

Legion Baseball Team To Play Aberdeen May 28

The Redfield American Legion baseball team has been practicing for nearly two weeks in preparation for the upcoming season. The Don Hardie-coached crew has high hopes of improving on last year's fine performance. That could be a tall order for the local nine as Redfield won its way into the state Class "B" Tourney last year by winning the district and regional baseball titles.

Coach Hardie has nearly the entire squad returning this season with a few notable exceptions. Gone from the state tourney entrant are Daryl Jungwirth, Ron Appletoft and Doug Price.

An excellent nucleus is returning this year that should feature a good hitting attack, bolstered by a deep pitching staff. Heading the list is the leading hitter from last year, Denis Guenther, second baseman. Others returning on the 16-man team are Steve Marlette, outfield; Steve Jones, first base - pitcher; Dana Coats, shortstop - pitcher; Steve Betten, outfield; Daryl Muellenberg, third base; Randy Bentz, pitcher; Bob Stewart, pitcher; Tim Booze, catcher - utility; Scott Dawson, outfield; Reed Siegling, pitcher; Terry Rohlf, utility; Kendall Swedeen, pitcher; Bernie Clemens, outfield; Jim Welke, utility; and Les Booze, catcher - outfield.

The club will be attired this year in some colorful new uniforms and will again play a tough schedule before heading into district play.

The Legion team will open the season against a potent Aberdeen Smitty outfit at Redfield Tuesday, May 28. A doubleheader is scheduled for that day starting at 6 p.m.

An attractive pre-season tournament is slated for Faulkton and Cresbard June 1-2 which will include eight teams comprised mainly from the Redfield area district tournament.

On June 4 the club will travel to Huron for a doubleheader starting at 6 p.m.

Legion Team Loses Two To Aberdeen

The Redfield American Legion baseball team opened the season by dropping a twinbill to a strong Aberdeen Smitty club. The games were played at Redfield Tuesday, May 28.

Redfield lost a close extra-inning first game 9-8 and then was defeated 5-1 in the second contest.

Aberdeen took a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning in the opening game, but Redfield bounced back to tie the score at 3-3 in the third. Les Booze scored the first run on Randy Bentz' single in the second and Steve Jones scored in front of a Steve Betten home run in the third inning. Jones reached first by a walk.

Offensive fireworks were seen by both clubs in the fourth inning as Aberdeen scored four runs to take a 7-3 lead only to have Redfield come back with five tallies in its own half to recapture the lead, 8-7. Tim Booze led off the fifth with a single and Bentz was hit by the pitch. Guenther singled for one run and Jones walked with two outs to load the bases. Betten ripped a double to score three runs and Dana Coats followed with a single to put Redfield ahead.

The Smittys, however, tied the game at 8-8 in the seventh inning and scored the tie-breaker in the top of the 10th inning.

Scott Healy and Steve Mann were the hurlers for Aberdeen with Mann picking up the decision. Randy Bentz started for Redfield and was relieved by Reed Siegling, who took the loss, in the seventh.

Steve Betten was the hitting star of the game clubbing a home run and a double in five attempts. Tim Booze was two-for-five.

	R	H	E
Aberdeen	300	400	100 1 9 8 1
Redfield	012	500	000 0 8 8 6
Healy, Mann (7) and Mann, Noble (7); Bentz, Siegling (7) and Booze.			

The Redfield team ran into hard-throwing lefthander Dave Syhre in the second contest. Syhre limited Redfield to one run on one hit in the seven-inning contest. He notched 16 strikeouts. The hosts' lone run was scored

Legion Team Will Play in Eight-team Tourney June 1-2

An interesting, eight-team tournament is scheduled for the Redfield American Legion team Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2. Coach Don Hardie's club will enter the Central League Tourney which will include several area teams and will be played at Faulkton and Cresbard.

Redfield is scheduled to meet Miller at 9 p.m. at Faulkton for its first round game Saturday, June 1. Gettysburg will play Faulkton-Orient at 7 p.m.

Other opening-round matchups will have Highmore vs. Cresbard at 7 p.m. and Wessington vs. Northwestern at 9 p.m. — both games are to be played at Cresbard.

The remaining games are slated for the Cresbard ballpark with the semi-finals to start at 2 and 4 p.m. on Sunday and the championship contest at 8 p.m.

The Legion team will then travel to Huron for a

doubleheader starting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 4.

Wednesday, June 5, the local nine will host Clark for two games starting at 6 p.m.

The remainder of the American Legion baseball schedule:

June 7 — Pierre A 6-8 p.m.
June 11 — Watertown H 6-8 p.m.
June 14 — Aberdeen A 6-8 p.m.
June 16 — Ipswich H 2-4 p.m.
June 19 — Conde H 8 p.m.
June 23 — Clark A 2 p.m.
June 25 — Watertown A 6-8 p.m.
June 27 — Cresbard H 8 p.m.
June 30 — Pierre H 6-8 p.m.
July 3 — Ipswich A 8 p.m.
July 7 — Northwestern H 8 p.m.
July 9 — Faulkton-Orient A 8 p.m.
July 11 — Wess. Springs H 8 p.m.
July 14 — Huron H 2-4 p.m.

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in the fifth inning when Redfield took a 1-0 lead. Jim Welke walked with one out and scored on a wild pitch after Guenther moved him to third on a single.

The Smittys scored five runs in the top of the sixth to wrap up the victory.

Dana Coats did a fine job on the mound as he held the Aberdeen crew scoreless for every inning but the disastrous sixth. Coats allowed only five hits, gave up three walks and struckout four.

Redfield turned in a much better fielding job in the second contest, committing only one error after a sub-par performance in the first game.

	R	H	E
Aberdeen	000	005	0 5 5 0
Redfield	000	010	0 1 1 1
Syhre and Buntrock; Coats and Rohlf.			

Redfield Legion Team Wins Title In Central League Tournament

Clutch pitching, steady defense and some timely hitting helped the Redfield American Legion baseball team to the Central League Tournament championship Saturday and Sunday, June 1-2, 1974.

Coach Don Hardie's club defeated Cresbard 11-5 in the championship game to grab top honors in the eight-team tourney. Redfield trimmed Faulkton-Orient 5-3 in the semi-finals after disposing of Miller 9-1 in the first round. In other first-round play, Cresbard won by forfeit, Faulkton-Orient stopped Gettysburg 12-2, and Northwestern pasted Wessington 12-1. Cresbard edged Northwestern 2-1 in the semi's to earn the right to meet Redfield in the finals. Two first-round games, including Redfield's win over Miller, were played at Faulkton with the rest being held at Cresbard.

The tourney was set up to involve the six teams in the newly-formed Central Baseball League plus the local nine and Northwestern.

