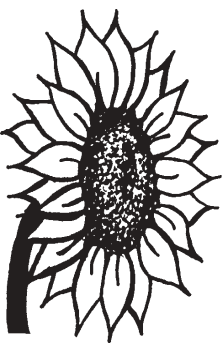


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At the Game



A's finish boys C-team tournament with wins

By Betty Jean Winston

The C-team boys baseball league finished their season with a round robin tournament played on Friday, June 27, Monday, June 30 and Wednesday, July 2.

The A's finished the competition with a 3-0 record, followed by the Sox 2-1, Reds 1-2 and Cheylin 0-3.

It was a busy month for the teams and as the season progressed it was evident the players had gained additional baseball knowledge.

The program also would not be successful without the planning by Jolene Dodd, recreation director, and the work of the different coaching staffs. St. Francis head coaches included Clay Keller, Sox; Rod Lampe, A's and Larry Finley, Reds.

Round Two Sox 20, Cheylin 0

Monday, June 30, was the night for the second round of the boys C-team baseball tournament. The Sox and Cheylin met with the Sox scoring a 20-0 victory.

Trevor Hilt provided the pitching for the Sox and held them scoreless for the evening with the help of the defense.

Offensively the Sox scored five runs in each of the four innings.

Hits, Sox: Trent Raile, one double; Darris Keller, one single, two doubles; Jesse Pacheco, two singles; Alex Jordan, three singles, additional hits unavailable.

Players crossing the home plate to score for the Sox include Raile, Ethan Zwegardt, Jeff Meyer, Rick Bussell, Keller, J. Pacheco,

Grady Brunk, Freddy Pacheco and Jordan.

"It was a good tournament game," Coach Clay Keller said. "The kids had a good time."

A's 12, Reds 0

The A's handed the Reds a 12-0 loss in the second round of the tournament on Monday.

Trent Kinen was on the mound for the A's for two innings and collected six strike outs while Matt Raile came in for the final three innings and struck out eight. The two pitchers combined for a shutout.

"Trent and Matt both had an excellent night pitching," A's coach Rod Lampe said. "Offensively the A's had some good hits and ran the bases well."

David Stephens and Terrance Lamb provided the pitching for the Reds with Stephens on the mound for the first three innings.

"There was tough pitching from the A's," Reds coach Larry Finley said. "The kids played hard and made some good defensive plays."

Hits, Reds: T.J. Perry, one single; Stephens, one double.

Hits, A's: Brett Lampe, two singles, one double; Kinen, one single; Raile, two singles; Garrett Zwegardt, one double; Garrett Figgins, one double, one triple; Alex Long, one triple; Drew Zwegardt, one single.

Runs batted in, A's: Raile was responsible for four runs batted in while D. Zwegardt, Lampe, Kinen, Figgins and Long had one each.

The A's scored two in the first,

five in the second and five in the fourth for their total of 12.

Final round A's 11, Sox 0

The A's scored an 11-0 win over the Sox on Wednesday to take the championship of the C-team league. Both the A's and the Sox had 2-0 tournament records going into the final round.

The A's posted five runs in the first inning, one in the third and five in the fourth to score the win.

"We had a great bunch of kids," A's Coach Rod Lampe said. "They got along great and worked hard. They all had a great tournament."

Hits, A's: Drew Zwegardt, one single; Brett Lampe, two singles; Trent Kinen, two singles; Matt Raile, one double; Garrett Zwegardt, one single; Garrett Figgins, one single; Alex Long, one single; Trevor Reed, one single.

Runs batted in, A's: Kinen led in runs batted in with three while Lampe, Raile and G. Zwegardt had one each.

Raile pitched four innings for the A's, having 12 strike outs. Kinen finished the game with three strike outs.

