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Hayfield's Easton Fritcher celebrates scoring a run against Lyle-Pacelli in Seltz Field Monday. Photos by Rocky Hulne/sports@austindailyherald.com

Unbeaten Vikings sail closer to a state berth

By Rocky Hulne
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The top-seeded Hayfield baseball team put together a big enough first inning power surge to put it in prime position to get back to the state tournament when the No. 1 seeded Vikings beat No. 2 Lyle-Pacelli 13-3 in five innings in a Section 1A finals game at Seltz Field Monday.

The Vikings, who are now one win away from a Minnesota Class A State Baseball Tournament berth, put up nine runs in the first inning as every hitter in the Hayfield lineup had a hit or an RBI. Erik Bungum delivered a big blow with a two-run double to left field and Joey Tempel slapped a two-run double to right field to make it 8-0.

Bungum's double kickstarted a surge that saw six straight Vikings reach base with two outs.

"We knew right away that we had to come out hot and usually we're not a first inning team," Bungum said. "We had to come out and do something we're not accustomed to and we had to keep the pedal down."

Tempel finished with four RBIs as he put the game out of reach with a two-run double to left field in the fifth.

Hayfield junior Easton Fritcher struck out five in three scoreless innings before he was taken



Lyle-Pacelli's Cole Watler watches Isaiah Tempel score the game-clinching run in Seltz Field Monday.

out to save his arm.

Sam Nelsen singled in a run with two outs to bring L-P within 9-3 in the fifth. The Athletics had runners on second and third, but Hayfield's Nolan Klocke came up with a big strikeout of Jed Nelson to avoid further trouble.

Hayfield's Karver Heydt pitched a scoreless sixth inning to help seal the win. He also chipped in a triple and a pair of RBIs on his birthday.

"This is one of the big birthday's, that's for sure," Heydt said. "Our first inning hit-

ting was contagious. We're all friends on the team and our friendship brought us together. That was unlike any feeling in the world. There was pressure coming into the game, but after that first hit, we were into the game. You're always focused against a good team like this. You have to be ready."

L-P reached the scoreboard when Nelsen and Hunter VaDeer each came home on wild pitches to bring the Athletics within 9-2 in the top of the fourth.

Hayfield (22-0 overall) will

play L-P again in the Section 1A title game at Seltz Field at 5 p.m. Thursday. The Vikings only need to win once to get back to the state tournament for the second time in three years.

The Vikings had a lot of fun on Tuesday, but they'll be ready to go again on Thursday.

"The crowd was awesome today and getting everyone on base was great," Bungum said. "We were flexible with our pitchers and everyone threw well. We've got a long line of good pitchers on our team. Our mentality is one game at a time, even though we have a really good record. We want to bring our 'A' game and then never look back."

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Hayfield pitching: Easton Fritcher (W) 3 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 0 R, 5 K; Nolan Klocke, 2 IP, 2 H, 3 BB, 3 ER, 4 K; Karver Heydt, 1 IP, 0 R, 1 2 K

Hayfield hitting: Easton Fritcher, 1-for-2, 3 R, BB, HBP; Joey Tempel, 3-for-4, 2 doubles, 4 RBIs, R; Karver Heydt, 2-for-4, triple, 2 RBIs; Lucas Hansen, 1-for-2, R, BB; Isaiah Tempel, 2-for-4, double, R, HBP; Ethan Slaathaugh, 0-for-3, RBI, BB, SB; Erik Bungum, 1-for-4, double, 3 RBIs; Isaac Watson, 1-for-3, RBI, R; Nolan Klocke, 2-for-3, triple, RBI, 2 R

LP pitching: Zach Bollingberg (L) 1 IP, 9 H, 9 ER, 1 HBP; Jed Nelson, 2 IP, 3 H, 2 BBs, HBP, 3 ER, 4 K; Hunter VaDeer, 0 IP, 1 H, 1 BB, 1 ER

