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## **Upcoming Sports Schedule**

Vermillion Post 1 Vermillion Grev Sox

Vermillion Red Sox

13-14 VFW Teeners

This Weekend

June 13 June 14

2 p.m. June 12 7:30 p.m. June 14 2 p.m. June 12 June 14 vs. Sioux Falls Saints 6:30 p.m. June 10 vs. Lennox

at Sioux Falls at Dakota Valley at Harrisburg at home at Larchwood, IA at Akron, IA at home at home

#### Post 1 falls game short of bracket **BLUFFS** BULLETIN

#### WELL BATTLES GNATS AT THE BLUFFS

There was no league play last week due to another rain out by Mother Nature. WELL finally had a beautiful evening to play golf on June 1. Overcast with the sun peaking out every once in a while and the smell of Absorbene Junior drifting over the course.

The gnats were out in full force! A deer was spotted crossing No. 3 fairway by Erin Hoose. Lynette Wolf was a lucky winner tonight with both the longest putt on No. 5 and low net of 34. Joining Lynette with low net was Tammy Baisden, Lois Hazen, Jennifer Steele and Peggy Donnelly. Peggy also won the 50/50 of \$10.50. Jennifer Steele had low gross with a 45. We also celebrated Jennifer's birthday with a carrot cake. Happy Birthday Jen.

#### SENIOR FUN LEAGUE AT THE BLUFFS MAY 31

Twenty-one seniors played golf on a very windy last day of May. The winning team of Turk Pilker, Mo Marcotte and Guy Button won on a tiebreaker over the team of Bob Solomon, Louise Fostvedt and Gary Prasek. Both teams shot a 38, but one had to go to the third tiebreaking hole to decide a winner. Using all of Mo Marcotte's shots they birdied the third hole.

Ross King, Ray Lynn, and Cleland Cook placed third with a score of 40. Dick Burbach, Lloyd Helseth and Dave Zimmer beat the team of Shorty Hanson, Don Baer, and Pat Bole to come in fourth. This time one had to go the fifth tiebreaking hole to decide the winner because both team shot 41.

The senior fun league did not meet on June 7 but will resume on June 14 with a starting time of 1 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES' JUNE 1 REPORT

Hi Ladies - this is June 1st report! How fast the year is going. Today 27 ladies were at the luncheon. Great turnout gals!!

Desserts were provided by: Janet Hof and Jan Chapman. I was not at today's luncheon but it bet

they were deeeelicious! Our membership is growing -

#### By Parker Knox Sportswriter

Vermillion Post 1 won three dramatic games by one run each before losing to Brookings Saturday night in a game in which a victory would have sent Vermillion on to the Lewis & Clark tournament semifinals on Sunday as champion of the Prentis Park bracket.

As it was, Post 1 almost made it as the wild card team along with the champions of the Vermillion, Yankton and Hartington brackets. Tied with Sioux Falls West with 3-1 records after two days of play, the tie-breaker came down to runs allowed in a team's four games. West had allowed 12 and Vermillion 13, a fact which left Post 1 out in the cold so far as Sunday's play is concerned and allowed West to sneak in.

Vermillion's record of 3-1 in the tournament improved the season record to 4-3, heading into a game at Beresford last night (Thursday).

Beginning today (Friday) and over the weekend, Post 1 will be involved in the huge and potent Milt Simons tournament in Sioux Falls, then will also have games at Dakota Valley Monday (the flood situation permitting) and at Harrisburg Tuesday.

Friday's play at the Milt Simons will pit Vermillion against Elkhorn, Neb., at 1 p.m. and against Fike, Mo., at 6 p.m. On Saturday Vermillion's games are at 11 a.m. against Omaha Ralston and 3 p.m. against Rod's A's from Missouri. Championship play for the teams which qualify is set for Sunday.

#### BROOKINGS 4, POST 1 - 0

On almost any other night, a game like the one Chayse Meierkort pitched Saturday would have earned him a victory---5+ innings pitched, two hits and two runs allowed, and eight strikeouts along with five walks. But against Brookings to determine which team would advance to the tourney's final day, Post 1 batters themselves could muster only three hits and were struck out 11 times out of 21 outs by the Bandits' righthander, Marcus Daniel.

Add those facts to the hard truth that Brookings didn't have to work very hard to gets its four runs. Post 1 gift-wrapped all four of them.

