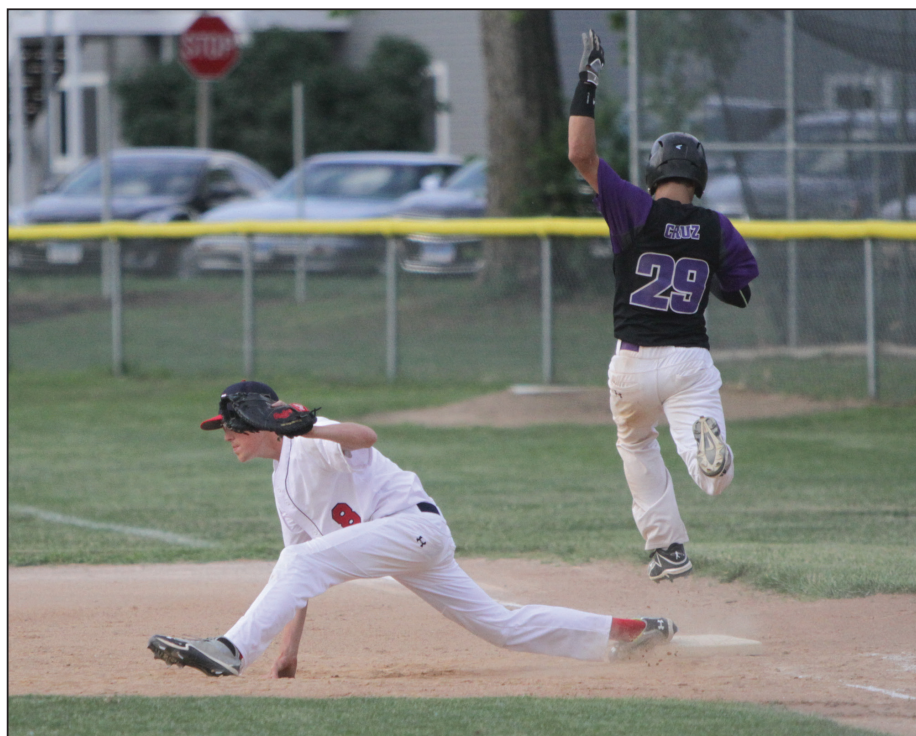




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Vermillion Post 1 Takes 1, Drops 3



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Vermillion first baseman Jefferson Galvin stretches for an out during Post 1's loss to Beresford Tuesday night.



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Vermillion's Carter Kratz makes contact with a pitch during Post 1's 11-10 loss to Beresford Tuesday night at Prentis Park.

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Vermillion Post 1 Legion baseball team traveled to Mitchell for a double-header on Wednesday, June 17 before returning home to Prentis Park the next night to take on Wakefield. Vermillion was home, again, Tuesday night for a league game against Beresford.

Vermillion 1, Mitchell 4

In the first game of the double header last Wednesday night, Vermillion Post 1 took an early 1-0 lead in the first inning, but went on to lose to Mitchell Post 18, 4-1.

Joe Miller scored Vermillion's only run when an error by the Mitchell defense brought him home.

Hunter Christopherson,

Jefferson Galvin, Carter Kratz and Miller each contributed two of Vermillion's 10 hits in the game. Jack Brown and Ethan James both had one.

Wakefield's four runs, all earned, came off nine hits. Jed Schmidt, Spencer Neugebauer, Dylanger Pierson and Jacob Cersosimo all recorded RBIs.

Christopherson pitched five and one-third innings for Vermillion and Jake Odens came in for relief to record the last two outs of the game.

Tyler Houwman picked up the win for Mitchell.

Vermillion 2, Mitchell 12

The night cap saw Mitchell prevail 12-2 in five innings.

Vermillion scored one in the first inning off an RBI single from Christopherson bringing Brown and again in the fourth inning on an RBI groundout by Brown scoring Kratz.

Brown, Kratz, Christopherson and Brandon Mockler recorded Vermillion's four hits in the game.