Redfield 11 — Cresbard 5

Trailing 1-0 after two innings of the championship tilt, the Redfield crew opened up for three runs in the third frame and one in the fourth to take an insurmountable lead. Denis Guenther began the third inning with a single and was followed by Les Booze with a walk. Daryl Muellenberg slapped a one-out double to plate both runners and eventually scored himself on a fielder's choice. Guenther walked with one out in the fourth, moved to third on a Booze single and came home on Steve Betten's sacrifice.

Cresbard came back in the bottom of the fourth to tally one run, but Redfield scored two more in the top of the fifth as

Scott Dawson and Ken Swedeen touched home following Guenther's two-out single.

Cresbard closed the margin to 6-5 with a three-run sixth inning that was aided by wild Redfield pitching. The visitors, however, put the game out of reach with five runs in the top of the seventh.

Steve Marlette walked to start the inning and Dawson reached first on an error. Swedeen followed with a single for one run with wild pitches and walks to Guenther, Les Booze, and Muellenberg accounting for three more scores. Batting for the second time in the inning, Marlette laced a single to drive in the final two runs.

Relief pitcher Dana Coats set the Cresbard team down in order to clinch the win.

Although Redfield hurlers were plagued with wildness in the final contest, they did come up with some clutch efforts including two-out strikeouts with the bases loaded in three separate innings.

Ken Swedeen started the game and was credited with the victory, getting relief help from Bob Stewart, Reed Siegling and Coats.

Their combined efforts allowed nine base on balls, gave up only two hits and recorded 11 strikeouts.

Denis Guenther and Steve Marlette were the leading hitters for Redfield. Guenther was two-for-two and Marlette two-for-three.

Roger Hold was the losing Cresbard chucker.

Redfield 5 — Faulkton-Orient 3

The opponents opened up a 3-0 lead after two complete innings before Redfield rallied for two runs in the third frame. The locals began the third, hitting into a double play and then Tim Booze struck out only to reach first when the Faulkton catcher missed the ball. Redfield wasted no time in taking advantage of the miscue as Guenther and Muellenberg hit back-to-back singles before Betten clubbed a double to score the two runs.

The following inning, the winners picked up three more runs to go ahead for good. Les Booze walked, Coats doubled but was called out on the basepaths. Dawson walked and Bentz was safe on a fielder's choice. Tim Booze and Denis Guenther plated the three runs with a single and double, respectively.

Both teams were scoreless for the remainder of the game.

Dana Coats started on the mound for Redfield, but was relieved by Randy Bentz who was credited with the win after a good performance.

(6), Coats (6) and Tim Booze. Holt, Wilhelm (3), Deis (6), Wilkens (7) and Roberts, Carda (7).

Faulkton-Orient 210 000 0 3 8 0
Redfield 002 300 x 5 8 1
Wieseler, Carr (4) and Miller.
Coats, Bentz (3) and Tim Booze.

Redfield 201 202 1 9 9 1
Miller 000 100 0 1 3 4
Siegling, Swedeen (4), Stewart (6) and Tim Booze. Nicholas, Dirkson (4) and Brown.

Northwestern got into the semi-finals on the strength of a near-perfect pitching performance by Kim Peterson. Northwestern won over Wessington 12-1 as Peterson struck out 15 batters in five innings, allowing only one run via an error and a double.

In the semi-final game with Cresbard, Mike Wiedebush and Dan Roberts hooked up in a close pitcher's duel in which Roberts was the winner by a 2-1 score. Northwestern scored its only run to take the lead in the fifth, but Cresbard came back with two in the sixth for the win.

Cresbard had seven hits and one error while the losers committed five errors and came up with three hits.

Tim Booze was two-for-three and Denis Guenther two-for-four to pace the winners.

Pat Wieseler started for Faulkton and was relieved by Kirk Carr in the fourth.

Mike Miller slammed a two-run homer for the losers.

Redfield 9 — Miller 1

In the opening-round game, Redfield scored two runs in the first inning and continued to add to the total throughout the contest.

The local nine tallied once in the third inning, twice in the fourth frame, twice in the sixth and two times in the seventh.

Denis Guenther, who was three-for-three including a triple, and Steve Betten, who had two doubles in three trips, did the most offensive damage. Daryl Muellenberg was also a standout at the plate with two doubles and a single in four attempts. Guenther had a great offensive show for the entire tourney, getting seven hits in nine at bats.

Miller's lone score resulted from three hits in the fourth inning.

Siegling, Swedeen, and Stewart all had a hand in the pitching as they allowed three hits and chalked up 14 strikeouts in seven innings. Siegling was credited with the win. Randy Nicholas took the loss.

Summary of the games:

	R	H	E
Redfield	003	120	5 11 9 3
Cresbard	010	103	0 5 2 1
Swedeen, Stewart (4), Siegling			

Redfield Legion Baseball Team Sweeps Doubleheader from Clark

The Redfield American Legion baseball team trimmed Clark in a doubleheader played at Redfield Wednesday, June 5. Coach Don Hardie's club won the first contest 3-0 and captured the second game 3-2.

Redfield jumped on Clark hurler Mark Nipe for three runs in the first inning of the five-inning opener. Daryl Muellenberg walked and Tim Booze followed with a base on balls. Denis Guenther laced a single for one run and Steve Betten followed with a double to score two more.

The winning pitcher was Bob Stewart after getting some relief help from Dana Coats. The pair combined to hold Clark without a run on only two hits. They recorded three strikeouts and two walks.

The loser was Mark Nipe who allowed only three hits but gave up four bases on balls. He fanned seven Redfield batters.

	H	R	E
Clark	000	00x	0 2 0
Redfield	300	00x	3 3 0
Nipe and Deming. Stewart, Coats and Booze.			

First-inning fireworks again helped Redfield to the 3-2 win in the second game. After Clark scored in the top of the first, Redfield came back with two runs in the bottom of the frame. Muellenberg and Guenther each singled with one out and Betten drove in one run when he reached first base by an error. Dana Coats and Les Booze were on base safely on fielder's choices which accounted for the second run.

Redfield scored what even-

tually was the winning run in the third inning when Steve Jones singled and crossed the plate on Muellenberg's double.

Clark managed one run in the fifth but could score no more in the last two innings.

Daryl Muellenberg led Redfield's six-hit attack with an outstanding three-for-three performance, including the winning run batted in.

Jim Welke was credited with the victory in his first time on the mound. Coats relieved him in the sixth.

John Christensen was the losing Clark pitcher.

	R	H	E
Clark	100	010	0 2 5 1
Redfield	201	000	x 3 6 1
Christensen and Arthur. Welke, Marlette (6) and Booze.			

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Redfield wins 5-3

REDFIELD — Cresbard got to Randy Bentz for three runs in the first inning Tuesday night to take a 3-0 lead over Redfield but the Pheasants came back with five runs in the last of the third to take a 5-3 decision over the Comets.

