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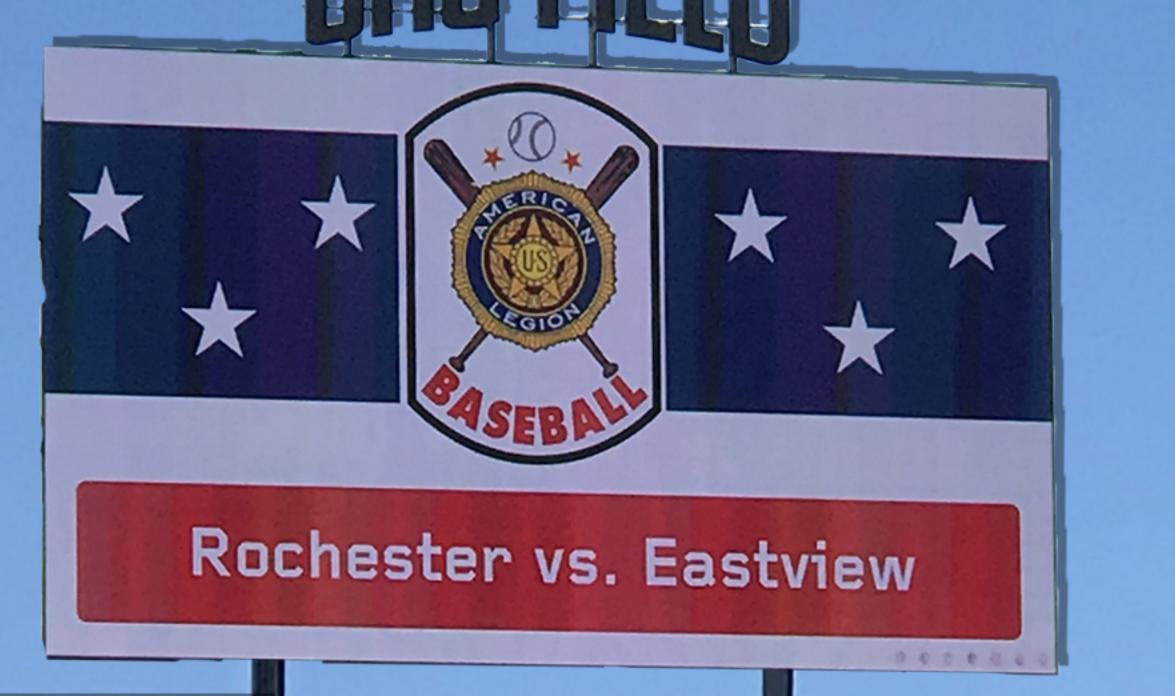
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2017 Season

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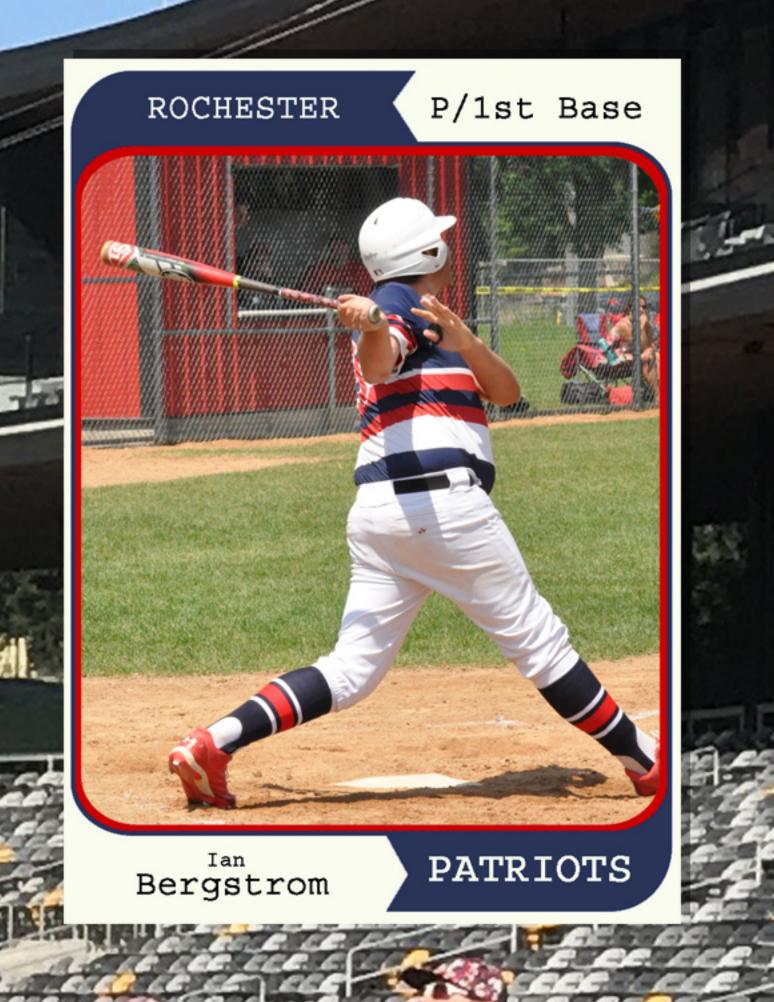










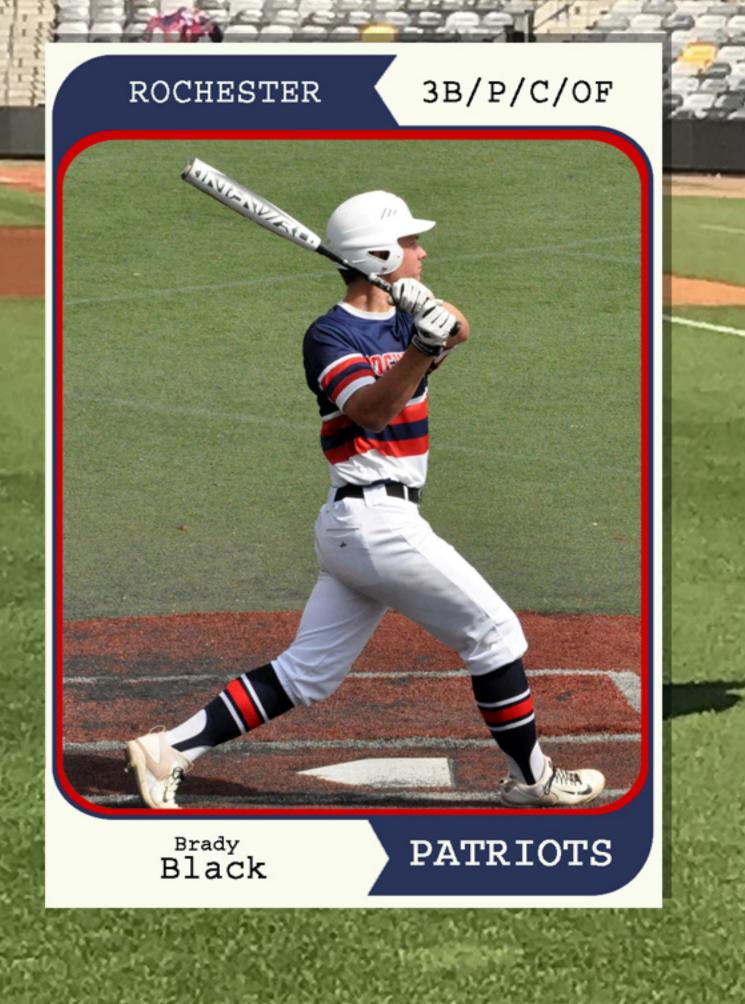


















# Rochester Patriots

1	Andrew Schmidt
2	<b>Austin Brown</b>
3	Kip Gronholz
4	Kyle Ebert
6	Jack Boehm
7	Aaron Limberg
8	Matthew Halverson
9	Zach Smith
10	<b>Matthew Smiley</b>
11	Alex Jensen
14	Mike Drucker
15	Sam Boysen
16	Sam Lingen
18	Brady Black
19	Ian Bergstrom

Student manager Ben Karls

#### **Coaches:**

Paul Halverson Paul Gronholz Rich Halverson Andy Black



#### **Patriots 2017 Regular Season Game Schedule**

Date	Result	Opponent	Location	Status	QS
Mon Jun 5	W <u>11-7</u>	@ Rochester A's	Century High School	FINAL →	
Wed Jun 7	W <u>8-6</u>	Redhawks	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Tue Jun 13	L <u>3-4</u>	@ Albert Lea	Albert Lea	FINAL +	
Thu Jun 15	W <u>8-7</u>	@ Stewartville	Stewartville	FINAL +	
Fri Jun 16	L <u>2-10</u>	@ New Ulm	Johnson Field, 400 N Germ St, New Ulm, MN 56073	an [FINAL →	
Sun Jun 18	W <u>14-4</u>	Chippewa Falls	John Adams Alumni Field (1 innings)	x9 FINAL →	
Mon Jun 19	L <u>3-11</u>	Winona	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Fri Jun 23	W <u>8-0</u>	@ Sartell	4300 Pioneer Road Souther Alexandria, MN 56308	ast, FINAL +	
Fri Jun 23	W <u>13-1</u>	@ Park Center	4300 Pioneer Road Southe Alexandria, MN 56308	ast, FINAL +	
Sat Jun 24	W <u>9-1</u>	@ Fergus Falls	4300 Pioneer Road Southe Alexandria, MN 56308	ast, FINAL +	
Sat Jun 24	L <u>0-9</u>	@ Alexandria	Alexandria Tourney (Bracke starts Saturday night or Sunday based on seed)	t [FINAL →]	
Tue Jun 27	L <u>6-7</u>	Owatonna	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Wed Jun 28	L <u>0-2</u>	Lourdes	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Fri Jun 30	W <u>8-2</u>	Edison	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 1	W <u>9-8</u>	Bloomington	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 1	L <u>1-8</u>	Madison	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Sun Jul 2	W <u>9-1</u>	St Paul Park	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +	
Tue Jul 4	L <u>5-8</u>	@ Austin	1900 8th Ave NW, Austin, N 55912	IN FINAL →	
Thu Jul 6	W <u>9-3</u>	@ Waseca	Tink Larson Field, 7th Ave N 56093 Waseca, MN	IE, FINAL →	
Fri Jul 7	W <u>8-0</u>	@ Watertown	Minnetonka High School Veterans Field 18301 Highw 7 Minnetonka, MN 55345	vay FINAL →	
Sat Jul 8	L <u>0-9</u>	@ Waconia	Minnetonka High School Veterans Field 18301 Highw 7 Minnetonka, MN 55345	vay FINAL →	
Sat Jul 8	W <u>6-3</u>	@ White Bear Lake	Minnetonka High School Veterans Field 18301 Highw 7 Minnetonka, MN 55345	vay FINAL →	
Sun Jul 9	L <u>5-6</u>	@ Fargo	Minnetonka High School Veterans Field 18301 Highw 7 Minnetonka, MN 55345	vay FINAL +	

Date	Result	Opponent	Location Status	QS
Sun Jul 9	L <u>0-8</u>	@ Excelsior	Minnetonka High School Veterans Field 18301 Highway 7 Minnetonka, MN 55345	
Tue Jul 11	W <u>7-2</u>	@ Kasson	Kasson, MN FINAL +	
Thu Jul 13	L <u>13-14</u>	@ La Crosse Post 52	Copeland Park (1x9), 1130 Copeland Park Dr, La Crosse, WI 54603	
Fri Jul 14	W <u>21-2</u>	@ Byron	Byron Middle School, 601 4th St NW, Byron, MN 55920	
Sun Jul 16	W <u>10-0</u>	@ Byron	John Adams Alumni Field FINAL +	
Tue Jul 18	W <u>4-3</u>	@ Rochester A's	Century High School FINAL +	
Thu Jul 20	W <u>10-8</u>	@ Owatonna	District Game - Dartts Park Owatonna	
Fri Jul 21	W <u>5-3</u>	@ Austin	District Game - Dartts Park Owatonna	
Sat Jul 22	W <u>11-7</u>	@ Rochester A's	District Game - Dartts Park Owatonna	
Fri Jul 28	L <u>0-10</u>	Ham Lake	State Tournament - Toni Stone Field, Dunning Sports Complex, St. Paul (near I-94 & Lexington Avenue): 1221 Marshall Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104	
Fri Jul 28	W <u>10-8</u>	Lakeview (Duluth East)	State Tournament - Dunning FINAL +	
Sat Jul 29	L <u>4-5</u>	Eastview	CHS Field St. Paul MN FINAL	



# Rochester Junior Legion

2	Brenden Baxter
3	Chase Nelson
5	Brady Schmidt
8	Alex Johnson
12	Benny Ellefson
13	Erik Peterson
15	Sam Boysen
19	Ian Bergstrom
20	Mike Drucker
26	Jax Davidson
30	Aaron Novak
31	Blake Endle

<u>Coaches</u> Jake Halverson Jamie Soyk

#### **Jr Legion 2017 Regular Season Game Schedule**

Date	Re	sult	Opponent	Location	Status
Thu Jun 1	w	<u>8-3</u>	@ Prior Lake	Ponds Park, 17429 Ponds Pkwy SE, Prior Lake, MN 55372	FINAL →
Mon Jun 5	W	11-5	@ Century	Century HS	FINAL +
Thu Jun 8	L	3-10	@ Wayzata	Parkers Lake Playfields: 15500 County Rd 6, Plymouth, MN 55447	FINAL +
Fri Jun 9	L	9-12	Brandon Valley	John Adams Alumni Field (Rundown Tournament)	FINAL →
Sat Jun 10	W	10-5	Sioux Falls West	John Adams Alumni Field (Rundown Tournament)	FINAL →
Sat Jun 10	L	<u>7-11</u>	New Ulm Gold	John Adams Alumni Field (Rundown Tournament)	FINAL →
Sun Jun 11	-		Galesville	Rainout	Cancelled
Tue Jun 13	W	<u>6-5</u>	Lakeville North	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →
Fri Jun 16	L	0-12	@ Sioux Falls East	Melde Tourney / Bennet Family Park, 3717 County Rd 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345	FINAL →
Fri Jun 16	L	0-8	@ Ranview	Melde Tourney / Bennet Family Park, 3717 County Rd 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345	FINAL +
Sat Jun 17	L	3-6	@ Excelsior #2	Melde Tourney / Bennet Family Park, 3717 County Rd 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345	FINAL +
Sat Jun 17	L	<u>7-9</u>	@ Eden Prairie	Melde Tourney / Bennet Family Park, 3717 County Rd 101, Minnetonka, MN 55345	FINAL +
Sun Jun 18	W	11-3	@ Harrisburg	Melde Tourney - Must qualify for bracket play	FINAL →
Tue Jun 20	W	<u>7-4</u>	Eagan	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +
Wed Jun 21	L	2-7	@ Apple Valley	Johnny Cake (JCRP1) Fields, 5800 140th St. W. Apple Valley, MN 55124	FINAL →
Thu Jun 22	-		@ 16U West Coast Pilots	Luther College (Roster adjustments likely to play 16U)	Cancelled
Thu Jun 22	-		@ 17U West Coast Pilots	Luther College (Roster adjustments likely to play 17U)	Cancelled
Mon Jun 26	L	0-4	Excelsior #1	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +
Thu Jun 29	L	0-6	@ Shakopee	Joe Schleper Stadium (Tahpah park) 1490 Adams St., Shakopee, MN 55379	FINAL +
Thu Jul 6	L	<u>2-13</u>	Hopkins	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +
Sun Jul 9	L	<u>1-15</u>	Mankato	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL +
Mon Jul 10	-		@ Eastview	Johnny Cake (JCRP1) Fields, 5800 140th St. W. Apple Valley, MN 55124	6:00 PM CDT
Tue Jul 11	-		Chanhassen	John Adams Alumni Field	6:00 PM CDT
Thu Jul 13	-		Burnsville	John Adams Alumni Field	Cancelled
Fri Jul 14	W	<u>11-3</u>	@ Farmington	Varsity Field (Tiger 1) Address: 159 212th st w farmington, mn	FINAL +
Mon Jul 17	L	<u>1-11</u>	@ Edina #1	Braemar #1: 7501 Ikola Way, Edina, MN 55439	FINAL →
Tue Jul 18	-		Lakeville South	John Adams Alumni Field	Cancelled



# Rochester VFW Rockets

- 1 Chase Rubado
- 4 Charles Hiatt
- 6 Brandon Hunter
- 7 Matt Devlin
- 9 Drew Yochim
- 10 Matt Cwikla
- 14 Lucas Rindflesch
- 16 Lucas Reimer
- 17 Austin Krebsbach
- 18 Ben Terpstra
- 19 Brant Dickinson
- 21 Tor Hendrickson
- 28 Matt Olson
- 29 Jon Devlin

# Coaches Jake Halverson Kirk Rubado

#### JM VFW 2017 Regular Season Game Schedule

Date	Re	sult	Opponent	Location	Status	Q
Wed May 31	W	<u>10-3</u>	@ Century	Century	FINAL →	
Wed May 31	Т	11-11	@ Century	Century	FINAL →	
Wed Jun 7	W	<u>7-6</u>	Spartans	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Wed Jun 14	L	0-4	@ Winona	Loughrey Field, W Sarnia St, Winona, MN 55987	FINAL +	
Wed Jun 14	-		@ Winona	Loughrey Field, W Sarnia St, Winona, MN 55987	Cancelled	
Thu Jun 15	L	<u>1-2</u>	Pine Island	John Adams Alumni Field (5 inn)	FINAL →	
Thu Jun 15	W	<u>3-2</u>	Pine Island	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Fri Jun 23	W	<u>8-1</u>	Mantorville	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Fri Jun 23	-		Mantorville	John Adams Alumni Field	Cancelled	
Sun Jun 25	W	<u>9-8</u>	Owatonna	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Sun Jun 25	L	<u>0-12</u>	Owatonna	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Wed Jun 28	L	<u>3-9</u>	@ Knights	John Adams Alumni Field (Lourdes is Home team)	FINAL →	
Sat Jul 1	w	11-0	@ Faribault	Bell Field at Alexander Park,1830 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 1	w	<u>15-1</u>	@ Faribault	Bell Field at Alexander Park, 1830 2nd Ave NW, Faribault, MN 55021	FINAL +	
Wed Jul 5	w	<u>10-0</u>	Stewartville	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Fri Jul 7	w	<u>5-4</u>	Albert Lea	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Fri Jul 7	L	6-11	Albert Lea	John Adams Alumni Field (5 inning)	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 8	L	<u>1-11</u>	@ Northfield	Northfield High School, 1400 Division St S, Northfield, MN 55057	FINAL →	
Sat Jul 8	W	<u>4-2</u>	@ Northfield	Northfield High School, 1400 Division St S, Northfield, MN 55057	FINAL →	
Sun Jul 9	L	<u>4-13</u>	Austin	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Sun Jul 9	L	<u>2-16</u>	Austin	John Adams Alumni Field	FINAL →	
Wed Jul 12	W	<u>6-5</u>	@ Cannon Falls	John Burch Park, MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009	FINAL +	
Wed Jul 12	W	4-3	@ Cannon Falls	John Burch Park, MN-19, Cannon Falls, MN 55009	FINAL →	
Thu Jul 13	W	<u>11-3</u>	@ Waseca	Tink Larson Field, 7th Ave NE, 56093 Waseca, MN	FINAL →	
Thu Jul 13	W	12-11	@ Waseca	Tink Larson Field, 7th Ave NE, 56093 Waseca, MN	FINAL +	
Sun Jul 16	W	<u>6-0</u>	Red Wing	hudson field at essex	FINAL →	
Sun Jul 16	L	<u>10-11</u>	Red Wing	hudson field at essex	FINAL →	
Sat Jul 22	W	<u>4-1</u>	Cannon Falls	John Adams Alumni Field / Division Tourney	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 22	W	<u>5-1</u>	Redwin		FINAL →	
Sun Jul 23	W	13-3	Cannon Falls		FINAL +	
Sat Jul 29	W	<u>5-3</u>	@ Century	Winona / District Tournament	FINAL +	
Sat Jul 29	L	2-10	@ Winona	Winona / District Tournament	FINAL →	
Sun Jul 30	L	<u>3-11</u>	@ Century	Winona / District Tournament	FINAL →	
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# PBPLAYBOOK Sports

#### **DIVING**

#### 4 Rochester divers medal at region meet

Post Bulletin staff

A team from Rochester Orcas recently traveled to Iowa City, Iowa to compete in the USA Region 8 Diving Championships.

This is the first year that the local divers have trained as USA athletes. Because divers can choose the region in which to compete, there were divers from as far as Florida diving in the three-day competition.

Four local divers medaled: Shannon (Giant) Penney (11 and under girls 1-meter), Anya Liedtke-Quick (12-16 girls 1 meter), Jarod Zobitz (14-15 boys 1-meter), and Brennigan Las (16-18 boys 1-meter).

Penney and Zobitz qualified for zone competition. Liedtke-Quick also competed in 3-meter along with Erin Torres (12-13 girls).

Other Rochester divers in the 1-meter were: Annika Ahashi-Berg (11-and-under girls), Bella Lichen (16-18 girls),



Jarod Zobitz was one of four Rochester divers to win a medal at the USA Region 8 Championships last month.

Yasmin Nasimova (16-18 girls) and Austin Castro (16-18 boys). Jeremiah Jackson is the

head coach for USA Orcas Diving and the assistant coach is Gresin Pizarro Hawse.

#### **ROWING**

#### Rochester club strong at Midwest meet

Post Bulletin staff

BETHEL, Ohio — The Rochester Rowing Club Juniors concluded their spring season with a strong performance at the Midwest Junior Championships May 21-22.

The Rochester Rowing Club entered nine boats in various categories. All nine made the grand finals to compete for a medal.

The Boys Novice Quad, which included Oscar Hogan, Daniel Ma, Nolan Caples and Sahaj Singh, had a dominating performance and came in first despite a two-hour thunderstorm delay. The quad rowed at a blistering pace to beat the field by 34 seconds.

The Boys Varsity Quad and Boys second Varsity Double came in in second place. The Girls second Varsity Double of Gretchen Dowdy and Nicole Powell came in in third place.



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The RRC team of Edward Bianco, Nico Grothey, Will Midthun and Parth Gandhi will compete in the National Regatta starting Friday in Sarasota, Fla.

Rochester Rowing Club competed against 41 other teams from all over the Midwest

The weather was not the greatest but the hearty crew from the Upper Midwest was mentally and physically prepared for the few rain delays and thunderstorms," coach Bryan Little said.

The Boys Varsity Quad made up with Edward Bianco, Nico Grothey, Will Midthun and Parth Gandhi, have earned the right to represent Rochester Rowing Club at the Youth National Regatta in Sarasota, Fla., this coming Friday to Sunday. They will compete against crews from all over the nation.

#### **RUNNING**

## All-Comers meets start tonight

Post Bulletin staff

Rochester Track Club will being the 47th annual Hal Martin All-Comers Track Meet series tonight.

The events are returning to the Soldiers Field track this year after being held for a few years at John Marshall and Century high schools.

Running starts at 6 p.m. each night; meets will be held tonight, June 13, July 11 and July 18. Six running events ranging from 50 yards to a mile are offered, plus the

long jump. The meets are free and open to the public. Children of all ages are welcome, though there is a waiver parents will need to sign the first meet they attend. The signature will be good for all

four meets. More than 2,500 children and family members participated last year. The All-Comers meets are designed to be a fun and non-competitive way to encourage fitness. All participants receive a purple

#### There's more PB Playbook on Page D3

#### Coaches and other representatives of teams and organi-

zations: We encourage you to submit results, news items and photos for publication on our website and consideration for use on this page. Go to the website postbulletin.com/playbook and click "Submissions."

#### **BASKETBALL**

**The Rochester Shock** sixth-grade team won the Gopher State spring championship. Team members are Claire Bohlen (Waterville), Kaylie Lafrance (Elysian), Kaylee Bowman (Austin), **Katherine Busch** (Faribault), Keeley Steele (Stewartville), Alayna Atherton (Waterville), **Jullian Swanson** (Kasson), Caroline Daly (Rochester), Haylie



Strum (Stewartville) and Anna Kivimagi (Chatfield). Coach is Jared Lafrance.



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The Rochester Shock eighth-grade team won the Gopher State spring championship. Team members are Anna Miller, Aliyah Ross, Lynsey Hady, Mullk Hammadelniel, Madeline Palmer, Adreena Ross, Elli Collins and Mia Harber. Coach is Heidi Sonju.



The Shock varsity team took second place in the Gopher State spring championship. Team members are Rebecca Younis (Austin), Lillia Newsom (Rochester), Megan Boegel (Rochester), Madisen Enger (Zumbrota), Kyra Walter (Austin), Eric Smith (Byron), Liv Larson (Kasson), Shelby Isensee (Chatfield) and Alyssa Rostad (Houston). Coaches are Arianna Bland and Angel Agoth.

**PRO GOLF** 

# Stricker plays his way into US Open

Wisconsin native will play in major to be held next week in Badger State

**BY DOUG FERGUSON Associated Press** 

COLUMBUS, Ohio  $\,-\,$  Steve Stricker always knew he would have to take the toughest road to make it into the first U.S. Open in his native

Wisconsin. That made it all the more rewarding when he earned his place at Erin Hills through a 36-hole qualifier Monday

And the 50-year-old Stricker did it in style.

More than just earning one of the nine spots in the Tennessee qualifier, Stricker closed with a wedge to tap-in birdie range to cap off a 67-65 day and finish first among the nine qualifiers.

"It means a lot," Stricker said. "It's been at the forefront of my thinking for a while now. It's kind of a relief knowing I got in on my own terms. I went through qualifying. I'd rather have it that way. I'm glad I did it this way.'

The U.S. Open starts June 15 at Erin Hills, a public course built on pristine pastureland in Wisconsin that only opened in 2006. Stricker was asked by the original owner, Bob Lang, and USGA executives to come

along for a site visit to give a pro's perspective. He knew he would be 50 when the U.S. Open came to Erin Hills. He never knew it would be such an ordeal getting there. But he made it, and it all felt right.

Andy North has two U.S. Open titles, but no Wisconsin native has more PGA Tour victories than Stricker's 12 titles, which took him as high as No. 2 in the world. He even wrote a welcome message for the official U.S. Open program, which surely will read a lot better now that he's playing.

"Isn't that something?" he said with a laugh. "I almost wanted to call them and tell them to take it out.

Of the 10 sectional qualifiers across the country to fill most of the 156-man field, Stricker attracted the most attention. His brother-in-law and

agent, Mario Tiziani, urged him to ask for a special exemption, though Stricker figured he wouldn't get one.

He didn't, but it motivated

"Not that I deserved one, but it's been driving me to achieve this goal," he said. "And I'm just happy that I'm going to get to play. It's a relief to get to play in the first one in my home state."

The largest qualifier was in Columbus because of so many PGA Tour players who were in town for the Memorial.



**Associated Press** Steve Stricker is going to Erin

Stewart Cink was among the 14 qualifiers at Lakes and Brookside. The start was delayed just over two hours because of overnight rain. and it was likely not to finish because of darkness and a playoff for the final spots.

Hills.

Cink didn't even try to qualify last year after his wife, Lisa, was diagnosed with Stage 4 breast cancer a year ago April. She now is doing well enough to travel with him, and that includes a trip to Wisconsin.

"It's been a tough thing," Cink said. "I was not in competitive form last year. We were right in the midst of Lisa's treatment, and we were focused on that, so I didn't even try to qualify. To come back this year and get through successfully, it really means a lot to me.'

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# **Patriots** outscore A's 11-7 in opener

Post Bulletin staff

Two Rochester teams opened American Legion baseball on Tuesday night and the Patriots outscored the A's 11-7 in a game called after six innings due to dark-

The game was delayed 20 minutes at the start due to the umpires being late.

"It may not have changed the outcome of the game, but the kids from both teams got cheated out of an inning of baseball," A's coach Vinnie Mannese said.

The A's took a 4-0 lead after one inning but the Patriots battled back and



scored four times in the third and then five in the fourth to take the lead. Zach Smith

went 3-for-3 with three doubles and three RBIs for the Patriots while Andrew

Schmidt hit a double, a triple and drove in a run. Mac Horvath went 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs

"It was just like the three meetings we had in the spring, crazy baseball," Mannese said.

PATRIOTS 11, A'S 7 004 502 **Patriots** 

for the A's.

- 760 400 003 Rochester Patriots: Alex Jensen 1-for-2, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R; Andrew Schmidt 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Caleb Gronholz 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Brady Black 1 RBI; Matthew Halverson 1 RBI, 1 SB; Kyle Ebert 1 R; Zach Smith 3-for-3, 3 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Aaron Limberg 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Jack Boehm (WP) 6 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 2 ER,

Rochester A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-4, 1 R; Ryan Maiers 1-for-2, 1 R; Sam Prisco 1 RBI; Andrew Hanson 1-for-4 ,2 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R; Mac Horvath 2-for-4, 12B, 3 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Mac Horvath (LP) 3 2/3 IP, 7 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 6 BB, 6 K; Ryan Maiers 1 1/3 IP, 1 BB; Andrew Hanson 2/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 1 K; Palmer Mickelson 1/3 IP.

#### **COLLEGE SUMMER BASEBALL**

# Honkers' losing streak reaches 3

Post Bulletin staff

 ${\bf DULUTH-The\ Rochester}$ Honkers dropped their third straight game with a 4-1 road setback to the Duluth Huskies on Monday night in Northwoods League baseball

Piero Amador pitched the first 5 1/3 innings for the win for Duluth (5-2). He limited the Honkers (2-5) to one earned run on six hits with three walks and three strikeouts.

Cameron Aufderheide (Colorado Springs) pitched seven innings and suffered the loss for the Honkers. He allowed four earned runs on 11 hits and struck out five while walking two.

The Honkers scored their lone run in the second inning. A single by Weston Hatten (Nevada) and a walk to put two runners on base with no outs. Two batters later, Cam Adams (North Park) delivered an RBI sin-

Aufderheide retired six of his first seven batters to start the game, but ran into some trouble in the third inning. With two runners on board, Caleb Robinson (Western Carolina) singled to tie the game at 1-1. Kyle Hubbuch (North Alabama) followed him with a sacrifice fly to give the Huskies the lead for good.

Duluth added runs in the fifth and seventh innings to take a three-run lead. The Huskies' bullpen pitched the final 3 2/3 innings while only allowing one hit and a walk. Kevin Folman (North Dakota State) earned his third save of the season, striking out two batters in the ninth.

Weston Hatten and Griffin Neuer (Bellarmine) collected two hits each for the Honkers, who finished with seven hits.

Rochester will stay in Duluth for one more game. Ryan Dorney (St. Martin's) will make his second start of the season for the Honkers today at 11:35 a.m.

The Honkers return to

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

**FIRST HALF** NORTH DIVISION

Duluth Waterloo .714 Willmar .714 2 4 St. Cloud .714 Bismarck .429 .429 Mankato .429 Eau Claire .429 Thunder Bay .286 Rochester La Crosse **SOUTH DIVISION** Wis. Rapids Kenosha .571

Kalamazoo Fond du Lac Rockford Madison Lakeshore .286 Green Bay Wisconsin MONDAY'S GAMES Kenosha 3, Lakeshore 2 Rockford 9, Fond du Lac 6 Waterloo 4, Eau Clarie 1 **Duluth 4. Rochester 1** Bismarck 9, La Crosse 3

Willmar10, Mankato 2 Battle Creek 6, Green Bay 5 Madison 12, Kalamazoo 6 Wisconsin Rapids 2, Wisconsin 1 St. Cloud 5, Thunder Bay 1 **TODAY'S GAMES** Green Bay at Battle Creek Madison at Kalamazoo Rochester at Duluth, 11:30 a.m. Eau Claire at Waterloo Lakeshore at Kenosha

Wisconsin Rapids at Wisconsin Rockford at Fond du Lac Mankatp at Willmar La Crosse at Bismarck St. Cloud at Thunder Bay

Mayo Field on Thursday to host the Eau Claire Express.

**HUSKIES 4, HONKERS 1** Rochester 001 000 000

Duluth 002 010 10x - 4 11 1 Rochester: Johnathan Fleek 1-for-4, 1 SB; Griffin Neuer 2-for-3, 1 2B; Jordan Hart 1-for-4; Weston Hatten 2-for-3, 1R; Cam Adams 1-for-3, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Cameron Aufderheide (LP) 7 IP, 11 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 5 K; Eddie Mathis (LP) 1 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 2 K; Kyle Ferderer 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 2 K.

Duluth: Isaacson 1-for-5,1 R; Bauer 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI; Hubbuch 2 RBI; Knowles 2-for-4; Milazzo 3-for-4, 1 R; Robinson 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Gomez 1 R. Pitchers: Amador (WP) 5 1/3 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Truso 1 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K; Gronrowski 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 2 K; Folman (Sv) 1 IP. 0 H. 0 R.0 BB. 2 K.

The **Ruff Stuff** is a Saturday weekly visit with a sports newsmaker, written by P-B sports reporter Pat Ruff.

# PBPLAYBOOK

# Four ruggers' stories

Middle school players get taste of adult rugby

BY JOHN WEISS

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COLLEGEVILLE -Patrick Lavin and Kacey Anderson are middle-school students who are passionate about rugby, play on the middle-school level for the Metropolis Rugby Club in the Twin Cities and on May 27 got their first taste of adult rugby.

It was not always pleasant. They took some hard hits, fell down when trying to tackle and ended up on the bottom of rucks. Both did what any rugger would do — they got up and kept playing, walking off the pitch with smiles.

Later during the celebration of 50 years of rugby at St. John's University, Quinn Hynes-Marquette and Katie Blackley played on the same pitch during the game with players and alumnae of the nearby College of St. Bene-

They played hard, ran hard and walked off the pitch smil-

Here are stories of the four:

Patrick Lavin, 13, said "I was born into the game, my parents met at a rugby wedding." His dad, Tom Lavin, played rugby at SJU. The son plays football too but it's rugby is better. In football, "I don't really get to carry the ball," he said. He's also a big kid and likes to use his size: "blowing them off the field, it's fun," he said. In rugby, he's one of two props who are in the middle of scrums and are usually the biggest players.

Kacey Anderson is smaller and plays second row, which is also in the scrum and tends to attract the tallest players. His uncle, Andy Price, played SJU rugby with Lavin's dad.

Playing the more freewheeling game of rugby helps with other sports, Lavin said. "It makes you a better football player, it teaches you to be more aggressive," he said.

"More teamwork," Anderson added. "You can't play rugby by yourself."



Photos by John Weiss/For the Post Bulletin

Katie Blackley touches the rugby ball down to score a try. She joined rugby her sophomore year at the College of St. Benedict and now coaches the team.



Patrick Lavin, at the bottom of the ruck, learned how physical adult rugby can be. He's 13 and plays rugby in the Twin Cities.

"You can get down and somebody is going to pick you up," Lavin said.

Quinn Hynes-Marquette said she will be a CSB sophomore and started playing rugby because her brother played at St. John's. When he played, she would sometimes come to see him and that got her interested. "I've always liked contact sports," she said. She

also plays non-contact sports such as soccer, basketball, track and volleyball "but I liked to wrestle a lot with my brothers at home," she said.

When she tells other girls she plays rugby, she gets some odd looks and there are negative connotations with the sport, such as you get hurt a lot. She's proud to be a rugger. "It's

to tackle safely and how to get tackled safely," she said.

Katie Blackley is a CSB alum and now coaches the team.

It's hard to predict how many women will come out to play. Some years, it's nine, at other times, it's 25, she said. She welcomes all. "Any size, any height, it's inclusive to everyone," she said.



She joined her sophomore year because she wasn't something to join at college. She went to her first practice and was hooked on the game. Through the game, she made some great friends, she said.

#### Thoughts from a rugby veteran

**BY JOHN WEISS** weiss@postbulletin.com

(Former Post-Bulletin reporter John Weiss was on one of the first rugby teams at St. John's University. Here are some of his thoughts on that sport.)

Of all the sports I played, rugby was the most free-

Yes, I loved the freedom of that sport.

It's a rugged, rough game, to be sure, and I was rather small for my position (second row) but I didn't care. I loved being on that pitch with no padding, just me and 14 teammates and the 15 opponents to go at it hard for 80 minutes.

I loved that I could run, tackle or be tackled, strain inside the scrum and jump in the line-outs, play offense and defense. I could always be involved in the action, I didn't have to sit back and play defense like I did in soccer, not be able to hit people like in basketball, not have to sit and wait my turn to bat in baseball or softball.

In rugby, I could do it all. And when the game was done and I walked off the pitch, I could feel sore, tired, happy and free.

#### **AMATEUR UPDATE COLUMN**

# Rochester Rundown tourney expands to 24 teams

**BY TREVOR MAGNUSON** sports@postbulletin.com

With the high school baseball season and school year winding down, students are looking forward to their summer vacations.

In Rochester, many baseball athletes are eagerly lacing up their cleats for summer Legion ball, which gives them the opportunity to continue playing the sport they love after their high school season ends.



Magnuson

For the fourth consecutive year, our staff at the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission will be hosting the Rochester Rundown VFW/Junior

Legion baseball tournament with the help of the local high school programs (Mayo, John Marshall, and Century).

The event will run Friday through Sunday at the Rochester Baseball Complex, Century Field, Massey Field, and John Adams Field.

This tournament is open to VFW (16U) and Junior Legion (17U) programs. In the past, we have limited the event to 16 teams while playing on four fields throughout the city. There was always interest from many other teams and we had to turn them away because the slots were filled.

We decided this would be a great year to expand the field, and open it up to more teams. Over those three days, 24 teams will compete in a total of 49 games on those same fields with an additional field being used as well.

With the expansion, the Rochester Rundown in now the largest VFW/Junior Legion Tournament in the state of Minnesota and one of the largest across the country.

Our staff takes pride in this and it is the little things that go into the event that keep teams coming back.

Each participant receives a tournament T-shirt and we do not ask any of the programs participating to furnish any game balls.

The reputation of the tournament is starting to grow with more and more teams interested in playing each year. The 24 teams in this year's field represent Minnesota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, and Nebraska.

Our two-time defending champions East Ridge out of Woodbury, Minn., are back to defend their title and will be playing in the pool hosted by the Rochester Rockets down at John Adams Field.

Our other former champion, the team that won the very first Rundown tournament, Eau Claire, is back as well and will be competing in the pool hosted by the Rochester Stars at Century Field.

We look forward to an exciting weekend and cannot wait to see what is in store!

#### Upcoming events

June 9-11: Spring Creek Amateur Motocross

June 16-18: RYBA Challenge June 16-18: Star of the North Games

June 16-18: Rochester Thunder Soccer Tournament

umn on amateur sports activities in Southeastern Minnesota provided by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission.

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Above, Patrick Lavin and Kacey Anderson pursue an opposing rugger in a game at St. John's University. At right, Quinn Hynes-Marquette tries to elude a tackler while playing in rugby match May 27 at St. John's.

# Brotherhood claims 3rd straight state title

**BY ERIC ATHERTON** 

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ST. PAUL — The Rochester Brotherhood high school rugby team was the No. 2 seed in the state tournament on Sunday, but the boys didn't play like underdog. In the championship game against

top-seeded Albert Lea, the Brotherhood's outside speed proved to be the difference-maker as Rochester claimed a 21-17 win and a third consecutive state 7s title. Albert Lea jumped out to an early 5-0

lead, but Rochester rallied immediately and scored less than one minute later.

The Brotherhood scored three tries, two tries from junior Bernard Charles and one try from junior Quin Hardy. All were long-distance runs, including one after the Brotherhood intercepted a lateral.

Albert Lea simply could not match the Brotherhood's speed.

Another difference-maker in the match was the conversion kicks of Colton Reed, who was 3-for-3, while Albert Lea missed two of its three conversions — hich is what produced the Brotherhood's fourpoint win.

The Brotherhood earned their spot in the title game by blanking South Side



**Photo courtesy of Kevin Reed** 

The Rochester Brotherhood rugby club, coached by James Driessen (standing far right) won its third consecutive state 7s title on Sunday, knocking off Albert Lea in the finals

42-0, getting scores from Charles, Hardy, Malik Thomas and senior captain Derek Khammanh.

Reed made all six of his conversion kicks, including several from severe

The tournament was played at North

High School in North St. Paul. Rochester's 7s team finishes the year with a record of

The Brotherhood is coached by James Driessen, and students from all Rochester high schools are welcome to join the team.

#### **Kubbing to Kick Cancer event is** Saturday in Kasson

KASSON — The fifth annual Kubbing to Kick Cancer fundraising tournament will be held Saturday.

Action begins at 9 a.m. on the football field at the Veterans Memorial Park in Kasson.

Last year 36 teams raised more than \$3,300, including through a silent auction.

Kubb (which rhymes with "tube") is sometimes described as a combination of bowling and horseshoes. The games are played on pitches (fields) measuring about 16 feet by 26 feet. Players toss batons (wood dowels) at their opponent's kubbs (wooden blocks) trying to knock them down. The game ends when all of an opponent's kubbs are knocked down and you have knocked down the king (taller wooden block).

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#### COLLEGE **BASEBALL**

# Honkers can't ride hot start

Post Bulletin staff

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. — The Rochester Honkers jumped to a 3-1 lead over the Eau Claire Express on Wednesday night at Carson Park.

But the lead didn't stick. Though the Express collected just six hits and committed three errors, they came away with a 4-3 victory over the Honkers in Northwoods League baseball.

Eau Claire scored the game-winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Rochester outhit the Express

Chia-Ching Ho made his first start for the Honkers. He was solid early, at one point retiring nine consecutive batters. But Eau Claire got to him in the sixth inning. Ho allowed three runs on four hits, while walking five and striking out one.

Kyle Federer (North Dakota State) pitched two perfect innings of scoreless relief. He struck out one. Garrett Cobb suffered the loss. He came in to pitch the ninth and did not record an out. Cobb allowed one run on two hits.

Weston Hatten (Nevada) had a hot bat for Rochester. He went 4-for-4 with a double and an RBI. Mike Echavia (Nevada) went 2-for-4, while David Norowyta added a hit, an RBI and a run

The Honkers, who dropped to 3-6 in the first half of the Northwoods League season, return home at 7:05 tonight against the Eau Claire Express.

**EXPRESS 4, HONKERS 3** 

003 000 000 - 3 10 1 100 002 001 - 4 6 3 Rochester Honkers: Jon Fleek 1-for-4, R; Griffin Neuer 1-for-4, R; Zach Zubia 2B; David Norowyta 1-for-5, R, RBI; Mike Echavia 2-for-4; Weston Hatten 4-for-4, RBI. Pitchers: Chia-Ching Ho 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 1 K; Kyle Federer 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 K; Garrett Cobb (LP) 0 IP, 2 H, 1

Eau Claire Express: Ready 2-for-4, RBI; Greene 1-for-2, RBI, R; Gilles 1-for-3, 2 R. Pitchers: Berg 3 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Gillespie 5 IP, 4 H, 0 R, 6 K; Chavez (WP) 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 2 K.

#### **Martins**

From page C1

Alex Martin had worked his way from eighth place into fourth behind Forkner and that is the way the second moto would finish.

"It's frustrating," Jeremy Martin said of his second moto battle with Savatgy. "You're just getting pelted. My face kind of hurts right now. He was fast. He had some good lines. He would stick it in a corner because it was so deep, and I would come up on him, or he'd hit a lapper and then I'd catch him. And then he'd get through the lapper and the lapper would (hurt) me. So it was like we were playing this cat-and-mouse game. I had a section where I was a little better and he was a little better on the one side. I knew I needed to get him for the overall and I was trying really hard. I think I got up alongside of him one time, but the ruts were so deep they caught my shifter and I went into false neutral."

The day's racing was extremely close, with the top four riders separated by one point for the overall title. Motocross scoring gives 25 points for first, 22 for second, 20 for third, 18 for fourth, 16 for fifth, then down one point per position. Alex Martin, who finished first and fourth, garnered 43 points, tying for the lead with Savatgy. But Alex lost



Billy Disney / For the Post Bulletin

Millville natives and brothers Alex (left) and Jeremy Martin talk on the podium following last weekend's motocross races at Thunder Valley near Denver. Both local riders finished in the top three overall.

the tie-breaker of best second moto finish, giving the overall title to Savatgy.

Jeremy Martin, who finished third and second, earned 42 points and tied with Forkner. So Jeremy

**Billy Disney** / For the Post Bulletin

Martin was the beneficiary of the second moto tie-breaker, landing him the final podium spot.

Hamill's Robin aboard a Yamaha was able to break into the top 20 in the second moto, and he scored four national points with his 17th-place finish in that event, which put him in 20th place overall.

The riders now take a week off to prepare for the fourth round to be held in Mt. Morris, Pa.

Jeremy Martin said he would love to use his week to head home to Minnesota. "Minnesota is where my heart is, but I will be headed down to a training facility in Florida, put in some laps to try get better. Mom and dad might put me to work; they are busy getting the Spring Creek race facility in shape, to host a regional qualifier for Lorretta Lynn's Amateur National Championships (this weekend).

STATE TENNIS

# Mayo finishes on winning note

Post Bulletin staff

MINNEAPOLIS — Mayo ended its boys tennis season with just the kind of spirited and focused effort that Spartans coach Jeff Demaray had banked on.

After suffering a slight upset loss to Wayzata in the first round of the Class AA tournament on Tuesday at the University of Minnesota's Baseline Tennis Center, Mayo collected two wins after that.

The first came in the consolation round Tuesday, 7-0 over Duluth East. The final one came Wednesday afternoon, as the No. 2-seeded Spartans slipped past No. 4 seed Edina 4-3 for fifth place.

"It was extremely important for us to win these last two duals," said Demaray, whose team finished its season 18-3. "We wanted to end on a good note."

Included in that was the desire to see seniors Charlie Bengtson and Sam Morgenthaler finish with team wins.

That happened, and Mayo

used a strong showing in doubles to make it happen. The Spartans swept those three matches, including Morgenthaler and Joe Brozovich winning 4-6, 6-1, 10-0 at the No.

1 spot. Nick Stan and Simon Kennel won at No. 2 doubles, and Alex Lopez and Rohan Patel eked out a 6-2, 4-6, 10-7 win at

the No. 3 spot. "I am really proud of our players, with how they competed at state and competed all year," Demaray said. "They played some great tennis."

Against Edina, Mayo also got a win at No. 1 singles from Sebastian Vile. Vile is ranked second in the state in singles and will begin play in the state individual tournament today.

#### MAYO 4, EDINA 3

Singles: Sebastian Vile (M) def. John Webb 6-2, 6-3; Ryne Reger (E) def. Charlie Bengtson 7-5, 6-2; Luke Westholder (E) def. Pujan Patel 6-2, 6-2; Otto Schreiner (E) def. Ojas Bhagra 7-5, 3-6, 10-6. **Doubles:** Joe Brozovich/Sam Morgenthaler (M) def. Harrison Tuttle/Noah Shane 4-6, 6-1, 10-0: Nick Stan/Simon Kennel (M) def. Alex Lopez/Rohan Patel (M) def. Ryan Schenck/Chen Chen 6-2, 4-6, 10-7.

#### Blake too much for Lourdes

Post Bulletin staff

MINNEAPOLIS — Lourdes knew what it was up against Wednesday in the Class A boys tennis state tournament semifinals at Reed-Sweatt Tennis Center.

It was Blake, which is not only considered the top team in Class A, but the state's best regardless of class.

The Bears lived up to that billing with an easy 6-1 win over No. 2-ranked Lourdes.

Blake didn't lose this year, including a 4-3 win over the top-ranked Class AA team, Minnetonka, earlier this season. Blake went on to beat Virginia 7-0 in Wednesday's

"We knew what we were getting into," said Lourdes coach Steve Tacl, whose team ended its day with a decisive 7-0 win over St. Paul Academy in the third-place dual. "We left Peter (Erickson) at singles and then loaded up our doubles. My message to our guys was that I just wanted to see as much positivity from them as possible and for them to have a ton of fun on the court. For the most part, I thought we did those things.

The Eagles' only win against Blake happened at No. 3 doubles, and even that one wasn't easy. Lourdes' Kevin Turlington and Jonathon Onigkeit prevailed 7-5, 6-7 (7-1), 10-4.

Included on Blake's team

are the top three ranked players in Class A, Ben Ingbar, Jack Barker and Joe Mairs. Erickson gave No. 1-ranked Ingbar a battle for a set, losing 7-5 in the first. Ingbar won the second set 6-1.

Erickson, a senior, finished his day with a 6-0, 6-0 win against St. Paul Academy. Lourdes won five of its matches against SPA in straight sets.

"It was great to end my tennis career by playing great tennis," Erickson said. "The final result didn't go our way (with no state championship), but I am happy with how I and my team played."

Lourdes finished 17-3 for the season.

**SEMIFINALS** 

#### **BLAKE 6, LOURDES 1**

Singles: Ben Ingbar (B) def. Peter Erickson 7-5, 6-1; Jack Barker (L) def. Dany Berbari 6-1, 6-0; Joe Mairs (B) def. Thomas Eckel 6-0, 6-0; Suiit (B) def. Jack Pittner 6-0, 6-0. Doubles: Chris Hall/Ravi Chepuri (B) def. Eric Chestolowski/Justin Bobo 6-2. 6-2; Tanner Parr/Dan Riggi (B) def. Noah Morris/Pavao 7-5, 6-2; Kevin Turlington/Jonathon Onigkeit (L) def. Ben Peterson/Timo Hemphill 7-5, 6-7 (7-1), 10-4.

THIRD PLACE

**LOURDES 7, ST. PAUL ACADEMY 0** Singles: Erickson (L) def. Noah Keogh 6-0. 6-0: Bobo (L) def. Max Soll 6-1. 3-6, 1-0 (7-4); Chestolowski (L) def. Nathan Sobotka 6-1, 6-1; Barbarij (L) def. Sameer Bijwadia 6-4, 6-1. Doubles: Morris/Veldic (L) def. Duke Nguyen/Jeff Huang 6-3, 4-6, 1-0 (10); Turlington/Onigkeit (L) def. Ben Konstan/Rahul Dev 6-3, 6-2; Eckel/ Pittner (L) def. Kai Sit-Liam Lynch 6-1, 6-1,

#### I FGION BASEBALL

# Patriots rally to top Redhawks

Jeremy Martin hits a jump during last weekend's event at

Thunder Valley near Denver. Jeremy Martin tied for third

place overall, and he won the tie-breaker to finish on the

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Patriots Legion baseball team rallied from an early deficit to top the crosstown rival Redhawks 8-6 on Wednesday night.

The Patriots (John Marshall) scored three runs in the fifth and two in the sixth to secure the win. A three-run fourth inning had given the Redhawks (Mayo) a 5-3 lead before the Patriots ral-

Matt Halverson led the Patriots at the plate, going 3-for-3 with a double, three

RBIs and a run scored. Sam Lingen was 2-for-4 with three RBIs, while Aaron Limberg, Alex Jensen and Brady Black all added two hits apiece.

Ian Bergstrom secured the pitching win, tossing three innings of two-hit ball. He allowed one run and struck out one.

Thomas Krause was 2-for-4 with a double, a stolen base and two runs scored for the Redhawks. Alex Prindle added a hit, three RBIs, a run scored and a stolen

Lucas Jahns took the pitching loss, allowing two runs on three hits in one inning of work.

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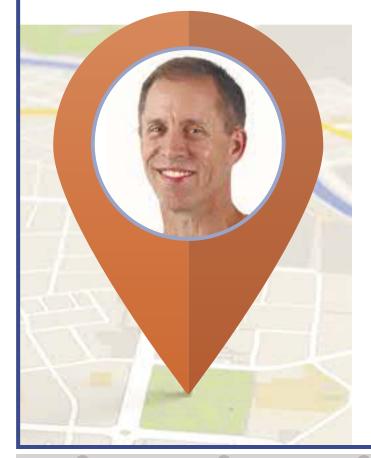
x - 8154 210 032 Redhawks: Alex Prindle 1-for-4, 3 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Thomas Krause 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R, 1 SB; Carter Pasternak 1-for-3, RBI. Pitchers: Ryan Barkey 2 IP, 6 H. 3 R. 3 FR. 0 BB. 2 K: Fthan Sawallish 3 IP. 6 H. 3 R. 3 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Lucas Jahns (LP) 1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER,

Patriots: Aaron Limberg 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Smith 1-for-3, 2 R; Alex Jensen 2-for-4, 3B, 2 R; Matthew Halverson 3-for-3, 2B, 3 RBI, 1 R: Sam Lingen 2-for-4, 3 RBI: Brady Black 2-for-3, RBI Pitchers: Sam Boysen 4 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 2 K; Ian Bergstrom (WP) 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

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#### **Pat Ruff,** Sports Reporter

- One interview I'll never forget: I was interviewing David Robinson after the Timberwolves had played the San Antonio Spurs in a playoff game. Robinson was about as big a deal as there was in the NBA at the time, and was fresh off an MVP season. I was interviewing the 7-foot center by myself most of that time, as another couple of reporters had broken off. Robinson gave me the longest, most thoughtful answers you could imagine. He was going on for so long that I finally had to break it off with him. I had a story to write. I couldn't believe it, me needing to cut him off, not the other way around. This was the MVP I was talking to. The former Navy standout really was an officer and a gentleman.
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#### Pool A - (John Adams Field & RBC Complex Field 1)

	Team	Win	Loss	Place
Team 1	Rochester Rockets	1	2	6th
Team 2	Brandon Valley	1	2	5th
Team 3	East Ridge	3	0	1st
Team 4	Eastview	1	2	3rd
Team 5	New Ulm Gold	1	2	4th
Team 6	Sioux Falls West	2	1	2nd

#### Pool C - (Massey Field & RBC Complex Field 1)

	Team	Win	Loss	Place
Team 1	Rochester Spartans	1	2	4th
Team 2	Andover	2	1	3rd
Team 3	Wayzata	3	0	2nd
Team 4	Giant Valley	0	3	6th
Team 5	Harrisburg	0	3	5th
Team 6	Mitchell	3	0	1st

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Sioux Falls East	0	Eau Claire	4	Friday 1:00 PM RBC #1
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Rochester Rockets	9	Brandon Valley	12	Friday 3:15 PM John Adams Field
Rochester Stars	7	Minnetonka	4	Friday 3:15 PM Century Field
Rochester Spartans	0	Mitchell	7	Friday 3:15 PM

10 Washburn

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Eastview

Friday 3:15 PM

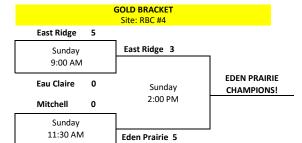
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New Ulm Gold	2	East Ridge	3	Friday 5:30 PM John Adams Field
Prior Lake	7	Lakeville North	0	Friday 5:30 PM Century Field
Andover	7	Giant Valley	0	Friday 5:30 PM Massey Field
Galesville	0	Eden Prairie	4	Friday 5:30 PM RBC #4
Harrisburg	1	Wayzata	18	Friday 5:30 PM RBC #1

2 Sioux Falls West

Eastview	2	East Ridge	12	Saturday 8:00 AM John Adams Field
Sioux Falls East	9	Prior Lake	7	Saturday 8:00 AM Century Field
Wayzata	13	Giant Valley	5	Saturday 8:00 AM Massey Field
Renner	10	Washburn	7	Saturday 8:00 AM RBC #4
Minnetonka	5	Lakeville North	4	Saturday 8:00 AM RBC #1



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#### Pool B - (Century Field & RBC Complex Field 1)

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	Win	Loss	Place				
Team 1	Rochester Stars	2	1	3rd			
Team 2	Eau Claire	3	0	1st			
Team 3	Lakeville North	0	3	6th			
Team 4	Minnetonka	1	2	5th			
Team 5	Prior Lake	2	1	2nd			
Team 6	Sioux Falls East	1	2	4th			

#### Pool D - RBC Complex (Field 4 & Field 1)

	Team	Win	Loss	Place
Team 1	Eden Prairie	3	0	1st
Team 2	Galesville	1	2	3rd
Team 3	New Ulm Silver	1	2	4th
Team 4	Omaha Burke	3	0	2nd
Team 5	Renner	1	2	5th
Team 6	Washburn	0	3	6th

Team	Runs	Team	Runs	Time/Field
Rochester Rockets	10	Sioux Falls West	5	Saturday 10:15 AM John Adams Field
Rochester Stars	6	Eau Claire	17	Saturday 10:15 AM Century Field
Rochester Spartans	7	Harrisburg	1	Saturday 10:15 AM Massey Field
Renner	1	Eden Prairie	8	Saturday 10:15 AM RBC #4
Mitchell	3	Andover	0	Saturday 10:15 AM RBC #1

Rochester Rockets	7	New Ulm Gold	11	Saturday 12:30 PM
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Minnetonka	13	Prior Lake	21	Century Field
Rochester Spartans	5	Wayzata	15	Saturday 12:30 PM
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Eau Claire	12			Saturday 5:00 PM Century Field
Harrisburg	2	Andover	5	Saturday 5:00 PM Massey Field
Galesville	7	Omaha Burke	10	Saturday 5:00 PM RBC #4

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Roch Spartans	5	Renner	11	Sunday 8:00 AM Massey Field			
Sioux Falls East	1	Andover	4	Sunday 8:00 AM John Adams			
Lakeville North	6	Harrisburg	1	Sunday 8:00 AM Century Field			
Washburn	8	Giant Valley	3	Sunday 8:00 AM RBC #1			
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Roch Stars		Brandon Valley		RAINED OUT			
Sioux Falls West		Prior Lake		RAINED OUT			
Minnetonka		New Ulm Gold		RAINED OUT			
Eastview	2	New Ulm Silver	3	Sunday 12:30 PM RBC #1			

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# ocal sports

**CLASS A STATE BASEBALL** 

# First-year coach guides W-K to state berth

#### Falcons face No. 3 seed in state quarterfinals

**BY GUY N. LIMBECK** 

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Lots of coaches toil in the business for a number of years and often do not have a high level of success. Wabasha-Kellogg baseball coach Tim Ruff realizes that and isn't taking anything for granted.

Ruff is in his first season coaching Wabasha-Kellogg and he has guided the Falcons to the Class A state tournament. W-K (16-8) is unseeded and faces No. 3 Martin Luther/Granada-Huntley-East Chain-Truman (21-4) in the state quarterfinals at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mini Met in Jordan.

"It's very exciting," Ruff said. "When it's your first year you don't expect to do that well and go to state."

Ruff is coaching the W-K players for the first time, but he has past knowledge of many of them. He coached youth baseball across the river in Alma, Wis., for nine years and his teams often faced off against W-K teams.

"I coached against a lot of these players in the past," Ruff said, "so I knew them." What he realized is that the W-K youth system had some

"We have good pitching depth," Ruff said. "We rely on

#### Class A state tournament

WHAT: Unseeded Wabasha-Kellogg (16-8) faces No. 3 Martin Luther/GHEC-Truman (21-4) in the state quarterfinals at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Mini Met in Jordan.

**UP NEXT:** The winner faces the winner of the No. 2 Legacy Christian Academy (19-4) and Ely (20-8) game in the semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Mini Met. The two losers meet in the consolation round at 10 a.m. Friday at Chaska Athletic Park.

**THE NUMBERS:** This is the sixth trip to the state baseball tournament for Wabasha-Kellogg, but the fifth time in the last 11 years that it's gone. Martin Luther-GHEC-Truman junior Derek Shoen owns the national high school record for most rushing yards in a football game with 570 yards.

our pitching. Almost everyone gives us a good (outing). That and defense is how we've gotten by."

Ironically, W-K's pitching ace Liam Blaschko is not only a dual threat on the diamond, but in another sport as well. Blaschko has also qualified for the Class A state golf tournament. He will be doing that for a couple of days early in the week and will then be ready to pitch for the Falcons on Thursday. He is 8-2 on the mound with a 2.26 ERA.

"He'll be good to go," Ruff said. "It's very unusual and it's very impressive to do

When Blaschko is not pitching, he's catching for W-K.

He is also hitting .313 with 20 RBIs, second on the team.

Shortstop Cooper Holtorf has been the Falcons' top hitter. He's batting .442, with 13 RBIs. He's also the team's No. 2 pitcher (4-2, 2.79 ERA) and will likely start the team's second game at state. Jackson Gosse, a catcher/shortstop, is batting .377 with a team-high two homers and 21 RBIs. He's also 3-3 on the mound with a 3.20 ERA.

The Falcons open against a tough Martin Luther/ GHEC-Truman team that also has a strong pitching squad. The Jaguars have three stellar pitchers in Paxton Gravlin (6-1, 1.24 ERA), Zach Jahnz (5-1, 1.41 ERA) and Derek Shoen (5-1, 1.53 ERA).



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Wabasha-Kellogg second baseman Connor Passe fields a grounder during the Section 1A championship game. Passe and the Falcons open state play in Jordan on Thursday.

"We don't know a lot about them, but we know they have some really good players," Ruff said.

Shoen is also hitting .374 with 24 RBIs, while Ethan Hurn is batting .352 with 22 RBIs. Hurn, a senior catcher, plans to play junior college baseball at Rochester Community and Technical College next school year.

"The key for us is going to

be pitching, defense and to put the ball in play," Ruff said.

The winner of the W-K and Martin Luther/GHEC-Truman game faces the winner of the No. 2 Legacy Christian Academy (19-4) and Ely (20-8) contest in the semifinals at 2:30 p.m. Friday at the Mini Met. The two losers meet in the consolation round at 10 a.m. Friday at Chaska Athletic Park.

"It's very exciting. When it's your first year you don't expect to do that well and

TIM RUFF, W-K COACH

go to state."

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Ex-Honker Contreras picked by Twins

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Rochester Honkers fans might recognize one of the Minnesota Twins' newest pros-

The team drafted former Honkers player Mark Contreras with the first pick of the ninth round of the MLB draft Tuesday. Minnesota selected Contreras 256th overall.

The slot value for that spot is \$148,000, per BaseballAmerica. com.

Contreras played for the Honkers in 2015 and 2016. He played in eight games for Rochester in 2016 in which he finished with a .357 batting average and two home runs. When he played in 40 games for the Honkers in 2015, Contreras finished with a batting average of .275. He hit five home runs and had 17 RBIs in 149 at-bats.

Contreras, a Moreno Valley, Calif., native, played for UC Riverside since 2014. He finished with a .312 batting average in 369 at-bats. He registered 115 hits and 47 home runs. Contreras also finished with a .434 slugging percent-

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#### JUNIOR HOCKEY

# Ice Hawks' draft has local flavor

**BY JASON FELDMAN** jfeldman@postbulletin.com

The Rochester Ice Hawks' first pick was a high-scoring forward in Minnesota high

Three of their final four picks are names familiar to local hockey fans.

school hockey last season.

In all, Rochester's coaching and scouting staff made five selections in the 2017 North American 3 Hockey League Draft.

Two of their five selections are current Rochester Lourdes players; another is a former Dodge County standout.

The Ice Hawks, who went 10-36-1 last season and were defeated in the first round of the NA3HL playoffs, traded three of their picks to Willmar for future considerations prior to the draft. That left the Hawks with picks in rounds 1, 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Rochester had the No. 5 overall pick in the Draft and went with talented scorer and playmaker Brendan Westbrook, a recent Pine City Area graduate. Westbrook had 34 goals and 68 points in 26 games this past season as a

**LEGION BASEBALL** 

LA CROSSE — The A's got strong

vilson and Isaac Lynch as they beat

La Crosse 13-5 Tuesday in American

pitching performances from Alex Thor-

Thorvilson and Lynch combined to

allow nine hits. The A's finished with 16

hits, but were hurt by committing four

Charlie Kong and Reed Davis each

had three hits for the A's, who moved to

"It was a nice, solid, complete team

game," A's coach Vinnie Mannese said.

As: Jordan Wright 1-for-2, 3 R, 1 SB; Andrew

Swenson 2-for-5, 1 RBI, 2 R; Sam Prisco 2-for-6,

Rittenhouse 2-for-6, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-3, 1 3B, 1 R; Charlie Kong 3-for-5, 2

RBI, 1 R; Reed Davis 3-for-6, 1 2B, 1 3B, 5 RBI, 1 R,

1 SB. Pitchers: Isaac Lynch (SV) 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 K;

Alex Thorvilson (WP) 6 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

Van Egtern 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Waylon Alvarado 1-for

4, 1 R; Eric Wilson 3-for-5, 2 RBI; Hunter Elsen 1-for-

4. Pitchers: Dustyn Ragner (LP) 3.1 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 4 BB, 6 K; Andy Dunham 4.2 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 1

K; Jacob Horstman 1 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

La Crosse: Zach Fellenz 2-for-5, 2 R, 1 SB; Trevor

1 RBI, 1 R; Andrew Hanson 2-for-4, 3 R; Travis

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Legion baseball.

A'S 13, LA CROSSE 5



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Lourdes defenseman Cort Buck (4) was selected in the sixth round of the NA3HL draft by the Rochester Ice Hawks — one of three Rochester players drafted — on Tuesday.

The Hawks picked again in Round 4, No. 146 overall, when they selected Brandon Turer, a 1998-born forward who played last season for the Milwaukee Jr. Admirals. Turer had 10 points in 32 games.

Rochester went all local with the remainder of its draft. They picked a pair of 2000-born Rochester Lourdes

defensemen in Rounds 6 and 7. They selected Cort Buck at No. 240 overall and Reed Erickson with the 287th pick.

Buck and Erickson have high school eligibility left and are expected to play for Lourdes in the winter.

They are eligible to play for the Ice Hawks before and after the high school season.

Rochester closed its draft

former Dodge County standout Cory Schillo in the eighth round. The 1998-born forward played last season for the Melville Millionaires of the Saskatchewan Junior Hockey League.

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#### STREIT DRAFTED, **3 OTHERS SIGN TENDERS**

Tuesday was a good night for Lourdes players. In addition to the two Eagles drafted by the Ice Hawks, Montana Streit was selected by New Ulm in the third round, No. 123 overall.

Streit was a five-year varsity player at Lourdes. He led the team in scoring as a senior, with 25 goals and 45 points.

Three other Eagles have signed NA3HL tenders with the Granite City Lumberiacks.

Forward Tucker Chapman and defensemen Logan Olson and Sean Salz have signed with the St. Cloud-based team.

By signing a tender, that means the Lumberjacks hold the rights to those three players if they choose to play in the NA3HL.

#### STATE GOLF

**BOYS** 

**CLASS A** 

Mahnomen 316, Sleepy Eye United 330, Mounds Park Academy 331, Lac Qui Parle Valley 334, Mesabi East 339, Blooming Prairie 347, Ottertail Central 348, Westbrook-Walnut Grove 358

Area individuals

1. Tommy Braaten (Blooming Prairie) 68; t5. Delton Sauer (Fillmore Central) 77; t29. Liam Blaschko (W-K) 84; t49. Simon Broadwater (Kingsland) 88: t62; Jake Ressler (BP) 91; t.62. Zach Anderson (L-A) 91; t70. Lucas Noble (BP) 93; t74. Colin Jordison (BP) 95: t78. Austin Behne (BP) 99; t85. Kollyn Alwes

**CLASS AA Team scores** 

Blake 292, Detroit Lakes 294, Holy Family 295, Hermantown 305, St. Cloud Cathedral 310, Lake City 313, New Ulm 327, Blue Earth Area 327

Area individuals

t1. Cecil Belisle (Red Wing) 68; t6. Hunter Fjerstard (Byron) 70; t8. Luke Alexander (Lourdes) 71; t31. Levi Herbst (Lake City) 77; t31. Brennan Rothgarn (Lake City) 77; t40. Nick Hillemeier (Byron) 78; t40. Addison Bahr (Cannon Falls) 78: t40. Thomas Huettl (Lake City) 78; t58. Riley Fritz (Lake City) 81; t68. Carter Gnotke (Lake City) 83; t68. Parker Schurhammer (Lake City) 83.

#### **CLASS AAA**

Team scores

Minnetonka 292, Wayzata 296, St. Thomas Academy 298, Stillwater Area 301, St. Michael-Albertville 302, Elk River 317, Lakeville South 318,

Alexandria 318. **Area individuals** t63. Nathan Meyer (John Marshall) 82;

t68. Johnny Schmitz (Century) 83.

Springfield 341, Fillmore Central 348,

**CLASS A** Team scores

BOLD 357, Park Christian 367, Minneota 376, North Woods 388, Fertile-Beltrami 399, Windom Area 408.

Area individuals 6. Taylor Christianson (Blooming

Prairie) 81; t9. Grace Miller (Fillmore Central) 84; t9. Madison Scheevel (FC) 84; t16. Cailey Rindels (FC) 89; t24. Tayah Barnes (FC) 91; t34. Rebeckah Schroeder (Caledonia) 93; t42. Katrina Paulson (Caledonia) 95: t42, Jenna Wiebke (Caledonia) 95; t66. Lexi Reps (L-A) 107; t75. Taylor Bushman (FC) 112; t81. Elayna Kiehne 117.

#### **CLASS AA** Team scores

Lake City 332, Detroit Lakes 337. Visitation 345, Minnewaska 347, Breck 351, International Falls 355, Jordan 372, Osakis 414.

**Area individuals** 

3. Lexi Geolat (Lake City) 76; t9. Grace Hillemeier (Byron) 82; t11. Olivia Matzke (Lake CIty) 83;

t11. Ava Wallerich (Lake City) 83; t15.

Alex Nutter (La Crescent) 85; t32. Lidia Wallerich (Lake City) 90; t35. Anna Tollefson (La Crescent) 91: t41, Marah Rothgarn (Lake City) 94; t50. Shelby Maloney (Triton) 96; t67. Josie Hansen (Lourdes) 99; t75. Taylor Willers (Lake City) 103.