LP hitting: Cole Walter, 0-for-3; Zach Bollingberg, 0-for-2, BB; Sam Nelsen, 2-for-3, RBI; Jed Nelson, 0-for-3; Hunter VaDeer, 1-for-2, SB, BB; Mac Nelson, 0-for-3; Jake Truckenmiller, 0-for-3; Jayden Lewis, 2 BBs, R; Landon Meyer, 0-for-2

Athletics beat Rebels to stay alive

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The fourth matchup of the season against Southland proved to be the most difficult one for the Lyle-Pacelli baseball team, which had to make up for an early deficit to stave off elimination and beat the Rebels 7-5 in a Section 1A elimination game in Seltz Field Monday.

The Rebels (17-7 overall) had the bases loaded with one out in the top of the sixth, but L-P pitcher Cole Walter forced Jonas Wiste and Travis Kirtz to ground out to end the threat and preserve the lead at 6-5.

L-P's start against the Rebels looked a lot like their start against

Hayfield, where they allowed nine first inning runs. Southland pounded out five first inning hits to go up 5-0 as Nick Boe crushed a two-run homer to start the surge on the third at-bat of the game.

Walter rebounded from that slow start to pitch six scoreless innings to give his team a chance.

"We knew that if we played our game, the better team would win," Walter said. "After that five-run first inning, we had to be relaxed and I had to pick some guys up, because I could see their chins were dropping a bit."

The Athletics struck back with five runs of their own in the third inning. Hunter VaDeer

drove in the go-ahead with an RBI double that made it 6-5 L-P.

Sam Nelsen got the Athletics (20-3 overall) back in the game in the third inning when he hammered a two-run single and then scored on a single by Jed Nelson.

"It was a battle today. We're lucky we're still playing baseball," Walter said. "We didn't have a good day and we didn't hit the ball very well," Walter said. "We didn't make a few plays that we usually do. It was a tough day of baseball."

L-P will take on Hayfield again in the Section 1A title game at Seltz Field at 5 p.m. Thursday. L-P will have to win twice to get to state.

Southland beat Wabasha-Kel-

logg 15-1 in an elimination game to start the day.

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L-P pitching: Cole Walter, 6 IP, 8 H, 2 BB, 5 ER, 4 K

L-P hitting: Cole Walter, 1-for-3, RBI, BB, R, SB; Zach Bollingberg, 3-for-4, R, 2 SB; Sam Nelsen, 1-for-3, BB, 2 RBIs, SB, R; Jed Nelson, 1-for-1, 2 RBIs, R, BB, SB; Hunter VaDeer, 1-for-2, double, RBI, BB; Mac Nelson, 0-for-3; Jake Truckenmiller, 0-for-2, BB; Jayden Lewis, 1-for-3, double; Landon Meyer, 0-for-2, BB, R

Southland pitching: Harrison Hanna, 2 IP, 2 H, 4 BB, 4 ER, 3 K; Travis Kirtz (L) 4 IP 6 H, 2 BB, 3 ER, 6 K

Southland hitting: Alec Bissen, 1-for-4, R; James Mullenbach, 0-for-4; Nick Boe, 1-for-3, HR, 2 RBIs, R, BB; Dan Boe, 0-for-4; Eli Wolff, 0-for-2, BB, SB, R; Gavin Nelsen, 2-for-3, SB, RBI, R; Harrison Hanna, 3-for-3, double, RBI, R; Jonas Wiste, 1-for-3, RBI; Travis Kirtz, 0-for-3



Gavin Nelsen and the Southland baseball team reacts to getting Lyle-Pacelli's Hunter VaDeer on a steal attempt at second base in Seltz Field Monday.

SCHEDULE

Wednesday

No events scheduled

Thursday

Section 1A baseball championship: No. 1 Hayfield vs. No. 2 Lyle-Pacelli at Riverland, 5 p.m.

Section 1A softball championship: TBA at Todd Park, 5 p.m.

Track and field: Section 1A finals at Triton; Section 1AA preliminaries at Lakeville South

VFW baseball: Albert Lea at Austin Post 1216, 5 p.m.