Cresbard could muster just four hits off Redfield pitchers and all four were singles.

Darrell Mullenberg went three for four for the winners as he had nearly half of his team's hits.

Cresbard	300	000	000—3 4 3
Redfield	005	000	00x—5 7 2
Bob Wilhelm and Jerry Carda; Randy Bentz, Sweden (1) and Tim Booze.			

Legion Basebatters Win Pair Of Games from Watertown Club

The hard-hitting Redfield American Legion baseball team won a pair of games from a tough Watertown club Tuesday, June 11, at the Redfield baseball park. Redfield won the first contest 12-7 and fashioned a six-run rally in the second game to win 9-8. Watertown knocked off the Aberdeen Smittys in a pair of games two days later.

Redfield picked up the first win by jumping to a 7-0 lead in the second inning. Steve Jones had a triple, Denis Guenther a single and Steve Marlette a single for the run scoring blows in the inning. The local nine scored three more runs in the fifth frame when Steve Betten crashed a home run with two aboard. Dana Coats, Tim Booze and Guenther each singled to account for two runs in the sixth.

The visitors scored one in the third, two in the sixth and three in the seventh frame.

Dana Coats went the distance as the winning pitcher while Fischer took the loss with relief help from Jotland.

Guenther and Coats each had two hits for Redfield.

	R	H	E
Watertown	001	002	4 7 7 3
Redfield	070	032	x 12 8 3
Fischer, Jotland; (2) and Schaefer, Larson; Coats and Booze.			

Watertown had taken an 8-2 lead with six runs in the fifth when Redfield exploded for six runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to grab the 9-8 win in the second game.

Ken Swedeen led off the seventh with a walk and advanced on Daryl Muellenberg's single. Dana Coats lashed a single to score one run and Tim Booze walked to load the bases. Denis Guenther stroked a single and Steve Betten lashed a triple to clean the bases and tie the score at 8-8. Steve Jones laid down a squeeze bunt to score Betten from third and win the game.

Muellenberg, Booze, Guenther and Betten all had two hits in the 10-hit Redfield attack. Betten and Guenther tripled and Booze and Coats doubled.

Swedeen picked up the win in relief as he took the mound in the sixth inning. Randy Bentz had started but was relieved by Reed Siegling.

Kestrand was the losing pitcher for Watertown.

	R	H	E
Watertown	100	061	0 8 8 2
Redfield	001	002	6 9 10 3
Kestrand and Marso; Bentz, Siegling (5), Swedeen (6) and Booze.			

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Redfield Legion Downs Cresbard On Big Inning

The Redfield American Legion baseball team survived a three-run first inning by Cresbard to go on to a 5-3 victory. The game was played at Redfield Tuesday, July 2.

After giving up three runs to the visitors in the first frame, Redfield staged a big, five-run rally in the third inning. Daryl Muellenberg opened the third with a single and Dana Coats followed by drawing a base on balls. Tim Booze singled to score one runner and Denis Guenther got a base hit to advance runners to first and third. Steve Jones was safe on an error which scored the second run and Steve Betten laced a double for two more scores. Ken Swedeen pounded a two-out double to drive in Betten with the fifth run.

Starting pitcher Randy Bentz had an "off day" after turning in some sparkling performances previously. Swedeen replaced Bentz on the mound in the first inning and threw shutout ball for the rest of the contest. He fanned 13 batters and allowed only one hit for the eight and one-third innings pitched. He issued one base on balls.

B. Wilhelm was the losing pitcher.

Daryl Muellenberg cracked out three hits in four trips to the plate to pace Redfield hitting.

Dana Coats was a stalwart defensively at the shortstop position for the hosts.

	R	H	E
Cresbard	300	000	000 3 5 2
Redfield	005	000	00x 5 8 0
Wilhelm and Carda; Bentz, Swedeen (1) and Booze.			

Redfield Legion Team Scores One-sided Wins Over Ipswich

The American Legion baseball team made it a clean sweep for Redfield teams Sunday evening, June 16, as the locals trimmed Ipswich in a twinbill following the town team's afternoon doubleheader win. Coach Don Hardie's Legion club won the first contest 14-4 and rolled to victory in the second game 17-1. Both games were ended by the 10-run rule at the Redfield ball park. The Legion team's record was boosted to 11-4 after the twin killing.

Redfield exploded for seven runs in the sixth inning of the first game. The contest stayed fairly close until the big inning as the local nine held a 7-4 lead. Dana Coats opened the sixth with a double and was followed by walks to Denis Guenther and Steve Betten to load the bases. Steve Jones cracked a double to the rightfield fence which cleared the sacks and then scored on a double by Steve Marlette. Kendall Swedeen pounded another two-base hit to plate Marlette and scored the game-ending run when Coats got his second blow of the inning — a long triple.

The hosts scored first in the second frame when Betten walked and advanced to second on Jones' single. Swedeen drove in the run on an error by the shortstop.

Tim Booze started a two-run second inning with a single which was followed by four straight walks to Guenther, Betten, Terry Rohlfs and Marlette.

After Ipswich tied the game at 3-3 in the top of the fourth, Redfield scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth. Guenther walked and Betten clouted his second round-tripper of the season — a shot over the leftfield wall. Rohlfs singled as the next batter and was sacrificed to second by Jones. Marlette got a base hit and made it all the way around the bases on an error by the Ipswich rightfielder.

The big sixth inning rally ended the contest.

Jones was two-for-three, including a double, and Coats

slapped a double and triple in five trips.

Swedeen was the winning pitcher, allowing just three hits and striking out five. Craig Blumhardt absorbed the loss.

	R	H	E
Ipswich	000	301	4 3 4
Redfield	012	047	14 10 3

Blumhardt and Ochner; Swedeen and Rohlfs.

Redfield ran roughshod over the visitors, 17-1, in the second game as Steve Jones stole the show at the plate and on the mound. He was three-for-three, including a home run, and was also the winning pitcher, allowing just two hits and three walks. He collected 14 strikeouts in the five-inning game as he fanned the side three times, including four whiffs in the fourth inning.

The Legion club unloaded a barrage of hits to support Jones' pitching performance. Redfield picked up five runs in the first inning as Daryl Muellenberg led off with a single and scored on Coats' triple. Guenther and Betten walked to set up Jones' three-run round tripper over the rightfield wall.

Seven more runs were added in the second as Muellenberg and Coats walked before a Booze double accounted for two runs. Guenther and Betten walked and Jones stroked a single for two more runs. Jim Welke singled as did Bernie Clemens to end the scoring.

Three runs were scored in the fourth on a single by Coats and a double by Guenther for one tally. Betten walked and Jones drove in the next two runs on a couple of wild pitches and a single. The final two runs of the game were scored by Scott Dawson and Muellenberg as they singled ahead of two errors off the bats of Coats and Booze.