In the first inning with two out, an inningending fly ball was misplayed into a double off the bat of Landon Busch, and he advanced

to score on a passed ball and a wild pitch. In the third a leadoff walk to Sam Froehlich was followed by his stolen base, an infield out and a wild pitch just before Meierkort struck out the inning's final batter. Finally in the sixth Brookings incurred some breathing room beyond its 2-0 lead. A walk, a wild pitch, a stolen base, a three-base throwing error and another infield error made it 4-0. Sad to say, a hit was not involved in any of Brookings' last three runs.

Meanwhile, Daniel kept the Post 1 offense in check although Vermillion had some chances. A runner reached third in the third inning and couldn't score. Vermillion had men on first and second with nobody out in the fourth and couldn't score as well as at first and second with one out in the fifth and couldn't score. That's because at that point Daniel went crazy, striking out the final two batters in the fifth, all three men he faced in the sixth and two of the three Vermillion batters he put down in the seventh.

Vermillion's three hits were singles by D'Andre Fore, Jason Rasmussen and Caleb Miller. Besides Busch's double, Daniel and Kelby Beste each had a single for the other two Bandit hits.

Daniel walked only one while striking out 11 and allowing those three Post 1 hits.

#### POST 1 - 3, BLAIR 2

Bound and determined to keep fans entertained, Post 1 for the third straight game found itself involved in high drama in the final inning, and for the third straight time the home boys prevailed.

RBI hits by Nate Garrett and D'Andre Fore in the second inning lifted Vermillion to a 2-1 lead over the Nebraskans, a lead they would never relinquish. In the fourth Post 1 made it 3-1, thanks to a leadoff single by Stormy Mirtz, a balk, a bunt that turned into an infield hit by Caleb Miller, and Fore's RBI single. Blair pitcher Trevor O'Dell escaped further damage, retiring Post 1 with the bases full.

Vermillion starter Nick Anglin cruised through six innings, giving up only two Blair hits. In the top of the final stanza, a double, a walk and a bunt single produced one Blair run. A two-out sacrifice put the tying run at third base and the lead run at second, but a ground ball to third-baseman Mirtz was vacuumed up cleanly, and he threw out the batter to end the game. Anglin got his win allowing only four hits, two earned runs and four walks while fanning three. Meanwhile,

O'Dell struck out one, walked three, and gave up seven Post 1 hits, two of them apiece by Fore and Mirtz.

Milt Simons Tourney

#### POST 1 - 3, GROTON 2

On two successive batters in Groton's top of the seventh inning Friday night, Post 1 hurler Nate Garrett was within one strike of a complete-game shutout. Though the visitors temporarily escaped by scoring twice to tie the game at 2-2, Vermillion, with a little help from Groton pitching, won the game dramatically in the bottom of the seventh.

After Scott Iverson had singled, Tyler Husby had walked and Zach McDonald had sacrificed them into scoring position, a tworun double by Stormy Mirtz early in the game was all the offense Garrett needed until the very end. He allowed only two Groton hits through five innings. Groton got two two-out hits in the sixth, but Garrett fanned the next Groton batter to end that threat.

In its half of the sixth Post 1 loaded the bases with one out but couldn't score. Though Groton led off its seventh with a double, Garrett on a strikeout and an outfield fly got two of the three outs he needed. But a walk and two singles tied the game, setting the stage for Vermillion's own drama.

Groton starter Austin Fordham started to dig his own grave by walking leadoff man Nick Anglin, With one out D'Andre Fore, attempting to sacrifice pinch runner Bob Osterberg over to second, instead beat out his bunt for a hit. When reliever Jamie Jorgenson hit Jason Rasmussen with a pitch, the sacks were jammed with one out, and Vermillion was in business.

A force play at the plate was the second out, but Scott Iverson worked a bases-loaded walk, the fourth ball coming one pitch after Groton was sure it had Iverson struck out.

Garrett's seven-inning tenure on the mound saw him strike out five, walk only two and allow seven hits, five of them in the last two frantic innings. Fordham kept his team in the game by restricting Post 1 to only the two runs on Mirtz' big hit and only five hits through six innings till trouble arrived in the bottom of the seventh.

Six different men had one hit each among Vermillion's six base knocks. Matt Thorson had two of Groton's seven hits.

