Sports

Pioneers keep playoff hopes alive after wins over Pillager and Melrose

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The Pioneers baseball team faced Mora at home, May 26, and came away with a narrow 7-6 victory.

Ben Virnig recorded three RBIs in just one hit. Kirby Fischer recorded two hits on three at-bats, one being a double. He scored once and drove in a run.

Reese Young took the mound for five innings. He struck out eight batters and walked six. He gave up three earned runs on one hit.

The Pioneers then faced the Pillager Huskies, Tuesday, May 31, getting a 7-0 shutout victory in the first game of the Section 6AA Tournament.

Virnig led his team in RBIs again, with two. In four at-bats, he recorded two doubles, a single and a score. Fischer recorded two hits, both doubles, on two June 1, in St. Cloud. at-bats, as well as two scores and a stolen base.

Andy Winscher pitched 12 batters, walking two and giving up just one hit.

to the next round of the tournament, where they played Melrose, Wednesday,



Staff photo by Blake Bartels

Pierz's first baseman, Ben Virnig (right), holds a runner from Melrose at first during the Pioneers' 10-9 victory, Wednesday, June 1.

At the plate, Fischer re-

It came down to the final inning, but the Pioneers held off the Dutchmen in line and the Pioneers down scored four runs in the first in the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Dutchmen for the go-ahead win. The Pioneers moved on responded with five in the second and three more in corded two hits on four atthe fourth.

Patriots crush Braves in first playoff game

to chip away at their oppo- Bingesser drove in two runs nent, gradually closing the after landing one hit. lead. With the game on the

Virnig finished the game as the winning pitcher after for the Pioneers, striking out a 10-9 win. The Pioneers by one, they scored two runs pitching 1.3 innings. Bingesser pitched the other 5.66 innings.

Following the win, the Pioneers were back in St. bats. He drove in two runs Cloud, Thursday, June 2, for The Pioneers managed and scored once. Jeremy their next playoff game.

Patriots' Mettler and Young qualify for state

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Upsala/Swanville Area track and field team traveled to St. John's University, Wednesday, June 1, in competition for state. The Patriots had two athletes qualify for state, senior Nicholas Mettler and sophomore Alyssa Young.

Mettler won the discus with a toss of 137' 9". His throw was over 10 feet farther than his competition.

Mettler also finished 13th in the shot put, throwing the rock for 40, 5 3/4".

Alyssa Young had the second best performance in the triple jump, with a jump of 34' 3.5". Young broke her own team record as well as earning a trip to state.

Young also finished seventh in the 100 hurdles, with a time of 17.89. She also finished ninth in the 100 prelims, with a time of 13.46, but was unable to advance to the finals.

Joseph Guthrie placed third in the long jump with a jump of 20' 5" and fifth in the high jump, clearing 5' 9". Guthrie was just five inches shy of tying for first place in the long jump.

Madison Tschida finished the meet with a couple of sixth place finishes, in the 100, with a time of 13.22, and the 200, with a time of

Mettler and Young will travel to St. Michael-Albertville High School, Friday, June 10, to compete in the state tournament.

Yourczek, Vannurden, Carlson and Walberg headed to state

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The Royalton track and field team competed at St. John's University, Wednesday, June 1. Four Royals athletes advanced to state, Mya Yourczek, James Vannurden, Aurora Walberg and Connor Carlson.

For the girls, Yourczek qualified in the triple jump and the shot put. She had the best performance in the triple jump, with a jump of 34' 4 1/4". She took first by 3/4 of an inch. Yourczek placed second in the shot put, with a throw of 35' 11 3/4", just shy of first by six

Walberg placed fourth in the high jump, but hit the state qualifying mark, with a height of 5' 1". Her jump was just two inches out of first place.

For the boys, Vannurden took first in the high jump, clearing 6' 1", and setting a new personal record.