Although the Reds had no hits and runs batted in statistics, Trent Raile, Ethan Zwegardt, Ricky Bussell, Brooks Hobrock, Darris Keller, Alex Jordan, Jeff Myers, Grady Brunk, Jesse Pacheco, Isaac Schiltz and Fred Pacheco gave it their best effort. Raile handled the pitching duties.

"They (the Sox) had a good season," Sox Coach Clay Keller said.



REDS NATHAN LAMB prepares to enter the batters box in a recent C-team baseball game held at the ball park.

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"I was very proud of all the kids and how they improved on their hitting."

Reds 18, Cheylin 3

The Reds ended their season with a Cheylin 18-3 win over Cheylin.

"We had good defense and were aggressive at the plate," Coach Larry Finley said. "The kids really hit the ball well."

The Reds gave a number of players experience on the mound with Terrance Lamb pitching two innings, David Stephens, two innings,

Benjamin Neitzel, two-third of an inning and Cody Sherlock, one-third of an inning.

"We had good pitching from all of our kids," Coach Finley said. "The boys have shown a steady improvement both with team defense and hitting. All the kids had fun this year."

Hits: T. Lamb, one single; T.J. Perry, one triple; Ross Nicklos, two singles; Stephens, one single, one triple; Neitzel, one double; C. Sherlock, one single

Runs batted in: Nicklos, four; Neitzel, one; Stephens, one; C. Sherlock, one; Ryan Owens, one; T. Lamb, one; Nathan Lamb, one.

The Reds and Cheylin each scored three runs in the first but the Reds held Cheylin scoreless the remainder of the game while they scored five in the second, five in the third and five in the fourth.

"David (Stephens) and T.J. (Perry) each hit triples," Coach Finley said. "And Benjamin (Neitzel) had a double."

Two wins earned by K-18 team

By Betty Jean Winston

Hitting, pitching and defense provided the formula needed to earn the St. Francis K-18 baseball team two wins when they traveled to Oberlin on Monday, June 30. They won the first game 12-2 and the second one 11-6.

"The whole team played well all night," Coach Justin McAtee said. "The pitching was excellent."

St. Francis took the lead in the first inning of the first game and never relinquished it. Saintry scored in all but one inning (fifth) with Joel McAtee hitting 4-of-4 in this game. He was not the only offensive player that had a good evening as Matt Brown was 3-of-4 and David Guthmiller 2-of-4. On top of that, six other players had a least one hit.

Oberlin put two points on the scoreboard in the second inning, but the remainder of the game they were held scoreless.

Darren Laffond pitched all six innings and collected six strike outs and issued four walks.

Hits: A.J. McAtee, one single; Ted Crabtree, one double; Mac Frewen, one single Adam Peter, one double; J. McAtee, three singles, one double; Brown, two singles, one double; Guthmiller, one single, one double; Keaton Frewen, one single and Laffond, one single.



MAC FREWEN works for a hit in K-18 baseball action in St. Francis.

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J. McAtee in runs batted in with three while Peter, Brown and Guthmiller each had two and Crabtree, M. Frewen and Laffond had one apiece.

"Our defense was solid and we hit well off of every pitcher they threw at us," Coach McAtee said.

In game two, Brown was on the

mound and he also pitched a complete game having seven strike outs and giving up three walks.

In this game it was A.J. McAtee who was 100 percent at the plate, collecting five singles off of five at bats.

The St. Francis team scored one in the first, one in the second, three in the third, three in the fifth and three in the sixth. Oberlin and St. Francis were tied 2-2 at the end of the second inning but Oberlin was behind 5-3 by the end of the third and never came closer than four points later in the game.

Besides the five singles, A.J. McAtee had, Peter collected one single, J. McAtee, one single and Laffond one double.

A.J. McAtee had four runs batted in with K. Frewen, M. Frewen, Peter, J. McAtee, Brown, Andy Waite and Laffond each having one run.

"We had a 1-6-3 double play (pitcher to short stop covering second and on to first)," Coach McAtee said. "The first double play these guys have ever made."

