

Upcoming Sports Schedule

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7:30 p.m. June 3
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7:30 p.m. June 8

at Irene
at Brandon Valley
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at Akron, IA

Local VFW Teener teams get in the swing

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's two VFW Teener baseball teams have swung into full-scale summer schedules now that the school year has ended.

The VFW Post #3061 15-16 Teeners, coached by Bill Settles and Jason Huska, were to open their season last night (Thursday) at home against Beresford. That ballclub is also slated to play at Prentiss Park at 6 p.m. Monday against Dakota Valley and next Thursday with Canton as the opponent at 6:30 p.m.

Meanwhile, the 13-14 Teeners, coached by Tyler Williamson and Steve Miller, were scheduled to take their 1-1 record into Lennox Wednesday night. On their schedule for next week is a 6:30 p.m. game at Parker on Tuesday.

Red Sox's biggest opponent is rain

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Sportswriter

The Vermillion Red Sox amateur baseball team tried twice in vain to open their season last week but were rained out on both occasions.

The Sox, managed again by Kirk Sorensen, saw games against the Larchwood Diamonds and the Akron Rebels called off.

The ballclub will try this weekend to get in some games at a tournament at Brandon/Valley Springs. Next Wednesday the Red Sox are scheduled at Elk Point against the Stags.

Sorensen has a plethora of veteran players on his roster this season, including a pitching staff of Charlie Benz, Tyler Candor, Trent Eckstein, Justin Green, Jared Heidesch, Garrett Linhardt, Ken Longman, Kenny Longman and Brad Donovan.

Others comprising the Red Sox team include Cody Aughton, Justin Beebe, Andrew Benton, Robin Chute, Aaron Fischer, Dan Hansen, Cole Knipppling, Cody Lessmann, Scott Luhn, Kasey Neumann, Ben Oberle, Richard Swan, Ian Ybarra and Quentin Ybarra.

Beresford prevails over Vermillion Post 1

Post 1 gears up for Lewis & Clark Tourney this weekend

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

In a game of highs and lows for both teams, Beresford prevailed, 8-6, in a 10-inning thriller over Vermillion Post 1 Tuesday night as the first full week of American Legion baseball came to an end.

Post 1 went 1-2 in its first three contests, beating Elk Point and losing to Lennox in contests prior to the Beresford game.

BERESFORD 8, POST 1 - 6

Post 1 rallied from a 5-1 deficit to take a 6-5 lead after seven innings, then squandered three golden opportunities to score in the next three innings without doing so. Meanwhile, Beresford tied the game in the top of the ninth and scored two unearned runs in the top of the 10th to escape with a win.

Vermillion could muster only one basehit through four innings but still scored a run on a pair of Beresford infield errors in the second. Beresford went back ahead, 2-1, on a long home run by Matt Hoines in the third and scored twice more on an RBI single by Bob Jensen and a wild pitch in the fourth. Post 1 gift-wrapped another unearned run for the visitors in the fifth when a single was followed by a stolen base, a catcher's throwing error and a wild pickoff attempt at first.

Post 1 got one back in the fifth when the home team finally put together a pair of hits off starter Jackson Anderson. A single by D'Andre Fore, a double by Jason Rasmussen and a sacrifice fly by Chayse Meierkort brought Vermillion to within 5-2.

Fore's diving catch of a dying fly ball in center field to lead off the Beresford seventh was one of a trio of spectacular defensive plays that kept Post 1 in the game. In the bottom of that inning Vermillion teed off on reliever Dan Frieberg. A single by Nate Garrett, Fore's sacrifice bunt, Rasmussen's double, Meierkort's single, and Scott Iverson's two-run homer to

straightaway left gave Post 1 a dramatic 6-5 lead.

Miracles help, and Post 1 got one in the top of the eighth after a leadoff walk and a single off reliever Tyler Husby had put runners on first and second with no outs. Pinchhitter Ethan Sorensen, attempting to bunt, popped the ball into the air. Husby snared it between the mound and first, then fired to second base to double off the baserunner there. A harmless outfield fly ball ended the inning with no damage done.