Carlson ran the fastest time in the 400, finishing in 52. 23, edging out St. Cloud's Jacob Eickhoff, by

The Royals qualifiers will travel to compete in the state tournament, Thursday and Friday, June 9-10.



This Week in Record







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Upsala/Swanville Patriots baseball team hosted Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa, May 26, beating the Jaguars 6-4.

Riley Johannes recorded two hits on three at-bats, a double and a home run.

Bryce Binek drove in two runs on one hit, as well as a

On the mound, Micah Ripplinger struck out one batter, walked two and gave up just two runs, one earned, on three hits.

The Patriots improved to 18-2, and faced the Benson Braves in the 6A Quarterfi-

nals, Tuesday, May 31. The Patriots ran away with the game, winning 10-

If the Patriots had any nerves in their first playoff game, they didn't show it. After getting three quick outs, the Patriots took the plate. Shane Lambrecht hit a double into right field to drive in the team's first ground ball to the shortrun. Cooper Thieschafer stop, Levi Lampert, held the followed it up with another runner at second. Lampert double into right field, putting runners on second and third.

after being hit by a pitch, make it to third, so he threw loading the bases. Luke Harren hit a line drive past the infield, driving in two runs and making it to second base, giving the Patriots run in the fourth, courtea 3-0 lead before they had sy of a wild pitch, and two one out.

Jeremy Mugg took the Binek and Lambrecht. plate and crushed the ball, sending it over the fences by over 50 feet, for a three-run to end the game 10-0. home run.

early, it seemed that there recorded one hit but drove were no nerves at all.

"It's always good to put up six runs in the first," Head Coach Adam Gerads er," Gerads said. "When he (6-5-22 USA Baseball 2) said. "It helps defensively, too. You get a six run lead, you can relax and play better."

Braves from getting in scor- hits. Harren also scored ing position for the first two twice. innings. It wasn't until the



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Staff photo by Blake Bartels

The Patriots' Jeremy Mugg touches home plate after his three-run home run, with his teammates waiting to celebrate behind him.

third that the Braves had a runner reach second base. But the home team didn't let them get any farther. A gunned the ball to Mugg, the first baseman, for the out. Mugg saw that the run-Tyson Leners took first ner at second was trying to the ball across the diamond to Harren at third for a dou-

ble play to end the inning. The Patriots scored one more in the fifth, courtesy of

Mugg drove in the final run of the night in the sixth,

Mugg had the best per-With the Patriots up 6-0 formance at the plate. He in four runs, including the

> "He's got that raw powhits the ball, he hits it hard and it's good to see that ball go over the fence."

Harren and Lambrecht plinger pitched for the first next game, Thursday, June The Patriots kept the drove in two runs on three

On the mound, Rip-



Staff photo by Blake Bartels

Luke Harren runs to third after a hit to left field in Tuesday's 10-0 win over Benson.

three innings, giving up just 2, against Belgrade-Brooone hit. He struck out five ten-Elrosa. batters and walked one.

The Patriots played their

Golf

Little Falls Women's

• WEEK 4, MAY 31 - Morning Division: Low gross, Kae Holmen 44; low net, Kae Holmen 28. Closest to the pin #6, Kae Holmen; low putts, Kae Holmen 15. Team leaders: 1. Happy Hackers; 2. Walkie Talkies, 3. Golf Buddies. Evening Division: Low gross, Jessica Warzecha 44; low net, LaRae Bjorge 33. Longest putt #5, Carmen Johnson; Closest to the pin #6, Carin Bzdok. Team leaders: 1. River Bums; 2. Par Pirates; 3. Chip n' Nails and Mulligans Please (tie).