#### **CLASS AAA Team scores**

Edina 310, Red Wing 326, Forest Lake 332, Buffalo 333, Chanhassen 336,

Rosemount 359, Rogers 368, White Bear Area individuals

#### 3. Sophia Yoemans (Red Wing) 75; t4.

Stephanie Herzog (RW) 76; t4. Leah Herzog (RW) 76; t57. Andrea Peterson (Mayo) 91; 80. Sydney Flack (RW) 99; 82. Ava Bremseth (RW) 102; Emily Otteson

#### **Redhawks offense** overwhelms Stewartville

STEWARTVILLE — The Redhawks belted 14 hits Tuesday and stormed past Stewartville 10-1 in American Legion

A's ride strong overall showing to top La Crosse

Chris Serrano had three hits, Levi DeYoung had two hits and three RBIs, Lucas Jahns had two hits and two RBIs, and Alex Prindle had two hits. Winining pitcher was Josh Collins.

Taylor Hagstrom got the loss for Stewartville.

The Redhawks are 1-1 overall. **REDHAWKS 10, STEWARTVILLE 1** 

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2B, 2 RBI, 1 SB; Levi DeYoung 2-for-4, 3 RBI; Lucas Jahns 2-for-3, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 3 R; Alex Prindle 2-for-4, 1 R, 1 SB; Austin Thompson 1 RBI, 2 R; Jason Martin 1-for-3 1 R; Thomas Krause 1-for-4; Carter Pasternak 3-for-4, 1 3B, 2 R. Pitchers: Josh Collins (WP) 3 IP. 2 H. 0 R. 0 ER. 1 BB. 0 K: Zach Gathie 2 IP. 3 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Michael Bigalk 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 K. Stewartville: Beagle 2-for-3: Adam Koenigs 1-for-4 1

RBI: Andrew Simmons 2-for-3: Tanner Olson 1-for-3: Jacob Swanson 1 R. Pitchers: Taylor Hagstrom (LP) 6 IP, 10 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 4 K.

#### Patriots hold Albert Lea to 5 hits, but can't get the win ALBERT LEA — The Patriots held

Albert Lea to just five hits, but it wasn't enough as Albert Lea prevailed 4-3 in First District Legion baseball Tuesday.

Jack Boehm pitched five innings for the Patriots. He allowed four runs, but just one of them was earned as the Patriots committed five errors.

Caleb Gronholz had two hits for the Patriots.

"Offensively, the Patriots hit the ball well much of the game, but while early the ball found the grass, late in the game the hard-hit balls became double plays," Patriots coach Paul Halverson

#### **ALBERT LEA 4, PATRIOTS 3** 120 000 0 - 3 7 5 Patriots

000 130 X - 4 5 3 Albert Lea Patriots: Caleb Gronholz 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Aaron Limberg 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Matt Halverson 1-for-4, 1 RBI: Matthew Smiley 1-for-2, 1 R: Alex Jensen 1-for-2; Brady Black 1-for-3. Pitchers: Andrew Schmidt 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K; Jack Boehm

(LP) 5 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K. Albert Lea: Alex Goodmanson 2-for-3, 1 SB. "It's

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TEDDY TAUER,

**RED WING JUNIOR** 

**CLASS AAA STATE BASEBALL** 

# Red Wing outdueled in opener

Wingers come up just short against No. 5 Marshall

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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MINNEAPOLIS — Teddy Tauer did what he could. He pitched like Teddy Tauer.

His statistical line: Four hits, two walks, 11 strikeouts, one earned run.

That normally works out for a win for the Red Wing

ace pitcher. He came into Thursday afternoon's Class AAA baseball tournament quarterfinal game against Marshall owning a stellar 6-1 record and a tiny 1.15 ERA.

That ERA dipped a tad more Thursday, but a win didn't come with

it. That's because Marshall starter Mason Penske was just as good, and his team's defense was perfect, while Red Wing committed two

The result at Siebert Field was No. 5-seed Marshall walking away with a 3-1 win over the No. 4-seeded Wing-

Red Wing slipped to 17-8 overall and into the consolation bracket, where it will face Mahtomedi at 10 a.m. Friday at the University of Northwestern in St. Paul.

"We didn't want to be intimidated by Red Wing's better seed." Penske said.

Penske showed no signs of being scared. That was evident by how little the Wingers were able to touch him.

The senior standout tossed

Red Wing No. 3 hitter Tyler Defore accounting for both hits. Defore blasted a home run over the left-field fence in the fourth inning and singled in the first.

But that was it. That was all Red Wing could muster against Penske, a righthander who showed off an array of pitches to go along with excellent control. His mixing of speed and hitting spots kept Red Wing hitters off balance all game long.

"My best pitch was strike one. Penske said. "I was able to But they had their throw strikes on that first pitch." While

Penske was able to do that, Tauer also showed off his usual excellent form. The lefty roared to begin the contest, striking out the

side in the first inning. He followed that by striking our four of the next seven Marshall hitters.

Tauer, whose father Corey Tauer also was a standout Red Wing baseball player, seemingly had just one mistake pitch all game, and that came in the second inning when Marshall cleanup hitter Logan Tomasek smashed a solo home run over the leftfield fence.

The only other trouble Tauer ran into came in the sixth inning, when he allowed two runs. But both runs were unearned, thanks to a pair of Red Wing errors.

"That might have been Tauer's best outing this season," Red Wing coach Paul Hartmann said.



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Red Wing pitcher Teddy Tauer delivers a pitch to a Marshall batter during Thursday's Class AAA state baseball quarterfinal.

And that made enduring a loss even tougher for the Red Wing junior.

"It's heartbreaking," Tauer said. "But they had their ace out there, too, so I knew it was going to be a low-scoring game."

It was a misplay of a Marshall towering pop fly by Red Wing standout second baseman Brodie Smith that brought home what would ultimately be the winning

Smith and first baseman Seth Morem both started to settle under the pop up, with Morem giving way to Smith at the last second.

Smith didn't catch the ball, then threw wildly to second base to try to get Marshall base runner Ryan VanMoer. The ball skidded into the outfield, and VanMoer just kept rounding the bases until he scored. That was followed by Tomasek getting his second hit of the game and second RBI as Marshall made it 3-1.

Tauer laid no blame on his second baseman.

"I love (Smith)," Tauer said. "It happens. It's base-

The Winger still have the opportunity to battle back and finish fifth today. This is just the third-ever state appearance for Red Wing. The Wingers last made state in 2012, and prior to that had not made state since

**MARSHALL 3, RED WING 1** 

7 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 11 K.

Marshall 010 002 0 Red Wing 000 100 0 Marshall: Rvan VanMoer 1-for-3, 1 R; Logan Tomasek 2-for-3, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI. Pitching: Mason Penske (WP) 7 IP. 2 H. 1 R. 1 ER. 2 BB. 7 K. Red Wing: Tyler Defore 2-for-3, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI. Pitching: Teddy Tauer (LP)

Red Wing's Tyler Defore, right, is greeted by a mob of teammates at homeplate after hitting a home run on

Red Wing third baseman Seth Yeatman tries to make a catch on a foul ball while colliding with the fence during the team's Class AAA state baseball quarterfinal game against Marshall on Thursday at Siebert Field in Minneapolis.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Patriots push across late run to edge out Stewartville

Post Bulletin staff

STEWARTVILLE — The Rochester Patriots Legion baseball team jumped to an early lead against Stewartville on Thursday night. But the lead didn't hold up, and the Patriots needed some extra-innings heroics to get the job done.

Stewartville scored twice in the bottom of the seventh to tie the game at 7-all, but the Patriots got a triple from Austin Brown in the eighth, and Kyle Ebert drove him in to give the Patriots an 8-7

Sam Lingen led the Pats at the plate with two hits and three RBIs. Ebert and Andrew Schmidt also had two hits apiece.

Sam Boysen started and pitched six innings for Rochester. Kip Gronholz pitched the final two innings and got the win. He allowed two runs on three hits, while striking out four.

Boysen allowed five runs but all were unearned as the Patriots committed three errors.

#### **PATRIOTS 8, STEWARTVILLE 7**

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Rochester Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI: Kyle Ebert 2-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB: Matthew Halverson 2 R: Alex Jensen 2B, 2 R, 1 SB; Austin Brown 3B, R; Sam Lingen 2-for-4, 3 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Kip Gronholz (WP) 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 4 K; Sam Boysen 6 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

Stewartville: Taylor Hagstrom 2B, 1 R; N. Sikkink 2-for-4, 1 3B, 2 RBI, 2 R; T. Dahnart 2-for-3, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Andrew Simmons (LP) 8 IP, 12 H, 8 R, 6 ER, 1 BB, 7 K.

#### Redhawks roll past Albert Lea

The Rochester Redhawks scored four runs in the third inning and rolled to a 10-3 Legion baseball victory over Albert Lea on Thursday night.

The Redhawks added two insurance runs in the fourth and three more in the fifth. They belted out nine hits.

Alex Prindle continued his hot hitting for the Redhawks. He went 2-for-3 with two runs scored and a stolen base. Eric Jensen was 2-for-2 with an

RBI and a run scored, while Lucas Jahns added a double, two RBIs and a run scored.

Thomas Krause picked up the pitching win. He went four innings, allowing three runs (two earned) on four hits, while striking out four and walking two. Ethan Sawallisch earned the save, closing out the game with three scoreless innings. He struck out three.

The Redhawks improved to 2-1. They return to action at noon Saturday in a doubleheader against Mankato at Massey Field.

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Albert Lea: Alex Bledsoe 2B, 1 R; Carter Simon 2 R. Pitchers: Cody Ball (LP) 3 IP, 5 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 0 K; Hammer 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R. 2 ER. 0 BB. 1 K.

Mayo: Eric Jensen 2-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Lucas Jahns 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Alex Prindle 2-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Austin Thompson 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R: Jason Martin 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB: Thomas Krause 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Thomas Krause (WP) 4 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; Ethan Sawallisch (S) 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

#### COLLEGE **BASEBALL**

# MoonDogs beat up on Honkers

Post Bulletin staff

MANKATO — The Rochester Honkers and Mankato Moon-Dogs were engaged in a pitchers' duel through five innings of Thursday's Northwoods League tilt.

But the MoonDogs broke the game open with four runs in the sixth and added three runs in the seventh to secure a blowout 9-1 win over the Honkers.

Rochester dropped to 8-9 in the Northwoods League's first half.

Eddie Mathis (Bellarmine) pitched well early for the Honkers. He allowed two runs in the first, but he kept the MoonDogs off balance until running into trouble again in the sixth. Mathis struck out an impressive 10 batters, but he also allowed seven earned runs on six hits, while walking two.

Drew Slade pitched the final two innings. He allowed one run on two hits, while striking

The Honkers managed just six hits. Mike Echavia (Nevada) led the way, going 2-for-4. Garrett Calvert had a double and a run scored, while Zach Zubia added a double. Collin Floyd picked up the

pitching win for Mankato. He tossed seven innings, allowing one run on five hits, while striking out three.

The Honkers and MoonDogs square off again at 7:05 tonight back in Mankato.

#### **MANKATO 9, ROCHESTER 1**

Honkers 001 000 000 - 1 6 2 200 004 30x - 9 8 1 Rochester Honkers: Griffin Neuer 1-for-4; Mike Echavia 2-for-4; Zach Zubia 2B; Weston Hatten 1-for-4: Garrett Calvert 2B, R. Pitchers: Eddie Mathis (LP) 6 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 7 ER, 2 BB, 10 K; Drew Slade 2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 BB, 1 K.

Mankato MoonDogs: Valdez 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R; Davis 2-for-4, 2 R; Vaage 3 RBI. Pitchers: Floyd (WP) 7 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Bollinger 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 1 K; HAnsen 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 K.

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Battle Creek	12	5	.706	31/2					
Kenosha	11	6	.647	41/2					
Rockford	10	7	.588	51/2					
.akeshore	7	9	.438	8					
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Green Bay	6	10	.375	9					
ond du Lac	5	11	.313	10					
Visconsin	5	12	.294	10½					
Kalamazoo	4	12	.250	11					

Waterloo 8, Thunder Bay 0 Duluth 6, Eau Claire 4 Rockford 8, Wisconsin 3 La Crosse 16, St. Cloud 4 Mankato 9, Rochester 1 Bismarck 7, Willmar 4 Wisconsin Rapids 11, Kalamazoo 3 Battle Creek 14, Lakeshore 6 Kenosha 5, Fond du LAc 4 Madison 16, Green Bay 0 **TODAY'S GAMES** Waterloo at Thunder Bay

Green Bay at Madison Kenosha at Fond du Lac Duluth at Eau Claire Rockford at Wisconsin Lakeshore at Battle Creek Rochester at Mankato, 7:05 p.m. Bismarck at Willman Wisconsin Rapids at Kalamazoo

**SATURDAY'S GAMES** Lakeshore at Fond du Lac **Duluth at Bismarck** Wisconsin at Wisconsin Rapids La Crosse at St. Cloud Eau Claire at Thunder Bay Rockford at Green Bay Kenosha at Kalamazoo

Madison at Battle Creek Mankato at Willman Waterloo at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Lakeshore at Fond du Lac **SUNDAY'S GAMES** 

Fond du Lac at Lakeshore Eau Claire at Thunder Bay Rochester at Waterloo, 2:05 p.m. Madison at Battle Creek Wisconsin Rapids at Wisconsin Kenosha at Kalamazoo Duluth at Bismarck Rockford at Green Bay La Crosse at St. Cloud

Willmar at Mankato

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**LEGION BASEBALL** 

# Patriots hit, pitch way past Chippewa Falls

Post Bulletin staff

Zach Smith dominated with his bat, and Andrew Schmidt with his arm as the Patriots blasted Chippewa Falls (Wis.) 14-4 in a non-conference American Legion baseball game Sunday.

Smith had a whopping five hits, including two doubles, and drove in four runs. Schmidt worked 7 1/3 innings and allowed five hits and four runs (three earned) in getting the pitching win.

Kyle Ebert came in and finished things up for the Patriots, pitching the final 2/3 of an inning.

The Patriots won in eight innings in a game that had been scheduled for nine. Sam Lingen had three hits (two doubles), and Aaron Limberg and Austin Brown each had two hits apiece for the Patri-

**PATRIOTS 14, CHIPPEWA FALLS 4** Chippewa Falls112 000 00 - 4 6 4 002 413 31 - 14 15 3 Chippewa Falls: No stats submitted. Patriots: Kip Gronholz 1-for-4, 2 R; Jack Boehm 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 3 R; Aaron Limberg 2-for-5, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Zach Smith 5-for-6, 2 2B, 4 RBI, 2 R; Matthew Smiley 1-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 R; Austin Brown 2-for-5; Sam Lingen 3-for-5, 2 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Ian Bergstrom 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Andrew Schmidt 7 1/3 IP, 5 H,

#### **New Ulm pounces** on Patriots early

H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

NEW ULM — The Patriots

4 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 5 K; Kyle Ebert 2/3 IP, 0

back in the game as New Ulm cruised to a 10-2 win on Friday.

The Patriots struggled to throw strikes, walking seven. Matthew Halverson was 3-for-3 for the Patriots and Sam Lingen added two hits.

Matthew Smiley took the pitching loss. He lasted two

#### **NEW ULM 10, PATRIOTS 2**

000 200 0 - 2 7 1 142 003 x - 10 13 4 **Patriots** New Ulm Patriots: Kyle Ebert 1-for-3; Jack Boehm 1 R; Matthew Halverson 3-for-3; Austin Brown 1-for-3 1 R: Sam Lingen 2-for-3 1 RBI. Pitchers: Matthew Smiley (LP) 2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Brady Black 4 IP. 8 H. 5 R. 5 ER. 5 BB. 1 K. New Ulm: Pitchers: Cole Wellmann (WP) 7 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 4 K.

#### Redhawks up, then down in DH

The Redhawks were terrific in Game 1 of a doubleheader Saturday with Mankato West, then fell off in the nightcap in American Legion baseball.

The Redhawks rode a 16-hit attack in the first game to beat Mankato West 10-3

"We continue to hit the ball hard up and down our lineup," Redhawks coach Tom Senne

Alex Prindle had a huge game, going 4-for-4. Thomas Krause went 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs, and Eric Jensen, Lucas Jahns and Zach Wolf each had two hits.

Jason Martin and Ethan Sawallisch shared the pitch-

Game 2 didn't go nearly so

#### AMATEUR BASEBALL

## Royals ride 15-hit attack to win

Post Bulletin staff

well for the Redhawks. Manka-

to West totaled 18 hits against

a trio of Redhawks pitchers

and won 20-6 in five innings.

three errors.

(FIRST GAME)

Redhawks

ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

Redhawks

(SECOND GAME)

7 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 6 BB, 7 K.

The Redhawks also committed

The Redhawks are 3-2 and

host Waseca at 5:30 p.m. today.

**REDHAWKS 10, MANKATO WEST 3** 

Mankato West 002 010 0 - 3 9 1

Mankato West: Hailey 1-for-3, 1 2B,

Scott 1-for-4; James Dahlvang 1-for-3;

Robert Meidl 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Sellner 2-for-4 1 RBI; Kyle Liebl 1-for-3.

Pitchers: Hoppe (LP) 1.1 IP, 8 H, 7 R, 6

ER, 2 BB; Yokiel 4.2 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2

Redhawks: Levi DeYoung 1 R; Chris

Serrano 1-for-4; Eric Jensen 2-for-3,

1 RBI, 1 R; Lucas Jahns 2-for-4 2 RBI;

Michael Bigalk 1-for-2 1 R: Zach Wolf

2-for-4, 2 RBI, 2 R; Alex Prindle 4-for-4,

RBI: Thomas Krause 3-for-4, 12B, 2 RBI.

Martin (WP) 3 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0

K; Ethan Sawallisch (S) 4 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1

MANKATO WEST 20, REDHAWKS 6

004 02 - 6 7 3

Mankato West 642 53 - 20 18 0

Mankato West: Evan Furst 1-for-3, 1

2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; en Scott 4-for-4, 3 2B, 4

RBI, 4 R: Thomas Yokiel 3-for-4, 2 RBI,

3 R; Peter Haley 4-for-4, 1 3B, 3 RBI, 4

R; Robert Meidl 1 R; Gratz 2 R; RBI, 2 R;

2 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Jacob Ous 3-for-5, 2 2B,

5 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Johnson (WP) 5 IP,

**Redhawks:** Eric Jensen 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R; Lucas Jahns 1-for-2 1 R; Zach Wolf

1-for-2 1 R; Alex Prindle 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2

RBI, 1 R; Austin Thompson 1 RBI; Chris Serrano 1-for-3 1 RBI; Jason Martin 1 R;

Levi DeYoung 1-for-2 1 R. Pitchers: Josh

Collins (LP) 2 IP, 7 H, 10 R, 9 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Michael Bigalk 2 IP, 7 H, 7 R, 2 ER, 1

BB, 2 K; Alex Prindle 1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 0 ER,

Chris Pipes 1-for-2 1 R; Sellner 2-for-4,

1 RBI, 1 R; Austin Thompson 1-for-4 2

2 R; Jack Murphy 2 R. Pitchers: Jason

1 RBI: Gratz 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 SB: Ben

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The Rochester Royals used a 15-hit attack to slip past the Elko Express 8-7 in amateur baseball Sunday at Mayo Field.

Henry Wittren and Thomas

Krause each had three hits for the Royals, who scored four times in the third inning and three times in the fourth.

Krause, Drew Block and Jordan Martini each drove in a pair of runs.

The winning pitcher was Josh Conley. He worked the final two innings and allowed iust one hit and no runs. Nick Hanson got the start and lasted 72/3 innings, allowing six runs. Elko finished with 10 hits.

#### STATE BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

#### **CLASS AAAA**

THURSDAY, JUNE 15 Quarterfinals

At St. Paul, CHS Field

Eden Prairie 6. Wavzata 1 Lakeville North 8, Burnsville 0 Forest Lake 6, Maple Grove 5 Woodbury 4, Champlin Park 1 FRIDAY, JUNE 16

Semifinals At St. Paul, CHS Field

Eden Prairie 14, Lakeville North 0 Forest Lake 9, Woodbury 1

Third place

Lakeville North 4, Woodbury 3 Consolation

At St. Paul, Dunning Sports Complex Wayzata 5, Burnsville 3

Maple Grove 4, Champlin Park 2 Fifth place

Wayzata 11, Maple Grove 3 **TODAY** 

Championship game At Minneapolis, Target Field Eden Prairie (18-9) vs. No. 2 Forest

#### Lake (20-6), 7 p.m. **CLASS AAA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15** Quarterfinals At Minneapolis, U of M Siebert Field

Waconia 2, Mahtomedi 1 Marshall 3, Red Wing 1 Hibbing 9, St. Cloud Tech 4 Alexandria 7, St. Thomas Academy 2 **FRIDAY, JUNE 16** 

**Semifinals** At Minneapolis, U of M Siebert Field Waconia 7, Marshall 6 Hibbing 8, Alexandria 7

Third place Alexandria vs. Hibbing

Consolation At St. Paul, U of Northwestern Mahtomedia 12, Red Wing 1 St. Thomas Acad. 7, St. Cloud Tech 5

Fifth place St. Thomas Academy 9, Mahtomedi 1 **TODAY** 

Championship game At Minneapolis, Target Field No. 1 Waconia (25-0) vs. Hibbing (19-

8), 4 p.m.

#### **CLASS AA**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 15** Quarterfinals

At St. Cloud. Dick Putz Field Minnehaha Academy 10, Warroad 5 Maple Lake 11, Lourdes 1 Duluth Marshall 8, Belle Plaine 4 Pierz 6, New London-Spicer 2

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16** Semifinals At St. Cloud, Dick Putz Field

Minnehaha Academy 8, Maple Lake 3 Pierz 1, Duluth Marshall 0 Third place Maple Lake 7, Duluth Marshall 6

Consolation At St. Cloud. Joe Faber Field Lourdes 11, Warrod 7

New London-Spicer 8, Belle Plaine 4

Lourdes 11, New London-Spicer 5 **TODAY Championship game** 

#### At Minneapolis, Target Field No. 1 Minnehaha Academy (26-2) vs. No. 3 Pierz (26-2), 1 p.m.

**CLASS A THURSDAY, JUNE 15** 

**Ouarterfinals** At Jordan, Mini Met

Parkers Prairie 8, Pillager 0 RRC/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 11, Fosston 1 Legacy Christian Academy 9, Elv 4

Wabasha-Kellogg 2, Martin Luther/ GHEC-Truman 0

**FRIDAY, JUNE 16** 

At Jordan, Mini Met Parkers Prairie 8, RRC/Westbrook-

Walnut Grove 3 Legacy Christian Academy 7, W-K 5 Third place

RRC/Westbrook-Walnut Grove 12, W-K 0 Consolation At Chaska Athletic Park Fosston 4, Pillager 3

Martin Luther/GHEC/Truman 5, Ely 2 Fifth place

Fosston 10, ML/GHEC/Truman 0 **TODAY** 

Championship game At Minneapolis, Target Field No. 1 Parkers Prairie (25-2) vs. No. 2 Legacy Christian Academy (21-4), 10 a.m.

#### fell behind early and never got

#### **BASKETBALL** Summer hoops league tryout happening today

Post Bulletin staff

There will be a Rochester-area basketball summer league tryout from 6 to 8 p.m. today for ages 14-21 at the Rochester Boys and Girls

Club. The girls and boys league tips off

June 26 and is free to participants. On Tuesday (6-8 p.m.), there will be a top-20 best players game at the Boys and Girls Club, followed by 3-point shooting and dunk contests. The event is free to the public. Among those participating will be former NCAA Division II player of

the year John Smith.

To sign up, contact program director Teddy Collins at tkbasketgball16@yahoo.com, TK-Basketball. org or by phone at 507-993-3757. Collins espouses "10 things that require zero talent." They are being on time, work ethic, effort, body language, energy, attitude, passion, being coachable, doing extra and being prepared.

#### **AMATEUR SOCCER**

# Dozzell, Mayhem ride aggressive start

Post Bulletin staff

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Dion Dozzell stayed hot Saturday night and so did his Med City FC soccer team.

Dozzell, who scored twice on Wednesday in a win over Sioux Falls FC got two more goals Saturday in a 3-2 win over La Crosse Aris FC.

Dozzell got them both in the first half, which ended with the Mayhem leading 3-0. One came in the 22nd minutes, the other in the 27th minute. The latter was the tougher of the two, with Dozzell dribbling, cutting and then burying a shot from the far corner.

James Larson had the Mayhem's first goal, connecting on a header in the 17th minute.

Things didn't go as well after intermission for the

Mayhem, which is now 5-1-2 overall.

"We took our foot off the gas pedal," Mayhem coach Luke Corey said. "We let them back in the game. Sometimes guys get too comfortable (with a lead) and start trying things that are not part of our game plan. That disrupts the flow. It interfered with our tactics and let the other team back in it as a result. But I think the guys

learned from it." Med City FC outshot La Crosse 10-2. In goal for the Mayhem was Nate Levy.

The Mayhem are in action again Wednesday when they play at the Minnesota TwinStars FC in Minneapolis. Med City FC returns home next Saturday at 7 p.m., playing the Dakota Fusion Thunder

# POSTBULLETIN proudly promotes **Sun Salutations to Celebrate** INTERNATIONAL DAY OF Presided over by Mayor Brede Area teachers will be on hand to lead the group. Interested participants should bring their own mat and come dressed to practice.

#### JUNE 21 • NOON-1:00 P.M. • PEACE PLAZA

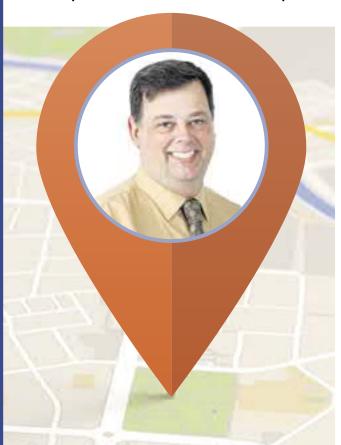
#### What is a sun salutation?

A sun salutation, also called surva namaskara, is a series of poses put together to create a specific flow. There are different types of sun salutations, and all are used to build heat at the beginning of a practice or as a familiar place to return to.

For more info, visit: bit.ly/InternationalYogaRochW Bring vour own mat!

# Stop the presses!

Get personal with PB personalities.



#### **Brian Sander, Regional Editor**

#### Interview I'll never forget:

I interviewed Mike Tyson prior to his 1989 fight with Frank Bruno. Before the interview, they had him working out in a ring set up in the hotel parking lot. It was mesmerizing, like watching a wild animal. When he came out of the ring, it took all I could muster not to run.

**Craziest thing you've heard on the police scanner:** 

A gas station clerk called police after a naked woman came into his store and asked if she could clean her headlights. When police asked him for a description of the woman, he said she was wearing blue high heels.

- Best excuse for missing deadline: I was on the copy desk on 9/11 when the planes crashed into the World Trade Center. We put out four editions that day. I was the one to say "stop the presses!"
- You won't get far in the journalism world without: A thick skin, a skeptical mind and a cheap car.

Favorite headline: City council pooh-poohs porta potty brouhaha



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#### It's the ninth annual Rochesterfest triathlon!



Photos by Elizabeth Nida Obert/enida@postbulletin.com

Dale, Megan and Chloe Magnuson of Rochester came in second in the Sprint relay, which had seven teams entered. For more photos of the Rochesterfest Triathlon, go to postbulletin.com/





Above left, Kevin O'Connor of Medina was the overall winner of the Sprint, which is a quartermile swim, 10-mile bike ride and 5K on foot. The Olympic was 1.5K swim, 40K on the bike and 10K run. Above right, two competitors take on the bicycle leg.

#### **OLYMPIC** (59 finishers)

Daniel Krueger .....

Jon Feustel .

Name Gende	r	Age	Town	Time
Mitch Brekke	M	28	Hartland	2:11:05
Mike Ladendorf	VI	35	Farmington	2:15:40
Matt Ostbloom	VI	24	Clear Lake, Iowa	2:20:05
David Joda	VI	24	Minneapolis	2:21:36
Corey Jurowski	VI	39	New Rich., Wis.	2:22:10
Jeremy Ekman	VI	42	West Concord	2:28:13
Chris Frisch	VI	32	Rochester	2:30:22
Graham Wright	V	43	St. Paul	2:30:58
Tom Horner	M	27	Rochester	2:32:20
Dan Canfield	M	43	Sioux Falls, S.D.	2:32:49
Christopher Budahn	M	34	Kenyon	2:33:04
Bryan Hanson	M	38	Plymouth	2:33:29
David O'Brien		36	Rochester	2:34:50
Andrew Galbus	V	51	Rochester	2:36:18
Dennis Murphy	V	43	Mankato	2:36:39
Jeremy McJunkin		37	Rochester	2:37:31
David Ulschmid	V	35	Arlington, S.D.	2:40:45
Andrew Jacot	V	29	St. Paul	2:42:54
Bruce Foyt	VI	45	Rosemount	2:43:25
Roberto Benzo	M	55		2:44:40
Rick Trueman	M	50	Plymouth	2:47:04
Mickey Harvey	VI	54	Walton, Kans.	2:48:39
Zach Johnson	M	35	Rochester	2:49:30
Bill Kass		53	Minneapolis	2:50:54
Tanner Longshore	M	14	Faribault	2:51:12
Matthew Block		42	Rochester	2:51:16
Loretta Wollin-Craker F		47	Eagan	2:51:25
Jacob Volkmann	V	34	Bloomington	2:51:54
James Fall		23	Hudson, Wis.	2:53:35
Marley Ayres		43	Byron	2:54:52
Jeff Dahle		54	Morristown	2:55:49
Hassan Murad		48	Rochester	2:56:03
Lee Mullen		57	St. Paul Park	2:58:25
Nick Rogness		37	Rochester	2:59:12
David Marinier		39	Onalaska, Wis.	2:59:28
Bob Nordman		63	Savage	3:00:34
Lara BauerF		40	Hastings	3:02:31
Rachel DerksenF		38	Centerville	3:04:14
Kerryn AnsellF		23	Rochester	3:04:39
Mitchell Fastenau	M	32	Urbandale, Iowa	3:04:51

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Mike BornekeM	63	Eagle Lake	3:08:43
Quinn TrustyM	23	Apple Valley	3:11:58
Tom SteinbringM	36	Blaine	3:12:41
Dana Erickson M	45	Rochester	3:14:05
Travis HeidebrinkM	32	Mankato	3:15:19
Tyler ShelbyM	22	Buffalo	3:15:26
Karla HornerF	58	Lake Elmo	3:15:49
Cathleen McGinnityF	51	Luck, Wis.	3:21:21
Sarah BakerF	31	Rochester	3:27:51
Jason MelbyM	41	Brookings, S.D.	3:33:25
Jeremy KuhnsM	42	Lakeville	3:34:44
Annette CarusoF	68	Port Wash., Wis.	3:37:34
Leslie DollF	48	Lakeville	3:39:54
Alan BlumensheinM	53	Austin	3:43:08
Breanne ProtheroF	30	Rochester	3:45:42
Stephen Henderson M	40	Rosemount	3:48:03
Pattie EkmanF	49	West Concord	4:22:55
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Pattie EkmanF	49	West Concord	4:22:55
SPRINT			
Top 25 (out of 114)			
Name Gender	Age	Town	Time
Kevin O'ConnorM	46	Medina	50:46
John ShelpM	45	Maple Plain	55:37
Andy Clark M	54	Northfield	58:20
Mitchell Felton M	39	Rochester	58:28
Jacob SpeharM	27	Rochester	58:43
Chris TamezM	29	Robbinsdale	1:00:57
Brian LynchM	42	Rochester	1:01:24
Benjamin HoweM	39	Rochester	1:01:50
Michael KarauM	35	Rochester	1:01:58
Sean LangM		Saint Paul	1:04:36
Marc OliveM	31	Rochester	1:04:47
Luke SpeharM	29	St. Paul	1:04:56
Gary NelsonM	47	Minneapolis	1:05:21
Darren CarneyM	40	Rochester	1:05:40
Troy AdamsM	45	Cloquet	1:05:53
Kevin ProudM	46	Rochester	1:06:56
Andrew NovakM	15	Oronoco	1:07:02
Thomas DoleM	40	Kasson	1:07:06
Kenneth McFarlaneM	43	Columbia Hts.	1:07:59
Nicole KilgoF	33	Minneapolis	1:07:59
Erick OstenM	21	Rochester	1:08:12
Mary WeidnerF	49	Edina	1:08:25
Thor KnutsonM	22	Minneapolis	1:08:41
Amanda HeinritzF	39	Northfield	1:08:42
Loren HattenM	23	Burnsville	1:08:43



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3:08:40

Competitors await the starting gun for the triathlon, which begins with swimming.

# BPLAYBOOK Local sports

**LEGION BASEBALL** 

# Redhawks overcome one tough inning

Post Bulletin staff

The Redhawks had a difficult fourth inning but were able to withstand it as they beat Waseca 8-5 in First District American Legion baseball Monday at Dale Massey

> Field. Waseca scored four unearned runs in the top of the fourth, geton three

Waseca

ting them errors. "We just couldn't make a

routine play to bail (starting pitcher Ryan) Barkey out of the inning," Honkers coach Tom Senne said. "We weren't at our best, but I am happy that we were able to come away with a win."

Thomas Krause had another big game for the Redhawks, with three hits, including a triple. Barkey gave up six hits and four runs, none of the

runs earned. The Redhawks are 3-1 in the

#### First District and 4-2 overall. **REDHAWKS 8, WASECA 5**

000 401 0 - 5 8 2 111 050 x - 8 7 3 Waseca: Possin 2-for-4 1 2B; Sampson 1-for-2 1 RBI; Hagen 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Williamson 0-for-3; Danhert 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Mann 0-for-3 1 R; Slattery 0-for-11 R; Feeney 0-for-41 RBI: Barnecke 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Mags (LP) 6 IP, 7 H, 8 R, 4 ER, 5 BB, 9 K. Redhawks: Lucas Jahns 1-for-3, 3 RBI, 1 R; Zach Wolf 1 R; Alex Prindle 1 R; Austin Thompson 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R; Chris Serrano 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Thomas Krause 3-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Eric Jensen 1 R; Jack Murphy 1 R. Pitchers: Ryan Barkey (WP) 5 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 3 K; Zach Gathje 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 1 K; Zach Wolf (S) 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

#### Tigers test A's, who finally prevail

Stewartville came out swinging and gave the A's a tough time before the Rochester team final prevailed 6-5 in the First District American Legion baseball game Mon-



Wright

The A's came up with the winning run in the bottom of the sixth inning, with Mac Horvath getting the

game-win-

ning hit, a pinch-hit single. That scored Jordan Wright,

who'd reached on a bunt. Wright finished with three hits in four at-bats. Travis Rittenhouse also had three hits and Reed Davis had two.

Issac Lynch was the winning pitcher. He worked four innings and allowed two runs, both earned.

"Lynch did a great job in relief, keeping the game close to give us a chance to win,' A's coach Vinnie Mannese

The A's are 3-2 in the First District and 4-2 overall. Stewartville is 0-4 in the First District.

The A's are at the Omaha Tournament from Thursday through Saturday.

#### A'S 6, STEWARTVILLE 5

Stewartville 210 101 0 - 5 7 1 001 401 x - 6 12 na Stewartville: David Hurley 1 RBI: T Dahnert 2-for-3; A Beagle 1-for-1, 1 RBI; Brody Herman 1 RBI; Adam Koenigs 1 R; Tanner Prochaska 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Erik Sistad 1-for-3, 1 2B, 2 R; Andrew Simmons 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Jakob Dahle 1 R. Pitchers: Adam Koenigs (LP) 6 IP, 12 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 3 BB.

A's: Jordan Wright 3-for-4, 1 R; Reed Davis 2-for-4; Andrew Swenson 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Sam Prisco 1 RBI; Andrew Hanson 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R; Travis Rittenhouse 3-for-3 1 RBI; Charlie Kong 1 R; Thomas Bruss 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Mac Horvath 1-for-1, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Isaac Lynch (WP) 4 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Alex Thorvilson 3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

#### Big inning costs Patriots vs. Winona

Winona scored nine times in the top of the third inning and it propelled it to an 11-3 win over the Patriots in First District American Legion baseball Monday at John Adams Middle School.

Zach Smith again led the Patriots at the plate, going 2-fo-3. The Patriots managed just five hits as a team.

Jack Boehm took the pitching loss for the Patriots. He allowed nine runs (eight earned) on seven hits and one walk over 2 1/3 innings.

It was the Patriots' second straight loss. They are 3-2 in the league

#### **WINONA 11, PATRIOTS 3**

019 010 0 **Patriots** 102 000 0 - 3 5 na Winona: Havden Zaborowski 2-for-4. 1 R; Dylan Gordon 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 R; Joe Brinkman 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 R; Daniel Rohde 2-for-5, 2 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Nash Kramer 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Austin Lenhardt (WP) 6 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; Bruce Hefman 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

Patriots: Caleb Gronholz 1-for-3, 1 R; Aaron Limberg 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Zach Smith 2-for-3, 2 R; Sam Lingen 1-for-3 1 RBI. Pitchers: Kip Gronholz 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Kyle Ebert 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Jack Boehm 2 1/3 IP, 7 H, 9 R, 8 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Matt Smiley 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

#### **COLLEGE SUMMER BASEBALL**

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

**FIRST HALF NORTH DIVISION** 

waterioo	16	4	.800	_			
St. Cloud	14	7	.667	21/2			
Duluth	11	9	.550	5			
Rochester	10	10	.500	6			
Willmar	10	10	.500	61/2			
Bismarck	10	11	.476	61/2			
Mankato	9	10	.474	51/2			
Thunder Bay	7	12	.368	81/2			
La Crosse	7	14	.333	91/2			
Eau Claire	7	14	.333	91/2			
SOUTH DIVISION							
Wis. Rapids	17	2	.895	_			
Kenosha	13	7	.650	41/2			
Battle Creek	13	7	.650	41/2			
Rockford	12	7	.632	5			
Madison	9	10	.474	8			
Fond du Lac	8	12	.400	91/2			
Lakeshore	8	12	.400	91/2			
Green Bay	7	12	.68	10			
Wisconsin	6	13	.316	11			
Kalamazoo	4	15	.211	13			
MONDAY'S GAN							
Waterloo 3 Thunder Bay 0							

#### Waterloo 3, Thunder Bay 0 Eau Claire 11, La Crosse 1 St. Cloud 4. Bismarck 0 Rochester 5, Willmar 4 Duluth 12, Mankato 6

**TODAY'S GAMES** Kalamazoo at Battle Creek Battle Creek at Kalamazoo St. Cloud at Bismarck Green Bay at Fond du Lac Fond du Lac at Green Bay Kenosha at Lakeshore Lakeshore at Kenosha Wisconsin Rapids at Wisconsin Wisconsin at Wisconsin Rapids Rockford at Madison Madison at Rockford Thunder Bay at Waterloo Willmar at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. **Duluth at Mankato** 

**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES** Madison at Fond du Lac Rochester at Eau Claire, 6:35pm Battle Crk at Lakeshore Thunder Bay at Duluth Kenosha at Rockford

Eau Claire at La Crosse

La Crosse at Waterloo Kalamazoo at Wisconsin Wisconsin Rapids at Green Bay Mankato at Bismarck Willmar at St. Cloud

#### **HONKERS LINESCORE**

#### (Monday)

**ROCHESTER 5, WILLMAR 4** Stingers#001#002#010#-#4#7#2

Honkers#005#000#00x#-#5#12#2 Willmar: Brady Shockey 2-for-5, 1 RBI; Nolan Bumstead 2-for-4, 2 RBIs, 1 HR, 2 R. Pitching: Cameron Churchill (LP) 2 2/3 IP, 10 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Luke Chevalier 3 1/3 IP. 0 H. 0 R. 0 ER. 3

Rochester: Rees Rua 1-for-2, 2 RBIs, 1 HR; Zach Zubia 1-for-3, 2 RBIs, 1 HR; Wes Hatten 2-for-4, 1 RB1, 1 HR; Michael Michalak 1-for-3, 1 R. Pitching: Drew Slade (WP) 7 IP, 6 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Kyle Ferderer 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 BB, 1 K.

Jason Feldman and Ben Pherson might agree or disagree but their Faceoff column is worth reading every Thursday in the P-B sports section.

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#### **GOLF**

**HOLES IN ONE** 

- Marilyn Riley of Rochester aced the 90-yard fifth hole at Maple Valley on June 16, using a 9-iron. Witness was Cris
- **Jacob Danielson** of Stewartville made a hole-in-one on Maple Valley's 186-yard 11th hole on June 18. He used a 5-iron. Witness was Jason Danielson.





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#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Fitzpatrick powers Honkers

Post Bulletin staff

Ryan Fitzpatrick came into Sunday's game without a hit in eight at-bats.

He left with three hits, all of which left Mayo Field.

Fitzpatrick hit three of Rochester's six home runs as the Honkers beat the St. Cloud Rox 10-8 in a Northwoods League baseball game. The Honkers (13-13) will travel to St. Cloud today.

Fitzpatrick is the fourth Rochester player since 1993 to hit three home runs in one game. The most recent threehome run performance from a Honker came 10 years ago. Not bad for a player who was not in the batting order the night before.

"I think he just finally got his timing down," manager Trevor Hairgrove said. "He got comfortable in the box."

It's not surprising it took Fitzpatrick time to ramp up even though he played for the Honkers in 2016. Fitzpatrick did not see any live pitches for three weeks after the season ended at UC Irvine.

Amid his frustration, Fitzpatrick said he focused on his approach.

Whatever he changed, it worked.

He gave the Honkers a 5-3 lead with a three-run home run in the bottom of the sixth. Chris Ceballos, Michael Echavia and Zach Zubia also hit homers for the Honkers.

The Rox caught on to the home-run derby. St. Cloud hit three overall, one of which came from Rochester Mayo graduate Brad Mathiowetz. His three-run home run in the top of the ninth brought the Rox within two, but pitcher Garrett Cobb got the save by striking out the next batter.

Fitzpatrick said it was even more special turning in a three-home-run performance against the Rox, who have hovered close to first in the North Division for most of the season. St. Cloud is now  $1 \frac{1}{2}$ games back from first.

"We would be lying if we told you we didn't look at standings," Fitzpatrick said.



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Rochester's Konnor Zickefoose congratulates teammate Ryan Fitzpatrick (37) at home plate after one of Fitzpatrick's three homers in the Honkers' 10-8 win over St. Cloud on Sunday at Mayo Field. For more photos, go to postbulletin.com/gallery

"When you beat a squad like St. Cloud, it is a little sweeter."

If the name Ryan Fitzpatrick sounds familiar, it might be because he shares a name with the quarterback who has played for seven different NFL teams. He is OK sharing the name, but he wouldn't mind making Ryan Fitzpatrick a household name in the Northwoods League, too.

'It is kind of funny, but if I can be known as the second-best Ryan Fitzpatrick in sports, that would be cool," Fitzpatrick said.

#### **HONKERS LOSE SATURDAY**

Rochester also trailed early on Saturday against Eau Claire, but unlike the game against St. Cloud, the Honkers couldn't find a way to come back. The Express used a fiverun second inning to start a scoring spree as Eau Claire won 13-3. The Honkers and Express split a four-game series.

Byron native Ryan Thompson fell to 1-2 on the season as he gave up five hits and five earned runs in two innings

pitched. He has a 6.48 ERA in five appearances.

#### **EAU CLAIRE 13, ROCHESTER 3** (Saturday)

051 131 02x - 13 14 0 Express  $000 \ 030 \ 000 - 3 \ 3 \ 1$ Honkers Eau Claire: Justin Evans 3-for-5, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Rudy Rott 2-for-5, 3 RBI, 1 HR; Kyle Marinconz 3-for-6, 5 RBIs. Pitchers: Drew Gillespie (WP) 5 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 8 K; Cody Dye (S) 4 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.

Rochester: Zach Zubia 1-for-3, 3 RBIs; Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-4. <u>Pitchers</u>: Ryan Thompson (LP) 2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Spencer Johnson 3 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, 4 K; Manny Armendariz 2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; David Noworyta 1 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

#### **ROCHESTER 10, ST. CLOUD 8** (Sunday)

002 001 005 - 8 15 0 Honkers 000 206 20x - 10 13 2 St. Cloud: Angelo Altavilla 2-for-4, 2 RBIs, 1 R; Brad Mathiowetz 2-for-5, 1 HR; Matthew Tarantino 3-for-4, 1 HR, 1 RBI; Ricardo Sanchez 1-for-5, 1 HR, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Jack Cushing (LP) 5 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Ivan Coutinho 1 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 0 K; Bailey Hansen 1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Jackson Rose 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB,

Rochester: Rvan Fitzpatrick 3-for-4, 3 HR, 5 RBIs; Michael Echavia 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Zach Zubia 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 HR. <u>Pitchers</u>: Beau O'Hara (WP) 6 IP, 10 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K. Kyle Ferderer 2 2/3 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Garrett Cobb (S) 1/3, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

# And The Winners Are...

The Post Bulletin Company is honored to have won 19 awards at the Minnesota Society of Professional Journalist's Page One Banquet, held June 15!



Health Reporter Brett Boese won two first place awards for Feature Story, Sports Story, and second place for Spot News.





Photojournalist Elizabeth Nida Obert won first place in the Best Feature Photography category.







Photojournalist Andrew Link won **second place for Best** Feature Photography; **Best Portrait Photography**: and Best Sports Photography.





Executive Editor lay Furst was awardand Criticism category, and third place awards in Column Writing and Best News Blog.



Columnist Steve Lange secured first place for Best Newspaper Column and Best Magazine Column for his

Oddchester column for the fourth year in a row.



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Rochester Magazine's Associate Editor Jennifer Koski won first place in the Best Department category for her Random Rochesterite column.

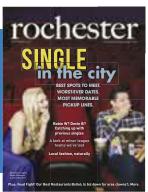




Rochester Magazine's Art Director, Lisa Houghton, was awarded second place in the Art and Illustration

category, and two third place awards in Best Page Design and **Best Cover Design**.





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#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Redhawks take 2 over weekend

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Redhawks finished a good weekend of American Legion baseball by beating Byron 6-4 on Sunday. The Redhawks improved to 4-2 in First District play with the

Byron led 2-1 through five innings, but the Redhawks scored five runs in the sixth to take the lead for good.

Chris Serrano was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI for the Redhawks. Nate Jacobs was 2-for-2 for Byron.

"We are making routine mistakes," said Redhawks coach Tom Senne, whose team had four errors in the game. "Josh Collins pitched a great game. He settled down after the first inning and got tough on the mound.

The Redhawks play a doubleheader against Austin today at 4 p.m. at Dale Massey Field.

· The Redhawks managed to play one game of a scheduled doubleheader on Saturday, and they dominated in a 13-3 victory against La Crosse. The Redhawks led 8-3 after three innings and ended the game by 10-run rule in the sixth.

Zach Wolf went 3-for-5 with a triple, four RBIs and two runs scored. Alex Prindle was 3-for-5 with three runs, and Ryan Barkey was 3-for-4 with a double. Barkey also pitched all six innings to get the win.

#### **REDHAWKS 6, BYRON 4**

(Sunday)  $001 \ 005 \ 0 - 6 \ 7 \ 4$ Redhawks  $200\ 002\ 0\ -\ 4\ 7\ 3$ Redhawks: Evan Kaese 1 RBI; Lucas Jahns 1-for-5, 1 R; Ryan Barkey 1 RBI; Zach Gathje 1-for-3, 1 R; Alex Prindle 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Chris Serrano 2-for-3. 1 2B. 1 RBI. 1 R: Carter Pasternak 1-for-2, 1 R; Levi DeYoung 1-for-4; Eric Jensen 1 R. <u>Pitchers</u>: Josh Collins (WP) 6 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 7 K; Levi DeYoung (S) 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB,

Byron: Prigge 2-for-3, 1 R; Nate Jacobs 2-for-2, 1 R; Jake Thalacker 1 RBI; Collin Hucke 1-for-3; Conner Strain 1-for-3, 1 R, 2 SB; Dalton Johnson 1 RBI; Nick Stienessen 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Keegan Kuhn (LP) 2 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 2 K; Nick Splinter 5 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 1

ER. 5 BB. 5 K.

**REDHAWKS 13, LA CROSSE 3** 

(Saturday) 210 000 x - 3 4 5 La Crosse 233 041 x - 13 15 3 Redhawks La Crosse: Vanectern 1-for-3, 1 R. 1 SB; Wilson 2-for-3; Suttic 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 SB; Alvarado 1 RBI, 1 R; Fellenz 2 RBI. <u>Pitchers</u>: Gilbertson (LP) 5 IP, 13 H, 12 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 6 K.

Redhawks: Lucas Jahns 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R, 1 SB; Ryan Barkey 3-for-4, 1 2B, 0 RBI, 2 R; Eric Jensen 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Zach Wolf 3-for-5, 1 3B, 4 RBI, 2 R; Alex Prindle 3-for-5, 3 R; Austin Thompson 1 R; Levi DeYoung 1-for-4, 3 R; Chris Serrano 1-for-3; Thomas Krause 1-for-3, 1 2B, 4 RBI. Pitchers: Ryan Barkey (WP) 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER,

#### PATS 4-2 AT ALEXANDRIA

ALEXANDRIA — The Rochester Patriots went 4-2 in a busy weekend at the Alexandria American Legion baseball tournament.

Rochester won its first three games of the tournament in convincing fashion, outscoring those three opponents by a combined score of 30-2. Andrew Schmidt, Sam Boysen and Kyle Ebert all threw complete games for the Patriots to get them off to a strong start.

Rochester beat Sartell 8-0 in six innings, and Park Center 13-1 in five innings on Friday. Brady Black and Austin Brown had two hits each against Sartell, and Black and Jack Boehm each had two RBIs.

Four players had two hits each against Park Center, Aaron Limberg, Kip Gronholz, Boehm and Schmidt. Matthew Halverson and Gronholz had three RBIs each.

The Patriots kept rolling on Saturday, scoring nine runs in the fifth inning in a 9-1 win against Fergus Falls. Limberg and Sam Lingen had two hits each, and Ian Bergstrom had two RBIs. Kyle Ebert allowed

iust three hits in the win. Alexandria beat Rochester 9-1 in the final game of the tournament.

#### A'S HAVE TOUGH ROAD TRIP

OMAHA — The Rochester A's dropped three games at

the Battle of Omaha over the weekend, including a loss to First District opponent North-

The A's (5-6 overall) fell to Bellevue (Neb.) East 11-3, Northfield 10-1 and Kokomo (Ind.) 6-2. Rochester pitched and hit well at times, but committed a total of nine errors in the three games, including five in the loss to Kokomo.

Isaac Lynch suffered the loss against Kokomo, but pitched well early.

Two A's players had multiple-hit games on Saturday. Against Northfield, Thomas Bruss went 2-for-2 with a double, a home run and an RBI. Andrew Hanson had two hits in the loss to Bellevue.

#### **BELLEVUE EAST 11. A'S 3**

141 14 - 11 12 3 200 10 - 3 8 2 Bellevue Bellevue East: no stats submitted. A's: Jordan Wright 1 R, 1 SB; Sam Prisco 1-for-2; Andrew Hanson 2-for-3. 1 RBI: Isaac Lvnch 1 R: Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Charlie Kong 1-for-1, 1 RBI; Thomas Bruss 1-for-2; Palmer Mickelson 1-for-1, 1 2B; Mac Horvath 1-for-3, 1 2B. Pitchers: Alex Thorvilson (LP) 3 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 1 K; Andrew Swenson 2 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

#### NORTHFIELD 10, A'S 1

Northfield 000 343 - 10 10 1 000 010 - 1 3 2 Northfield: Carter Hodapp 1-for-3, 1 R; Derek Albers 1-for-2, 2 RBI; Joseph Pesta 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Ross Beumer 2-for-3, 1 3B, 2 RBI, 1 R: Conner Malecha 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R; Daniel Glampe 1 R; Grant Sawyer 1-for-1, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Nic Zabel 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R; Jim Vitito 1 R. Pitchers: Jasper Blundred (WP) 6 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2

BB. 4 K. **A's:** Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-3; Thomas Bruss 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Reed Davis (LP) 4 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 4 K; Andrew Hanson 1 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Charles Kong 1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 K.

#### KOKOMO 6, A'S 2

 $000\ 100\ 1-\ 2\ 5\ 5$ 015 000 x - 6 5 2 Kokomo A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-4, 2 SB; Andrew Swenson 1 RBI; Reed Davis 1-for-3; Andrew Hanson 1-for-3, 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-4; Mac Horvath 1-for-4, 1 SB. Pitchers: Isaac Lynch (LP) 2.1 IP, 3 H, 6 R, 2 BB, 1 K; Jon Thorvilson 1.2 IP, 1 BB; Jordan Wright 1 IP, 1 H; Mac Horvath 1 IP, 1 H, 1 K. Kokomo (Ind.): no stats submitted.

# Local sports

**LEGION BASEBALL** 

# A's rally, top Kasson

Post Bulletin staff

KASSON — The Rochester A's allowed three runs in the first inning Tuesday against Kasson in American Legion baseball action.

But the A's rallied to tie the game in the third and then scored two in the seventh to secure a 5-3 victory in First District play.

The A's (Century) improved to 4-2 in the First District and 6-6 overall, while Kasson dropped to 2-4 in the First District.

Reed Davis had a solid game at the plate for the A's, going 2-for-4 with a double. two RBIs, two runs scored and two stolen bases. Andrew Hanson and Thomas Bruss both went 2-for-4. Hanson had an RBI, a run scored and two stolen bases, while Bruss had a double and two RBIs. Sam Prisco also had two hits for the A's.

Mac Horvath pitched the last two innings to get the win. He did not allow a hit, while walking one and striking out three.

Alex Thorvilson started and threw three innings for the A's. He allowed three runs on two hits, while walking four and striking out four. Palmer Mickelson and Horvath kept Kasson hitless over the final four innings. Kasson finished with two total hits.

Brendan Knoll pitched well but suffered the loss for Kasson. He went seven innings, allowing five runs (two earned) on nine hits, while striking out 10 and walking

Lucas Heimer had a hit and drove in two runs for Kasson.

The A's are scheduled to host the Redhawks today.

#### A'S 5. KASSON 3

003 000 2 - 5 9 1 300 000 0 - 3 2 2 Kasson Rochester A's: Reed Davis 2-for-4, 2B. 2 RBI, 2 R, 2 SB; Sam Prisco 2-for-2; Andrew Hanson 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R, 2 SB; Thomas Bruss 2-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI Pitchers: Alex Thorvilson 3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 4 BB, 4 K; Palmer Mickelson 2 IP, 1 BB, 2 K; Mac Horvath (WP) 2 IP, 1 BB, 3 K. Kasson: Glarner 1-for-3; Lucas Heimer 1-for-3, 2 RBI, Pitcher: Brendan Knoll (LP) 7 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 10 K.

#### Late rally sinks Patriots

Owatonna scored twice in the top of the seventh to rally for a 7-6 victory over the Rochester Patriots in American Legion baseball action Tuesday night at John Adams Middle School.

After Owatonna scored in the top of the first, the Patriots got three back in the bottom of the inning and led all the way until the seventh.

The Patriots (John Marshall) managed six hits, but they were unable to take advantage of three Owatonna

Kip Gronholz led the Patriots, going 2-for-4 with a double, an RBI, a stolen base and a run scored. Andrew Schmidt was 1-for-3 with two RBIs, a run scored and a stolen base. Aaron Limberg also had a hit, two runs scored and a stolen base, while Alex Jensen added a double, an RBI and a run scored.

Sam Boysen suffered the pitching loss. He went 4 1/3 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on four hits,

while walking five and striking out five.

Owatonna 112 001 2 - 7 7 3

#### **OWATONNA 7, PATRIOTS 6**

312 000 0 - 6 6 1 Patriots Owatonna: No stats provided. **Rochester Patriots:** Andrew Schmidt 1-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Caleb Gronholz 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Jack Boehm 1-for-3 1 RBI; Aaron Limberg 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Alex Jensen 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Andrew Schmidt 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 0 K; Sam Boysen (LP) 4 1/3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 5 BB, 5 K; Matthew Halverson 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB,

#### Winona tops Eagles

WINONA — The Rochester Eagles managed just four hits in a 3-1 loss to Winona on Tuesday in American Legion baseball action.

Matt Hayford paced the Eagles (Lourdes), going 2-for-4. Kolton Mullenbach went 1-for-2 with a run scored, while Pat Leary had the Eagles' other hit.

Mullenbach suffered the pitching loss. He went six innings, allowing three runs on five hits, while walking three and striking out six.

Austin Lenhardt paced Winona with a stellar effort on the hill. He earned the win, going seven innings and allowing one run on four hits, while walking three and striking out five.

#### **WINONA 3, LOURDES 1**

000 100 0 - 1 4 0 000 003 x - 3 5 1 Lourdes Winona Lourdes: Matthew Hayford 2-for-4; Kolton Mullenbach 1-for-2, R; Pat Leary 1-for-3. Pitchers: Kolton Mullenbach (LP) 6 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3

Winona: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers: Austin Lenhardt (WP) 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 5 K.

# WORLDC

DEER CREEK SPEEDWAY • 6:30 P.M. • THURSDAY

#### All You Need To Know...

WHAT: The Clash at The Creek, featuring the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series.

WHEN: Thursday. Pit gates open at 2 p.m., grandstands at 4 p.m., hot laps at 6:30 p.m,, with qualifying and racing to follow.

WHERE: Deer Creek Speedway, U.S. 63 near

OF NOTE: USRA Iron Man Stock Cars will also race on Thursday. ... Eight-time WoO champion **Donny Schatz** leads the points standings. He has won 11 times in 38 starts this season. ... Grass Valley, Calif., driver Brad Sweet sits in second place in the WoO points standings. He won the last time a WoO Sprint Car race was held at Deer Creek, in 2015.

TICKETS: \$37, adult reserved and general admission; \$17, ages 12-under reserved or ages 6-12 general admission; free, ages 5-under general admission. Adult pit passes are \$40, ages 12-under pit passes are \$25.

PAST WINNERS: Thursday will mark the eighth time overall that the World of Outlaws Sprint Cars have raced at Deer Creek. Six drivers have won at the track: Joey Saldana (2009, '10); Steve Kinser (2011); Craig Dollansky (2012); lan Madsen (2013); Paul McMahan (2014)

LIGHTNING FAST: Watertown, Conn., native **David Gravel** holds the Deer Creek Speedway track record for fastest lap. Gravel, who is third in the points standings this year, ran a 11.416-second lap during time trials in 2014.

Age: 25

Wins in 2017: 9

Career WoO wins: 25

#### THE BEST IN THE BUSINESS

**The top 12 drivers in the World of Outlaws Sprint Car Series** 



**GRAVEL** 

**Points:** 5,422 (-76 to leader)

Car owner: CJB Motorsports

Noteworthy: Has the second-most

**JASON** 

**Points:** 5,134 (-364 to leader)

Car owner: Jason Johnson Racing

**Noteworthy:** The Kevin Gobrecht

Rookie of the Year in 2015. ... Won

four times on the Outlaws tour in

started more than 215 Outlaws

races in his career, ... Won the A

Main on Night 2 of the World Fi-

nals last November in Charlotte.

**JASON** 

BARTLETT, TENN.

tour. ... His 15

tied for 26th

most all-time

history. ... Won

in Outlaws

once on the

WoO circuit

last season,

home track,

winning at his

career wins are

**SIDES** 

**Points:** 4,754 (-744 to leader)

**Car owner:** Sides Motorsports

Noteworthy: Has 15 top-10 fin-

ishes and five ton-five finishes in

38 starts this season on the WoO

Age: 44

Wins in 2017: 0

Career WoO wins: 15

2016. ... Earned

the biggest

victory of his

career a vear

ago, capturing

the prestigious

Knoxville Na-

tionals. ... Has

more than 240

career racing

victories. ... Has

Age: 40

Wins in 2017: 2

Career WoO wins: 7

**JOHNSON** 

**EUNICE, LA.** 

wins on tour this year (9) and

is tied with Brad Sweet for the

WATERTOWN, CONN.

most top-10

finishes (35).

.. Won nine

**Outlaws races** 

last season. ...

The 2013 WoO

Rookie of the

Kevin Gobrecht

Year. ... Earned

his most recent

victory on June

and Brad Sweet (2015).

**BRAD** 

**DONNY SCHATZ** 

FARGO, N.D.

Points: 5,498 (Series leader) **Age:** 39 Car owner: Tony Stewart Racing Wins in 2017: 11

Career WoO wins: 240

**Noteworthy:** The eight-time series champ is in his 21st year with the WoO. ... The 1997 Rookie of the Year



in 2006, '07, '08, '09, '12, '14, '15 and '16. ... The only driver to win 20 or more features in four consecutive seasons on the Outlaws tour. ... Is a licensed pilot.

... Works at the family business (operating truck stops in North Dakota) when not racing. ... Eight-time winner of Knoxville Nationals.

**SHANE** 

**Points:** 5,190 (-308 to leader)

Car owner: Larson Marks Racing

Noteworthy: The hottest driver

Stewart had won back-to-back

on the series entering this week,

of the Year and Knoxville Nationals

Rookie of the Year. ... Race team is

SHELDON

**HAUDENSCHILD** 

**WOOSTER, OHIO** 

part-owned by NASCAR Monster

Energy Cup star Kyle Larson.

**Points:** 4,922 (-576 to leader)

Car owner: Haudenschild Racing

Noteworthy: The son of famous

and five top-fives this season. ...

Has more than 100 career racing

victories, including motocross. ...

**KRAIG** 

**Points:** 4,726 (-772 to leader)

Car owner: Steve Kinser Racing

**Noteworthy:** Has two top-five and

**KINSER** 

Won nine feature races with the All

Star Circuit of Champions last year.

Sprint Car driver Jac Haudenschild,

who is 13th on the World of Outlaws

all-time feature

victories list. ...

Sheldon made

Speedway in

his series debut

in 2009 at Eldora

Rossburg, Ohio,

racing alongside

his dad. ... Has 19

top-10 finishes

Age: 23

Wins in 2017: 0

Career WoO wins: 0

races prior to

Tuesday's event

in Joliet, Ill. ... Fin-

the 2015 Outlaws

points standings

season. ... The 2005 WoO Rookie

and won a ca-

reer-best nine

A-Mains that

ished second in

Age: 41

Wins in 2017: 4

Career WoO wins: 26

**STEWART** 

BIXBY, OKLA.



**SWEET** 

**Points:** 5,448 (-50 to leader)

**Age:** 31

Car owner: Kasey Kahne Racing Wins in 2017: 4 Career WoO wins: 24

Noteworthy: Sweet is in his fourth

full-time season with the Outlaws. ... Has the most top-10 finishes in the series



... Has the second-most topfive finishes this year (29). .. First drove in a World of Outlaws race in 2004. ... Won eight WoO

top-10 finishes in the NASCAR Nationwide Series (now the Xfinity Series).



PITTSBORO, IND.

**Points:** 5,166 (-332 to leader) Age: 38

Career WoO wins: 64

Noteworthy: Pittman has vet to

win this season, but has 25 top-10 finishes and 10 top-five finishes



of Outlaws championship in 2013, when he won 14 races. ... The World of Outlaws runner-up behind Donny Schatz in 2016.

last time the Outlaws raced there. in 2015. ... Winner of the prestigious \$50,000 Kings Royal in 2008.





**SCHUCHART** 

HANOVER, PA.

**Points:** 4,788 (-710 to leader)

**Age**: 24 Car owner: Bobby Allen

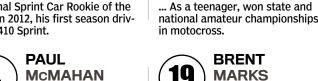
Noteworthy: Car is owned by his grandfather and Sprint Car Hall



stown Speedwav in Gettysburg, Pa., old. ... Earned of Outlaws victory last

National Sprint Car Rookie of the Year in 2012, his first season driv-







Car owner: Brent Marks Racing

Career WoO wins: 0

Noteworthy: Marks is a World of

ing full-time with the series for the first time. . Has 10 top-



season, but has yet to crack the top five. ... Has five career topfive finishes in WoO competition. ... Finished fifth last year

always been to run full-time on the World of Outlaws tour.

# **Honkers**

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The loss prevented the Honkers from gaining ground on the top two teams in the North Division. Waterloo (19-9) and St. Cloud (18-11) both lost, but the Honkers remain five games out of first with just eight games left in the first half of the season.

"I don't like to talk about it," Hairgrove said of a playoff push. "It's just added pressure for the guys.

"We just have to try to go out and play better and try to win three, four or five in a row," the manager added.

"I think it starts with the

"We swing it well, especially at home. The Honkers will play

the second of three straight

home games today when they

offense," McCullough said.

wrap up the two-game series against Thunder Bay at 7:05 p.m. Chia-Ching Ho is scheduled to pitch for the Honkers.

Rochester then hosts Waterloo on Friday at 7:05 p.m.

**THUNDER BAY 11, ROCHESTER 3** Border Cats 002 126 000 - 11 12 3 120 000 000 - 3 4 1 Honkers Thunder Bay: Andy Weber 2-for-5, 12B. 2 R, 1 RBI; Colin Rosenbaum 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R, 2 RBI; Noah Strohl 1-for-5, 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI: Jean-François Garon 2-for-5, 1 HR 1 R, 3 RBI; Braden Mosley 3-for-5, 1 2B, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI; Kevin Biondic 3-for-5,1 HR, 2 R. 1 RBI. Pitchers: Jamke Mielock (WP) 5 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Jesse Bogacz 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 5 K; Cody O'Brien 1 IP. 0 H. 0 R. 0 FR. 2 BB. 2 K. Rochester: Morgan McCullough 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Weston Hatten 1-for-4; David Noworyta 1 R; Cam Adams 1 R; Johnathan Fleek 1-for-4, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Michael Stryffeler 2 2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 2 K: Spencer Johnson (LP) 3 1/3 JP. 9 H. 9 R. 9 FR. 1 BB. 4 K: Jacob Green 1 IP. 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; David Nowoyta 2

IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.



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Zach Zubia of the Rochester Honkers, left, watches the play at first during Tuesday night's game against Thunder Bay.

#### **FIRST HALF**

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Waterloo	19	9	.679	_
St. Cloud	18	11	.621	11/2
Willmar	15	14	.517	41/2
Mankato	14	14	.500	5
Rochester	14	14	.500	5
Dulusth	14	15	.483	51/2
Eau Claire	13	15	.464	6
Bismarck	14	16	.448	61/2
La Crosse	11	17	.393	8
Thunder Bay	11	18	.379	81/2

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Green Bay 8, Kenosha 5

**TODAY'S GAMES** 

Mankato at Waterloo Lakeshore at Wisconsin St. Cloud at Eau Claire Wisconsin Rapids at Fond du Lac La Crosse at Duluth Rockford at Battle Creek

Thunder Bay at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Kenosha at Green Bav Bismarck at Willmar

#### Sweet

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This will also mark the first time the series has visited Deer Creek in the summer months. All seven of its previous appearances came in mid-September.

"This time of year, when it's warmer every day, tracks change a lot," Sweet said. "From a driver's standpoint, you really have to pay attention to details, make sure the car is set up right when the track gets slicker.

"In the spring and fall when it's a little cooler, the track will be more hammer-down, not as much finesse. I like tracks when you have to drive, have control and think your way around it. Racing against Donny, he is really good at that and I've learned a lot over the past few years by racing against him and watching him."

of his season-to-date. He won the first two races of the month, the \$25,000-to-win Jackson (Minn.) Nationals on June 3 and the opening night of the Brownells Big Guns Bash at Knoxville (Iowa) Raceway on June 9. Since then. in the six races leading up to Tuesday night's event in Joliet, Ill., Sweet had finished second once, third twice, fourth twice and 'We hit on a few things and have been really

fast lately," Sweet said. "We just keep working on our car to fine tune things and get it better. The car has been fast each and every night and that's all you can ask for out here. We give it our best shot each night and it will be no different at Deer Creek."

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

**NORTH DIVISION** 

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#### **SOUTH DIVISION** Wis. Rapids

Kenosha **Battle Creek** Rockford Madison Lakeshore Green Bay Fond du Lac

#### Kalamazoo TUESDAY'S GAMES

Eau Claire 4, St. Cloud 0 Lakeshore 17, Wisconsin 9 Rockford 7, Battle Creek 1

Thunder Bay 11, Rochester 3 Wisconsin Rapids 7, Fond du Lac 1

Kalamazoo at Madison

Sweet's month of June has been a mirror

# **BLOOMINGTON, IND.**

**Car owner:** Destiny Motorsports Wins in 2017: 0

Career WoO wins: 26



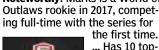
came in 2015. when he won three times and finished fifth in points. ... Best season on tour came in 2014, when he won five times and finished third in the points.

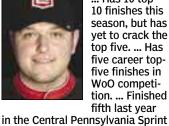
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... Won a career-best 12 races in 2013. ... Won at Deer Creek Speedway in 2014.





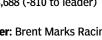




Car Series. ... Said his dream has

**BRENT MARKS** 









eight top-10 finishes in World of Outlaws action this season. ... Has

Age: 32

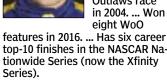
Wins in 2017: 0

Career WoO wins: 17

Outlaws off and on for more than a decade. ... The 2004 Kevin Gobrecht Rookie of the Year is back full-time on tour this season. ... Is tied for 21st on all-time WoO victories list. ...

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Third-generation Sprint Car driver is the son of "The King" Steve Kinser, who finished his career with 577 WoO feature victories.



**PITTMAN** 

Car owner: Kasey Kahne Racing

Wins in 2017: 0

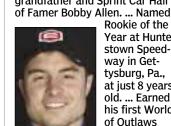
in 38 races. .. Won the World

.. Finished fifth at Deer Creek the





Wins in 2017: 3 Career WoO wins: 5



Rookie of the Year at Hunter-

Lake (Wis.) Speedway. ... Named ing a 410 Sprint.

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# Back on course

Change in diet has worked wonders for Florida ATV rider Rastrelli

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effrey Rastrelli always felt a little bit "off." No matter how hard he trained, no matter the number of hours he put in working on his bike, no matter how many times he told himself to focus, something didn't feel right.

