boots said. "He is a tremendous shooter and a very athletic 6-4 guard. With a year of learning our system, he will be able to step right in and make an impact. Adam also is an exceptional student and we are extremely happy to have him."

Thoseby most recently was at Utah State where he played in 28 games and started two for Stew Morrill's Aggies. He averaged eight minutes per game and went 16 of 59 from the field, including 10 of 32 from beyond the arc for fifth-best on the team. He tallied 16 points at Idaho State last season which was the third-best offensive output from any wing player last season.

Prior to Utah State, Thoseby played in the summer of 2011 for Great Britain's U-20 basketball team which participated in the European Championships as Thoseby's team eventually bowed out in the semifinals, as he scored 27 points versus Iceland, 17 versus Romania and 10 against the Czech Republic. He averaged 8.9 points, shot 57.6 percent from the field and 31.8 percent from beyond the arc, while he was a 75 percent free throw shooter for the summer. Thoseby prepped at Maine Central Institute (MCI) in 2010-11 where he helped lead the Huskies to a 20-11 record and the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Class AAA title.

Before coming to the United States, Thoseby played his senior year with the U-18 Reading Rockets in England where he nearly averaged 27 points, seven rebounds and three assists per game. During his final game of the season, he scored 34 points, hitting 8 of 10 triples.

Thoseby joins Tyler Larsen (6-3, guard) of Casper College and a Las Vegas, NV, native, Karim Rowson (6-5, guard) of Western Oklahoma State College and New York, NY, and Eric Robertson (6-7, forward) from Wayzata, MN., and the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL, who signed earlier in the spring.

Rowson averaged 18 points and five rebounds at WOSC leading the team in scoring this past season. Robertson spent last season at the IMG Academy where he averaged 12 points and 10.1 rebounds

per game after earning all-conference honors and honorable mention all-state honors at Wayzata High School.

Casey Kasperbauer of Carroll, IA, and Tyler Flack of Lakeville, MN, signed during the early signing period in November. Kasperbauer earned ESPN High School Midwest Player of the Week honors in February as he scored 47 points including 17 in the fourth quarter in an 84-70 win over Winterset (Iowa). He connected on eight triples and all 11 free throws in the second highest scoring game for an Iowa player this season.

Flack, a 6-7 center from Lakeville North High School, helped lead his team to the

state championship game in March and just the school's second appearance in school history. Flack led his team with 12 points in the championship game - a 49-47 loss to Osseo High School.

Red Sox cruise to a complete-game two-hit shutout

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The Vermillion Red Sox gave Nick Weider a comfortable early cushion Sunday with a six-run first inning, and they never looked back as Weider cruised to a complete-game two-hit shutout.

The Red Sox won 10-0 over the Larchwood Diamonds in a game shortened to seven innings by a 10-run rule.

Weider allowed only two singles and walked three while striking out six. The only other Diamond baserunner reached on an error, and only one runner reached third base in the

game.

Meanwhile, the Red Sox pounced on Larchwood starter Evan Grotewold with three hits in the first inning. To compound his woes, Grotewold walked four in that inning. Vermillion added two tallies in the third and one each in the fourth and fifth to reach the magic 10-run plateau.

Dan Hansen and Chuck Benz had three hits apiece and A.J. Stariet two. Benz drove in three runs and Hansen two while Stariet, Cody Aughton, Jon Merrigan and Ryan Frailey each had an RBI.

The Red Sox are scheduled against the Sioux City Saints at home next Wednesday night.

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