

Post 1 on a roll entering playoffs

By Caleb Miller

Post 1 squared off against region opponents Lennox and Elk Point last week in their last chance to see the foes before the region tournament begins in Beresford on July 17.

The outcomes do well for Vermillion's tournament hopes as they trounced Lennox 13-3 last Thursday and Elk Point 15-1 the following night. If the regular season is any indication of how the tournament will play out, Post 1 - who is undefeated against region opponents this season - could be on its way to repeating as Region 3B champions.

But the tournament pairings, drawn from a hat, were not on the side of the defending champs. Vermillion drew a play-in game to start the double-elimination format, forcing them to play an extra game than most teams, which could possibly lead to two games on the first day.

Head Coach Jason Gault said last week was important in

readying the team for playoffs but the outcomes don't always reflect how the tournament will go.

"We were lucky to play these teams back to back to with just a little rest because it gives us an idea of the type of grind of a region tournament," he said. "To come out of them with wins and to know we played well is important... but in playoffs there's a different atmosphere than a regular weeknight game and we have to be prepared for that."

Post 1 will open the tournament against Dakota Valley at 1 p.m. next Wednesday, a matchup that heavily favors Vermillion, who has bested Dakota Valley twice this season 18-3 and 11-1. A win in game one would pair Vermillion against Lennox later that night. With a loss, Vermillion would battle the loser of an Elk Point and Beresford contest.

Pitching and defense will lead Post 1 through the playoffs as it has all year. The squad has

allowed Class B opponents just 2.87 runs per game this season largely due to a tremendous pitching staff led by Collin Bertram, Colin Olson and Nile Morecraft, who have combined for a 10-1 record in Class B games.

Post 1, 13 - Lennox, 3
Vermillion's Independence Day contest in Lennox was quite a scene with celebrations surrounding the park and a helicopter taking off and landing beyond the right field fence.

The commotion and holiday excitement fueled Lennox to a hot start. Lennox starter Jared Fodness struck out the side in the top of the first and the Lennox offense used a walk, hit batsman, and three singles to plate three runs in the bottom of the inning.

But Post 1 did not let the lead stand for long as they turned the tables with four runs in the top of the second. Joe Mazour, Nathan Garrett, Tanner Anderson and Jayce Huska each had RBI singles in the inning while Colin Olson and Peter Haught each walked

and scored a run. After taking the lead, Vermillion never looked back.

Garrett started the game on the mound and settled down after the rocky first to throw a great game and capture the win. After the first, Garret went the next six innings allowing no runs on five hits and struck out six.

Offensively, Vermillion ran away with the game with two runs in the third, one in the fourth, one in the fifth, and five in the eighth. Anderson and Mazour led the squad at the dish. Anderson had four hits, two RBI's, and two runs scored from the leadoff spot while Mazour went 2 for 3 with two RBI's and three runs scored.

Post 1, 15 - Elk Point, 1
Fans that showed up a few minutes late to Elk Point last Friday found the game already decided. Vermillion brought 12 batters to the plate in the top of the first, scoring seven runs on four hits and four walks.

After Anderson set the table with a single and stolen base,

Huska drove him in with a single of his own. Then Chayse Meierkort and Collin Bertram walked, allowing for Joe Mazour to rope a single back up the middle and drive in two runs.

But Post 1 didn't stop there. Garrett brought in Mazour with a single, and Seth Miller walked and came around to score run number seven on errors and a passed ball.

Vermillion added five more with a streak of four straight hits in the fifth by Anderson, Huska, Meierkort and Bertram. The cherry on top of the Vermillion's offensive sundae was a long home run over the left field fence by Meierkort in the sixth.

The Vermillion offense didn't need much pitching help, but Colin Olson threw a gem anyway. In seven innings of work, Olson allowed only four hits and one run. Perhaps more impressively, Olson used only 86 pitches and struck out six in his dominance over Elk Point.

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13-14's build momentum for playoffs

By Caleb Miller

The 13/14 Teener Reds finished up their regular season this week with commanding wins over Tabor and Tea to improve their overall record to 24-6.

The Reds will look to take momentum from the victories as they enter the region tournament beginning Saturday in Irene.

First and second place in each region receive a bid to the state tournament, but the Vermillion team is in a unique position as the host of the state tournament. As hosts, they receive an automatic bid to the state competition regardless of their region tournament finish.

But the team said it's not going to let the automatic bid affect its playoff mindset.

"We are playing regions to win," said Assistant

Coach Tanner Anderson. "The only way we will be successful at the state level is by taking care of business in the region tournament and winning a trophy."

With an 8-1 record against region opponents this season, the Reds are certainly a favorite to defend their title as region champions. Last season's squad, who went undefeated in the region tournament, featured six starters who have returned as leaders in this year's lineup. Experience and depth is key for the Teener's success.

The depth is on display in the pitching staff as 8 of the team's 12 players have notched pitching victories this season. Billy Mount, Carter Kratz, Hunter Christopherson, and Cole Anderson compose the starting rotation and have

combined for 18 of the team's 24 wins. Kyle Johnson has three saves on the year and will be looked to in relief.

The Reds will begin the double-elimination tournament with a matchup against Beresford at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Vermillion edged Beresford 9-4 earlier this season and, if they can repeat their performance, would play Irene Sunday afternoon. With a loss in game one, the team would move to the loser's bracket.

Vermillion Reds, 18 - Tabor, 3

A back and fourth game in the early innings last Sunday was blown open when Vermillion plated 11 runs in the top of the fourth. Two runs in the top of the first, three in the top of the second, and two in the top of the third culminated in the 18-run

offensive explosion, leading to the mercy coming into effect after four innings.

Carter Kratz led the team on the mound and at the plate. Kratz pitched all four innings, allowing three runs on five hits and striking out eight. Kratz was even more dominant at the dish where he drove in four runs on three hits and scored twice. Kyle Johnson played the ideal leadoff hitter role, reaching base and scoring a run in all four of his plate appearances. Cameron Olson Riley Peters each also had two hits and scored two runs in the win.

Vermillion Reds, 15 - Tea, 0

It didn't take long for the Vermillion offense to once again break the game open on Monday at Prentis Park. The Reds batted through the order in the second and third innings en route to six runs in the

second and nine in the third. Billy Mount was the starting hurler and kept the Tea offense in check for four innings before the mercy rule ended the game. Two walks and one hit was all Tea could muster against Mount, who struck out three and used only 51 pitches to do the job.

When Tea was able to get base-runners, catcher Nate Robertson quickly silenced the momentum. Robertson gunned out both the runners that attempted to steal, keeping Mount's gem intact.

Cole Anderson jump-started the Red's offense with a two-RBI triple in the second, plating Peters and Riley Johnson. Cameron Olson and Nate Robertson contributed a hit apiece and each scored thrice in the rout.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

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DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Reggehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church: 12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

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