Wrestlers increase skills at team camp

Ten St. Francis youth attended the University of Nebraska - Kearney team wrestling camp from June 30 to July 2.

Gaining additional wrestling skills were Brady Frewen, Trevor Richard, Jordan Gienger, Devin Rohweder, Gabe Gienger, Gabe Smull, Trey Hilt, Gabe Walz, Seth Swihart and Brennon Wilger.

Wrestlers attending the camp received instruction from college All-American dual teams from Colorado, Nebraska and Kansas.

"This was a valuable experience," St. Francis coach Larry Gabel said. "They gained as much experience in this three-day camp as they could in a third of a season."

"Individually they did not execute well in individual matches," Coach Gabel said. "Although I was proud of the fact they only lost to the Class C champions by one point, 36-35."

Some kids had as many as 14 matches although most of the St. Francis wrestlers had 10 or less.

83 riders from four states attend St. Francis Barrel Blast

Riders from four states came to participate in the Barrel Blast hosted by Kansas District 7 of the National Barrel Horse Association and co-sanctioned with Nebraska District 6 and the American 4D West. The competition began Friday evening, July 4 at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds.

A grand entry was held both days with the American Flag leading the way carried by Shawna Blanka, District Director of Kansas 7 and special music put together by Deb Christy, District Representative.

There were 50 runners in the open division, 25 in the youth division and three in the 8-and-under PeeWee division on Friday night. One rider from Byran, Ill., was on vacation and looked to see where there were some barrel races to attend along his route. He made his stop in St. Francis for the weekend.

Along with the barrel races a stick horse race was held on Friday evening for all ages and a watermelon seed-spitting contest was held on Saturday. These fun activities were put together by Kevin and Angie Berens.

Area riders competing were Brenda Delano, Jacky Roesener, Kaycee Williams, Susan Jensen, Christy and Blanka. On Friday night, Christy placed third in the 2D, Delano placed seventh, Jensen placed 10th, followed by Blanka who was 11th. In the 3D, Christy placed fifth and in the 4D Blanka was seventh. In the youth division Williams placed third in the 3D. Shakotah Blanka won the PeeWee division of the barrel race.

On Saturday morning a second race was kicked where 54 competed in the open division. In the 1D Blanka placed eighth and Christy was 14th. In the 2D, Delano placed fourth, Roesener seventh and Jensen 13th. Roesener also placed 11th in the 3D. Christy was second in the 4D with Blanka ending up seventh. In the youth division Williams placed third in the 3D.

Tawni Salzbrenner, Burlington, won a \$50 gift certi-

cate from Mill and Seed for having the fastest time with 16.233.

Helene Landenberger kept the show going and entertained during the tractor drags with her cow-girl poetry. The arena ground conditions were kept in top shape throughout the weekend by

Shawn Blanka, Steve Christy, Darin Brown and Ryan Hill. Keeping the participants and crowd refreshed during the heat was the Shriner's Candy Wagon.

This weekend the racers head to Cheyenne Wells, Colo. for another race on Saturday and Sunday.



CHARLILAWSON, former St. Francis resident and student, competed well in the international competition. Charli and her parents moved to Norton several years ago.

Student shoots well in BB gun competition

Former resident Charli Lawson competed in the 2003 International BB Gun Match Championship in Wilmington, N.C., on June 13-15. The Norton BB Gun team of which she is a member, finished in second place overall in the world standings.

Charlie personally finished third overall in the Standing Position; second overall in the Prone Position (where she shot a perfect 100 target) and was awarded No. 1 overall Aggregate in the World.

Her combined score in shooting and written test was a 485 out of a possible 500.

This was Charli's first year in shooting BB guns and she holds a Norton record for being the first time a first-year shooter has ever gone to International competition and won the top award.

Charli is the daughter of Rob and Debbie Lawson. Mr. Lawson the former city superintendent.