Friday

No events scheduled

Saturday

Baseball: Bloomington at Austin Post 91, 7:30 p.m.

Track and field: Section 1AA finals at Lakeville South

Sunday

VFW baseball: Stewartville at Austin Post 1216, 11 a.m.

BRIEFS



Bruins' Dexheimer makes All-Rookie team

An Austin Bruin was honored when the NAHL recently announced its All-Rookie Teams.

Defenseman Ben Dexheimer was named All-NAHL Rookie and All Central Division Rookie.

Dexheimer, who is from Edina, had six goals and 17 assists in 17 games last season.

Seven for Simone; Biles claims another US Gymnastics title

FORT WORTH, Texas — Simone Biles toned it down. A little anyway. And soared even higher.

The 24-year-old gymnastics superstar claimed her record seventh U.S. title Sunday night, delivering another stunning — and stunningly easy — performance that served little doubt the pressure surrounding her bid to become the first woman to win back-to-back Olympic championships in more than 50 years is only pushing her to even greater heights.

Shaking off a somewhat sloppy start Friday, at least by her impeccable standards, Biles put on a four-rotation showcase that highlighted why a GOAT emblem — a nod to her status as the Greatest Of All Time — has become a fixture on her competition leotard.

Her two-day total of 119.650 was nearly five points better than runner-up Sunisa Lee and good friend and teammate Jordan Chiles. Biles' all-around score on Sunday of 60.100 was her highest since 2018 and served notice she is only getting better with the Tokyo Games less than seven weeks away.

It helped that she managed to stay inbounds (mostly) during her floor routine after stepping out three times on Friday. Blame it on the rush she gets when the lights are on and a crowd is in the palm of her hands. She was far more precise in finals save for one tumbling pass where one of her feet stepped over the white border.

Oh, well, something to work on for the Olympic trials later this month in St. Louis.

"It's so crazy because in training I never go out of bounds and I never have this much power," Biles said. "But with the adrenaline, that's where it comes."

While Biles' victory was never in doubt — it rarely has been during her nearly eight-year reign atop the sport — she remains in no mood to coast.

And to think she didn't even bother with her latest innovation, a Yurchenko double-pike vault she drilled twice at the U.S. Classic last month that caught the attention of everyone from LeBron James to Michelle Obama. Instead, she opted for two with slightly lower difficulty that she completed so casually it was hard to tell if she was in front of an arena that screamed for her at every turn or just fooling around at practice back home in Houston.

Not that it mattered. She still posted the top score on vault anyway. Just like she did on beam. Just like she did on floor. Just like she's done everywhere she's saluted the judges since the 2013 U.S. Championships.

The Yurchenko double-pike will return at trials and likely in Tokyo, where if she completes it during competition yet another element in the sport's Code of Points will be named for her. Just add it to the list of what they call "#SimoneThings."

Biles has been a lock for Tokyo from the moment she returned to training in late 2017. Chiles and Lee may also be nearing that territory.