A year ago, in the middle of his fourth full season as an AMA Pro ATV Motocross racer, he felt weak and was often vomiting on the track during practice sessions and races. So the 26-year-old from Palm City, Fla., sought some help. "I didn't know what was going

on, why I wasn't performing," Rastrelli said. "I saw a doctor who said I'd had some health issues for years. He helped me get on a certain diet and training program, and it's changed my whole life."

Rastrelli has found a comfort level and success on the track this season more than ever before. He sits third in the Pro Class standings as the AMA ATV Motocross series makes its annual stop at Spring Creek MX Park this weekend.

The pro races are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, with motos set to begin at 2 p.m. and 4. An autograph session with the pro riders will be held following the second moto.

It was exactly a year ago that Rastrelli was diagnosed with lowto-no stomach acid. He said the races at Spring Creek last year were the first time in a long time he had felt close to 100 percent.

"It wasn't that I was eating bad, but the things I was eating were bad for me ... bread and certain other things," he said. "I wasn't getting any nutrients out of the food I was eating. Now I'm all

"The doctor really changed my whole career. I was always fast, but could never last through a 20-plus minute moto."

Pro motos last 18 minutes, plus two laps. Rastrelli's new-found health has allowed him to form an exercise routine that has done him a world of good on the track, in terms of both strength and endurance, two necessities for ATV racers.



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Jeffrey Rastrelli, of Palm City, Fla., accelerates through a turn during the ATV pro motocross nationals at Spring Creek MX Park near Millville last July. Rastrelli sits in third place in the series standings as it returns to Spring Creek for races on Saturday.

"Mentally, too, it's been a huge help," he said. "I was always in a fog, always a little off. The whole diet and everything about it ... I stay to it very strictly. It's working; I've been on the podium (topthree finish) now four rounds in a row."

Rastrelli needs that strength and stamina to attempt to chase down the two riders in front of him in the standings—second-place rider Joel Hetrick and points leader and five-time defending national champion Chad

Wienen enters this weekend's races with 255 points; Hetrick is seven points in back of him. Rastrelli has 202 points, and is likely out of title contention with just four rounds left in the championship series, but he said this season has been a great learning and growing experience.

"All-around, I have more stamina and energy," he said. "I feel like I can go all day now. Before, I'd wake up and wouldn't want to do anything.

See ATV MOTOCROSS, page D3

## Good to know ...

WHAT: AMA Pro ATV Motocross nationals, Round 8 of 11-round

**WHEN:** Saturday, pro motos scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. WHERE: Spring Creek MX Park, near Millville

TICKETS: Saturday's races are \$20 for adults, \$10 for ages 6-11 and free for children 5 or younger. Each pass includes pro pit access and pro autographs at no additional charge.

ON THE WEB: SpringCreekMX.com, ATVMotocross.com

national championship series

WATCH IT: A highlight show from Saturday's pro races is scheduled to air on MAV-TV on Aug. 26.

# Patriots seek to repeat history

Rochester Legion teams hoping to keep Firecracker title in the city

**BY NICK KELLY** 

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The 2017 and 2015 Rochester Patriots don't completely mirror each other, but they come close.

Coach Paul Halverson had two sons on the 2015 team. He now has one, Matthew Halverson. And like the 2015 Patri-

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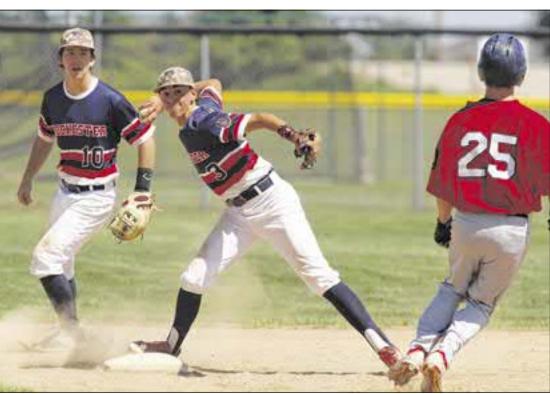
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ots are not favorites to win the Firecracker 92 Tourna-

The Patriots (John Marshall) aspire to mirror their 2015 counterparts in one more way. They hope to win the Firecracker just as the 2015 Patriots did.

The Patriots will be one of 16 teams vying for that title this weekend at the Firecracker 92, with games starting at 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Friday across Rochester. The Rochester Redhawks (Mayo) and A's (Century) are also

among those 16 teams. Paul Halverson said he



Rochester Patriots shortstop Caleb Gronholz (3) tries to turn a double play last July during the Division 1 tournament in Rochester. Gronholz and the Patriots are playing in the annual Firecracker 92 tournament this weekend.

doesn't mind low expectations. It has served the Patriots well thus far this season. They beat the Redhawks

and the A's early in the season. The win against the A's also came against ace pitcher Mac Horvath, who just com-

pleted his freshman year at Century.

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# Twins could face tough decisions

PHERSY: Hey Feldy, even though your Twins have struggled a bit this week out at Fenway Park, they're still in the thick of the Central Division race. Expectations were so low going into the season, most fans expected

this team to be out of the divisional race by July. But that won't happen. However, that means the organization faces serious decisions as the trade deadline approaches. I won't advocate for the Twins to make a big splash, trading for a rental player to make a playoff push. But if there's a player available, particularly a starting pitcher, who can be signed long-term, I



Ben Pherson & Jason Feldman

think it's a move this organization must make to ensure progress.

FELDY: Fortunately for the Twins, they play in the AL Central, where mediocre appears to be good enough this year. And you're right, Phersy, playing slightly above .500 ball is more than anyone expected of the Twins this season. As far as making a big move, we shouldn't expect GM Thad Levine and chief baseball officer Derek Falvey to start shipping prospects or position players all over the country in hopes of building a pitching staff. If they can land a longterm starting pitcher, great. But the bullpen needs a massive overhaul that can't happen during a season.

PHERSY: The bullpen will take time to rebuild, and you're right, it's not going to happen at the trade deadline. However, it sounds like there will be quality, young starters available this year. Young arms rarely hit the market, and the Twins will have to give up something big in return.

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#### **Firecracker**

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Halverson was happy about both wins. He said the Redhawks have an ability to put up many runs in a game. He also said the A's, who won the conference in the spring, are a solid and deep team.

"I don't think they expected us to have anything," Halverson said. "We squeezed by both of them."

Neither the Redhawks nor the A's were wrong to have low expectations. Of the five varsity pitchers who played for John Marshall this past spring, none are with the Patriots this summer for reasons that include injuries and college.

The lack of pitchers has allowed for Andrew Schmidt to step into a pitching role, and he's doing very well, Halverson said.

"He has a couple wins for us already," Halverson said. "Honestly, he just throws strikes, and it has been working out pretty well."

Tom Senne, who coaches the Redhawks, said strong fielding has also assisted the Patriots. "They are able to capitalize

on your mistakes," Senne said. Mistakes are common in Legion ball, especially for young teams such as the Redhawks. Senne expects to see

a variety of young and old teams at the Firecracker tournament.

'You'll see some teams that bring some college kids, and you will see some teams young like us," Senne said.

Senne doesn't deny that everyone wants to win, but he sees Legion baseball as a chance for young players to make names for themselves ahead of the varsity season next spring.

He mentioned Brad Mathiowetz and Michael Michalak, two Mayo graduates who now play in the Northwoods League, as two players whose successful varsity careers began in Legion baseball.

A tournament such as the Firecracker tournament also furthers that growth and opportunity with teams coming from Wisconsin. There is even a team from Gretna, Neb., that will play in the tournament this year. These teams can often provide challenges, but Senne welcomes the growth opportunity for his

"If you're going to continue to see mediocre to poor pitching, you aren't going to get any better at the plate," Senne said. "You are going to get that false hope of 'I am a really

good hitter' and then you are going to run into some guys who really chuck the ball."

The Madison (Wis.) Impact presented that challenge in 2016. The Impact brought an older roster that won the tournament. Madison will make a return to Rochester this weekend to defend its title.

Halverson also welcomes this test. "The only way we will be able to make a run through the playoffs is if we continue to get challenged," Halverson said.

Though the Patriots and Redhawks aren't favorites, playing at home will help their chances. All three Rochester teams will be able to play on their home fields, the sites of the Firecracker tournament.

'That is nice to be able to play at home," Halverson said. "We have probably one of the nicer actual playing fields, which is nice because it has been well kept."

Senne is a fan of how the overall tournament is run by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission. He has seen significant growth since he sat down for the initial meetings.

"They deserve a ton of credit," Senne said. "The tournament wouldn't be possible without them.'

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Rain postpones Honkers

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Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Honkers postponed their game Wednesday against Thunder Bay because of weather.

The Honkers delayed the game before its original 7:05 p.m. start time after initial rain poured over Mavo Field. Rain did not come down for almost 40 minutes, but a torrential rain crashed down at about 7:30 p.m. The field was deemed unplayable at that point.

The game will be postponed until Aug. 7, the next time the Border Cats will come to Rochester. The teams will play two seven-inning games that day.

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

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Wisconsin Kalamazoo 8 20 .286 WEDNESDAY'S GAMES Waterloo 9, Mankato 7

Lakeshore 11, Wisconsin 7 St. Cloud 3, Eau Claire 1 Wis. Rapids at Fond du Lac, ppd. La Crosse at Duluth, ppd. Kenosha 5, Green Bay 3

Battle Creek 13, Rockford 0 Thunder Bay at Rochester, ppd. Bismarck 2, Willmar 0 **TODAY'S GAMES** 

Waterloo at Rochester (DH), 11:05 a.m. Eau Claire at Mankato Madison at Wisconsin Rapids Kenosha at Rockford Battle Creek at Fond du Lac Kalamazoo at Lakeshore Mankato at Eau Claire Thunder Bay at St. Cloud **Duluth at Bismarck** 

Madison at Wisconsin Rapids La Crosse at Willmar Wisconsin at Green Bay

#### **Faceoff**

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But I believe it's worth it. Byron Buxton's name has been mentioned quite a bit in trade rumors recently. Are the Twins really willing to give up on Buxton? I doubt it. But if they do, the player coming back better be a superstar. About the only worthy name I've heard mentioned to potentially be on the block is Tampa pitcher Chris Archer. If the Twins can get Archer in a deal for a prospect like Buxton, so be it. He's a cornerstone piece, and

he's still very young. **FELDY**: There is plenty of thought that the Twins' No. 1 overall draft pick, Royce Lewis, will be at his best in pro baseball as a center fielder, rather than a shortstop. If — a big IF — the Twins can get a pitcher such as Archer, they could pull the trigger knowing the cupboard isn't bare at other positions. That said, it's not like Lewis will be in the majors in the next

year or so, but he's a legit prospect who could possibly fill the gap in center if Buxton is dealt. We haven't heard Brian Dozier's name thrown out in trade talks as much this year — his .250 average probably has a lot to do with that — but 40 percent of his 72 hits have gone for extra bases. Is he still a guy teams would like to add? Are the Twins willing to shop him?

PHERSY: I'm sure teams will call about Dozier, but if the price isn't right, he should stay in Minnesota. No, he's not a prototypical leadoff hitter, but he's been pretty darn impressive the last two seasons. This team needs a veteran presence, and Dozier can be that guy, but if he's traded, who's the veteran leader? Mauer? Firm pass. Mauer is fine leading by example, and he probably will never hurt a clubhouse. But the Twins need a little more from a leader. That

said, if a team wants to dump a load of elite prospects in the Twins' lap for Dozier, it'd be hard to pass up.

FELDY: Falvey and Levine have, in a way, taken the same approach that Tom Thibodeau did with the Wolves: Spend the first season on the job evaluating what you already have, so you have a better understanding of what you need. That doesn't mean there's a Jimmy Butler coming the Twins' way anytime soon. It doesn't mean there's a big trade that they'll pull the trigger on in November. Changes are coming, though, and the team's management isn't going to — or should not — mortgage any big parts of its future just to chase a pennant in 2017.

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#### Firecracker 92 Legion tournament

**At John Adams Middle School** 

**Rochester Patriots** Minneapolis Edison Bloomington, Minn. Madison, Wis.

POOL B

**At Massey Field** 

**Rochester Redhawks** Tri-City Maroon (Irondale) Fond du Lac, Wis. Grenta. Neb.

POOL C

**At Century High School** Rochester A's Viroqua, Wis. Minneapolis Post Office Watertown, Wis.

POOL D

**At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC)** 

St. Paul Park Coon Rapids Lakeville North Plover, Wis.

**SCHEDULE** 

FRIDAY'S GAMES **At John Adams Middle School** Patriots vs. Minneapolis Edison, Bloomington vs. Madison, 5:30

**At Massey Field** 

Redhawks vs. Tri-City Maroon, Fond du Lac vs. Gretna, 5:30 p.m. **At Century High School** 

A's vs. Viroqua, 3 p.m. Minneapolis Post Office vs.

Watertown, 5:30 p.m. At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC) St. Paul Park vs. Coon Rapids,

Lakeville North vs. Plover, 5:30

**SATURDAY'S GAMES** 

**At John Adams Middle School** Patriots vs. Bloomington, 9 a.m. Madison vs. Minneapolis Edison, 11:30 a.m.

Bloomington vs. Minneapolis Edison, 2 p.m.

Patriots vs. Madison, 4:30 p.m. **At Massey Field** Redhawks vs. Fond du Lac, 9

Gretna vs. Tri-City Maroon, 11:30

Tri-City Maroon vs. Fond du Lac,

Redhawks vs. Gretna, 4:30 p.m. **At Century High School** A's vs. Minneapolis Post Office, Watertown vs. Viroqua, 11:30

Viroqua vs. Minneapolis Post Office, 2 p.m.

**At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC)** Lakeville North vs. St. Paul Park,

Plover vs. Coon Rapids, 11:30

Coon Rapids vs. Lakeville North, 2 p.m.

St. Paul Park vs. Plover, 4:30 p.m. **SUNDAY'S GAMES** 

(All sites TBD) Championship (Gold) bracket

Semifinal 1: Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner, 9 a.m. Semifinal 2: Pool C winner vs. Pool D winner, 11:30 a.m. Finals: Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

**Playoff bracket** Pool A No. 2 vs. Pool B No. 2, 9

Pool C No. 3 vs. Pool D No. 3, 9 Pool A No. 4 vs. Pool B No. 4, 9

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Pool A No. 3 vs. Pool B No. 3, 11:30 a.m. Pool C No. 4 vs. Pool D No. 4,

11:30 a.m.

**AMATEUR SOCCER** 

# Med City FC struggles to tie

Perez sharp in goal for Mayhem, who return home Saturday

Post Bulletin staff

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — Things came easily for the Med City FC Mayhem in their last amateur soccer match with the Sioux Falls

FC Thunder. The Mayhem walked away with a 3-1 win on June 14.

Things didn't go nearly so well in meeting No. 2 on Wednesday. Med City FC settled for 0-0 tie with the Thunder.

Med City FC dominated much of the action, but never could get the ball past the Thunder goalie. The Mayhem finished with 10 shots on goal.

"We created a lot of chances," Med City FC coach Luke Corey said. "We just couldn't

aways and some point-blank saves as well.' The Mayhem also got a strong game from their goalie, Joan Carlos (JC) Perez.

put them away. But their goal

keeper played excellent. He

made some saves on break-

He had seven saves. "JC was fantastic in goal," Corey said. "He made some key saves to keep them off the board and his leadership was excellent today. Our defense started with him. He's a big reason we got the shutout."

The tie left the Mayhem 7-2-2 in the National Premier Soccer League North Conference.

Sioux Falls FC is 2-5-4. Med City FC has three league games left, all of them at home. One more win and the Mayhem clinch a playoff spot in the regional tournament.

The Mayhem play VSLT FC (St. Paul) at 7 p.m. Saturday. The teams tied 1-1 earlier this season.

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

## Elko blanks Royals 5-0

Post Bulletin staff

ELKO — The Rochester Royals managed just four hits in a 5-0 loss to Elko on Wednesday night in amateur baseball action.

Elko scored twice in the fourth to take the lead and added three insurance runs in the bottom of the eighth. Jordan Martini had three

of Rochester's four hits. He went 3-for-3 with a stolen base. Arron Hohensee had the other Rochester hit.

Nick Hanson suffered the loss on the hill, despite giving up just two hits over seven innings. He allowed two runs (one earned), while striking out four and walking one. Brad Pfeffer pitched the final inning, allowing three runs on three hits, while walking one and striking out one.

Elko pitcher Mike Mehlich tossed seven innings of threehit ball. He did not walk a batter, while striking out seven.

The Royals play again at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Mayo Field against the Miesville Mudhens.

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#### motocross

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"Now, I can wake up and go all day. Before, it was a drag. I had no energy. On the track it's unbelievable. I can't even compare where I am now to where I was then.'

Rastrelli has his sights set not only on another podium finish at Spring Creek, but he wants to earn his first moto win and first overall victory (the best average finish after two motos on a race day) of his pro career. He said a wreck in the first

round of the championship this year has proven costly. He

finished 17th in that moto, but

ers' sides ever since.

"I won't be able to catch those guys in the points," he said, "but my goal by the end of the year is to win one. I've (finished) second. I've finished third. But I've never won one.

has been a thorn in the lead-

'That's the goal."

# Sports roundup

#### TV HIGHLIGHTS

**TODAY** 

#### **AUTO RACING**

1 p.m. (NBCSN): NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Firecracker 250, qualifying, at Daytona Beach, Fla. 3 p.m. (NBCSN): NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Coke Zero 400, qualifying, at Daytona Beach, Fla. 6:30 p.m. (NBCSN): NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Firecracker

#### 250, at Daytona Beach, Fla. **BOXING**

9 p.m. (ESPN2): Oscar Negrete vs. Sergio Frias, ban-

#### tamweights, at Palm Springs, Calif.

#### 6 p.m. (ESPN2): British Columbia at Toronto

1 p.m. (FS1): USGA, U.S. Senior Open Championship,

second round, at Peabody, Mass. 2:30 p.m. (Golf Channel): PGA Tour, Quicken Loans

#### National, second round, at Potomac, Md.

**MLB BASEBALL** 7 p.m. (Fox Sports North): Minnesota at Kansas City 7 p.m. (MLB): Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at

Houston OR Washington at St. Louis

#### 10 p.m.(MLB): Regional coverage, L.A. Dodgers at San Diego OR Atlanta at Oakland (joined in progress)

**MIXED MARTIAL ARTS** 9:30 p.m. (NBCSN): Professional Fighters League, Jon Fitch vs. Brian Foster; Smealinho Rama vs. Ronny

**RUGBY** 2:30 a.m. Saturday (ESPN2): New Zealand Lions Series,

New Zealand All-Blacks vs. British & Irish Lions SOCCER 8:30 p.m. (ESPN): MLS. Orlando City at Real Salt Lake

#### **SATURDAY**

**AUTO RACING** 6 p.m. (NBC): NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Coke Zero 400, at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Noon (ESPN): PBA Tour, Oklahoma Open, semifinals, at Shawnee, Okla.

9 p.m. (ESPN): Manny Pacquiao vs. Jeff Horn, for Pacquiao's WBO welterweight title: Shane Mosley Jr. vs. David Toussaint, middleweights; Jerwin Ancajas vs. Teiru Kinoshita, for IBF junior bantamweight title

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

8 p.m. (ESPN2): College Home Run Derby, at Omaha CYCLING

#### 8 a.m. (NBCSN): Tour de France, Stage 1, at Dusseldorf, Germany

6:30 a.m. (Golf Channel): European PGA Tour, HNA Open de France, third round, at Paris Noon (Fox): USGA, U.S. Senior Open Championship,

third round, at Peabody, Mass. Noon (Golf Channel): PGA Tour, Quicken Loans National, third round, at Potomac, Md.

2 p.m. (CBS): PGA Tour, Quicken Loans National, third round, at Potomac, Md.

2 p.m. (NBC): PGA of America, KPMG Women's PGA Championship, third round, at Olympia Fields, Ill.

#### **HORSE RACING**

3 p.m. (FS2): Belmont Park Live, at Elmont, N.Y.

**MLB BASEBALL** 

#### 1 p.m. (Fox Sports North): Minnesota at Kansas City 3 p.m. (FS1): Miami at Milwaukee

6 p.m. (Fox): Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Houston, Washington at St. Louis or Cleveland at

#### 7:30 p.m. (Fox Sports North): Minnesota at Kansas City SOCCER

4 p.m. (ESPN): Men, International friendly, United States vs. Ghana, at East Hartford, Conn. 6 p.m. (ESPN): MLS, Portland at Sporting Kansas City 7:30 p.m. (FS1): Men. International friendly, Mexico vs.

#### Paraguay, at Washington **SWIMMING**

Noon (NBC): Phillips 66 National Championships, at Indianapolis

#### **TRACK & FIELD**

1 p.m. (NBCSN): IAAF Diamond League, at Paris Programming subject to change.

#### **LOCAL CALENDAR**

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

Firecracker 92: Patriots vs. Minneapolis Edison, 3 p.m. at John Adams Firecracker 92: Redhawks vs. Tri-City Maroon, 3 p.m. at Massey Field Firecracker 92: A's vs. Viroqua, Wis., 3 p.m. at Century High School AMATEUR BASEBALL

#### Miesville at Rochester Royals, 7:30 p.m.

at Mayo Field

#### **SATURDAY**

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

Firecracker 92: Patriots vs. Bloomington, 9 a.m. at John Adams Firecracker 92: Redhawks vs. Fond du Lac, Wis., 9 a.m. at Massey Field Firecracker 92: A's vs. Minneapolis Post Office, 9 a.m. at Century High School Firecracker 92: Patriots vs. Madison, Wis., 4:30 p.m. at John Adams Firecracker 92: Redhawks vs. Gretna, Neb., 4:30 p.m. at Massey Field Firecracker 92: A's vs. Watertown, Wis., 4:30 p.m. at Century High School

#### **BASEBALL**

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE EAST DIVISION				
	W	L		
Boston	44	35		
New York	42	35		
Tampa Bay	41	40		
Baltimore	39	39		
Toronto	37	41		
<b>Central Division</b>				
Cleveland	42	36		

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42 41 Los Angeles Texas 39 40 39 41 Seattle 35 44 Oakland THURSDAY'S GAMES Cleveland 5, Texas 1

Detroit 7, Kansas City 3 Houston 6, Oakland 1 Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 0 Baltimore 2, Toronto 0

Boston 6, Minnesota 3 Chicago White Sox 4, N.Y. Yankees 3 L.A. Dodgers 6, L.A. Angels 2 TODAY'S GAMES

Tampa Bay (Faria 3-0) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-5), 6:05 p.m. Boston (Fister 0-1) at Toronto (Estrada

Cleveland (Tomlin 4-9) at Detroit (Sanchez 0-0), 6:10 p.m. N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 7-4) at Houston (McCullers 7-1), 7:10 p.m. Texas (Bibens-Dirkx 3-0) at Chicago

White Sox (Pelfrey 3-6), 7:10 p.m. Minnesota (Santana 10-4) at Kansas City (Vargas 11-3), 7:15 p.m.

(Gray 3-3), 9:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Foltynewicz 5-5) at Oakland

Rochester 9, Waterloo 3, first game

Seattle (Gaviglio 3-2) at L.A. Angels (Bridwell 2-0), 9:07 p.m.

#### **NATIONAL LEAGUE**

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Washington	47	32	.595	_			
Atlanta	37	41	.474	91/2			
New York	36	42	.462	101/2			
Miami	35	42	.455	11			
Philadelphia	26	51	.338	20			
<b>Central Division</b>							
Milwaukee	42	39	.519	_			
Chicago	40	39	.506	1			
St. Louis	37	41	.474	31/2			
Pittsburgh	37	42	.468	4			
Cincinnati	33	45	.423	71/2			
West Division							
Los Angeles	53	28	.654	_			
Arizona	50	30	.625	21/2			
Colorado	47	34	.580	6			
San Diego	33	46	.418	19			
San Francisco	30	51	.370	23			
THURSDAY'S GAMES							

St. Louis 10. Arizona 4 Chicago Cubs 5, Washington 4 Pittsburgh 4, Tampa Bay 0 Milwaukee 11. Cincinnati 3 N.Y. Mets 6. Miami 3

San Diego 6, Atlanta 0 L.A. Dodgers 6, L.A. Angels 2 **TODAY'S GAMES** 

San Francisco (Cueto 5-7) at Pittsburgh (Cole 6-6), 6:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 1-4) at Cincinnati (Feldman 6-5), 6:10 p.m. Philadelphia (Lively 1-2) at N.Y. Mets Miami (Nicolino 0-1) at Milwaukee

(Garza 3-4), 7:10 p.m. Washington (Roark 6-5) at St. Louis (Leake 5-6), 7:15 p.m.

Colorado (Gray 0-0) at Arizona (Ray 8-3), 8:40 p.m. Atlanta (Foltynewicz 5-5) at Oakland

(Gray 3-3), 9:05 p.m. L.A. Dodgers (Wood 8-0) at San Diego

(Richard 5-7), 9:10 p.m. NORTHWOODS LEAGUE

#### **FIRST HALF NORTH DIVISION**

	w	L	Pct	GB
Waterloo	20	11	.645	_
St. Cloud	20	11	.645	_
Rochester	16	14	.533	31/2
Bismarck	15	16	.484	5
Mankato	15	16	.484	5
Willmar	15	16	.484	5
Duluth	14	16	.467	51/2
Eau Claire	14	17	.414	7
Thunder Bay	11	19	.367	81/2
SOUTH DIVISION				
Wis. Rapids	23	6	.793	_
Kenosha	19	11	.633	41/2
Battle Creek	18	12	.600	51/2
Rockford	16	13	.552	7
Madison	16	13	.552	7
Lakeshore	15	15	.500	81/2
Green Bay	11	19	.367	121/2
Wisconsin	11	19	.367	121/2
Fond du Lac	11	19	.367	121/2
Kalamazoo	8	21	.276	15

#### Rochester 15, Waterloo 11, second

Madison 4, Wisconsin Rapids 3 Mankato 14, Eau Claire 0, first game Eau Claire 4, Mankato 3, second game Lakeshore 5, Kalamazoo 3 Rockford at Kenosha, ppd. Battle Creek 6, Fond du Lac 5 Bismarck 11, Duluth 2 Wisconsin 1, Green Bay 0 La Crosse 17, Willmar 1 Madison at Wisconsin Rapids, LATE St. Cloud 11, Thunder Bay 4

**TODAY'S GAMES** Rockford at Kenosha (DH) Kalamazoo at Lakeshore

Rochester at Waterloo, 6:35 p.m. Battle Creek at Fond du Lac Eau Claire at Mankato Green Bay at Wisconsin Wisconsin Rapids at Madison La Crosse at Willman Thunder Bay at St. Cloud **Duluth at Bismarck** 

#### SOCCER

MLS

WESTERN CONFERENCE						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sp. Kansas City	8	4	6	30	22	12
FC Dallas	6	3	7	25	23	15
Houston	7	6	4	25	30	25
Portland	7	7	4	25	31	28
San Jose	6	6	5	23	18	21
Los Angeles	6	6	4	22	25	24
Vancouver	6	6	3	21	21	21
Seattle	5	7	6	21	22	27
Minnesota United	1 5	10	3	18	25	41
Real Salt Lake	5	11	2	17	17	37
Colorado	5	10	1	16	15	23
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THURSDAY'S GAME New York City FC 3, Minnesota United 1 TODAY'S GAME

Orlando City at Real Salt Lake, 8:30 p.m.

#### **BASKETBALL**

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Washington	10	5	.667	-
New York	7	6	.538	:
Connecticut	7	7	.500	21/
Indiana	7	7	.500	21/
Atlanta	5	6	.455	:
Chicago	3	11	.214	61/
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Minnesota	11	1	.917	-
Los Angeles	10	3	.769	11/
Phoenix	7	5	.583	4
Dallas	8	8	.500	!
Seattle	6	8	.429	(
San Antonio	0	14	.000	12

Connecticut 96, Seattle 89

**TODAY'S GAMES** Los Angeles at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.

Chicago at San Antonio, 7 p.m. Minnesota at Phoenix, 9 p.m.

#### **TENNIS**



Clockwise from top left, Rafael Nadal, Novak Djokovic, Roger Federer and Andy Murray have combined to win the last 14 Wimbledon men's singles titles.

# Could anyone end Big 4's title streak?

#### Wimbledon starts Monday

**Associated Press** 

Roger Federer, Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal and Andy Murray have ruled Wimbledon for the past 14 years, combining to win the tournament every time in that span.

No real surprise, given the way that Big 4 dominates the sport of tennis. Still, at some point, that group's run of excellence at the All England Club must end.

It's just hard to find folks who think that'll happen this year, when play at the grass-court major begins Monday.

John McEnroe recalls knowing early on in the careers of players such as Nadal or Djokovic that they would break through. Lately, though, the seven-time major champion said, "I don't see that person right now that's got it all, where you're like, 'OK.'

If someone else is going to take home the title, here is a look at some candidates:

#### **STAN WAWRINKA**

Why he could do it: He'swon each of the other three major tournaments, so knows how to grind through seven best-of-five-set matches. He also owns a superb one-handed backhand that can control a match.

Why he might not: He's

never had much success at Wimbledon, going 18-12 with two quarterfinal appearances. His footwork on grass needs help; he could go to the net more.

#### **ALEXANDER ZVEREV**

Why he should be taken seriously: He is 6-foot-6 (1.98 meters), with big shots and tennis smarts. He recently beat Djokovic in the Italian Open final to become the youngest champion at a Masters event since — wait for it — Djokovic.

Why it's too soon to take him seriously: He's only 20, and never been past the third round at a major. Here is how John McEnroe put it: "I'm pretty sure he's going to win multiple majors. He's about as close to (that) guy as I get. But ... he's a little frail.'

#### **MILOS RAONIC**

Why last year should not be considered a fluke: His first run to a Grand Slam final, before losing to Murray, was not his only success at a major. He also reached the 2014 Wimbledon semifinals, and the 2016 Australian Open semifinals.

Why last year might have been a fluke: His semifinal victory over Federer lost a little luster because of Federer's surgically repaired left knee. More cause for concern is that Raonic has shown little inclination to take another step forward over the past

**Associated Press** 

MIAMI — Drama is never in short supply during NBA free

PRO BASKETBALL

NBA free

agency frenzy

looms

This year will be no excep-

Case in point: A Utah fan has been lobbying Gordon Hayward to stay with the Jazz, citing a story this week about how the Massachusetts Legislature is aiming to raise taxes on those who make more than \$1 million a year. That fan happens to be U.S. Congressional hopeful Tanner Ainge, the son of Boston Celtics President Danny Ainge.

So even family ties get crossed during free agency, which starts Saturday at 12:01 a.m. Eastern, the moment when players like Hayward, Kyle Lowry, Blake Griffin, Paul Millsap and many more can start officially taking meetings and hearing pitches that will ultimately help them decide where to play next season.

'You never know what's going to happen in free agency," Miami Heat President Pat Riley said. "We'll see what happens on July the 1st. It's always a pretty exciting time.'

With Chris Paul already traded to Houston, and since free-agents-to-be Kevin Durant and Stephen Curry are widely believed as locks to stay with NBA champion Golden State, Hayward could be considered the top available player in free agency. He'll meet Saturday with the Heat, a team that will have around \$35 million to spend once they officially part ways with Chris Bosh and get relief from the remainder of his contract.

No deals can be executed until July 6, but it's likely that agreements adding up to \$2 billion or more will be in place when the moratorium ends. Everyone is chasing Golden State, and Houston has fired the first big salvo.

#### SPORTS IN BRIEF

**BASEBALL** 

#### Colon designated for assignment by Braves

SAN DIEGO — Righthander Bartolo Colon was designated for assignment by the Atlanta Braves on Thursday, one day after the 44-yearold right-hander's record dropped to 2-8.

Colon has an 8.14 ERA in 13 starts, unable to find the form that earned him an AL Cy Young Award and made him a 235-game winner.

#### **Nationals SS Turner** has broken right wrist

WASHINGTON — The best offense in the National League is going to need a dif-

ferent sparkplug. Trea Turner has a broken right wrist after being hit by a pitch Thursday, and it's unclear when the Washington Nationals will get their speedy shortstop and leadoff hitter back in the lineup.

Turner was hit by Pedro Strop's 2-1 fastball in the seventh inning of Washington's 5-4 loss to the Chicago Cubs.

#### MLB ump rescues woman on bridge

PITTSBURGH — John Tumpane can't explain why he approached the woman as she hopped over the railing of the Roberto Clemente Bridge on Wednesday.

The woman told Tumpane she just wanted to get a better view of the Allegheny River below. The look on her face and the tone of her voice suggested otherwise to Tumpane, a Major League Baseball umpire in town to work the series between the Pittsburgh Pirates and the Tampa Bay Rays.

So the 34-year-old Tumpane reached for the woman even as she urged him to let her go. Tumpane secured one of her arms. A bystander walked up and grabbed the other while another — an employee for the Rays clutched her legs and pinned them to the railing while Tumpane mouthed to someone in the crowd to call 911.

**TENNIS** 

#### **Police: Venus Williams** at fault in fatal crash

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — Tennis star Venus Williams caused a car crash earlier this month that led to the death of a passenger in another vehicle, according to a police report released

Thursday. Palm Beach Gardens police say witnesses told investigators that Williams ran a red light in her 2010 Toyota Sequoia SUV, causing a June 9 crash that injured 78-yearold Jerome Barson, who died two weeks later.

She told investigators she had entered the six-lane intersection on a green light but had been forced to stop midpoint by traffic ahead of her. She said she did not see the Barsons' car when she crossed into its lanes.

**POLO** 

#### Black woman set to make polo history

HARTFORD, Conn. — Shariah Harris says the stares, the inappropriate comments and the whispering that comes with being a black woman playing polo can be discouraging at times, but it won't stop her from riding.

The 19-year-old from southwest Philadelphia, who plays collegiately at Cornell, will mount up Friday for the Postage Stamp Farm polo team in the Silver Cup tournament at the tony Green-

wich Polo Club. Brenda Lynn, a spokeswoman for the Museum of Polo and Hall of Fame, said Harris will become the first African-American woman to ever play in the top tier of U.S. polo, known as high-goal

polo. **GOLF** 

#### **Lingmerth leads** at TPC Potomac

POTOMAC, Md. — David Lingmerth is one of a few players in the Quicken Loans National field with any experience to draw on at TPC Potomac — and it's the best kind of experience.

Lingmerth won a Web. com Tour event on the tight, tricky layout near Washington in 2012. On Thursday, the Swede once again relied on his accuracy off the tee to shoot a 5-under 65 and take the first-round lead.

#### Triplett's 62 ties US **Senior Open record**

PEABODY, Mass. — The witch on her broomstick that graces the Salem Country Club logo could hardly concoct a spell so scary as the blood-red scoreboard from the first round of the U.S. Senior Open.

On a day that saw 40 players break par, Kirk Triplett matched the PGA Champions Tour major record with an 8-under 62 on Thursday to take a one-stroke lead over Olin Browne.

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#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# **Eagles slip past Redhawks**

**THURSDAY'S GAMES** 

Thursday night.

The Rochester Eagles held the Rochester Patriots to just two hits and secured a 2-0 victory over their crosstown rivals in Legion baseball

The Eagles (Lourdes) scored single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. It was all the offense they needed. Brady Kraling tossed a gem for the Eagles. He went seven

innings, allowing just two hits,

while walking one and striking

Matt Halverson, Kyle Ebert and Brady Black all split time on the mound for the Patriots (John Marshall). Halverson tossed four scoreless innings,

allowing just two hits while striking out one. Ebert took

the loss, going two

Leary

innings and allowing two runs on three hits, while walking two and striking out two. Black tossed one scoreless

the plate, going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Ben Limburg also had a hit and an RBI, while Jack Sperry had a hit and scored a

Halverson and Aaron Lim-

berg had the Patriots' hits.

inning. Pat Leary led the Eagles at

The Patriots return to action at 3 p.m. today during the Firecracker 92 tournament. They open at John Adams Middle School against Minneapolis Edison. The Pats play two games Sat-

urday at John Adams, at 9 a.m. against Bloomington and at 4:30 p.m. against Madison, Wis. **EAGLES 2, PATRIOTS 0** 

Rochester Eagles: Jack Sperry 1-for-

Eagles

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2. R: Kolton Mullenbach 1-for-1: Ben Limburg 1-for-4, RBI; Pat Leary 2-for-3, RBI. Pitchers: Brady Kraling (W) 7 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K. **Rochester Patriots:** Aaron Limberg 1-for-4; Matt Halverson 1-for-1. Pitchers: Matt Halverson 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Kyle Ebert (L) 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Brady Black 1 IP, 1 H,

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# Viroqua rallies past A's in opener

# Firecracker 92 tournament continues through weekend

**BY NICK KELLY** 

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Little energy filled Century High School Field Friday afternoon.

While the Rochester A's and Viroqua (Wis.) played in the opening game of the Firecracker 92 American Legion baseball tournament, the few fans in attendance produced an occasional supportive clap or yell, but a library-like atmosphere persisted for most of the game.

An inability to find enough energy to sustain a rally hurt the A's late in their tournament-opening game.

The A's were unable to respond to multiple scoring surges from Viroqua in a 7-2 loss to the 138ers in the first game of pool play. The A's will face Minneapolis Post 540 in the next game of pool play at 9 a.m. today at Century.

A's coach Vinnie Mannese said he doesn't want to have to tell his players to turn energy on and off. But Friday's game was one event when that message was needed.

"It was tough to get the energy flowing in the dugout," pitcher Palmer Mickelson said.

Both teams struggled to get their offense going early. Mickelson held Viroqua without a hit for the first three innings, but it squashed any thoughts of a no-hitter with two in the top of the fourth. The fourth-inning surge gave the 138ers a 2-1 lead.

The 138ers extended their lead with a fourhit, two-run fifth inning to take a 4-1 lead. The A's scored one run in the bottom of the fifth as a runner scored on a Viroqua error, but that didn't halt the 138ers' efforts. They registered another four hits in the top of the seventh en route to their seven total runs.

The 138ers were more successful against Mickelson after the first trip through the batting order, collecting 11 hits over the final four innings.

"If you hang in there, good things will happen," Viroqua coach Pete Swanson said.

A strong start quickly turned into playing catch-up as spirits in the A's dugout dwin-

'There are times the game starts slipping away and you have to be consistent." Mannese said. "Whether it's a tie game, beginning of the game, blowout, end of the game, you want to make sure you have the same enthusiasm and energy from beginning to

Mickelson said he hopes to use this summer to propel him to a regular starting role for Century next spring. He said he can learn and take some positives from starts like he had on Friday.

"You can make mistakes here and there and grow from that and come back the next time you pitch and hopefully be better than this start," Mickelson said.

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Rochester A's right fielder Travis Rittenhouse fields a base hit during a Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament game against Viroqua on Friday at Century High School.

# Minnesota making room

#### Wolves send Rubio to Utah for draft pick

**Associated Press** 

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves reached an agreement with Utah on Friday to send point guard Ricky Rubio to the Jazz to clear salary cap space for a big run in free agency.

The Jazz sent a protected future first-round pick from the Oklahoma City Thunder to the Timberwolves in exchange for Rubio, the Spaniard who has struggled with injuries at times over his six years in Minnesota. Utah received the pick when it traded Enes Kanter in a three-team deal in 2015.

The move left the Wolves with approximately \$32 million in available salary cap space. Multiple reports Friday night indicated they intend to use some of that space to sign Indiana Pacers guard Jeff Teague.

Teague averaged 15.3 points and 7.8 assists per game, while shooting 35.7 percent from 3-point range for Indiana last season.

The Wolves and Jazz agreed to the Rubio trade just hours before free agency opened. The Jazz needed to make the deal before today or they would have lost the salary cap room necessary to pull it off.

Rubio's arrival likely means the end of George Hill's run in Utah, though general manager Dennis Lindsey said Wednesday that Hill remained a top priority. Hill averaged a career-high 16.9 points after being acquired from Indiana last summer.



Associated Press

The Timberwolves reached an agreement with the Utah Jazz on Friday to trade point guard Ricky Rubio to Utah in exchange for a first-round draft pick. The move clears up more cap space for the Wolves to be aggressive in free

#### Wild clear cap space with trade of Scandella, Pominville

Wire services

After working tirelessly to make a trade during last week's NHL draft, Wild general manager Chuck Fletcher finally found a match on Friday.

Less than 24 hours before free agency opens Saturday, the Wild made their biggest splash of the offseason, trading defenseman Marco Scandella, winger Jason Pominville and a 2018 fourth-round draft pick to the Buffalo Sabres for wingers Tyler Ennis and Marcus Foligno and a 2018 third-round pick.

That move helps the Wild clear about \$5 million in salary cap space, some of which likely will go into signing Foligno, a restricted free agent who made \$2.25 million last season. Ennis has two years left on his contract at \$4.6 million annually.

Still, the Wild come out of the deal with more money to spend moving foward, as Scandella has three years left on his contract at \$4 million annually and Pominville has two years

left on his contract at \$5.6 million annually. This move wasn't solely about creating

Chuck Fletcher said. They certainly make us a better team up front," Fletcher said of Ennis and Foligno. "We lost some valuable forwards this summer."

salary cap space, though, general manager

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LOCAL SPORTS NOTEBOOK

Guy Limbeck

# Wanted: Mayo boys basketball coach, again

#### Brown steps down without coaching a game

Mayo High School is once again looking for a boys basketball coach.

**Rick Canton** resigned following the 2016-17 season and Tom Brown, a longtime assistant coach in the area, was hired about a month ago. But Brown recently took a new job as the office manager, also at Mayo High, and has decided not to coach after all.

"For myself, personally, I wasn't willing to take on two new jobs at one time," Brown said.

He didn't want to slight either of the positions so he felt coaching at this time would not be best for him. "In terms of good news, bad news,

I wanted to make sure I was concentrating on my new full-time position," Brown said. Brown had been an assistant coach for the past 20 years. The 44-year-old native of Waseca spent six years as

a girls assistant at Pine Island, six years as a boys assistant at Stewartville and the past eight years as boys assistant at John Marshall. "I will continue to help with open

gym and basketball while they get a new person hired," Brown said of aiding the program this summer. Mayo activities director Jeff Whit-

**ney** is now in the process of filling the boys basketball coaching position.

Mayo grad Brad Mathiowetz is playing in the Northwoods League for the St. Cloud Rox

this summer. He recently joined the Rox and has played in four



games. He is batting .154 (2-for-13) with a home run and three RBIs. His home run came last week against the Rochester Honkers. Mathiowetz is a 2014 Mayo grad,

and he was the Minnesota Mr. Baseball award winner during his senior season. The redshirt sophomore, who has had Tommy John's surgery on his right arm, spent the 2017 season at Division I Florida Atlantic University.

Mathiowetz appeared in just 16 games this season with Florida Atlantic, and he made six starts as the team went 35-21-1. He batted .152 (5-for-33) with one homer, two RBIs and six

He spent his 2015 freshman season at Des Moines Area Community College and hit 12 home runs with 61 RBIs in 56 games. Last summer Mathiowetz played amateur baseball with the Rochester Royals.

The Royals will host their annual Fourth of July game at Mayo Field, but the game will be an exhibition against a Royals alumni team.

The Royals have faced the Minneapolis Angels for about six straight years on the Fourth. But the Angels had to pull out of the game this season.

"It was tough to find an opponent," Royals player/coach **Drew Block** said. "It still will be a lot of fun."

The game will begin at 6 p.m. at Mayo Field. Following the contest, fans can stay at the field to watch the city fireworks display.

The Royals alumni team will be coached by Dan Hoefs, who was the manager of the Royals when they won their last Class B state championship in 2006. He was inducted into the Minnesota Amateur Baseball Hall of Fame in 2014.

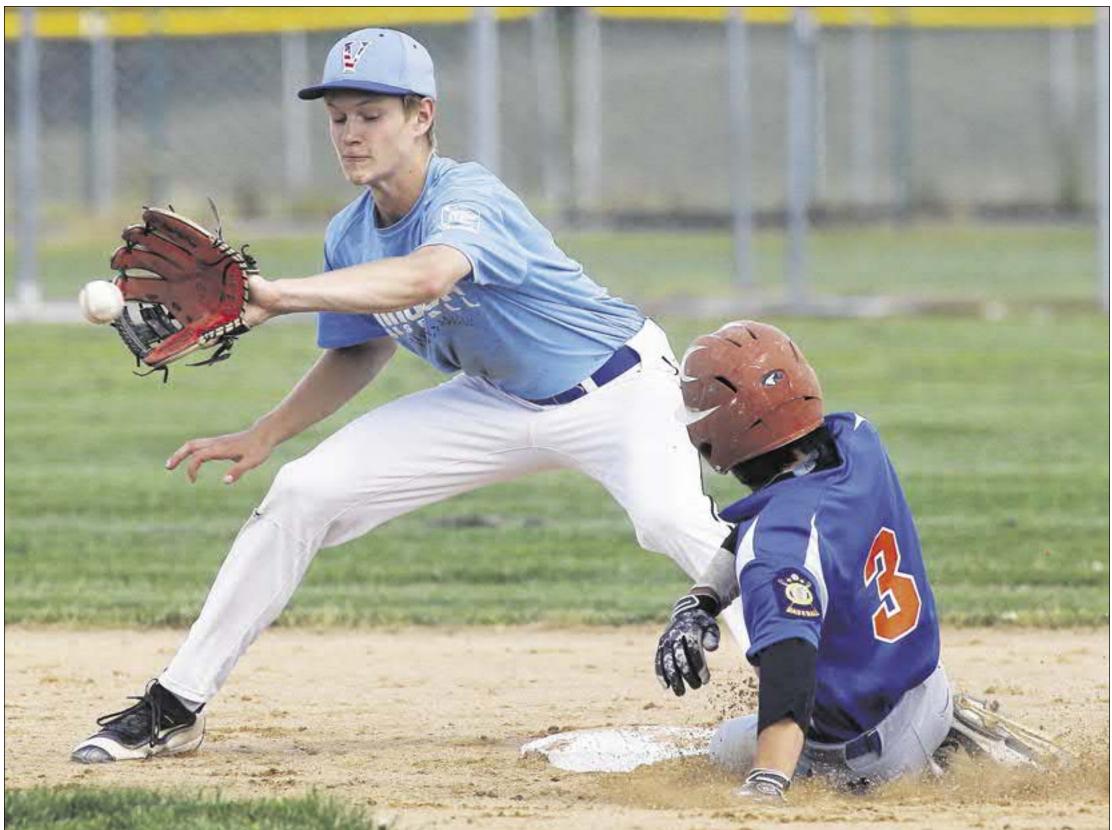
Some of the alumni players expected to play Tuesday will be Justin Sokol, Chuck Krom, Jim Strain, Kirk Rubado, Darrin Schmidt, Travis Krahn, Brian Koch, Joe Warren and Jeff Bartholomew. Bartholomew coached the Royals when they won the 1991 Class B state title.

"The core of the 2006 title team will probably be there," Block said of Tuesday's game.

Guy N. Limbeck's Local Sports Notebook regularly runs on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

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# Firecracker 92



Photos by Andrew Link / alink@postbulletin.com

Viroqua shortstop Hunter Vikemyr, left, catches a throw as Rochester A's runner Andrew Swenson (3) safely steals second base during a Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament game Friday.

#### **Firecracker**

Mannese said Mickelson has been impressive, specifically in a tournament in Omaha a week ago. Mannese, who also coaches the high school team, knows Mickelson, a senior-to-be, can start. That's just not the role they needed him to fill this past spring.

"He just needs to continue to get consistent," Mannese said.

"I don't have a problem with him at all. He will be fine."

Mannese also isn't worried about the A's chances in the Firecracker 92 Legion tournament. He's maintaining perspective as his team continues in pool play for another day.

"Losing game one in a tournament isn't the end of the world," Mannese said. "If we take care of business (today), we still have a chance to play a meaningful game on Sunday."

#### **VIROQUA 7, ROCHESTER A'S 2**

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Rochester: Jordan Wright 2-for-2, 1 2B; Reed Davis 2-for-4. Pitcher: Palmer Mickelson 7 IP, 11 H, 7 R, 7 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

Viroqua: Kory Vold 2-for-4, 2 RBIs, 1 2B; Andrew Wedwick 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Hunter Vikemyr 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Dalton Hoffland 1-for-3, 2 RBIs. Pitcher: Kollin Burckhardt 7 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 2 K.

# Rochester Patriots, Redhawks win on Day 1 of Legion tournament

Post Bulletin staff

An injury suffered by Carter Pasternak forced Ryan Barkey into action. He made the most of it.

Barkey gave up seven hits and only one run as the Rochester Redhawks defeated Tri-City Maroon in the first game of pool play of the Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament on Friday at Dale Massey Field.

The Redhawks will face Fon du Lac next at 9 a.m. today back at Dale Massey Field.

"Ryan Barkey came on and controlled the game," Redhawks coach Tom Senne said. "He was tough (Friday)."

Barkey kept Tri-City Maroon at bay, but the Redhawks didn't meet his efforts with a strong offensive performance until the fifth inning. The Redhawks scored two in the fifth and added five in the sixth. Zach Wolf hit an RBI-single that scored two runners with the bases loaded. He gave the Redhawks the lead that they never yielded.

Senne said Tri-City pitcher Dylan Irving was the reason the Redhawks couldn't get any production early on.

"He was crafty and kept our hitters guessing," Senne said.

#### **ROCHESTER REDHAWKS 8, TRI-CITY MAROON 5**

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Tri-City Maroon: Charlie Saylor 1-for-5; Carson Schicker 3-for-3, 1 R; Nate Foley 1-for-3, 1 R; Carter Jorgenson 1-for-4; Eric Ososki 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Mason Gallagher 1-for-4; Dylan Irving 2-for-4, 1 R; Lucas Janacek 0-for-0, 1 RBI; Colin Ward 1-for-3. Pitchers: Dylan Irving 4.1 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 4 K; Lucas Janecek (LP) 1.2 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 K.

Rochester Redhawks: Levi DeYoung 1-for-2, 1 R: Evan Kaese 0-for-1; Lucas Jahns 1-for-4, 1 2B; Ryan Barkey 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Eric Jensen 0-for-0, 1 R; Zach Wolf 1-for-3, 3 RBI, 1 R; Alex Prindle 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Austin Thompson 0-for-4; Chris Serrano 0-for-3; Jack Murphy 1-for-2, 2 R, 1 SB. Pitchers: Carter Pasternak .2 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB; Ryan Barkey (WP) 5.1 IP, 7 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Will Weick 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K.

#### **Patriots rout Minneapolis Edison**

The Rochester Patriots couldn't have asked for a much better start to the Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament.

The Patriots, who won the tournament in 2015, played only six innings because of the eight-run rule as they defeated Minneapolis Edison 10-2 on Friday at John Adams Field. The Patriots will face Bloomington at 9 a.m. today back at John Adams Field.

Alex Jensen and Zach Smith led the strong offensive outing. The two Patriots combined for five RBIs. Smith, who finished 3-for-4, also scored two runs.

Aaron Limberg also had three hits.

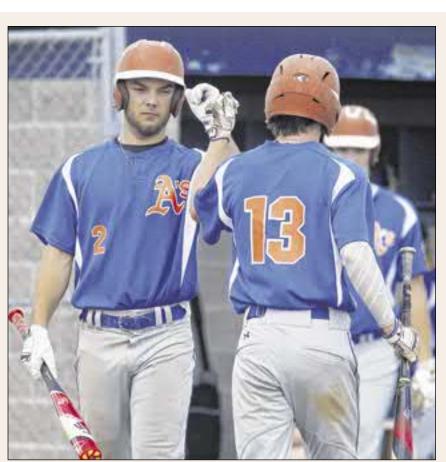
Jack Boehm pitched a complete game, only allowing two runs while giving up six hits. He also struck out 10 batters.

#### **ROCHESTER PATRIOTS 10, MINNEAPOLIS EDISON 2**

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Minneapolis Edison: Thaine Swiritz 1-for-2, 1 2B, 2 R, 1 SB; Jackson Bugnako 2-for-3; Peter Biros 2-for-3. Pitchers: Taj Bruhjell (LP) 6 IP, 11 H, 10 R, 8 ER, 4 BB, 3 K.

Rochester Patriots: Caleb Gronholz 2-for-4, 3 R; Aaron Limberg 3-for-3, 2 R; Matt Halverson 1-for-4, 1 R; Zach Smith 3-for-4, 2 RBIs, 2 R; Alex Jensen 2-for-3, 3 RBIs; Sam Lingen 0-for-0, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Jack Boehm (WP) 6 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB. 10 K.



Rochester A's batter Reed Davis (2) celebrates with teammate Jordan Wright (13) during a Firecracker 92 Legion tournament game on Friday.

#### Firecracker 92 Legion tournament

#### **At John Adams Middle School**

Rochester Patriots; Minneapolis Edison; Bloomington, Minn.; Madison, Wis.

#### **At Massey Field**

Rochester Redhawks; Tri-City Maroon (Irondale); Fond du Lac, Wis.; Grenta,

POOL C

#### **At Century High School**

Rochester A's; Viroqua, Wis.; Minneapolis Post Office; Watertown,

POOL D

#### At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC) St. Paul Park; Coon Rapids; Lakeville

North; Plover, Wis.

#### **SCHEDULE**

#### **FRIDAY'S GAMES**

**At John Adams Middle School** Patriots 10, Minneapolis Edison 2

#### Bloomington 7, Madison 6

#### **At Massey Field**

Redhawks 8, Tri-City Maroon 5

#### Fond du Lac 12, Gretna 4

**At Century High School** Viroqua 7, A's 2



**Rochester A's pitcher Palmer** Mickelson delivers a pitch during a Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament game against Viroqua on Friday.

#### Watertown 7, Minneapolis Post Office 4 At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC)

St. Paul Park 5, Coon Rapids 3 Plover 6, Lakeville North 3

#### **TODAY'S GAMES**

**At John Adams Middle School** Patriots vs. Bloomington, 9 a.m. Madison vs. Minneapolis Edison, 11:30

Bloomington vs. Minneapolis Edison, 2 p.m.

#### Patriots vs. Madison, 4:30 p.m. **At Massey Field**

Redhawks vs. Fond du Lac, 9 a.m. Gretna vs. Tri-City Maroon, 11:30 a.m. Tri-City Maroon vs. Fond du Lac, 2 p.m. Redhawks vs. Gretna, 4:30 p.m.

#### **At Century High School**

A's vs. Minneapolis Post Office, 9 a.m. Watertown vs. Viroqua, 11:30 a.m. Viroqua vs. Minneapolis Post Office, 2 p.m.

#### At Baseball Complex 4 (RCTC)

Lakeville North vs. St. Paul Park, 9 a.m. Plover vs. Coon Rapids, 11:30 a.m. Coon Rapids vs. Lakeville North, 2 p.m. St. Paul Park vs. Plover, 4:30 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY'S GAMES** (All sites TBD)

**Championship (Gold) bracket** 

Semifinal 1: Pool A winner vs. Pool B winner, 9 a.m.

Semifinal 2: Pool C winner vs. Pool D winner, 11:30 a.m.

#### Finals: Semifinal winners, 2 p.m. **Playoff bracket**

Pool A No. 2 vs. Pool B No. 2, 9 a.m. Pool C No. 3 vs. Pool D No. 3, 9 a.m.

Pool A No. 4 vs. Pool B No. 4, 9 a.m. Pool C No. 2 vs. Pool D No. 2, 11:30 a.m.

Pool A No. 3 vs. Pool B No. 3, 11:30 a.m. Pool C No. 4 vs. Pool D No. 4, 11:30 a.m.

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# Hyper-speed housing market takes a breath

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Where do you call home?

Today begins a five-part series on housing in Rochester. From real estate agents to first-time homebuyers, from house flippers to Section 8 renters, from student housing to AirBNB, nearly every aspect of the housing market will be explored.

Whether you're a land baron or just struggling to make the rent, this series will both inform and surprise you.

#### **BY JEFF KIGER**

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ou have to move fast to get the house or apartment you want (or can afford) in the Med City.

Rochester's hyper-speed housing market is proving a challenge for people looking to upgrade, downsize, buy a first home or just rent an affordable apartment.

Similar to many major U.S. cities, Roch-



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ester is seeing a very strong sellers' market. with some homes getting multiple bids and selling for more than their listing price. Meanwhile, hundreds of luxury apartments are being built

While it seems the market is down-shifting a bit and "taking a breath," things still are tight as the city

throughout the city.

prepares for the annual arrival of the latest batch of Mayo Clinic residents.

"The first five and a half months of the year were crazy. In May, it quieted down some. It's not all that different from the housing bubble back in 2004 to 2006," said veteran Rochester Realtor Ron Wightman, of Wightman-Brock Real Estate Advisors "There's still a need for inventory, but there's not the fever there was.'

Properties still are selling quickly and possibly with multiple offers, but a good house now could be on the market for a couple weeks before the right buyer comes along.

However, the market still is tight enough that when a roomful of Realtors hears a young couple is buying a house contingent on selling their own, a collective gasp is heard, as if a unicorn just walked through the door.

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#### The people in your neighborhood



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What makes living in your neighborhood so special? We took to the streets to ask people about where they live and how they ended up in the place they call home.

**NAME:** Melanie Shaw

**RESIDENCE:** Northeast

Shaw lives in northeast Rochester on a small street tucked away in a family-friendly neighborhood where children on bikes have races against each other.

She lives in a blue house and raises chickens with her next-door neighbor. A couple of friendly fowl wander around in the front lawn, pecking away in the grass. It's quiet, but that's what Shaw likes, as well as access to several

bike trails and the nearby Quarry Hill Park.

When her house was on the market a few years ago, she and her husband definitely were interested in its older characteristics. They gave it charm. This was a place to call home, and it kind of "fell into their laps."

"This neighborhood is really family-friendly. We know each other, that's kind of nice. I've lived in other neighborhoods where you just don't know your neighbors," she said.

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# He planted paradise

#### Zumbrota man gives green gift to town parking lot

**BY BRIAN TODD** • btodd@postbulletin.com

ZUMBROTA — The parking lot was an embarrassment, and Bob Lucas felt bad taking his dog out to take care of business. Whatever the dog might do, that would have been an improvement.

"There was trash and broken glass everywhere," said Lucas, trying to convince that the parking lot ever looked like anything but a garden with room for cars. The lot, located behind the shops on the west side of South Main Street between Third and Fourth streets, serves the apartments over the shops on Main Street and the shops themselves.

It's a public parking lot, but there's a whole lot of Lucas in it. Pine trees, lilies and sculptures made from cast-off items bring beauty to a utilitarian space.

"It's a considerable asset to have that back there," said Dan King, Zumbrota's community development director. "He's doing a wonderful service to the community. It softens the area and adds quite a little bit of color."

The garden all started with Lucas' dog — his previous dog — which needed a place for a quick escape



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Bob Lucas shows off a sculpture of recycled items in the middle of his garden in downtown Zumbrota. Lucas has spent 10 years turning the once trash-filled parking lot into a garden.

from Lucas' apartment over the shops or his sculpture studio underneath the barber shop at the northwest corner. Lucas would wander out into the parking lot and do a little cleaning while the dog walked

around and took care of business. It became a routine, and Lucas soon had the junk and broken glass to a manageable level.

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# To open or not to open?

Munis ponder Sunday hours

BY HEATHER J. CARLSON hcarlson@postbulletin.com

KASSON — Worried about losing customers, Kasson Municipal Liquor Store owner Cathy

when a new law allowing it takes effect July 2. "I don't want my customers to change their buying patterns," Pletta said.

Pletta recommended the store open on Sundays

The Kasson City Council ultimately went along with Pletta's recommendation. The store will open its doors from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays.

But other city-owned liquor stores will be keeping their doors closed. That's the case in Spring Grove. The city owns an on- and off-sale liquor business that is closed on Sundays. Spring Grove City Clerk Erin Konkel said the city council would have to OK opening the business on Sundays, and so far, the idea hasn't been consid-

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# Plover dethrones Madison

Wisconsin team avenges earlier setbacks against rival for Firecracker title

BY NICK KELLY • nkelly@postbulletin.com

he Plover Legion baseball team came into the Firecracker 92 Legion baseball tournament riding a five-game losing streak.

The Black Sox leave the tournament with a five-game win streak and the championship trophy.

Plover (Wis.) won the Firecracker 92 Legion tournament with a 4-3 victory over Madison (Wis.), the defending champion, on Sunday at the Rochester Baseball Complex.

"This team really needed this tournament," Plover pitcher Nick Schroeder said.

The Black Sox needed it not only to start winning, but they also needed it to show they could compete with the Impact, one of Wisconsin's top Legion baseball teams. Madison had defeated Plover each time the two teams faced each other earlier this

Schroeder said winning the championship over a rival made it even more special.

"We really, really wanted this one," Schroeder said.

"This one means a lot to us." This rival, Madison, was far from full strength,

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though. The Impact played a 13-inning semifinal earlier on Sunday. It forced Madison to use the pitcher it planned to put on the mound in the championship game.

Instead, the Impact sent its starting catcher, Logan Michaels, out to pitch. He allowed one hit and no earned runs in two innings, but Madison replaced him in the third as his control started to slip away.

The Impact held on for as long as they could, but they could only hang on for so long after basically playing one more game than Plover that day.

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Madison catcher Bryant Ziegler makes a diving catch for an out in foul territory during the Firecracker 92 Legion championship game against Plover on Sunday in Rochester. Plover won the game 4-3.

# Gibson to re-join coach Thibodeau



Oklahoma City Thunder forward Taj Gibson (22) is reuniting with coach Tom Thibodeau, agreeing on a two-year, \$28 million deal to join the Minnesota Timberwolves.

## Forward headed to Minnesota on 2-year, \$28M deal

"He not only

embraces the

role that you

ask him to play,

he stars in it."

TOM THIBODEAU

**Associated Press** 

MINNEAPOLIS — Taj Gibson is on his way to Minnesota, giving Tom Thibodeau another trusted veteran to join Jimmy Butler and the new-look Timberwolves.

Gibson agreed to terms on a two-year, \$28 million deal on Sunday, a person with knowledge of the negotiations told The Associated Press. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be finalized until the NBA's moratorium ends Thursday.

Gibson has spent the bulk of his career in Chicago, including five seasons under Thibodeau. Gibson and Butler brought a grinding, hard-nosed, defensive-minded attitude to those Bulls that embodied exactly what Thibodeau wanted in a team.

The Bulls traded Gibson to Oklahoma City last season, and Thibodeau did not hide his admiration for the 32-year-old power forward when the Thunder visited Minnesota in April.

"Taj could fit into any team in any role, and that's the thing that you really respect about him," he

said. "He not only embraces the role that you ask him to play, he stars in it."

When the Timberwolves finished their first season under Thibodeau with a disappointing 31 victories, Thibodeau mentioned defense and toughness as two of his main priorities to add this offseason. And after the

young Wolves had difficulty applying his teachings on defense on their way to finishing 26th in the league in that category, it was clear that Thibodeau needed a player or two with experience in his system to help young stars Karl-Anthony Towns and Andrew Wiggins figure things out.

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# Hetrick breaks through

#### Pennsylvania rider wins pro ATV at Millville for first time

Post Bulletin staff

MILLVILLE — If a changing of the guard occurs at the end of this season, Saturday should be considered the

Joel Hetrick has been on the heels of Chad Wienen for a couple of years, watching Wienen finish ahead of him in motos, overalls and in the AMA Pro ATV Motocross national points standings.

For the second time this season, Hetrick swept two motos. For the third time this season, and the third time in the past four rounds of the AMA championship series, Hetrick won the overall.

And he's now within one point of Wienen atop the national points standings after a breakthrough day at Spring Creek MX Park.

After piloting his Honda ATV to a pair of moto wins, Hetrick now has 298 points this season. He's just one point back of Wienen, the five-time defending series champion, with three rounds to go in the season.

The victory was as thrilling mentally for Hetrick as it was exhausting physically. He had never won an overall at Spring Creek — Wienen had won the overall at all of the series' previous visits to the track — saying earlier last week that the track is as physically demanding as they see during their season.

The rider from Seneca, Pa., weighs only about 140 pounds, and he said hauling his 400-pound ATV across the Spring Creek track — and in particular the sand rollers or "whoops" on the back corner of the track — can take its toll on his body.

But Hetrick tamed the whoops and the Spring Creek track for the first time. Now he has not only essentially pulled even with Wienen in the points battle, but after



Joel Hetrick, of Seneca, Pa., wins the first moto of the AMA Pro ATV motocross race on Saturday at Spring Creek MX Park near Millville.

winning three of the past four rounds, should be considered the rider to beat when the series stops at Unadilla MX Park in New Berlin, N.Y., on July 15-16 for Round 9 of

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# League's top pitcher shuts down Honkers

Rochester swept by Willmar in 2-game series

**BY ERIC ATHERTON** eatherton@postbulletin.com

Going into Sunday's game between Willmar and the Rochester Honkers, Willmar pitcher Polo Portela wasn't listed among the Northwoods League leaders because he hadn't tossed enough innings.

He's now atop those standings after allowing just two hits in six shutout innings as the Stingers handed the Honkers a 10-1 defeat on a sun-swept afternoon at Mayo Field. The victory earned Willmar a twogame sweep of the series.

Portela's earned run average is easy to calculate — he hasn't yielded an earned run in 32 2/3 innings this summer. He's given up just 11 hits and an opponent batting average

around .100. At least the Honkers managed two hits off of him this time around. On June 20, he tossed six no-hit innings at Mayo Field. Rochester pitching

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coach Josh Frye, acting as manager Sunday in Trevor Hairgrove's absence, said Portela's command of his pitches is what makes him so tough.

"He throws strikes, he commands his fastball down in the zone, and he's able to locate it in and out as well," Frye said. He also admitted that Portela's ultra-quick delivery motion causes some problems for batters.

"I think it throws off hitters" timing a little bit, but as the lineup turns over, I feel like we should be

able to catch up to it," he said. "At that point, we know what's coming." Portela said his delivery does give him a bit of an advantage. "I don't think they've faced a pitcher with that motion before," he said. "My

goal is to work ahead, to be quick to

the plate and keep guys off-balance.

So far, it's working."

Willmar manager Eric Vasquez said Portela goes into every game with a plan, then executes it. "Rochester is a good-hitting team,

especially in this park where the ball really jumps, but he just mixes his pitches and stays in the zone," Vasquez said. "Polo keeps it simple, and he keeps people guessing."

The Honkers got their run on a solo homer by designated hitter Ryan Fitzpatrick in the seventh inning.

Rochester starting pitcher Drew Slade took the loss but turned in a solid performance. Despite some loose plays by his infield, he held the Stingers to one unearned run on three hits through the first five innings, including one stretch where he retired 13 consecutive batters.

But the Stingers finally caught up to him in the sixth inning, with a solo homer by Nolan Bumstead and a two-run shot by Danny Rodriguez. He departed after seven innings, having yielded three earned runs.

"That's three quality starts in a row for Drew," Frye said.

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#### **Firecracker**

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A double from Mitch Bignell and a single from Jack Kelly gave the Black Sox a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the fifth. An error committed by Madison gave Plover a 4-1 lead heading into the sixth inning.

"We just missed a beat there. They jumped on it, and we couldn't recover," Impact coach AJ Verhage said.

By that time, Verhage was often asking the umpire for time to go speak with his pitchers. One trip included bringing Gatorade to pitcher Cody Matush, who also had a calf cramp. Verhage had to stretch Matush's calf during that same trip.

Verhage, who gave credit to the Black Sox for a playing a great game, said he could see the fatigue affect Madison's base running and hitting, too.

"That helped us a lot, them having to play that many games," Plover coach Wayne Sankey said.

It's not as if the Black Sox were vibrant and full of energy, though. Plover played its semifinal game against Viroqua (Wis.) right before the championship game.

Still, Schroeder, who closed the game, had to set any fatigue aside if he wanted to take the trophy from Madi-

If he had let lethargy affect him, things could have become ugly quickly. Doubles from Justus Benson and Jacob Anhalt brought the Impact within one in the top of the sixth inning.

Schroeder kept that momentum from continuing into the top of the seventh, though. He walked one batter, but he didn't allow a hit. He said the key to succeed-

ing in a moment like that comes down to trusting his teammates. 'You can't get down on

them," Schroeder said. "You just have to count on them to make plays.' He was right to put his

trust in his teammates because the Black Sox came through. That probably wouldn't have happened a week ago. But Plover isn't focusing on the past.

The Black Sox, instead, are now making plans for a long playoff run when they return to Wisconsin.

"That is why we like to come to these tournaments, where we are playing a lot of



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Plover's Michael Glodosky, left, safely steals second before a tag from Madison second baseman Lucas Trebian during the Firecracker 92 Legion championship game Sunday in Rochester.



Plover's Kaden Roberts (10) beats out a bunt before Madison first baseman Garrett McGraw (8) catches the throw during the Firecracker 92 Legion championship game.

games where you are going to be tired," Sankey said. "You have to be able to react, and you have to dig down deep and try to figure out a way to win games."

**PLOVER 4, MADISON 3** 

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Madison: Justus Benson 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 2B: Jacob Anhalt 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 2B: Reid Simon 1-for-2: Garrett McGraw 2-for-3. Pitchers: Logan Michaels 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K. Cody Matush 2 1/3 IP, 3 H. 1 R. 1 ER. 0 BB. 1 K. Jacob Anhalt 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

"That is why we like to come to these tournaments, where we are playing a lot of games where you are going to be tired. You have to be able to react, and you have to dig down deep and try to figure out a way to win games.'

PLOVER COACH WAYNE SANKEY

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Watertown 7, Minneapolis Post Office 4 **Baseball Complex No. 4 (RCTC)** St. Paul Park 5, Coon Rapids 3 Plover 6, Lakeville 3

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**At John Adams Middle School** Patriots 9, Bloomington 8 Madison 15, Minneapolis Edison 0 Bloomington 9, Minneapolis Edison 1 Madison 8, Patriots 1

At Massey Field Fon du Lac 6, Redhawks 5 Gretna 7, Tri-City Maroon 5

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#### **Honkers**

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"He started in the bullpen for us, but he's been nothing but brilliant as a starter. He's commanding his fastball really well," Frye added.