Canadian Cup

• WEEK 4, JUNE 1 — 18 hole low gross, Brian Mackinac 76; low net, Brent Schulte 69. Northeast low gross, Dean

Erdman 35; low net, Eric Bell 33; Ninehole southwest low gross, Ryan McDuffee 37; low net, Kyle Hoggarth 33; Closest to the pin #3, Ethan Ballou, pin #13, Jordan Hansel. Longest putt #9, Tom McQuillan. Longest putt #14, John Stumpf. Closest to the pin on drive #2, Justin Piotrowski; closest to pin on drive #18, Jason Dreiling. Sandbaggers of the Week: Kyle Hoggarth

Thursday Seniors

• JUNE 2 — First place: Gary Gruber, Glen West, Dewey Meyer. Second place: Tom West, Dave Lundeen, Ken Sczublewski, Dan Marquart. Closest to pin #6, Gary Gruber. Longest putt #9, Tony Kum-

Sports

Morris, Brezinka and Kimman earn Section 5A titles, advance to state

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The Pierz track and field team traveled to St. John's University, Wednesday, June drew Morris, Kolby Brezinka and Ashley Kimman.

finished as the 5A Section she ran a 47.21, .19 faster Champion in the pole vault, than the second fastest time. clearing 12' 6", beating out his competition by six inch-

Brezinka earned the 5A a team. Section Champion title in the shot put, throwing Champions will travel to the rock for 48' 3 3/4". His compete in the state tournathrow was eight inches farther than his competition.

Kimman arguably had the best performance of the meetfor the girls, earning the Section 5A Champion title in the high jump, 100 hurdles and the 300 hurdles.

In the high jump, Kim-1, in competition for state. man cleared 5' 3". In the The Pioneers had three ath- 100 hurdles, she won in a letes qualify for state, An- near photo finish, just .04 seconds ahead of the second place finisher, with a time of For the boys, Morris 15.26. In the 300 hurdles,

> The boys took Section 5A second place as a team and the girls took fourth as

The Pioneers 5A Section ment, Thursday and Friday, June 9-10.

Flyers take sixth, Pioneers, eighth in Cardinal invite

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The Little Falls and Pierz 48th, finishing in 93 strokes. and boys golf teams traveled to Brainerd, Tuesday, May 31, to perform in the Cardinal Invite.

Out of 15 teams, the Flyof 342 strokes, and the Pitotal of 352 strokes. Pequot Lakes took first with a 309.

For the Flyers, Richie Varriano finished in 16th, with an 82. Nathan Boser took 21st, with an 84.

than Kray and Luka Avery, strokes. who both finished with an

88. Right behind them was Cullen Moe, who finished in 33rd for 89 strokes.

Hayden Johnson took

For the Pioneers, Logan Herold finished in eighth place, with a 79. Lance Otremba was right behind him in 10th, with a stroke

LeBlanc was 61st, finishing with a 99. Right behind him was Connor Gotvald, who took 64th, with 100 strokes.

Tyler Theis rounded

ers took sixth, with a total count of 80. Alex Banick finished with oneers placed eighth, with a a 94, to place 51st. Jacob

out the scoring for the Pio-Tying for 28th was Na- neers, taking 70th, with 104

Cardinals beat CGB in semi-final play

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The Upsala Cardinals softball team hosted Bran- Leners struck out nine batdon/Evansville, May 26, beating the Chargers 6-1 in up two runs on seven hits. the Section 6A Tournament.

nals spread it around on High School, in the next of them being a home run, Bears at 1:30 p.m. the stat sheet. Molly Leners, Isabel Ripplinger, Abby Klein, Taylor Soltis and Madalin Koetter all drove in Flyers stay flying a run. Brenna Graves and Ripplinger hit triples.

Leners pitched seven innings. She struck out 11 bat- in the Section 8AAA Tourters, walked two and gave up one run on two hits.

the Chargers, they played the New York Mills Eagles and beat them 10-1.

Molly Leners recorded three RBIs on two hits, in- ers at a comfortable distance cluding a double and two scores. Roske, Ripplinger and Isabelle Leners all recorded two RBIs as well.

Ripplinger hit a double hit a triple and Roske hit a double.