— Associated Press

Hendrickson shines as Hayfield fights to keep season alive

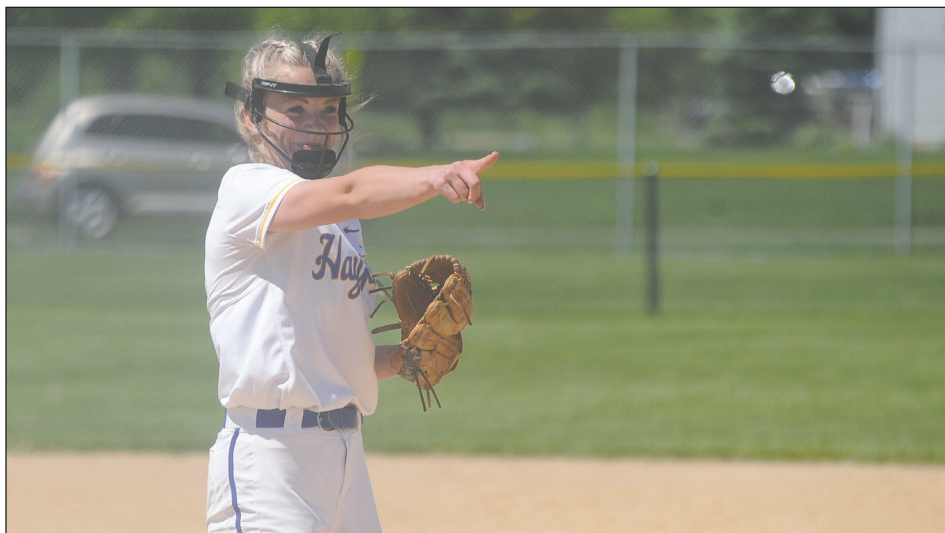
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Hayfield senior Caitlyn Hendrickson did everything she could for the Viking softball team as she gave the team 16 total solid innings when No. 2 Hayfield lost to No. 1 Waterville-Elysian-Morristown 1-0 in nine innings and the Vikings beat No. 4 Blooming Prairie 2-0 in an elimination game in Todd Park Saturday.

Hendrickson struck out 16 to score a no-hitter against the Awesome Blossoms (9-14 overall) as she allowed just one walk in the win. On the day, she struck out 30 and allowed just one run.

The Vikings (11-10 overall) out-hit WEM 8-3 in the first game of the day, but it wasn't enough as the Bucs won on a walk-off.

Hayfield will play Mabel-Canton in a Section 1A elimination game at 5 p.m. in Todd Park on Tuesday,



Hayfield's Caitlyn Hendrickson reacts to striking out a Waterville-Elysian-Morristown batter in Todd Park Saturday. Photos by Rocky Hulne/sports@austindailyherald.com

with the winner playing again at 7 p.m.

BP had defeated United South Central 13-3 in five innings to start the day.

WEM 1, Hayfield 0

Hayfield pitching: Caitlyn Hendrickson, 8 2/3 IP, 3 H, 1 ER, 14 K

Hayfield hitting: Kenna Selk, 1-for-4; Kylie Freeburg, 1-for-4; Nora Bamlet, 1-for-3; Anna Bamlet, 1-for-4; Maleah Olson, 1-for-3; Natalee Heydt, 2-for-3; BB; Reese Bauman, 1-for-2, BB

Olson, 1-for-3; Natalee Heydt, 2-for-3, BB; Reese Baumann, 1-for-2, BB

Hayfield 2, BP 0

Hayfield pitching: Caitlyn Hendrickson (W) 7 IP, 1 BB, 0 R, 16 K

Hayfield hitting: Kenna Selk, 1-for-4; Kylie Freeburg, 1-for-4; Nora Bamlet, 1-for-3; Anna Bamlet, 1-for-4; Maleah Olson, 1-for-3; Natalee Heydt, 2-for-3, BB; Reese Bauman, 1-for-2, BB

BP pitching: Allison Krohnberg (L) 6 IP, 3 H, 1 BB, 2 ER, 9 K

BP hitting: Maren Forstyk, 0-for-2, BB

BP 13, USC 3

BP pitching: Allison Krohnberg (W) 5 IP, 3 H, 5 BB, 1 ER, 6 K; Macy Lembke, 1 IP, 0 R, 3 K, 1 HBP

BP hitting: Macy Lembke, 1-for-2, 3 R, 2 SB; Maren Forstyk, 1-for-1, 2 R; Krohnberg, R; Lexi Steckelberg, 1-for-3, R; Lauren Schammel, 1-for-3, R; Shawntee Snyder, 2-for-4, 2 R, RBI, double; Rachel Winzenburg, 1-for-4, 3 RBIs triple; Melanie Winzenburg, 1-for-4, RBI; Emily Anderson, R; Layla Lembke, SB



Blooming Prairie's Macy Lembke runs from second base to third base against United South Central.