Jones led the locals at the plate with his perfect three-for-three which included seven runs batted in for the game. He had 10 RBI's for the two games. Muellenberg and Coats were two-for-three

apiece.

Terry Zetterlund, outstanding football player from Leola, was the loser.

	R	H	E
Ipswich	001	00	1 2 5
Redfield	573	2x	17 12 0

Zetterlund, Gullick, and Stoner; Jones and Booze.

Bentz Sparkles on Mound as Legion Team Downs Aberdeen

After a shaky start, Randy Bentz settled down to pitch a tremendous ballgame as the Redfield Legion team defeated the Aberdeen Smittys 5-2 in the second game of a doubleheader. Aberdeen won the close first contest, 8-7, when Redfield committed five errors in a seven-run fourth inning. The twinbill was played at Aberdeen Friday, June 14.

In the 5-2 nightcap win, Bentz retired 18 straight batters after surviving some heavy Aberdeen hitting in the first inning. Naasz led off the bottom of the first with a home run for the Smittys. Junker followed with a triple and Hornaman belted a pitch to the wall in right center. Healy was out on a hot shot to third and Smith laced a double for the second run for Aberdeen. Coach Don Hardie made a trip to the mound to talk to Bentz and the lefthander proceeded to set the hosts down in order until two outs were gone in the seventh inning.

Bentz struck out eight, gave up only one walk and allowed four hits in the big win.

Aberdeen's two-run first inning only tied the score at 2-2 as Denis Guenther had staked the locals to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first with a blast over the right-centerfield fence. Tim Booze scored ahead of Guenther as he was safe on a fielder's choice behind Dana Coats' single.

The well-played game remained tied until the top of the sixth when Redfield sent the winning three runs across the plate. Steve Betten opened the inning with a walk and Steve Jones was safe on a fielder's choice when he laid down a bunt. Betten beat the throw to second and Steve Marlette walked to load the bases. Terry Rohlfs punched a big two-run single and then Marlette scored the third run when the throw got by the Aberdeen catcher.

Coats and Rohlfs led the winners with two hits apiece. Guenther's home run was a big blow for Redfield.

Greg Amble took the loss for Aberdeen, his first defeat in six starts.

Redfield turned in an errorless defensive performance.

	R	H	E
Redfield	200	003	0 5 7 0
Aberdeen	200	000	0 2 4 4

Bentz and Rohlfs; Amble and Buntrock.

In the opening game, Redfield held a 4-0 lead going into the bottom of the fourth inning when disaster struck. Aberdeen scored seven runs on just two walks and two hits as Redfield committed five errors during the inning. Aberdeen scored another run in the fifth which proved to be the winning tally as Redfield scored one more in the fifth and two in the sixth in the 8-7 loss.

In the four-run third frame, Daryl Muellenberg led off with a walk and was followed by a single by Dana Coats. Tim Booze singled and Guenther was safe on a fielder's choice for one run. Three more runs were plated on a single by Steve Betten, a single by Steve Marlette and a sacrifice fly by Steve Jones.

Betten led off the fifth with a triple to the wall and scored on a single by Jones. The final two runs were tallied in the sixth when Muellenberg walked, Coats singled and Booze walked to lead the bases. Betten lashed a single to score two runners, but Aberdeen pitchers halted the rally at that point.

Betten had a hefty three-for-three showing at the plate while Coats was two-for-five.

Coats was pitching a fine game until the fourth inning downfall of the Redfield defense. He completed the game, giving up only five hits and one walk.

Mann was the starter for the Smittys. He was relieved by Aldinger and Amble, the loser.

	R	H	E
Redfield	004	012	0 7 11 6
Aberdeen	000	710	x 8 5 2

Coats and Booze, Mann, Aldinger (5), Amble (7) and Buntrock.

Legion Team Tops Faulkton-Orient, But Loses to Clark Sunday

The Redfield American Legion baseball team turned in a good performance in a 4-1 victory over Faulkton-Orient Wednesday, June 19, and then played below par in a 12-3 loss to Clark Sunday, June 23.

The Faulkton contest was played at Redfield while the Clark game was away.

Redfield 4—Faulkton 1
Coach Don Hardie's club scored single runs in the first, third, fifth and seventh innings in the win over a solid Faulkton-Orient crew.

Daryl Muellenberg singled and scored on a triple by Tim Booze in the first. Dana Coats slapped a single with two outs in the third frame, stole second base and came home on a single by Booze.

With the score set at 2-1, Redfield tallied in the fifth when Muellenberg singled and came all the way home on a sharp single by Coats and an error by the Faulkton rightfielder.

The last run resulted when Steve Marlette was safe on an error. He stole second and rode home on the single by Muellenberg.

Faulkton's only run was scored in the second frame.

Randy Bentz continually pitched out of trouble to pick up the victory. He allowed five hits, gave up four walks and struck out 12.

Pat Wieseler was the loser as he was relieved by Doyle Hardie in the seventh.

Muellenberg had three hits to lead the Redfield attack. Booze had a triple and single while Coats had two base hits.

	R	H	E
Faulkton-Orient	010	000	000
	1	5	2

Redfield 101 010 10x 4 8 2
Wieseler, Hardie (7) and Martschinski; Bentz and Booze.

Clark 12—Redfield 3

Redfield turned in a sluggish effort in the loss to Clark as the local nine committed eight errors during the contest.

Clark scored six runs in the first inning with the benefit of five walks. Redfield had taken a 1-0 lead in the top of the first but did not score again until Steve Betten poled a homerun in the seventh frame.

Redfield scored once more in the eighth but couldn't overcome a huge lead that Clark had built up through Redfield miscues. The hosts scored single runs in the third, fourth, sixth and ninth frames and two in the eighth.

Steve Jones was the starting pitcher for Redfield and was relieved in the first inning by Dana Coats, who was followed by Reed Siegling and Jim Welke. The four combined to give up 13 walks.

John Christensen went all the way to grab the win on the mound for Clark.

	R	H	E
Redfield	100	000	110
Clark	601	100	012
	12	9	3

Jones, Coats (1), Siegling (4), Welke and Booze. Rohlfs; Christensen and Arthurs.

Watertown Legion

Slumping Redfield Legion Team Drops Twinbill at Watertown

The Redfield Legion baseball team traveled to Watertown Tuesday, June 25, and lost both ends of a doubleheader. Coach Don Hardie's team lost by scores of 11-6 and 11-2.

In the first contest, Watertown opened up a 10-1 lead after three full innings of play. Redfield staged a rally in the top of the fourth that garnered five runs but could not score again for the rest of the game. Watertown added a single run in the sixth frame.