Rochester's team ERA is now a league-worst 6.39, but Frye said some reinforcements arrived this weekend. "We've got two guys coming in today, from Oregon and Fullerton, two quality arms," he said. "In the second half, we're looking to start rolling with our starting pitchers.'

Rochester native Michael Michalak, an infielder, made his pitching debut for the Honkers, getting the final out in the top of the ninth.

#### HONKERS' COMEBACK **FALLS SHORT**

On Saturday, Willmar built a 10-2 lead after four innings and held on to defeat the Honkers 11-9.

Luke Becker, a Fairmont native, went 2-for-2 with his first homer of the year and two RBIs for Willmar. Tyler Reichenborn hit a double and drove in four runs.

Ethan Ibarra went 2-for-4 with three RBIs for the Honkers. Six different Honkers had two hits and they rapped out 15 in the game. Byron's Ryan Thompson

(1-3) suffered the loss. He allowed eight earned runs on five hits and five walks in just three innings.

The Honkers (16-17) have two games remaining in the first half of the season. They host Mankato on Monday and are at Mankato on Tuesday.

#### **STINGERS 10, HONKERS 1** (Sunday)

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Willmar: Marc Coffers 2-for-3, 2B, 3 R, 1 RBI; Danny Rodriguez 2-for-4, 1 HR, 2B, 2 RBI. Pitchers: Polo Portela (WP) 6 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 4 K; Luke Chevalier (S) 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 K. Rochester: Weston Hatten 1-for-4, 2B; Ryan

Fitzpatrick 1-for-4, HR; Morgan McCullough 1-for-4: David Noworyta 1-for-3. Pitchers: Drew Slade (LP) 7 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Griffin Neuer 1 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB; Garrett Cobb 2/3 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB; Michael Michalak 1/3 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB.

#### **STINGERS 11. HONKERS 9** (Saturday)

Willmar

 $044\ 200\ 010\ -11\ 15\ 2$ Rochester 110 002 212 - 915 1 Willmar: Josh Bissonette 3-for-5, 2 2B, 2 R; Danny Rodriguez 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R; Nolan Bumstead 2-for-5, 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI; Luke Becker 2-for-2, 1 HR, 2 R, 2 RBI; Tyler Reichenhorn 1-for-2 1 Pitchers: Cameron Churchill (WP) 5 1/3 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 9 K.

Rochester: Weston Hatten 2-for-5, 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI; Morgan McCullough 1-for-5. 1 R; Zach Zubia 2-for-5, 1 R, 1 RBI; Mike Echavia 2-for-5, 1 R; Garrett Calvert 2-for-5, 2 R, 1 RBI: Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-1, 1 RBI: Zeke Pinkham 2-for-3, 2 R; Ethan Ibarra 2-for-4, 1 2B, 3 RBI. Pitchers: Ryan Thompson (LP) 3 IP, 5 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 3 BB, 4 K; Spencer Johnson 3 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 4 K; David Noworyta 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB. 1 K: Ben Strahm 1 IP. 0 H. 0 R. 0 ER. 1 BB, 1 K; Jacob Green 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Rochester Legion teams can't find gold in tourney

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Patriots hoped to keep the Firecracker 92 Legion tournament trophy in Rochester for the second time in three years, but they were unable to make it to the final four on Sunday.

All Rochester Legion baseball teams did. It was an all-Wisconsin final four after two days of pool play.

#### Patriots fall short of gold bracket appearance

The Patriots (John Marshall) came close to a gold bracket appearance, but they couldn't hang on for seven innings with Madison (Wis.) on Saturday.

Both the Impact and the Patriots needed the win to have a shot at winning Pool A, which would provide a trip to the gold bracket. Each pool winner advances to the gold bracket. The Patriots kept Madison, the

defending champion, from scoring more than one run for five innings. They couldn't hold off the Impact any longer, though. Madison scored seven combined runs in the sixth and seventh inning to win the game 8-1.

Patriots coach Paul Halverson said Garrett McGraw was the biggest difference maker for the Impact. McGraw gave up four hits and one run in seven innings.

"Madison's McGraw was the best pitcher we've seen across the spring and summer seasons and certainly

had command of the mound," Halverson said.

The Patriots finished 2-1 in pool play with wins over Bloomington and Minneapolis Edison. They also won their game on Saturday against St. Paul Park to improve to 10-7 on

#### **PATRIOTS 9, BLOOMINGTON 8** (Pool play, Game 2)

the season.

Bloomington 110 060 200 500

Bloomington: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers:Justin Ekholm (LP) 3 1/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Caleb VanDerBeek 3 2/3 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 0 K. Patriots: Matt Halverson 2-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Smith 1-for-3, 2 R; Matthew Smiley 1-for-1, 1 R; Alex Jensen 1-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R; Sam Lingen 1-for-1, 2 R; Brady Black 2-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Andrew Schmidt 3 2/3 IP. 5 H. 7 R. 5 ER. 7 BB. 3 K: Ian Bergstrom 3 1/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 6 K.

#### **MADISON 8, PATRIOTS 1** (Pool play, Game 3)

Madison 001 003 4 - 8 12 1

1 - 1 4 2 000 000 **Patriots** Madison: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers: Garrett

McGraw 7 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 9 K. Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 1-for-2, 1 2B; Jack Boehm 1 RBI; Zach Smith 1-for-2; Alex Jensen 1-for-3, 1 2B; lan Bergstrom 1 R. Pitchers: Kyle Ebert 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Sam Boysen 5 1/3 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Brady Black 2/3 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

#### PATRIOTS 9, ST. PAUL PARK 1

(Sunday) St. Paul Park 010 00x x - 1 4 2 John Marshall 211 13x x - 9 10 1

St. Paul Park: No stats provided

Patriots: Caleb Gronholz 1-for-1, 1 RBI: Kvle Ebert 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 2 R; Jack Boehm 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Zach Smith 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Brady Black 2 R, 2

"Madison's (Garrett) McGraw was the best pitcher we've seen across the spring and summer seasons and certainly had command of the mound."

> PATRIOTS COACH PAUL HALVERSON

SB; Ian Bergstrom 3-for-3, 3 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R, 2 SB. Pitchers: Matthew Halverson (WP) 5 IP, 4 H, 1 R,

#### A's finish with one win

The A's (Century) only won one game, but it was by a large margin.

The A's defeated Watertown 8-0 in their third game of pool play on Saturday. The two teams played only four and a half innings because of the eight-run rule.

The A's have pitcher Reed Davis to thank for that. He gave up only two hits and struckout six batters. The strong offensive game began in the first inning as the A's registered seven hits and scored six runs.

Though they impressed against Watertown, the A's fell to Lakeville North on Sunday. The A's lost 12-7 after they used seven different pitchers on the mound.

They also used four different catchers against Lakeville North. "Everyone got in the game and we

had a little fun with it," coach Vinnie Mannese said.

#### **MINNEAPOLIS POST OFFICE 7, A'S 4** (Pool play, Game 2)

Minneapolis 010 330 0 - 7 4 4 A's 010 003 0 - 4 6 1 Minneapolis Post Office: No stats provided.

A's: Jordan Wright 2-for-4, 1 2B; Ryan Maiers 1-for-1, 1 R: Andrew Hanson 1 R: Sterling Homard 1-for-2. 1 2B, 3 RBI; Thomas Bruss 2-for-3, 2 R. Pitchers: Isaac Lynch (LP) 5 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 2 K; Alex Thorvilson 2 IP, 2 BB.

#### A'S 8, WATERTOWN (WIS.) 0 (Pool play, Game 3)

Davis (WP) 5 IP, 2 H, 6 K.

Watertown 000 00 610 1 - 811 0 Century Watertown: No stats provided.

A's: Jordan Wright 2-for-3, 1 R; Reed Davis 1-for-3. 1 RBI, 1 R: Andrew Swenson 1-for-2, 1 RBI: Sam Prisco 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Andrew Hanson 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 1 R; Luca Martini 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Sterling Homard 3-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Thomas Bruss 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R. Pitchers: Reed

#### **LAKEVILLE NORTH 12, CENTURY 7**

(Sunday)

Lakeville North404 121 0 - 1214 0401 001 1 - 7 11 4 Lakeville North: No stats provided.

Century: Jordan Wright 2-for-4, 1 R; Reed Davis 1 R; Andrew Swenson 1 R; Ryan Maiers 1 RBI; Sam Prisco 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Jon Thorvilson 1-for-2; Travis Rittenhouse 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Sterling Homard 3-for-4, 3 RBI, 1 SB; Charlie Kong 1 RBI; Thomas Bruss 2-for-3, 2 R; Alex Thorvilson 1 R. Pitchers: Sam Prisco 1 IP, 2 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB; Andrew Hanson 1 IP. 1 H. 1 K: Charles Kong (LP) 1 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 2 ER, 1 K; Travis Rittenhouse 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 K; Andrew Swenson 1 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 K; Sterling Homard 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 K; Jordan Wright 1 IP, 1 H.

#### Redhawks can't find weekend success

After a win on the first day, the Redhawks (Mayo) failed to replicate their Friday success on Saturday and

The Redhawks lost their last three games of the tournament. None of the losses were by a margin of more than two runs.

Redhawks coach Tom Senne said late game collapses led to the losses by close margins. He described his team's defense as "sad."

#### FOND DU LAC 6, REDHAWKS 5 (Pool play, Game 2)

No box score provided.

Fond du Lac: No stats provided. Redhawks: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers: Thomas Krause (LP) 6 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Lucas Jahns 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 K.

#### **GRETNA 4, REDHAWKS 2**

(Pool play, Game 3) No box score provided. Gretna: No stats provided.

Redhawks: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers: Zach Gathie 5 IP. 3 H. 1 R. 1 ER. 5 BB. 2 K: Lucas Jahns 1 1/3, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Levi DeYoung 2/3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K.

#### **WATERTOWN (WIS.) 4, REDHAWKS 3**

(Sunday) No box score provided.

Watertown: No stats provided.

Redhawks: No hitting stats provided. Pitchers: Evan Kaese (LP) 5 2/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 1 ER, 5 BB, 1 K; Mike Bigalk 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER.

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**COLLEGE SUMMER BASEBALL** 

# Honkers end season's first half NORTH DIVISION with losing streak

Mankato sweeps Rochester, which has lost five straight

Post Bulletin staff

MANKATO — The Mankato MoonDogs rallied past the Rochester Honkers 6-5 in Northwoods League baseball on Tuesday as the Honkers limped home to end the first half of the season.

Mankato (20-16) swept a pair of games from the Honkers the past two days. Rochester closed the first half of the season 16-19 as it dropped six of its last eight and five straight

The Honkers committed four errors to let the MoondDogs overcome deficits of 3-0 and 5-3. Mankato scored the final three runs of the game, including one in the bottom of the eighth to snap a 5-5 tie.

Ethan Valdez, who finished 3-for-4, drove in the winning run with a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded in the eighth inning. He also doubled and scored a pair of runs.

Kenyon Yovan gave the Honkers an early lead with a three-run homer in the top of the first inning scoring Morgan McCullough and Zach Zubia. It was just Yovan's second at-bat with the Honkers.

Two Rochester errors led to two runs for the MoonDogs in the bottom of the second inning. Alvaro Rubalcaba singled to left field with two outs, scoring C.J. Shaffer from second base. An error by Rochester left fielder Mike Echavia allowed Rubalcaba to move to third base. He scored on an error by the first baseman Zubia, pulling the MoonDogs within a run.

Mankato tied the game in the bottom of the third on a RBI double by Zac Wiley.

Konnor Zickefoose led off the top of the fourth inning with a double for the Honkers. Rochester's Michael Michalak and McCullough followed with back-to-back run-scoring singles to give the Honkers a 5-3 lead.

Mankato erased the Rochester lead again in the fifth inning. After a leadoff single by Toby Hanson, Valdez followed with a RBI double. Valdez scored and tied the game

four batters later on a sacrifice fly by Shaffer.

Jacob Green (0-1) took the loss for the Honkers. He pitched one inning, giving up one run on two hits while walking one batter.

#### Honkers outscored on Monday

Lyle's Jordan Hart hit a grand slam but the Mankato MoonDogs outscored the Rochester Honkers 15-9 on Monday in Northwoods League base-

The visiting MoonDogs iumped out to a 14-0 lead after five innings and held on for the victory to improve to 19-16 in front of 803 fans at Mayo Field. The loss drops the Honkers to

Michael Stryffeler suffered the loss as the MoonDogs knocked him out during a five-run third inning. Mankato then scored three runs in the fourth and five more in the fifth.

Daniel Amaral, Toby Hanson and Ethan Valdez were all 3-for-6 for the MoonDogs. Valdez and Jake Shepski both drove in three runs.

Hart, who finished 2-for-4, hit his grand slam during a five-run sixth inning as the Honkers got on the board. Rochester added two runs in both the seventh and ninth

Michael Michalak collected two hits for the Honkers as did Morgan McCullough and Zeke Pinkham. Pinkham scored three runs. Griffin Neuer hit a two-run single in the seventh inning and Ethan Ibarra added a two-run double in the ninth.

The Honkers will host the St. Cloud Rox at 7:05 p.m. today at Mayo Field. It is Cinco de Julio night at the ballpark and also the start of the second half of the season. Manny Armendariz (1-0, 4.35 ERA) is scheduled to start on the

#### mound for the Honkers. **MOONDOGS 6, HONKERS 5**

300 200 000 - 5 8 4 Rochester 021 020 01x - 6 9 1 Mankato Rochester: Morgan McCullough 1-for-3, 1 R. 1 RBI: Weston Hatten 1-for-4: Michael Michalak 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Kenyon Yovan 1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 3 RBI; Konnor Zickefoose 3-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Zach Zuiba 1-for-3, 1 2B. Pitchers: Chia-Ching Ho 4 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Kenyon Yovan 3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 1 K; Jacob Green (LP) 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Mankato: Daniel Amaral 1-for-5, 1 R; Kyle Cuellar 1-for-4; Ethan Valdez 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI; Zac Wiley 1-for-5, 1 2B, 1

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

St. Cloud	25	11	.694	_			
Waterloo	24	11	.667	1			
Mankato	20	16	.556	5			
Willmar	19	17	.528	6			
Rochester	16	19	.457	81/2			
Bismarck	16	20	.444	9			
Duluth	15	20	.429	91/2			
Eau Claire	15	21	.417	10			
La Crosse	14	20	.412	10			
Thunder Bay	13	22	.371	111/2			
SOUTH DIVISION							
Wis. Rapids	27	9	.750	_			
Kenosha	22	13	.629	41/2			
Battle Creek	20	15	.571	61/2			
Madison	19	16	.543	71/2			
Lakeshore	18	17	.514	81/2			
Rockford	17	17	.500	9			
Fond du Lac	16	20	.444	11			
Wisconsin	15	20	.429	11½			
Green Bay	12	23	.343	141/2			
Kalamazoo	9	25	.265	17			
MODAY'S GAMES	S						

Madison 2, Kenosha 1, first game Kenosha 4, Madison 3, second game St. Cloud 8. Duluth 2 Eau Claire 4, Thunder Bay 2

Mankato 15, Rochester 9 La Crosse 5, Waterloo 4 Fond du Lac 6, Green Bay 2 Lakeshore 16, Kalamazoo 8

Battle Creek 3, Wisconsin 2 Wisconsin Rapids 6, Rockford 3 Bismarck 15, Willmar 13 **TUESDAY'S GAMES** St. Cloud 8, Duluth 1

Wisconsin Rapids 14, Rockford 1 Willmar 5, Bismarck 4, 11 innings Kenosha 6. Madison 4 Thunder Bat 5. Eau Claire 4 Mankato 6, Rochester 5

Waterloo 5, La Crosse 3 Fond du Lac 8, Green Bay 5 Kalamazoo 7, Lakeshore 1 Wisconsin 6, Battle Creek 3 **TODAY'S GAMES** 

Start of second half

Thunder Bay at Mankato La Crosse at Eau Claire Bismarck at Duluth Rockford at Lakeshore Wisconsin at Fond du Lac St. Cloud at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Green Bay at Wisconsin Rapids Kenosha at Bismarck Madison at Kalamazoo Waterloo at Willmar

RBI; Christopher Schaeffer 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Alvaro Rubalcaba1-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Brett Newberg 6 IP, 8 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 5 K; Naithen Dewsnap (WP) 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

#### **MOONDOGS 15, HONKERS 9** (Monday)

105 350 010 - 15 18 2 Mankato 000 005 202 - 9 11 3 Rochester Mankato: Daniel Amaral 3-for-6, 2 2B, 3 R, 1 RBI; Kyle Cuellar 2-for-3, 3 R, 2 RBI; Toby Hanson 3-for-6, 2 2B, 3 R, 1 RBI; Ethan Valdez 3-for-6, 1 2B, 1 R, 3 RBI; Logan Busch 2-for-5, 1 2B, 2 R, 1 RBI; Jake Shepski 1-for-4, 3 RBI. Pitchers: Collin Floyd (WP) 5 2/3 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 6 K; Austin Hansen 2 2/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 2 ER,

Rochester: Morgan McCullough 2-for-5, 1 RBI; Zeke Pinkham 2-for-4, 3 R; Michael Michalak 2-for-5, 2 R; Kenyon Yovan 1-for-1; Jordan Hart 2-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 4 RBI; Griffin Neuer 1-for-3, 2 R, 2 RBI; Ethan Ibarra 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI. Pitchers: Michael Stryffeler (LP) 2 1/3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Ben Strahm 1 2/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R. 2 ER. 1 BB, 1 K; Weston Hatten 1 IP, 4 H. 5 R. 4 ER. 2 BB. 1 K: David Noworvta 3 IP, 6 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 3 K; Konnor Zickefoose 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Austin holds off **Patriots**

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> to the top of the First Dison the 4th of July.

Dankert had two hits each to pace host Austin, which is now 6-0 in First District play. Austin snapped a 2-2 tie with six runs in the bottom of the sixth and withstood the Patriots' three-run fifth inning

Jack Boehm, Aaron Limberg and Zach Smith were all 2-for-3 for the Patriots.

The Patriots play at Wase-

Kip Gronholz 1 RBI; Jack Boehm 2-for-3, 1 R; Aaron Limberg 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Zach Smith 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R. IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

Austin: Josi Bothun 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Jack Dankert 2-for-3, 2 R. Pitchers: Jack Dankert (WP) 7 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 3 ER,

#### **TEAM ON TWITTER**

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**PBglimbeck:** Guy Limbeck (RCTC sports, area football and boys basketball, high school baseball, the twice-weekly local sports

PBbboese: Brett Boese (Give & Go basketball columnist)

AUSTIN — Austin moved trict standings in American Legion baseball by holding off the Rochester Patriots 8-5

Josi Bothun and Jack

ca on Thursday in a league

#### **AUSTIN 8, JOHN MARSHALL 5**

John Marshall 000 230 0 - 5 7 3 101 600 x - 8 10 3 John Marshall: Andrew Schmidt 1 RBI; Pitchers: Kip Gronholz (LP) 3 2/3 IP, 10 H, 8 R, 5 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Kyle Ebert 2 1/3

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#### **PRO TENNIS: WIMBLEDON**

# Federer might pad his 'greatest ever' resume but he has lots of competition

BY TIM BUTORAC

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Officially called "The Championships," the tournament at the All England Lawn Tennis club is more commonly known as Wimbledon, named after the community in which it resides.

The tournament is the third grand slam event on the professional tour. It is played on grass, where the points are a little quicker, the grass can be a little slick and diving shots are a common occurrence.

This year's competition should be fantastic. Many tennis fans are excited about the chances of Roger Federer, the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time), adding another grand slam title to his already loaded resume.

Federer is playing well. He won the Australian Open as well as Masters 1000 tournaments in Indian Wells and Miami. He skipped the French Open in order to save his legs, allowing his main rival, Rafael Nadal to capture his 10th French Open. Both are at the top of their games, but you can't discount Andy Murray, the world number one and last year's champion.

Two other contenders going in were Novak Djokovic and Stan Wawrinka, but the No.



**Associated Press** 

The Czech Republic's Petra Kvitova returns to Sweden's Johanna Larsson during their women's singles match on the opening day at Wimbledon Monday. Kvitova, the No. 11 seed, won 6-3, 6-4.

5 seed Wawrinka was upset Monday by Russia's Daniil Medvedev in four sets. A U.S. player hasn't won Wimbledon since Pete Sampras in 2000. Don't bet on that changing this year, but we can root for Americans John Isner, Same Querrey, Stevie Johnson and Jack

Sock to go deep and represent. On the women's side, there will be no Serena Williams this year as she is well into her pregnancy with her first child. There will be no Maria Sharapova who is out with a leg injury and who has still not fully recovered from her lengthy

suspension. Angie Kerber is seeded No. 1, but hasn't played well this season losing in the opening round at the French. Simona Halep is No. 2 and Karolina Pliskova is No. 3, but it's hard for me to believe any of them will win the prize.

I think the American women Venus Williams, Madison Keys and Coco Vandeweghe —have as good a shot as any to win. The sentimental favorite is Petra Kvitova. She is a former champion who is recovering from a horrific home invasion in which she fought off a thief who broke in and attacked her. It would be a great story and remarkable comeback if she could win the

The men and women's doubles will once again be very competitive. The established teams of Kontinen/Peers, Murray/Soares, Bryan/Bryan and Herbert/Mahut would have to be considered favorites, but if play follows the script of the French Open, we could see two unseeded teams playing in the finals!

In the women's draw, Rochester native Bethanie Mattek-Sands and partner Lucie Safrova are the one seeds, the French Open champions, are my favorite! They will be hard to beat.

The teams of Hingis/Chan and Mirza/Strycova could also contend for the title.

If you get a chance to watch any of the mixed doubles, the chemistry and dynamics always make for exciting matches.

So grab a bowl of strawberries and cream and enjoy an exciting two weeks of grass court tennis. Who will make history as the next winner of The Championships?

Tim Butorac is Director of Tennis for Rochester Tennis Connec-

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**LEGION BASEBALL** 

# Pitching, defense carry **Patriots**

Post Bulletin staff

WASECA — The Rochester Patriots rode great pitching and solid defense to a 9-3 victory over Waseca on Thursday night.

The Patriots dominated from start to finish and led 9-0 before surrendering three runs in the bottom of the seventh.

Sam Boysen was outstanding on the hill for the Patriots. He went six scoreless innings to get the win, allowing just two hits, while walking four and striking out eight. Matt Smiley pitched the final inning.

Andrew Schmidt and Aaron Limberg both went 2-for-3 to lead the Pats at the plate. Schmidt added a triple and two runs scored, while Limberg had a double and an RBI. Zach Smith blasted a three-run home run, and Alex Jensen added a double and two runs scored.

The Patriots are at the Gopher Classic tournament starting today in Minneton-

#### **PATRIOTS 9, WASECA 3** 020 043 0 - 9 9 2

Patriots 000 000 3 - 3 3 2 **Rochester Patriots:** Andrew Schmidt 2-for-3, 3B, 2 R; Caleb Gronholz RBI; Jack Boehm 1-for-2, 2 R; Aaron Limberg 2-for-3, 2B, RBI; Matt Halverson RBI, R; Zach Smith HR, 3 RBI, 2 R; Alex Jensen 2B, 2 R. Pitchers: Sam Boysen (WP) 6 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 8 K; Matt Smiley 1 IP, 1 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K Waseca: No stats provided

#### A's roll past **Albert Lea**

ALBERT LEA — After falling behind early, the Rochester A's Legion baseball team dominated the late innings and secured a 15-7 victory over Albert Lea on Wednesday night.

The A's (Century) improved to 5-2 in First District play and 9-9 overall.

Albert Lea led 7-6 after three innings, but the A's broke the game open with four runs in the fourth. They added five in the sixth to pull away.

Albert Lea committed six errors, while the A's finished with nine hits.

Thomas Bruss and Jordan Wright led the A's at the plate. Both sluggers went 2-for-5 with two RBIs and two runs scored, and Wright added a stolen base. Andrew Swenson had two RBIs and three runs scored, while Jon Thorvilson scored three runs and stole a base. Sterling Homard smacked a double and added three RBIs, while Charlie Kong finished with two RBIs and two runs

scored. Alex Thorvilson was the winning pitcher. He went five innings, allowing seven runs (six earned) on seven hits, while walking three

and striking out two. Alex Bledsoe led Albert Lea, going 2-for-3 with a triple, two RBIs and a run

The A's return to action today with two games at the

Mankato tournament. **CENTURY 15, ALBERT LEA 7** 

#### (Late Wednesday)

141 405 0 - 15 9 2 Century Albert Lea 241 000 0 - 7 6 6 Century: Jordan Wright 2-for-5, 2 RBI, 2 R, SB; Andrew Swenson 2 RBI, 3 R; Jon Thorvilson 3 R, SB; Travis Rittenhouse 2B, R; Sterling Homard 2B, 3 RBI, R; Charlie Kong 2 RBI, 2 R; Thomas Bruss 2-for-5, 2 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Alex Thorvilson (WP) 5 IP, 7 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 3 BB, 2 K; Andrew Hanson 1 IP, 3 K; Mac Horvath 1 IP. **Albert Lea:** Parker Mullenbach 2 RBI; Alex Bledsoe 2-for-3, 3B, 2 RBI, R. Pitchers: Cody Ball 2 IP, 2 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K; Brock Hammer (LP) 1 IP, 2 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 4 BB, 1 K; Alex Goodmanson 1.2 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 1 BB, 4 K; Garrett Grauneghan 1,1 IP, 1

**PRO TENNIS** 

# Rochester's Mattek-Sands has horrific injury at Wimbledon

**Associated Press** 

LONDON — The screams were startling.

Bethanie Mattek-Sands, a 32-year-old Rochester native who came to Wimbledon eyeing a fourth consecutive Grand Slam doubles title, fell to the grass when her right knee buckled as she moved toward the net in a second-round singles match Thursday.

She immediately clutched her knee and, down on the turf, wailed loudly, imploring for someone to "Help me! Help

Her opponent, Sorana Cirstea, immediately climbed over the net to check on Mattek-Sands, who after about 20 minutes was removed from Court 17 on a stretcher and taken to a hospital.

"Her knee was in a very weird position. I've never seen anything like this, probably, except in the movies. And, yeah, I panicked a little bit, as well," Cirstea said. "Then I called for help, but no one was coming. Then tried to comfort her as much as I could. But, I mean, you could feel the pain.

The extent of Mattek-Sands' injury, which came in the third set's opening game, was not immediately known. But word quickly spread around the grounds, generating concern among players. She's popular on tour, known for her gregarious personality, loud laugh and original fashion choices, including the stars-and-stripes knee-high socks she wore while teaming with Jack Sock to win a mixed-doubles gold medal for the U.S. at last year's Rio Olympics.

'It's the peak of her career right now," said Bob Bryan,



New York Times

Rochester native Bethanie Mattek-Sands, bottom, is tended to after injuring her knee during Thursday's WImbledon match against Sorana Cirstea in London. Mattek-Sands was on the ground for about 20 minutes before being removed from the court on a stretcher.

whose twin brother Mike won the 2015 French Open mixed-doubles title with Mattek-Sands. "She's a fun-loving girl. She doesn't have any enemies in the locker room."

She's also quite a doubles player, ranked No. 1 right now after teaming with Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic to win the past three major championships and a total of five. Safarova heard about Mattek-Sands on TV and ran to her court, then stood nearby and wiped away tears as she saw her friend and playing partner in distress.

"Just terrible what happened. Obviously, I'm very sad for her. Doesn't matter

about whatever goals we had," Safarova said, her voice barely above a whisper, after losing her singles match to Shelby Rogers of the U.S. in three sets. "It's just about her being

healthy."

Mattek-Sands — who was born in Minnesota, lived in Wisconsin and now calls Arizona home with her husband Justin — thought about quitting tennis years ago after a series of injuries. There was hip surgery less than a week after her wedding in late 2008, a torn shoulder in 2011, a broken right big toe in 2012. Her ranking dropped outside the top 250 in singles and doubles in 2014, when she missed six

months after another hip operation.

"I'm just, like, really hurt for her," Safarova said.

There was no indication that the condition of the grass on the court had anything to do with Mattek-Sands' fall, but playing surfaces around the All England Club were a source of complaints by others Thursday. In particular, the areas near many baselines are brown and worn, with little or no grass in spots — looking the way Wimbledon's courts usually do by late in Week 2, not as soon as Day 4 — something players said they were told was a result of unusual heat and lack of rain in recent weeks.

#### Mayhem

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"We'll probably have to drop back a bit more defensively against them, and then just wait for our opportunities to attack," he said. "We're not going to go man-to-man and toe-to-toe against a team that's stronger than us in ball possession.'

Milla agreed that Duluth presents a challenge, but he is confident that Med City will be up to the task. "When Duluth comes up, they come up as an entire team," he said. "We have to work on getting our defense back, and getting everyone behind the ball. If 11 players defend and 11 players attack, I think we should be unbeatable."

Milla and Corey also agreed that a big crowd on Saturday will greatly enhance Med City's chances of knocking off

"By far our biggest weapon at every home game has been the crowd," Corey said. "Our first game we had close to 1,200, and since then we've had 500 to 700 people. It's our 12th man, it brings so much energy and is so supportive of our players; the more fans we can get, the more excited our players will get and the better they'll play. Even if you're not a soccer fun, come on out. It's fun to be around really energetic and enthusiastic people."

Milla was more succinct.

"The atmosphere at our games is like no other place in the league," he said. "I've had parents tell me that they came just for the kids, but they ended up having a great time themselves.

**COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

# Honkers' rally falls just short

Post Bulletin staff

ST. CLOUD — The Rochester Honkers trailed the St. Cloud Rox 5-2 after five innings Thursday night. The Honkers rallied to pull within 5-4 after scoring in the seventh and eighth innings, but the Rox scored twice in the bottom of the eighth to pull away and secure a 7-4 Northwoods League victory at Joe Faber Field.

The loss dropped the Honkers to 1-1 in the second half of the Northwoods League season.

Rochester jumped to a hot start, going up 2-0 after two innings. But the Rox scored four in the fourth to take a lead they never surrendered.

Morgan McCullough (Oregon) went 2-for-5 hitting out of the leadoff spot for the Honkers. Albert Lea native Johnathan Fleek (Western Illinois) had a strong game, going 2-for-4 with a stolen base, an RBI and a run scored. Konnor Zickefoose (UC Irvine), Zeke Pinkham (Louisville) and Mayo grad Jordan Hart had the other Rochester hits.

Hunter Sullivan (Louisville) took the loss on the hill for the Honkers. Sullivan went 4 1/3 innings, allowing five runs (four earned) on nine hits, while walking three and striking out three. Spencer Johnson (Wayne State) tossed three innings in relief, allowing one run on three hits, while striking out one and walking one. Jacob Green (Lake Erie) recorded the final two outs, walking two and allowing a run.

Daniel Schneemann (BYU) led St. Cloud, going 4-for-5 with a stolen base, an RBI and a run scored.

The Honkers return home at 7:05 tonight against Eau Claire at Mayo Field.

#### **ROX 7, HONKERS 4**

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Rochester Honkers: Morgan McCullough 2-for-5; Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-4 R 2B 7eke Pinkham 1-for-3 R, RBI; Jordan Hart 1-for-3; Johnathan Fleek 2-for-4, R, RBI, SB. Pitchers: Hunter Sullivan (LP) 4 1/3 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 4 FR. 3 BB. 3 K: Spencer Johnson 3 IP. 3 H. 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Jacob Green 2/3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 K. St. Cloud Rox: Eden 2-for-3, R, RBI, 2 SB; Busch 2-for-3, 2 RBI, R, 3B; Schneemann 4-for-5, R, RBI, SB.

Pitchers: Rozek (WP) 7 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3

ER, 4 BB, 5 K; Killam (SV) 1 2/3 IP, 0 H,

**NORTHWOODS LEAGUE** 

#### **SECOND HALF NORTH DIVISION**

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Fond du Lac	1	1	.500	1
Lakeshore	1	1	.500	1
Wisconsin	1	1	.500	1
Kenosha	0	2	.000	2
Green Bay	0	2	.000	2
Madison	0	2	.000	2

#### THURSDAY'S GAMES

Rockford 4, Lakeshore 2 Duluth 10, Bismarck 6 Fond du Lac 8, Wisconsin 5 Battle Creek 12, Kenosha 3 Kalamazoo 9, Madison 6 Waterloo 5, Willmar 3 La Crosse 9, Eau Claire 8 Thunder Bay 9, Mankato 7 Wisconsin Rapids 7, Green Bay 4 St. Cloud 7, Rochester 4

#### **TODAY'S GAMES**

Wisconsin Rapids at Lakeshore St. Cloud at Waterloo Eau Claire at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Rockford at Green Bay Madison at Battle Creek Willmar at Mankato Kalamazoo at Wisconsin Fond du Lac at Kenosha Duluth at La Crosse Thunder Bay at Bismarck



#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**



Photos by Andrew Link / alink@postbulletin.com

Rochester's Zach Zubia bats during Friday's game against Eau Claire at Mayo Field. Zubia has been selected to play in the Northwoods League All-Star Game on July 18 in Wausau, Wis.

# Zubia powers Honkers

#### Rochester slugger also named to NWL All-Star Game

#### **BY NICK KELLY**

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Zach Zubia's walk-up song, "The Good, The Bad and the Ugly" theme song, fits his performances at the plate well.

When Zubia steps up to the plate, it's often good for the Rochester Honkers and bad for their opponents.

But things turned ugly for Eau Claire when Zubia stepped up to the plate on

Zubia finished 4-for-4 with as he led the Honkers to a 10-6 come-from-behind Northwoods League baseball victory over the Express at Mayo Field. Rochester (2-1 second half, 18-20 overall) will face Eau Claire (2-1, 16-23) again at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at Mayo Field.

Zubia, a Texas native, didn't get to pick his walk-up song when the season started. He's grown to like it, though.

"The first time they played it, I was like, 'Oh, God. It's a little western theme," Zubia said. "But after that, it got me a little focused. I think it is awesome to have."

What began as a tacky song referencing Zubia's Texas roots has turned into an anthem Northwoods League teams fear. Zubia leads the league in home runs (14) and

"The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" theme is also a tune that calms the Rochester bench.

"You just know he is going to come through," outfielder Weston Hatten said.

Zubia did Friday. His first clutch hit came in the form of a two-run home run to tie the score at 3-3 in the bottom of the fifth. Two at-bats later in the bottom of the eighth, Zubia hit an RBI-double that gave the Honkers a 7-6 lead.



Rochester Honkers right fielder Jordan Hart pursues a ball that hits the wall during Friday's Northwoods League baseball game against Eau Claire at Mayo Field.

Rochester built that lead to 10-6 shortly after.

Rochester manager Trevor Hairgrove said that in his three years with the team he had not seen a player hit the ball past the flagpoles in right field at Mayo Field like Zubia's home run in the fifth. Add in the lack of wind, and Hair-

impressed. "He is just big and strong and he has a polished approach already," Hairgrove

grove came away even more

Zubia's strong day Friday comes after a recent slump in

which he went 1-for-13. He also struck out five times during

that five-game stretch. Zubia attributed his quick turnaround to the inmates at the Federal Medical Center in Rochester.

Yes, inmates at a federal prison.

The Honkers went to the Federal Medical Center Friday morning to play in a softball doubleheader against the inmates. After the Honkers lost both games, Zubia went home and reflected on his experience.

'Those inmates, they have fun playing the game," Zubia said. "I just told myself I need to have fun today doing what I love to do.'

Zubia followed through on his goal. He also has another reason to smile: He found out he was named to the Northwoods League North Division All-Star team Friday morning. He will go to Wausau, Wis., on July 18 to play in the All-Star game.

Not bad for a batter who had not faced a college pitcher until he came to Rochester after a redshirt season at Texas.

He didn't mind the challenge, though. He said he enjoys high-pressure situations.

"That is what you dream of

**NORTHWOODS** 

#### SECOND HALF **NORTH DIVISION**

Waterloo

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#### FRIDAY'S GAMES

Wisconsin Rapids 3, Lakeshore 2 Waterloo 14, St. Cloud 4 Rochester 10, Eau Claire 6 Rockford 7, Green Bay 5 Battle Creek 3, Madison 0 Mankato 11, Willmar 5 Kalamazoo 9, Wisconsin 8 Fond du Lac 6, Kenosha 3 La Crosse 6, Duluth 5 Bismarck 5, Thunder Bay 2

#### **TODAY'S GAMES** Thunder Bay at Bismarck

Duluth at La Crosse Kalamazoo at Wisconsin Wisconsin Rapids at Lakeshore Rockford at Green Bay Fond du Lac at Kenosha St. Cloud at Waterloo Madison at Battle Creek Mankato at Willmar Eau Claire at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

#### **SUNDAY'S GAMES** Waterloo at Rochester, 1:05 p.m.

Eau Claire at Duluth Battle Creek at Wisconsin Kalamazoo at Rockford Wisconsin Rapids at Kenosha Fond du Lac at Madison Mankato at La Crosse St. Cloud at Bismarck Green Bay at Lakeshore Thunder Bay at Willmar

as a kid," Zubia said. "It is so fun."

It might be fun for Zubia, but it often turns out ugly for the pitcher and team facing him.

"It is a real honor to be looked at as one of the all-stars of the league," Zubia said. "I hope to keep it up for my team.'

#### **ROCHESTER 10, EAU CLAIRE 6**

Eau Claire 030 000 300 - 6 9 1 010 020 16x - 10 15 2 Rochester Rochester: Zach Zubia 4-for-4, 1 HR, 1 2B. 1 R. 4 RBIs: Jordan Hart 3-for-5. 1 R, 1 RBI; Johnathan Fleek 4-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Griffin Neuer 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Ryan Thompson 5 1/3 IP. 5 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 7 K; Ben Strahm 1 2/3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Ryan Dorney (WP) 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Garrett Cobb 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0

Eau Claire: Matt Duce 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 HR; Beau Capanna 2-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Luke Bandy 2-for-5, 1 R. Pitchers: Ryan Zimmerman 5 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 4 K; Josh Gaworski (LP) 2 1/3 IP, 5 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Jack Wolger 1/3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Kenny Ogg 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

**LEGION BASEBALL** 

# A's get A+ pitching efforts

Rochester doesn't give up a run in pair of wins in Gopher Classic on Friday

Post Bulletin staff

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rochester A's had two stellar pitching performances on the opening day of the Gopher Classic on Friday.

The A's (11-9 overall) shut out both of their opponents, beating Saskatoon 2-0, then following with a 6-0 victory

against Omaha Roncalli. Thomas Bruss had an out-



**Bruss** 

standing start in the opener, limiting Saskatoon to six hits, with just two walks and six strikeouts. The A's scored one

run in the fourth and one in the sixth to pull out the win. Charlie Kong had an RBI in

the win. Reed Davis picked up in



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the second game where Bruss left off. Davis also threw a complete-game, allowing just three hits, with five walks

and three strikeouts. Jordan Wright had a big game at the plate against Omaha, going 3-for-3 with a double and two RBIs. Andrew Hanson was 2-for-4 with two

The A's continue play in the tournament today and Sunday.

#### A'S 2, SASKATOON 0

Saskatoon  $000\ 000\ 0\ -\ 0\ 6\ 1$ 000 101 x - 2 3 1Saskatoon: no stats submitted. Rochester A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-2: Andrew Hanson 1-for-2, 1 R, 1 SB; Travis Rittenhouse 1 R, 1 SB; Charlie Kong 1-for-3, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Thomas Bruss (WP) 7 IP, 6 H, 2 BB, 6 K.

#### A'S 6, OMAHA RONCALLI 0

100 022 1 - 6 8 0 000 000 0 - 0 3 1 Rochester A's: Jordan Wright 3-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB; Reed Davis 1-for-3, 1 R; Andrew Hanson 2-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R; Jon Thorvilson 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-4, 1 2B; Charlie Kong 1 RBI; Aidan Merges 1 R. Pitchers: Reed Davis (WP) 7 IP, 3 H, 5

Omaha Roncalli: no stats submitted.

#### Halverson leads Pats by Watertown

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rochester Patriots put nine players on the field Friday, but Matthew Halverson did enough to win a game almost single-handedly.

Halverson threw five innings of shutout ball, allowing just three hits and three walks, as the Patriots beat Watertown (S.D.) 8-0 in the first round of the

Gopher Classic American Legion baseball tourna-

Halverson had a big game at the plate, too. He went 2-for-3 with two doubles and five runs batted in.

Brady Black added a double for the Patriots, and Kip Gronholz scored twice.

Rochester is scheduled to face Waconia, the Class AAA high school state champion, this morning. The Patriots beat Waconia in a marathon game at last year's Legion state tournament, with the Patriots pulling out a 1-0 victory in 16 innings.

#### **PATRIOTS 8, WATERTOWN 0**

006 20x x - 8 5 1 **Patriots** Watertown 000 00x x - 0 3 1 John Marshall: Andrew Schmidt 1 RBI, 2 R; Kip Gronholz 1-for-2, 2 R; Kyle Ebert 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Aaron Limberg 1 R; Matthew Halverson 2-for-3, 2 2B, 5 RBI, 1 R; Zach Smith 1 R; Sam Lingen 1 RBI; Brady Black 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R. Pitchers: Matthew Halverson 5 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

Watertown: no stats submitted.

#### **Eagles stumble** at Gopher Classic

 ${\bf MINNEAPOLIS-The}$ Rochester Eagles ran into a pair of hot-hitting teams on the opening day of the Gopher Classic American Legion baseball tournament.

The Eagles dropped both games, falling 7-5 to North St. Paul, then losing 10-0 to Lino Lakes in five innings.

The Eagles led their opener against North St. Paul three different times before allowing four runs in the bottom of the fifth as NSP took the lead for good.

Ben Limburg, Frank O'Hara and Pat Leary had two hits apiece for the Eagles in the loss.

Against Lino Lakes, the Eagles mustered five hits, but couldn't get a run across.

#### Leary led the way, going 2-for-3 with two stolen bases. **NORTH ST. PAUL 7, EAGLES 5**

**Eagles** 101 210 0 - 511 0 North St. Paul 011 140 x - 711 1 Rochester Eagles: Jack Sperry 1-for-3, 1 R; Kolton Mullenbach 1-for-3; Matt Raymond 1-for-3, 1 R; Ben Limburg 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Frank O'Hara 2-for-3; Hayden Brown 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Matthew Sather 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Pat Leary 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R, 1 SB. Pitchers: Kolton Mullenbach 4 IP, 4 H 3 R, 3 ER, 6 BB, 2 K; Matthew Hayford 2 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 K. North St. Paul: Pitchers: Unge 5 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 4 K; (name not

#### **LINO LAKES 10, EAGLES 0**

available) 2 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB,

Lino Lakes 000 00 - 10 7 0 000 00 - 0 5 1 Eagles Lino Lakes: no stats submitted. Rochester Eagles: Ben Limburg 1-for-2: Matthew Sather 1-for-2: Dahlton Krahn 1-for-2, 1 2B; Hayden Brown 1-for-3; Pat Leary 2-for-3, 2 SB. Pitchers: Kolton Mullenbach 1 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 1 K; Brady Kraling 1 IP, 0 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Ben Limburg 3 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

# Royals hang on for win over River Falls

Post Bulletin staff

RIVER FALLS, Wis. — The Rochester Royals got off to a hot start, then held on late to edge River Falls 7-6 in an amateur baseball game Friday.

The Royals built a 7-4 lead after four innings, but River Falls scored once in the seventh and once in the ninth inning to pull within one. But Royals relief pitcher Erik Thorvilson ended the threat there.

Drew Block led the way at the plate for Rochester, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs and a run scored. Nick Pearson was 2-for-5 with a run scored and an RBI, and Dave Rojo also had two hits for the Royals, with an RBI.

Alex Welder and Dave Adams also drove in one run each. Mike Stubbs earned the victory, pitching the first six innings. He allowed four runs on seven hits, with one walk and six strikeouts. Thorvilson pitched the final three innings, giving up two runs on four hits, with two walks and four

The Royals are scheduled to play at Ellsworth, Wis., at 7:30



Honkers shortstop Johnathan Fleek fields a ground ball during Friday's Northwoods League game against Eau Claire.

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Honkers split pair over weekend

Post Bulletin staff

Waterloo looked like it was about to coast to victory. A couple of errors, walks and wild pitches changed that trajectory.

The Bucks came into the sixth inning up 3-0 over the Rochester Honkers on Sunday. After committing two errors, walking four batters and throwing two wild pitches in the sixth and seventh inning, Waterloo found itself down 6-3.

The Honkers held on to defeat the Bucks 6-4 at Mayo Field. Rochester (3-2 second half, 19-21 overall) will head to Waterloo to face the Bucks at 6:35 p.m. today at Riverfront Stadium.

Waterloo (3-2, 27-14) committed three total errors and walked 11 Rochester batters.

UC Irvine's Konnor Zickefoose started the rally in the sixth inning with a single. Singles from Ethan Ibarra and Chris Ceballos in the bottom of the seventh continued the momentum from the sixth

Honkers manager Trevor Hairgrove was ejected in the bottom of the seventh inning.

Joe Wills, a Cal State Fullerton pitcher, picked up the win for the Honkers. He gave up one hit and zero earned runs in three innings pitched. He also struck out five batters.

Chia-Ching Ho is scheduled

to pitch for the Honkers today. He is 0-1 with a 4.05 ERA.

#### **HONKERS SPLIT SERIES** WITH EAU CLAIRE

Mayo Field is a prime spot for home runs as one of the smallest ballparks in the Northwoods League.

Eau Claire found this out in the top of the ninth inning when Robby Campillo sent a pitch out of the park.

Campillo's solo home run gave the Express a 7-6 victory on Saturday at Mayo Field. The Honkers and Express have each won four games against each other this season.

Zach Zubia, who hit a home run against Eau Claire Friday, hit another home run in the third inning. It was his 14th of the season.

Bellarmine's Griffin Neuer was the losing pitcher. He gave up one run and four hits.

#### **ROCHESTER 6, WATERLOO 4** (Sunday)

Waterloo 200 010 001 - 4 6 3 Rochester 000 002 240 - 6 5 1 Waterloo: Tyler Stover 2-for-4, 1 RBI: Drew Greenwood 2-for-3, 2 RBIs, 1 R. Pitchers: Tyler Booth (LP) 1 IP. 1 H. 4 R. 1 ER. 2 BB. 2 K: Zacharv McLeod 5 IP. 1 H. 0 R. 0 ER, 5 BB, 4 K; Nathan Walker 2/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Alec Hernandez 1/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Ben Sellers 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 0 K.

Honkers: Ryan Fitzpatrick 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Ethan Ibarra 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Chris Wills (WP) 3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 K; Michael Stryffeler 5 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; Garrett Cobb 1 IP, 0 H, 1 R, 1

#### **EAU CLAIRE 7, ROCHESTER 6** (Saturday)

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Rochester 201 021 000 - 614 3 Eau Claire: Rudy Rott 1-for-4, 2 RBIs: Robby Campillo 1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 RBI; Kyle Marinconz 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Jake Sommers (WP) 3 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 5 K; Gerry Salisbury 5 IP, 9 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Jake Moebius 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB. 0 K.

Honkers: Morgan McCullough 2-for-5, 1 R, 1 2B; Zach Zubia 2-for-3, 3 R, 2 RBIs, HR; Ryan Fitzpatrick 2-for-5; Michael Michalak 2-for-5, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Jordan Hart 1-for-3, 1 RBI; David Noworyta 3-for-4, 1 R. Pitchers: Griffin Neuer (LP) 2 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 1 K; Drew Slade 7 IP, 6 H, 6 R. 2 ER. 0 BB. 6 K.

For Northwoods League scores and standings, see Page D5.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Eagles finish strong in Gopher Classic

Post Bulletin staff

 ${\bf MINNEAPOLIS-After}$ getting off to a slow start in the Gopher Classic, the Rochester Eagles bounced back to win two of three games in the tourney over the weekend.

The Eagles opened the tournament with a pair of losses on Friday. On Saturday, the Eagles topped Sioux Falls, S.D., 7-5. Then on Sunday the Eagles lost 6-3 to Pierre, S.D., before closing play with a 9-4 victory over Detroit Lakes.

Pat Leary went 3-for-4 with an RBI in the win over Sioux Falls. Ben Limburg, Hayden Brown and Matt Sather all had two hits and drove in at least one run. Limburg had two RBIs.

Matt Raymond and Pat Leary both had two hits in the loss to Pierre

Dahlton Krahn pitched a complete game in the win over Detroit Lakes, and he also drove in a run. Brown was a perfect 4-for-4 at the plate. He hit two doubles and drove in two runs. Raymond also hit a pair of doubles, and Matt Sather also added two hits.

#### **EAGLES 7, SIOUX FALLS, S.D. 5** First game

 $103 \ 000 \ 3 \ - 713 \ 2$ Sioux Falls 000 050 0 - 580Eagles: Matthew Hayford 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Jack Sperry 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Matt Raymond 1-for-3, 1 R; Frank O'Hara 1-for-3, 1 R; Ben Limburg 2-for-2, 2 RBI. 1 R: Havden Brown 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R: Matt Sather 2-for-3, 1 RBI; Pat Leary 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R, 3 SB. Pitchers: Matt Sather 4 1/3 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Matt Hayford (WP) 2 2/3 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 K.

#### PIERRE, S.D. 6, EAGLES 3 Second game

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Eagles: Matthew Hayford 1-for-2; Jack Sperry 1-for-2, 1 R; Matt Raymond 2-for-2, 1 R; Frank O'Hara 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Pat Leary 2-for-4, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Brady Kraling (LP) 7 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, 6 K.

#### **EAGLES 9, DETROIT LAKES 4** Third game

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#### A'S FINISH 4-1 AT GOPHER CLASSIC

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rochester A's pulled out a pair of close victories on Sunday to finish with a 4-1 record at the Gopher Classic in American Legion baseball.

The A's opened the tourney with a pair of wins on Friday. They started play Saturday with a 9-3 setback to Farmington. Six different players each collected a hit for the A's and Sterling Homard hit a triple and drove in a run.

The A's rebounded on Sunday to nip Bemidji 2-1 and Lakeville North 10-9.

Against Bemidji, Isaac Lynch allowed one run on just three hits over six innings to earn the win. Jon Thorvilson pitched a scoreless seventh for a save. Travis Rittenhouse went 2-for-3 at the plate and

#### ter's two-run third inning. Rittenhouse also had a big game in the victory over Lakeville North. He went 4-for-5 and drove in a run while scoring twice. Thomas Bruss and Andrew Hanson

RBIs. Riley Gora also drove in two runs. Gora, one of seven pitchers to each throw one inning for the A's, collected the win.

both had two hits and two

enth and earned a save. The A's are now 13-10 overall.

Luca Martini pitched the sev-

#### **FARMINGTON 9, A'S 3**

First game

200 100 0 - 3 6 3 Farmington 100 350 A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-3, 1 R; Andrew Swenson 1-for-3; Ryan Maiers 1-for-2, 1 RBI; Sam Prisco 1-for-3; Andrew Hanson 1 RBI; Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-2, 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-2, 1 3B, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Palmer Mickelson (LP) 6 IP. 10 H. 9 R. 5 FR. 1 BB. 1 K.

#### Farmington: No stats provided.

#### A'S 2, BEMIDJI 1 Second game

000 000 1 - 1 3 1 Bemidji 002 000 **- 2 5 1** Bemidji: No stats provided.

A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-2 ,1 R; Andrew Swenson 1 R; Sam Prisco 1-for-3; Andrew Hanson 1 SB; Travis Rittenhouse 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 SB; Thomas Bruss 1-for-3. Pitchers: Isaac Lynch (WP) 6 IP. 3 H. 1 R. 8 BB. 3 K; Jon Thorvilson (Sv) 1 IP, 1 BB.

#### A'S 10, LAKEVILLE NORTH 9

Third game

A's 200 015 1 - 9 8 2 North A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-3, 2 R, 1 SB; Andrew Swenson 1 SB: Andrew Hanson 2-for-3, 1 2B. 2 RBI, 1 R: Travis Rittenhouse 4-for-5. 1 RBI, 2 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-1, 3 R; Charlie Kong 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Thomas Bruss 2-for-2, 2 RBI; Aidan Merges 1 R; Riley

R. Pitchers: Sam Prisco 1 IP. 2 H. 2 R. 2 ER, 2 BB; Riley Gora (WP) 1 IP; Andrew Hanson 1 IP; Jordan Wright 1 IP, 1 H; Alex Thorvilson 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1 IP, 2 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB; Luca Martini (Sv) 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER.

#### Lakeville North: No stats provided.

**PATRIOTS GO 2-3** 

AT GOPHER CLASSIC

MINNEAPOLIS — The Rochester Patriots posted a 2-3 record at the Gopher Classic in American Legion baseball over the weekend.

The Patriots opened the tourney with a win on Friday. They split a pair of games on Saturday and then lost twice on Sunday.

On Saturday, the Patriots opened with a 9-0 loss against Waconia and then rebounded to defeat White Bear Lake 6-3. Andrew Schmidt allowed

one earned run on six hits in six innings to defeat White Bear Lake. He also hit a double and a triple at the plate and drove in two runs. Kyle Ebert also had two RBIs.

The Patriots played a pair of strong teams on Sunday. They opened with a 6-5 loss to Fargo, a state power in North Dakota. Kip Gronholz kept the Patriots in the game. He pitched 5 1/3 innings and allowed five runs. He also had two hits. Austin Brown and Matthew Halverson also had two hits.

"We competed well against a solid Fargo team and a program that has won Legion state championships three of the last four years," Patriots coach Paul Halverson said. "It was good to see the boys bounce back after being down early, something that will certainly help us mentally heading into playoffs next week."

The Patriots closed play with an 8-0 loss to Excelsior. Kyle Ebert led the Patriots with two hits.

#### **WACONIA 9, PATRIOTS 0**

First game

Waconia 101 07 - 9 8 0 000 00 - 0 0 0 Patriots

Waconia: No stats provided. Patriots: Pitchers: Ian Bergstrom (LP) 4 2/3 IP, 22 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 5 BB, 5 K; Brady Black 1/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

#### **PATRIOTS 6, WHITE BEAR LAKE 3**

Second game

002 020 2 - 610 0 **Patriots** 200 010 0 - 3 7 2 Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 3B, 2 RBI; Kyle Ebert 1-for-2, 2 RBI, 1 R;

Jack Boehm 2-for-3, 2 R; Aaron Limberg 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 R; Matthew Smiley 1-for-2, 2 R, 1 SB; Alex Jensen 2-for-3. Pitchers: Jack Boehm 1 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Andrew Schmidt (WP) 6 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 FR. 2 BB. 4 K.

White Bear Lake: No stats provided.

#### **FARGO 6, PATRIOTS 5**

Third game

 $000 \ 020 \ 3 \ - 512 \ 1$ Patriots Fargo: No stats provided.

 $110 \ 201 \ 1 \ - \ 611 \ 2$ 

Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 1-for-1; Kip Gronholz 2-for-4, 2 R; Jack Boehm 1-for-4; Matthew Halverson 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Smith 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Austin Brown 2-for-3, 1 R; Sam Lingen 1-for-2; Brady Black 1-for-3; Ian Bergstrom 1-for-4, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Kip Gronholz (LP) 5 1/3 IP, 10 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 0 K; Kyle Ebert 1 2/3 IP, 1 H. 1 R. 1 ER. 2 BB. 0 K.

#### **EXCELSIOR 8, PATRIOTS 0**

Fourth game

000 000 - 0 3 2 Patriots Excelsior 220 112 - 8 8 0 Patriots: Kyle Ebert 2-for-3; Matthew Smiley 1-for-2. Pitchers: Kyle Ebert (LP) 2 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Jack Boehm 3 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 0 K; Sam Lingen 1 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K. Excelsior: No stats provided.

**Honkers** 

From page **D1** 

With their necks and heads straight up, their beady eyes followed my every move.

I brought a meager amount of whole wheat bread in case the geese weren't eager to interact with and honk at me. I found I didn't need it. These geese were so accustomed to people having food that they expected my pockets to be protruding with their next

They treated the few pieces of wheat bread I had as if it were the last food on earth. Sure, it was nice to feel wanted, but it was also terrifying. I felt like I was drowning in a sea of geese.

This was not my first time at this location on the shores of Silver Lake Llast visited this spot with my grandpa when I was about 3 years old. I can't recall much about my experience at Silver Lake when I was a young lad, probably because I feared the geese so much I refused to leave the car.

It wasn't that I had been attacked by a goose or had some other traumatic experience. But I literally looked eye-to-eye with the geese, keeping me from opening my car door. Their honking didn't help, either.

Once my young-adult self mustered the courage to exit the car, I didn't have time to rethink my decision. I was too busy performing the dance of the Sugar Plum sports intern as I tiptoed around geese droppings. Flat poop. Green poop.

Round poop. Brown poop. It was a Dr. Seuss book come "I just stepped in a fresh

one," a grandma said to her two grandkids nearby. My shoes fared better

than hers, which surprised me as I was mostly focused on avoiding a goose attack. Geese bumped me once or twice. There was no further confrontation When I got back to my car,

I didn't immediately turn it on. Instead, I watched a girl who looked to be about 3 cling to her grandpa's leg as geese swarmed them. The geese honked at them looking for food. She screamed as the geese

stayed true to their Honker nickname. I couldn't help but smile. It would have been unfair for me to laugh, though. She had the courage to do something I didn't when I was that age.

She got out of the car.

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#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Boysen's poise just enough for Pats

#### Rochester rides complete-game outing

Post Bulletin staff

KASSON — Clutch pitching by Sam Boysen carried the Rochester Patriots to a 7-2 First District American Legion baseball win over Kasson on Tuesday night.

Boysen threw all seven innings, allowing six hits and two walks, while striking out four. His most impressive inning came in the bottom of the third. Kasson loaded the bases with nobody out in the frame, but Boysen still limited it to one run.

The Patriots broke the game open in the fourth, scoring five runs. The big hit was a two-run double by Kip Gronholz. The Patriots finished with five hits, all from different players. Matthew Halverson got the Patriots' going in the

**COLLEGE BASEBALL** 

Honkers win

third straight

THUNDER BAY, Ontario

- The Rochester Honkers'

impressive play of late continued Tuesday with a shutout

win over the Thunder Bay Bor-

The Honkers won the

to toss a four-hitter.

Northwoods League baseball

game 5-0 as Griffin Neuer and

Manny Armendariz combined

Neuer worked the first two

Then Armendariz (Doane) took

and allowing just three hits. He

It was the Honkers' third

to 5-2 in the season's second

The teams went into the

sixth inning scoreless. But the

Honkers picked up one run in

the frame and later scored four

Albert Lea native Johnathan

Fleek (Western Illinois) had

two hits and two RBIs. Mike

Echavia (Nevada) homered, his

sixth of the season and second

The teams play again today

Thunder Bay 000 000 000 - 0 4 1

**Rochester:** Echavia 1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI; Hart 1-for-5, 1 2B; Zickefoose

2-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Fleek 2-for-4, 2 RBI.

Thunder Bay: Strohl 2-for-4. Pitching:

**NORTHWOODS** 

**LEAGUE** 

**SECOND HALF** 

**NORTH DIVISION** 

Mankato

Willmar

Duluth

Eau Claire

Waterloo

La Crosse

Bismarck

St. Cloud

Kalamazoo

**Battle Creek** 

Fond du Lac

Lakeshore

Madison

Kenosha

Wisconsin

Green Bay

**TUESDAY'S GAMES** 

Rochester 5, Thunder Bay 0

Madison 13, Green Bay 4

Mankato 14, St. cloud 0

Kenosha 3, Kalamazoo 2

Eau Claire 1, Waterloo 0

Rockford 7, Fond du Lac 6

Lakeshore 9, Wisconsin 4

Wisconsin at Lakeshore

**Rochester at Thunder Bay** 

Rockford at Fond du Lac

**Battle Creek at Wisconsin Rapids** 

Waterloo at Eau Claire

La Crosse at Willmar

St. Cloud at Mankato

Kenosha at Kalamazoo

Madison at Green Bay

**TODAY'S GAMES** 

Bismark at Duluth

Willmar 1, La Crosse 0

Wisconsin Rapids 6, Battle Creek 4

Rockford

Thunder Bay

**SOUTH DIVISION** 

Wisconsin Rapids 5

Bionic 4 IP, 2 H, 0 R; Rosenberg (LP) 3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 5 K; Centala 1 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER; Hurd 1 IP, 0 R.

Pitching: Neuer 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Armendariz (WP) 7 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 0

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(6:05 p.m.) at Thunder Bay.

**HONKERS 5, BORDER CATS 0** 

straight win and bumped them

struck out a whopping nine.

over, going the next seven frames

innings and allowed one hit.

Post Bulletin staff

der Cats.

half.

in the eighth.

in as many days.

Rochester

third inning when he singled in Zach Smith with the game's first

Kasson got two hits from Matt Winkle.

a doubleheader at 5 p.m. Thursday.

000 142 0 - 7 5 0 000 110 0 - 2 6 2 K-M Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Kip Gronholz 1-for-3, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Jack SB; Matthew Halverson 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; (WP) 7 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

#### Austin still perfect

AUSTIN — Austin showed once again why it is the top American Legion baseball team in the First District

It did it Tuesday with a decisive

10-3 win over the Rochester A's. Austin banged out 13 hits and didn't commit an error. It moved it to 10-0 in the First District, while the A's are 5-3 (13-11 overall).

The A's totaled five hits. Sterling Howard had two of them, including a double. Alex Thorvilson took the pitching loss, lasting the first three innings.

The A's host the Rochester Eagles at 3 p.m. Friday.

#### **AUSTIN 10, A'S 3**

100 001 1 - 3 5 1 414 010 - 10 13 0 Austin A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Sterling Homard 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Thomas Bruss 1-for-2; Palmer Mickelson 1 R. Pitchers: Alex Thorvilson (LP) 3 IP, 9 H, 9 R, 7 ER, 6 BB; Jordan Wright 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 K; Andrew Swenson 1 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 K. Austin: No statistics submitted.

#### **Eagles can't hang** with Albert Lea

ALBERT LEA — The Rochester Eagles dropped their second

First District American Legion baseball game in as many days Tuesday, falling to Albert Lea

Both teams finished with seven hits. The Eagles lost despite committing no errors.

Albert Lea scored four runs to take the game over in the fifth inning. That was after the Eagles scored three in the top of the frame.

The Eagles' Matt Sather had two hits. Frank O'Hara and Jack Stanley each pitched three innings for Rochester.

The Eagles are at the Rochester Redhawks at 6 p.m. today.

#### **ALBERT LEA 6, EAGLES 3**

Eagles 011 040 Albert Lea Eagles: Frank O'Hara 1-for-4; Dahlton Krahn 1-for-3; Matt Sather 2-for-4; Matt Raymond 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Joe Macken 2-for-4, 1 R. Pitchers: Frank O'Hara 3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 0 K; Jack Stanley 3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3

Albert Lea: No stats submitted.

The Patriots are at La Crosse for

**PATRIOTS 7, KASSON 2** 

Boehm 1 R; Aaron Limberg 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 Zach Smith 1 R; Alex Jensen 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Sam Lingen 1 R. Pitchers: Sam Boysen Kasson: Matt Winkle 2-for-2, 1 R. Pitchers: Jacob Bulger (LP) 5 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 6 ER, 4 BB, 1 K; Thiesse 2 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

#### in First District

#### Majerus

From page D1

"From there he was like, 'Oh, we killed it. Who are you?" recalls Distad.

Majerus credits the shop as where he learned the basics and started entering contests, which



would eventually land him on the radar of companies like Volcom, Spitfire and Flip.

He, Distad, and other skaters like Alex Richardson, Jade and Jace

Torkelson, and Shalom Larson began a summer routine that laid the groundwork for his obsessive skill gathering in the years to come.

"One of our parents worked in town before we all had driver's licenses, so we would literally go into work with our parents, get dropped off at Silver Lake, skate Silver Lake, then noon would come, Midwest would open, we'd skate down to Midwest, skate there all day, Midwest would close, we'd skate back to Silver Lake and keep skating until our parents got done working and then we had to go," Distad said.

They'd get done in town, drive out to Majerus' home, and skate the driveway until 2 a.m. then go to bed, wake up, and do it all again the next day. The whole time, they were chasing the skills of older skaters like James McGee, Sam Schafer and Zach Higgins.

"It was like an addiction, just constantly wanting to learn more," Majerus said.

#### **SOMEONE TO LOOK UP TO**

At the same time, he was unknowingly inspiring kids coming up behind him.

"At Bluff Valley, they had a lock-in one day, and I think I was in fifth or sixth grade, but Alec was there. Some dude did a kickflip or a nollie flip down the planter gap. I'd just started learning ollies down the planter gap, and Alec's like, 'go, go, I'll back you up!' I ollied it, psyched as hell, and then Alec just tre flips it like it's nothing. I was so hyped on that," said Rochester skateboarder Cole Peterson, 16.

Majerus and his crew skated everywhere they could. That included Distad's basement-turned-skatepark, and at a clandestine DIY (do it yourself) spot nicknamed Area 51.

"We didn't even care what we were skating, we were like, 'Oh, let's just see what's down this street," Distad said.

On weekends through middle and high school they invaded contests as a crew, pooling resources for a hotel room and rotating parental supervision duties between families (sometimes, duties extended to birthday cake shopping, like when Majerus' mother nabbed a double chocolate one for Distad's 15th).

From Minneapolis to La Crosse, Milwaukee to Chicago, and Kentucky to Faribault, no park was safe from the podium sweeping squad of young rippers.

"We'd always feed off each other's energy, so if Alec's doing sick, we gotta step our game up, Distad said.



Ross Ratajczyk / For the Post Bulletin

Alec Majerus nose grinds the eight-stair rail at the skatepark in Rochester in this photo from 2015 while Alex Richardson and Benny Sullivan look on.

#### **ROCHESTER LEAVES ITS MARK**

It's a legacy still echoing into the present. Peterson, a 16-yearold Rochester skateboarder, wore his Midwest shirt into Minneapolis skatepark 3rd Lair. "Kyle Henkler was like, 'Oh you guys are from Roch?' Hell yeah we are.'

The whole time, Majerus' profile was rising, and his obvious talent was making waves. At one point, he 50-50ed down the massive handrail at Kellogg Middle School. He was clearly beginning to outgrow the city that birthed

Then, in 2012, he won the Tampa Am contest, skateboarding's most prestigious amateur competition. The kind of thing that turns amateurs into profes-

When he returned to Minnesota, it was time to celebrate. Majerus' unheated garage had a mini ramp, and despite sub-zero temperatures outside, people wanted to shred.

'We just invited every single bro, and we just skated the mini ramp. There were literally 30, 40 of us," Distad said. "He pretty much solidified Rochester like, yeah, we have some type of skate scene and we can have more."

After graduating high school In 2013. Majerus moved into a one-bedroom studio apartment in Huntington Beach, Calif. Some of the Rochester crew followed him out, finding work at skate shops and pizza joints to supplement their skating. To the Minnesotan shredders, California was para-

"Rochester has a couple good spots to skate around town, but a lot of them you get kicked out because of Mayo security. California is more of a gold mine for skaters... with skateparks every 5 miles and legendary street spots that practically look like they were meant for skateboarding." explains Majerus.

#### **BROS EVERYWHERE**

straight 32-hour dive.'

Distad went to visit in 2014. Majerus assured him there was plenty of room to crash.

"I get there, there's seven bros from Rochester, and then there was one bro from Copenhagen, Denmark and then another homie from Hollywood. Nine dudes as I walk in from a

Majerus had bought bunk beds to make room for more people, but those spots had been claimed, as had much of the floor, so Distad spent the week sleeping in the doorway.

"All we did was just skate. We woke up, we skated, went down to the beach every night, because he lived like two blocks away, and then came back and iust chilled out on the porch until like 4 in the morning every night. It was the funnest week of my life," Distad said.

He's not the only one to have a good time thanks to Majerus' hospitality.

When he moved into a bigger place, Majerus brought his bunk beds along.

In 2014, Majerus broke his leg due to a buildup of stress while on Thrasher Magazine's King of the Road Tour, but not before grinding a massive rail in san-

"Getting hurt is just apart of it. If you never fall, how are you going to learn? Skating teaches you that you have to try again and again to succeed, which is a very good thing to learn about life," Majerus said.

He came back to Rochester for surgery, then began rehabbing his leg. A year later, he was back in top form.

Today, he's the face of X Games Minneapolis with a pro-model shoe, deck, and video parts younger skaters memo-

Despite all the trappings of status, he seems happiest skating the Silver Lake skate park, where he'll also take time to coach younger skaters and sign autographs.

'Last year, he came back a little bit before the 4th, didn't tell anybody. I show up to the park at 10 a.m. I see an Audi, I'm like oh, that's a nice Audi. Rolled up and it was Alec," Peterson said.

Skateboarding to me is a break from reality," explains Majerus. "I almost think of it as a form of meditation; expressing myself through movements and style on a skateboard, everything in my brain lights up when I'm riding my skateboard and it's just pure fun. To me life is all about having fun, and that's why I choose to skate every day.'

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

# Blackjack!

#### Royals blast Aces with 21-hit attack

Post Bulletin staff

RED WING — The Rochester Royals' good times continued Tuesday as they blasted to an 11-5 amateur baseball win over the Red Wing Aces.

The Royals rode a whopping 21-hit attack to get it done. Four Royals has at least three hits, led by Tim Oesterlin going 5-for-5 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

It was the Royals' fifth-straight win. They moved to 12-8 overall. Drew Block had four hits for Roch-

ester and Nick Pearson and Henry Witten had three each. Nick Hanson was the starting pitcher. He lasted six innings and

allowed five runs, just two of them earned. Winning pitcher was Brad Pfeffer. He worked two innings and allowed no runs on two hits and no Sam Palmatier got the loss for Red

Wing. He went 7 1/3 innings. Leading Red Wing hitter was Dixon Irwin, going 4-for-5 with two runs batted in.