Vermillion had an insurance run to second base with one out in the eighth and couldn't score.

Beresford's first two batters in the top of the ninth tied the game, a sacrifice fly by Anderson making the score 6-6. It could have been worse, however. With two out, Beresford got two hits, but catcher Iverson nailed a runner trying to go to third on a wild pitch with third-baseman Nick Anglin applying the inning-ending tag.

Needing one run to win, Post 1 got a walk and a sacrifice bunt by Meierkort in the bottom of the ninth to get the winning run to second with one out but again failed to capitalize.

The fateful top of the 10th saw Post 1 come within a whisker of escaping disaster. A slashing line drive off pitcher Husby's body led off the inning, and another hit followed. With one out Jensen singled to load the bases. What Vermillion needed was a double-play ball, and that's what they got. The force was made at second, but the throw to first was high and wide, allowing two runs to score.

Vermillion had the tying runs at second and third with no outs in the bottom of the 10th after Zach McDonald walked and Stormy Mirtz doubled. Nate Garrett's walk loaded the bases with one out, but the next two batters were retired to end the game with three Post 1 runners stranded. Frieberg escaped the jam by striking out two men in that half-inning, and an outfield fly brought an end to the drama.

Fore, Rasmussen and Mirtz had two hits each among Vermillion's nine. Andrew Erickson had three of Beresford's 16 hits, and six others had two hits each.

Starter Anglin went six innings. Though he gave up eight hits, he allowed only four earned runs while fanning three and walking two. Husby gave up eight hits in his four innings of relief but only one earned run while striking out two and walking one. In the end it was the three runs that scored on error plays and another on a wild pitch that cost the game.

LENNOX 8, POST 1 - 3

Post 1 had a 3-2 lead after seven innings in its home opener Saturday, but it got away from them when Lennox scored three runs in the eighth and three in the ninth to pull away.

Each team had scored once in the first inning, Vermillion's run coming when Jason Rasmussen walked, went to second on an unsuccessful pickoff attempt, and scored on Chayse Meierkort's hit. Lennox went up 2-1 in the fourth as T.J. Harrington was hit with a pitch, stole second and scored on Dusty Javers' double. Further damage was prevented when center-fielder D'Andre Fore, fielding Javers' ball, threw a strike to catcher Meierkort who stood his ground at the plate and tagged out Javers as he tried to score on Travis Buckneberg's single.

Meanwhile, Lennox hurler Drew Sweeter, who pitched the complete nine innings, was retiring 10 straight Post 1 batters. Finally in the sixth Vermillion took its lead. Fore doubled and scored on Rasmussen's single. After stealing second, he in turn scored on Meierkort's hit, strategically placed down the right-field line about a foot inside the chalk.

Starter Tyler Husby pitched the first seven innings, striking out seven, walking four and giving up six hits. He left the game in line to get the pitching win, but it was not to be. Lennox put together three straight doubles and a single off reliever Nate

Garrett in the eighth. Four more singles in the ninth added three insurance runs.

Rasmussen and Meierkort had two each of Vermillion's seven hits, and Meierkort drove in two runs and Rasmussen one. Zach McDonald, Caleb Miller and Fore each had one hit.

POST 1 - 18, ELK POINT 3

The season began with a flourish last Thursday as Post 1 slammed four Elk Point pitchers for 15 hits and had two five-run innings and two four-run innings in an 18-3 seven-inning victory.

Zach McDonald did precisely what a designated hitter is out there to do — three doubles, a grand-slam homerun and a walk in five at-bats, seven runs batted in, and three runs scored. Jason Rasmussen had three hits, and Nate Garrett, D'Andre Fore and Scott Iverson two hits each.

Post 1 got on the board with four runs in the third. After a two-run homer by Elk Point cut its deficit to 4-2, Post 1 promptly responded in style with four more in the fourth. Five runs in the sixth (McDonald's slam was the biggest blow of all) and five more in the seventh put the game far out of reach.