Redfield drew first blood in the top of the first as Daryl Muellenberg walked and eventually scored on a Tim Booze-single. Watertown plated 10 runs before Steve Jones got the Redfield rally started in the fifth with a walk. Terry Rohlfs followed with a one-out walk and Ken Swedeen laced a base hit. Muellenberg slapped another base hit and Dana Coats was safe at first on a fielder's choice. A pair of Watertown errors off the bats of Denis Guenther and Booze accounted for the final runs.

Reed Siegling started the game and was charged with the loss after being lifted for Swedeen.

V. Kjetland was the winning hurler.

Watertown shortstop Wencil was four-for-four during the game.

	R	H	E
Redfield	100	050	0
Watertown	144	102	x
	11	11	2

Siegling, Swedeen (3) and Rohlfs; Kjetland and Murphy.

The second game was nearly a replay of the first as Watertown

built up an early 9-1 lead. The hosts scored two in the first, three in the third and four in the fourth frame while Redfield plated one runner in the top of the fourth. Watertown tacked on two more scores in the sixth and Redfield got its final tally in the fifth.

One run resulted in the fourth frame when Steve Betten walked with two outs and scored on Guenther's single and an error from a shot by Steve Marlette. Scott Dawson started the fifth inning with a double and came around on Muellenberg's single for the last run.

Daryl Muellenberg and Denis Guenther led Redfield at the plate with two hits in four appearances each.

Randy Bentz was the losing pitcher as Ken Swedeen came on in relief in the third. B. Kjetland was the winning chucker.

	R	H	E
Redfield	000	011	0
Watertown	203	402	x
	11	12	2

Bentz, Swedeen (3) and Booze; Kjetland and Marso.

Conde Team Edges Redfield 2-1 in Game Played June 27

The Redfield and Conde American Legion baseball teams, probable rivals in post-season district tournament play, hooked up in a hard-fought, regular-season contest Thursday, June 27. The high-flying Conde club, coached by Bruce Herman, emerged from the struggle with a narrow 2-1 victory in a contest played before a good crowd at the Redfield baseball park. The winners took advantage of some good defensive play and "heads up" baserunning to snare the win.

Conde pitcher Terry Ellingson outdueled Redfield southpaw Randy Bentz as both hurlers pitched well for the entire nine innings. Ellingson allowed just three hits and five walks while fanning nine. Bentz gave up five safeties, three bases on balls and struck out 11.

Conde got on the scoreboard first with a single run in the second inning. Jeff Taylor, who performed for the Northern State College baseball team this spring, led off with a single and promptly stole second base. A mental lapse by Redfield allowed Taylor to advance to third. A perfect sacrifice bunt by Ellingson sent the Conde runner

scampering home with the first run of the game. Redfield quickly tied the score in the bottom of the second as Scott Dawson got on base with a two-out walk. Steve Jones drove a long fly to the rightfield wall for a triple that scored Dawson. Jones, however, was stranded at third when the next batter fanned. The score remained locked at 1-1 until the fifth inning when the visitors scored the winning tally. Bob Grandpre, Conde first baseman, slugged a triple down the rightfield line to lead off the inning and then scored when Jim Taylor laced a single. The Conde club continued to threaten in the same frame after Taylor singled with one out as Bruce Geary and Terry Gabriel received walks to load the bases. With two gone, Jeff Taylor lofted a fly ball to deep left which Steve Betten caught with a diving grab for the final out.

The hosts had runners on base during the last four frames but could not reach home base as Conde made some fine defensive plays. Coach Don Hardie's crew had a runner at second base with only one out in the bottom of the ninth but left him stranded as the next two batters were retired. Besides Jones' triple, Daryl Muellenberg and Steve Marlette each singled for Redfield's hits. Jim Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Bruce Geary and Kim Bruckner had singles to go with Grandpre's triple.

	R	H	E
Conde	010	010	000
Redfield	100	000	000
	2	5	2

Ellingson and Geary; Bentz and Booze.

Legion Team Scores Late To Gain Split with Pierre Nine

The Redfield American Legion baseball team split a doubleheader with a respected Pierre team Sunday, June 30. Pierre won the first contest 9-6 and Redfield came back to grab the second game, 4-3, in the twinbill played at Redfield.

In the first game, Redfield jumped off to a 4-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning, but the margin dwindled away as the game progressed. The hosts gave up three runs in the top of the second but came back with single runs in the bottom of the second and fourth frames. Pierre tallied once in the fourth, four times in the fifth and once in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

Redfield's four-run first inning was started when Steve Jones belted a pitch on one hop over the centerfield fence for a ground rule double. Tim Booze followed with a single and Denis Guenther walked. Dana Coats singled and Steve Marlette banged out a triple to account for the scoring. In the one-run second, Jones reached first on a walk with one out and eventually scored when Booze and Steve Betten each singled.

Redfield came up with its last run in the fourth on a single by Booze and a double by Betten. The hosts led 6-4 at that stage of the game but succumbed to a four-run rally by Pierre in the next inning.

Tim Booze led Redfield at the plate with a three-for-four performance. Steve Marlette had a triple and a single while Steve Betten singled and doubled. Doug McLellan had two hits for Pierre.

Tim Booze started on the mound but needed relief help when he ran into trouble in the disastrous fifth inning. Dana Coats finished the game.

Brian Fitch went the distance to pick up the win.

	R	H	E
Pierre	030	141	1 9 9 1
Redfield	410	100	0 6 11 5

Fitch and Trimble; Booze, Coats (5) and Rohlf.

Redfield used good relief pitching and the traditional squeeze play to win the second game 4-3. Dana Coats shut out the visitors on no hits over the final five innings to grab the win in relief.

With the game tied at 3-3 in the bottom of the eighth, Redfield used the squeeze bunt play to score the winning run after failing to negotiate the play during the previous inning. In the

eight, Jones led off with a base on balls and Reed Siegling chopped an infield single which put runners on first and third with one out as the shortstop overthrew first base. Kendall Swedeen laid down a perfect bunt and Jones slid into home with the winning run.

Pierre had taken a 3-0 lead after three innings of play before Redfield scored one in the fourth and two in the fifth to tie the game.

Booze led off the fourth frame with a single and was followed by a single from Guenther. Booze scored the first run on Betten's sacrifice fly to centerfield.

In the fifth, Daryl Muellenberg slapped a single with two gone and Coats pounded a one-hop shot to the leftfield fence for a double. With runners on second and third, Booze came through with a clutch single to score two runs.

Coats held down the Pierre batters the rest of the way and Redfield made good on the squeeze play in the eighth to snare the victory.

Coats also doubled and singled to lead Redfield in the hitting department and Booze also had two hits in three trips.

Guenther was credited with excellent defensive play during both games.

Ron Mann was the losing hurler for Pierre.