Isabelle Leners also pitched seven innings, striking out 13 batters and walking two. She gave up just one stole two bases. unearned run on one hit.

Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley, Wednesday, June 1, where they came away with a 3-2 victory.

as the Cardinals only mustered three hits to the Wolhaving fewer hits.

and an RBI.

On the mound, Isabelle ters, walked eight and gave

The Cardinals played round of the tournament, Thursday, June 2.

The Flyers faced off against Detroit Lakes, Tues-On the mound, Isabelle day, May 31, coming away with a 10-6 road playoff win nament.

It looked rough after the Right after their win over Lakers' first at-bat, as they gave up three runs, but the Flyers fired back with six runs of their own.

The Flyers kept the Lakfor the remainder of the game, preventing them from mounting any kind of come-

Avery Threlkeld recordand a triple, Isabelle Leners ed three RBIs against the Lakers, getting three hits on four at-bats. Victoria Gottwalt drove in two runs on two hits, one being a double. She also scored once and

Korrin Gwost was the They moved on to face Flyers' pitcher. Despite giving up 13 hits, she only allowed three earned runs.

Right after their victory It was a defensive battle, Flyers played Alexandria, winning 8-3.

It was a fairly low scorverines' seven, but Upsala ing game early on, with the from late August to mid-Ocmanaged to do more despite Flyers leading 2-0 until the (Continued on Page 16A)

Softball • LITTLE FALLS TUESDAY OPEN F&M Bank 14, Johnny C's 1; State Farm

19, Johnny C's 15. • LITTLE FALLS WOMEN'S (June 1) — Johnny C's/ Lindy's Scoop 23, Cans R Us 7; Johnny C's/Lindy's Scoop 8, Coors 23; Co-Farmers and Merchants State Bank 18; ors 23, Cans R Us 10.



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FAB supports Little Falls Ski Club with a \$10,000 donation for a groomer

The Flyer Athletic Boosters (FAB) donated \$10,000 to go toward a groomer for the Little Falls High School Ski Club. On hand for the donation were front row (from left): Jon Vetter, Conner Grant, Alexander Oberton, Ethan Yorek, Elizabeth Ahlin and Coach Mattia Hendrickson. Back row: Tim Bjorge, Steve Bell, Allison White, Debra Yliniemi-Ahlin, Greg Rutten, Kolbi Grant, Molly Nelson, Dr. Christopher Bell and Janine Johnson.

Sobieski's record stays perfect at 5-0

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The Sobieski Skis shut out the Pierz Bulldogs 10-0, May 29, in Victory League action. The Skis held the Bulldogs to just one hit while they recorded 12.

Alex Gwost hit a threerun home run. Dan Marod recorded a home run as well as a double to drive in two total runs.

four innings for the Skis, striking out three batters and not allowing a single

The Skis played the Riverdogs, May 30, crushing them in an 11-1 victory.

The Skis recorded three home runs, from Collin Kapphahn recorded four RBIs each.

Gwost pitched four innings for the Skis, striking out five batters and walking four. He gave up one run on Riverdogs, May 28.

Sobieski improved to 5-0 as they traveled to Flensburg to face the Falcons, Sunday, June 5, at 12:00 p.m.

Rebels get two in a row

Molly Leners recorded els notched two more wins. batters and walking four. He 1-6 on the season. They 1. No stats were available. a hit, RBI and a score and Their first was a 10-7 vic- allowed just one run on five hosted the St. Wendel Saints Ripplinger recorded a hit tory against the St. Wendel hits. Saints, Sunday, May 29.

both of them being home

as well as scoring two runs.

Bryce Flanagan drove a He recorded three total hits, Jays, May 28. two RBIs and two runs.

nings, striking out seven team's only run. batters and walking two. He gave up just four runs on Leibold struck out six batnine hits.

and beat them 7-2.

