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BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES ASSOCIATION

This was a very very windy day for our Wednesday 05/23/12 Ladies.

There were 24 at the luncheon and most stayed for the games following.

Great to see sooooo many coming. But, we would like more to join us.

Desserts were provided by: Joyce Zimmerman and myself (Pat). Joyce's was great and I must admit mine was pretty good too. I had never made that recipe before but shall in the future.

The \$5 drawings were won by: Marlys Jensen and Agnes Mockler.

Quarters: Mary Bartels, Eileen Turner, Joan Olson, Beth Silvano, Irma Burbach, Lois O'Grady, and Maxine Rogers.

Guess my luck wore off!!
 Bridge report: There were two tables and I noticed a new guest Jen Dickenson.

Lorraine Brunick was High. Other prize winners: Jen Dickenson and Glennis Stewart.

Dominoes report: There were two tables here also.

Round 1: Darlene Engbrecht and Dori Ryan.

Round 2: Beth Silvano and Pat Pratt.

Round 3: Darlene Engbrecht and Joyce Zimmerman.

Total Score: Karine Amundson and Brenda Chatham.

Golf report: Today we played "Puttless." We only counted the hits to get on the green. This was not as easy as it could have been. We had seven players and broke up into two groups.

Edith Nelson had the fewest hits: 42

Mary Lea Hennies had second with 43.

The wind had a lot to do with it if you hit the ball in the air. (There were some MAJOR turns thanks to the wind). Give us a try and see how much fun we have ... no matter your skill level ... we will have fun!!

Come on out. We have a lot of summer left!

Pat Steckelberg, reporter

MEN'S SENIOR GOLF FUN LEAGUE

Twenty-one senior golfers teed off at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29. Seven 3-men teams competed for the best score. The team of Harlan Schott, Jeri Engelking, and Vern Holter used 37 strokes to record the best score of the day.

Three teams shot 38. Two teams tied for second. The team of Mo Marcotte, Sid Davis, and Rich Morse had identical scores as the team of Jerry Sommerfeld, Guy Button and Cleland Cook.

In fourth place, also shooting 38 was the team of Ross King, Elmer Mount and Ray Lynn. Next week, June 5, there is a senior golf tournament at The Bluffs. The next league meeting will be on June 12 and the tee time is 9 a.m.

Tanagers' winning ways earn them Region 1B championship

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

The Vermillion Tanagers began a winning streak with two wins at Mount Vernon on Easter Monday. Their 13th win in a row, a 9-4 victory over that same Mount Vernon/Plankinton/Woonsocket (MVPW) team, earned them the Region 1B high school baseball championship last Wednesday and completed a sweep by VHS of every game against a regional opponent this season.

The largest crowd of the season that packed the Prentis Park grandstand didn't see a pretty game by any means, but it was an exhilarating one as the Tanagers escaped some shaky early innings, then took the lead and expanded on it as the game progressed.

The game was a scorekeeper's nightmare as 11 errors were charged – six on VHS and five on the opponents – but the visitors' errors hurt them more deeply. Tanager batters, too, came through in the clutch with eight hits, six of them in the third, fourth and fifth innings when VHS scored all of its runs.

Nate Garrett survived a rugged 32-pitch first inning with only one run scoring. A walk, a single and an infield bobble produced one MVPW run, but Garrett left the bases loaded when he coaxed a grounder to third-baseman Tanner Anderson for a force play.

Garrett was back on track in the second inning, needing only seven pitches to retire the side. That stanza ended with a double play when center-fielder D'Andre Fore caught a fly and doubled a baserunner off first base.

Fore stepped to the forefront even more dramatically in the third. MVPW, as the result of an error and a wild pitch, had a man on second base with one out. MVPW's Justin Davis drove a blast to left-center, destined to roll to the wall, but Fore, racing to his right, dived for the ball and caught it. The baserunner was already around third base and was easily doubled up to end that threat.

MVPW starter Cory London had struck out three Tanager batters in the first two innings, but Fore's spectacular catch fired up the VHS offense in the bottom of the third with one out. Of course in this game an error started it all as Jayce Huska reached base on a shortstop's miscue. D'Andre Fore



The Vermillion Tanagers baseball team celebrates on the Prentis Park diamond after defeating MVPW to claim the Region 1B championship last Wednesday.

(Photo by David Lias)

walked, and Caleb Miller hit tied the game. Chayse Meierkort's sacrifice fly gave VHS a 2-1 lead it would never relinquish. Anderson followed with an RBI smash through the left side of the infield for a 3-1 advantage.

Tanner Settles tripled in the fourth and scored on a grounder off Joe Mazour's bat to make it 4-1 in the fourth.

MVPW rallied with two runs in the fifth to make it a tense 4-3 game again, but the Tanagers' third double play of the game ended that inning. Anderson threw to Miller for a third-to-first second out, and when a baserunner tried to go from first to third on the play, Miller returned the ball back to Anderson for a tag at third.

The Tanagers then blew the game open in their half of that inning.

With one out Miller reached on yet another error, and Meierkort walked.