	R	H	E
Pierre	012	000	00 3 3 2
Redfield	000	120	01 4 8 2

Mann and Trimble; Swedeen, Coats (4) and Booze.

Bentz and Peterson in Pitching Duel; Redfield Wins 2-0

Redfield southpaw Randy Bentz and Northwestern's Kim Peterson were locked in a pitcher's duel for nine innings before Bentz emerged as the victor by virtue of a pair of runs scored in the first inning. Redfield won the hard-fought American Legion game, 2-0, at the Redfield ballpark Sunday, July 7. Both hurlers threw ex-

cellent games, but Peterson was hampered by an error, a hit batsman and double in the first frame. Bentz was backed by some fine defensive play including a pair of fielding gems in the fifth and ninth innings to squelch Northwestern rallies. Bentz helped himself by snaring a hard shot with a runner in scoring position in the fifth; and a Dana Coats - to Denis Guenther - to - Steve Jones double play snuffed out a Northwestern threat in the ninth.

The Redfield pitcher allowed just four hits and three walks while fanning eight. Peterson chalked up 10 strikeouts while giving up only four hits and two walks as the loser.

The only two runs of the game, scored by Redfield in the first inning, resulted as Daryl Muellenberg was hit by the pitch leading off and Tim Booze was safe due to a fielder's choice, following an error off the bat of Dana Coats. With two men on base, cleanup hitter Denis Guenther came through with a clutch double to centerfield to drive in the only runs of the game. Guenther was out as he tried for third base on the play.

Northwestern mounted a couple of threats during the game, including loading the bases in the first inning, but could not score a run.

Guenther led the Redfield batters with two hits in four at bats. Steve Betten and Daryl Muellenberg each had a base hit.

Ron Seymour, Harley Zepher, and Smith singled for Northwestern while Kim Peterson slapped a double.

	R	H	E
Northwestern	000	000	000 0 4 2
Redfield	200	000	000 2 4 1

Peterson and Prouse; Bentz and Rohlf.

Legion Team Clips Cresbard 16-7 in Game July 16 -1974

The Redfield Legion baseball team bombed Cresbard 16-7 prior to the district tournament action. The Redfield team played at Cresbard Tuesday, July 16.

The local nine jumped to a 5-0 lead in the first inning as Tim Booze and Denis Guenther each doubled to drive in runs. Reed Siegling added a single.

A single run was scored in the third when Steve Jones pounded a homer over the rightfield fence. A Dana Coats triple added another run in the fourth frame and four walks followed by a Booze single scored four more runs in the sixth inning.

Booze continued his hard hitting by driving in a run in the seventh. Three runs resulted in the eighth when Daryl Muellenberg and Dana Coats singled and Ken Swedeen doubled.

The final run was scored in the ninth frame on a Denis Guenther blast over the right-centerfield fence.

Cresbard tallied two runs in the second inning, one in the third, three in the fourth, and one in the fifth.

Ken Swedeen started for Redfield and received relief help from Reed Siegling in the third inning. Dawson began pitching in the fifth and finished the contest. Swedeen was the winner.

Wilhelm was the starter and loser for Cresbard as he was backed up by Roberts and Connel.



Legion Team Sports Sharp, New Uniforms

The Redfield American Legion baseball team has new uniforms this year, thanks to the generosity of Service Motor Co., Redfield. Don Bradley, center, president of the local firm, looked on as Daryl Muellenberg, left, and Steve Marlette, right, modeled the new uniforms for the Press camera.

The suits are of an off-white doubleknit with red pin stripes. The numerals, lettering on the back, trim, belt loops and belts are also red. The players have red and white caps and socks.

Clay Kiser Post No. 92, American Legion,

purchased new red warmup jackets for the team. Muellenberg is holding one of those jackets.

No one knows exactly how long Service Motor Co. has furnished uniforms for the local Legion team, but it has been more than 30 years. The late Floyd Bradley, former president of Service Motor Co., is known to have purchased uniforms for the team in the early 1940's; and he and his son have continued to purchase a new set of uniforms about every three years since that time.

Now Here This

I've been catching a little "heat" for not printing "all of the news" in last week's Press. The complainers were referring, of course, to Redfield's first (?) streaker.

To be perfectly frank, I did intend to have an item about the incident, but I just forgot about it — I guess you could say that the streaker (whose legs resembled those of a rather short Redfield High School athlete who will probably be carrying the football quite a lot next fall) didn't make that big of an impression on me.

My wife and I were at the American Legion baseball game when the streaker made his appearance. He climbed a light tower, dropped over the fence into leftfield, and then ran to the gate at the north side of the ballpark where a car (which almost didn't arrive on time) picked him up. That's all there was to it.

Actually, it would have been a lot more exciting if the streaker had timed his appearance either earlier or later. He dropped onto the playing field while the Ipswich players were in the field and Redfield was at bat. Some of the Redfield players were aware of what was going to happen, and a couple of the outfielders threatened to tackle the streaker and remove the sack from his head if he showed up while they were in the field. Now that would have been excitement.

Oh, yes, pictures...

I did have my camera along that night, but unfortunately (I guess) I had just shot up my last film when the streaker appeared.

Those attending the game that night had a lot of excitement. They were also in a good spot to watch a parachuter drift to the

ground after jumping from an airplane. He landed at the Redfield Airport and I never did find out his name.

You had better stop out to one of the baseball games — town team, Legion, Teener, or midget — you never know what you'll get for your money!

Legion Team Floods Bath By 13-0 Score

The Redfield American Legion baseball team showered Bath with 13 runs in a seven-inning contest at Redfield Thursday, July 11.

Don Hardie's team rapped three Bath pitchers for 10 hits in the 13-0 win. The Legion baseballers took advantage of a porous defense by the visitors that included eight errors.

The local nine opened up a 5-0 lead in the first inning and added five more in the fourth frame. Single runs were scored in the second, fifth and sixth innings.

Daryl Muellenberg bunted for a single to start the first-inning scoring as the leadoff batter.

Dana Coats clouted a stand-up triple for one run and Tim Booze singled to drive Coats home. After a walk to Steve Betten and a passed ball, Steve Jones brought in the third run with a sacrifice fly to deep center. Terry Rohlfs walked and Jim Welke accounted for the last two runs with a double.

Two consecutive errors off drives of Booze and Denis Guenther scored one run in the second.

The big five-run uprising in the fourth frame began when Booze singled and Betten got a base hit after Guenther was safe on an error. Jones was hit by a pitch and Scott Dawson received a base on balls. Welke slapped his second double of the evening and Muellenberg drove in the last run with a single.

One run resulted in the fifth when Betten reached safely on an error and Jones hit a screamer to centerfield for a stand-up triple. Jones was called out, though, for failing to touch second base.

The last tally came in the sixth inning as Rohlfs was safe on an error and scored on an error and passed balls.