#### POST 1 - 6, MITCHELL 5

Twice as the opening game of the Lewis & Clark Wood Bat Classic progressed, Mitchell answered Vermillion challenges by matching

runs Post 1 had scored. When they loaded the bases with one out in the top of the seventh, already leading 5-3, Mitchell was ready to blow the game open. But reliever Nick Anglin struck out one batter, and third baseman Stormy Mirtz scooped up a ground ball to throw out the next, and Mitchell had left the sacks full.

Post 1, needing two to tie and three to win, began a spine-tingling game-winning rally when Zach McDonald coaxed a leadoff walk off Mitchell ace Nick Young. Young got a strikeout, but Anglin's single put the tying runs aboard. Nobody successfully bunts as often as Post 1 does, and Nate Garrett accomplished it at this moment, moving the two runners into scoring position but with two out.

D'Andre Fore was down to his and his team's last strike, but he slugged a double to tie the game. A victory was in the cards, and all that was needed was a hit from Jason Rasmussen. The veteran shortstop obliged, slashing a line drive to left field, scoring Fore and handing Mitchell a sudden, stunning defeat.

Young was nearly unhittable in the early going. He struck out five in a row at one point early on.

Vermillion got its first run when Rasmussen singled, stole second, kept going to third on Young's failed pickoff move and scored on Tyler Husby's sacrifice fly. Mitchell answered with a run in its fifth to lead again by two, 3-1.

Mirtz's leadoff double and a hit batter set up Garrett with an earlier sacrifice opportunity, and he came through that time, too, moving the runners into scoring position. One scored on Fore's infield out, and a wild pitch plated the other to the the game at 3-3

Mitchell again had an answer, scoring twice to go ahead, 5-3, in the sixth on two walks and a two-run double by Collin Moen.

Fore drove in three of Vermillion's six runs, and Rasmussen had two of the team's six hits. Zach Bennett had two of Mitchell's five hits.

Starter Husby struck out two, walked seven and allowed four hits and three earned runs in his six innings. Young finished with 10 strikeouts, walked only two and had allowed only three Vermillion hits till the fateful bottom of the seventh when he gave up three more to lose the game.

# 13-14 Teeners open season Red Sox improve record

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

Vermillion's 13-14 VFW Teeners baseball club put a lot of runs on the scoreboard as they opened their season with doubleheaders at Canton and Lennox over the past two weeks.

10 times in 13 plate appearances in the first set of doubleheaders. Jacob Krier was a leader on offense,

collecting five hits. Brett

corps.

Hanson threw four shutout

innings to lead the pitching

The 13-14s will play the

Canton 14 Teeners in Canton

at 6:30 tonight (Friday). They

against the Lennox 13 Teeners

will make their home debut

at 6:30 Monday before going

to Lennox next Wednesday

and returning home against

Beresford Thursday.

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

were the two teams which reached the championship game with Brandon Valley

for Michael Clapp and Tim Harker. Working on the mound for the Red Sox were

BUT - we need more friendly faces!!!

The \$5 drawing was won by Sally Gilbertson ... lucky lady!!

There were several lucky quarter winners also: June Wagner, Maxine Roges, Edith Nelson, Ann Stewart, Brenda Chatham and Anita White.

Bridge report — Marlys Jensen was the winner last week (5/25)and today the winner was Ellie Davies. There was only one to ... need more bridge players ... are you out there? Come join us!!!

Pitch report — there was one table for pitch on May 25. Believe it was Sally Gilbertson.

We need more pitch players also. Are there any of these out there who need to come join us and have fun, fun, and fun?

Golf report — this week the game was: Pass the Buck. Lynn Hatle won. What is with this we played only once before (when there was no rain) and guess WHO won? Yah...Lynn. We need to do something about this next week...tee hee!! Oh-there were three players this week.

Dominoes report — I did not get the info for the May 25 games but here is the info for the June 1. There were four tables. They played: June Facts.

Round 1 — Lynne Hatle, Beth Slivano, Judy Sullivan, and Barb Larson.

Round 2 — Pat Pratt, Mary Bartles, Barb Boone, and Barb Larson.

Round 3 — Pat Pratt, Beth Silvano, Judy Sullivan, and Brenda Chatham.