Starter Nick Anglin went five innings and allowed only three Elk Point hits — a two-run homer, a solo homer and a single. He struck out seven and walked five. Reliever Tyler Husby threw the final two innings gave up only one hit and one walk, but he didn't need any defense behind him because all six of the outs he recorded came on strikeouts.

LEWIS & CLARK TOURNEY

The 10th annual Lewis & Clark Wood Bat Classic will take place at Prentiss Park as well as Yankton and Hartington this weekend. Five games will be played in Vermillion on both Friday and Saturday.

Post 1's games are against Mitchell at 11 a.m. Friday, Groton at 8 p.m., Blair, Neb., at 11 a.m. Saturday and Brookings at 8 p.m. The winner of the Vermillion pool advances to championship day in Yankton on Sunday.

Next week Post 1 returns to action in a rematch at Beresford on Thursday night.

Grey Sox manage games before rain

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's Grey Sox amateur baseball club managed to squeeze in a pair of early-season games before last week's rainfall. They hope to get in a couple more in the coming week, starting tonight (Friday) at Irene. Next Wednesday the Grey Sox are scheduled at Akron, IA, against the Rebels.

Travis Lee is managing the team with Reid Meierkort as co-manager this summer, and both are also available as players. Their roster includes Jerrod Freidel, Jordan Gillis, John Gregg, Merritt Groh, Matt Houk, Michael Kendall, Grant Lueders, Kyle Mollet, Mike Moran, Kyle Nemece, Ben Oberle, Tim Ross, Cody Schreiber, Cory Taggart and Tyler Williamson.

In their season opener at Crofton, NE, the Grey Sox scored three in the first and two in the third and held that

5-0 lead into the bottom of the eighth inning. Crofton scored three in that stanza and three more in the ninth to escape with a 6-5 win.

A two-run double by Ross scoring Freidel and Meierkort was the big blow for the Sox in their first inning uprising. Schreiber made the big lead stand up throughout the game as he struck out 11 Crofton batters in 7 2/3 innings. Ross came to the mound in relief with a 5-1 lead, but it got away as Crofton rallied to win.

Moran started on the hill against Irene, giving up eight runs in four innings on the mound. Nemece went the rest of the way in relief, striking out four while allowing four more Cardinal runs as Irene won going away, 12-4.

Schreiber had two doubles and two singles to lead the Grey Sox offensively. Nemece had two singles and Freidel and Meierkort a single apiece.

Vermillion ties for 16th at state track meet last weekend

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

A Vermillion boys relay team came within three-quarters of a second of a state championship in its event but came home with a strong second-place medal, highlighting the Tanagers' appearance at the state track and field meet in Sioux Falls last weekend.

The Tanager 1600-meter medley relay team of Aaron Ruhaak, Cody Olson, Colin Olson and Austin Krier had the

best time of any medley teams in the Class "A" preliminaries in Madison Friday at 3:45.31. On Saturday in the finals at Howard Wood Field, the Tanager quartet ran more than four seconds faster, 3:41.66, but that fell just short of champion Flandreau's winning clocking of 3:40.93.

The eight team points earned by that relay foursome were part of a team total of 17 points, which tied Vermillion for 16th place in the "A" team standings.

Vermillion's boys 4x400-meter relay team ran the

seventh-best time in the preliminaries, 3:35.28, but bettered that on Saturday in the finals and placed sixth in a time of 3:33.68, good for three more team points. Those runners were Ruhaak, Colin Olson, J.T. Sorensen and Cody Olson.

Will Mart captured sixth place in the discus event, among a field of outstanding throwers, achieving his career second-best distance of 49'5", contributing three more team points to VHS' total.

The 4x200-meter relay quartet of Ruhaak, Brenden

Raizola and the Olsons ran their race in 1:33.90, good for seventh place and two team points. In so doing they bettered their prelim time of 1:34.62, which made them the last of eight teams to qualify for the finals.

The 4x800-meter relay team of Krier, Carson Sullivan, Anthony Leber and Tanner Anderson accounted for Vermillion's other team point with an eighth-place finish in their event in 8:40.42. All are underclassmen except Sullivan,

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