



Sioux Falls Post 15 West Legion Baseball

Week 3 Newsletter

June 21 – June 25, 2016

Week 3 Recap

<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Result</u>
6/21	Yankton	W 11-7

Decker Sports CWS Tournament in Omaha

6/22	Santa Fe HS	W 11-2
6/23	@ Gross Catholic	W 20-3
6/24	@ Benton, AR	L 0-2
6/25	@ Santa Fe HS	L 2-3
6/25	@ Lincoln SW	L 4-7

Record to Date: 13-10

TOP PITCHING PERFORMANCES



On the strength of not one but two good appearances, **Louis Peterson** is Top Pitcher for Week 3. In his first outing on Tuesday, our righty with a great slider pitched a scoreless ninth inning to preserve the victory against region 2A opponent

Yankton. Then on Friday, Peterson took the mound against a strong Benton, Arkansas team. In that game he pitched six innings, allowed two runs on nine hits, and struck out six while walking none.

Connor Hurley picked up his third win of the season by giving up only one run on two hits in six innings of work against Yankton. Hurley struck out eight batters and walked two.

Jalen Boyd made the first start of his career a great one as he picked up the complete game win against Santa Fe High School out of Edmond, Oklahoma, on Wednesday. Here is his final stat line: 6 innings pitched, 2 hits, 2 runs (only one earned,) 2 walks, 3 strikeouts, and 71 pitches.

Justin Aldrich, the younger brother of West alum Brady Aldrich, pitched a very good game against Santa Fe HS on Saturday morning. He went six innings, gave up four hits, walked one, and struck out three. The boys from Oklahoma managed three runs, but only two of them were earned.

Kyle Gulbrandson pitched all five innings against Gross Catholic to record his third win of the season. Gulbrandson allowed three runs on three hits while striking out four batters.

Austin Wise pitched five scoreless innings against a very good Lincoln Southwest team, whose three-hole hitter Logan Foster

is headed to Texas A&M next year. The sixth inning got away from us, but ultimately Wise gave West a good opportunity to close out the tournament with a win.

Austin Ryan pitched a scoreless seventh against Benton, Arkansas, to at least give the West offense a chance at a last-inning comeback.

TOP OFFENSIVE PERFORMANCES

Yankton: 11 runs on 15 hits

Shortstop Isaac Nelsen had a huge night at the plate with five hits, two of which were doubles. Jack Simonsen added a single, triple, and a three-run bomb. Jalen Boyd and Justin Aldrich chipped in with a single and a double apiece.

Santa Fe HS: 11 runs on 15 hits

11 and 15 proved to be the magic number. Isaac Nelsen again continued his torrid pace as he went 3 for 4 with a double and three RBI. Chandlar Austin took the first pitch of the game over the left field wall for his second leadoff home run of the season. Kyle Gulbrandson had three hits. Alex Fiegen used the whole field and laced two doubles – one down the left field line and the other down the right field line. Garrett Powell added a pair of singles

Gross Catholic: 20 runs on 20 hits

West put together one of their best offensive nights of the year against Gross Catholic's (Digiorgio's) # 3 pitcher, a lefty who, according to their head coach, had been having a good summer on the mound up until he faced us. Austin Wise led the way with four hits including two doubles and four RBI. Louis Peterson finished 3 for 4. Isaac Nelsen had two doubles and three RBI, and Jack Simonsen had a single, double, and three RBI. Not to be outdone,

Jalen Boyd added a single, a double, and five RBI. Justin Aldrich had a double and a single, and Connor Hurley and Charley Illg both finished with two hits apiece. Tyler Hayes rounded out the 20-hit attack with a scorched ground ball through the right side of the infield.

Benton, AR: 0 runs on 7 hits

The previously unstoppable West offense ran into a brick wall on Friday morning. Jack Simonsen was the only player with multiple hits as he had a double and a single. Connor Hurley laced a double down the right field line that should have been an inside-the-park home run if not for a completely blown call. (Yes, we're still bitter.) :)

Santa Fe HS: 2 runs on 10 hits

We had enough hits but not enough runs in game one of our final day at the Decker Sports CWS Tournament. Connor Hurley had a double and a single, and Charley Illg and Jalen Boyd both singled twice.

Lincoln Southwest: 4 runs on 10 hits

The offense put up two runs in the first inning and two in the last; unfortunately, we sputtered in every inning other than those two. Isaac Nelsen, Chandlar Austin, and Garrett Powell each singled and doubled. Chandlar also had two RBI. Jack Simonsen added two hits.



Rich Simonsen and Chuck Illg watch the action.

PLAYER PROFILES

5 Charley Illg



Tell us about your future plans.

I'm going to attend Mount Marty college, and I'll major in accounting.

What is your all-time greatest baseball memory? Sam Lang's three-run shot to beat East last year

What are you looking forward to the most this season? Having fun and winning games

What do you like to do in your spare time? Eat ham sandwiches

Tell us something about yourself that most people might not know. I like the

Minnesota Vikings... Super Bowl (2018 I'm telling ya.) My nickname is Chuck.

Who is your favorite professional baseball team and why? Twins, Joe Mauer is a beast.