Total Score — Lynn Hatle, Mary Bartles and Babe Hurowitz, Rose Mart and Ann Stewart

Well, if you check out the list above for dominoes seems there are a couple very, very lucky ladies! Ok — as long as you all had lots of fun.

Fun is the goal of our wednesday group of friends!! Come join us...remember!!!!

Wednesday golf tee off 9 a.m. (be there about 8:30ish), luncheon be there around 11:30-12 and games to follow.

Hope to see you all next week...I plan to be there!!!

The club coached by Tyler Williamson and Steve Miller split against the Canton 13 Teeners, losing 8-4 and winning 11-0. At Lennox the Vermillion team won twice by scores of 17-10 and 9-0.

Ryan Schuster reached base

### 15-16 Teeners defeat DV

#### **By Parker Knox** Sportswriter

The VFW 15-16 Teeners of Vermillion rode a three-hit pitching performance by Collin Bertram to a 15-0 win over Dakota Valley at Prentis Park Monday night.

Vermillion scored 10 runs in the fourth inning before any outs were recorded to break the game open. Tanner Settles was a hitting leader, going 2-for-4 at the plate and driving home four tallies.

In the JV game a two-run single by Joe Mazour scored Colin Olson and Peter Haught in the bottom of the final inning to lift Vermillion to a 10-9 victory. Mazour was also

the winning pitcher in relief after Jayce Huska threw the first two innings. Vermillion had rallied from an 8-4 deficit with a four-run fourth in which Seth Miller, Eric James and Seth Heine drove in runs.

In their season openers last week the 15-16 varsity lost at Beresford, 6-5 while the JVs won 8-5. In the varsity game Huska had a double and a triple with an RBI to lead the offense.

The 15-16 varsity is scheduled at a tournament in South Sioux City this weekend if floodwaters permit. They will play at Beresford next Tuesday at 6 p.m.

#### The Vermillion Red Sox laced Elk Point 13-5 Sunday to improve their record for the young season to 2-3.

Tyler Candor slugged a home run and a double, Mike Hessenius had a double, and Jon Elliott posted four hits for the victors. Nate Olsen was the Red Sox starter, Eric McGhland pitched the sixth and seventh innings, and Robin Chute threw the final two stanzas.

Over last weekend the Sox lost twice in Brandon Valley's Border Classic tournament played at Harmodon Park in Sioux Falls. In a 4-2 loss to Brandon Valley, Colby Lessmann and Dan Hansen had doubles. Andrew Benton threw 5 1/3 innings for Vermillion with McGhland finishing up.

In their other tournament game the Red Sox lost to the Sioux City Saints, 7-4. The two Vermillion opponents

winning, 6-0. Teams from Minneapolis and Spencer, Iowa, also played in the event.

Last week the Red Sox trekked to Renner twice, losing to the Monarchs, 10-1, but winning over the Roadrunners, 16-0.

Monarch pitchers struck out 16 Red Sox batters in their win. Colby Lessmann's double was one of only two Vermillion hits while Renner had 12, including two home runs each

Nick Weeter, Garrett Linhardt and Elliott.

In the win over the Roadrunners Candor homered and Keton Rowe and Benton each had a double for Vermillion.

The Red Sox will play at Akron at 2 p.m. Sunday and will be home Tuesday and Wednesday of next week against the Sioux Falls Saints and Brandon Valley, respectively.





### **Grey Sox overpower opponents**

#### By Parker Knox Sportswriter

The Vermillion Grey Sox

scored 39 runs in two weekend victories. Vermillion had an 18-0

lead after three innings before Dakota Valley got on the board Sunday night in a 20-3 Grey Sox win. The Vermillion club pounded out 17 hits.

Kyle Nemec had a no-hitter rolling through the early going until Dakota Valley scored two runs in the fourth and one in the fifth in the fiveinning State Line League contest.

Last Wednesday the Grey Sox won a home game over Canton, 19-5, in a contest shortened to seven innings by a 10-run rule. An 11-run fifth inning put the game well into the comfort zone for the Sox, who had 18 hits in the game. Michael Kendall was

winning pitcher in his first Grey Sox appearance.

The Grey Sox are slated for a 2 p.m. home game Sunday at Prentis Park against Garretson. The Sox go to Larchwood next Tuesday night for a 7:30 contest.