Muellenberg led Redfield at the plate with three hits while Booze and Welke each had two. Welke doubled both times.

Booze was the winning pitcher for Redfield as he allowed two hits and issued no walks in five innings. Scott Dawson finished the last two frames, giving up only one hit.

Kevin Dell was the losing Bath hurler.

	R	H	E
Bath	000	000	0
Redfield	510	511	x
K. Dell, G. Dell (1), Picnie (5) and Fritz, K. Dell (1); Booze, Dawson (6) and Rohlfs.			

Redfield Legion Tops Faulkton 10-2 Friday

After three scoreless innings by both clubs, Redfield broke loose with a flurry of runs to defeat Faulkton-Orient 10-2 in a game played at Faulkton Friday, July 12.

Redfield erupted for five runs in the fourth inning and scored three more in the seventh and two in the ninth. The hosts scored their only two runs in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Redfield's big fourth-inning rally was keyed by a two-run double down the rightfield line by Steve Jones. Tim Booze singled and Denis Guenther walked prior to the hit. Steve Betten followed by reaching first when hit by the pitch and Terry Rohlfs walked. Scott Dawson singled and Muellenberg was safe on an error to score three more runs.

Jones connected for a double down the leftfield line to drive in two more runs in the seventh frame. Walks to Muellenberg and Coats put two on base. Booze reached first on a fielder's choice but was forced at second on Guenther's grounder. Muellenberg scored on the catcher's error and Jones drove in Coats and Guenther.

The two ninth-inning runs were scored by Coats and Booze on an error. Coats had walked and Booze singled to get on base.

Dana Coats went all the way to pick up the win. He scattered eight hits and fanned five in the nine innings, issuing no walks.

Doyle Hardie took the loss. Steve Jones' two doubles and four RBI's paced the Redfield batters.

Mike Miller had two hits, including a double, for Faulkton-Orient.

Seven errors by the losers aided the Redfield cause.

	R	H	E
Redfield	000	500	302
Faulkton-Orient	000	000	002
Coats and Rohlfs; Hardie, Prince (6) and Martschinske.			

Legion Team Takes Two Games From Huron Here Sunday

The Redfield American Legion baseball team shifted into high gear for the upcoming district tournament by winning a doubleheader from Huron Sunday, July 14. The 6-3 and 8-7 wins over a good Huron team resulted from play at the Redfield baseball park.

Redfield rallied in the fifth inning of the first game to overcome a 3-2 deficit and go on to the 6-3 win.

Daryl Muellenberg started things off in the fifth with a leadoff single and was followed by singles by Dana Coats and Tim Booze. Denis Guenther was safe at first on a fielder's choice when a Redfield runner was thrown out at the plate. Steve Jones was hit by the pitch to force in a run and then Steve Betten was safe on a fielder's choice as Huron forced another runner at home. Kendall Swedeen got the big blow of the inning as he singled in the two go-ahead runs.

Another tally was added in the sixth as Scott Dawson led off with a base hit and scored on a double by Coats.

Redfield had scored single runs earlier in the first and third innings. In the first Muellenberg reached safely on an error and advanced on a single by Coats. He eventually scored on Guenther's ground out.

Muellenberg scored again in the third as he walked and came home on a single by Tim Booze.

Huron scored once in the second inning and twice in the fifth to take the momentary 3-2 lead.

Dana Coats showed no ill effects from pitching the previous Friday as he chalked up the win for Redfield. He allowed just four hits and fanned five in the seven-inning effort. He issued only two walks.

Huron ace Jeff Stroup was tagged with the loss as he went the distance.

Coats led Redfield hitters with a single and double. Stinehart homered and doubled for Huron.

	R	H	E
Huron	010	020	0 3 4 2
Redfield	101	031	x 6 8 1

Stroup and Swenson; Coats and Rohlf.

In the second contest, Redfield built up an 8-2 lead and then had to hold off a seventh-inning Huron rally before nailing down the 8-7 win.

Redfield staked pitcher Randy Bentz to an early 4-0 lead after a first-inning explosion. Three straight walks to Muellenberg, Coats and Booze loaded the bases for Guenther's ringing double which cleared the sacks. Guenther then scored on a wild pitch.

Huron came back for two runs in the third inning, but the hosts collected three more in the fifth. Booze reached first on an error and Guenther was aboard with a fielder's choice. Jones walked to load the bases before Betten and Jim Welke each singled to drive in the three runs.

The final tally was scored for Redfield in the bottom of the sixth by Muellenberg as he singled and eventually scored without the benefit of a base hit.

Bentz started to tire in the top of the seventh and Huron garnered five runs before Reed Siegling came in to put out the fire with Redfield ahead 8-7. Siegling got the last three outs of the inning.

Bentz got credit for the win as he gave up only one hit before the seventh frame. The hard-throwing lefthander fanned nine batters and also walked nine.

Alex Prue was the starter for Huron and was the loser. He was

lifted for Mosching in the first inning. Swenson pitched the last two innings.

Guenther's double and singles by Betten, Muellenberg and Marlette were the only hits for Redfield.

	R	H	E
Huron	002	000	5 7 3 2
Redfield	400	051	x 8 4 1

Prue, Mosching (1), Swenson (6), and Walz; Bentz, Siegling (7) and Booze.

Legion Ball Teams in

Five teams of Leagues 18-19 will begin play in the American Legion District Baseball Tournament Friday, July 19. The entire single-elimination tourney will be played at the Wessington ballpark.

Ed Carter, Redfield, is again the chairman of the tournament.

Redfield, which drew a first-round bye, will play the winner of the Northwestern-Conde game Saturday, July 20, at 8 p.m.

Conde and Northwestern will open tournament play Friday, July 19, at 8 p.m. Miller will play host to Wessington the following night, July 20, at 6 p.m., just prior to Redfield's first contest.

The championship game is set for Sunday evening, July 21, at 8 p.m.

Faulkton-Orient will compete in another district this year and Hitchcock will not field a team. Both were in last year's district tourney.

Some closely-contested ballgames are expected from this year's tourney as the field looks to be exceptionally strong. Redfield, the defending champion from last year, appears to be one of the favorites and should get a strong challenge from Northwestern or Conde. Miller and Wessington started slowly this year but have won some ballgames impressively in recent weeks. Each club boasts one or two top-flight pitchers which could spell trouble on any occasion.

Redfield boasts of a talented twosome in southpaw Randy Bentz and righthander Dana Coats. Northwestern has a pair of fine hurlers in Kim Peterson and Mike Wiedebush. Jeff Taylor, Terry Ellingson and Terry Gabriel head the Conde mound staff. Lyle Rowen, who has been chalking up strikeouts at a fast pace, is the ace of the Wessington team while Vern LaBau is Miller's mainstay.