The Royals host Chaseburg/Coon Valley at 7:30 p.m. today.

#### **PB View**

From page D1

The dramatic victory seemed huge. Could this be the Twins' year?

#### **PRE- AND POST-BREAK**

As it went, the Twins were almost as good after the All-Star break (49-31) as before (53-29), seized a 10-game lead by mid-September and won by

It doesn't always go that way. But recent history favors the tenet that whoever is in first place at the break will be there at the end of the regular

In 2016 four of the six eventual division champions were leading at the break. In 2015 it was three of six, in 2014 four of six and in 2013 five of

In 2012 it was only two but two others trailed by a game or less.

The biggest swing was last year's NL West, where the Giants led the field by 6 1/2 but finished four out. That wasn't because the Dodgers got hot (as they had done in 2013, going from .500 pre-break to .662 postbreak), it was because the Giants went from 57-33 (.633) to 30-42 (.417).

I find it interesting to compare a given team's record before and after the All-Star break. Sometimes a big difference can be attributed to the team being a "buyer" (see 2015 Blue Jays) or a "seller."

But sometimes there is a significant swing not easily explained by players being added, traded or injured.

#### WHAT IS SIGNIFICANT

Arbitrarily, let's consider .080 difference between the two "halves" as significant. That translates to about four wins better or worse than if they had kept winning at the same

By that yardstick, in the past five seasons, 21 times a team has had a significantly poorer record after the All-Star break (out of a possible 150) and 24 times one has been significantly better. Of the 30 divisions champions the

last five years, eight had a significantly better post-break record than pre-break. The most anyone "coasted" to a division title was the 2014 Tigers (.067 worse after break). Throwing wild-card teams into the

mix, five of the 20 were significantly better post-break, while five others sputtered in with notably worse postbreak records. None of that latter group advanced

to the World Series, much less won it. (The only wild card teams to reach the World Series in those five seasons were in 2014 when the Royals and Giants both made it). The 10 World Series qualifiers had

three teams with significantly better post-break records, two who were mildly better post-break and three who were mildly poorer, with two virtually the same. Here's a hopeful note for Cubs

fans: your team is below .500 (and  $5\frac{1}{2}$ game out of first place at the break), but the last two years they were significantly better post-break than prebreak. Even in 2016 when they were a strong .602 (53-35) before the ASG, they were .083 better (50-23) after. And in 2015 the difference was even greater (.127, .540 to .667).

You might not have to wait another 108 years.

PB View runs every Wednesday. Call Craig at 285-7721 with comments or story ideas.

**LEGION BASEBALL** 

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**Errors prove** 

Eagles' loss

The Rochester Eagles didn't have enough

Thursday got get past Waseca, falling 3-1 in

the First District American Legion baseball

five hits. But the Eagles were hurt by two

Matthew Sather was the losing pitcher. He

he allowed were earned.

000 201

p.m. today, at Century.

Waseca: No stats submitted.

**WASECA 3. EAGLES 1** 

Waseca

The Eagles and Waseca both finished with

Matt Raymond had two hits for Rochester.

went the distance and none of the three runs

The Eagles play at the Rochester A's at 3



Scott Jacobson / sjacobson@postbulletin.com

Med City Freeze running back Tim Nela is hoping to play three more times before this season is over. That would put the Southern Plains Football League team in the Aug. 5 national championship game in Kansas City.

#### **Freeze**

From page D1

"Truthfully, I called it," Nela said. "I thought we were going to have a really good season (this year) because of the work we put in the offseason, as well as the way we set up the coaches for this team. I knew we'd be in position to do some really good things. It's just nice to know that everything worked according to plan."

The Freeze, who won their first-round playoff game last Saturday 58-20 over the Watertown Rebels, have dominated on both sides of the ball. A defense that was stifling last year is arguably even better this season, led by defensive linemen Ted Ohm and Mike Collins. Together they have 40 sacks in nine games and have helped the Freeze limit teams to 13.8 points per game.

Offensively, the Freeze behind improved quarterback Sipple — have taken the biggest jump. Four times they've

scored 50 or more points, including four of the last five games. The 6-foot-5 Soto has been Sipple's favorite target, with his 38 catches and 519 yards. Alex Benson, Demonte Nelson, Mohammed Thurman and Phillip Yanson all have at least 115 yards receiving, including Benson's 356.

In taking on the Buffalo Ridge Wildcats on Saturday, the Freeze figure to have their hands full. The Wildcats are unbeaten this season (9-0). It will be the teams' only meeting this summer, though they did play an exhibition game in December at U.S. Bank Stadium. The Freeze won, 31-24.

"It should be a good matchup," Soto said. "But I don't think they've seen a defensive unit (this summer) like ours. The key will be all of us just doing our own jobs. If we don't make mistakes, they (the Wildcats) can't capital-

#### **Bestwick**

From page D1

The coffee dream didn't disappear despite his riding success. He just didn't have the time he needed to run a coffee business.

"If you are going to be really good at something, you have to give it 100 percent," Bestwick

He finally had the opportunity to give his coffee plans the time he wanted in recent years as he decided to limit his BMX competition to the X Games, once a year. With a space open next to his wife's fitness studio and her clients wanting a place to hang out, Bestwick had a prime opportunity to finally open his shop 18 months ago.

Before he limited his time spent competing in BMX, Bestwick trained so much that it became less fun for him.

Selling coffee changed that. "It made things exciting again," Bestwick said. "It made coming to X Games and going to all the contests a blast. It was fresh."

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JAMIE BESTWICK

#### **ADDING PURPOSE TO HIS LIFE**

He doesn't just sell coffee. He tastes all brews he is considering selling and brews the coffee. He even scrubs toilets at the shop.

Bestwick doesn't want to be a distant owner who parachutes in every so often. Kerry Bestwick, his wife who he has been with for 26 years, said her husband feels guilty if he doesn't go into the shop.

"It has been really good for him," she said.

Before running the shop, Bestwick didn't have anything formal to get him out of bed in the morning. He'd maybe go work out or respond to emails. Now, he's often up between 6:30

and 7 a.m. "He has got this huge purpose now of getting out of bed and providing this incredible service to the community,'

Kerry Bestwick said. Bestwick sees what he does as something purposeful. He strives to make Rothrock Coffee much more than a place where people only stop in to pick up coffee. He wants to make it a place to socialize, make friends and create con-

versation. It's why his business has thrived despite people having the option to go to Starbucks.

Kerry Bestwick said her husband wanted to discourage the "don't-bother-me" mindset that is common in American coffee shops, where people put their headphones in or stay glued to their computer working.

#### **BRINGING FOLKS TOGETHER**

That's why there is a thin bar for people to stand across or sit on orange stools as they chat. Two regular customers also frequently play chess in Bestwick's shop.

The motorbike inspiration for his coffee dream is also present. The Rothrock name comes from Rothrock State Park where there are many bike trails and bike events. Something to do with biking, whether it be the Tour de France or mountain biking, is often on the television.

Although he loves all kinds of biking, Bestwick doesn't pay much attention to the television. He focuses on interacting with customers instead, striving to put smiles on their

"The thing that is fun about making a cup of coffee is when you give it to the customer, they are never bummed," Bestwick said.

He gives customers coffee. They often give him a story in

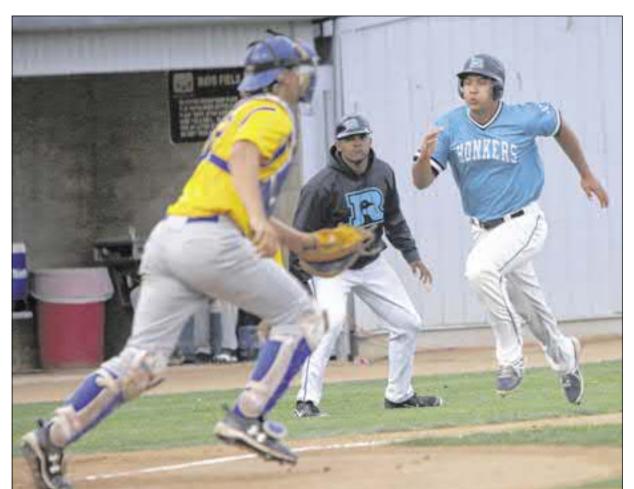
He cherishes each one as he lives out his 17-year dream in State College.

said, "being able to chat with people and being able to find out their stories ... it's been a sheer delight."

"Having that job," Bestwick

#### **Honkers**

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Mike Echavia of the Rochester Honkers sprints in from third base to score against the Waterloo Bucks on Thursday at Mayo Field.

#### **Hot-hitting Owatonna beats Hawks**

Eagles: Tim Boyce 1-for-3 1 R; Matt Raymond 2-for-3 1 2B;

Dahlton Krahn 1-for-3; Ben Limburg 1-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI.

Pitchers: Matt Sather (L) 7 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 7 K.

OWATONNA — The Rochester Redhawks are having a tough time righting their ship. But despite another loss Thursday, the team might have taken a step in the right direction.

The Redhawks lost 11-4 to Owatonna in First District American Legion baseball

"We played with more energy and desire today," Redhawks coach Tom Senne said. "We made a few mistakes that cost a few runs, but Owatonna hit the ball well all game. We have been on a skid for a bit and have been trying different things to correct our play. Today was a step in the right direction."

The Redhawks finished with seven hits, while Owatonna had 13. Thomas Krause and Will Weick each had two hits for the Redhawks. Krause homered and doubled, and drove in three runs.

The Redhawks are 8-17 and are at Holmen (Wis.) at 5 p.m. today.

#### **OWATONNA 11, REDHAWKS 4** 130 000 0 - 4 7 2

2 BB, 1 K.

Redhawks 302 231 x - 11 13 0 Owatonna Redhawks: Zach Wolf 1-for-4, 1 RBI; Alex Prindle 1-for-4, 1 2B: Jason Martin 1-for-2, 1 R: Thomas Krause 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 HR, 3 RBI, 2 R; Will Weick 2-for-3, 1 R. Pitchers: Zach Gathje (LP) 3 1/3 IP, 9 H, 7 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Michael Bigalk 1 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 5 BB, 1 K; Zach Wolf 1 1/3 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER,

Owatonna: Noah Budach 1-for-5 1 SB: Abe Havelka 2-for-3. 1 HR, 4 RBI, 3 R; Kodey Kiel 2-for-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R; Dawson Leer 1-for-4 2 RBI; Brady Schuster 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Alec Holcomb 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Zach Mensink 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Noah Hudrlik 1 R; Tucker Alstead 2-for-3, 1 2B, 3 R. Pitchers: Kody Kiel (WP) 6 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 10 K; Alec Holcomb 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

#### Patriots rally falls just short

LA CROSSE, Wis. — The Rochester Patriots rallied, but fell just short against La Crosse, losing 14-13 in the American Legion baseball game Thursday.

The Patriots trailed 6-0 after two innings as they struggled with their pitching. But Rochester scored two runs in the third inning, five in the fifth and four in the eighth. Aaron Limberg and Matt Halverson each had three hits for the Patriots.

The Patriots had a chance to tie the score in the ninth inning, but left a runner in scoring

The Patriots travel to play Byron today. **LA CROSSE 14, PATRIOTS 13** 

002 050 141 -13 14 2 La Crosse 423 401 00x - 14 11 5 Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R; Caleb Gronholz

2-for-5, 1 RBI, 2 R: Jack Boehm 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R: Aaron Limberg 3-for-5, 3 R; Matt Halverson 3-for-5, 2 RBI, 3 R; Zach Smith 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Matthew Smiley 1 RBI; Alex Jensen 1-for-3; Sam Lingen 2 R; Brady Black 1-for-5 1 RBI. Pitchers: No pitchers submitted.

La Crosse: No stats submitted.

With the Bucks leading 6-5 after two innings. Honkers manager Trevor Hairgrove gave the ball to Spencer Johnson, who surrendered a leadoff homer to catcher Jake

Viaene, and another Honkers error produced two more unearned runs and gave Waterloo a 9-5

lead. But the Honkers kept chipping away on offense, and Rochester's

bullpen took over the game.

Hunter Sullivan

took the mound for the Honkers in the top of the fourth and got the first 1-2-3 inning of the game. In the top of the fifth, with Waterloo's lead at 9-8, Sullivan walked the bases loaded with no outs, and Honkers manager Trevor Hairgrove nearly took him out of

We had a guy ready, but we gave Hunter one more batter," he said.

The gamble paid off. Sullivan induced a pop-up for the first out, and then, with a 3-1 count, he dialed up an inning-ending double

Ben Strahm followed Sullivan with two more innings of scoreless relief. "We're pretty fresh down in the bullpen right now," Hairgrove said. "We've got guys to use, and we used them all tonight." Five relievers combined to give up just two earned runs over seven innings.

But the star of the night was Rochester's Kenvon Yovan, who will likely be a starting pitcher during the Honkers' run for a playoff berth, but on this night he was

the designated hitter. He responded "I was just looking with two doubles and a two-run for a fastball up, homer in the botand I knew that tom of the fifth that put his club ahead to stay.

"I was just looking for a fastball up, and I knew that when I got it I couldn't miss it." he said. "With a

small ballpark like we have, if you can barrel it up, it's gonna go." The Honkers are now 6-2 in the

second half and in first place in the North Division. They play at Waterloo today.

#### **HONKERS 11, BUCKS 10**

153 000 001 - 10 12 2 Waterloo 143 020 10x - 11 11 2 Waterloo: Malis 2-for-5, 1 HR, 2 R, 3 RBI; Concannon 2-for-5, 1 2B; Viaene 2-for-4; 1 HR; 2 R, 1 RBI; Gutzier 1-for-3, 1 2B; 1 R; Presley 2-for-3, 2 R. Pitching: Ruden 2 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 4 BB, 1 K; Kapala 2/3 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER; Hernandez 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 2 BB; Sellers 2/3 IP, 0 R, 1 K; Koestler (LP) 1 2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Perea 2 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K. Rochester: Zubia 1-for-3; Yovan 3-for-4, 1 HR, 2 R, 3 RBI; Echavia 1-for-4; 1 2B, 1 R, 1 RBI; Michalak 3-for-4, 2 R, 1 RBI; Neuer 1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI; McCullough 1-for-6, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI. Pitching: Thompson 2 IP, 6 H, 6 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 3 K; Johnson 1 IIP, 3 H, 3 R, 1 ER; Sullivan (WP) 2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 3 BB, 1 K; Strahm 2 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 K; Green 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 K; Cobb 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**

#### **SECOND HALF NORTH DIVISION**

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Willmar	6	3	.667	1/2
Mankato	5	3	.625	1
Duluth	5	4	.556	11/2
Waterloo	4	5	.444	21/2
Bismarck	4	5	.444	21/2
Eau Claire	4	5	.444	21/2
La Crosse	3	5	.375	3
Thunder Bay	3	5	.375	3
St. Cloud	3	6	.333	31/2
SOUTH DIVISION				
Battle Creek	6	3	.667	_
Lakeshore	6	3	.667	_
Wisconsin Rapids	5	3	.625	1/2
Kalamazoo	5	3	.625	1/2
Rockford	5	4	.556	1
Fond du Lac	4	5	.444	2
Madison	4	5	.444	2
Kenosha	3	4	.429	2
Wisconsin	3	6	.333	3
Green Bay	2	6	.222	4

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#### **THURDAY'S GAMES**

Wisconsin 8, Rockford 7 Willmar 3, Duluth 1 Battle Creek 4, fond du Lac 3 St. Cloud 5, Eau Claire 4 Rochester 11, Waterloo 10 Bismarck 3, Thunder Bay 1 Lakeshore 8, Madison 4 Green Bay 4, Wisconsin Rapids 2 La Crosse at Mankato (late) Kalamazoo at Kenosha (late)

#### **TODAY'S GAMES** Rochester at La Crosse, 12:05 p.m.

Lakeshore at Kalamazoo La Crosse at Rochester, 7:06 p.m. Green Bay at Wisconsin Rapids Madison at Rockford Battle Creek at Kenosha

#### THIS WEEK IN NATIONAL AUTO RACING

when I got it I

couldn't miss it."

KENYON YOVAN

**NASCAR** 

**MONSTER CUP OVERTON'S 301** 

Site: Loudon, N.H. Schedule: Today, practice, 10:30 a.m. (NBCSN), qualifying, 3:45 p.m. (NBCSN); Saturday, practice, 9 a.m., practice, 11:30 a.m. (NBCSN); Sunday, race, 2 p.m., NBCSN. Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway

(oval, 1.06 miles). Race distance: 318.46 miles, 301 laps.

Last week: Martin Truex Jr. took first for the third time in 2017 in Kentucky. Next race: Brantley Gilbert Big Machine Brickyard 400, July 23, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis.

**XFINITY** 

**OVERTON'S 200** Site: Loudon

**Schedule:** Today, practice, noon, NBCSN, practice, 2 p.m. NBCSN; Saturday, qualifying, 10:05 a.m., CNBC, race, 3 p.m., NBCSN. Track: New Hampshire Motor Speedway

Race distance: 211.6 miles, 200 laps. Last race: Busch won from the pole in Kentucky. Next race: Lilly Diabetes 250, July 22,

#### Indianapolis Motor Speedway. **CAMPING WORLD TRUCK**

**BUCKLE UP IN YOUR TRUCK 225** Last race: Christopher Bell won his third race of the season in Kentucky. Next race: July 19, Eldora Speedway, Rossburg, Ohio.

# Sports



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Christian Adamson of the Rochester Eagles, right, slides safely back into first base as Sterling Homard of the Rochester A's attempts a tag Friday during a First District American Legion baseball game at Century High School.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# A's shut down Eagles

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester A's shut out out the Rochester Eagles on Friday at Century, winning 4-0 in the First District American Legion baseball game.

The A's allowed seven hits



and committed no errors. The Eagles allowed six hits and committed two

Thomas Bruss homered for the A's. Bruss

errors.

also was the winning pitcher, going all seven innings. He struck out four and walked

Dahlton Krahn took the pitching loss for the Eagles. Three of the runs he allowed were earned.

Matthew Sather had two hits for the Eagles.

#### A'S 4, EAGLES 0

Eagles#000#000#0#-#0#7#2 Δ's#121#000#0#-#4#6#0 Eagles: Jack Sperry 1-for-3; Trevor Greguson 1-for-1; Joe Macken 3-for-4; Hayden Brown 1-for-3; Matt Sather 2-for-3. Pitchers: Dahlton Krahn (L) 6 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 4 BB, 2 K.

A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-4. 1 R: Andrew Swenson 1-for-3; Sam Prisco 1-for-2, 1 2B, 1 R; Sterling Homard 1-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 R; Thomas Bruss 1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Thomas Bruss (W) 7 IP, 7 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 3 BB, 4 K.

#### 2 late runs lift A's

The Rochester A's picked up their second win of the day Friday, beating Winona 4-3 in First District American Legion action at A's.

The A's got the winning run in the bottom of the seventh when they scored twice. Sam Prisco led off with a single, Andrew Swenson reached first on a pitching error, Jordan

Wright was hit by a pitch, Mac Horvath drove in a run with a long single, then Thomas Bruss walked on a 3-1 pitch for force in the winning run.

Horvath finished 2-for-3 and Travis Rittenhouse was 2-for-4. Winning pitcher was Palmer Mickelson. He went all seven innings and allowed nine hits and just two earned runs.

The A's are 7-3 in the First District and 15-11 overall.

#### A'S 4, WINONA 3

Winona#002#010#0#-#3#9#2 A's#002#000#2#-#4#7#1 **Winona**: Jonah Spiten 2-for-4, 1 R; Nash Kramer 2-for-3, 2 RBI; Jake French 1-for-3; Hayden Zaborowski 1-for-3, 1 R; Dave French 1-for-3, 1 R; Austin Lenhardt 2-for-3. Pitchers: Parker Nelton (LP) 6.1 IP, 7 H, 2 ER, 3 BB, 1 K. A's: Jordan Wright 1-for-2, 1 R; Andrew Swenson 1 R; Ryan Maiers 1 R; Sam Prisco 1-for-3: Travis Rittenhouse 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Sterling Homard 1-for-3; Thomas Bruss 1 RBI; Mac Horvath 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Palmer Mickelson (WP) 7 IP, 9 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 K.

#### **Patriots topple Byron**

The Rochester Patriots were all over Byron in American Legion baseball Friday, romping to a 21-2 win in five

The Patriots finished with 17 hits. Kyle Ebert had four hite and two RRIs Matthew Halverson and Austin Brown each had three hits, including two doubles apiece. Halverson drove in three runs, Brown

The Patriots led 10-2 after the first inning.

#### **PATRIOTS 21, BYRON 2**

Patriots#(10)34#04#-#21#17#3 Byron#200#00#-#2#5#3

Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 1-for-4, 1 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R; Kip Gronholz 1-for-2, 1 3B, 2 RBI. 2 R. 2 SB: Kyle Ebert 4-for-5, 2 RBI. 3 R; Matthew Halverson 3-for-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R; Zach Smith 1-for-1, 1 2B, 2 R; Matthew Smiley 1-for-1, 1 RBI, 1 R; Alex Jensen 1-for-5, 1 R; Austin Brown 3-for-4, 2 2B, 2 RBI, 2 R; Sam Lingen 1-for-1 3 R: Ian Bergstrom 1-for-4, 1 RBI, 2 R. Pitchers: Jack Boehm (WP) 2

IP. 5 H. 2 R. 2 ER. 0 BB. 1 K: Sam Lingen 3 IP. 0 H. 0 R. 0 FR. 1 BB. 1 K. Byron: No stats submitted.

#### One bad inning hurts Redhawks

HOLMEN, Wis. — The Rochester Redhawks played well for six innings, but their one bad inning was enough to cost them in an 8-5 American Legion baseball loss to Hol-

Holmen scored seven of its eight runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to pull away for the win.

"We played a very good six innings (Friday)," Redhawks coach Aaron Senne said. "(It) might have been the best six innings we have played in the last three weeks. We just missed one inning that cost us.'

Thomas Krause led the Redhawks at the plate, going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Zach Wolf was 1-for-3 with an RBI, and Carter Pasternak was 0-for-3, but had two RBIs.

The Redhawks finish the regular season 8-18 overall. They are scheduled to face Waseca at 5 p.m. Sunday in a first-round First District play off game at Dale Massey Field at Mayo High School.

"Overall, our record does not reflect the team that we can be," Senne said. "We have spent a lot of time figuring out our team identity and the hope is that a new start to the season will bring a fresh men-

#### **HOLMEN 8, REDHAWKS 5**

Redhawks#000#001#4#-#5#5#3 Holmen#000#071#x#-#8#8#1 Redhawks: Zach Wolf 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Alex Prindle 0-for-3; Austin Thompson 0-for-4; Thomas Krause 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 R; Carter Pasternak 0-for-3, 2 RBI. Holmen, Wis.: no stats submitted.

#### JUNIOR HOCKEY

# Another Bruin movin' up

#### Austin's Kothenbeutel commits to Division I Nebraska Omaha

#### **BY JASON FELDMAN**

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AUSTIN - Travis Kothenbeutel grew up dreaming of playing college hockey in St.

The young forward will get his wish, but he won't be wearing the red-and-black of St. Cloud State.

Instead, beginning in the 2018-19 season, Kothenbeutel will play against the Huskies the team the Saul Rapids native grew up watching and cheering for — wearing a different red and black uniform, that of the University of

Nebraska Omaha Mavericks. UNO. like St. Cloud State.

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Kothenbeutel

team leader for the Austin Bruins, committed to the

Mavericks earlier this week.

"I grew up in Sauk Rapids and watched St. Cloud play a lot," Kothenbeutel said. "I've wanted to play in the NCHC for awhile. When Omaha called, it became a no-brainer to me.'

Kothenbeutel will play his third full season for the Bruins beginning this fall. He was back in Austin this week for the team's main tryout camp. The Bruins' coaching staff cut the field of players from 160 at the start of camp down to 40 for Friday's camp all-star game, and down to approximately 30 following Friday night's game.

The Bruins open training camp in September, with their season opener set for Sept. 20 at the North American Hockey League Showcase in Blaine.

It'll be the first game under first-year head coach Steve

Howard and new Bruins' assistant Al Rooney. Assistant coaches Keenan Kelly and Brad Clayton return for their third seasons with the team.

"There were a lot of good, young kids at camp," Kothenbeutel said. "The coaches brought in a lot of good players, and some good goalies.

"Coach (Howard) is an oldtime hockey guy. We will be a hard team to play against, have that hard-hitting edge to our game."

Kothenbeutel, 20, is somewhat of a rarity in junior hockey. Assuming he plays the entire 2017-18 season in Austin, he'll have spent three seasons — and part of a fourth (he played eight games for the Bruins in 2014-15) with the same team.

Including playoffs, he has suited up for 119 games as a Bruin, has scored 33 goals and added 51 assists, for 84 career points. He had a breakout season a year ago, when he had 23 goals and 57 points in 58 games.

That production caught the attention of UNO's new coaching staff, first-year head coach Mike Gabinet and assistants Peter Mannino and Dave Noel-Bernier. They started heavily recruiting Kothenbeutel about three weeks ago and brought him to Omaha to visit the campus and the facilities, including the Mavericks' two-year-old, \$80-plus million arena, Baxter Arena.

The Mavericks want Kothenbeutel to play his game, be a reliable and productive two-way center, and be tough for opponents to play against. He has developed plenty

of that grit over his two-plus seasons with the Bruins.

"The coaches were really high on me," he said. "They're looking for a 200-foot center, someone who is good in the offensive zone and defensive zone.

"They're young, and they want to build toward a national championship. It's a great program."

#### **FORMER BRUINS ASSISTANT HIRED BY CUP CHAMPS**

Former Austin Bruins assistant coach Jamie Huffman, who helped build the franchise's back-to-back national Tier II runner-up teams, has been hired by the Stanley Cup champion Pittsburgh Penguins.

Huffman, who coached in Austin from 2011-15, spent the past two seasons as the assistant general manager with the Sioux City Musketeers, as well as a regional scout for the NHL's Anaheim Ducks. Huffman also helped build the Musketeers team that won the USHL's Anderson Cup this past season and was the league's Western Conference champion.

Huffman is joining the Penguins as an amateur regional scout. He will be based out of Des Moines and will scout the USHL, NAHL, Minnesota high school hockey, and draft-eligible college players in the region.

#### **BEAR TRACKS...**

• The Post Bulletin has learned that Rochester John Marshall's **Xander Lamppa** is among the approximately 30 players who survived the final cuts at the Bruins main camp this week. The Bruins' coaches made their decisions late Friday night following the camp all-star game, which featured 40 of the 160 players who participated in the fourday long camp.

• Former Bruins player and volunteer assistant coach Riley Colvard has been named a full-time assistant coach with one of the Bruins' Central Division rivals, the Minnesota Wilderness. Colvard had 34 points in 70 games over two seasons with the Bruins, from 2011-13.

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

# Royals' winning streak stopped

#### Miesville has too much for Rochester

Post Bulletin staff

MIESVILLE — The Rochester Royals' perfect July came to a screeching halt on Friday evening.

The Royals had their sixgame winning streak — all of which occurred in July - snapped by the Miesville Mudhens, 13-4, in a Section 1B regular-season matchup.

It's the second loss to Miesville this season by the Royals, who also fell to the Mudhens 12-0 on June 30, which coincidentally is the last time Rochester had suffered a loss prior to Friday.

Miesville broke open a scoreless game in the bottom of the third inning. The Mudhens scored six

runs in the third, two in the fourth inning and one more in the fifth to build a 9-0 lead through six innings. Rochester scored all four

of its runs in the top of the seventh inning to get on the board, but Miesville put it away by scoring four more times in the bottom of the eighth inning. The Mudhens finished with

12 hits, led by Ronnie Sweeny, who went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a triple, three runs scored and an RBI.

Matt Van Der Bosch was 2-for-4 with a double and three runs scored; and Nate Hammes was 2-for-4 with a double and three RBIs for

Mike Stubbs suffered the loss for Rochester on the mound. He went the first five innings, allowing eight runs on eight hits, with two walks and four strikeouts. John Lundquist pitched the final three innings for Rochester, giving up five runs (two earned) on four hits, with two walks and four strikeouts.

Matt Stubbs and Jordan Martini led the Royals at the plate, both going 2-for-5.

Martini had a run scored and an RBI, and Alex Welder drove in two runs. Dave Rojo also went 1-for-3 for Rochester, with a double.

Rochester is back in action at 4 p.m. Sunday at Austin, at Marcusen Park, in another Section 1B game.



#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

# Bucks halt Honkers' streak

Post Bulletin staff

WATERLOO, Iowa — The Waterloo Bucks used Friday night to pour cold water on one of the hottest teams in the Northwoods League.

The Bucks did it by romping past the Rochester Honkers 18-4. Waterloo scored six runs in the third inning and seven in the eighth. They did their damage behind a 17-hit attack, and got it done in front of 1.736 fans. The Honkers entered the

game having played great baseball of late. Rochester had won its last four games and entered the night 6-2 in the season's second half.

But that streak came crashing Friday as the Bucks went through four Rochester pitch-

Beau O'Hara took the loss. He went the first three innings and allowed seven hits and seven runs, though just three of the runs were earned. The Honkers had an awful time in the field, with five errors.

Rochester was limited to just four hits and nobody had more than one. Zach Zubia and Keyon Yovan each drove

The Honkers host Duluth at 7:05 p.m. today. **BUCKS 18, HONKERS 4** 

in a pair of runs.

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016 002 27x - 18 17 2 Waterloo Rochester: Zubia 1-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Yovan 1-for-3, 2 RBI; Neuer 1-for-3. Pitching: O'Hara (LP) 3 IP, 7 H, 7 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Johnson 3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Dorney 1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Noworyta 1 IP, 6 H, 7 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Waterloo: Genord 3-for-5, 2 2B; Malis 1-for-4, 1 2B, 3 RBI; Cable 2-for-3, 2 R; Thompson 2-for-2, 1 2B, 1 HR, 4 RBI: Hawkins 3-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI. Pitching: McLeod (WP) 5 1/3 IP, 3 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 6 BB, 4 K; Downey 1 2/3 IP 1 H, 1 K; Booth 1 IP, 0 H; Walker 1 IP, 0

#### **STANDINGS**

#### **SECOND HALF NORTH DIVISION**

	w	L	Pct	GB
Mankato	7	3	.700	_
Rochester	6	3	.667	1/2
Willmar	6	4	.600	1
Duluth	6	4	.600	1
Waterloo	5	5	.500	2
Eau Claire	5	5	.500	2
Thunder Bay	4	5	.444	21/2
Bismarck	4	6	.400	3
St. Cloud	3	7	.300	4
La Crosse	3	7	.300	4
SOUTH DIVISION				
Wisconsin Rapids	6	3	.667	_
Battle Creek	6	4	.600	1/2
Lakeshore	6	4	.600	1/2
Rockford	6	4	600	1/2

.500 Madison 11/2 Fond du Lac .500 Kalamazoo 5 .500 Wisconsin .300 8 .200 Green Bay FRIDAY'S GAMES

Rockford 11, Wisconsin 4

Madison 10, Lakeshore 0 Waterloo 18, Rochester 4 Fond du Lac 3, Battle Creek 1 Mankato 6, La Crosse 5 Thunder Bay 5, Bismarck 2 Wisconsin Rapids 10, Green Bay 7 Eau Claire 5, St. Cloud 0 Kenosha 7, Kalamazoo 1 Duluth 9. Willmar 7 **TODAY'S GAMES** 

Willmar at St. Cloud Bismarck at Thunder Bay Eau Claire at La Crosse Waterloo at Mankato

**Rockford at Wisconsin Rapids** Green Bay at Lakeshore Madison at Kenosha Wisconsin at Battle Creek Duluth at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Fond du Lac at Kalamazoo

**SUNDAY'S GAMES** 

Duluth at Rochester, 1:05 p.m. Bismarck at Thunder Bay Wisconsin at Battle Creek Fond du Lac at Kalamazoo Willmar at St. Cloud **Rockford at Wisconsin Rapids** Lakeshore at Green Bay Kenosha at Madison

Eau Claire at La Crosse

Waterloo at Mankato

#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# Redhawks sharp in 1st round

#### Patriots, Eagles, Redhawks all advance in playoffs

Post Bulletin staff

Will Weick was in control for six innings and it helped the Rochester Redhawks to an easy 9-3 win over Waseca in the first round of the First District American Legion baseball playoffs Sunday.

The Redhawks were the No. 8 seed, Waseca No. 9.

Weick allowed eight hits and three runs (two earned) in those six innings pitched, striking out seven along the

"Will Weick commanded the game for six innings," Redhawks coach Tom Senne said. "He was smart with his pitches and kept hitters off

balance. He

has been an

outstanding

addition to

our team;

plays the



game hard and competes." The Redhawks got

another big offensive game from Thomas Krause. He went 3-for-5 with a double and four RBIs. Zach Wolf, Carter Pasternak and Michael Bigalk had two hits each.

Senne liked the look of his entire team. "This is the best we have looked in about a month," he said. "It was fun baseball."

The Redhawks play at No. 1 seed Austin on Tuesday in the second round. The time has yet to be determined.

#### **REDHAWKS 9, WASECA 3**

100 002 000 - 3 8 0 Waseca 021 300 03x - 9 11 3 Redhawks No. 9 Waseca: Hagen 1-for-4, RBI, R; Mann 2-for-4, 2B, RBI, R; Tangen 2-for-2. Pitchers: Madsen (LP) 3 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 7 BB, 3 K; Tangen 2 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Hagen 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3

No. 8 Redhawks: Ryan Barkey 1-for-1, RBI; Zach Wolf 2-for-3, R; Alex Prindle R; Austin Thompson 2 R; Chris Serrano R; Will Weick 1-for-3, 2 RBI, R; Thomas Krause 3-for-5, 2B, 4 RBI, R; Carter Pasternak 2-for-5, R; Eric Jensen R; Michael Bigalk 2-for-4, RBI. Pitchers: Will Weick (WP) 6 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 7 K; Ryan Barkey (S) 3 IP, 0 H, 0 R,

## Patriots ride big

Matthew Halverson went Patriots on Sunday, guiding

Halverson

seven and walked just one, while allowing six hits.

Halverson also did plenty of damage with his bat, with



two hits and three RBIs. Kip Gronholz and Andrew Schmidt also had two hits apiece, including two doubles by Gronholz.

Aaron Limberg had two RBIs. The Patriots, the No. 6 seed, totaled 10 hits. No. 11 seed Byron had six hits and com-

mitted four errors. Jack Thalacker paced Byron with three hits.

The Patriots play at the No. 3-seeded Rochester A's on Tuesday, with the time to be determined.

#### PATRIOTS 10, BYRON 0

000 000 00 - 0 6 4 050 020 03 -10 10 1 **Patriots** No. 11 Byron: Jake Thalacker 3-for-4. No. 6 Patriots: Andrew Schmidt 2-for-5, 1 2B, 2 R; Kip Gronholz 2-for-3, 1 RBI, 2 R; Kyle Ebert 1-for-4, 1 R; Jack Boehm 1-for-3, 1 R; Aaron Limberg 1-for-4, 2 RBI, 1 R; Matthew Halverson 2-for-3, 3 RBI; Zach Smith 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 2 R; Brady Black 1 R. Pitchers: Matthew Halverson (WP) 8 IP, 6 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 7 K.

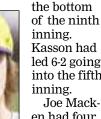
#### Eagles rally, edge Kasson to advance

It wasn't easy, but the Rochester Eagles escaped with a 9-8 win over Kasson in the

first round of the First District American Legion playoffs Sunday.

The Eagles are the No. 7 seed, Kasson No. 10.

The Eagles won after a balk call on the Kasson pitcher in



Macken

led 6-2 going into the fifth inning. Joe Macken had four hits and

two RBIs, and Jack Sperry had three hits, an RBI and three stolen bases to lead the Eagles. Matt Raymond, Ben Limburg, Frank O'Hara and Pat Leary each collected two hits for the

Matthew Sather was the winning pitcher, working the final inning.

The Eagles advance to face No. 2 seed Owatonna on Tuesday (time to be determined) in Owatonna.

#### **LOURDES 9, KASSON 8**

Kasson-M. 012 300 110 - 8 6 3 010 131 201 - 9 14 4 No. 10 Kasson: No stats submitted. No. 7 Eagles: Jack Sperry 3-for-4, 1 RBI, 3 SB; Matt Raymond 2-for-5; Ben Limburg 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Joe Macken 4-for-6, 2 RBI; Dahlton Krahn 1-for-3; Matt Sather 1-for-5, 1 RBI; Frank O'Hara 2-for-5, 2 RBI; Pat Leary 2-for-5, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Kolton Mullenbach 4 IP, 4 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 5 BB, 2 K; Dahlton Krahn 4 IP. 3 H. 2 R. 1 ER. 6 BB. 3 K: Matt Sather (W) 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0

#### **AUTO RACING**

# Walski works his way back to Victory Lane at Deer Creek

Post Bulletin staff

SPRING VALLEY — It had been nearly two years since Shaun Walski had made his way to Victory Lane at Deer Creek Speedway.

But, in just his second night out in his new Dirt Dueler chassis, Walski snapped that drought. The veteran driver from Rollingstone raced his way to a victory in the ultra-competitive USRA B Modifieds division, beating runner-up Kadden Kath to the checkers.

Not only did Walski snap his winless drought at Deer Creek, he did it in the most balanced and unpredictable division at the track.

Walski is the ninth different driver to win a USRA B Modifieds feature in nine races this

 USRA Modifieds: Jake Timm and Josh Angst put on a show up front, racing side by side and exchanging slide jobs through the corners for several laps late in the race. Dustin Sorensen charged his way up from eighth place to make it a three-car battle, and he passed Angst to finish second, as Timm earned the victory.

 Wissota Super Stocks: Jeff Brauer had the best car in the field. The former multiple-time track champion from Eyota started 14th, but worked his way up to the lead in just more than three laps. Brauer then rolled to his third victory of the season.

· Wissota Midwest Modifieds: Jared Boumeester earned his first victory of the season at Deer Creek, beating Dan Wheeler and Garritt Wytaske to the checkers. Wytaske's third-place finish was big, too, as it helped him move into first place in the Deer Creek standings by one point in front of Robbie Franklin, who finished 10th.

#### Wissota Street Stocks:

Waseca's Mike Blowers won his fifth feature of the season at Deer Creek. The win is Blowers' 34th career victory at the track, which ties him with Danny Hanson for the most Street Stocks wins ever.

#### **DEER CREEK RESULTS USRA MODIFIEDS**

Feature (top 10) - 1. Jake Timm (Winona), 2. Dustin Sorensen (Rochester), 3. Josh Angst (Winona), 4. Jason Cummins (New Richland), 5. Brandon Aggen (Rushmore), 6. Adam Hensel (Hammond, Wis.), 7. Lucas Schott (Chatfield), 8. Keith Foss (Winona), 9. Jacob Bleess (Chatfield), 10. Brad Waits (Rochester). Heat winners - Timm. Sorensen.

**WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS** 

Feature (top 10) - 1. Jeff Brauer (Eyota), 2. Tommy Richards (Mondovi, Wis.), 3. Kevin Hager (Kellogg), 4. Jay Oricchio (Ellsworth, Wis.), 5. Ryan Schaufler (Hutchinson), 6. Schatney Sanders (Lake City), 7. AJ Hoff (Mantorville), 8. Bill Clemens (Chatfield), 9. Luke Schultz (Cameron, Wis.), 10. Harland Morehart. Heat winners - Richards, Schaufler.

#### **WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS**

Feature (top 10) - 1. Jared Boumeester (Waseca), 2. Dan Wheeler (Savage), 3. Garritt Wytaske (Austin), 4. Antonio Pintaro (Osseo, Wis.), 5. Don Schaefer (Eyota), 6. Ryan Goergen (Stacyville, Iowa), 7. Steven Amundson (Owatonna), 8. Michael Wytaske (Lansing), 9. Jeff McDonald (Rhinelander, Wis.), 10. Robbie Franklin (Shakopee).

**Heat winners –** Goergen, Ryan Wetzstein, Wytaske.

**WISSOTA STREET STOCKS** Feature (top 10) - 1. Mike Blowers (Waseca), 2. Nick Schwebach (Fountain), 3. Blake Adams (McIntire, Iowa), 4. Zach Elward (Hayfield), 5. Fred Prudoehl (Winona), 6. Jason Newkirk (Austin), 7. Bobby Blowers (Waseca), 8. Steve Holthaus (Cresco, Iowa), 9. Bernie Adams (Stacyville, Iowa), 10. Greg Lammers (Owatonna).

Heat winners - Danny Richards, Travis Krause, Blowers.

#### **USRA B MODIFIEDS**

**Feature (top 10)** — 1. Shaun Walski (Rollingstone), 2. Kadden Kath (Owatonna), 3. Parker Hale (Grand Meadow), 4. Jerry Young (Blooming Prairie), 5. Jim Chisholm, 6. Erik Kanz (Winona), 7. Jackson Hale, 8. Sam Wieben (Dysart, Iowa), 9. Nick Wagner (Osage, Iowa), 10. Scott Demmer (Fllendale). B Main winner - Chisholm.

**Heat winners** – Dustin Kruse, Walski, Demmer, Jett Sorensen.

#### game by Halverson

the distance for the Rochester

them to an eight-inning 10-0 win over Byron in the first round of the First District American Legion playoffs.

Halverson averaged just 11 pitches per inning. He also struck out

#### LEGION BASEBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

**FINAL FOUR** 

# Freeze ousted from playoffs

**AMATEUR FOOTBALL** 

Post Bulletin staff

LAKE BENTON — The Med City Freeze football team knew it would have its hands full in the Southern Plains Football League semifinals against the Buffalo Ridge Wildcats.

The Wildcats entered unbeaten (9-0) and as the No. 1 seed out of the East Division. Med City was 8-1 and the No.

But things got even tougher for the 8-1 Freeze when they discovered late last week that some of their players wouldn't be in uniform including standouts Tim Neal (running back), Storm Soto (tight end), Demonte Nelson (wide receiver) and James Dammen (linebacker).

All of it added up to a one-sided loss for the Freeze, as they saw their season come to an end 50-26. "Having guys missing affected us a lot," Freeze QB Jeff Sipple said. "It was hot, and we had a lot of players going both

What also hurt the Freeze was the offense of Buffalo Ridge. It operated with ease, including hitting on a number of long passes.

"They threw a lot of deep balls, and their quarterback really scrambled around," Sipple said. "Still, it was a fun game. It was closer than what the score (suggests)."

FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION I **SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

Game 1: Redhawks 9, Waseca 3 Game 2: Patriots 10, Byron 0

Game 3: Eagles 9, Kasson 8 **TUESDAY, JULY 18** Second round **Times TBD** 

Game 5: No. 5 Albert Lea at No. 4 Winona Game 6: No. 6 Patriots at No. 3 A's

Game 4: No. 8 Redhawks at No.

Game 7: No. 7 Eagles at No. 2 Owatonna THURSDAY, JULY 20

Third round At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Game 8: A's/Patriots winner vs. Owatonna/Eagles winner, 4 p.m. Game 9: Austin/Redhawks winner vs. Winona/Albert lea winner, 7

FRIDAY, JULY 21

At Dartts Park, Owatonna Losers bracket, first round Game 10: Austin/Redhawks loser

vs. Winona/Albert Lea loser, 10 a.m. Game 11: A's/Patriots loser vs. Owatonna/Eagles loser, 1 p.m. Losers bracket, second round Game 12: Loser Game 8 vs. loser

Game 13: Winner Game 11 vs. loser Game 9, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** At Dartts Park, Owatonna

**Semifinals** Game 14: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 1 p.m. Losers bracket, third round Game 15: Winner Game 12 vs.

winner Game 13, 4 p.m. Loser bracket, fourth round Game 16: Loser Game 14 vs. winner Game 15. 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Game 17: Winner Game 14 vs. winner Game 16, 1 p.m.

Game 18: If necessary, 4 p.m. FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION II

At La Crescent **THURSDAY, JULY 20** Game 1: Adams (West Sub-District champ) vs. St. Charles (East runner-up), 5 p.m. Game 2: Caledonia (East Sub-

District champ) vs. Medford (West runner-up), 7:30 p.m. **SATURDAY, JULY 22** Game 3: Adams/St. Charles winner vs. Caledonia/Medford winner,

10 a.m. Game 4: Adams/St. Charles loser vs. Caledonia/Medford loser,

12:30 p.m. Game 5: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m. **SUNDAY, JULY 23** 

Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m. Game 7: If necessary game, 3:30

THIRD DISTRICT, DIVISION II At Waterville and Montgomery

FRIDAY, JULY 14 Game 1: Le Sueur-Henderson 11. Cannon Falls 1 Game 2: Kenyon 1, Watertown 0

Game 3: Holy Family 11, Sibley East 1 Game 4: Elysian-Morristown 7, Norwood 1

Game 9: Watertown 10, Cannon Falls 2 Game 10: Kenyon 6, Le Sueur-

Henderson 2 Game 11: Sibley East 6, Norwood 3 Game 12: Holy Family 6, Elysian-Morristown 2

**SATURDAY. JULY 15** Game 5: Goodhue 2, Montgomery 0

Game 6: Belle Plaine 3, Southwest Christian 2 Game 7: Pine Island 3. St. Peter 1

Game 8: Plato 4, Z-M 2 **Game 13:** Montgomery 7, Southwest Christian 2 Game 14: Goodhue 5, Belle Plaine 4 Game 15: St. Peter 10, Zumbrota-

Mazeppa 5 Game 16: Pine Island 11, Plato 7 **SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

**Consolation quarterfinals** Game 17: Plato 3, Watertown 1 Game 18: Belle Plaine 11, Sibley Fast 5

Game 19: LSH 10. Montgomery 3 Game 20: St. Peter 3, Elysian-Morristown 1 Championship semifinals

Game 21: Holy Family 7. Kenyon 1 Game 22: Pine Island 12. Goodhue 0

FRIDAY, JULY 21 **Consolation bracket** Game 23: Plato vs. Belle Plaine, 4:30 p.m.

Game 24: Le Sueur-Henderson vs. St. Peter. 6:30 p.m. **SATURDAY. JULY 22** 

**Consolation bracket** Game 25: Plato/Belle Plaine winner vs. Kenyon, 11 a.m. Game 26: Le Sueur-Henderson/ St. Peter winner vs. Goodhue,

1:30 p.m. Championship bracket Game 27: Holy Family vs. Pine Island, noon Game 28: Winner Game 25 vs. loser Game 27, 2:30 p.m. Game 29: Winner Game 27 vs.

winner Game 26, 5 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23 Finals** Game 30: Game 29 winner vs. Game 28 winner, 11 a.m.

Game 31: If necessary, 1:30 p.m.

## **AMATEUR BASEBALL** Greyhounds make easy work of Royals

Post Bulletin staff

AUSTIN — The Austin Greyhounds were all over the Rochester Royals on Sunday afternoon, running off with a

9-3 amateur baseball win. The Greyhounds outhit the Royals 12-7, led by Tyler Nelson, Mark Harber, Josh Evans and John Frein each with two

The Royals had a tough time in the field, as they committed six errors. Just three of the nine runs their pitchers

allowed were earned.

pitching win for Austin. He went all nine innings. The Greyhounds built a quick 6-1 lead after two innings. They also played

Steve Serratore got the

error-free baseball all game. Tim Oesterlin and Jordan Jasik led the Royals with two hits apiece. Oesterlin drove in a pair of runs.



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#### **NORTHWOODS LEAGUE BASEBALL**

# Honkers' Zubia wins HR derby

Post Bulletin staff

WAUSAU, Wis. - Rochester Honkers standout Zach Zubia won the home run derby title during Tuesday's Northwoods League All-Star festivities.

Zubia was the individual champ, and there also was a team competition. The North



crown, 13-11, over the South Division. Fellow

the team

Division won

Honkers player and Lyle native Jordan Hart also

competed in the derby, but he did not hit a home run.

Zubia was the first batter to hit a home run in the derby. He ended up hitting three home runs in a run during the competition. Zubia leads the Northwoods League with 16 home runs this summer.

Later in the night, Zubia also represented the Honkers during the All-Star game. He went 0-for-2 as the designated hitter for the North Division. Zubia did draw two walks, but the South Division secured a 6-2 victory, holding the North scoreless in the final six innings.

The South Division scored four time sin the bottom of the eighth to pull away.

The Honkers are off again today, but they return to action at 7:05 p.m. Thursday at home against the Bismarck Larks.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL PLAYOFFS**

SUBSTATE 1, DIVISION I **SUNDAY, JULY 16** First round

Game 1: Redhawks 9, Waseca 3 Game 2: Patriots 10, Byron 0 Game 3: Eagles 9, Kasson 8 **TODAY** 

Second round

**Game 4:** No. 1 Austin 15, No. 8 Redhawks 5 (8 innings) Game 5: No. 5 Winona 9, No. 4 Albert

Game 6: No. 6 Patriots 4. No. 3 A's (at Century), game suspended in ninth inning due to rain

Game 7: No. 2 Owatonna 13, No. 7 Eagles 11 **THURSDAY, JULY 20** 

Third round At Dartts Park, Owatonna Game 8: A's/Patriots winner vs.

At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Owatonna, 4 p.m. Game 9: Austin vs. Winona, 7 p.m. FRIDAY, JULY 21

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Losers bracket, second round Game 12: Loser Game 8 vs. winner

Game 10, 4 p.m. Game 13: Winner Game 11 vs. loser Game 9, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** At Dartts Park, Owatonna **Semifinals** 

Game 14: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Losers bracket, third round Game 15: Winner Game 12 vs. winner Game 13, 4 p.m.

Loser bracket, fourth round Game 16: Loser Game 14 vs. winner Game 15, 7 p.m.

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FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION II

**FINAL FOUR** 

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**SUNDAY, JULY 23** Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m. Game 7: If necessary game, 3:30 p.m.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL: DIVISION I PLAYOFFS**



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be resumed today.

Matt Raymond had a big

Eagles on Tuesday. He went

3-for-5 with a double, a home

Brown all had two hits apiece.

Limburg scored two runs, and

Kraling suffered the pitching

Kraling went 1 2/3 innings,

loss in relief of starter Matt

allowing eight runs (six

five hits, walking one.

earned) on three hits and

four walks. Sather went four

innings, allowing four runs on

ers bracket, where they'll face

the loser between the A's and

Redhawks at 10 a.m. Friday at

Rochester Eagles: Jack Sperry 1-for-4

1 R; Matt Raymond 3-for-5, 1 2B, 1 HR,

3 RBI, 3 R; Ben Limburg 2-for-4 2 R; Joe Macken 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Hayden

Brown 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 3B, 4 RBI. Pitchers:

Matt Sather 4 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 0 K; Brady Kraling (L) 1 2/3 IP, 3 H, 8 R, 6

ER, 4 BB, 0 K; Ben Limburg 2 1/3 IP, 1 H,

Owatonna: No stats provided.

1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.

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Dartts Park in Owatonna.

**OWATONNA 13, EAGLES 11** 

The Eagles drop into the los-

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Joe Macken and Hayden

Raymond

Sather.

runs scored. Ben Limburg,

Rochester Patriots first baseman Alex Jensen tags out Mac Horvath of the Rochester A's on a pickoff play during an American Legion playoff game Tuesday at Century High School. The game was delayed in the bottom of the ninth inning because of weather with the Patriots up 4-1.

# Weather stops Pats-A's; Redhawks, Eagles lose

**BY NICK KELLY** 

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The Rochester Patriots are close to defeating the Rochester A's for a second time this season, but they will have to wait about 24 hours to make it official.

The Patriots jumped to a 4-1 lead in the top of the ninth inning in the second round of the American Legion Division 1, Sub-State 1 tournament Tuesday at Century High School. Before the A's could attempt to answer, rain came crashing down. The game was postponed to today, back at Century.

The time has not yet been determined at press time. The official start time will be announced on Twitter on the Rochester A's account, @Rochester\_As.

If the Patriots preserve their lead, they will face top-seeded Owatonna at 4 p.m. Thursday at Dartts Park in Owatonna. The loser of the game between the A's and Patriots will face the Rochester Eagles in an elimination game at 1 p.m. Friday at Dartts Park.

Although the Patriots hold the lead, the A's sat in a prime position to win heading into the ninth in a game that looked like one run would be enough for the win.

Travis Rittenhouse registered the hit that scored that run for the A's in the bottom of the eighth to give them a 1-0 lead. Rittenhouse was outstanding Tuesday, going 4-for-4 to pace the A's at the plate.

The A's were just two outs away from closing the door and holding on for a 1-0 victory. But Zach Smith ended A's pitcher Thomas Bruss' shot at a complete-game shutout when Smith hit the ball past the fence to tie the game at 1-all.

A's pitcher Mac Horvath then entered the game and struck out the next batter.

Things only became worse for Horvath and the A's from there. Two walks, an error and a wild pitch helped the Patriots take the 4-1 lead they will take into today. The Patriots scored two of their four runs off Horvath's wild pitch, which he threw while rain began to pour down.

#### Austin takes advantage of Redhawks miscues

AUSTIN — Through four

innings, the Rochester Redhawks and Austin were tied at 4-all on Tuesday during the Sub-State 1 playoffs.

But Austin took over from there, scoring 10 runs in the next three innings to pull away for a 15-5 victory in eight innings. The loss drops the Red-

bracket; they'll face Winona at 10 a.m. Friday at Dartts Park in Owatonna. The loser is eliminated. The Redhawks, who

hawks (Mayo) to the losers

dropped to 9-19, struggled in the field Tuesday, committing five errors, while Austin played error-free ball. Thomas Krause remained

red hot at the plate for Rochester, going 3-for-4 with a double, a triple, an RBI and two runs scored. Austin Thompson and Will Weick had two hits apiece. Weick added a double, an RBI and a run scored, while Thompson had a run

Josi Bothun led Austin, going 3-for-4 with two RBIs.

Krause took the loss on the hill. He went three innings. allowing four runs on seven hits, while walking two.

**AUSTIN 15, REDHAWKS 5** Redhawks 301 000 10 - 5 12 5

 $112\ 244\ 01\ -15\ 16\ 0$ Rochester Redhawks: Alex Prindle 1-for-4, R; Austin Thompson 2-for-4, RBI; Chris Serrano 1-for-4, R; Jason Martin 1-for-4, RBI; Thomas Krause 3-for-4, 2B, 3B, RBI, 2 R; Zach Gathje 1-for-1; Will Weick 2-for-3, 2B, RBI, R; Levi DeYoung 1-for-2. Pitchers: Thomas Krause (LP) 3 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Josh Collins 1 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Michael Bigalk 2 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Zach Gathje 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

Austin: Josi Bothun 3-for-4, 2 RBI; Jack Dankert 2-for-3, 2 RBI, 2 R; Phillip Zynda 2-for-4, 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R; Riley Retterath 3-for-5, 3 R. Pitchers: Dankert (WP) 5 IP, 9 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 4 K; Ciola 2.1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Hawkshead .2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 0 K.

#### No. 2 seed Owatonna rallies, tops Eagles

OWATONNA — The Rochester Eagles led 6-1 through three innings against No. 2-seeded Owatonna on Tuesday night during the Division I, Sub-State 1 playoffs.

But Owatonna scored 11 times in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings and held on for a wild 13-11 victory.

Owatonna advances to face the winner between the Rochester Patriots and A's. The Patriots and A's postponed the conclusion of their game after heavy rains hit Rochester on Tuesday. The Patriots currently lead 4-1 in a game that will

#### **GOLF**

#### Red Wing teen drops back at State Am

Post Bulletin staff

EDINA — Red Wing 16-yearold Cecil Belisle was in contention after Monday's first day of the Minnesota State Amateur golf tournament at Interlachen.

But in Tuesday's second round, Belisle shot a 79 to fall to a tie for 21st, six strokes behind co-leaders Troy Johnson, Grady Meyer and Tyler Obermueller.

Belisle ended Monday in a tie for third with others, one shot behind Johnson and Obermueller.

Sixty-seven golfers shot 157 or better and made the cut for today's final round.

The area's other three qualifiers all missed the cut: Mark Giorgi (Red Wing) 162; Cordie Walker (Northern Hills) 164; and Thomas Huettl (Lake City) 173.

**PRO BASKETBALL** 

## Wolves officially sign veteran Crawford

Post Bulletin staff

The Minnesota Timberwolves today announced the team has signed guard Jamal Crawford. Per team policy, terms of the agreement were not released.

Crawford, 37, played in all 82 regular-season games for the Los Angeles Clippers last season, averaging 12.3 points and 2.6 assists per game while shooting 36.0 percent from three-point range. Crawford has won the NBA

Sixth Man Award three times (2015-16, 2013-14 and 2009-10). One of his best seasons was 2007-08 with the Knicks when he averaged a career-high 20.6 points and 5.0 assists in 80 games.

The 6-5 guard carries career averages of 15.3 points and 3.5 assists in 1182 games (433 starts) over 17 seasons

with the Bulls, Knicks, Warriors, Hawks, Trail Blazers and Clippers. Crawford is a career 35.0 percent shooter from beyond the arc. He has appeared in the postseason seven times, including the last five seasons with the Clippers, posting career playoff averages of 14.5 points and 2.2 assists

He ranks fifth all-time in the NBA in three-pointers made with 2,049 and 43rd in games played. Among NBA active players, Crawford ranks third in three-pointers made, seventh in games played and 10th in minutes.

Crawford was the eighth overall pick in the 2000 NBA Draft held at Target Center, by the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Draft held at Target Center, after playing one season at the University of Michigan.

#### **PRO BASEBALL: TRADE**

#### Yankees get Frazier, Kahnle, Robertson from White Sox

BY DAVE CAMPBELL

AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — The New York Yankees made an early push for playoff run Tuesday night, acquiring infielder Todd Frazier and relievers David Robertson and Tommy Kahnle from the Chicago White Sox for reliever Tyler Clippard and three prospects. The Yankees currently

hold the second AL wild-card spot. They're close to the AL East-leading Boston Red Sox.

"It should tell them, 'Hey, we're in this,' and we need to continue to play and play hard and play better than we've done," Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after a 6-3 victory in Minnesota. "But it should be a pick-me-up in there in a sense, like, 'Hey, there's a lot of people who believe in this club."

As the July 31 nonwaiver trade deadline nears, the lastplace White Sox made their second big trade in a week. Last Thursday, they sent ace Jose Quintana to the crosstown Cubs for four minor leaguers.

Along with Clippard, the White Sox got left-handed pitcher Ian Clarkin and outfielders Blake Rutherford and Tito Polo. They also announced top prospect Yoan Moncada would be called up for Wednesday's game against the Dodgers.

"Over the last few weeks we spent a considerable amount of time surveying the market for each of these players individually and decided the more prudent path to acquiring more talent similar to what we have over the last several months, the best path to acquiring the most potential impact talent, was to bundle these players together," White Sox general manager Rick Hahn said.

Frazier was a two-time All-Star with Cincinnati, but he's in a down year. He could play first base, a position the Yankees have struggled to stabilize all season, or remain at third base and move Chase Headley from one corner to the other.

The 31-year-old Frazier, who grew up in New Jersey as a Yankees fan, was pulled from the starting lineup shortly before the White Sox hosted the Dodgers on Tuesday night. He spent the early part of the game in the dugout talking with Robertson.

Frazier is hitting .207 with 16 home runs and 44 RBIs Last year, he set career highs with 40 homers and 98 RBIs. He is eligible for free agency after this season.

With the Yankees playing the Twins today, it was uncertain whether the new arrivals would make it in time for the game.



# VFW Final League Standings

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#### **Norris**

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He guided the Eagles to a Class AA state runner-up finish in 2011.

The 6-foot-5 Norris has a strong playing background. After high school in California, where he started out as a 6-foot point guard, he played two years of junior college ball at Riverside City College and helped guide the team to

a state championship. He then played one year of Division I ball at Sacramento State and then one year of Division II ball at Cal State Los Angeles.

"I was pretty good," Norris said. "I could play a little bit."

He played four different positions — everywhere but center — during his career. That could be a benefit as he begins to coach a wide variety of position players.

"I like to have a hard-nose defensive team," Norris said of his coaching style. He also prefers to run an uptempo offense.

"I'm pretty good with X's and O's," he added.

For the past couple of summers, Norris has also coached an AAU team in Rochester, the Minnesota Lace Up. But he has had limited dealing with Lourdes players.

"I don't know anything about what we have yet," he

Norris did note that he wants his job to be more than just coaching. He hopes to impart life lessons on his players as well.

"I try keeping it honest and having a relationship with the guys," he said.

"It's more than just basket-

"I try keeping it honest and having a relationship with the guys. It's more than just basketball."

DAVID NORRIS, ROCHESTER BOYS BASKETBALL HEAD COACH

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL**

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#### **LEGION BASEBALL**

# A's, Patriots conclusion again delayed

Playoff game to be decided at noon today

Post Bulletin staff

The conclusion of the Rochester Patriots and Rochester A's American Legion playoff baseball game was delayed for the second day in a row on Wednesday.

The first 8½ innings of the nine-inning Division 1,

Sub-State 1 playoff game was played on Tuesday. The sixth-seeded Patriots were leading the No. 3 A's 4-1 heading into the bottom of the ninth when the game was halted by rain.

Because of heavy rains on Wednesday, the game was not completed at Century High

School. The game will be finished at noon today and then the winner will have to scramble over to Owatonna to face No. 2 Owatonna at 4 p.m. at Dartts Park.

If the A's and Patriots game runs long, the start time for the game at Owatonna could be pushed back.

The Division 1, Sub-State 1 playoffs are double elimination. The loser of the A's and Patriots game falls into the elimination bracket and will play a loser-out game on Friday. The team that loses later today in Owatonna also will face a loser-out game on Friday.

#### **AMATEUR GOLF**

# Owatonna native's final-round 66 secures 114th State Am golf title

Wire services

Dave Carothers, a native of Owatonna, saved the best golf of the week, a final round 4-under-par 66, to win the 114th State Amateur Golf Championship on Wednesday at Interlachen Country Club in Edina.

Carothers finished the 54-hole tournament at 4-over 214. He shot 72 in the opening round and 76 in the second round. His 66 was one of only three sub-70 rounds this week at the historic, 6,924yard layout.

He entered the final round three shots out of the lead, and he was tied for the top spot with Grady Meyer and Tyler Obermueller as he stepped onto the No. 18 tee Wednesday.

Carothers birdied the 428yard par 4 final hole, while Meyer made par to finish second at 215 and Obermueller made bogey to fall back to third place at 216.

Joe O'Brien, Myles Pfingsten and Sam Foust tied for fourth at 217.

O'Brien finished with a 69. The only other sub-70 round of the week was Taylor Sundborn's second-round 68 that was 20 shots better than his opening-round 88. Sundborn finished with a 76 to tie for 40th at 232.

Tuesday's second round. when he shot a 79.

#### **HAZELTINE GETS 2020 U.S. JUNIOR**

Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska will play host to the 2020 U.S. Junior Championship, the U.S. Golf Association announced Wednesday. The tournament will be played July 20-25.

It will be the ninth USGA event played at Hazeltine, which also has hosted two U.S. Opens, two PGA Championships and last fall's Ryder Cup.

At Hazeltine, the field will be expanded from 156 players, with Chaska Town Course also being used as a host for stroke play qualifying rounds for the match play portion of the tournament.

#### **CAPAN ADVANCES**

Frankie Capan, of North Oaks, advanced to the round of 32 at the U.S. Junior at Flint Hills National Golf Club in Andover, Kan., beating Turk Pettit, of Auburn, Ala., 1 up in the first round of match play.

Capan was 3 up with three holes to play before making bogey at Nos. 16 and 17 to see his lead slip to 1 up going into the final hole, which he

Capan tied for 20th in stroke-play qualifying, shooting 141 over 36 holes.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL PLAYOFFS**

FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION II

**FINAL FOUR** At La Crescent

Game 1: Adams (West Sub-District champ) vs. St. Charles (East runner-up), 5 p.m. Game 2: Caledonia (East Sub-District champ) vs. Medford

SATURDAY, JULY 22 Game 3: Adams/St. Charles win-

(West runner-up), 7:30 p.m.

ner vs. Caledonia/Medford winner, 10 a.m. Game 4: Adams/St. Charles loser vs. Caledonia/Medford loser.

12:30 p.m. Game 5: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game

5 winner, 1 p.m. Game 7: If necessary game, 3:30

SUBSTATE 1,

**DIVISION I SUNDAY, JULY 16** 

First round Game 1: Redhawks 9,

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Game 3: Eagles 9, Kasson

**TUESDAY, JULY 18** Second round

Game 4: Austin 15, Redhawks 5 Game 5: Winona 9, Albert

Game 6: No. 6 Patriots at No. 3 A's, ppd. (game resumes today at noon with Patriots leading 4-1

in ninth inning) Game 7: Owatonna 13,

Eagles 11

TODAY

**Second round** 

**At Century High School Completion of Rochester** Patriots vs. Rochester A's, noon

Third round

At Dartts Park, Owatonna Game 8: A's/Patriots winner vs. No. 2 Owatonna, 4 p.m.

Game 9: No. 1 Austin vs. No. 4 Winona, 7 p.m. FRIDAY, JULY 21

At Dartts Park, Owatonna Losers bracket, first round Game 10: Redhawks vs.

Albert Lea, 10 a.m. Game 11: A's/Patriots loser vs. Eagles, 1 p.m. Losers bracket, second

Game 12: Loser Game 8 vs. winner Game 10, 4 p.m.

Game 13: Winner Game 11 vs. loser Game 9. 7

p.m. SATURDAY, JULY 22 At Dartts Park, Owatonna Semifinals

Game 14: Winner Game 8 vs. winner Game 9, 1 p.m. Losers bracket, third round

Game 15: Winner Game 12 vs. winner Game 13. 4 p.m. Loser bracket, fourth

round Game 16: Loser Game 14 vs. winner Game 15,

7 p.m. **SUNDAY, JULY 23** At Dartts Park, Owatonna **Finals** 

Game 17: Winner Game 14 vs. winner Game 16, 1 p.m. Game 18: If necessary,

Red Wing's Cecil Belisle halved with a par. shot a 77 Wednesday and finished in a tie for 29th. His first-round 72 had him tied for third place entering

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"The first time I lined up next to the big guys, it really sinks in, it's like, 'wow, what am I doing out here?" But then you think about it and realize you must have done something right to be in that position."

AUSTIN'S NATE KOHNKE, MOTOCROSS RIDER

# A little local flavor

Qualifying for main events a special feeling for many motocross riders

**BY JASON FELDMAN** jfeldman@postbulletin.com

MILLVILLE — Nate Kohnke clearly remembers his first "wow" moment in a moto-

cross race. It happened three years ago in Crawfordsville, Ind., but Kohnke remembers everything about it. The nerves, the sweat, the adrenaline, the crowd, and the star riders he was lined up next to at the

starting gate. "The first time I lined up next to the big guys, it really sinks in, it's like, 'wow, what am I doing out here?" he said. "But then you think about it and realize you must have done something right to be in that position."

Kohnke hopes to do something right, again, this weekend at the AMA Pro



He'll make the short drive from his home in

attempt to qualify to race against many of the best riders in the world.

Kohnke, 24, is no stranger to Spring Creek. He raced there



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Riders take off from the starting gates in a 250 moto last year at the AMA Pro Motocross Championship races at Spring Creek MX Park in Millville. The series returns to Spring Creek on Saturday.

often as a young boy, when his career was first beginning, and has continued to race there throughout his career, including the past four years, when he has raced in the pro divisions

He spent his first season as a pro in the 450 class (bigger motor), moved to the 250 class for two seasons, then came back to the 450 class this year.

"This is my fourth year here trying to qualify," he said. "It's so close to home. You know everybody, it's a cool feeling to race here.

"When you're on the track the environment here is great, but sometimes you forget about where you're at

when you're out there, you just get into the race."

Kohnke is one of dozens of riders who will attempt to qualify for the 40-rider field that will race in the nationally televised pro motos Saturday

afternoon. The first motos are scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. But Kohnke will join all of the 450 riders Saturday morning in attempting to qualify.

See **LOCALS**, page **D4** 

# Bats still sleeping

#### Rochester offense doesn't wake up after All-Star break

#### BY NICK KELLY

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It's unfortunate but three days of rest did not translate to an energized offense for the Rochester Honkers on Thursday night at Mayo

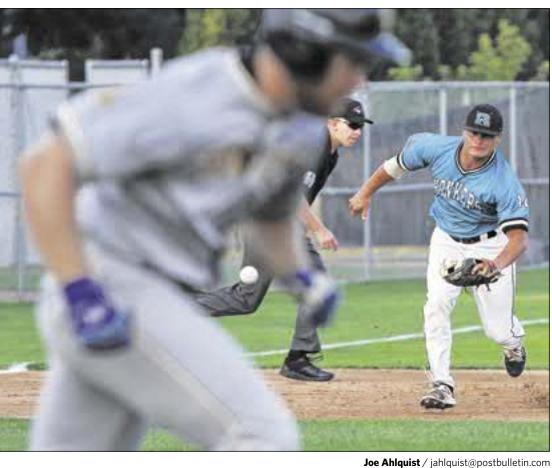
After the three-day All-Star break, the Honkers registered just four hits and three runs in a 4-3 loss against the Bismarck Larks. The Honkers (7-4 second half, 23-23 overall) face the Larks (7-6, 23-25) again at 7:05 tonight back at Mayo Field.

Connor Perry and Ryan Anderson hit two solo home runs for the Larks in the first inning to give them a lead they never gave up.

Rochester's Zach Zubia returned the favor with a solo home run of his own in the bottom half of the frame. Zubia, who leads the Northwoods League in home runs, won the home run derby in Wausau, Wis., and played in the All-Star game during the break.

Rochester finally scored a second run in the seventh, but Bismarck had already increased its lead to 3-1 with a sacrificial fly from Newt Johnson earlier that inning.