Brett Kramer went a per-Jake Kapphahn pitched fect 3-for-3 at the plate, hitting a home run and driving in three runs.

took the Riverdogs' only run. Flanagan mound for the Rebels, pitch-10 batters and walking six. run on four hits.

The Rebels now stand at

Upsala splits last two games

The Blue Jays came away

Brandon Welinski re-

team's two runs.

Brock Cichon pitched

They lost 1-0 to the Pierz Riley DeRosier drove in Lakers in their next game, Flensburg drops to 0-4 four runs on two hits, with May 30. No stats were avail-

Nick Jelacie drove in game is Sunday, June 5, at available. At the plate, the Cardia again at Minnewaska Area three runs on two hits, one home against the Opole

Royalton falls to 2-5

The Riverdogs lost 2-1 ball over the fence as well. at home to the Upsala Blue Ethan Walcheski record-

On the mound, Ethan ed two hits on four at-bats. Branum pitched five in- Zack Cekalla drove in the On the mound, Zach

ters and walked three. He They hosted the Opole gave up just two runs and Bears, Monday, May 30, allowed 12 hits in 10 innings. Royalton lost another

> Sobieski, May 30. Grayson Suska was 2-for-2 at the plate and scored the

Suska also pitched 3.2 ing nine innings, striking out innings, striking out two batters and walking two. He allowed just one earned He gave up eight runs on 13

The Riverdogs' record Eckman, Dusty Parker and 3-1 and host the Pierz Lak- fell to 2-5. They hosted the Kapphahn. Parker and ers, Sunday, June 5, at 1:30 St. Mathias Devils, Saturday, June 4.

Swanville loses four in a row

The Swans lost 8-1 to the with a 2-1 road win over the Pierz Brewers, May 29. No stats were available.

corded four hits on five at-following day, May 30, to bats, one hit being a double. the Pierz Lakers, this time it Brady Burggraff and was a 14-1 loss. There were in a low scoring 1-0 game. Haden Chuba drove in the no stats available for this

Saturday, June 4.

out by the Pierz Brewers, The 2-3 Blue Jays' next May 29, 10-0. No stats were

The 0-4 Falcons are still looking for their first win as

they host the Sobieski Skis, Sunday, June 5, at noon.

Brewers beat Swans

The Pierz Brewers traveled to Swanville, May 29, beating the Swans 8-1 on their own field. No stats were available.

The Brewers got their second win in a row, and look to get their third, as they travel to St. Mathias, Sunday, June 5, to face the game, this time 11-1 against Devils at 4:30 p.m.

Bulldogs lose two in a row

The Pierz Bulldogs were shut out 10-0 by the Sobieski Skis, May 29.

Austin Gohl recorded the team's only hit.

George Toops pitched four innings for the Bulldogs, striking out two batters and giving up one run on four hits.

The Bulldogs drop their second in a row to fall to 3-2 on the season. Their next game is in Foley, Sunday, June 5, at 1:30 p.m.

The Swans lost again the Lakers win close at home

The Pierz Lakers beat the Blue Jays at home, May 29, No stats were available.

The Lakers played the The Swans dropped their Swans, Monday, May 30, The Fort Ripley Reb- 10 innings, striking out six fourth in a row and fell to crushing their opponent, 14-

After losing their firs game, the Lakers find themselves at 4-1 on the season. They traveled to Nisswa, The Falcons were shut Friday, June 3, to face the Lightning.

Flyers beat Sauk Rapids, fall to Willmar, Royals lose in first round of BB tourney

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The Flyers fell to the Rocori Spartans, 6-5, May 26. They held a 5-1 lead in the bottom of the seventh, but they failed to stop the Spartans' last second comeback

of five runs. runs for the Flyers. Zach stolen base. Gwost recorded a triple.

Gwost pitched four innings, giving up zero runs solo home run. on four hits. He struck out six batters and walked one.