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Chateau returns to action, announces Hall inductees

By Matthew Grage
For the Herald

After two weeks of rain-outs, Chateau Speedway got back into the swing of things Friday night with Mother Nature turning up the heat.

Spencer Stock of Racine walked away with the Brauer Roofing WISSOTA Super Stock Feature. Stock was running second when leader Dennis Dunbar of Winona kissed the wall in turn four coming to the white flag. That left room for Spencer to sneak by for his first Chateau feature win. The second driver to turn the trick on the night was Michael Johnson, of Austin, who added his name to the list of Chateau Speedway feature winners by taking top honors in the USRA B Mod Class. It was his first win overall at Chateau. It was an impressive run for Johnson, who worked his way to the front from a row five start.

Defending track champion Travis Underdahl of Northfield took home his first feature win of the year after also getting a heat win in the Action Builders WISSOTA Midwest Modified Class. A wild finish had him and Kadden Kath of Ellendale crossing the finish line side-by-side with Travis taking it by a nose.

Chateau Speedway also announced the 2021 inductees for the Chateau Speedway Hall of Fame. The list includes four-time track champion Mike Sorensen, three-time track champion Bryan Hernandez of Blooming Prairie, Wendell Kuehn, formerly of Rochester, Ron Kester of Austin and Rex Garr of Albert Lea.

Sorensen took titles in 1988, 1989, 1996, and 2008 while wheeling A modified. Hernandez took titles in 2002, 2004, and 2009. Kuehn wheeled his way to many wins at the track and a late model track championship in 1973.

Kester took a championship in 1965 and Garr won



the 1966 track title.

The Hall always makes room for one Legacy Member, someone who does not necessarily make his contribution to the history of the track behind the wheel of a car. This year the honor fell to Ron Ross of Austin. Ron was the long time flagman at Chateau starting back in 1959 and waved the flags for the better part of 21 years.

The "Spirit of 83" Mike Guttormson Memorial Event, which was rained out Memorial Day weekend, will run Aug. 27.

RESULTS

USRA B Modified

A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. Michael Johnson-Austin; 2. Scott Demmer-Ellendale; 3. Hunter Kennedy-St Ansgar; 4. Matthew Brooks-Austin; 5. Kevin Johnson-Bakersfield CA

French's Repair USRA A Modified

A Feature 1 (25 Laps): 1. Jason Cummins-New Richland; 2. Ryan Wetzstein-West Concord; 3. Charlie Steinberg-Kasson; 4. Aaron Hoff-Mantorville; 5. Kylie Kath-Clairemont

Power 96 WISSOTA Pure Stock

A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. Andrew Eichens-Taopi; 2. Brady Krohnberg-Walters; 3. Michael Wick-Faribault; 4. Kyndra Guttormson-Chatfield; 5. Bobby Crews-Austin

Adams Graphix WISSOTA Street Stock

A Feature 1 (18 Laps): 1. Kory Adams-Stacyville IA; 2. Braden Brauer-Eyota; 3. Zach Elward-Hayfield; 4. Jason Newkirk-Austin; 5. Stacy Krohnberg-Walters

Action Builders WISSOTA Midwest Modifieds

A Feature 1 (20 Laps): 1. Travis Underdahl-Northfield; 2. Kadden Kath-Ellendale; 3. Ryan Goergen-Stacyville, IA; 4. Christopher Deno-Kasson; 5. Adam Martinson-Blaine

Skjeveland Sanitation and Roll Off Service WISSOTA Hornets

A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. Bailey Wolff-Janesville; 2. Josh Winsky-Rochester; 3. Troy Tuma-Owatonna; 4. Trystan Hagen-Winona; 5. Shawn Poston-Red Wing[11]

Brauer Roofing WISSOTA Super Stock

A Feature 1 (15 Laps): 1. Spencer Stock-Racine; 2. Dennis Dunbar-Winona; 3. Neil Eckhart-Rochester; 4. Harland Morehart-Rochester



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