Starting pitcher Chia-Ching Ho gave up another home run in the seventh inning to Bismarck's Luke Waldek shortly before Ho



Rochester Honkers third baseman Ethan Ibarra charges a grounder before fielding it and making a throw to first base to force out Bismarck's Newt Johnson during Thursday's Northwoods League game at Mayo Field.

exited the game.

The Honkers scored on a fielder's choice in the bottom of the seventh, but they failed to muster the tying run.

Ho gave up four hits and four earned runs in 6 2/3 innings while striking out three batters.

#### For the full game story ...

Check out Nick Kelly's game report, box score and Northwoods League standings on **PAGE D3.** 

After the three-day All-Star break, the Honkers registered just four hits and three runs ...

# Surprise!

#### Patriots advance to semis

#### **BY PAT RUFF**

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OWATONNA — There was no stunned look worn by Rochester Patriots coach Paul Halverson. He was pleased Thursday with how his team had performed to this point in the Sub-State I,

#### Schmidt saves the day ...

Pat Ruff has complete coverage of the Patriots in the Legion tournament, PAGE D3.

Division I American Legion baseball tournament. But there was no shock and awe from him. The Patriots

6 seed. They buried 11th-seeded Byron in the first round Sunday, put the finishing touches on a 4-3 win over the third-seeded Roches-

entered as the No.

ter A's on Thursday (getting the final three outs in a game that had been suspended by rain Tuesday and Wednesday), then beat No. 2 seed Owatonna 10-8 late Thursday afternoon at Dartss Park. So far, it's been an impressive early showing.

But to Halverson, it's far from a stunning perfor-"We talked about how we were an underdog



Halverson

coming into the tournament,' said Halverson, a former longtime Patriots assistant who has taken over this season after the

retirement of Terry Heiderscheit. "But to us, it's really a pretty even playing field in the tournament." Based on what his team has

done, Halverson looks right on. The Patriots now have a realistic

shot at winning the event as they head into Saturday's Sub-State I semifinals against top-seeded Austin. They'll play at 1 p.m., again at Dartts Park.

"We've got a whole team of scrappers," Halverson said. "We stay in games because of that." The Patriots used a big start against Owatonna to secure the 10-8 win. They scored four runs in the second inning, riding a triple by Matthew Halverson, and singles by Jack Boehm, Sam Lingen and Aaron Limberg.

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**COLLEGE SUMMER BASEBALL** 

# **Bismarck outlasts Rochester**

Rough start too much for Honkers to overcome

**BY NICK KELLY** 

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There are rough starts, and then there is the start Rochester Honkers pitcher Chia-Ching Ho experienced Thursday.

The first Bismarck batter Ho faced sent a pitch past the right-field fence. Two batters later, Ho gave up another solo home run.

The inning that initially looked like batting practice for the Larks stopped shortly after, but the damage was already done.

The Larks turned that tworun lead into a 4-3 victory over the Honkers on Thursday at Mayo Field. Rochester (7-4 in the second half, 23-23 overall) will face the Larks (7-6, 23-25) at 7:05 tonight back at Mayo

The Honkers remain one game back from Mankato in the second-half standings.

Ho said the first inning was a product of his sore arm that needed an inning to warm up. "It didn't feel really good,"

Ho's chance at a productive outing didn't look good either. But Ho retired the next 14 batters he faced.

Honkers manager Trevor Hairgrove said Ho has made vast improvements since he arrived from Taiwan almost two months ago.

"I think he is a lot more comfortable," Hairgrove said. "I think he is getting a lot more confident. He is out there on the mound attacking the zone.

Teammate Zach Zubia has also noticed a difference in Ho's approach. Zubia said Ho was timid with his pitch selection early in the season.

Not anymore, though. "He comes out here and commands what he does best pound the zone," Zubia said.

'He has been great for us.' In six starts. Ho has an ERA of 4.26 and a 1-2 record.

Ho said just because he's improved doesn't mean he's where he wants to be yet. The first inning was not the only blemish Thursday.

Ho gave up a solo home run to Luke Waldek in the top of the seventh inning. Ho exited the game shortly after.

Ho knows there is still room for improvement. He said he needs to throw more strikes.

If his growth in speaking English is any indication, that improvement will come. Ho came to Minnesota speaking

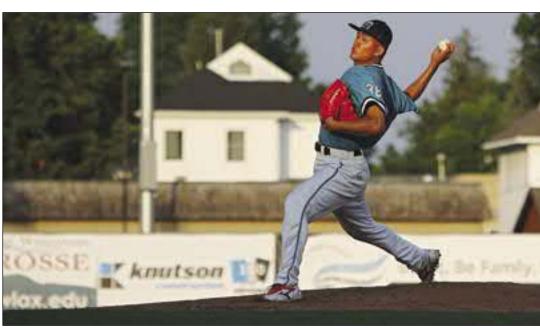
little English. "His English has improved a lot," Zubia said. "He can speak sentences to us, and that is what is kind of amazing to me."

Zubia said he can't imagine what it is like for Ho to travel



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The Honkers' Zach Zubia bumps helmets with teammate Ryan Fitzpatrick after hitting a home run during a game against Bismarck Thursday at Mayo Field. Zubia won the Northwoods League home-run derby earlier this week and leads the league stats with 17 homers for the season.



Honkers starter Chia-Ching Ho was clipped for two first-inning homers but went on to throw 6 2/3 innings, giving up only two more runs and retiring 14 straight batters at one point. More photos from this game are available at postbulletin.com/gallery

7,000 miles from home this summer to play for the Honk-

"I'm 2.000 miles away from home, and it is still tough," Zubia said.

#### **ZUBIA CONTINUES HOME RUN DERBY SUCCESS**

While the Honkers had three days off before Thursday's game, Zubia was busy winning a home run derby.

Zubia, a Texas native, hit five home runs to win the home run derby earlier in the week in Wausau, Wis.

He wasn't expecting that five would win him the title. "I was surprised I won but

grateful I won," Zubia said. It's not surprising considering his success at the plate for the Honkers. He leads the Northwoods League with 17 home runs.

"He has the most pop (of any player) out there," Hairgrove said.

He didn't have pop in the

first pitch he faced in the home run derby, though. He didn't even make contact.

"I was nervous," Zubia said. But Zubia returned to form shortly after as he got into a

And it didn't end in Wisconsin. Zubia hit a solo home run in the first inning Thursday.

"When you get in the groove, it is really easy to stay in it," he said. "To be honest with you, it is kind of surreal to hit a home run after the home run derby."

#### **BISMARCK 4, ROCHESTER 3**

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Rochester: Zach Zubia 1-for-3, 1 HR; Griffin Neuer 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 2B; Morgan McCullough 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 2B. Pitchers: Chia-Ching Ho (LP) 6 2/3 IP, 4 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Ben Strahm 2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R. 0 ER. 0 BB. 2 K.

NORTHWOODS LEAGUE SECOND HALF

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#### **TODAY'S GAMES**

St. Cloud at Duluth Kalamazoo at Rockford

Bismarck at Rochester, 7:05 p.m.

Kenosha at Wisconsin Wisconsin Rapids at Madison La Crosse at Eau Claire

SATURDAY'S GAMES

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Honkers second baseman Morgan McCullough (8) fields a ball before

making a throw to first for an out. Rochester played errorless baseball Thursday. McCullough was 1-for-3 with

a double and

scored a run.

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Green Bay at Kalamazoo

AMATEUR BASEBALL

# Northfield pounds Royals in rescheduled game

Post Bulletin staff

CANNON FALLS — Northfield pounded 14 hits in a 12-2 victory over the Rochester Royals on Thursday night in amateur baseball.

This game was originally scheduled for Wednesday night in Northfield, but rain postponed the game and moved it to John Burch Park in Cannon Falls.

The Knights scored early and often,

leading 9-0 after three innings. Nick Bornhauser led the way, going 4-for-5 with five RBIs and a home run.

The Royals managed just five hits. Jordan Jasik, Arron Hohensee, Dave Adams, Tim Osterlin and Jared Campbell had one hit apiece.

Hohensee had a double and a run scored, while Jasik and Adams both had a Dundas.

double and an RBI.

Mike Stubbs took the pitching loss for Rochester. He went two innings, allowing nine runs (four earned) on seven hits,

while walking four and striking out one. Erik Thorvilson threw well in relief, tossing five innings. He allowed one run on four hits

The Royals return to action tonight at

**LEGION BASEBALL:** DIVISION I

# Schmidt saves the day for Patriots

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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OWATONNA — Andrew Schmidt considered not even putting on a Rochester Patriots jersey this summer.

Schmidt had a frustrating spring of baseball, and he seriously considered skipping the American Legion summer season.



But in the end, he decided to stick with it. And that's great news for the Patriots. The recent

John Mar-

Schmidt

shall graduate came up huge for his Legion team Thursday in the quarterfinals of the Sub-State 1, Division I tournament at Dartts Park, and he did it especially from the mound.

Schmidt, who spent most of the game at second base, entered as his team's pitcher with two Owatonna players on base in the eighth inning, nobody out and the Patriots clinging to a 10-7 lead. Schmidt proceeded to allow a quick hit, with one run scoring.

But after that hit? Well, up next was an impressive display of slamming the door shut on an opponent.

The right-handed Schmidt struck out the next three Owatonna batters. And they weren't just anybody. They were Post 77's Nos. 2, 3 and 4 hitters.

Schmidt finished off No. 2 seed Owatonna in the ninth inning, facing just four batters and allowing no runs.

"I tried to do the best I could (with the situation)," Schmidt said. "I tried not to worry about it. But it was tons of fun being out there and helping my team.'

Schmidt made the Patriots an upset winner for the second time in one day in the tournament, winning this one 10-8. Earlier Thursday, the No. 6-seeded Patriots finished up a game that had been suspended in the bottom of the ninth inning on Tuesday and Wednesday by rain, the Patriots leading the third-seeded Rochester A's 4-1 when the rains came. The A's managed two runs in the ninth, but the Patriots hung on for a 4-3 win.

ots almost certainly wouldn't be where they are now, preparing to play top-seeded Austin at 1 p.m. Saturday in the semifinals, again at Dartts Park.

Without Schmidt, the Patri-

"We're not the biggest team,

but we're really scrappy," said Patriots outfielder Zach Smith, who will play baseball in the fall at Division I North Dakota State. Smith drove in a pair of runs against Post 77. "Owatonna is very good. But we wanted to just keep hanging in there.

It's a long game." It is especially long in the Legion playoffs, when games go from the seven innings (during the regular season), to nine.

It takes a toll on pitching, as was evidenced by the Patriots using four arms against Owatonna, which also used four pitchers. Matthew Halverson was the Patriots starter. He lasted 4 2/3 innings, allowing five runs. He was followed by Ian Bergstrom (1 1/3 innings), Kyle Ebert (one inning), and finally Schmidt. It was Ebert, who'll be just a sophomore this fall at John Marshall, who got the win.

The Patriots put themselves in great position to begin the game. They came out hot with the bats, getting four hits in the second inning when they scored four runs.

Owatonna tied the score later, but it never went ahead.

for us," Smith said. "That gave us a lot of confidence." The Patriots totaled 11 hits

"That early 4-0 lead was big

in the game. Kip Gronholz, Schmidt, Jack Boehm and Sam Lingen all had two apiece.

Owatonna's big blow came in the fourth inning when Alec Holcomb belted a three-run home run.

#### **SUB-STATE 1, DIVISION I**

**QUARTERFINALS PATRIOTS 10, OWATONNA 8** 

040 010 230 - 10 11 0 001 310 210 - 8 10 4 Patriots Owatonna Patriots: Aaron Limberg 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Kip Gronholz 2-for-2, 3 R, 1 RBI; Zach Smith 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Andrew Schmidt 2-for-4, 1 2B: Matthew Halverson 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 3B; Jack Boehm 2-for-4, 1 R, 2 RBI; Sam Lingen 2-for-5, 2 R, 1 RBI. Pitching: Halverson 4 2/3 IP, 5 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 2 BB, 3 K; Ian Bergstrom 1 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 K, 2 K; Kyle Ebert (WP) 1 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Andrew Schmidt 2 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 4 K.

Owatonna: Noah Budach 3-for-4, 2 R, 1 RBI; Brady Schuster 2-for-5, 1 R, 2 RBI; Alec Holcomb 1-for-3, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 HR. Pitching: Cody Kiel 4 IP, 5 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 1 K; Nolan Malo (LP) 1/3 IP, 0 H, 1 R 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Abe Havalka 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Alec Holcomb (LP) 2 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 1 B, 2 K.

SECOND ROUND

PATRIOTS 4, A'S 3

Patriots 000 000 004 - 4 4 0 000 000 012 - 3 7 1 Patriots: Jack Boehm 1-for-4, 1 R; Zach Smith 1-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI; Kip Gron-

holz 1-for-2, 1 R. Pitching: Sam Boysen 7

IP, 4 H, 0 R, 3 BB, 5 K; Schmidt 1 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Zach Smith 1 IP, 1 H, 2 ER, 2 R, 1 BB.

A's: No stats submitted.

#### AREA LEGION BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

SUB-STATE 1, DIVISION I

**SUNDAY, JULY 16** First round

Game 1: Redhawks 9, Waseca 3 Game 2: Patriots 10. Byron 0 Game 3: Eagles 9, Kasson 8 **TUESDAY, JULY 18** 

**Second round** Game 4: Austin 15, Redhawks 5 Game 5: Winona 9. Albert Lea 8 Game 6: No. 6 Patriots at No. 3 A's, ppd.

(game resumed Thursday at noon with

Patriots leading 4-1 in ninth inning)

Game 7: Owatonna 13, Eagles 11 **THURSDAY, JULY 20** Second round **At Century High School** 

Patriots 4, A's 3

**TODAY** 

Third round At Dartts Park, Owatonna Game 8: Patriots 10, Owatonna 8 Game 9: Austin 10, Winona 4

At Dartts Park, Owatonna Losers bracket, first round Game 10: No. 8 Redhawks vs No. 4 Albert Lea. 10 a.m.

**Game 11:** No. 3 A's vs. No. 7 Eagles, 1 p.m.

Losers bracket, second round Game 12: No. 2 Owatonna vs. No. 4 Win-

Game 13: Winner Game 11 vs. loser Game 9, 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JULY 22** At Dartts Park. Owatonna Semifinals

Game 14: No. 6 Patriots vs. No. 1 Austin, Losers bracket, third round Game 15: Winner Game 12 vs. winner

Game 13, 4 p.m. Loser bracket, fourth round Game 16: Loser Game 14 vs. winner Game 15, 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Game 17: Winner Game 14 vs. winner Game 16, 1 p.m.

Game 18: If necessary, 4 p.m. FIRST DISTRICT, DIVISION II

At La Crescent **THURSDAY, JULY 20** Game 1: Adams 2, St. Charles 1

**FINAL FOUR** 

Game 2: Caledonia 4, Medford 1 **SATURDAY, JULY 22** Game 3: Adams vs. Caledonia, 10 a.m. Game 4: St. Charles vs. Medford, 12:30

Game 5: Game 3 loser vs. Game 4 winner, 3 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JULY 23** Game 6: Game 3 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m. Game 7: If necessary game, 3:30 p.m.





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Millville native Alex Martin races in a 250cc class moto during the AMA Motocross Pro National event at Spring Creek MX Park near Millville on Saturday. Martin finished second overall, his best finish at his home track.

# A long time coming

#### Good to know ...

Highlights from the AMA Pro Motocross Nationals event at Spring Creek MX Park in Millville on Saturday:

- SWEEP FOR MARVIN: La Reole, France, rider Marvin Musquin won at Spring Creek for the first time in his career. He swept both 450cc class motos to win the overall. He said it was the first time in his career he had swept both motos in a round.
- SAVATGY TOPS IN 250: Joey Savatgy, of Thomasville, Ga., won a round for the second time this season. He won the first 250cc moto and finished second in the second moto
- GOOD RESULTS FOR LOCALS: Three local riders finished in the top 10 overall in their respective classes. Millville's Alex Martin finished second in the 250 class; his brother Jeremy finished fourth overall. Rochester's Henry Miller finished 12th in

the 450 class and got the hole shot

in the second moto.

#### Martin's patience, perseverance have paid off in a big way

**BY JASON FELDMAN** 

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lex Martin sat on his dirt bike in the pro pits at Spring Creek MX Park,

exhausted and More MX race happy. coverage. D3

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No one was around him, with the exception of a few friends or fellow motocross riders who stopped to shake

That was nine years ago, minutes after Martin's pro debut on the track he grew up at, the track he helped shape, the track owned and operated by his parents, John and Greta.

He finished 20th overall that day in 2008, in his first-ever AMA Pro Motocross championship series event. He was a privateer, not backed by a factory team, but trying to show those

teams just what he could do. Look how far the Millville native has

Saturday, in his 10th AMA pro national on his home track, Martin had his best finish as a pro and found himself on the podium and at the postrace press conference, places reserved

for the top three riders. Martin, now 27, finished second in the first 250cc class moto, then battled for a fourth-place finish in the second moto. That gave him a second-place overall finish for the day, behind only Joey Savatgy, who won the first moto and finished second in the second moto.

Martin's runner-up overall finish topped his previous best finish at Spring Creek, a third-place result last year.

"For me, I think it's well-deserved," Martin said of his success the past two seasons. "I've put in the work and kept at it all these years."

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# **Twins' 1987** title was an unexpected delight

I scared the cat.

When Gary Gaetti threw to Kent Hrbek for the final out of the 1987 World Series, it gave the Minnesota Twins the championship.

I leaped from my chair, hands thrust high in the air, and shouted aloud. And our cat sprang from the room and hid, wondering what would cause me to act with such uncharacteristic effu-



Craig Swalboski

As the franchise has in recent days again celebrated an anniversary of that happy feat, let's go back in time and think about what it meant.

As the 1987 season began, the Twins had

not been in the playoffs in 17 years. Granted, they were not alone in that era, before the number of teams reaching the postseason doubled in 1994 with the restructuring of each league into three divisions and the inclusion of a wild card team. But still, 17 years is a long time for no ... post-

season ... berths ... at ... all. And what reason was there for optimism? Going back to 1985, the Twins were 27-35 on

June 21 when they got Billy Gardner fired. Ray Miller was named manager, and the team went 50-50 the rest of the way, but Miller would get the ax late the next season when the team was 59-80, 21 games out of first.

In 1986, the Twins were 71-91, finishing 21 games out of first place. The lineup included four very good hitters who were all age 25 to 27 (Hrbek, Kirby Puckett, Tom Brunansky and Gaetti) and who combined for 117 homers and 370 RBIs.

But the pitching ... Minnesota was dead last in the American League in staff earned run average (4.77). Potential wins evaporated with terrible relief pitching. Ron Davis — who had saved 25 games the previous season — blew four saves in four chances in a five-week stretch early in the season. By early June, the job was turned over to Atherton (Keith, not Eric), who had some success but in August lost seven games, four by blowing leads and three by giving up tie-breaking runs.

A few weeks before Miller's firing. I remember chatting with a beat writer and asking him what the Twins needed to get better, and he suggested a Jarvik 7. They had no heart.

#### **SO WHAT CHANGED?**

Well, this was Kelly's first full season as manager. Giving him a clean slate in April was certainly a positive.

As for players, Dan Gladden was added in a trade with San Francisco, giving up Bemidji-born pitching prospect Bryan Hickerson (who eventually hung around MLB for six lackluster seasons). He had hit .276 in 102 games with the Giants in 1986. For a corner outfielder, Gladden lacked power but had some speed, stealing

27 bases in 1986 (and 25 for the Twins in 1987). Gladden was a part-time starter the first month of the season but did well enough to earn a daily spot in Kelly's lineup, leading off in 87 games. Perhaps more significantly, he brought his competitive personality to the team.

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Kirby **Puckett and** Jeff Reardon wave to ecstatic fans at the Metrodome following the Twins' Game 7 win in the 1987 World Series. Associated

## Patriots, A's ready to square off | Rochester teams to battle for trip to state

#### **BY PAT RUFF**

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OWATONNA — For the third straight year, the Rochester Patriots are in the Sub-State 1, Division I American Legion

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championship game. This was not a

year the Patriots were supposed to get this far. They are the sixth seed. But, thanks to an all-around team

effort Sunday and another big performance by Andrew Schmidt, here they are again.

The Patriots who are unbeaten in the double-elimthe No. 3-seeded Rochester A's at

ination event - face

4 p.m. in the finals today at Dartts Park. The Patriots would need to



Schmidt

lose to the A's twice to be denied a berth in the state tournament. The Patriots rode a 5-3 win

Sunday over Austin to get to the state-qualifying round. Austin entered as the No. 1 seed and a team that hadn't lost a District One game all season.

Schmidt helped changed that with five innings of relief pitching. He allowed just one hit and one run in that span, as he backed up starter Sam Boysen.

Schmidt also came up big by going 3-for-5 from the plate, including stroking a two-run triple with

two out in the eighth inning. "He no doubt carried us today." Patriots first-year coach Paul Halverson said. "As a team, we didn't execute on a few things, but we got it done. And Boysen battled to get

us to the fifth inning." The Patriots win was followed by

the third-seeded Rochester A's beat-

ing No. 5 seed Albert Lea 8-5 in an

elimination game, then No. 1 seed Austin 9-6.

It was a huge pair of games for the A's Jordan Wright. The leadoff batter went 3-for-4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored against Albert Lea. He followed that by going 4-for-5 against Austin with four runs scored, a double and an RBI. Mac Horvath had two home runs in the games combined and was part of an 18-hit attack against Austin.

## COLLEGE **BASEBALL Honkers** split on weekend

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Honkers used a late-game rally to top rival St. Cloud on Saturday at Mayo Field, but the Honkers couldn't pull off another rally on Sunday and settled for a split of a two-game home-and-home Northwoods League baseball series.

Rochester won 5-4 on Saturday at home, then dropped a 7-0 decision on Sunday at St. Cloud.

Rochester didn't lead in Saturday's game until it pushed two runs across in the bottom of the eighth inning to take a 5-3 lead. Ryan Fitzpatrick led off the inning with a solo homer, then Jordan Hart drove in Konnor Zickefoose - who homered earlier in the game with a single to center.

Drew Slade pitched a strong eight innings to earn the victory. He allowed four runs on seven hits, with no walks and five strikeouts. Garrett Cobb earned the save with a hitless ninth inning.

In Sunday's game, St. Cloud (5-10 second half) put it away early, scoring four runs in the third to take the lead for good.

Zickefoose, Zach Zubia and Morgan McCullough had one hit each for Rochester.

The Honkers dropped to 8-6 in the second half, two games behind division leaders Willmar and Mankato.

#### **HONKERS 5. ROX 4** (Saturday)

St. Cloud 300 000 001 - 4 7 2 200 001 02x - 5 9 1 Rochester St. Cloud: Cameron Eden 1-for-4. 1 R: Matthew Tarantino 1-for-4, 1 R; Shane Selman 2-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI; Keaton Kringlen 2-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Kenny Saenz 6 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 7 K; Jackson Rose 1 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 1 K; Drew Avans (LP) 1 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 1 BB.

Rochester: Weston Hatten 1-for-3. 1 R: Morgan McCullough 2-for-3, 1 R; Ryan Fitzpatrick 2-for-4, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI; Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-3, 1 HR, 2 R, 1 RBI: Jordan Hart 1-for-4, 1 RBI. Pitchers: Drew Slade (WP) 8 IP, 7 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 0 BB, 5 K; Garrett Cobb (Sv) 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 1 K.

#### **ROX 7, HONKERS 0** (Sunday)

004 002 10x - 7 9 2 St. Cloud Rochester: Morgan McCullough 1-for-4; Zach Zubia 1-for-2, 1 2B; Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-4. Pitchers: Kenvon Yovan (LP) 8 IP, 1 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 K; Spencer Johnson 3 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER; Weston Hatten 2 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

St. Cloud: Matthew Tarantino 1-for-3. 12B. 1 R: Shane Selman 2-for-4. 12B. 1 R, 3 RBI; Michael Bush 2-for-3, 1 HR, 2 R, 3 RBI. Pitchers: Robbie Palkert (WP) 5 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 1 BB, 4 K; Ryan Shreve 3 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 BB, 3 K; Anthony DiMeglio 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 BB.

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#### **SECOND HALF NORTH DIVISION**

Mankato

Willmar

Rochester

Eau Claire

Duluth

Bismarck	8	8	.500	3				
Waterloo	6	10	.375	5				
Thunder Bay	5	10	.333	51/2				
St. Cloud	5	10	.333	51/2				
La Crosse	5	11	.313	6				
<b>SOUTH DIVISI</b>	ON							
Wisconsin Ra	pids	11	4					
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Rockford	10	5	.667	1				
Madison	9	6	.600	2				
Battle Creek	9	7	.563	21/2				
Lakeshore	9	7	.563	21/2				
Kalamazoo	8	7	.533	3				
Fond du Lac	8	8	.500	31/2				
Kenosha	6	10	.375	51/2				
Wisconsin	5	11	.313	61/2				
Green Bay	3	13	.188	81/2				
SATURDAY'S GAMES								

Wisconsin Rapids 3, Kenosha 0 (first game); Wisconsin Rapids 12, Kenosha 0 (second game); Willmar 5, La Crosse 2; Eau Claire 9, Bismarck 2; Fond du Lac 5, Battle Creek 4; Madison 8, Wisconsin 7; Duluth 4, Mankato 3; Waterloo 9, Thunder Bay 4; Rockford 3, Lakeshore 2; Rochester 5, St. Cloud

#### 4; Kalamazoo 4, Green Bay 3

**SUNDAY'S GAMES** Madison 13, Wisconsin 2: Fond du Lac 9, Battle Creek 0; Waterloo 4, Thunder Bay 3; Eau Claire 13, Bismarck 4; Mankato 6, Duluth 0; Kalamazoo 10, Green Bay 3; Rockford 9, Lakeshore 5; St. Cloud 7, Rochester 0; Wisconsin Rapids 2,

**TODAY'S GAMES** La Crosse at Duluth; Kalamazoo at Lakeshore: Wisconsin Rapids at Rockford: Madison at Fond du Lac: La Crosse at Duluth; Green Bay at Battle Creek; Rochester at Willmar, 7:05 p.m.; Eau Claire at Mankato;

Waterloo at Bismarck; Wisconsin at

Kenosha; Thunder Bay at St. Cloud

Kenosha 1; Willmar 7, La Crosse 1

#### **LEGION BASEBALL: PLAYOFFS**

**DIVISION I TUESDAY, JULY 18** Second round

Game 4: Austin 15. Redhawks 5 Game 5: Winona 9, Albert Game 6: No. 6 Patriots at

No. 3 A's, ppd. (game resumed Thursday at noon with Patriots leading 4-1 in ninth inning) Game 7: Owatonna 13, Eagles 11 **THURSDAY, JULY 20** 

Second round **At Century High School** Patriots 4, A's 3 Third round At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Game 8: Patriots 10, Owatonna 8 Game 9: Austin 10, Winona 4 FRIDAY, JULY 21 At Dartts Park, Owatonna

Losers bracket, first and second rounds All games moved to Saturday, due to rain **SATURDAY, JULY 22** At Dartts Park, Owatonna Losers bracket, first

Game 10: Albert Lea 13, Redhawks 3 Game 11: A's 15. Eagles 2 Losers bracket, second round Game 12: Albert Lea def.

Game 13: A's 7. Winona 4 **SUNDAY, JULY 23** At Dartts Park, Owatonna Semifinals Game 14: Patriots 5.

Austin 3 Losers bracket, third round Game 15: A's 8, Albert Lea 5

Loser bracket, fourth round Game 16: A's 9, Austin 6 **TODAY** At Dartts Park, Owatonna

**Finals** Game 17: No. 3 A's vs. No. 6 Patriots, 4 p.m. Game 18: If necessary, 7 p.m.

DISTRICT 3, **DIVISION II** At Waterville and Montgomery **SUNDAY, JULY 16 Consolation quarterfinals** Game 17: Plato 3, Watertown 1 Game 18: Belle Plaine 11, Siblev East 5 Game 19: Le Sueur-Hen-

Game 20: St. Peter 3, Elysian-Morristown 1 **Championship semifinals** Game 21: Holy Family 7, Kenyon 1 Game 22: Pine Island 12, Goodhue 0 FRIDAY, JULY 21

Game 24: St. Peter 4, Le Sueur 1 **SATURDAY, JULY 22** 

Consolation bracket Game 25: Kenvon 3. Plato 1 Game 26: Goodhue 8, St.

Peter 2 **Championship bracket** Game 27: Pine Island 4,

Game 28: Kenyon 9, Holy Game 29: Goodhue 14, Pine Island 8 **SUNDAY, JULY 23** Finals

Game 30: Kenyon 10, Goodhue 1 Game 31: Pine Island 12, Kenyon 2

DISTRICT 1, **DIVISION II FINAL FOUR** At La Crescent **THURSDAY, JULY 20** Game 1: Adams 2, St.

Charles 1 Game 2: Caledonia 4, Medford 1 derson 10, Montgomery 3 **SATURDAY, JULY 22** Game 3: Caledonia 9, Adams 1 Game 4: St. Charles 7,

Medford 3 Game 5: St. Charles 2, Adams 1 **SUNDAY, JULY 23** Game 6: Caledonia 8. St.

#### Pine Island earns spot in state Div. II meet

**Consolation bracket** 

Game 23: Plato 8, Belle

Post Bulletin staff

WATERVILLE — It was a long road, but Pine Island won the Third District, Division II Legion baseball championship on Sunday and advances to the state tourna-

After opening the tournament July 15-16 with wins of 3-1 over St. Peter, 11-7 over Plato and 12-0 (five innings) over Goodhue, P.I. then beat Holy Family out of Victoria, 4-2, in nine innings on Saturday. Joe Bauer threw the first eight innings for the win, with Brady Braaten getting the save.

Later Saturday, Goodhue beat Pine Island 14-8 in eight innings to set up a game with Kenyon on Sunday. Kenyon defeated Goodhue 10-1 to advance to the title game, where it was all P.I., 12-2 in six innings. Keegan Majerus went the distance for the win.

Pine Island won the Third District League G title with a 9-1 mark and is 15-4 heading into the nine-team state tournament in Spicer.

It is in a three-team pool with Springfield and BOLD, and opens the tournament at 10 a.m. Friday against Springfield.

· Caledonia, which cruised through the First District, Division II meet unbeaten defeating St. Charles 8-3 in the championship round Sunday — plays Stephen-Argyle at 1:15 on Friday.

#### **AUTO RACING: DEER CREEK**

# Amundson earns emotional victory

Post Bulletin staff

SPRING VALLEY — Steven Amundson banged up his car at the Dodge County Speedway on Thursday night.

Saturday, the young driver from Owatonna stood in Victory Lane at Deer Creek Speedway, wiping away tears as he thanked his family and crew for their hand in helping him get his first career feature victory at the track, and second overall.

Amundson bolted to the lead in the Wissota Midwest Modifieds feature at the drop of the green flag. But 10 laps into the 18-lap event, rain hit the track and caused a delay, with Amundson in the lead. But he didn't want to do anything to halt his momentum.

'My crew kept telling me to get out of the car (during the delay)," Amundson said in Victory Lane, "but I said 'uhuh,' I'm staying right here.'

Action resumed after a 45-minute rain delay, and Amundson pulled away again to earn his victory and a clean sweep, as he also won his heat race.

• Ben Moudry of Hastings topped a tough 34-car field in the USRA B-Modifieds. The feature was halted for close to 10 minutes when Kylie Kath ran into Jett Sorensen and sent the young driver upside down in Turn 1. Kath was black-flagged, and Sorensen was able to walk away without injury. Moudry jumped back to the lead on the restart and pulled away to win. Moudry became the first driver in the class to win more than one feature this season at Deer Creek. Dustin Kruse finished second, with JT Wasmund in third.

· Jason Cummins and Lucas Schott headlined the USRA Modifieds feature, the two star drivers starting side by side on the front row. Cummins found more pull on the high side, took the lead on lap two, then held it for the remainder of the 25-lap race,

including weaving his way through lapped traffic for the final 10 laps. Schott was the runner-up, with Keith Foss in third, Brad Waits fourth and Adam Hensel fifth.

· Tommy Richards passed Neil Eckhart midway through the Wissota Super Stocks race and drove away from the field for his third victory of the season. Eckhart was the runner-up, followed by AJ Hoff, Jeff Brauer and Bill Clemens.

• Jim Gullikson took the lead on lap two in the Wissota Street Stocks feature and led the rest of the way to sweep the night, having won his heat race earlier. Danny Richards finished second, with Sam Fankhauser third, Kory Adams fourth and Troy Voth

#### **DEER CREEK SPEEDWAY** Saturday's results

**USRA MODIFIEDS Feature (top 10)** -1. Jason Cummins,

2. Lucas Schott, 3. Keith Foss, 4. Brad Waits, 5. Adam Hensel, 6. Dustin Sorensen, 7. Josh Angst, 8. Ryan Ruter, 9. Nate Wasmund, 10. Brian Shaw.

**Heat winners** — Cummins, Waits,

#### **WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS**

**Feature (top 10)** -1. Steven Amundson, 2. Jared Boumeester, 3. Robbie Franklin, 4. Billy Steinberg, 5. Casey Trom, 6. Antonio Pintaro, 7. Ryan Goergen, 8. Don Schaefer, 9. Garritt Wytaske, 10. Jeff McDonald.

**Heat winners** – Amundson, Wytaske,

#### **WISSOTA STREET STOCKS**

**Feature (top 10)** -1. Jim Gullikson, 2. Danny Richards, 3. Sam Fankhauser, 4. Kory Adams, 5. Troy Voth, 6. Kobly Kiehl, 7. Blake Adams, 8. Jason Newkirk, 9. Noah Grinstead, 10. Braden Brauer. **Heat winners** — Blake Adams, Richards, Gullikson.

WISSOTA SUPER STOCKS **Feature (top 10)** -1. Tommy Richards, 2. Neil Eckhart, 3. AJ Hoff, 4. Jeff Brauer 5. Bill Clemens, 6. Brian Fetting, 7. Jay Oricchio, 8. Luke Schultz, 9. Schatney

Sanders, 10. Kevin Hager **Heat winners** — Richards, Hoff.

**USRA B-MODIFIEDS Feature (top 10)** -1. Ben Moudry, 2. Dustin Kruse, 3. JT Wasmund, 4. Nick Wagner, 5. Daniel Hovden, 6. Shaun Walski, 7. Jim Chisholm, 8. Jerry Young, 9. Jason Schlangen, 10. Brian Mahlstedt. **B Main winners** — Anthony Johnston, Scott Demmer.

**Heat winners** — Moudry, Brandon Hare,

**LEGION BASEBALL: SUB-STATE 1, DIVISION I** 

# Pats are in familiar spot: championship round

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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 ${\tt OWATONNA} - {\tt So~much}$ for that No. 6 seed. So much for Andrew Schmidt's debate about going out for American Legion baseball. So much for the fear of loading the bases. And so much for the strategy of walking one batter in order to get to another.

The Rochester Patriots just keep figuring out a way in the Sub-State 1, Division I playoffs at Dartts Park.

They did it again Sunday afternoon. This time it was the Patriots putting all of that stuff aside in beating the top seeded team in Sub-State 1, Austin. This was the club that hadn't lost to a team in its district all

season. Until Sunday, that is, when the Patriots again performed their postseason

magic in

Schmidt

beating Austin 5-3 in the Sub-State 1 semifinals.

It put the Patriots in the championship round for the third straight year. They'll take on the Rochester A's at 4 p.m. today and would need to lose twice to be denied a trip to state.

"There were a couple of times today when things weren't going our way," said Patriots incoming college freshman Schmidt, that guy who almost didn't bother to go out for Legion baseball this summer.

"But we are the scrappy Patriots. We aren't the most talented team. But we scrap. That's how we win."

They won with a large dose of Schmidt, and for the second consecutive game. On Thursday it was Schmidt's relief pitching that proved the difference in a quarterfinal win over No. 2 seed Owatonna.

On Sunday, it was his relief pitching and his hitting that helped carry the Patriots.

But that wasn't before starting and standout pitcher Sam Boysen put the Patriots in position to upset Austin. The John Marshall incoming junior worked the first four innings. He left after facing one batter in the bottom of the fifth inning and his team leading 3-2. Then Schmidt who doesn't possess an overwhelming fastball, but has an excellent curve and throws strikes — brought the Patriots the rest of the way.

His outing didn't come without some incidents, though his pitching line doesn't suggest it: Five innings, one hit, one run, four walks and four strikeouts

But he did bean the bases loaded in the sixth inning. Still, no problem. Thanks to his then clutch pitching and some flawless defense behind him, nobody scored.

Schmidt also loaded the bases in the ninth with his team leading 5-2. No big deal there, either. One Austin runner scored, but Schmidt had an answer with back-toback strikeouts followed by him inducing a game-ending groundout.

But it wasn't just Schmidt's arm that helped the Patriots. He also finished 3-for-5 from the plate, with two RBIs. The latter came in the eighth inning, after Austin intentionally walked standout hitter Zach Smith to get to Schmidt.

That came with two on, two out and the Patriots clinging to a 3-2 lead.

Schmidt made Austin pay. He banged a deep triple to left field that scored two.

"That was big, because I knew that a one-run lead wouldn't be enough for us to win," Patriots coach Paul Halverson said.

Besides big contribution from Schmidt and Boysen, the Patriots also got crucial run-scoring hits by Matthew Halverson, Jack Boehm and Alex Jensen. And Kyle Ebert finished 2-for-4 with a run scored.

#### **SEMIFINALS**

**Patriots** 

**PATRIOTS 5. AUSTIN 3** 

002 000 001 - 3 7 2 Austin Patriots: Kip Gronholz 1-for-4, 1 R; Zach Smith 2 R; Andrew Schmidt 3-for-5, 3 RBI, 1 3B; Matt Halverson 1-for-3, 1 RBI, 1 3B; Jack Boehm 1-for-5; 1 RBI; Alex Jensen 1-for-5, 1 RBI; Kyler Ebert 2-for-4 1 R. Pitching: Sam Boysen 4 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 4 BB, 3 K; Ian Bergstrom 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R; Andrew Schmidt 5 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 4 BB, 4 K.

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Austin: Phil Zvnda 2-for-3, 1 R, 2 RBI: Riley Retteruth. Pitching: Jack Dankert 5 2/3, 6 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 6 K; Alex Ciola 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Dan Bollinger 1 1/2; IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 0 K

#### LOSERS BRACKET FINALS A's 18 hits doom Austin

A's coach Vinnie Mannese has been preaching a more patient, less dramatic approach at the plate to his players.

On Sunday,

he finally got

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semifinals

Albert Lea

win over



Wright was good. But what his players came up with offensively against Austin was great. The A's finished with a whopping 18 hits and got most of them against standout Dan Bollinger.

The leader here was Jordan Wright. Wright has been hot all tournament. But he took it to another level against Austin. The leadoff batter finished 4-for-5 and also drew a walk. Wright scored four times, had a double and drove in a run.

"We are finally making adjustments at the plate,' Mannese said. "We needed to stop trying to hit home runs, but instead move runners up. We got a lot of timely hits today."

Sterling Homard and Andrew Hanson also each collected four hits and Mac Horvath homered for the second consecutive game.

Austin managed just four hits, but did draw 15 walks.

#### A'S 9, AUSTIN 6

101 203 110 - 9 18 4 A's 030 011 001 - 6 4 5 Austin A's: Jordan Wright 4-for-5, 1 RBI, 4 R, 1 2B; Sterling Homard 4-for-6, 2 RBI, 1 R; Mac Horvath 2-for-5, 2 RBI, 1 R, 1 HR; Andrew Hanson 4-for-5, 1 R. Pitching: Isaac Lynch 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 6 BB, 1 K; Alex Thorvilson 4 1/3 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER. 7 BB. 0 K: Jon Thorvilson 3 IP. 2 H. 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 5 K.

Austin: Josi Bothun 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Ross Young 1-for-2, 1 R, 1 RBI. Pitching: Dan Bollinger 7 1/3 IP, 17 H, 9 R, 7 ER, 1 BB, 5 K; Bothun 1 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 0 K.

#### LOSER-BRACKET SEMIFINALS Horvath ingites A's past Albert Lea

Mac Horvath is regarded as one of the top players in the nation for his age group. The Rochester's A's outfielder/ pitcher/shortstop will be a sophomore at Century.

Horvath showed off his talents on Sunday night in an 8-5 win over No. 5 seed Albert Lea. He finished 3-for-5 with a home run and scored twice for the third-seeded A's. He wasn't alone in having a big game. Leadoff man Jordan Wright was 3-for-4 with a double and two RBIs.

#### A'S 8. ALBERT LEA 5

Albert Lea 010 000 220 - 5 5 3 000 303 11x - 811 1 Albert Lea: Carter Simon 2-for-5, 1 R. Pitching: Cody Ball (LP) 5 2/3 IP, 8 H, 6/ R, 6 ER, 5 BB, 2 K; Brock Hammer 2 1/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 0 K.

A's: Jordan Wright 3-for-4, 2 R, 2 RBI; Sterling Homard 1-for-3, 1 RBI; Travis Rittenhouse 1-for-5, 1 2B, 2 RBI; Mac Horvath 3-for-4, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 HR. Pitching: Reed Davis (WP) 6 2/3 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 5 BB, 5 K; Jon Thorvilson 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Jordan Wright 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K.

#### LOSERS-BRACKET **QUARTERFINALS** A's sharp in dropping Winona

The A's were flawless in the field as they continued to bounce back from a second-round loss to the Patriots.

The A's rode balance on offense, with four players with at least two hits. Jordan Wright had a double and a home run

#### A'S 7, WINONA 4

Winona  $000 \ 010 \ 300 \ - \ 4 \ 9 \ 1$ 302 001 10x - 710 0 Winona: No stats submitted.

A's: Jordan Wright 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 HR; Sterling Homard 2-for-5; Reed Davis 2-for-5; Mac Horvath 2-for-3. Pitching: Thomas Bruss (WP) 6 2/3 IP.

#### LOSER-BRACKET FIRST ROUND Youth shows for Redhawks

The Rochester Redhawks' young lineup was too much to overcome and they exited from the tournament with a 13-3 eight-inning loss to No. 5 seed Albert Lea on Saturday.

The Redhawks were seeded eighth. Albert Lea won the elimination game 13-3 at Dartts Park. "We took our lumps this

season with a young lineup," Redhawks coach Tom Senne said. "Throughout the season we made simple mistakes that resulted in a rough record, but we were able to get a lot of young guys quality innings and at-bats and hopefully this will help their development going forward.

#### **ALBERT LEA 13, REDHAWKS 3**

Redhawks 000 000 021 - 3 8 4 Albert Lea 030 023 05x -13 14 2 Redhawks: Eric Jensen 1-for-2, 1 2B; Zach Wolf 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 SB; Austin Thompson 2-for-4, 1 RBI; Carter Pasternak 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 R; Chris Serrano 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R. Pitchers: Levi DeYoung (LP) 5 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Ryan Barkey 2 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 0 K; Zach Gathje 1/3 IP, 4 H, 5 R, 4 ER, 2

Albert Lea: Zach Edwards 2-for-5, 2 R; Bledsoe 3-for-5, 2 2B, 1 RBI, 2 R; Garret Piechowski 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Cody Ball 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 RBI, 1 R; Alex Goodmanson 1 RBI, 1 R; Logan Stadheim 1 RBI, 1 R; Mullenbach 3-for-5, 2 2B, 3 RBI, 2 R; Ben Witham 2-for-4, 1 2B, 2 R, Pitchers: Anderson (WP) 7 1/3 IP, 8 H, 3 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 5 K; Borderwick 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER. 0 BB. 1 K.

#### A's dominate Eagles

The A's used a 13-hit attack to beat the Rochester Eagle's 15-2 in the elimination game Saturday.

Mac Horvath led the A's with three hits.

#### **A'S 15, EAGLES 2**

**Eagles**  $000 \ 010 \ 1 \ - \ 2 \ 9 \ 1$ 009 042 x - 15 13 1 Eagles: Jack Sperry 1-for-3, 1 3B; Ben Limburg 2-for-4, 1 3B, 1 RBI; Joe Macken 1-for-4, 1 2B; Brady Kraling 2-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 R: Matt Sather 1-for-3: Frank O'Hara 1-for-3; Pat Leary 2-for-3. Pitchers: Brady Kraling 1 2/3 IP. 2 H. 4 R. 4 ER. 4 BB, 0 K: Matt Sather (L) 2 2/3 IP, 10 H, 9 R, 9 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Aaron Stanek 2/3 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Hayden Brown 1

IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 2 K. A's: Mac Horvath 3-for-4: Thomas Bruss 2-for-4; Travis Rittenhouse 2-for-4; Jordan Wright 2-for-3. Pitching: Palmer Mickelson (WP) 7 IP, 10 H, 2 R.

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

# Royals let lead, game slip away

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Royals watched a three-run lead slip away over the final two innings on Sunday at Mayo Field in a 6-5 amateur baseball loss to the Minneapolis Patri-

The Royals led 5-2 after seven innings, but Minneapolis scored two runs in the top of the eighth inning and two

more in the ninth to rally for the victory.

Luke McKeon started on the mound for Rochester and pitched seven strong innings. He allowed two runs on four hits, with three walks and four strikeouts. Brad Pfeffer suffered the loss, allowing four runs (two earned) and five hits

Seven of the Royals' nine starters had at least one hit,

in two innings.

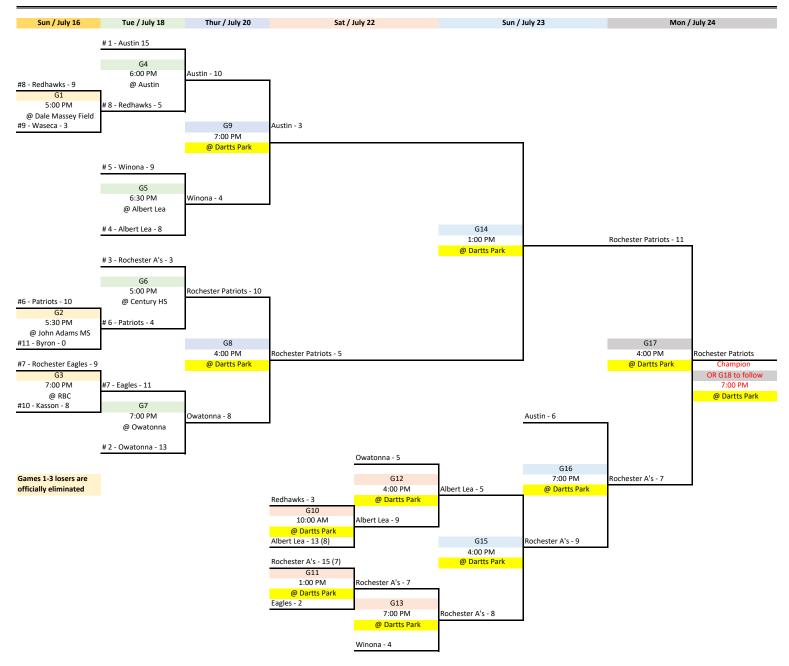
as Rochester finished with 10 hits. Nick Pearson, Tim Oesterlin and Drew Block had two hits each. Arron Hohensee had two RBIs and Thomas Krause had one. Rochester has three regu-

lar-season games remaining, all against Section 1B opponents, and all at Mayo Field. They face Red Wing on Tuesday, Dundas on Friday and the Austin Blue Sox on Saturday.

#### 2017 VFW Division Tournament Pairings, Times & Scores

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Sunday 1:00	Century 1, Austin 0 – Century Advances
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At Winona Saturday	
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12:30	Owatonna 6, Faribault 5 (8)
3:00	Waseca 12, Faribault 3
5:30 Sunday	Winona 9, Owatonna 2
1:00	Owatonna 6, Waseca 1
3:30	Winona 12, Owatonna 2 (6) Winona Advances
At Northfield	
Saturday	
10:00	Northfield 11, Stewartville 1
12:30 3:00	Spartans 12, Albert Lea 2 Stewartville vs. Albert Lea – no score
5:30	Spartans 4, Northfield 1
Sunday	Spartane i, iterameta i
1:00	Albert Lea 4, Northfield 1
3:30	Albert Lea 10, Spartans 4
Monday 5:00	Albert Lea 2, Spartans 1 – AL Advances
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At Rockets Saturday	
10:00	Rockets 4, Cannon Falls 1
12:30	Red Wing 12, Mantorville 5
3:00	Cannon Falls 20, Mantorville 13
5:30	Rockets 5, Red Wing 1
Sunday 1:00	Cannon Falls 15, Red Wing 3 (5)
3:30	Rockets 13, Cannon Falls 3 (5) - Rockets Adv.

#### 2017 D1 Sub-State 1 Tournament - Host Owatonna



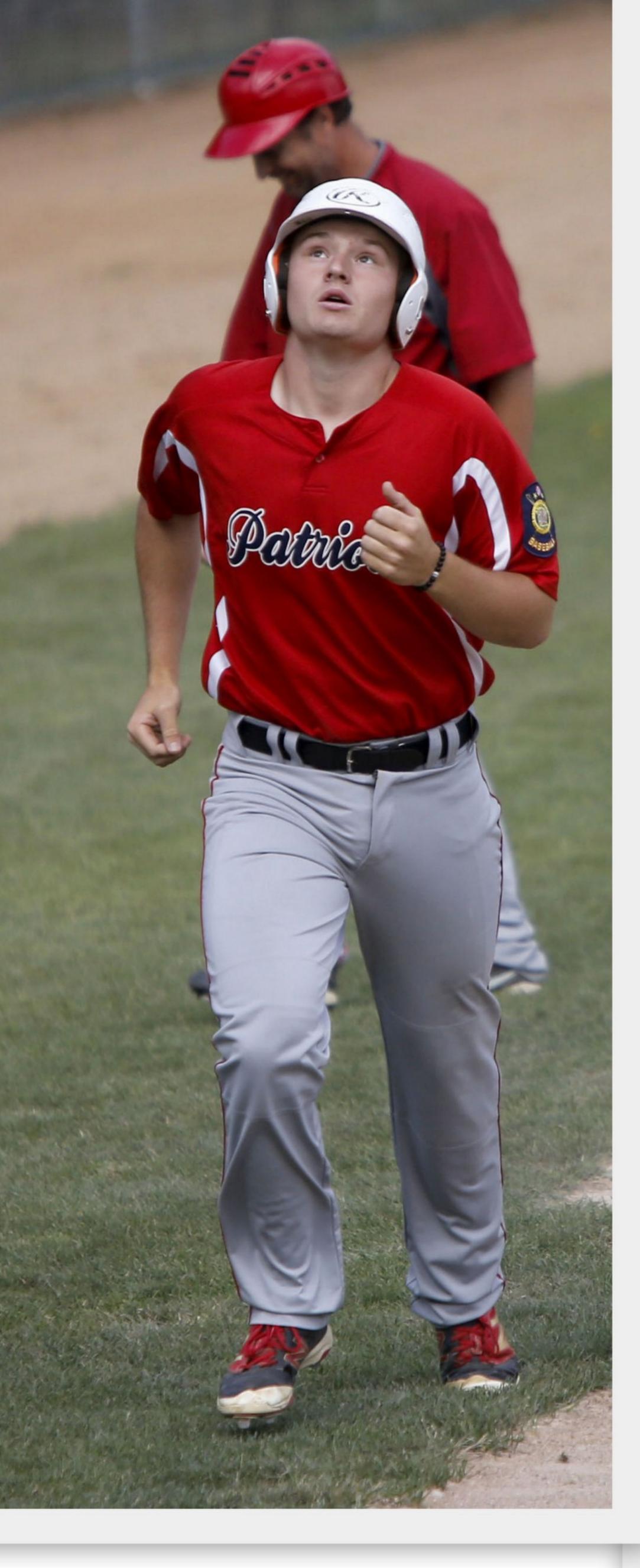


Kip Gronholz of the Rochester Patriots, right, slides safely into second as Jordan Wright of the Rochester A's awaits a throw Monday afternoon.



Mac Horvath of the Rochester A's, right, slides make the out







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# With Zach back ... Pats are on attack

Rochester's star pitcher returns from injury to send Patriots to state

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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OWATONNA — Zach Smith wasn't having much fun waiting and wondering if he'd ever pitch again for the Rochester Patriots.

"The beginning of the summer, I couldn't even throw at all," said Smith, who will pitch in the fall at Division I college North Dakota State.

Still, Smith heeded his doctor's advice after straining the rotator cuff in his right arm late this spring. The injury happened while pitching for John Marshall.

The advice he was getting from his doctor was also being reinforced by his Patriots coach, Paul Halverson. But it came with a lure. Halverson told Smith that if the Patriots made it to the Sub-State 1, Division I American Legion championship game and he was needed in the ninth inning, he was going to turn him

Turns out that Halverson cheated just a tad on that invitation. His usage of Smith — with the blessing of Smith's doctor — came a couple of days earlier than the title round. Halverson had allowed Smith to finish things up in the ninth inning on Thursday in a playoff game with the Rochester A's. He was needed, as the Patriots barely hung on for that win.

As for that championship-game possibility for Smith, it came to fruition early Monday evening at Dartts Park. And never was Smith more needed. Thanks in great part to him, the Patriots were able to hang on for an 11-7

The underdog Patriots — seeded just sixth — were trying to get to state for the second straight



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Brady Black of the Rochester Patriots, right, dives over Charlie Kong of the Rochester A's after tagging Kong out Monday afternoon during the Sub-State 1, Division I American Legion championship game at Dartts Park in Owatonna.

year and were trying to get it done in the Sub-State 1 title game against none other than those No. 3-seeded A's.

For the second straight time, Halverson cheated just a tad on his previous promise to Smith. It wasn't the ninth inning that the coach called on his best pitcher. It was in the top of the eighth, with the Patriots leading 10-7 but seem-

ing on the brink of a collapse. There were two outs, but already the A's had scored twice

in the inning, and there was the threat of more. Runners stood on second and third when Smith got the call.

"It felt so good to be on the mound again," Smith said.

#### **MOWS THEM DOWN**

It showed. Smith ended that major threat by immediately recording a strikeout. His fastball popped.

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#### Good to know ...

**UNDERDOG PATRIOTS:** The Patriots entered the Sub-State 1, Division I American Legion baseball tournament as its No. 6 seed. Still, the Rochester team finished the event unbeaten and is headed back to state for the second straight year.

MINI DYNASTY: The Patriots are in the state tournament for the third time

in the last five years. **THE STAR:** No doubt, that was Zach Smith in the Patriots' 11-7 championship game win over the Rochester A's. Smith belted a two-run home run, finished with three RBIs, and nailed down the win by pitching the final 11/3 innings, allowing no runs.

# Sisters savoring summer softball sendoff

## Abby, Megan and Emma Kartheiser getting all-in-the family play for final time

**BY GUY N. LIMBECK** 

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This summer is a last hurrah for three sisters.

The three oldest Kartheisers have had a long history of playing fastpitch softball together. Abby, Megan and Emma Kartheiser grew up playing together, sparked by their father, Eric, who still plays senior league baseball.

He got them started playing softball at a young age and their passion for the game has never waned.

"They eat and sleep it," said Chad Buchmann, the softball coach at Century High School.

All three sisters played for the Panthers. Megan and Emma were stalwarts on varsity this year. Emma, age 16, was a sophomore who earned All-Big Nine Conference honors and Megan, 17, was a junior. Abby, 19, was finishing up her freshman year of college at Hamline this spring.

The trio had played a couple of years of varsity ball together, and had even played youth ball for a few years in a 12 and under summer league.

"I used to coach them back in 12U," Eric Kartheiser said. "That's how it all started."

The girls were ages 12, 10 and 8 that summer. Emma and Megan were young for the team, but they had the skills to compete.

"We just had them play up so they would all play together," Eric said.



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The Kartheiser sisters, from left, Emma, Abby and Megan play for the Rochester Hurricanes, a fastpitch team. The sisters are getting to play on the same team for the final time.

Now the same thing is happening for a final competitive season as the three sisters are playing for the Rochester Hurricanes, an 18U summer team.

"It's pretty cool to see all of them on the field at the same time," Buchmann said.

"It's great actually," Abby said. "I missed softball because I didn't do it in college. I'm young for my grade,

so I could play with them. I was super excited to play with them.'

While Abby was still young enough to come back from college and play, Emma had to opt up from a 16U team to play with her sisters. Not that it was a very tough choice.

"It was kind of a surprise. I didn't really know if it was going to happen," Emma said. "Being the younger one, I've

always tried to play up with

At their home near Oronoco, there are reminders of the Kartheisers being a softball family all over. The refrigerator is full of photos of the girls in their uniforms. Balls and bats fill the garage and dot the lawn.

But despite their competitive drive, the sisters say they haven't been competitive with each other.

"That's not the case with us," Megan said. "We're more like best friends."

Despite being the oldest, Abby claims she hasn't tried to tell her younger sisters what to do.

"I'm not the one that bosses them around," Abby said. "Emma is more bossy. Or maybe I should say more intense.'

Emma is a pitcher and has been in the circle a lot this summer. She said that makes her more of a leader. Abby plays outfielder, but is also a catcher and has caught Emma numerous times this season.

"I've been catching Emma a lot, so it's fun," Abby said. "I get to call the pitches and go talk to her. I understand her peculiarities so I know what she's thinking. I know if she's going to shake me off or not."

"It's nice having her catch because she know what my strong pitches are in certain situations," Emma said. "She knows my games so well."

The sisters also have a special look and hand gestures they give each other, especially after outs. Megan is a shortstop so she is right in the

middle of plenty of the action. "I think when we're are all on the field together, when we

make an out, we all have own our signals," Abby said. "We just have such a special connection, especially

on the field," Megan said.

"Sometimes we just look at

each other, like when the ump makes a bad call.'

While Megan and Emma played together during the high school season, Megan says having Abby back has made this summer extra spe-

"Playing with Emma at Century has made us close on the field," Megan said. "But Abby and I are really close off the field, I think. I learn from her mistakes and we're super close because of it."

The summer season is starting to wind down. The three sisters only have a few games left to play together. After this summer, who knows. Next year Abby might not come back home for the summer. And Megan will be plotting her future at college.

"I'm kind of sad because I really love playing softball," Abby said. "I'll probably try to find a league to play in next summer."

"I've just enjoyed the time playing with them," Emma said. "It's not bitter, it's more

bitter-sweet." And while Abby, Megan and Emma may not play competitively again after this summer, a fourth sister could still emerge. Brianna, the youngest of the four Kartheiser sisters, is going to be in seventh grade

this year. And, no surprise,

she plays softball, too. "She tags along all the time," Abby said of Brianna. "She's working on her pitching right now."

#### BPLAYBOOK

#### AMATEUR UPDATE COLUMN

# Changes coming for Rochester Area **Sports Banquet**

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The 2018 Rochester Area Sports Banquet, scheduled for Monday, Jan. 29, is going to feature some exciting changes intended to improve the event.

Now in its 13th year, this annual banquet honors the top area amateur sports team, athletes and coaches. The evening consists of a social hour, silent auction, dinner and awards. The goal is to recognize the

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letes within a 30-mile radius of Rochester.

this area that are competing in colleges outside the area are also considered.

So what will be new next January? First of all, the location of the event will move from the Mayo Civic Center to the International Event Center (located near Rochester International Airport). The International Event Center provides a perfect banquet atmosphere, but will reduce the crowd capacity. This year the event will only offer 550 tickets, so get your tickets early!

Another change is in the process of selecting award recipients. We are working on a process in which community members can vote online for finalists. This would be in addition to the Sports Banquet committee in charge of overseeing the selection process.

In addition, the list of award categories is changing. The Organization of the Year category is being eliminated, to be

replaced by a new category to honor members of the various area organizations who have been impactful in the overall good of area amateur sports.

Still being worked on is the consideration of a new "posthigh school" honor.

And finally, the silent auction will be coordinated by the benefactor, which will be Bolder Options in 2018.

The list of guest speakers is an area that won't change significantly. Thanks to the title sponsorship provided by Home Federal — which has been with us all 13 years — we are able to bring in top quality speakers renowned for their athletic successes who can make the night more exciting for those in attendance. Following such big names as Scott Hamilton, Misty May, Rod Carew, Jennie Finch, Dan Gable and last year's Chad Greenway, identifying the right guest speaker this year is currently under way.

The main focus for the Sports Banquet will always be the same — to take an evening once a year to honor the outstanding accomplishments of Rochester area athletes. The Sports Commission enjoys the opportunity to invest its time and resources to host the sports banquet each year and hopes changes to continuously improve the details make for a memorable evening for all those involved.

#### **Upcoming events**

July 27-30: USA Softball 16A Northern Nationals

July 29-30: MN Claxic Lacrosse Tournament

Amateur Update is a weekly column on amateur sports activities in southeastern Minnesota provided by the Rochester Amateur Sports Commission.

#### **GOLF**

#### Eastwood women win Tri Club tournament

The team from Eastwood won the annual Tri Club Tour nament for women. It was played on July 20 at Eastwood Golf Club.

Here are results:

TEAM SCORES Eastwood 480, Northern Hills 490,

#### Soldiers Field 502. FLIGHTS (top three) First flight:

1. Robin Goetz and Tracy Reilly (EW) 57 2. Carolyn Isaak and Pam Dose (EW) 58 3. Jane Barton and Judy Lien (NH) 59

Second flight 1. Sue Conway and Connie Thamert

2. Renee Zemke and Deb Garry (SF) 57

3. Char Robinet and Tami Paulson (NH) Third flight

1. Kathy Dunham and Chris Rand (NH)

2.Jean Marconett and Carol Nurmi (EW)

3 .Sandy Majerus and Barb Ewen (NH)

Fourth flight 1. Eileen Berg and Judy Munkel (EW) 59 2. Linda Wolfman and Julie Napton 3. Harriet Green and Jean Nigbur (NH)

**HOLES IN ONE** 

• Jeff Glasrud of Rochester aced the 145-yard third hole at Maple Valley on July 14, using a 5-iron. It was his second. The feat occurred during a couples event. Witnesses were his wife Leisa, and Harland and Earlene

• Kurt West made a hole-in-one on July 7 at Eastwood, on the 122-yard 17th hole. He used a pitching wedge. Witness was Clair Lovick.

• Cam Miller aced Eastwood's 182yard fifth hole on July 13, using a 6-iron. Witnesses were Ryan Fallon

• Gordy Quast fired a hole-in-one on July 19 at Eastwood. He used a 5-wood on the 176-yard No. 5 hole. Witnesses were Dick Schones, Terry Bruck and Bill Myers.

# Local sports



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**Zach Smith of the Patriots makes** his way toward home plate after hitting a home run against the A's Monday during the Sub-State 1 Legion championship game at Dartts Park in Owatonna.

#### **Patriots**

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"I felt good, but I'm probably not completely back yet," said Smith, who also recorded a monster tworun home run in the third inning, giving the Patriots a jolt after trail-

Smith sure looked close to completely back. There was more evidence in the top of the ninth, when the game ultimately ended. Smith allowed two hits in the frame, but he also overwhelmed with a pair of strikeouts.

None of the Patriots were surprised to see vintage Smith. He wasn't just patient during his ordered time off from pitching. He also used that "off time" to do everything he could to return to the lineup.

If anyone was going to come back in relative short order from a rotator-cuff injury, it was Smith.

'He is the obvious leader of our team, on and off the field," said Patriots shortstop Kip Gronholz. "He's the hardest worker we have, and the hardest worker I've ever been around.'

#### PATRIOTS 11, A'S 7

012 020 020 - 710 1 002 800 01x -11 10 2 A's: Jordan Wright 2-for-6, 1 R; Sterling Homard 2-for-6, 1 R; Travis Rittenhouse 3-for-5. 3 R. 1 2B. 1 3B: Andrew Hanson 3-for-5. 3 RBI; Sam Prisco 1-for-4, 2 RBI. Pitching: Mac Horvath (LP) 4 2/3 IP, 6 H, 8 R, 8 ER, 4 BB, 6 K: Rvan Maiers 1/3 IP. 2 H. 2R. 2 ER. 2 BB. 1 K: Jordan Wright 4 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K. Patriots: Aaron Limberg 1-for-5, 1 R, 1 RBI; Kip Gronholz 2-for-3, 3 R; Zach Smith 1-for-3, 2 R, 3 RBI, 1 HR; Andrew Schmidt 1-for-4, 1 R, 2 RBI; Matt Halverson 1-for-3, 2 R, 3 RBI; Jack Boehm 1-for-2; Kyle Ebert 1-for-4, 2 RBI; Austin Brown 1-for-3, 1 R; Sam Lingen 1-for-4, 1 RBI. Pitching: Matthew Halverson 4 IP. 5 H. 3 R. 2 ER, 1 BB, 1 K; Ian Bergstrom 0 IP, 0 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Kyle Ebert (WP) 3 2/3 IP, 5 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 4 BB, 4 K; Zach Smith 1 1/3 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 3 K.

**LEGION BASEBALL: SUB-STATE 1, DIVISION 1 FINAL** 

# Patriots state-bound for 3rd time in 5 years

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OWATONNA - Is that a dynasty that the Rochester Patriots have cooking?

If not, it's close. For the third time in the last five years, the Patriots have advanced to the state American Legion baseball tournament.

They got this latest berth done in a year that they weren't expected to. The Patriots entered the Sub-State 1, Division I tournament as the No. 6 seed. Austin (No. 1 seed), Owatonna (No. 2) and the Rochester A's (No. 3) were the favorites.

"I don't usually get nervous when I coach," said Patriots head man Paul Halverson. "But today, before the game I was nervous. I didn't know if we had enough to get it done."

Well, they did. The Patriots capped off a perfect Sub-State 1 tournament (five wins, no losses) on Monday night with an inspired 11-7 win over the A's, their second win over their rival in this tournament in as many tries

"I knew we were getting better as we got closer to the tournament," said Halverson's son, Matthew Halverson, who was the starting pitcher for the Patriots on Monday and worked the first four innings. "We'd been hitting the ball well. We had one game before the tournament where we won 22-1.'

It's easy to point to the turning point in Monday's game. That was the bottom of the fourth inning, when the Patriots turned on young A's star pitcher Mac Hor-

Horvath, who's fastball has been clocked at 90 mph, didn't have his best stuff Monday. The Patriots made him pay, especially in that fourth inning.

That's when they managed four hits against Horvath and also took advantage of three walks by him. He was relieved with two out in the inning by Ryan Maiers, who also allowed two hits and two walks. By the time all of that was done, the Patriots had scored eight runs and built a 10-3 lead.

The Patriots' first two runs had come the inning before, when Zach Smith sent a Horvath offering over the right-field fence for a two-run homer.

"Smith put a great swing on the ball," said A's coach Vinnie Mannese, whose team had looked sharp in having won four straight games in the losers-bracket of the double-elimination after earlier losing 4-3 to the Patriots.

"But Mac was laboring through his innings today."

The A's used three pitchers against the Patriots, who like the A's finished with 10 hits. The Patriots turned to four different arms. It was third man Kyle Ebert who got the win, going 3 2/3 innings and allowing

It was Smith who finished the A's off. He entered in the eighth, and quickly snuffed out an A's rally. After the A's had scored two runs in the frame, Smith was handed the ball with two out and men on second and third base. He pumped fastballs and quickly recorded a strikeout, ending the inning and any further damage.

Smith also worked the ninth. The A's managed a couple of hits against him, but Smith had an answer for that, striking out two. That included a game-ending strike-

Game 7: Fastview vs. Spring

Paul Saints field)

Lake Park, 10 a.m., at CHS (St.

Game 8: Mankato National vs.

Tri-City Red, 1 p.m., at CHS



Rochester Patriots Monday. For more photos from this game, go to postbulletin.com/gallery/

Kip Gronholz was the only Patriot with more than one hit, going 2-for-3 with three runs scored. Travis Rittenhouse and Andrew Hanson each had three hits for

The Patriots begin state-tournament play at 10 a.m. Friday, taking on Ham Lake in Dunning.

#### and Tim Wente. Game 10: No. 3 seed vs. No. 2 Game 5: Waconia vs. Mahto-**DIVISION II** medi, 8:30 a.m., at Hargis Park

At New London-Spicer FRIDAY

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#### **COLLEGE SUMMER BASEBALL**

## Honkers stung by Willmar in bottom of 8th

Post Bulletin staff

WILLMAR — The Rochester Honkers fell behind by four runs early and couldn't recover, losing their second consecutive Northwoods League baseball game, 7-4 on Monday.

Willmar led 4-0 after three innings, but Rochester battled back to within a run, but the Honkers could get no closer.

Rochester dropped to 8-7 in the second half and 24-26 overall, and is three games out of first place.

Willmar leads the North Division with a 12-5 second-half record and a 30-23 overall mark. Chris Ceballos belted a two-

run home run for Rochester in the top of the sixth to pull the Honkers within 5-4. But the Stingers scored two in their half of the eighth to seal the victory.

Willmar pitcher Calvin Coker struck out two of the final three batters to finish the game and earn his third save of the season. Joe Vranesic

earned the win for the Stingers. He pitched six innings, giving up two runs on six hits while striking out three batters and walking one.

Michael Stryffeler took the loss for the Honkers, dropping to 0-3 this season. He pitched five innings, yielding four runs on four hits, striking out three and walking three.

The Honkers will finish the series at Willmar at 7:05 p.m. today. Rochester returns home Wednesday for a 12:05 p.m. game against La Crosse.

**STINGERS 7, HONKERS 4** 

Willmar 202 001 02x - 7 7 1 Rochester: Zach Zubia 2-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Konnor Zickefoose 1-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI; Michael Michalak 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 RBI; Chris Ceballos 1-for-3, 1 HR, 1 R, 2 RBI. Pitchers: Michael Stryffeler (LP) 5 IP. 4 H, 4 R, 3 BB, 3 K; Hunter Sullivan 2 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 BB, 4 K; Ryan Dorney 0 IP, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB; J. Green 1 IP, 1 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB.