Sauk Rapids Storm, May 27, beating them 7-1.

ning, when they finally got nament Tuesday, May 31. on the board. The Flyers defense didn't budge after that, team's only score, hitting closing out the game.

George Moore drove in once and recorded a stolen

Owen Bode recorded a Oothoudt both drove in two for the Flyers, as well as a 2.

> one hit, but that hit was a Moore pitched for the lost 2-4. Flyers, striking out three

one run on four hits. In their next game, the

scoreless until the final in- in the Section 8AAA tour- ing out six batters and walk-

2-for-3. On the mound, Gwost two runs on three hits, one pitched for 3.1 innings. He of them a double. He scored struck out seven batters and walked four. He gave up sev-

en earned runs on six hits. The Flyers played De-Riley Czech and Carter double to drive in two runs troit Lakes, Thursday, June

Matt Filippi recorded Royals finish season

The Royals played Staples-Motley, May 26, but

Jacob Leibold and The Flyers played the batters and only giving up Jameson Klug both drove in season with a record of a run for the Royals.

Cal Ollman pitched three They kept the Storm Flyers fell to Wilmar, 10-1, innings for the Royals, strik-

ing four. He gave up three Zach Gwost drove in the runs, one earned, on six hits.

They faced the Albany Huskies in the Section 6AA Tournament, Tuesday, May 31. They lost 7-2.

The Royals only mustered three hits, from Will Gorecki, Gabe Gorecki and Ben Albright. Albright and Gabe Gorecki drove in a run each.

Albright pitched 3.1 innings, striking out four batters and walking six. He gave up four earned runs on five hits.

The Royals finished their

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against Detroit Lakes, the through Friday, June 17, to similar to last year's, which less elk, which can be a fe-site — https://www.dnr. apply for one of 30 elk li- provided hunters with more male or a young male; or a state.mn.us/hunting/elk/ censes offered this year by opportunities to harvest license for either a bull or the DNR. Seasons will run antlerless elk. Hunters can antlerless elk. choose from three license options: a license for a bull ers review the elk season they want.

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MEN'S (May 31) — Stafki Construction 11, Hilmerson Collision 5; State Farm 18, Hilmerson Collision 12; Wiczek's Floors 17, Stafki Construction 16; Wiczek's 19,

Sports

Cardinals beat **CGB**

(Continued from Page 15A) fifth inning, when they exploded for six more runs to take an 8-0 lead. They once again held off any last second comebacks to keep the playoff run alive.

RBIs for the Flyers again. five and allowed nine runs, couldn't keep the Cardinals Ellia Zimmerman recorded three hits on four at-bats, scoring twice, hitting a double and driving in a run.

Gwost took the mound tered two hits all game. again and struck out two batters and walked one. She for the Pioneers again. She tion. gave up just three runs on seven hits.

Thursday, June 2.

Pierz drops out of playoffs Pioneers faced

Holdingford in the Section 6AA Tournament, Wednesday, June 1. They beat the Huskers in a 10-9 shootout.

Kiara Olesch was on fire hitting two home runs, three RBIs, three runs and a steal on three hits.

two earned, on five hits.

The Pioneers played Pequot Lakes right after, but were a defensive bout, with lost 3-1. The girls only mus-

Seelen was the pitcher struck out just four batearned, on two hits.



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Schirmers commits to track and field at St. Thomas

Little Falls High School Senior Danielle Schirmers has committed to compete in track and field at the University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. Schirmers (middle) is the daughter of Greg Schirmers, left, and Karla Bearce, both of Little Falls.

Flyers keep playoff run alive

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The Little Falls softball Pitching for the Pioneers team hosted Alexandria, was Frankie Seelen, who May 26. Despite a good Gottwalt recorded two struck out 10 batters, walked start to the game, the Flyers at bay, losing 11-6.