Anderson made it a three-RBI game for himself as he destroyed the baseball with a blast to left field for a two-run double. Stormy Mirtz singled, and he and Anderson both scored on Collin Bertram's double. Mazour again put the ball in play with his bat, and the result was another MVPW error that scored Bertram for a 9-3 Tanager lead.

MVPW scored a run off two Tanager errors in the top of the sixth, but Garrett ended that uprising safely by getting batters to hit into a pair of infield pop flies.

Nile Morecraft relieved to pitch the seventh. On one pitch he got his first man on a pop-up to Miller at first base. A pair of hits got through the infield to give MVPW faint hope, but catcher Meierkort went back to the grandstand screen to latch on to a high foul ball. Then a grounder to Anderson at third

resulted in a force play at second to end the game and crown the Tanagers as champs.

Garrett, during his six innings of pitching, walked four and gave up only three hits. London, who had to quit after six innings because he had reached the pitch count limit of 106 pitches by that time, gave up seven hits, nine runs and three walks while fanning five, and his teammates' three errors helped make his work difficult. Reliever Deric Denning pitched the final 1 2/3 innings, allowing only one hit and walking one, but he was victimized by a pair of errors by his defense as well.

Anderson and Mirtz had two hits each among VHS's eight. Besides Anderson's three RBIs, Bertram and Mazour had two each and Miller and Meierkort one apiece.

Vermillion Reds extend winning streak Saturday

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

The Vermillion Reds stretched their winning streak to 10 Saturday with a twin trouncing of Canton, 12-1 and 10-0, at Prentis Park.

Earlier in the week the Reds won a pair at Dakota Valley over the Greys for the second time in the young season, this time prevailing 25-2 and 14-0.

The Reds scored 85 runs in their last six games through the Canton twinbill.

Billy Mount earned the pitching win in Saturday's opener, throwing five innings of one-run, four-hit ball while striking out seven and walking four. Meanwhile, his teammates piled up 10 runs in the first three innings to pull away quickly.

Five walks and a wild pitch

gave the Reds two easy first-inning runs. Riley Peters' RBI single and a two-run triple by Carter Kratz highlighted a three-run second inning. Kratz sent home two more runs with a third-inning hit, and Wyatt Markee also drove in two with a single as the Reds scored five times.

A two-run single by Hunter Christopherson ended the game in the sixth via the 10-run rule.

Brett Hansen went the distance on the mound in the three-inning nightcap, allowing only one Canton hit while fanning three and walking two.

The Reds pounced on Canton in the first inning, cashing in on a two-out error that opened the flood gates. Four walks and a two-run hit by Nate Robertson were part of a six-run explosion. In the third, five straight walks and several

wild pitches gave the Reds three easy runs that again caused the 10-run rule to come into play.

Markee, Kratz and Robertson had the Reds' three hits in the shortened contest.

The Reds will host Beresford twice at the USD softball complex at 2 p.m. Saturday and play at Chancellor in a 6:30 twinbill next Wednesday.

Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic begins Friday at Prentis Park

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

The first week of the American Legion baseball season will end with the 11th annual Lewis & Clark Wooden Bat Classic from Friday morning through Sunday at Prentis Park.

Five games will be played starting at 10:30 a.m. both Friday and Saturday. Then this is also Vermillion's year to host the tournament's semifinals and championship games, starting at 11 a.m. Champions of the Vermillion, Yankton and Crofton sites and

one wild-card team will be here Sunday to play for the title.

Vermillion Post 1's games on Friday will be against Sioux Falls West at 10:30 a.m. and Blair, Neb., at 7:30 p.m. Post 1's Saturday contests are against Aberdeen at 10:30 a.m. and Brandon Valley at 7:30 p.m.

Post 1 will also be home next Tuesday against Dakota Valley for two regular-season games at 6:30 p.m.

Because four pitchers were used in high school state tourney play Monday, Post 1 needed others pitchers to step

up and throw complete games Tuesday night as the American Legion season opened, and that is what Joe Mazour and Caleb Miller did.

Mazour struck out four, walked none and allowed five hits in going the full seven innings as Post 1 won the opener, 7-2, over Elk Point-Jefferson.

Vermillion had only three hits through five innings but built a 5-0 lead with help from the wildness of EP-J pitchers. Post 1's first two runs scored on wild pitches, and Tanner Anderson, Stormy Mirtz and Chayse Meierkort had RBIs.

Hits by Jayce Huska and D'Andre Fore plated two insurance runs in the sixth.

EP-J got three of its five hits off Mazour in the last two innings when a pair of infield errors helped in scoring their only two tallies. Meierkort had two of Post 1's six hits.

Caleb Miller pitched a five-inning one-hitter in Vermillion's 13-0 win in the nightcap and accounted for nine of the 15 EP-J outs with strikeouts. He walked two.

Three EP-J pitchers threw more wild pitches than strikes. By the end of the third inning Vermillion had only three hits

but eight runs. Meierkort and Damarius Cheeseman each had an RBI.

In a five-run fourth Nile Morecraft doubled home a pair of runs, and Peter Haught

and Fore each had an RBI. Meierkort had three of his team's seven hits.

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