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Willmar: Nolan Bumstead 2-for-4, 1 2B. 3 RBI; Danny Rodriguez 2-for-4, 2 RBI. Pitchers: Joe Vranesic (WP) 6 IP, 6 H, 2 R. 2 ER. 1 BB. 3 K: Myles Smith 1 IP, 1 H 0 R, 2 BB, 0 K; Calvin Coker (Sv) 2 IP, 1 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

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# Elizabeth Nida Obert / enida@postbulletin.com The Rochester Parks & Recreation and Rochester Area Pickleball

All ages can learn pickleball

Association (RAPA) hosted more than 200 children — including Maddie Marino — from Community Education's School Age Child Care (SACC) program last Wednesday at Cooke Park. The Association is also holding several "Introduction to Pickleball" sessions for all ages, with one on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Cooke. Paddles and balls will be provided. Other sessions are the second and fourth Wednesdays of August and September.

# He's back



Joe Ahlquist / jahlquist@postbulletin.com

John Marshall and Patriots American Legion baseball player Austin Brown, center, had the scare of his life in May when he suffered a stroke while playing baseball with his team. Parents Craig and Lisa Brown got the care they were looking for at Mayo Clinic.

## JM's Brown returns after the scare of his life

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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Austin Brown was positioned in right field and Rochester John Marshall teammate Aaron Limberg was in center.

It was May 16 and the two were playing catch between innings in a game in Austin. Limberg tossed the ball to Brown, who looked positioned for another routine warmup

Instead, the ball hit Brown right in the mouth.

"That's when we (Brown and Limberg) both got concerned,' Brown said. "Aaron said to me, 'Oh my gosh, are you OK? I'm not sure you should be out here."

One inning later, after Brown disclosed to Limberg that he was having double vision and could barely see, Brown was out of the game. He'd followed that hit to the mouth by striking out on three pitches 10 minutes later, looking lost on all

It was obvious enough to JM assistant coach Paul Gronholz that something was up with Brown that he sat him down and questioned him. Brown's mother had taken notice, too.

"I remember sitting in the stands and thinking that he was swinging at inside pitches that he normally wouldn't swing at," Lisa Brown said. "It was an odd at-bat. I remember thinking, 'That was

#### **SOMETHING'S WRONG**

Lisa — a nurse at Saint Marvs Hospital — quickly went from puzzled to feeling a pit in her stomach. Gronholz had called her down from the stands to get a look at her old-

"I wasn't sure what it was (with Austin), but I knew it wasn't right, because it had come on so fast,'

The answer didn't come right away. A trip to the Saint Marys emergency room an hour later

#### **Patriots** state-bound

**STATE QUALIFIER:** Austin

Brown is a reserve outfielder for the Rochester Patriots, who have qualified for the American Legion, Division I state tournament in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

FIRST ROUND: The Patriots play Ham Lake at 10 a.m. Friday at Toni Stone Field (Dunning Sports Complex) in St. Paul.

**SECOND ROUND:** The Patriots play again at either 7 p.m. (if they win first-round game) or 4 p.m. (if they lose) on Friday.

didn't produce anything definitive, but suggested that Austin likely was dealing with a migraine head-

But Lisa wasn't so sure.

"Lisa, being a nurse, she knew

something (more) was wrong," said her husband, Craig Brown, "She kept on pushing. I've got to credit her tenacity. She wasn't ready to settle. She knew something was wrong.

After a weeklong series of more tests, the Browns got their answer. And it was a stunner.

Austin, at the tender age of 17, had suffered a stroke.

"I was shocked at first," said Austin, whose only symptom was that double vision. "I didn't know what to think. I didn't think strokes happened at age 17. I'm a healthy person. I'd never had anything wrong before this. It hadn't hit me yet what it could mean."

What Austin discovered was that things could have been a whole lot worse. After doctors dismissed the migraine idea, multiple sclerosis was their next inclination. That scared the heck out of the entire Brown family.

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#### Mayo's new coach

WHO: Luke Madsen, 45, a native of Menomonie, Wis.

BACKGROUND: Madsen, who played college basketball in Wisconsin at Green Bay (one year) and River Falls (three years), has coached boys basketball the past 18 years. He has a 213-203 career record, including 19-5 a year ago at Bloomer, Wis.

FAMILY: Madsen has a wife (teacher), daughter (senior-to-be at Mayo) and twin sons (sohomores-to-be at Mayo). The sons, guards Gabe and Mason, excelled on the Bloomer varsity a year ago and have already been offered Division I scholarships at Wisconsin-Green Bay.

# Mayo gets a coach, with a plus-two

Luke Madsen has two highly skilled sons who will join Spartans

**BY GUY N. LIMBECK** 

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Mayo High hired a new boys basketball on Wednesday. Besides getting a coach, the Spartans also will get a serious talent upgrade to their team.

Luke Madsen, who just turned 45, left his coaching and administration jobs in Bloomer, Wis., to take over the Mayo program.

"I'm extremely happy to get him," Mayo activities director Jeff Whitney said. "He has a lot of experience. He has more than 15 years of coaching experience.'

Whitney is also happy to have finally landed a coach. Rick Canton resigned following the 2016-17 after just one season on the job. Tom Brown was hired in June, but he opted out of the job a month later to concentrate on another new job he had taken.

"It's a great opportunity for our family," Madsen said. "We're excited to be a part of the community. The chance to coach at Mayo is an awesome opportunity for me."

Madsen has coached boys basketball in Wisconsin for the past 18 years and has recorded a 213-203 record. That includes a 19-5 mark a year ago in Bloomer. His family includes a wife, who is a teacher and will be looking for a position in the area, a daughter, who will be a senior at Mayo, and twin sons, who will be sophomores at Mayo.

Those sons, Gabe and Mason, will also be a crucial part of the Mayo program the next three years. The two guards helped spark Bloomer to a strong season in 2016-17 as freshmen and are Division I prospects. The 6-foot-5 Gabe averaged more than 18 points a game a year ago while the 6-3 Mason averaged more than 17 points a game.

"They're both pretty good players," Whitney said. "It will change the complexion of our team."

Luke Madsen, who is about 6-3, played one year of Division I ball at Wisconsin-Green Bay and then three years at Division III Wisconsin-River Falls.

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LUKE MADSEN, NEW MAYO BOYS BASKETBALL COACH

# 146 miles in their shoes

## PB intern gets a day in the life of a Honker

LA CROSSE, Wis. — Weston Hatten trudged off the field with dirt stains on his white jersey and he looked ready for a nap.

He had just pitched the last two innings of a 7-0 loss to La Crosse at Mayo Field in which

he was also the lead-off batter. Hatten gave up only one earned run, but the exhaustion and disappointment he displayed looked like he had given up all seven. Also contributing to that tired

look: He knew he was about to hop on an hour-long bus ride to go play another game against the same

Such is the case when the Honkers play a game at home and a game

on the road in the same day. They experienced their latest doubleheader on Wednesday with two losses, one at Mayo Field, the other (7-3) at La Crosse. The players don't show much love for this experience — something they endure twice a season — but they find joy where they can along the way.



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Jordan Hart, a Lyle native, walks to the Rochester Honkers' team bus at Mayo Field before the team headed to La Crosse on Wednesday.

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# State-bound Patriots on a roll

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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Just two weeks ago the Rochester Patriots were hoping to nail down a .500 finish to their

"I remember one of our assistant coaches saying that if we could just win one of these two games (down the stretch of the regular season), that we would be guaranteed of going at least .500," Patriots head man Paul Halverson said.

Well, they did that. But more importantly, the Patriots did a whole lot more than that the last

The American Legion baseball team soared in the July 17-24 Sub-State 1, Division I tournament, winning all five of its games and qualifying for state for the second straight year and the third time in the last five.

The Patriots begin state play at 10 a.m. Friday at Toni Stone Field (Dunning Sports Complex) in St. Paul. Win that game, and they play at 7 p.m. Friday; lose and they play at 4 p.m. Both Friday games are at Toni Stone Field.

That the Patriots made it this far is surprising. They entered the Sub-State 1 event with a mediocre No. 6 seed.

But as is their post-season custom, they caught fire at the ideal time.

#### **LIVE AND LEARN**

"I think our guys just turned the corner," said Halverson, whose Patriots beat the third-seeded Rochester A's 11-7 in the Sub-State 1 championship game Monday. "They bought into a lot of things. Our hope is to always be better at the end of the game than we are to start it. We do that to prepare for the playoffs, wanting to learn from our mistakes.'

Judging from its recent play, the John Marshall-based team was a sponge in the learning department.

"That's the best we've played all summer," said Halverson, referring to his team's 5-0 record in the Sub-State 1 tournament. "What's been nice is that up and down our lineup, everyone has

But that notion was also later put away

after a spinal tap, followed by the reading of

The final conclusion — a week and a day

after Austin had been hit in the mouth by

three pitches — was that he had vasculitis. It's a rare condition caused by the inflam-

mation of blood vessels. In Austin's case, it

cranial nerve, which ultimately caused the

stroke. Mayo Clinic doctors told Craig that

they see incidents like this in young people

They also discovered what caused the

inflammation of the blood vessels. It was a

common medication that Austin had been

taking for acne. He was immediately taken

The next month was a difficult time for

stunned by his composure. He hung in there

as he was told strenuous physical activities

were off limits for at least a month, as his

body healed and doctors continued to mon-

itor him. That was difficult, as JM was in

the stretch run of its baseball season, and

or run. He also had to miss two weeks of

through this whole thing," Lisa said. "He

never felt sorry for himself and kept thinking positively throughout. But he kept going

to baseball practices (to watch) because he

school and wasn't allowed to drive.

Austin —who'll be a senior captain on JM's

football team this fall — couldn't lift weights

"But I was amazed how resilient he's been

Austin, though Lisa and Craig were both

about once every couple of years.

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**HANGING IN THERE** 

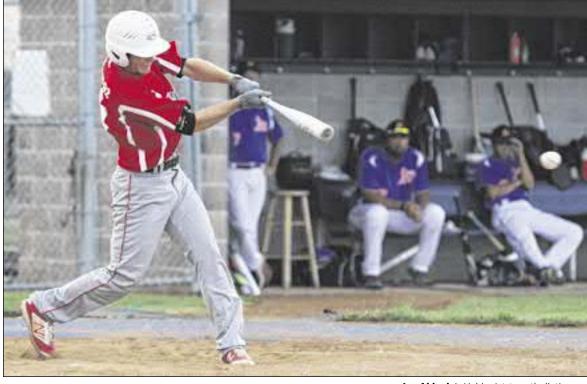
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that baseball and blindly swung at those

Brown

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lab results



Joe Ahlquist / jahlquist@postbulletin.com

Rochester Patriots hitter Jack Boehm strokes a single on July 18 at Century High School. Boehm is one of seven Patriots hitting over .300. The team looks to continue its strong attack in Friday's opener of the Legion Division I state tournament.

#### Good to know ...

WHAT'S NEXT: The Rochester Patriots are playing in the American Legion Division I state baseball tournament, in St. Paul and Minneapolis. The Patriots begin against Ham Lake at 10 a.m. Friday at Toni Stone Field (Dunning Sports Complex) in St. Paul.

ON A ROLL: The Patriots (20-12) won all five of their Sub-State 1 playoff games. That put them in the state tournament for the third time in the last five years.

**TOP PLAYERS:** The Patriots have seven players hitting over .300: Zach Smith (.420), Matthew Halverson (.352), Andrew Schmidt (.348), Kip Gronholz (.344), Jack Boehm (.329), Kyle Ebert (.321) and Aaron Limberg (.303). Top pitchers are Smith (healthy enough to be its closer in the last week), Halverson (4-0, 1.8 ERA), Sam Boysen (4-2, 2.3 ERA) and Schmidt (4-1, 3.3 ERA).

"When I told them, I broke

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me with anything that

I needed."

AUSTIN BROWN, JM SENIOR

Telling his baseball teammates what had

wanted to still be a part of the team. That

happened to him was the toughest part for

Austin. Upon getting word from his doctor

that he'd had a stroke, he gathered the team

together during a practice to let them know.

His emotions finally came pouring out.

cried," Austin said. "But they gave me hugs

They were there for me and told me they'd

As difficult as the monthlong ordeal was

for Austin, it was even tougher for Austin's

parents, and his younger brother, 14-year-old

"I get choked up just thinking about it,"

said Craig, fighting tears as he spoke. "But

it was one of those things that you look

"When I told them, I broke down and

and told me it was going to be all right.

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kept some normalcy in his life."

been able to contribute at the plate. Right now, everyone is hitting well."

The Patriots' have a cumulative .306 batting average. They lofted over the .300 mark thanks in part to the team's hot bats last week. In their five Sub-State 1 games, the Patriots scored 10, 4, 10, 5 and 11 runs.

Not bad, considering two of those wins came over the third-seeded A's, one over No. 2 Owatonna and one over

No. 1 Austin.

"We managed to get key hits at key times," Halverson said. "There's a lot of guys hitting well for us."

Leading the way is the team's best all-around player, Zach Smith. The North Dakota State recruit is batting .420, with three home runs and 24 RBIs for the 20-12 Patriots.

Seven players are hitting over .300: Smith, Matthew Halverson (.352), Andrew Schmidt (.348),

Kip Gronholz (.344), Jack Boehm (.329), Kyle Ebert (.321) and Aaron Limberg (.303).

The Patriots' pitching is also solid and nicely balanced. Sam Boysen, Schmidt and Halverson all have four wins, with ERAs of 3.3 or better.

The team's top pitcher is likely Smith, but he hadn't been able to throw until this last week due to a rotator cuff injury. He appeared twice as a closer in the Sub-State 1 tournament, and did what a good closer is supposed to do. He finished things off in the ninth inning, including showing plenty of velocity against the A's.

Smith, who also played a large role on the Patriots' state tournament team last year, says this group can make a run.

"I think we can compete with the best of them," he said. "We'll go up there and win as many games as we can. It's still the same game at state. The opponents are better, but it's the same game plan.

"It's going to be fun. It'll be my last chance to play with all of these guys.'

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are very grateful.'

game in Stewartville.

with the winning run.

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he said.

tin's family and friends really took him in.

It's crisis like these that really brings you

together. It brought our family closer than

It also allowed the entire family to see just

what a jewel it had in Mayo Clinic. Lisa and

Craig said the battery of tests that it was

able to give Austin until coming up with a

definitive diagnosis, and the intimate care

"If we lived somewhere else, they may

On June 12, Austin's doctors told him that

he'd been cleared to return to physical activ-

ity, and could continue with his life with no

Three days after that, he was dressed in his

Rochester Patriots American Legion base-

In the top of the eighth inning, he was

Austin made his opportunity count. He

"There were lots of hugs and lots of high-

Austin Brown was back. He was forever

promptly drilled a triple, then came home

His teammates hounded him.

different, but better than ever.

called on to pinch hit in an extra-innings

ball uniform, and champing at the bit.

restrictions, including football in the fall.

have never figured it out," Lisa said. "We

It might also have been life-saving.

BACK AT STATE: Pine Island is in the American Legion state tournament for the third time. Pine Island won it in 1995 and 2013. The Panthers high school team reached state in 2016.

Good to know ...

**TOP PLAYERS:** Dew Lohmeyer is batting .419 with 19 RBIs. Keegan Majerus is at .379 with 20 RBIs and Brady Braaten .350 with eight RBIs. Top pitchers are Majerus (4-0, 0.5 ERA), Joe Bauer (3-1, 2.1 ERA) and Braaten (3-1, 3.1

**OPENING GAME:** Pine Island leads off the state tournament on Friday, playing Springfield at 10 a.m.

# Peterson relishes state chance with Pine Island

**BY PAT RUFF** 

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Getting to the American Legion baseball tournament is satisfying for any coach.

But for Josh Peterson, it's at a different level. The Pine Island head man was born and raised there, and learned the game both playing and coaching under longtime Pine Island baseball coach Craig Anderson.

This is Peterson's second year directing the Legion team. This past spring, he was the firstyear head coach of the Pine Island high school team.

"Having been born and raised in Pine Island, I take a lot of pride in this program," the 29-yearold Peterson said. "This has been a lot of fun. It's been a very special summer, coaching a great group of young men. I'm privileged to coach them."

Pine Island has played "special" all season. The Panthers enter a Division II American Legion state tournament that begins Friday in New London/Spicer, sporting a 15-4 record. That includes going 5-1 in the state-qualifying Third District tournament, which ended Sunday with Pine Island beating Kenyon 12-2 in six innings.

The Panthers have played well all season. But things went up another notch in the Third District event.

"Our pitching staff really came into its own in tournament play." Peterson said. "Our pitchers all had good regular seasons. But they pitched amazingly well in the tournament."

Pine Island rides with a "Big Three" of pitchers. They are Keegan Majerus, Joe Bauer and Brady Braaten. All have put up strong numbers. Majerus (35 innings pitched) is the leader, with a 4-0 record, a tiny 0.5 ERA and pinpoint control.



Majerus

"I developed that control over the last two years," said Majerus, who will be a senior this fall at Pine Island. "I can locate my fastball a lot better now. I developed that by playing catch with my dad, staying after practice for bullpen sessions.'

Next in the pitcher pecking order is Bauer (26 innings, 3-1 record, 2.1 ERA), followed by

Braaten (16 innings, 3-1 record, 3.1 ERA). In one game after another in the post-season, that trio pitched complete seven-inning games.

'They brought everything we needed from them." Peterson said. "And our lower half of the lineup, batters 6-9, they stepped up, knocking in a lot of runs. We are a good batting team 1-9. That combination of pitching and (hitting) is

what did it for us." The Panthers can also field. In the spring, Pine Island broke the school record for fielding percentage. But that fielding can occasionally turn shaky, too. In the Third District tournament, the Panthers endured a couple of first innings where they were booting the ball around. They committed four errors in the first inning against St. Peter, and three errors in the first against Kenyon.

"We've been shaky in the first inning a couple of games, but then we've settled into a rhythm," Peterson said.

Pine Island's top hitters are Drew Lohmeyer (.419 average, 19 RBIs), Majerus (.379, 20 RBIs)

and Braaten (.350, eight RBIs). The Panthers are hitting .315 as a team.

Pine Island leads off the state tournament at 10 a.m. Friday, taking on Springfield. It plays BOLD at 9 a.m. Saturday.

· Caledonia has also made the Division II state tournament. It plays Proctor at 11 a.m. Friday,

"This made me realize how many people are there for me, no matter what happens,' then takes on Stephen-Argyle at 1:15 p.m.

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- Siebert Field (Field #2), University of Minnesota
- Toni Stone Field (Field #3), Dunning Sports Complex, St. Paul
- Hargis Park (Field #4), Bethel University, Arden Hills
- Hotel Metro (Tournament Headquarters Hotel), St. Paul
  - Lodging will be provided (for up to 18 rostered players and up to two rostered coaches) to teams whose base school is located more than 50 miles from CHS Field, beginning Thursday night, July 27th, until elimination. (Teams that will be lodged will be contacted in advance, to ascertain the number of participating players and coaches, so that specific lodging arrangements can be coordinated with the hotel.)
  - A block of rooms is available for additional coaches and team staff, as well as parents and fans. Contact the hotel directly for those reservations. (Information pertaining to lodging is also available on the Host Tournament Web Page, which can be accessed via www.tricitybaseball.org)
  - Please also see the enclosed invitation to have your team attend -- and be introduced at -- the Saint Paul Saints game on Wednesday night, July 26th. (If you wish to participate, you will be responsible, as needed, for your own lodging that night. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Hotel Metro for such.)
- Envision Event Center (Team Welcome Banquet), Oakdale
  - Tickets to the Welcome Banquet will be provided free of charge to up to 18 rostered players and up to two rostered coaches. Additional coaches / team staff, as well as parents and fans may purchase tickets through the Host Tournament Web Page (www.tricitybaseball.org).
  - The keynote speaker is Mike Veeck, co-owner of the Saint Paul Saints (see enclosed) -- whose innovative promotions and "Fun is Good" philosophy has garnered national fame and attention. He is sure to be an entertaining speaker at the banquet!

We hope you enjoy your experience at this year's Division I State Tournament! Please make sure to review all of the enclosed information thoroughly.

- 1:45 p.m. Opening Ceremony begins, with brief welcome remarks by Mike Perry, who will introduce all participating teams to line up on the field, and then lead everyone in the American Legion Baseball Code of Sportsmanship. Local dignitaries will also add remarks, and the Honor Guard will be introduced, prior to the National Anthem.
- 2:15 p.m. Teams exit the field and briefly warm-up / prepare for the Home Run Derby.
- <u>2:30 p.m.</u> The Home Run Derby begins, with a representative from Spire Credit Union opening the competition, by throwing the first pitch. One player, as nominated by his team, will compete at the plate; his teammates will field balls in the outfield. (The St. Paul Saints will video the Home Run Derby, and show excerpts on CHS Field's video board at their game that night.)
- 4:00 p.m. Awards will be presented to the Home Run Derby victors, and all on-field events conclude.
- 4:15 p.m. Players begin to clean up. (As needed, players may use the Hamline University locker room to clean-up and change into appropriate banquet attire; it is requested that players bring their own towel.) Teams that need to check-in at the Tournament Headquarters Hotel depart to do so.
- 5:30 p.m. Doors open and the social hour for the Welcome Banquet beings at the Envision Event Center in Oakdale.
- 6:45 p.m. All are seated for opening remarks and introduction of the teams.
- 7:00 p.m. Dinner is served following the invocation.
- 7:40 p.m. Program beings, featuring awards presentations to Minnesota American Legion Baseball honorees, as well as keynote speaker, Mike Veeck.
- 8:40 p.m. The banquet concludes following closing remarks. (Following conclusion of the banquet, tournament participants and spectators may wish to take in the remainder of "Music in Mears" -- a free concert in Lowertown's beautiful Mears Park (two blocks from CHS Field), and players may gain free admittance to the remaining innings of the Saints game that will be in progress during the Welcome Banquet.)

#### Friday, July 28th

 Games begin at CHS Field, Siebert Field, Toni Stone Field, and Hargis Park (4 games scheduled at each site, for a total of 16 games.) See the tournament bracket for the full schedule.

#### Saturday, July 29th

• Games continue at CHS Field and Siebert Field (4 games scheduled at each site, for a total of eight games.)

#### Sunday, July 30th

Four games played at CHS Field

#### Monday, July 31st

- 10:00 a.m. Semi-Final game at CHS Field
- 1:00 p.m. Championship game at CHS Field



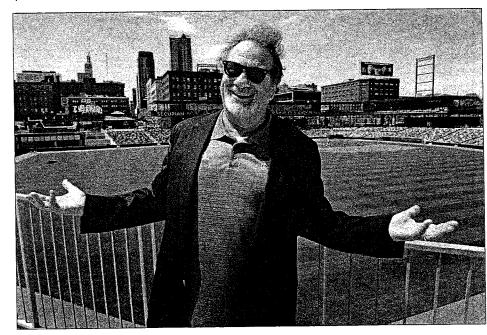
#### Mike Veeck Saint Paul Saints

Keynote Speaker, Team Welcome Banquet

It is a name synonymous with fun at the ballpark. Mike Veeck continues to blaze new trails every baseball season. After all, who else would hire a dog or pig to deliver baseballs to the umpire, a Roman Catholic nun to give massages, mimes to perform instant replays or lock fans out of the stadium to set an all-time attendance record for fewest people at a game. The Veeck family started in baseball nearly a century ago when Veeck's grandfather was president of the Chicago Cubs. Veeck's father, Bill, was a Hall of Fame owner with the St. Louis Browns, Cleveland Indians, Chicago White Sox and the then-minor league Milwaukee Brewers. Bill Veeck will always be remembered for signing Larry Doby, the first black man to play in the American League.

Serving to put fun back into baseball while proving his ideas are not specific to sport, Veeck has spoken and entertained groups at companies such as the NBA, 3M, General Mills, and NASCAR. His first book

was released in 2005, entitled "Fun is Good," describing how the simple approach of putting "fun" back into the workplace brings out the best in employees and keeps customers coming back for more. He has taken the "Fun is Good" way of life and helped his teams routinely reach attendance and customer service milestones, while receiving national publicity and awards for innovative promotions. He has made appearances on 60 Minutes, HBO Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, NBC Nightly News and ESPN Sportscenter.





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# 2017 American Legion Baseball State Tournament Welcome Banquet

# Thursday, July 27th Program

5:30 - Doors Open, Social Hour

6:45 - Welcoming Remarks
Emcee, Chris Long, KSTP-TV Sports

6:50 - Missing Man Remembrance
Carroll "Bird" Partridge,
4th District Vice Commander

6:55 - Invocation

Carl Renalls, 4th District Chaplain &

Commander, 3M Post 599

7:00 - Dinner Served

7:40 - Greeting by Denise Milton

Minnesota Department Commander

7:45 - Introduction of Participating Teams

Mike Perry, State Baseball Director

7:55 - Coach of the Year Award Bob Klefsaas, Eastview

8:00 - MN Legion Baseball Hall of Fame Induction Ron Nenovich, Bloomington

8:10 - Keynote Speaker
Mike Veeck, St. Paul Saints

8:45 - Closing Remarks by Chris Long



# the Gazette



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#### 2017 Division I Tournament begins at CHS Field

Legion Baseball will follow an old tradiion by returning to a large Twin City ballpark.

The 2017 edition of the Division I Tournanent, the largest Legion state tournament in he nation, will begin today at CHS Field in St.

Sixteen team will face off for the state title. Games will also be played at three other sites in the Capitol city.

American Legion Baseball in Minnesota dates back to 1926 and the first state tourney at Mankato.

The tourney moved around for many years, but then settled in at St. Paul's Lexington Park, the home of the St. Paul Saints. In all, 16 tournaments were held there.

When Lexington was torn down and replaced by Midway Stadium, also the home of the Saints, 10 more tournaments were held there.

Minneapolis' Nicollet Park, home of the Millers, also hosted a tournament one year.

This year's main field, CHS Field, will be the largest park the tournament has ever been held in.

The action will be non-stop on Friday with 16 games in the double-elimination format. Four teams will have two losses and be out of the tourney.

By Sunday, all the action will be at CHS, and the championship game will be Monday at 1 p.m.

Minnesota will send two teams to the national regional at Dickinson. The winner of that tourney will advance to the World Series in Shelby, N.C.

#### A year of upsets?

Only three of the top 10 teams in the LegionBaseball-Hub.com final poll made the state tournament. Those teams are Tri-City Red, Eden Prairie and Excelsior.

Burnsville, Mankato National and Waconia also received votes in the poll.

Fans can follow all the action of the tournament on the LegionHub website including live stats, box scores and video.

#### Veeck entertains annual banquet audience

Over 500 people filled the Envision Event Center Thursday night for the annual American Legion Baseball Division I banquet.

Mike Veeck, co-owner of the St. Paul Saints, was the keynote speaker.

The Legion honored two longtime baseball volunteers for their lifetime achievement.

Bob Klefsaas of Eastview in Apple Valley was named Coach of the Year, and Ron Nenovich, a longtime volunteer in Bloomington, was elected to the Legion Baseball Hall of Fame.

Klefsaas urged the young men "to carry on this great game of baseball. It is America's pastime."

Nenovich recalled his youth in Chisholm, and how he was the paper boy for Moonlight Graham, made famous in the movie "Field of Dreams."

The emcee of the program was Chris Long of KSTP-TV

Sports.

Veeck's father was the legendary Bill Veeck who brought a whole new dimension to Major League Baseball, including sending a midget to the plate in a regular season game.

Veeck paid tribute to Gail Kalata, the longtime director of the Tri-City Red team, this year's host of the tournament, for her work in helping build CHS Field, considered one of the finest minor league parks in the nation.

Veeck kept the 320 players amused with his stories about the irreverance he has displayed in promoting his teams -- including the Tonya Harding mini-bat night.

He noted that he has been fired by four major league teams, "I can't keep a job."

He also said that the Saints rank number seven in the nation in minor league attendance and are averaging 8,400 per game in a park that has 7,200 seats.

He told stories about growing up as one of nine children. "My dad loved baseball so much he had a whole team. When they introduced the designated hitter, my mother left town."

And he said that the reason he was the speaker was that, "Bill Murray was busy."

Murray is also co-owner of

the Saints.

Veeck said he teaches at the Citadel, a military school in North Carolina.

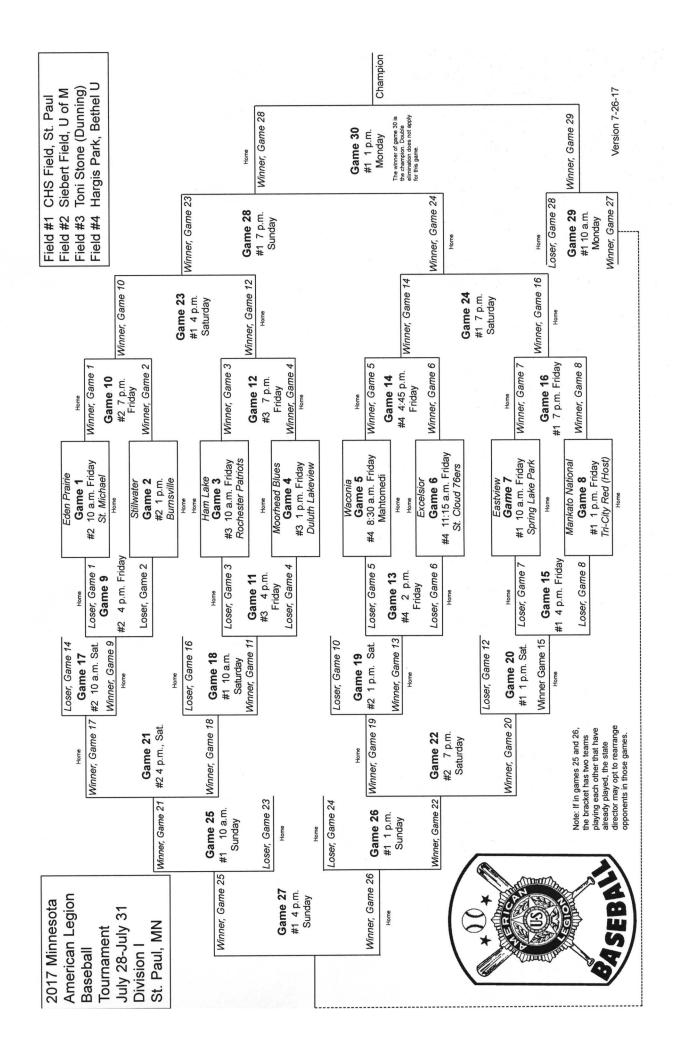
"I love young people. This world isn't in the greatest shape right now. But you will work it out."

He urged them to be fully engaged in the tournament.

"This is not a dress rehearsal, this is life."



St. Paul Saints Co-Owner Mike Veeck was the keynote speaker at the annual Legion Baseball banquet.





The 2017 Rochester Patriots line up for the National Anthem prior to the start of Game 3 of the MN Division 1 American Legion Baseball Tournament.



Matthew Halverson of the Rochester Patriots is hit by the pitch and awarded first base.



Andrew Schmidt with Kip Gronholz in the background makes a play against Ham Lake Friday.



Rich Halverson, the book keeper for the Patriots looks on to the game for the next action.



Ian Bergstrom of the Rochester Patriots pitches against Ham Lake (Blaine) in the Minnesota Legion State Tournament

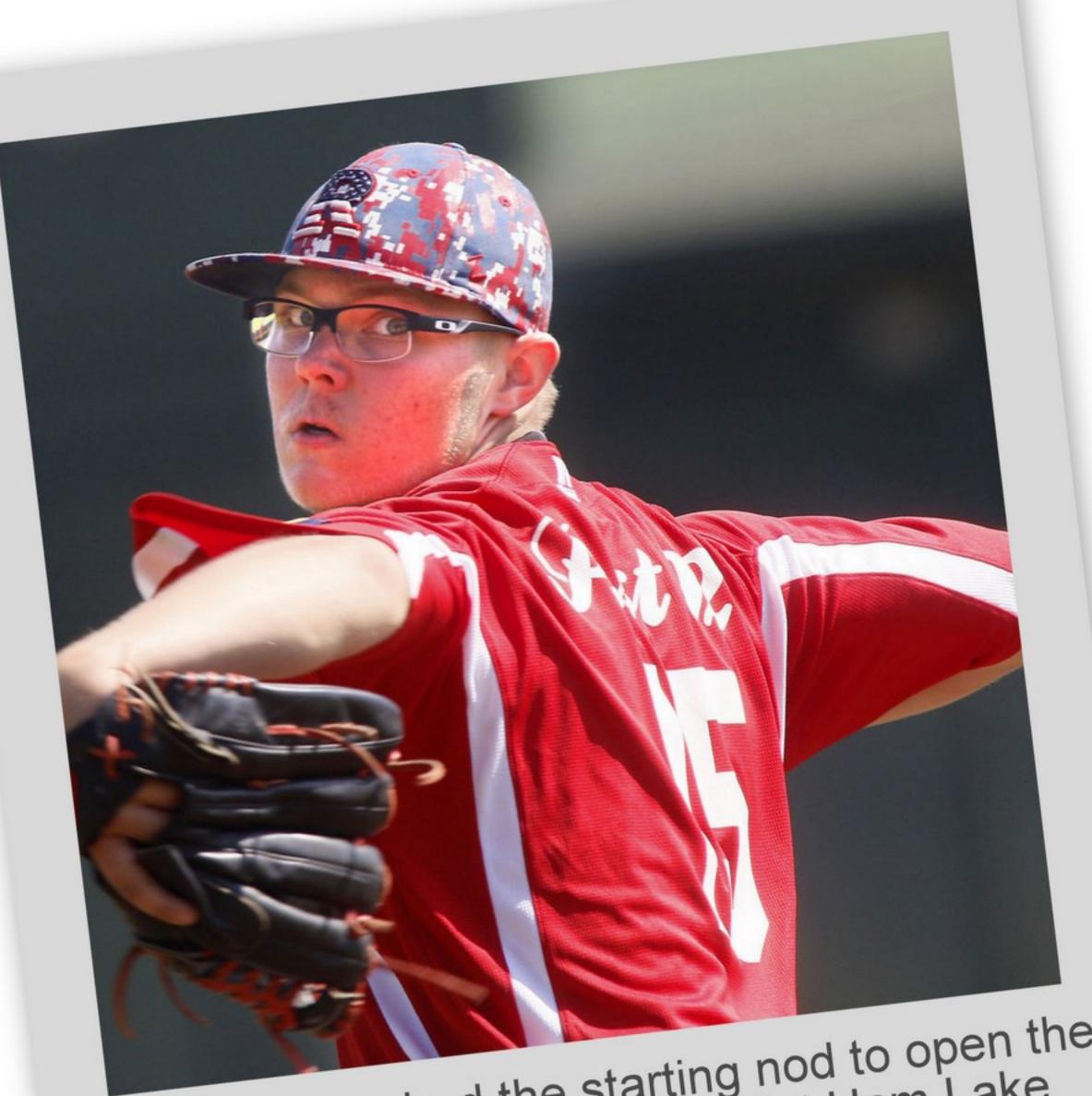




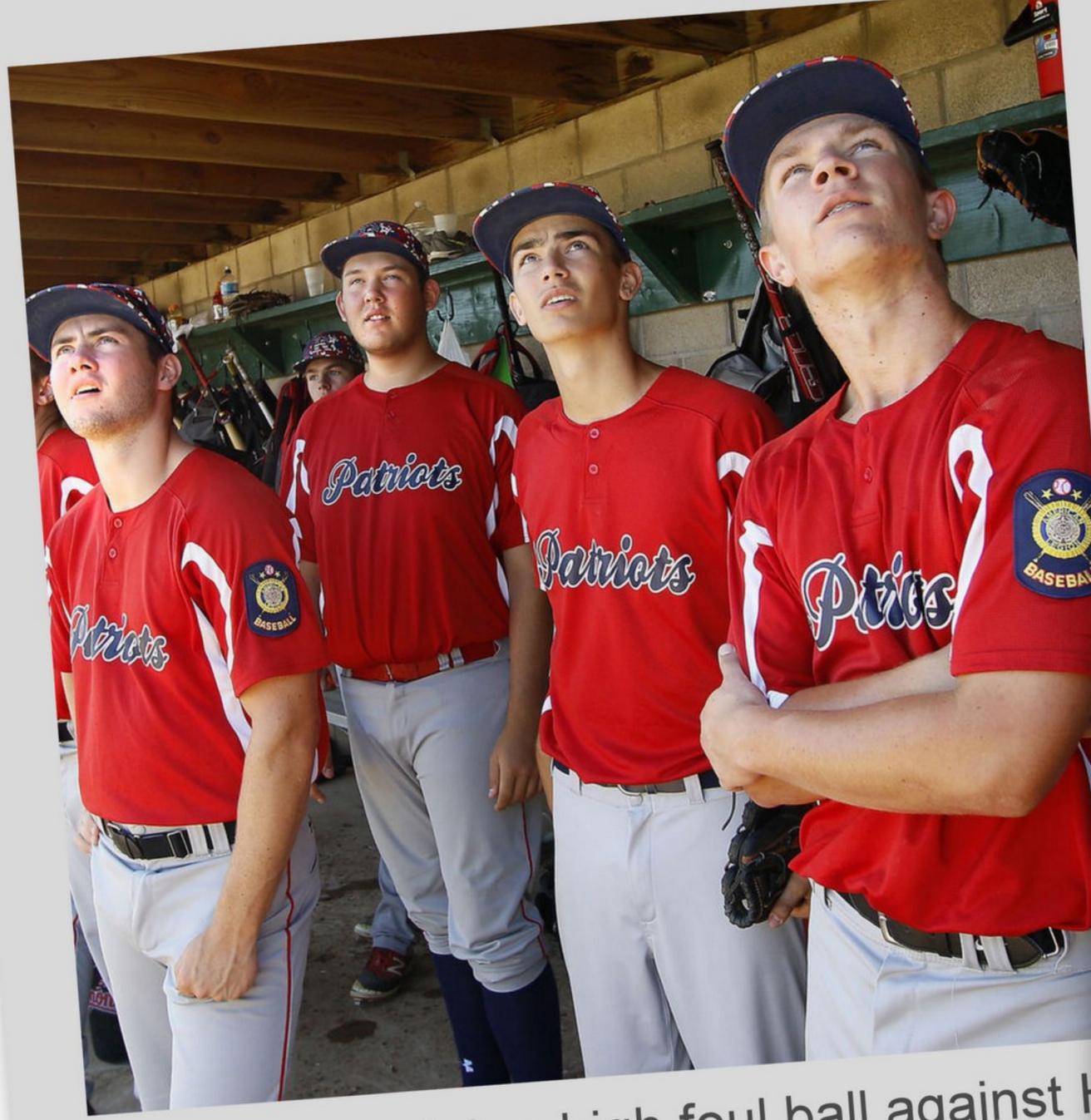
Brady Black pitches against H am Lake in state playoff action at Dunning park in St. Paul.



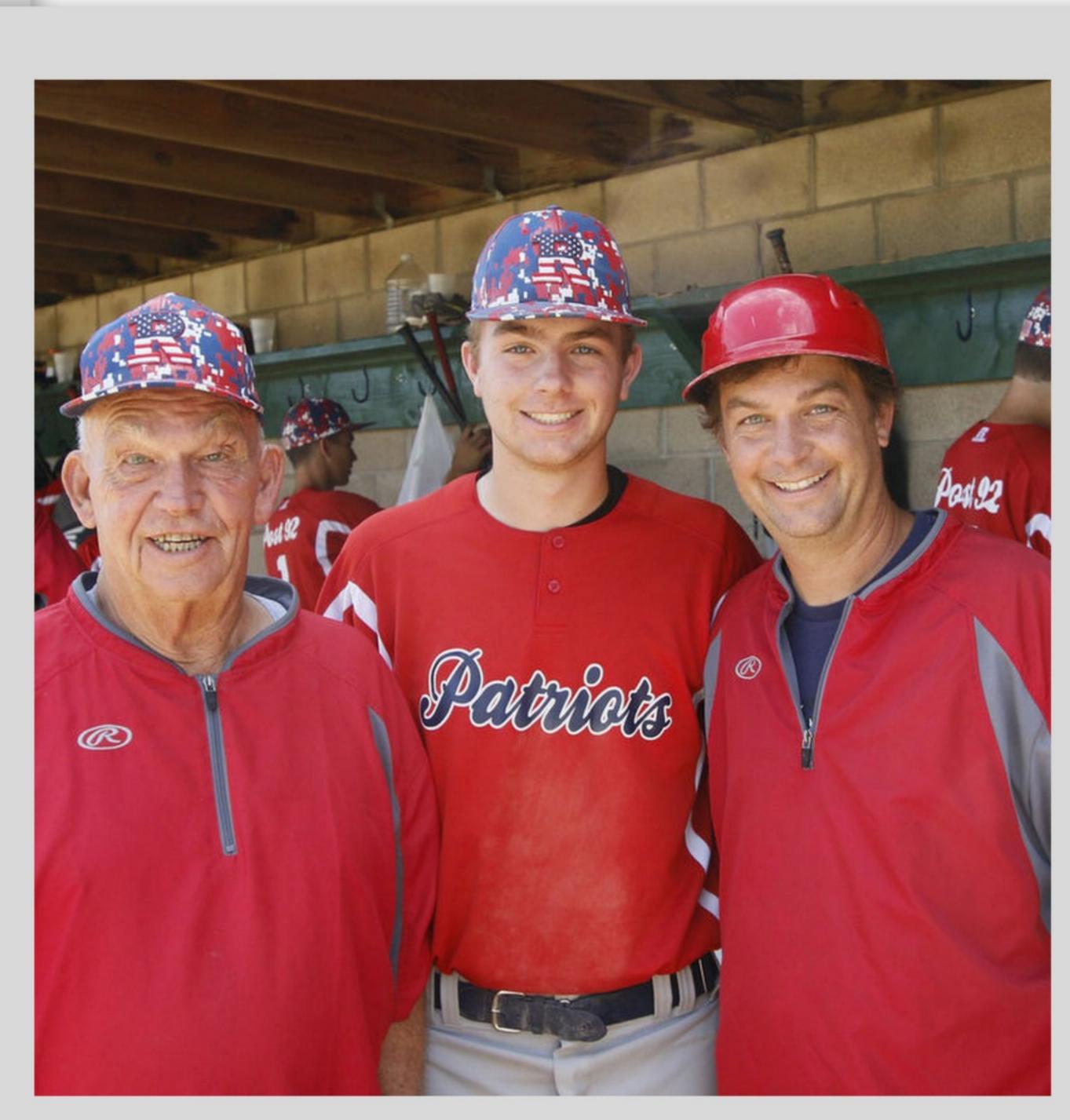
ip Gronholz of the Rochester Patriots takes a ut against Ham Lake in state action Friday.



Brady Boysen had the starting nod to open the State tournament Friday againt Ham Lake



The Patriots watch a high foul ball against hake on Friday at the state tournament



Three generations of the Halverson family are represented on the Rochester Patriots baseball team, From left book keeper Rich Halverson, current third baseman Matthew Halverson, and



Brady Boysen delivers the pitch at the State purnament Friday at Dunning Park in St. Paul.



Rochester Patriot Kyle Ebert beats out a throw to first during game action Friday morning.





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#### After first day's action, 12 teams remaining

After one day in the Minnesota American Legion Division I Tournament, already more than half the games have been played.

Each team played two games in the double elimination tourney with four teams remaining undefeated, eight teams going 1-1 and four teams eliminated.

The four unbeatens heading into Saturday's action at CHS Field and Siebert Field are Eden Prairie, Ham Lake Waconia and the host team, Tri-City Red.

Teams advancing through the losers' bracket are Excelsior, St. Michael,

Eastview, Rochester Patriots, Stillwater, St. Cloud 76ers, Moorhead, and Mankato National.

The four teams that went home were Burnsville, Duluth Lakeview, Mahtomedi and Spring Lake Park.

The two games featuring the unbeatens will be at CHS Field with Eden Prairie facing Ham Lake and Waconia taking on the hometown Tri-City Red.

In action at the Division II Tournament in Spicer-New London, Caledonia beat Proctor 2-0, Stephen-Argyle beat Caledonia 6-2, Springfield topped BOLD 5-3 and New London-Spicer beat Minneapolis Giantvalley 9-0.



**RUNDOWN** -- Tri-City's Ben Jepko tried to avoid the tag by Mankato National's Peter Haley, who took the throw from Alec Gratz.

#### Following 5 teams keeps district director 'Young

By John Sherman

Third District American Legion Baseball Director Bruce Young was busy the first day of the State Division 1 Tournament. In fact, he has had very little sleep the past two weeks.

Five teams from Young's district won Sub-State championships and played two times in the State Tournament yesterday. Three of them – Eastview, Stillwater and Waconia – are still alive, while two others – Burnsville and Mahtomedi – lost twice and are headed home.

"District 3 has been really solid this year," said Young, who coached the Apple Valley 76ers for more than 20 years before retiring to spend more time as District Director. "We could have had as many as seven teams advance to state this year."

Young was assigned to supervise at Siebert Field on Friday and had a chance to see Stillwater up close.

"They can really hit the ball," he said. "Waconia is a team with outstanding pitching and Eastview has had another winning season even though they lost some players from their high school team to club baseball."

With a district that spans much of the Twin Cities metro area, Young has 57 teams to work with.

"It was harder to be the district director when everything was done on paper," he said. "It's still challenging when you have so many teams. Now that we communicate by cell phone, text messaging and email, it's much more efficient."

In the first ball game of the day on Friday, Young was able to watch two of his teams, Stillwater and Burnsville go head-to-head.

What did he do?

"I pulled for both of them,"

he said.

Stillwater prevailed, before losing to Eden Prairie and falling into the losers' bracket.

Waconia showed its strength by defeating perennial powerhouse Excelsior in the late game. Eastview rolled by Spring Lake Park in the first game for both teams, and the got into a titanic struggle with Tri-City Red, falling behind 11-1 before closing the gap to 11-8 and then losing the game 16-9.



THIRD DISTRICT DIRECTOR BRUCE YOUNG

#### Tri-City Red pitcher improves to 9-1 on season

**By John Sherman** 

Tri-City Red pitcher Matt Laursen gave the host team's crowd plenty to cheer about in a 6-3 first-round State Tournament win over Mankato National Friday afternoon at CHS Field.

The 6-foot, 180-pound right-hander was smooth as silk, going all nine innings on a seven-hitter. Aside from three runs in the top of the fourth inning, Mankato National couldn't score against Laursen, who improved to 9-1 for the season.

Asked about keys to the win, Laursen said, "Our stellar defense. I have full confidence in all of my teammates. Anything hit in the air is going to be caught."

Catcher Nate Fredrickson who contributed two hits to Tri-City Red's attack said, "I've caught a lot of innings for Matt. The best thing about him is that he can throw four different pitches anytime during the

count

"Even when Mankato National scored to make the score 4-3, I felt comfortable," said Tri-City Red head coach Nik Anderson. "Matt has been our stud pitcher all season. After they scored, he came back and punched them in the mouth."

Laursen fanned three and relied on his defense to record the other 24 outs.

"We're a bunch of grinders," said Coach Anderson. "We're the kind of team that's never out of it. They all play a part in this and no one thinks he's bigger than the team."

As the catcher, Fredrickson is an old-time, guts-and-glory team leader for Tri-City Red.

"If anybody's down, Nate brings them back up," said Anderson. "He came back after graduating to play another year. He just loves Legion ball."

"This is an easy group to lead," said Fredrickson. "Their intensity and passion make this a fun team. I try to lead by ex-



Matt Laursen and battermate Nate Fredrickson after Laursen improved to 9-1 in 2017.

ample."

Fredrickson will attend Bethel College in the fall, and it's up in the air whether or not he will play baseball. The other half of Tri-City Red's battery, Laursen, will join Coach Chris Olean at the University of St. Thomas.

#### \*\*\*Stars of the Day\*\*\*

**Matt Laursen** of the host team, Tri-City Red, earned his ninth win of the season against only one loss in a 6-3 victory over Mankato National at CHS Field. Laursen allowed seven hits and struck out three.

**T.J. Rogers** of Excelsior, the MVP of the Sub-State 4 Tournament last week, opened the State Tournament with a 3-for-5 performance during a 15-5 victory over the St. Cloud 76ers at Bethel University.

**Owen Granger** of Eastview went 3-for-5 in the Lightning's first-round victory over Spring Lake Park at CHS Field.

**Pitcher Dillon Whittaker** tossed a complete game to lead Waconia to a 2-1 win over Mahtomedi at Bethel College. He struck out five and walked one while scattering seven hits.

**Carter Shook** of Mahtomedi went 3-for-3 at the plate in his team's 2-1 loss to Waconia.

**Alex Erickson** of the Moorhead Blues pitched a one-hitter as his team beat Duluth Lakeview 4-0. Erickson had 76 strikes among his 112 pitches and struck out 11.

**Peter Haley** of Mankato National was on fire during an 18-3 win over Spring Lake Park. He had a 4-for-5 day and scored three runs.

Marcus Krupke of St. Michael pitched 8 and 2/3 innings of six-hit ball in his club's 4-3 win over Burnsville. Krupke had nine strikeouts and walked three.

**Zach Smith** of the Rochester Patriots went three-for-four as his team beat Duluth Lakeview 10-8 in an elimination game.



The umpire kept a close eye on the play as a St. Cloud 76er tried to score by going airborne over the Excelsior catcher.

#### **Complete summaries first day**

St. Cloud 76ers 000 012 02 5 13 2 Excelsior 310 203 24 15 13 1

WP: Nadolney, LP Koenig. Koenig, Nefs (6), Carper (7), Frerick (8). Nadolney, Hedstrom (7).

The Excelsior Fire Club put three runs on the board in the first inning and went on to beat the St. Cloud 76ers 15-

5. Mason Nadolney pitched six innings to record the win. Lead-off man T.J. Rogers led Excelsior going 3-for-5 at the plate. Ryan Elder, Matt Muller and Jarod Wandersee each had two hits for Exclesior. Austin Nicholas had three hits for the 76ers.

Eastview 500 022 21 12 15 0 Spring Lake Park 000 020 0x 2 6 1

WP: Fering. LP: Sonmore. Fering, K. Nelson (7). Sonmore, Howe (5).

Eastview's five-run first inning put Spring Lake Park in the hole. Ryan Fering was the winning pitcher with relief help from Kyle Nelson. Owen Granger was one of Eastview's best hitters, going 3-for-5 with four RBIs. Teammate Brady Miller was also 3-for-5 with two runs scored.

Mankato National 000 300 000 3 7 0 Tri-City Red 310 200 00x 6 11 0

WP: Laursen. LP: Sellner. Laursen (GC), Sellner, Yokiel (6).

Tri-City Red took an early 4-0 lead before Mankato National closed the gap to 4-3 in a first-round game at CHS Field. The No. 1 star for Tri-City Red, pitcher Matt Laursen, improved to 9-1 on the season with a seven-hitter. Ryan Nickel, Ross Indlecoffer, Nate Fredrickson and Ben Jepko each had two hits for Tri-City Red. Ben Scott had two hits for Mankato National.

Waconia 000 110 000 2 6 2 Mahtomedi 010 000 000 1 7 1

WP: Whittaker. LP: Tairal. Whittaker (CG). Tairal, Jerylo (6), Smithson (9), Shook (9), Brown (9).

In a pitchers' duel at Bethel University, Dillon Whittaker of Waconia scored a 2-1 victory over Mahtomedi. Carter Shook was Mahtomedi's No. 1 star, going 3-for-3 at the plate.

Duluth Lakeview 000 000 000 0 1 1 Moorhead Blues 000 004 00z 4 6 0

WP: Erickson. LP: Alpin. Erickson (CG). Erickson (CG). Aplin, Peterson (8).

Pitcher Alex Erickson was the whole show for the Moorhead Blues in this first-round victory. He threw a one-hitter and struck out 11 in going the distance. Erickson improved to 8-1 for the season. Carter Howell's single was the game-winning hit in the bottom of the sixth inning. The Blues scored two runs on squeeze bunts.

Rochester Patriots 000 000 000 0 3 2 Ham Lake 000 501 03x 9 14 0

WP: Riola. LP: Black. Boysen, Black (4), Bergstrom (8). Riola, Miller (8), McDonald (9).

Ham Lake starter Sam Riola was in control, allowing two hits over 7 and 2/3 innings. Jon Coello went 3-for-3 and Coner Melton went 3-for-4 to lead Ham Lake's offense. Logan McDonald, Seth Miller, Joey Messier and Mike Gottschalk each added two hits.

Eden Prairie 202 000 000 4 10 4 8t. Michael 000 200 103 3 7 1

WP: Zigan. LP: Brown. Zigan, Shepard (9). Brown, Levandowski (7).

Eden Prairie made four errors, but stayed on top with 10 hits against St. Michael to win a first-round game 4-3 at the University of Minnesota's Siebert Field. Mike Espe led Eden Prairie with three hits and teammate Collin Farris added two. Paxton Thompson led St. Michael with two hits and an RBI. Jack Zigan pitched eight innings, allowing six hits and fanning five.

Stillwater 000 003 300 1 7 11 3 Burnsville 000 003 003 0 6 7 1

WP: T. Bruchu. LP: Kohler. Laubscher, T. Bruchu (8). Rosevedt, Kohler (7).

Stillwater's balanced attack produced a one-run victory in this first-round game at Siebert Field. Thomas Bruchu, Cody Venske, Matt Crowell and Matt McGinley each had two hits. Brandon Hugo had two RBIs for Burnsville.

#### **Summaries continued**

Mahtomedi 010 003 100 5 8 0 St. Cloud 76ers 003 001 02x 6 10 3

WP: Nicholas. LP: Smithson. Schwietz, Smithson (6), Jerylo 9). Aleshire, Nicholas (7), Bulson (9).

The St. Cloud 76ers won an elimination game against Mahtomedi with four big RBIs from Logan Aleshire. Tommy Freisen drove home the other two 76ers' runs. Austin Jerylo and Connor Henningsen had two hits each for Mahtomedi.

Mankato National 531 404 1 18 23 1 Spring Lake Park 020 000 1 3 5 3

WP: Gretz. LP: Fritz. Middlekamp, Gretz (2), Liebl (5), Hoppe (7). Fritz, J. Marthaler (1), McMahon (2), Zeller (4), A. Marthaler (7).

Mankato National mounted a 23-hit attack to eliminate Spring Lake Park in a losers' bracket game.

Peter Haley led the winners, going 4-for-5 with three runs scored. Rob Meidl and Josh Johnson added three hits each. Cade McMahon drove in two runs for Spring Lake Park, which finished the season 20-5.

Duluth Lakeview 200 104 010 8 10 4 Rochester Patriots 122 000 32x 10 10 2

WP: Z. Smith. LP: Grindahl. Laakso, Grindahl (4). Schmidt, Ebert (4), Z. Smith (7).

The Rochester Patriots won an elimination game ofer Duluth Lakeview. Zach Smith was the winning pitcher in relief for Rochester and also went 3-for-4 at the plate. Kip Grunholz added two hits for the winners. Tyler Orr had two hits and three RBIs for Lakeview.

Excelsior 000 122 011 7 19 1 Waconia 000 121 14x 8 13 2

WP: Jahnke. LP Elder. Lalonde, Lommen (7), Elder (7), Berset (9). Stoddard, Jahnke (6), Swanson (9).

Excelsior pounded 19 hits, but lost to Waconia in a winners' bracket game at Bethel University Friday night. It was a hitters' game as Waconia amassed 13 hits. Alex Logelin had three of those hits to go with two each from A.J. Friedrich, Robbie Smith and Justin Schultz. T.J. Rogers paced Excelsior with four hits. Jarod Wandersee and Gus Steiger had three each.

Stillwater 100 000 000 1 5 0 Eden Prairie 100 401 04x 10 12 0

WP: Divinski. LP: Venske. T. Bruchu, Venske (4), VanOrt (4). Divinski (CG).

Trevor Divinski pitched a five-hitter to lead Eden Prairie in a 10-1 win over Stillwater Friday night at Siebert Field. The top of Eden Prairie's batting order wore out Stillwater. Lead-off man Zack Elliott had three hits for EP, while Mike Espe and Will Pahl each added two. With seven hits from the first three men, EP had three RBIs from clean-up hitter Connor Kehl.

Ham Lake 004 000 163 14 15 5 Moorhead 100 020 200 5 9 3

WP: Winslow, LP: Wixo. Winslow, Miller (8), Messier (9). Wixo, Mohr (7), McBain (8), Swenson (9).

Ham Lake put up nine runs in the final two innings to pull away from Moorhead in a game at Toni Stone Field in Dunning Park. Joey Messier was red-hot for the winners with four hits, four runs scored and four RBIs. Coner Melton added four hits.

Tri-City Red 326 000 050 16 16 2 Eastview 010 030 410 9 18 4

WP: Koehn. LP: Miller. Koehn, Davidson (5), Stephan (5), Solfest (7). Miller, Schwartz (3), Dietz (6), Milbradt (7), Martel (8).

In a wild game at CHS Field Friday night, Tri-City Red outlasted Eastview to advance in the winners' bracket. There were a total of 34 hits, 18 by Eastview. Ross Indlecoffer led Tri-City Red with three hits. Jack Young and Zach Kadlec each had four hits for Eastview.

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Minnesota Vikings wide receiver Laquon Treadwell makes a catch during training camp Thursday in

## Healthy again, Treadwell eyes rebound for Vikings

**Associated Press** 

MANKATO — One catch. Fifteen yards.

That was the jarringly limited extent of Laquon Treadwell's production on the field last season for the Minnesota Vikings. Even with the rookie learning curve factored in, and his struggle to stay healthy, this was hardly an outcome befitting a firstround draft pick.

Treadwell's nonexistence in the passing attack was minimized by the excellence of Stefon Diggs, the emergence of Adam Thielen and the steadiness of tight end Kyle Rudolph.

After such a significant investment by the Vikings in Treadwell, there was no way to escape the bust label no matter how early he was into his career. The critical voices were loudest inside his helmet.

"The injury, plus the playbook and just not being comfortable with every thing going on around me," Treadwell said. "I was used to my expectations and my standards, and I was falling short, so it was bothering me."

The Vikings noticed. One of their goals for Treadwell's second season, then, was "not being quite so hard on himself" in the words of coach Mike Zimmer.

"The biggest thing with Laquon is he needs to continue to build the confidence in himself," Zimmer said. "If he drops a ball, he needs to forget it. Go on to the next play, and go make

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# Patriots survive to play another day

Rochester wins back-and-forth elimination game

**BY NICK KELLY** nkelly@postbulletin.com

n a game that featured multiple home runs, strong at-bats and timely hitting, it came down to two eighth-inning errors.

Two errors via past balls, that is, placing the Rochester Patriots' Jack Boehm on second, then on third.

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But it was Kip Gronholz who brought Boehm home.

Gronholz's RBI-single scored Boehm and broke an 8-8 tie in the bottom of the eighth. Gronholz later stole home to give the Patriots a tworun lead that they rode to a 10-8 victory over Duluth Lakeview in a Division I American Legion state tournament elimination game on Friday at Toni Stone Field (Dunning Sports Complex) in St. Paul.

The Patriots had lost 9-0 earlier Friday to Ham Lake (Blaine).

They'll now face the loser of the game between Eastview and Tri-City Red at 10 a.m. today at CHS Field in St. Paul.

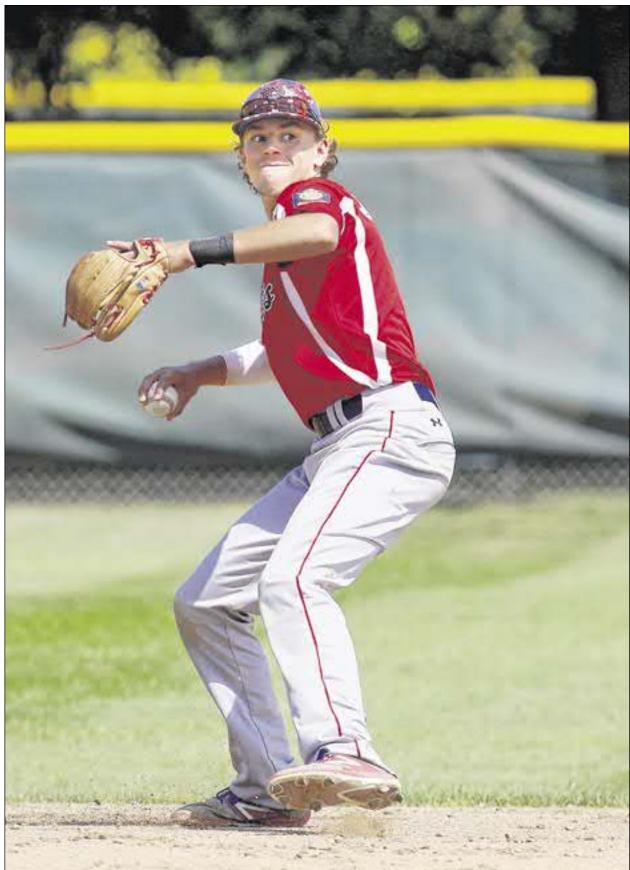
Neither team had an opportunity to coast at any point in the game. Duluth Lakeview started the game with three consecutive hits and a 2-0 lead, but it didn't last long. Patriots pitcher Zach Smith hit a solo home run in the bottom of the first.

A squeeze bunt from Sam Lingen and an RBI-single from Aaron Limberg gave Rochester a 3-2

It extended that to 5-2 in the third, but Duluth Lakeview stayed within striking distance when Tyler Orr hit an RBI-single to bring his team within two in the fourth.

Then Duluth Lakeview struck. It scored four runs in the top of the sixth inning, led by Orr's tworun home run.

Duluth Lakeview held a 7-5 lead going into the seventh inning, but again the Patriots answered. Matthew Halverson hit an RBI single and Alex Jensen hit an RBI



The Rochester Patriots' Caleb Gronholz fields a ground ball and sets to throw out a Ham Lake baserunner at first base on Friday in the first round of the American Legion, Division I state tournament in St. Paul.

double, scoring three runners for the Patriots.

Duluth's Jake Dubla tied the

game at 8-8 in the eighth, but Rochester pitcher Smith kept that score from growing.

Smith struck out two of three Duluth Lakeview batters in the top of the ninth.

# Rockets ready for a new era

#### JM girls hockey team set to start 'new program'

The Rochester John Marshall girls hockey program is starting anew.

Sure, the Rockets logo is still on their sweaters, but with a new coaching staff and approximately half of the roster gone to graduation or to



hockey program at Lourdes, JM is starting over. "We're a new program," JM captain

**Delaney Adams** said. "We kept our name, but we're really a new team." The longtime

co-op between JM and Lourdes was split up after last season. Lourdes will have its own program for the first time, coached by former Lourdes boys assistant Jeff True. The JM girls will also have a former Lourdes boys assistant as their head coach, as Josh Chapman has taken

JM wraps up its allotted summer practices this week, and its captains – Adams, **Kaycee Neumann** and **Ally Halverson** — said there is a relaxed vibe on a team that others outside



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Jason Feldman

the program may not expect to compete for a Big Nine Conference cham-

"Coach has given us a lot of freedom," Neumann said. "We can make mistakes, and we're not afraid to make mistakes. Everyone is comfortable with each other, and we're working well together."

JM/Lourdes finished 15-10-1 last season and had six strong seniors, including leading scorer Renee Saltness, who had 71 points and will play at Division I Quinnipiac University this fall. A number of other returning veterans will play at Lourdes this

"So far, we're just having fun; we'll set some expectations when we get going (in the winter season)," Halverson said. "A lot of people are maybe counting us out, too. We lost a lot of players, our co-op split up, a new coach, but if we work hard,

we'll have some success."

JM will have exactly three months between its final summer practice and the start of the season. The first official practice is Oct. 30.

'I hope we can bond so we can work well together when the season starts," Neumann said, "and we're able to build on what we already have."

Rochester native Pat Ferschweiler will serve as the head coach of the United States Under-17 hockey team that will compete in the Five Nations Tournament at Ostrava, Czech Republic, Aug. 23-27.

Ferschweiler, a Rochester John Marshall graduate, will enter his third season as an assistant coach for the NHL's Detroit Red Wings this

The U.S. has won the Five Nations Tournament seven times in nine years, including winning last year's tournament in Frisco, Texas. The tournament also includes teams from Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Germany.

Red Wing senior-to-be and University of Minnesota women's hockey recruit **Taylor Heise** is one of 31 girls selected to participate in the USA Hockey Under-18 Women's National Festival in Lake Placid, N.Y., Aug. 8-14. Heise, from Lake City, is one of



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John Marshall/Lourdes forward Kaycee Neumann battles for a loose puck with Jenna Bogen of Owatonna during a game last season. Neumann has been named one of three captains for the JM girls hockey team for the 2017-18 season.

seven camp participants who played World Championships. on the team last year and won a gold medal at the U18 Women's

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**Photos by Jerry Olson** / For the Post-Bulletin

Sam Boysen started on the mound for the Rochester Patriots but came out in the fifth inning of his team's 9-0 American Legion, Division I first-round playoff loss to Ham Lake on Friday in St. Paul.

# **Patriots outlast Duluth Lakeview**

Team rebounds after 1st-round loss

**BY NICK KELLY** 

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ST. PAUL — The Rochester Patriots embrace a scrappy mentality, so much so that they put the phrase "ScrappyPats2017" on the backs of the American Legion state tournament T-shirts many parents and family members wore to the event Friday.

It's not just a label for the Patriots. They've lived that approach throughout the playoffs. Their win on Friday night fit well into the scrappy

The Patriots survived three lead changes to defeat Duluth Lakeview 10-8 in the Division I double- elimination tournament game at Toni Stone Field (Dunning Sports Complex). The Patriots had lost 9-0 earlier Friday to Ham Lake (Blaine).

Before the Patriots added the word scrappy to the backs of their supporters' shirts, coach Paul Halverson drilled that approach into his players' minds. Halverson communicated the need for scrappy play before their first Sub-State 1 playoff game, a play-in contest over a week ago against Byron.

"We know we are a team (that) doesn't have all-stars. We just have a bunch of scrappy kids who love to play baseball."

PATRIOTS COACH PAUL HALVERSON

#### Up next

The Patriots will play Eastview at 10 a.m. today.

Why scrappy?

"We know we are a team (that) doesn't have all-stars," Halverson said. "We just have a bunch of scrappy kids who love to play baseball. We bunt, we run, we play good defense and throw strikes."

The label came about because of the position the Patriots were in. They received the No. 6 seed in the Sub-State tournament. Five wins later, the Patriots had beaten the top three seeds en route to a state tournament

"Ever since the start of the playoffs, we have been responding really well," Kip Gronholz said. "That is just what a scrappy underdog is

It might be a team made up of scrappy underdogs,

but the Patriots' turnaround stemmed from more than just an adjective thrown out at practice.

"You go on that field and play hard but have fun doing it," Halverson said. "I think that is what has brought this team together, allowing us to go on this run."

Reaching state was Halverson's goal after having such fond memories of his American Legion playing days. Halverson played on the Patriots when the teams weren't divided based on school. He joined the Patriots because he wanted to have

"That is the atmosphere I enjoyed," Halverson said. "It wasn't about, 'Can you have the dream team?' It is about a bunch of guys going out and playing ball.'

The 2017 Patriots did more than just play ball Friday night. They played ball well.

Rochester couldn't muster a run against Ham Lake ear-



The big hits weren't coming in the Patriots' state tournament opening-game loss to Ham Lake. Here, Caleb Gronholz takes a crack at it.

lier in the day, but it found creative ways to score against said. Duluth Lakeview, including a squeeze bunt from Sam Lingen that helped the Patriots grab a 5-2 lead heading into the third.

Halverson said that squeeze play was vintage Patriots.

"I think we have done 10 squeeze plays this year, and we have never had it not work out for us," Halverson

Although the Patriots pride themselves on this scrappy mentality, they do have some occasional glitz. Zach Smith, who will play for North Dakota State next year, hit a solo home run in the first inning Friday after Lakeview opened the game with three consecutive hits.

"I was just trying to square up with the ball," Smith said. "Good things happen when you do that."

Good things also tend to happen when Smith pitches.

Smith came into the game with the Patriots down 7-5. He struck out the first three batters he faced. Smith gave up two hits and one earned run in his three innings pitched. He also struck out six batters; two of those strikeouts came in the top of the ninth to seal the game.

He sealed a win that was brought about by Gronholz, who hit an RBI single that gave the Patriots a 9-8 lead. That lead grew to 10-8 when he stole home in the bottom

of the eighth inning. "I knew that sealed the deal

because, after that, (Smith)

was going to come out and

throw strikes," Gronholz

In addition to throwing strikes, Smith had fun. He said that situation is what every pitcher dreams of when they are younger.

He wasn't worried, despite the constant momentum shifts in the game.

"It is a long game," Smith said. "You just have to stay the course and keep battling and keep chipping away at

Gronholz immediately clarified Smith's comment. "Being scrappy," Gronholz

**HAM LAKE 9, PATRIOTS 0** 

#### (First game)

Ham Lake 000 501 03x - 914 0 000 000 000 Rochester: Kip Gronholz 1-for-4, 1 2B; Matthew Halverson 1-for-2, 1 2B; Kyle Ebert 1-for-3. Pitchers: Sam Boyson (LP) 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Matthew Halverson 2 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 2 ER. 2 BB. 0 K: Brady Black 2 1/3 IP. 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 K; Ian Bergstrom 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 0 K. Ham Lake: No stats available.