Mitchell's 12 runs, six earned, came off 12 hits. Neugebauer, Pierson and Cersosimo each recorded two RBIs for Mitchell with Sam Michels and Ryland DeVries adding one each.

John Benson pitched four innings giving up nine runs on 10 hits with three strikeouts and two walks. Odens replaced Strike in the fifth for the final three outs and gave up three runs on two hits with one strikeout and two walks.

Matt Larson picked up the win with two runs on four hits and five strikeouts and no walks in the five innings.

Vermillion 10, Wakefield 4

Vermillion Post 1 scored 10 runs on just six hits to top Wakefield Post 81, 10-4 in a non-league game last Thursday night at Prentis Park.

Vermillion took an early lead in the first inning off Jack Brown's sacrifice fly to bring home Miller.

Post 1 then scored another three in the second with RBIs from Nate Robertson, Kratz and Benson.

Wakefield tied the game at four in the fifth, but Vermillion answered back with five in the bottom of the frame.

Kratz was brought home when Hunter Christopherson was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Then, with Jack Brown at the plate, Miller scored on a passed ball.

Christopherson and Brown were brought home when Mockler hit a two-run double for a 8-4 lead.

Mockler scored on a fielder's choice hit by Robertson.

The final run came in the sixth inning when the umpire called a balk on the Wakefield pitcher with Miller on third allowing him to come home.

Mockler pitched five innings in the win allowing four runs on five hits with one strikeout and two walks. James replaced Mockler at the start of the sixth and allowed two hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

Vermillion 9, Beresford 10

Vermillion faced off against Beresford in league play of Legion baseball Tuesday night at Prentis Park that saw Beresford score the winning run in the top of the seventh inning to beat Vermillion 11-10.

Beresford took an early 5-0 lead in the first inning only to have Vermillion answer with five of their own in the bottom of the inning.

"Five runs right away and then we score five and it looks like it's going to be an absolute offensive slugfest and then people settle down and we have a good little game in the middle innings," Gault said.

Vermillion was down 6-8 going into the bottom of the sixth inning when James hit a two run double for the only Vermillion lead of the game. Beresford would score two more in the top of the seventh for an 10-8 lead.

Vermillion plated one in the bottom of the frame, but the efforts would fall short as the team left the tying run on third and winning run on second and the game ended 10-9.

"We missed out on some opportunities and we left guys in scoring position with one out or no outs in three of those seven innings," Gault said. "We run down to one of those scenarios when they got their best pitcher on the hill and we got some of our best batters at the plate and they won that time so let's hope that we win the next one."

Christopherson and Odens combined on the mound for Vermillion.

Little League Gets Big Help From University

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Though college classes are out for the summer, Vermillion residents may notice some University of South Dakota (USD) students still around town.

That's because the Vermillion Baseball Association has hired 10 college aged coaches to head the youth baseball teams this summer by teaching skills and managing teams during games.

"This first four weeks is all about teaching," said Craig Stanton, the General Manager of t-ball and rookie league. "We started out with basic skills, just throwing and catching and then hitting. We're three weeks through that program and we have games starting next week."

Kate Chambers, a USD student from Sioux Falls and a second year Vermillion baseball coach, is coaching the t-ball league with 5-6 year olds, as well as a team of 10-year-olds.

"I did softball for five years growing up and loved it," Chambers said. "When the opportunity came, I took a chance at getting a teaching job last year and the organization just really liked more of a female lead, so they asked me back and I was really excited."

Another opportunity to work with the children of Vermillion is really what convinced Chambers to return for a second year.

"It's more so that the kids have such great attitudes," she said.

For Chelsey Green, a secondary education major at USD, it's an opportunity



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University of South Dakota student and little league coach Kate Chambers gives advice to a young player during a t-ball skills session Monday morning at Barstow Park.



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Coaches and players huddle up after wrapping up t-ball skills sessions at Barstow Park Monday morning. The teams now begin game play until the middle of July.



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