The first two innings both teams getting a quick three outs before either team could get into scoring posi-

In the bottom of the ters and walked four. She third, with two outs and The Flyers faced Rocori, allowed just two runs, one a runner on first. Kendra Couture hit a double over The Pioneers ended their the head of the left fielder, driving in the first run of the game. The very next batter, Ellia Zimmerman followed that up with a bomb of her own into left field, driving in Couture and making it to third, giving the Flyers a 2-0

The following inning, the Flyers would get two quick outs, but the Cardinals tied it up following a grounder that just made it past the outstretched glove of a Flyers infielder. The Cardinals were threatening to take the lead but a quick snag of a ground ball by Avery Threlkeld and a throw to first ended the inning.

Avery Anderson started off the bottom of the fourth with a bang. She launched the ball into the outfield clearing the fence by 10 feet for a solo home run, giving the Flyers the lead once more. They were unable to get much going after that.

runs in their next at-bat, giving themselves a comfortable

The Flyers attempts to re-



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Staff photo by Blake Bartels

Avery Anderson, rounding third base, gave a high five to Head Coach Tony Couture following her solo home run.

unsuccessful, as the Cardi- were to win. nals got three outs in five batters.

the field.

few batters on base, but no victory.

enth, giving the Flyers an the plate, recording a single hits.

The Flyers started off their final at-bat by driv-The Flyers continued to ing in two runs, courtesy fight, ending their oppo- of a Zimmerman line drive nents at-bat quicker than double that flew past a divgrounder fielded by Lindy the left fielder. A single by Welinski, a pop fly caught by Threlkeld and a walk for Korrin Gwost and a swing- Anderson loaded the bases. ing strikeout by Threlkeld, Avie Podraza drove in a run sent the Cardinals back onto with a single, bringing the score to 11-6. The Cardinals However, the Flyers were were able to get the final out unable to regain any traction before the Flyers could se-

Zimmerman drove in

gain some momentum were up-hill battle to fight if they and a double, as well as an RBI.

> On the mound, Gwost struck out five batters, walked three and gave up 11 runs on 14 hits.

Following the loss, the they ended the Flyers'. A ing shortstop and even past Flyers played Sauk Rapids in a loser-goes-home elimination game, winning 11-8.

Anderson was one of the top batter's for the Flyers, driving in three runs on three hits. She recorded a double as well as two runs.

Welinski and Couture of their own at the plate. A cure their come from behind both recorded two RBIs as

On the mound, Threlkeld Alexandria was able to three of the runs for the pitched four innings, striking put the game farther out Flyers on three hits. She re- out four batters and walking The Cardinals would of reach, scoring four more corded a single, double and a two. She gave up just four answer back by scoring five runs in the top of the sev- triple. Couture was 2-for-3 at runs, three earned, on eight



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Swanville names May Athletes of the Month

Swanville High School announced its Athletes of the Month for May (from left): Cooper Thieschafer, Sam Sobiech and Zach Wimmer. Baseball player Thieschafer is one of the Bulldogs' top pitchers and hitters. His batting average is currently .458. He has 10 RBIs and scored 10 runs. He has a pitching record of 2-0 with a 3.21 ERA. "Cooper is not only a very good baseball player, but he is an even better kid. He is always one of the first and last kids taking care of the field and putting equipment away," said Coach Adam Gerads. A sophomore, Sobiech is on the Bulldogs' softball team and has a current batting average of .300. She is tied for the team high in runs scored with 16, RBIs with 14 and leads the team with 10 walks. Starting at third base at the beginning of the year, she was moved to first base midway through this month. "One positive characteristic of Sam is she is willing to play anywhere on the field to help the team succeed. Sam has worked hard at her new position and is very coachable. Sam is a leader on the field to help the team succeed," said Coach Mike Chuba. Wimmer is a senior rookie on the track team. "He immediately threw himself into the sport, trying a little bit of everything - from the long jump, 3200, 300 hurdles, and various relays. He is always at