#### **PATRIOTS 10, DULUTH LAKEVIEW 8**

(Elimination game) Lakeview 200 104 010 122 000 32x - 1010 2 Patriots Rochester: Zach Smith, 3-for-4, 1 3B, 1 HR; Aaron Limberg 1-for-5, 1 RBI; Andrew Schmidt 1-for-4, RBI; Kyle Ebert 1-for-2, 1 RBI, 1 2B; Kip Gronholz 2-for-5, 1 RBI, 1 2B. Pitchers: Zach Smith (WP) 3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 6 K. Andrew Schmidt 3 1/3 IP, 5 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 5 K; Kyle Ebert 2 2/3 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 2 K. **Duluth Lakeview: Drew Grindahl** 

2-for-4, 1 R; Jack Payette 2-for-5, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Tyler Seymour 2-for-4, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Tyler Orr 2-for-4, 1 HR, 3 RBIs. Pitchers: Drew Grindahl (LP) 5 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 3 K. Sam Laasko 3 IP, 6 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 0 K.

#### LEGION **BASEBALL STATE TOURNAMENT**

**DIVISION I** 

FRIDAY

Game 1: Eden Prairie 4, St. Michael 3 Game 2: Stillwater 7, Burnsville 6 Game 3: Ham Lake 9, Rochester Patriots

Game 4: Moorhead 4, Duluth Lakeview 0 Game 5: Waconia 2, Mahtomedi 1 Game 6: Excelsior 15, St. Cloud 76ers 5 Game 7: Eastview 12, Spring Lake Park 2 Game 8: Tri-City Red 6, Mankato National

Game 9: St. Michael 4, Burnsville 3 Game 10: Eden Prairie 10, Stillwater 1 Game 11: Rochester Patriots 10, Duluth Lakeview 8

Game 12: Ham Lake 14. Moorhead 5 Game 13: St. Cloud 76ers 6. Mahtomedi 5 Game 14: Waconia 8, Excelsior 7 Game 15: Mankato National 18, Spring Lake Park 3

Game 16: Tri-City Red def. Eastview **TODAY** 

Game 17: Excelsior vs. St. Michael 4, 10 a.m., at Siebert Game 18: Eastview vs. Rochester Patriots, 10 a.m., at CHS Game 19: Stillwater vs. St. Cloud 76ers, 1

p.m., at Siebert Game 20: Moorhead vs. Mankato National, 1 p.m., at CHS Game 21: Winner Game 17 vs. winner

Game 18, 4 p.m., at Siebert Game 22: Winner Game 19 vs. winner Game 20, 7 p.m., at Siebert

Game 23: Winner Game 10 vs. winner Game 12, 4 p.m., at CHS

Game 24: Winner Game 14 vs. winner Game 16, 7 p.m., at CHS

SUNDAY

Game 25: Winner Game 21 vs. loser Game 23, 10 a.m., at CHS Game 26: Loser Game 24 vs. winner

Game 22, 1 p.m., at CHS Game 27: Winner Game 25 vs. winner Game 26, 4 p.m., at CHS Game 28: Winner Game 23 vs. winner

Game 24, 7 p.m., at CHS MONDAY Game 29: Loser Game 28 vs. winner

Game 27, 10 a.m., at CHS Game 30: Winner Game 28 vs. winner Game 29, 1 p.m. at CHS

**DIVISION II** 

#### at New London/Sicer **FRIDAY**

Game 1: Springfield 2. Pine Island 0 Game 2: Caledonia 2, Proctor 0 Game 3: Pierz 7, Giantvalley 4 Game 4: Stephen-Argyle 5, Caledonia 2 Game 5: Springfield 5, BOLD 3 Game 6: New-London/Spicer 9, Giant-

**TODAY** 

Game 7: Pine Island vs. BOLD. 9 a.m., Field 1

Game 8: Proctor vs. Stephen-Argyle, 11:15 a.m., Field 1 Game 9: Pierz vs. NLS, 1 p.m., Field 1 Game 10: No. 3 seed vs. No. 2 seed, 4

Game 11: No. 4 seed vs. No. 1 seed, 6:30

p.m., Field 1 Game 12 (third place): Game 10 loser vs.

Game 11 loser, 11 a.m., Field 1 Game 13 (championship): Game 10 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 1:30 p.m., Field 1

## **Pine Island** edged at state tourney

Post Bulletin staff

SPICER — Pine Island fell just short against a strong Springfield team on Friday in the American Legion, Division II state baseball tournament.

The Panthers managed just three hits and fell to Springfield 2-0. Pine Island had the bases loaded twice with none out, once in the fifth inning and once in the sixth.

'We needed a hit here and a hit there," said Pine Island coach Josh Pederson, whose team is now 15-5. "But credit Springfield's pitcher (Isaac Fink). He kept them in the game. Plus, they've got a great ball club." Brady Braaten took the

pitching loss for Pine Island, though he tossed seven excellent innings. Springfield had six hits against him and just one earned run. Braaten walked just one.

Joe Bauer, Braaten and Keegan Majerus had one hit apiece for the Panthers.

Pine Island plays at 9 a.m. today against BOLD.

 Caledonia won one and lost one Friday in the state tournament. The Warriors beat Proctor 2-0, then lost to Stephen-Argyle 5-2. It was to be determined if they would play again today, based on a tiebreaker.

**SPRINGFIELD 2, PINE ISLAND 0** 

Springfield 001 001 0 - 260 Pine Island 000 000 0 **Springfield:** Tanner Vogel 3-for-3, 2 RBI, 1 HR; Brandon Flack 1-for-3 1 2B. Pitching: Isaac Fink 7 IP, 3 H, 0 R, 3 BB,

**Pine Island:** Joe Bauer 1-for-1; Brady Braaten 1-for-3; Keegan Majerus 1-for-3. Pitching: Brady Braaten 7 IP, 6 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 3 K.

The Rochester Patriots line up for the national anthem prior to the start of their game with Ham Lake on Friday in St. Paul.

#### **Leaders from first 24 games**

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2.Ryan Nic		TCR	0.636	2.Zach	Smith	ROC	1	2.Tj	Rogers	EXC	14	1.Cole	Lalonde	EXC	0
3.Gus Steig		EXC	0.600	Rob	Meidl	MKT	1	3.Jack	Young	ESV	13	Kyle	Nelson	ESV	0
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6.Austin Ni		76'ers	0.545	Jack	Young	ESV	1	6.Gus	Steiger	EXC	11	lan	Bahn	TCR	0
7.Brady Mil		ESV	0.533			HAM	1	7.Mason	Nadolney	EXC	10	6.Trevor	Divinski	EDP	0.78
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4.Tj	Rogers	EXC	0.737	6.Luke	Sellner	MKT	5	Aaron	Brush	EXC	4	Alex	Erickson	MOR	9
5.Gus	Steiger	EXC	0.733	Jared	Wandersee	EXC	5	Jack	Schechtman	EXC	4	Dillon	Whittaker	WAC	9
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4.Joey	Messier	HAM	1.425					Joey	Messier	HAM	9	4.Trevor	Divinski	EDP	0.778
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#### **Bloomington's Nenovich enters Hall**

Brady

Zach

Bloomington American Legion Baseball, with a tradition that goes back to the 1950s, has served thousands of youth over seven decades.

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3.Logan

8.Austin

9.Jack

10.Jack

7.Tj

For the last three decades, Ron Nenovich has been a tireless worker in that program. He does much of the work behind the scenes

 registration, fund-raising, travel arrangements and scheduling for Bloomington Gold on the east side of town and Bloomington Blue on the west side.

In recognition for his efforts, Nenovich was named to the Minnesota American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame during the State Tournament banquet July 27.

In addition to serving as the general manager for both Bloomington Legion teams, Nenovich has been the driving force behind the renovations at Red Haddox Field in East Bloomington. First

came the Toro Grandstand, then Nenovich went to work on raising money for a new concessions stand and modern restrooms.

Grunholz

Aleshire

Schechtman EXC

ROC

76'ers

The park is home to not only the Legion teams, but also to Bloomington's amateur baseball team, the Bandits.

"I like to volunteer," said Nenovich during his Hall-of-Fame acceptance speech. "We all do. It is so rewarding to watch these Legion ball players grow and develop during their baseball careers and later in life."

Nenovich was an on-field coach for many years, working with Bloomington Gold head coaches Mike Haddox and Jerry Olerud. Now, he mainly works on administering the programs for Gold and Blue.

"I learned a lot about Legion baseball when I worked with Red Haddox," said Nenovich. "Red and I have the same personality.

He was all for the kids."

When Red Haddox was Bloomington Gold's general manager in the 1980s and 1990s, the team never traveled to tournaments out of town. But when Nenovich took over for Red, the Gold team began accepting invitations to play out of town.

9.Marcus

"Red was reluctant to travel at first, but he went on the trips with us, and he loved them," said Nenovich. "We went to Winnipeg, Omaha and Rockford, Illinois.'

When Red passed away, Nenovich devoted much of his free time to making Red Haddox Field a baseball facility worthy of his mentor. It is such a fine park now that it is often chosen to host major events, such as the Gopher Classic Legion playoffs and the State Class A Amateur Tourna-

While the park is named for Red Haddox, also a Legion Hall-of-



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#### **RON NENOVICH**

Famer, many would like to see something at the Bloomington complex named after Ron Nenovich.

## **Game Summaries, Second Day**

Rochester Patriots 001 120 000 000 4 9 5 Eastview 031 000 000 001 5 10 3

WP: K. Nelson. LP: Boehm. Halverson, Boehm (8). Decker, K. Nelson (5).

Logan Tollefson banged a hit off the wall in the bottom of the 12<sup>th</sup> inning to give Eastview the win over the Rochester Patriots. Kyle Nelson was the winning pitcher, throwing eight innings of five-hit relief. The Patriots finished the season with a 21-14 record.

Excelsior 002 030 001 6 13 2 St. Michael 000 000 212 5 8 0

WP: Thoresen, LP: Thompson, Thoresen, Berset (9), Retterath (9), Thompson, Knutson (8).

Jack Schechtman led Excelsior with a 4-for-5 performance, while teammate Gus Steiger added three hits, including a 365-foot home run down the left-field line. On the mound, right-hander Sam Thoresen, the University of Minnesota recruit, left the game after eight innings with a 6-3 lead. Relievers Jack Berset and John Retterath teamed up to take the bottom of the ninth. Alex Wilde and Nick Dinkel each had two hits for St. Michael, which finished the season 18-12.

Stillwater 500 300 3 12 14 2 St. Cloud 76ers 300 100 0 2 9 1

WP: Schwerzler. LP: Freisen. Schwerzler (CG). Freisen, Nefs (5).

Mason Schwerzler of Stillwater tossed a complete game, scattering nine hits as Stillwater eliminated the St. Cloud 76ers from state play. Thomas Bruchu, Stillwater's lead-off batter, went 4-for-5 with three runs scored.David VanOrt, Austin Murr and Schwerzler each had two hits for Stillwater. Logan Aleshire led St. Cloud with three hits.

Moorhead Blues 100 001 010 002 5 8 3 Mankato National 000 200 001 000 3 9 3

WP: McBain. LP: Middlekamp. Syverson, McBain (9). Furst, Middlekamp (10).

The Moorhead Blues won a 5-3 decision over Mankato National in a 12-inning contest at CHS Field Saturday afternoon. Brett Erickson delivered the game-winning hit in the top of the 12<sup>th</sup>, and then the Blues tacked on a run when a fly ball was dropped. Erickson had four hits for the Blues and teammate Eli Johnson added two. Ben Scott and Chris Pipes each had two hits for Mankato National.

Eastview 000 010 1 2 5 0 Excelsior 100 900 2 12 14 1

WP: Shoemaker. LP: Kadlec. Kadlecm Schwartz (4), Dietz (5), Tollefson (6). Shoemaker (CG).

Nine runs in the fourth inning lifted Excelsior over Eastview 12-2 in seven innings in an elimination game at Siebert Field. Mason Nadolney sparked Excelsior with an inside-the-park home run. Nadolney, T.J. Rogers, Jarod Wandersee, Gus Steiger and Ryan Elder each had two hits for the Fire Club. Winning pitcher Nate Shoemaker scattered five hits, two of which were by Brady Miller.

Eden Prairie 000 000 020 2 7 4 Ham Lake 110 210 23x 10 15 0

WP: Melton. LP: Urdahl. Urdahl, Pappas (7), Kehl (8), Pahl (8). Melton, McDonald (9).

Ham Lake overwhelmed Eden Prairie with 15 hits in this winners' bracket game at CHS Field Saturday evening. Joey Messier led Ham Lake with three hits in five at-bats while teammate Logan McDonald had three RBIs. Mike Espe had three base hits to lead Eden Prairie.

Moorhead 000 001 110 2 9 2 Stillwater 210 000 20x 5 9 1

WP: Crowell. LP: Oberg. Crowell (CG). Oberg, Mohr (8).

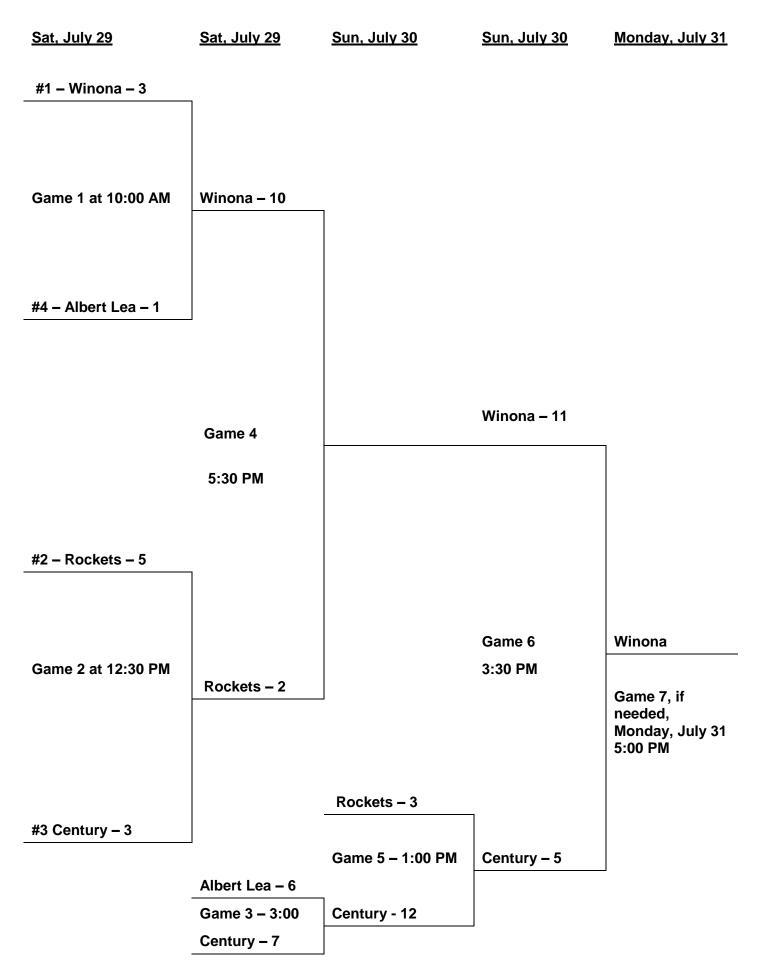
Stillwater eliminated the Moorhead Blues 5-2 in a game at Siebert Field. Matt Crowell pitched a complete game for the winners, while teammates Austin Murr, Cody Venske and Matt McGinley each had two hits.

Waconia 000 000 010 1 6 1 Tri-City Red 001 010 20x 4 9 1

WP: Bahn. LP: Swanson. Swanson, Yancey (7), Kinnenberg (8). Bahn, Langer (7), Holloman (7)

Ryan Nickel had three hits and Jeff LeMay scored two runs as Tri-City Red remained unbeaten in the State Tournament with a 4-1 win over Waconia at CHS Field. Ian Bahn was Tri-City's winning pitcher, as he worked the first six innings and left with a 2-0 lead.

#### 2017 First District VFW Baseball Tournament At Winona





MINNESOTA AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL

Monday, July 31, 2017

Ham Lake's in; Eden Prairie, Tri-City contend

St. Paul, Minnesota

The state champion has yet to be CHS Field. determined, but one of the teams who will represent Minnesota at the national regional at Dickinson, this week has emerged.

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Ham Lake, topping Tri-City 4-3 in the battle of unbeatens will be one of the two teams who will travel to North Dakota to play in the Centraol Plains Regional.

The winner of the regional will go on to the American Legion World Series at Shelby, N.C.

Ham Lake went undefeated through the first three days of the tourney and will now play in the championship game at 1 p.m. at

Both teams in the title game will advance to the regional.

In the 10 a.m. game, Tri-City Red will take on Eden Prairie who fought its way back through the losers' bracket to the semi-final

In Division II play at Spicer, Pierz won the Division II title by defeating Proctor 5-1. In the third place game, Springfield topped Caledonia 6-1.

Pierz will go onto Wahpeton, N.D., for the Division II Central Plains Regional this week.



The scoreboard told the story with four runs for Ham Lake and three for Tri-City Red. The margin held up for the Bengals.

#### Pitchers are in good hands thanks to Legion rules

**By John Sherman** 

There's a new dimension to the Minnesota American Legion Baseball State Tournaments this summer, and that's the pitch count.

"In Legion Baseball we have always tried to watch the arms,"

said State Legion Baseball Director Mike Perry. "Prior to this year. our pitching rule was 12 innings over 3 days and 4 appearances. This is nothing new for us."

Pitch-count rules have replaced the inning counts as the barometer

for keeping pitchers on the safe side. Now, if a pitcher throws between 76 and 120, he is done for the tournament. One hundred-twenty is the absolute limit in one day. Once that total is reached, the pitcher must be removed.

With the new rules in place, each pitch has to be counted in every game. Edina Legion Baseball General Manager Nick Kennedy has coordinated that effort with the help of Pete Waggoner and a battery of young men, with sharp minds and keen concentration.

Matt Baker from Moorhead, who is known around the tournament as "The Pitching Coach," is responsible for sending pitch-count information to each team in the tournament.

"There were approximately 3,500 pitches thrown in the 16 games played on Friday," said Mike Perry. "By 8 the next morning, each head coach had the pitch counts from the first day. Matt took snapshots and sent them to the coaches."

"The farther along you are in the tournament, the easier it gets," said Baker. "Our system is work-

ing well. Our totals matched up with what the coaches had, and we have been ready to go every day.'

Director Perry praised Minnesota's Legion coaches for their efforts to promote arm safety.

"We have 1,111 Legion Baseball coaches registered in Minnesota this year," he said. "They are all conscious of arm safety. This was the first year that the pitch counts were used during the high school baseball season, and I thought the Minnesota State High School League did a great job of putting its model together.'

Perry added that there is one aspect of arm safety that Legion Baseball officials cannot control. That is what the young pitchers do when they're not with their American Legion teams.

"In most cases, we have no way of knowing what the players are doing when they are not with their American Legion teams," he said.

The pitch count came into play in the Tri-City Red-Ham Lake game Sunday. Ham Lake coach had to pull his ace, Seth Miller, with 2 outs in the ninth. Luckily, for the Bengals, they prevailed.



Matt Baker (second from right) meets with his pitch-counting buddies Walter Brandt, Carter Theis and Nick Azar.

# Tri-City Red's host committee hits a home run with state tourney

By John Sherman

Tri-City's host committee for the 2017 State American Legion Baseball Tournament has had two goals throughout the process – 1. Do it big and 2. Do it right.

As the tournament winds down with the championship-rounds today, co-directors Gail Kalata and Steve Grasley can say, "Mission accomplished."

Many fans in the stands during the course of the tournament expressed a desire to have the State Tournament at CHS Field every year. CHS has, indeed, been a great facility, and it was secured for the State Tournament, thanks to St. Paul Saints co-owner Mike Veeck and Saints Executive Vice-President Tom Whaley.

When ceremonies to announce the new Saints' Stadium took place in front of the current site, Whaley turned to Kalata and asked, "When are we going to host the State Tournament. First, we determined the obstacles, and then we had to figure out how we'd work through them."

That set the bid in motion to obtain the contract for the State Legion Tournament. Kalata enlisted Steve Grasley, the former Tri-City World Series hero, as her co-director.

"I had a meeting with Steve and Rus Poser [another former Tri-City Red player and coach], and we decided, let's do this," said Kalata.

And then the work began. If one thing pleased Grasley it was the ease with which the directors were able to recruit all the necessary tournament volunteers.

"With so many people, it was 'What can I do for you?" said Grasley. "We have obviously had great participation from past and current Tri-City Red parents."

Grasley praised the performance of the site directors – Randy Reichert and Bob Freed at Bethel University, Rus Poser and Mark Anderson at Dunning's Toni Stone Field, Mark Pedersen, Steve Plasencia and Theresa Plasencia at Siebert Field and Kalata and Will Gran at CHS. Grasley coordinated the effort, spending most of the tournament at CHS.

"This has been a three and a-half year journey," said Grasley. "We really appreciate all the volunteers who have helped. Most people have a lot going on this time of year, besides summer baseball, but they have given their time to help make the tournament successful."

Grasley credited Kalata and Beth Knutson for an outstanding tournament banquet. There were many others who played key roles in the process, all with the intention of making this a memorable State Tournament for the Legion ball players.

"I've known Gail for 20 years, and I've learned a lot from her, seeing the other side of things, other than playing and coaching. She means so much to me ... it's hard to put into words. It's a cool bond. We know when to give each other space and we also know when to give each other a kick in the butt, which is usually her kicking me in the butt."

As a former Tri-City Red head coach, Grasley also likes to give his successor, Nik Anderson, space to work.

"The one thing I've tried to do when I stopped coaching is to give Nik room to create his own atmosphere," said Grasley. "To hand the team off to them and have them bring it to the next level means everything to me and Pus"

State American Legion Baseball Director Mike Perry gave Tri-City Red a high rating for tournament management and attention to detail.

"There have been only a couple minor hiccups," he said. "The banquet was excellent, all four venues were good. I can't say enough good things about the host committee. The weather cooperated, and they took care of the rest."

Grasley, who helped Tri-City Red to state championships in 1999 and 2000 and a World Series title in 1999 loves the Tri-City Red program because it has always been a family.

Jeff Larsen and Mark Paone coached those great teams at the turn of the Century. They passed the reins to Poser, and then Grasley took over as head coach. He, in turn, passed the torch to another former Tri-City Red player, Nik Anderson, the current head coach.



State American Legion host co-directors Gail Kalata and Steve Grasley go over tournament details Sunday morning at CHS Field.

The gate has been good at CHS during the tournament because Tri-City Red has made it to the final day.

"The boys' goal is to bring the state championship back to Tri-City Red," said Grasley.

Winning has been an emphasis in the Tri-City program since before Grasley became a player. But the greater emphasis is on playing the game the right way.

"I learned from [Coach] Jeff Larsen," said Grasley, who later played professional baseball. He started in the Rookie League and eventually pitched in Class A ball.

"I was fortunate to get closer to the Big Leagues than most people do," he said. "I was a slider, sinker pitcher, but at 5-11 and 180 pounds, I didn't throw as hard as some of the other guys. I hit 90 a few times, but most of my time in pro ball, I threw in the upper 80s. There are good throwers and good pitchers, and I thought of myself as a good pitcher."

Watching the State Legion Tournament this week brings back great memories for Grasley. He remembers the camaraderie, the close games, the do-ro-die situations. It was all fun, all enlightening while he was going through it.

He'll be the first one to tell you that American Legion Baseball memories last a lifetime.

#### \*\*\*Stars of the Day\*\*\*

**Alex Logelin** of Waconia went 5-for-5 in his team's 4-3 victory over Stillwater Sunday at CHS Field.

**A.J. Friedrich** hit the game-tying double and later scored the winning run as Waconia eliminated Stillwater from the State Tournament

**Joey Danielson**, Eden Prairie's sophomore catcher, went 4-for-4 and hit the game-winning home run as his team stayed alive with a 5-4 victory over Excelsior.

**Mike Espe** of Eden Prairie kept his .600 State Tournament batting average alive with a 3-for-5 performance in the Eagles' win over Excelsion

## **Leaders from first 24 games**

Team H 1.Excelsior 2.Ham Lake 4.Mankato N. 5.St. Cloud 7 3.Tri-City Red 6.Eastview 7.Eden Prairi 8.Stillwater 9.Waconia 10.St. Michael	ationals 6ers d	.373 .340 .331 .320 .316 .313 .293 .272 .272 .244 .232	
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1.Gus 2.Mike 3.Logan 4.Austin 5. Brady Ryan 7.Jack Joey Alex 9.Zach 10.Jack 11.Nick	Averag Steiger Espe Aleshire Nicholas Miller Nickel Young Messier Logelin Kadlec Queenan Dinkel hbiel-valoga Bulson Melton Indlecoffer Wandersee Rogers	EXC EDP 76'ers 76'ers 76'ers ESV TCR ESV HAM WAC EXC STM STM STM TCR EXC	.625 .613 .583 .545 .533 .500 .500 .471 .467 .462 .455 .444 .438
18.Ben	Scott	MKT	.429
Peter	Haley	MTK	.429
Mason	Schwerzler	STW	.429
21.Jack	Schechtman	EXC	.421
22.Chris	Pipes	MKT	.417
23.Owen	Granger	ESV	.412
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Steiger	EXC	.750
Smith	ROC	.727
Danielson	EDP	.722
Young	ESV	.722
Logelin	WAC	.700
Espe	EDP	.677
Nickel	TRC	.667
Rogers	EXC	.652
Messier	HAM	.650
Meidl	MKT	.643
Nicholas	76'ers	.636
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#### On Base Percentage

1.Mike	Espe	EDP	.680
2.Gus	Steiger	EXC	.647
3.Ryan	Nickel	TCR	.632
4.Logan	Aleshire	76'ers	.615
Austin	Nicholas	76'ers	.615
5.Alex	Logelin	WAS	.600
6.Brady	Miller	ESV	.588
7.Eli	Johnson	MOR	.579
8.Zack	Elliot	EDP	.560
9.Jack	Queenan	EXC	.545
10.Drew	Bulson	76'ers	.538

#### On Base Plus Slugging

1.Logan 2.Gus 3.Mike 4.Alex 5.Ryan 6.Austin 7.Jack 8.Zach 9.Joey	Aleshire Steiger Espe Logelin Nickel Nicholas Young Smith Messier	76'ers EXC EDP WAC TCR 76'ers ESV ROC HAM	1.949 1.397 1.347 1.300 1.298 1.252 1.249 1.194 1.174

#### **Runs Batted In**

1.Jack	Queenan	EXC	8
Logan	Aleshire	76'ers	8
<ol><li>Connor</li></ol>	Kehl	EDP	7
Logan	Tollefson	ESV	7
Logan	McDonald	HAM	7
6.Jack	Schechtman	EXC	6
Seth	Miller	HAM	6
A.J.	Friedrich	WAC	6
9. 7 tied at			5

Home Runs					
1.Logan	Aleshire	76'ers			
2.Zach	Smith	ROC			
3.Rob	Meidl	MKT			
4.Joey	Danielson	EDP			
5.Mason	Nadolney	EXC			
6.Jared	Wandersee	EXC			
7.Tj	Rogers	EXC			
8.Jack	Young	ESV			
9.Joey	Messier	HAM			
10.Tyler	Orr	DUL			
11.A.J.	Friedrich	WAC			

Runs			
1.Mike	Espe	EDP	-
Matt	Muller	EXC	-
Jared	Wandersee	EXC	
Tj	Rogers	EXC	-
Logan	McDonald	HAM	-
Joey	Messier	HAM	
Ryan	Nickel	TCR	
8.Graham	Laubsher	STW	
Brett	Erickson	MOR	(
10.8 tipd at			

#### Stolen Bases

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1.Thomas	Bruchu	STW	
2.Mike	Espe	EDP	
3.Jamie	Berg	MAH	
Sam	Riola	HAM	
Ryan	Nickel	TCR	
6.13 tied at.			

<b>Triple</b>	S	
1.Tom	Yokrel	MKT
Will	Pahl	EDP
3.11 tied a	ıt	

Walks			
1.Connor	Young	EDP	8
2.Zack	Elliot	EDP	7
Graham	Laubsher	STW	7
Justin	Schultz	WAC	7
5.Eli	Johnson	MOR	6
6.Mike	Gottschack	HAM	5
Sam	Riola	HAM	5
Alex	Logelin	WAC	5
9.7 tied at			

Hits			
1.Mike	Espe	EDP	13
2.Gus	Steiger	EXC	10
Jared	Wandersee	EXC	10
Tj	Rogers	EXC	10
Joey	Messier	HAM	10
Alex	Logelin	WAC	10
7.Jack	Young	ESV	9
Thomas	Bruchu	STW	9
9.6 tied at			8

#### **Total Bases**

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1.Logan	Aleshire	76'ers	16
2.Tj	Rogers	EXC	15
3.Mike	Espe	EDP	14
Jared	Wandersee	EXC	14
Alex	Logelin	WAC	14
6.Joey	Danielson	EDP	13
Will	Pahl	EDP	13
Jack	Young	ESV	13
Joey	Messier	HAM	13
10.3 tied at			12

#### Doubles

Doubles					
1.Kip	Grunholz	ROC	3		
Joey	Danielson	EDP	3		
Jack	Schechtman	EXC	3		
Logan	Aleshire	76'ers	3		
A.J.	Friedrich	WAC	3		
6.18 tied at			2		

#### Team Earned Run Average Strikeouts

			Julo		
1.Ham Lake	1.17	1.Trevor	Divinski	EDP	1
2.Moorhead	2.03	Alex	Erickson	MOR	11
3.Tri-City Red	2.53	3.Graham	Laubsher	STW	10
4.Eden Prairie	2.39	Casey	Aplin	DUL	10
5.Waconia	2.89	5.Sam	Thoresen	EXC	9
<ol><li>Mankato National</li></ol>	3.11	Seth	Miller	HAM	9
St. Michael	3.11	Marcus	Krupke	STM	9
Burnsville	3.11	8.Henry	Rosevedt	BVL	8
9.Exelsior	3.15	Sam	Riola	HAM	8
10.Duluth Lakeview	3.50	10.3 tied at.			7

#### **Innings Pitched**

1.Seth	Miller	HAM	11	WHIP			
2.Kyle	Nelson	ESV	10	1.Alex	Erickson	MOR	0.333
3.Evan	Furst	MKT	9 1/3	2.Sam	Riola	HAM	0.522
4.Trevor	Divinski	EDP	9	3.Kvle	Nelson	ESV	0.700
Matt	Crowell	STW	9	4.Trevor	Divinski	EDP	0.778
Alex	Erickson	MOR	9	5.Jack	Zigan	EDP	0.87
Dillon	Whittaker	WAC	9	Mitchell	Olsen	EDP	0.87
Matt	Laursen	TRC	9	7.Dillon	Whittaker	WAC	0.889
9.Marcus	Krupke	STM	8 2/3	8.Matt	Laursen	TCR	1
Ben	Yancey	WAC	8 2/3	Tv	Syverson	MOR	1
				10.Marcus	Krupke	STM	1.038

#### **Earned Run Average**

Four inning	minimum	•	
1.Kyle	Nelson	ESV	0
2.Alex	Erickson	MOR	0
3.Sam	Riola	HAM	0
4.John	Solfest	TCR	0
<ol><li>Trevor</li></ol>	Divinski	EDP	0.778
Dillon	Whittaker	WAC	0.778
7.Sam	Thoresen	EXC	0.875
8.Matthew	Halverson	ROC	0.956
9.Andy	Oberg	MOR	1
10.Seth	Miller	HAM	1.27



Seth Miller delivered a pitch in the final game Sunday night at CHS Field.

#### **Game Summaries, Third Day**

Excelsior 002 010 010 4 7 5 Eden Prairie 100 201 01x 5 9 1

WP: Shepard. LP: Cutshall. Cutshall, Retterath (8). Young, Shepard (8).

Joey Danielson hit the go-ahead solo homer for Eden Prairie in the bottom of the eighth inning before the Eagles held on to beat South Hennepin League rival Excelsior in an elimination game Sunday morning at CHS Field. Danielson had a monster game with the homer, plus a double and two singles. Ben Shepard pitched two scoreless relief innings to record the win. Jarod Wandersee led Excelsior with two hits.

Stillwater 100 000 001 3 11 1 Waconia 100 100 002 4 14 5

WP: Kinnenberg. LP: Frisch. Venske, Bisch (7), Frisch (8). Yancey, Kinnenberg (8).

Alex Logelin, Waconia's lead-off man had a monster game, going 5-for-5 with three runs scored. A.J. Friedrich tied the game with a double and then scored the winning run for Waconia when one of his teammates was hit by a pitch. Charlie Kinnenberg was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Ben Yancey. Mason Schwerzler and Graham Laubsher led Stillwater with three hits. Dillon Whittaker had three hits for Waconia.

Eden Prairie 320 001 000 6 12 2 Waconia 001 000 010 2 4 1

WP: Olson. LP: Koppi. Olson, Kehn (9). Koppi, Schultz (7).

Eden Prairie maintained its title hopes with a 6-2 win over Waconia Sunday at CHS Field. Mike Espe led the Eagles with three hits. Mitchell Olson pitched a stellar game for EP and Connor Kehl finished it with a scoreless inning of relief.

Ham Lake 110 101 000 4 9 1 Tri-City Red 200 010 000 3 7 4

WP: Miller. LP: Solfest. Miller, Messier (9). Langer, Solfest (5).

Ham Lake's Seth Miller pitched a gem for 8 and 2/3 innings before teammate Joey Messier came in to record the final out. Sam Riola and Logan McDonald led Ham Lake with two hits each. Jeff LeMay had two hits to pace Tri-City Red.



Ham Lake players celebrate after their upset win over Tri-City Red Sunday at CHS

# Ham Lake earns regional berth with 4-3 win over Tri-City Red

Ham Lake didn't have a great regular season in American Legion Baseball, but the Bengals are making up for it at the State Tournament in St. Paul this week.

They earned a Central Plains Regional berth Sunday night at CHS Field by beating the host team, Tri-City Red, 4-3.

This is a game that had everything, including a dramatic ending, when Ham Lake pitcher Joey Messier made a great play on a hard ground ball up the middle for the final out.

Head coach John Webb praised Messier's big play. "Joey is a great fielder, a better hitter and an even better person," he said. "With him, nothing surprises me. Our pitchers are all good fielders, and when a ball is hit up the middle, it's like having an extra infielder."

Two of the Bengals key players, Sam Riola and Mike Gottschalk talked about the team's amazing playoff run following a 16-13-1 pre-State Tournament record.

"We have three or four ace pitchers," said Riola. "And we're backing the pitchers up with a bunch of runs. After the regular season ended, we knew we had more in the tank."

"Our defense is unreal, and that helps the pitchers out," Gottschalk added. "We're keeping a positive attitude, taking it one game at a time. We knew we had it in us."

# Olson, Espe star as Eden Prairie eliminates Waconia

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Two teams that won Minnesota State High School League baseball titles earlier this year went head to head in the first winners' bracket final Sunday afternoon at CHS Field.

The state Class 4A champion, Eden Prairie, topped the state Class 3A champion, Waconia, in a well-played ball game.

Eden Prairie is the type of team that has different stars from game-to-game, and that was at least half true in Sunday's win. Center fielder Mike Espe continued to tear up opponents' pitching, going three for five and scoring a run. His teammate, starting pitcher Mitchell Olson, held a hard-hitting Waconia club to seven hits in six innings. Reliever Connor Kehl finished the game by pitching a scoreless ninth frame.

"I threw enough strikes today," said Olson after the game.

He went into the game concerned with what left-handed slugger A.J. Friedrich might do for Waconia.

"I tried to work him with off-speed," said Olson, who held the big first baseman to one hit in five at-bats. "Our defense was solid, and our hitting was good. I pitch to contact and rely on my defense."

Olson said he learned a lot about pitching from his high school coaches and also from his fall team coach, Casey Jacobson. Olson's bread-and-butter is the two-seam fastball.

Espe said the key to his success is "getting a good pitch to hit."

He talked about his recent hot streak and a smile crossed his face.

"When you're on a hot streak, balls have a way of finding their way through," he observed.

Espe's line against Waconia included two infield hits in four at-bats. He also drew a base on balls.

Eden Prairie has developed a reputation as a good playoff team during Espe's years in the high school and American Legion programs.

"We know when to put it on," he said. "The highlight of my career was winning the state high school title this spring. Legion gives me one last season to play with my teammates."

Right-hander Mitchell Olson of Eden Prairie Legion was able to handcuff a hard-hitting Waconia team in a winners' bracket semifinal game Sunday.

Eden Prairie center fielder Mike Espe is batting over .600 in the State Legion Baseball Tournament.

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## Here today, gone tomorrow

# **Twins** trade Garcia

From wire services

the season.

Jaime Garcia, we hardly knew ye. After making just one start in a Twins uniform, the veteran left-hander was shipped to the New York Yankees early Sunday morning for a pair of minor leaguers.

The Twins, according to a person with direct knowledge, will also pick up all but the pro-rated minimum of

 A's top Garcia's remaining \$4.2 mil-Twins. lion salary, as he heads into **PAGE D5** free agency this offseason. That will leave the Yankees on the hook for just \$187,000 the rest of

The Twins will receive Double-A righthander Zack Littell, who has gone a combined 14-1 with a 1.87 earned run average in 20 outings (18 starts) this season. Originally drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 11th round in 2013, Littell, 21, is rated the 22nd-best prospect in a deep Yankees

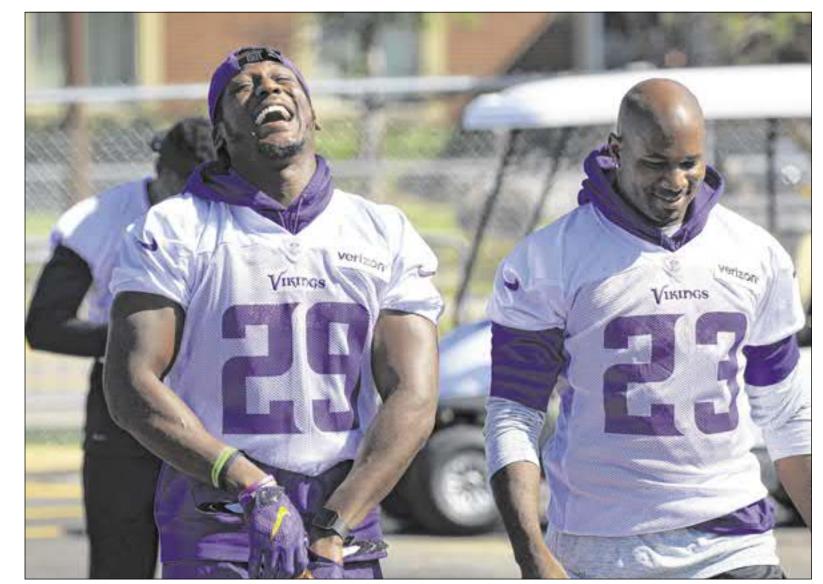
Also joining the Twins is Triple-A left-hander Dietrich Enns. A former 19th-round pick out of Central Michigan, the 26-year-old Enns is 1-1 with a 2.29 ERA in seven starts at Scranton/Wilkes-Barre after missing 21/2 months with a shoulder

Softening the financial blow to some extent, according to a person with direct knowledge, the Twins carry insurance on their \$66 million obligation to injured right-hander Phil Hughes. Active for just 70 days this season before being placed on the 60-day disabled list on July 18, Hughes' \$13.2 million salary includes up to \$8.15 million while on the DL.

Such policies typically carry deductibles, whether for the first 30 DL days or longer, as well as exceptions for specific types of injuries. The details of the Twins' coverage on Hughes are unknown, but a fractured leg sent him to the DL for the final 116 days of the 2016 season, a potential rebate of up to \$5.83 million on the \$9.2 million he earned last year.



Twins pitcher Jaime García got his one and only start for Minnesota on Friday. Sunday, he was traded to the New York Yankees.



Associated Press

Minnesota Vikings cornerbacks Xavier Rhodes (29) and Terrence Newman share a laugh walking to practice recently in Mankato.

# Vikings make Rhodes a rich, rich man

## DB now among NFL's highest paid at his position

From wire services

MANKATO — The Vikings on Sunday signed Xavier Rhodes to a five-year, \$70 million contract extension, making him one of the highest-paid cornerbacks in the NFL.

 More Viking camp coverage. **PAGE D4** 

The Pioneer Press had reported Saturday that a deal was close to

being finalized. One source had anticipated it would be worth \$70 million.

Rhodes is under contract in 2017 for \$8.026 million, meaning he has six years and \$78 million on a contract that runs through 2022. Rhodes' extension includes \$41 million in guaranteed money and has an average of

\$14 million per season.

"I was speechless because it was a lifelong dream for me," Rhodes said of when he signed

Rhodes insisted it won't put any extra pressure on him being one of the NFL's highest-paid cornerbacks.

"I always believe, 'If it's not broke, why fix it?" Rhodes said. "So what I was doing before, why change it? So I'm going to continue to play my ball, be aggressive, be the guy that goes out there playing to my best ability, lock down the best receiver, whatever the coaches want me to do."

Trumaine Johnson of the Los Angeles Rams, who signed the franchise tag for \$16.7 million for 2017, has the highest average cornerback salary in the NFL. The second-highest average of \$15 million belongs to Washington's Josh Norman, who has the biggest total money deal in the NFL, having signed a five-year, \$75 million contract in 2016.

After that, the average salary for Arizona cornerback Patrick Peterson is \$14.01 million and it's \$14 million per year for Seattle's Richard Sherman.

The Vikings and Rhodes' agent, Sunny Shah, mostly had the deal hammered out Saturday. Shah flew from New York to Mankato to finalize things Sunday at training camp.

"It's an honor playing here for the Vikings, allowing me to the player I am, playing to the best of my ability," Rhodes said. Rhodes is the second key

have given an extension in the past week. Last Wednesday, they signed defensive end Everson Griffen to a four-year, \$57.9 million extension.

defensive player the Vikings

Sources say the Vikings want to lock up most of the key members of their defense, and are talking now about possible extensions for defensive tackle Linval Joseph and linebacker Anthony Barr. While a deal for Barr might be pushed back to next year as he works his way back from an up-and-down season, Joseph is the most likely next candidate for an extension.

The Vikings also have an interest in an extension for linebacker Eric Kendricks when he is eligible for one after this

"I'm going to continue to play my ball, be aggressive, be the guy that goes out there playing to my best ability."

**XAVIER RHODES** 

# Patriots' season ends with 12-inning loss

Post Bulletin staff

ST. PAUL — The Rochester Patriots scrapped until the end, but wound up a 5-4 loser to Eastview in an elimination game of the American Legion, Division I state baseball tournament at CHS Field (home of the St. Paul Saints).

The Patriots finished 1-2 in the

The game lasted 12 innings, with the Patriots scoring their final run in the fifth, when they plated two. Prior to tallying in the bottom of the 12th, Eastview hadn't scored since the third inning.

"It was classic Patriots," said Patriots coach Paul Halverson. "We didn't give up after getting down 3-0. We mixed in some bunting, a squeeze play, a couple of doubles. But we left a ton of base

In all, the Patriots stranded 12 baserunners.

Matthew Halverson was the Patriots' starting pitcher. He went 7 1/3 innings and allowed four runs, three of them earned. Jack Boehm — rarely used as a pitcher - worked the final 3 2/3 innings. He permitted four hits and a run, and walked just one.

Kip Gronholz and Boehm each had a pair of hits for the Patriots. Brady Black was 1-for-3 with a double.

The Patriots finished 21-14 and had reached state after being just the No. 6 seed in the Sub-State 1 tournament.

**INSIDE:** Pine Island bowed out of the Division II state tournament with a 6-1 loss to BOLD; the Panthers finished 1-2 in the event in Spicer and ended their season 15-6. PAGE D3



Jerry Olson/jolson@postbulletin.com

Unhappy with being shut out by Ham Lake in the opening game of the Division I American Legion state tournament Friday, the Rochester Patriots leave the Toni Stone Field at the Dunning Sports Complex in St. Paul. After following that with a win Friday night, the Patriots lost to Eastview in 12 innings Saturday.

#### PRO BASEBALL **Pitchers** are focus of trade rumors

Verlander one of 3 most prominent

**Associated Press** 

As the hours tick down to baseball's trade deadline, three standout pitchers remain at the center of atten-

Sonny Gray, Justin Verlander and Yu Darvish each have the potential to help a contending team down the stretch, and if any of them are traded today, that would certainly spice up what has been a fairly pedestrian stretch of deals so far. The non-waiver trade deadline is at 3 p.m. CDT.

"Right now, it is business as usual until someone tells me something different." Verlander said after pitching six scoreless innings in Detroit's 13-1 win over Houston on Sunday. "The trade deadline can be a crazy time, because teams can come out of the woodwork, but I'm just keeping the status quo."

There has been plenty of movement over the past couple weeks, with Jose Quintana, J.D. Martinez, Todd Frazier and Melky Cabrera all having been dealt. A handful of talented relievers also switched teams, but in the run-up to this year's deadline, no really big names have been traded, like Cole Hamels in 2015 or David Price in 2014 and 2015.

That could all change on deadline day. Gray's strikeout rate is the best it has been since his debut season in 2013, and at 27, the righthander is younger than Verlander and Darvish.

Verlander's trade value is harder to assess because of his age (34) and his big contract, but he was a contender for the Cy Young Award as recently as last year. A team like the Dodgers — who have certainly been willing to spend — could be a reasonable fit for him.

The 30-year-old Darvish allowed 10 runs in 32/3innings against Miami on Wednesday encouraging audition for any potential suitors. That raised his ERA from 3.44 to 4.01, but Darvish said afterward he'd been tipping pitches and could easily fix that problem.

#### Rodriguez, Bagwell, Raines are inducted at Cooperstown

**Associated Press** 

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. — Ivan Rodriguez stared out at his father, wiping away tears as he spoke.

"I love you with all of my heart," Rodriguez said. "If I'm a Hall of Famer, you're a Hall of Famer — double.'

Those words punctuated Rodriguez's speech as he was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Jeff Bagwell and Tim Raines, along with former commissioner Bud Selig and front-office guru John Schuerholz also were enshrined on a picture-perfect summer day in front of over 27,000 fans.

Before he started, Rodriguez got a standing ovation from hundreds of fans, many wearing red-and-white jerseys with Puerto Rico emblazoned on the front, and gave half his speech in Spanish.

The 45-year-old Rodriguez holds major league records for games caught (2,427) and putouts by a catcher (12,376). He hit 311 homers and batted .296 in his career.

Bagwell, who played all his 15-year career in Houston, took the dais to an extended applause from the Astros fans who made the trip.

"You know I don't like attention," Bagwell said with a tinge of nervousness.

Raines was greeted by scores of fans from Canada, many of whom came aboard several buses. Among those he thanked was Andre Dawson, his teammate with the Montreal Expos when he first broke into the majors.

#### **COLLEGE BASEBALL: NORTHWOODS LEAGUE**



File photo by Andrew Link/alink@postbulletin.com

Zach Zubia moved within one of tying the Honkers' franchise record for home runs in the season when he hit his league-leading 18th of the season on Sunday. David Villar and Mayo graduate Michael Michalak also hit homers for Rochester on Sunday, but the Honkers lost for the 11th time in their last 13 games, 7-5 to La Crosse.

# Honkers' drop 2 more as struggles continue

16

16 8 .667

7 .682

Post Bulletin staff

Zach Zubia hit his league-leading 18th home run, but it wasn't enough as the Rochester Honkers dropped their series finale with the La Crosse Loggers 7-5 at Mayo Field on Sunday.

It was the Honkers' 11 in the their last 13 games.

Zubia, who plays his college baseball at the University of Texas, is now one shy of the Honkers' franchise record of 19 home runs in a season, set by Jason Washam in 1994.

Zubia wasn't the only longball hitting Honker on Sunday. They finished with three homers, giving them 67 for the season. That's just two away from breaking the Northwoods single-season record set in 2012, by the Honkers.

David Villar and Rochester Mayo graduate Michael Michalak also hit homers for Rochester on Sunday

The Honkers finished with six hits, while the Loggers had 11. Both sides committed one

The Honkers built a 3-2 lead in the first inning, when Villar (South Florida) hit a two-run home run. The Loggers later got one run in the fourth, three in the fifth and one more in the

Michael Stryffeler was the loser pitching. He went the first six innings and allowed six runs.

La Crosse is 12-13 in the season's second half, while the Honkers are 9-13.

Rochester plays again today, hosting Duluth at 7:05 p.m.

**SUNDAY** 

#### Loggers 15, Honkers 8

LA CROSSE — The Honkers' tough times continued Saturday with a 15-8 loss to the La Crosse Loggers in Northwood League baseball.

The Loggers totaled 17 hits,

#### Northwoods League standings

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**SECOND HALF NORTH DIVISION** 

Mankato

Willmar

Eau Claire

wiiiiiai	13	9	.025	
Duluth	12	13	.480	41
La Crosse	12	13	.480	41
Waterloo	10	14	417	
Bismarck	10	14	.417	
Rochester	9	13	.409	
St. Cloud	9	13	.409	
Thunder Bay	9	14	.391	61
<b>SOUTH DIVISION</b>				
	W	L	Pct	G
Rockford	17	7	.708	-
Battle Creek	16	8	.667	
Wisconsin Rapids	s 15	9	.625	
Fond du Lac	13	10	.565	31
Lakeshore	13	11	.542	
Madison	12	12	.500	
Kenosha	10	14	.417	
Kalamazoo	9	14	.391	71
Wisconsin	8	17	.320	91
Green Bay	6	17	.261	101
SATURDAY'S GAI	MES			

Rockford 12, Wisconsin 6 Mankato 13, Thunder Bay 8 La Crosse 15, Rochester 8 St. Cloud 10. Duluth 3 Lakeshore 8, Wisconsin Rapids 7 Madison 13, Battle Creek 3 Willmar 7, Eau Claire 1 Waterloo 5, Bismarck 0 Green Bay 7, Kenosha 3

Kalamazoo 5, Fond du Lac 2 Rockford 2, Wisconsin 0 Duluth 4, St. Cloud 3 **SUNDAY'S GAMES** 

La Crosse 7, Rochester Mankato 10, Thunder Bay 1 Waterloo 11, Bismarck 10 Fond du Lac 13, Kalamazoo 4 Rockford 9. Wisconsin 6 Battle Creek 4. Madison 3 Wisconsin Rapids 6, Lakeshore 2 Green Bay 3, Kenosha 1 St. Cloud 6, Duluth 3 Eau Claire 11. Willmar 4 **TODAY'S GAMES** 

Kalamazoo at Wisconsin Rapids St. Cloud at Wilma Bismarck at La Crosse Eau Claire at Thunder Bay Rockford at Battle Creek Madison at Kenosha

Fond du Lac at Lakeshore

Duluth at Rochester, 7:05 p.m. Waterloo at Mankato Wisconsin at Green Bay **TUESDAY'S GAMES** Lakeshore at Fond du Lac

**Rockford at Battle Creek** Kenosha at Madison Wisconsin at Green Bay Eau Claire at Thunder Bay Bismarck at La Crosse Kalamazoo at Wisconsin Waterloo at Mankato St. Cloud at Willman

with three home runs.

Rochester led 7-4 going into the bottom of the sixth inning. But the Loggers came through with three runs in the sixth, five in the seventh and three more in the eighth.

The Honkers used four pitchers. Jacob Green took the loss. He lasted 2/3 of an inning and allowed five runs, all earned.

Zach Zubia. Rvan Fitzpatrick, David Noworyta and Mike Echavia all had two hits for Rochester.

**LOGGERS 7, HONKERS 5** 

(Sunday)

La Crosse 200 130 001 - 7 11 1 300 000 101 - 5 6 1 Rochester La Crosse: Christman 3-for-4, 2 R; Villar 2-for-3, 2 R, 5 RBI, 1 2B, 1 HR; Hirabayashi 2-for-5, 2B. Pitching: Hamot (WP) 6 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB, 7 K; Lang 2 2/3 IP, 3 H,

2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 2 K; Ford 1/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R, Rochester: Zubia 1-for-4, 1 R, 3 RBI, 1 HR:

Hart 2-for-3, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 3B,; Michalak 2-for-4, 1 R, 1 RBI, 1 HR. Pitching: Stryffeler (LP) 6 IP. 8 H. 6 R. 5 ER. 1 BB. 2 K: Hatten 3 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 1 BB, 5 K.

#### **LOGGERS 15, HONKERS 8**

(Saturday) Rochester

000 061 001 - 8 11 2 022 003 53x - 15 17 1 La Crosse Rochester: Zubia 2-for-5, 1 R, 1 RBI; Fitz-2-for-4, 1 R, 2 RBI; Echavia 2-for-4, 1 2B; Neuer 1-for-2, 1 R, 1 RBI, Pitching: Yovan H, 3 R, 3 ER, 0 BB, 0 K; Green (LP) 2/3 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 3 BB; Sulivan 1 1/3 IP, 3 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 2 BB.

La Crosse: Taylor 3-for-5, 3 R, 2 RBI, 2 2B; Christman 3-for-4, 3 R; Villar 3-for-5, 2 R, 5 RBI, 1 HR; Lee 2-for-4, 2 R, 2 RBI, 1 HR; Mantle 1-for-5, 2 R, 1 RBI, 1 HR: Moore 2-for-5, 2 R. Pitching: Beauprez 4 1/3 IP, 9 H, 6 R, 6 ER, 3 BB, 3 K; Messina (WP) 4 2/3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 6 K.

#### **LEGION BASEBALL: STATE TOURNAMENTS**

## Ham Lake reaches D. I title game

Post Bulletin staff

ST. PAUL — Ham Lake is in the driver's seat at the American Legion baseball, Division I state tournament.

Ham Lake, which thumped the Rochester Patriots 9-0 in its first tournament game Friday morning, edged Tri-City Red 4-3 in the winners bracket final Sunday. The Blaine-based team meets either Eden Prairie or Tri-City Red in the champion-

ship game this afternoon. EP and Red were to meet this morning for a spot in the title game. Both state champion and runner-up advance to Central Plains Regional play starting Wednesday in Dickinson. N.D.

Ham Lake wasn't in the top 10 nor among eight teams receiving votes in the final state poll of the season. Topranked Wayzata and No. 3 Forest Lake Blue did not make the 16-team state field. Tri-City Red was ranked second, E.P. fourth.

Eden Prairie eliminated Waconia 6-2 earlier Sunday. Waconia had survived in dramatic fashion, rallying from a one-run deficit in the bottom of the 11th inning to edge Stillwater 4-3.

At the high school state tournament last month, Waconia became the fourth team to go unbeaten and win a state title in Minnesota baseball by claiming the Class AAA title.

**EASTVIEW 5, PATRIOTS 4,** (Loser-out game, 12 innings) Patriots 001 120 000 000 - 4 10 4 Eastview 031 000 000 001 - 5 12 2 Patriots: Kip Gronholz 2-for-5, 1 R, 1 2B, 1 RBI; Jack Boehm 2-for-5, 1 RBI; Aaron Limberg 1-for-4; Zach Smith 1 R; Matthew Halverson 1-for-5, 1 RBI: Sam Lingen 1-for-5, 1 RBI; Brady Black 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R; Andrew Schmidt 1-for-5; Kyle Ebert 1-for-4, 1 R. Pitching: Mathew Halverson 7 1/3 IP, 8 H, 4 R, 3 ER, 1 BB, 2 K; Jack Boehm 3 2/3 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER,

Eastview: No stats provided.

#### Pierz is D. II champion

NEW LONDON — Pierz topped Proctor 5-1 in the championship game of the Division II state tournament Sunday.

Pierz beat Giant Valley 7-4 and host team New London-Spicer 7-0 in pool play, then edged Caledonia 8-7 in the

semifinals. Pierz advances to the Central Plains Regional tournament in Wahpeton, N.D., later this week.

**AUTO RACING** 

# Big payday goes to Franklin at Deer Creek

Post Bulletin staff

SPRING VALLEY — There was added incentive to win the Wissota Midwest Modifieds feature race on Saturday at Deer Creek Speedway.

It was money. An anonymous donor increased the prize enough that the winner would take home \$1,000. That brought on a season-high 29 drivers. Liz Toepper and Casey Trom led the field to the green flag.

Robbie Franklin grabbed the lead in the fourth circuit, setting sail on the top side of the track. Dan Wheeler and Eric Lamm had a nip-andtuck race going for third, and Nick Koehler moved to fifth.

Wheeler got by Trom for second on lap seven, and Lamm was in third one lap later. None of this affected Franklin, who drove to his second feature win of the season and the big payday.

Lamm passed Wheeler on lap 10 to finish second, while Wheeler settled for third.

· Other feature race winners were Dustin Sorensen (USRA Modifieds), Danny Richards (Wissota Street Stock), Jim Chisholm (USRA B Modifieds), Kolton Brauer (Jr. Slingshot), Gabe Motl (Sr. Slingshot) and Tucker Jacobs (Pee-Wee Slingshot).

It was Sorensen's second feature win of the season and the biggest payday of his young career. Richards won for the fourth time. Chisholm, who was last year's Rookie of the Year, won for the second time this season.

#### **DEER CREEK SPEEDWAY** Saturday results **USRA MODIFIEDS**

Feature - 1. Dustin Sorensen, 2. Jake

Timm, 3. Cory Bruggeman, 4. Josh Angst, 5. Jason Cummins, 6. Adam Hen-

sel, 7. Brad Dierks, 8. Cory Crapser, 9. Rodney Sanders, 10. Keith Foss.

B feature - 1. John Doelle, 2. Dustin Brown, 3. Doug Hillson, 4. Nate Wasmund, 5. Cale Slawson, 6. Charlie Steinberg, 7. Greg Jensen, 8. Troy Gudmonson, 9. David Wytaske, 10. Bill Stettner. Heat winners - Dierks, Crapser, So-

rensen, Adam Hensel, Jason Cummins.

Feature - 1. Tommy Richards, 2. Jeff Brauer, 3. Schatnev Sanders, 4. Aaron Hoff, 5. Ryan Schaufler, 6. Brian Fetting, 7. Kevin Hager, 8. Dave Solum, 9. Bill Clemens, 10, David Miller,

**Heat winners** - Richards, Hoff. WISSOTA STREET STOCK

WISSOTA SUPER STOCK

Feature - 1. Danny Richards, 2. Braden Brauer, 3. Blake Adams, 4. Kory Adams, 5. Mike Blowers, 6. Nick Schwebach, 7. Jason Newkirk, 8. Bobby Blowers, 9. Zach Elward, 10. DAnny Hanson. Heat winners - Adams, Richards, Elward.

**WISSOTA MIDWEST MODIFIEDS** 

A feature - 1. Robbie Franklin, 2. Eric Lamm, 3. Dan Wheeler, 4. Nick Koehler, 5. Jared Boumeester, 6. Neil Eckhart, 7. Casey Trom, 8. Jacob Toepper, 9. Matt Dickery, 10. Liz Toepper.

B feature - 1. Don Schaefer, 2. William Steinberg, 3. Ryan Wetzstein, 4. Ron Jablonske, 5. Isaac Clark, 6. Spencer Stock ,7. Tianna Mithun, 8. Tyron Friese, 9. Karlie Wagner, 10. Bonnie Jablonske, **Heat winner** — Steven Boumeester, Wheeler, Amundson, Koehler.

**USRA B MODIFIEDS** Feature - 1. Jim Chisholm, 2. Dustin Kruse, 3. Mike Muehling, 4. Erik Kanz, 5. Derek Clement, 6. Cole Denner, 7. Trevor Fecht, 8. Zach Brom, 9. Kadden Kath, 10. Tanner Johnston.

B feature - 1. Brandon Hare, 2. Kadden Kath, 3. Nate Whitehurts, 4. Cole Suckow, 5. William Steinberg, 6. Channing Warner, 7. Kenny Boge, 8. Justin Murray, 9. Russell Quinnell, 10. Anton

Heat winners - Chisholm, Johnston, Anthony Zvorak, Clement.

JR. SLINGSHOT Feature - 1. Kolton Brauer, 2. Tucker Kennedy, 3. Gavin Oldefendt. **Heat winner** - Brauer.

Feature - 1. Gabe Motl. 2. Joe Chisholm, 3. Devin Born, 4. Hunter Kennedy, 5. Lilli Reps.

Heat winner - Motl. PEE-WEE SLINGSHOT

**SR. SLINGSHOT** 

Feature - 1. Tucker Jacobs, 2. Curtis Parmenter, 3. Mason Stockhausen. **Heat winner** - Jacobs, Parmenter,

#### **LEGION BASEBALL: DIVISION II**

## BOLD ousts Pine Island from state meet

Post Bulletin staff

SPICER — Pine Island's excellent season came to an end Saturday.

The Panthers lost 6-1 to BOLD (Bird Island, Olivia, Lake Lillian, Danube) in the American Legion baseball, Division II state tournament. It left them 1-2 in the double-elimination tournament.

Pine Island ran into another strong pitcher, James Woelfel. Woelfel pitched all seven innings for BOLD, allowing just three hits, while walking six and striking out five. Pine Island had the bases loaded with one out in the first inning, but managed just one run in the frame.

"(Woelfel) pitched a very effective ballgame," Pine Island coach Josh Pederson said. "He had a good slow curveball which made his fastball even better."

Keegan Majerus took the loss for the Panthers. He allowed five hits and six

runs (four earned) over 5 1/3 innings. Joe Bauer tossed the

Bauer doubled for Pine Island, while Majerus and Derrek Fall collected Pine Island's other two hits.

final 2/3 of an inning.

Pederson loved the makeup of his Pine Island team, which finished 15-6 overall.

"These were a great group of young men," he said. "It's a group that you could never count out of a baseball game. We leaned on all 12 of our guys."

· Caledonia lost to Pierz 8-7 on Saturday, then fell to Springfield 6-1 in the thirdplace game.

**BOLD 6, PINE ISLAND 1** Pine Island 100 000 0 - 1 3 2

BOLD 100 113 x - 6 5 0 Pine Island: Joe Bauer 1-for-2. 1 2B: Keegan Majerus 1-for-3; Derrek Fall 1-for-3. Pitching: Majerus 5 1/3 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 5 BB, 4 K; Bauer 2/3 IP, 0 H, 0 R. 0 BB. 1 K.

BOLD: James Woelfel 2-for-4, 1 RBI, 1 R; Luke Ryan 1-for-3, 1 2B, 1 R. Pitching: Woelfel (WP) 7 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 6 BB,

#### **AMATEUR BASEBALL**

## Royals blast BlueSox

Post Bulletin staff

The Rochester Royals picked up a dominant win Saturday afternoon at Mayo Field, blasting the Austin BlueSox 13-1 in seven innings in amateur baseball.

The Royals scored five runs in the third inning, three in the fourth and five more in the fifth.

Nick Pearson had a big game for Rochester. He want 4-for-5 with a double, three RBIs and two runs scored.

Jordan Martini and Arron Hohensee each collected two

The Royals finished with 13 hits overall, compared to just four by the BlueSox.

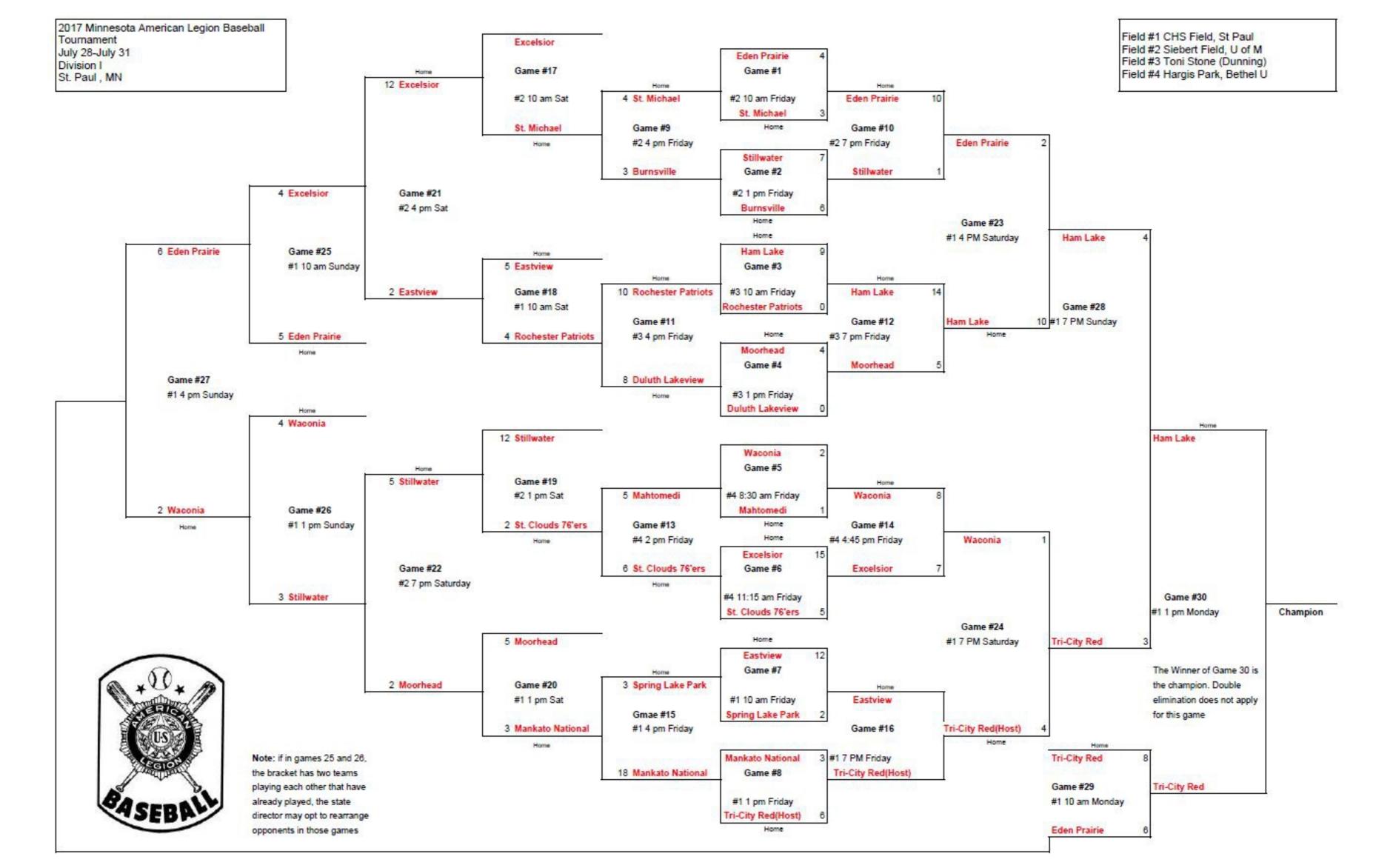
Winning pitcher was Nick Hanson. He lasted six innings and gave up one run and four hits. He struck out seven and walked one.

Quinn Yocum was the Blue-

Sox's losing pitcher. He lasted four innings (eight runs, seven earned). The Royals end the regular

season 16-13, 9-7 in section play.

Playoff pairings will be announced this week.



# 2017 Stats including State Tournament

Total Double Plays

G	ames	35
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	Games	35						OFF	ENSE													DEFE	NSE	
NAME	GP	AB	R		28	38	HR	SB	SBA	SAC	HP	BB	SOS	SOT	SO	RBI	BA	OBA	SLG%	PO	A	FE	TE	FA
Aaron Limberg	35	111	20	32	4			4	5	6		8	16	8	24	12	.288	.342	.324					
Kip Gronholz	35	104	35	36	9			8	8	6	3	16	6	7	13	21	.346							
Zach Smith	29	80	36	32	6	2	4			2	6	23	8	1	9	25	.400	.560	.675					
Alex Jensen	35	87	17	20	5	1				3		11	12	5	17	14	.230	.323	.310					
Matthew Halverson	35	97	22	33	11	1		3	3	6	4	19	4	4	8	30	.340	.467	.474					
Sam Lingen	32	86	20	21		1				4		14	7	4	11	17	.244	.350	.267					
Jack Boehm	35	81	19	27	2			1	1	5	2	11	3	1	4	11	.333	.426	.358					
Brady Black	35	75	14	15	3			2	2	3	2	8	21	2	23	12	.200	.294	.240					
Andrew Schmidt	34	83	18	26	7	4		1	1	3	1	9	7	3	10	21	.313	.387	.494					
Kyle Ebert	35	63	12	20	1			1	3	5	1	6	4	1	5	13	.317	.386	.333					
Matthew Smiley	31	29	6	6	1			1	1		1	5	5	6	11	5	.207	.343	.241					
lan Bergstrom	32	30	10	8	5			2	2	1	2	3	4	1	5	8	.267	.371	.433					
Sam Boysen	30																							
Mike Drucker	8																							
Austin Brown	34	46	12	12	4	1		2	2		2	3	5	4	9	3	.261	.333	.391					
TOTALS	475	972	241	288	58	11	4	27	30	44	26	136	102	47	149	192	.296	.397	.391					

TEAM	AB	H	K	BB	R	BA
OPPONENTS	1028	259	175	149	181	.252
PATRIOTS	972	288	149	136	241	.296

# CATCHERS

NAME	IC	SB	TO	T0%	PB	INT	DS3	DS3TO
Sam Lingen								
Brady Black	0							
Sam Boysen	0							
Matt Smiley	0							
TOTALS	0							

# PITCHERS

NAME	W	L	IP	AB	K	BB	H	R	ER	WP	HP	BLK	PKO	ERA	OBA
Jack Boehm	3	4	33	148	21	16	48	34	27	6	4			5.7	.324
Sam Boysen	4	3	51 2/3	199	38	36	39	27	19	9	6	3		2.6	.196
Bergstrom	2	71	14 1/3	60	15	17	16	17	16	8	6	1		7.8	.267
Smith/Black/Smiley	1	1	27	113	17	18	35	28	23	3	1	1		6.0	.310
Andrew Schmidt	4	1	39 1/3	149	30	24	35	20	17	6	10			3.0	.235
Kip Gronholz	1	2	13	60	7	7	23	15	12	1	2			6.5	.383
Kyle Ebert	2	2	26	105	26	21	29	25	21	3	2	1		5.7	.276
Matthew Halverson	4		39 2/3	194	21	10	34	15	11	1				1.9	.175
TOTALS	21	14	244	1028	175	149	259	181	146	37	31	6		4.2	.252