What are your parents' names? Anything else you want to say about them for the newsletter? Susan and Chuck

Is there anything else you would like to include for your profile in the newsletter? Teddy Bridgewater is a better QB than Andy Dalton.

6 Alex Fiegen



Tell us about your future plans.

I plan on attending college somewhere after high school.

What is your all-time greatest baseball memory?

Winning State when I was 14

What are you looking forward to the most this season?

I'm looking forward to spending time with my team during tournaments and long trips.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

Hang with friends and play basketball

Tell us something about yourself that most people might not know.

I'm a beast at Blitz Ball. They call me The Ace.

Who is your favorite professional baseball team and why?

The Twins – I've grown up watching them and going to games.

What are your parents' names? Anything else you want to say about them?

Tim and Kristie

Is there anything else you would like to include for your profile in the newsletter?

I'm a baller on a mini hoop. No one can guard me.



The team huddles up between innings against Benton, Arkansas on Friday morning.



Retros and Reds: Justin Aldrich shows off a fresh look as he awaits a pitch in centerfield against Benton.



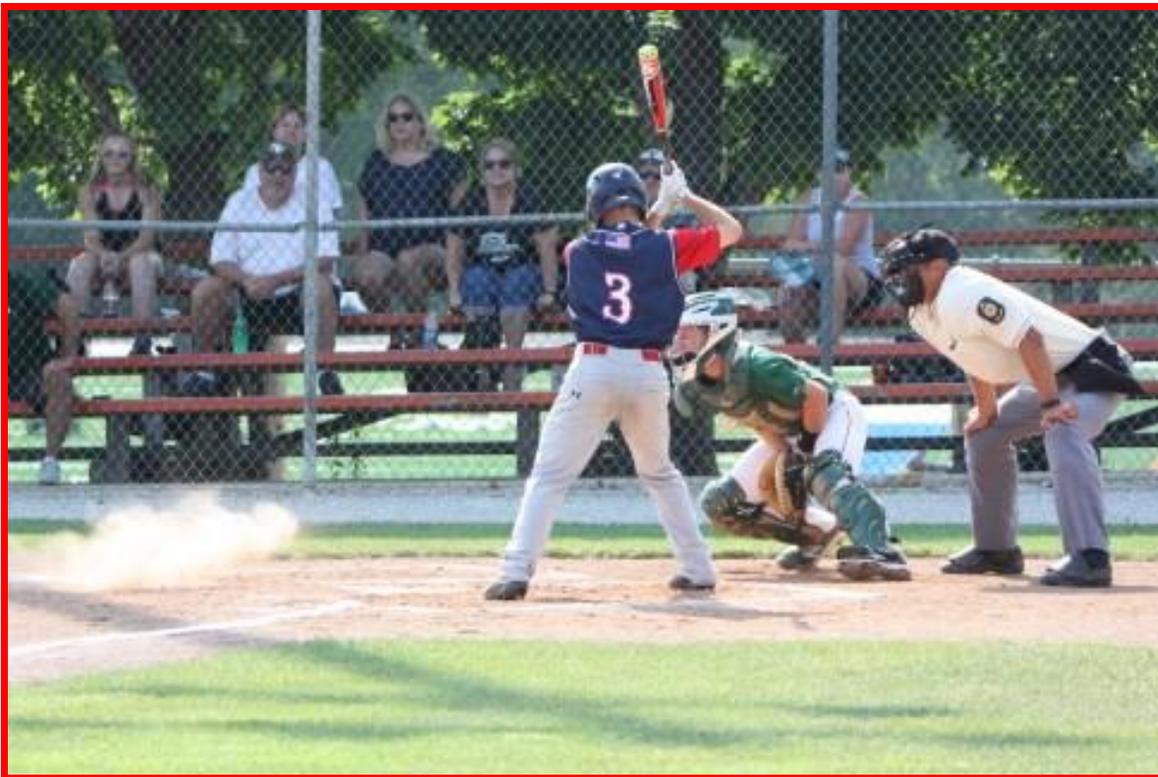
Slick-fielding shortstop Isaac Nelsen starts the DP feed against Gross Catholic on Thursday evening.



Jalen Boyd fires a pitch against Santa Fe HS on Wednesday night.



Charley Illg prepares to snipe a baserunner.



Garrett Powell lays off the curve ball in the dirt.



My family and I went to Creighton University on Thursday afternoon to watch Arizona hit in the batting cages. My son and nephew ended up asking Director of Player Development Jimmy VanOstrand a ton of questions such as, "Do your guys get free bats from Louisville Slugger and how many lefties do you have on the team?" He was extremely patient and informative with his responses. The best story he told us was when my son asked him if they drove to Omaha. He said, "No, it's a little too far to drive, so they sent us the same plane that the Cleveland Cavaliers flew to Vegas after they won the NBA Championship."

Our whole team also attended the Coastal Carolina vs TCU game on Friday night at TD Ameritrade Center. We saw Andrew Beckwith keep the Chanticleers alive by throwing his second complete-game gem of the tournament. On Saturday night, we had nine players stick around for the rematch as Coastal Carolina punched their ticket to the championship with another win over the Horned Frogs.