Coach Don Hardie's Redfield team is a solid unit that features much tournament experience since nearly the entire squad returned from the state tournament last season. The infield is set with Steve Jones at first base, Denis Guenther at second, Daryl Muellenberg playing third base and Dana Coats handling the shortstop position when not pitching. Steve Betten, Steve Marlette and Scott Dawson handle the outfield chores with help from Jim Welke and Bernie Clemens. Tim Booze is the starting catcher with Terry Rohlf being another fine receiver. Besides Bentz and Coats, Reed Siegling and Kendall Swedeen have seen plenty of mound duty.

Redfield, which sports a fine record, has shown some lusty hitting during the year, along with steady defensive play.

The Conde Legion team, which defeated Redfield 2-1 during the season, has an excellent record this year. Along with his talented pitching trio, Coach Bruce Herman can put together a good-hitting lineup with Jeff Taylor, Terry Gabriel, Terry Ellingson, Kim Bruckner, Bruce Geary and Kim Bruckner providing most of the punch.

Northwestern, which meets Conde in an interesting first-game matchup, has been improving greatly towards the end of the season. The addition of Harley Zephier to the lineup, plus the strong hitting of Ron Seymour, Kim Peterson, Mike Wiedebush and Gene Smith, makes the Northville-based crew a strong contender in the tourney. A key to Northwestern's late-season surge was a doubleheader 9-2 and 7-6 win over Conde in the final games of the regular season. Redfield nipped Northwestern 2-0 in a late-season game.

Wessington has never been beaten this year with Lyle Rowen on the mound and could be troublesome playing on its home field. Miller has shown occasional batting prowess this

year but is plagued with leaky defensive play.

The winner of the tourney will advance to regional tournament competition in the Class "B" division.

District

Tourney at

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Conde Legion Team Wins

Conde's hustling American Legion baseball team came through with clutch performances on several occasions to win the District 18-19 Tournament Friday, Saturday and Sunday, July 19-20-21. The entire five-team event was played at the Wessington ballpark.

Coach Bruce Herman's Conde club came from behind to defeat host Wessington 4-3 in the championship game Sunday evening. In the semi-final match-up, the eventual champs overcame a Redfield lead in the last inning to win 6-5 in a thrilling contest. Conde disposed of season-long rivals Northwestern, 8-0, in the first-round contest Friday.

Wessington toppled Miller 5-3 in the semifinals to set up the championship tilt with Conde.

By winning the district title, Conde will advance to regional competition in the class "B" American Legion tournament ranks. The Conde team has won the District 18-19 crown two of the last three years. Redfield was the defending champion, having won its way into the state tournament last year.

Conde will enter the Region 3B Tourney at Eureka Friday, July 26. The double-elimination event will continue all weekend, with the victor entering the state tournament at Scotland.

Conde 4 — Wessington 3

After trailing 3-2 for much of the game, Conde came up with two runs in the top of the eighth inning to win the final contest over Wessington. Jeff Taylor, a steady performer during the entire tournament, clubbed a two-run triple to plate the winning runs in the eighth. Jerold Pfaff had reached first on a base hit and Kim Smith was aboard on an error before the big blow.

Conde moved to a 2-0 lead early in the contest as Terry Gabriel walked with one gone in the second inning and was followed with a single from Joe Henjum. Bob Grandpre punched a single to score both runners for the momentary lead.

Wessington rebounded for three runs in the bottom of the fifth and appeared to have the momentum to win the contest until Taylor delivered his big blow. Wessington took advantage

of three Conde errors in the fifth.

Gabriel was the winning pitcher as he relieved Taylor in the sixth frame. They combined for 16 strikeouts.

Workhorse Lyle Rowen was charged with the defeat. He relieved Bill Matthews in the eighth inning. Matthews took over for Alan Rex in the third frame.

Taylor had a single along with his triple to lead the Conde batters.

	R	H	E
Conde	020	000	020
Wessington	000	030	000
Taylor, Gabriel (6) and Ellingson; Rex, Matthews (3), Rowen (8) and Fritzsche.	4	9	4

Conde 6 — Redfield 5

The semi-final contest between Redfield and Conde fully lived up to its advance billing for thrills and excitement. The two clubs battled for the lead in the error-plagued nine innings until Conde came up with a pair of runs in the top half of the last frame to win 6-5.

Redfield had grabbed a 4-0 lead after four full innings of play, only to have Conde deadlock the game at 4-4 with three runs in the fifth inning and another in the sixth. Coach Don Hardie's Redfield team scored a run in the seventh to take a 5-4 lead and needed only to stop Conde for two more innings to win. However, Conde couldn't be halted, using the last inning rally for the victory.

Kim Smith led off the Conde ninth by reaching first on a throwing error. Terry Gabriel put men on first and second with a base on balls. Jeff Taylor flied to center for one out, but Terry Ellingson then lined a double down the leftfield line to score the two winning runs. Conde managed to load the bases with two outs but Dana Coats got the final batter on a strikeout. Conde hurler Taylor struck out the side to preserve the win in the last of the ninth.

In the first inning, Daryl Muellenberg scored Redfield's first run as he led off by laying down a perfect bunt and advanced to third on a steal and a wild pitch. Tim Booze was safe on a fielder's choice and Denis Guenther loaded the bases with a walk. Muellenberg scored on a passed ball but Redfield could not score again.

Redfield tallied three times in the fourth to take the 4-0 lead as Steve Jones led off by reaching first on an error. With two outs, Randy Bentz lined a single to left and Muellenberg lofted a flyball to leftfield that scored Jones and Bentz when the outfielder dropped the ball. Ken Swedeen

added another run by punching a liner into centerfield.

Four Redfield errors contributed to three Conde runs in the top of the fifth. Kurt Krall led off by reaching first on an error and Bruce Geary walked with no outs. Smith looped a fly ball to rightfield that was booted and then Gabriel doubled down the leftfield line to score the second and third runs when the return throw was off target. Henjum tied the score at 4-4 in the sixth when he singled and scored on three passed balls.

Redfield recaptured the lead in the last of the seventh with the use of the suicide squeeze play. Booze led off with a walk and eventually reached third base with one out. He then scored the go ahead run on the squeeze play when Dana Coats bunted successfully.

Redfield held off a Conde rally in the top of the eighth when Steve Betten made a great catch near the foul line fence for the final out of the inning. Conde didn't falter in its rally in the ninth.

Taylor was the winning pitcher in an outstanding relief job. He took over for starter Terry Ellingson in the fourth inning and limited Redfield to one run without a hit for the rest of the game. He recorded 12 strikeouts in the five and one-third innings while Ellingson had eight whiffs in his stint for a total of 20.

Redfield reliever Coats suffered the loss. He replaced starter Bentz in the sixth inning. Bentz started strongly and was in command until the fifth and sixth innings. The Redfield twosome combined to fan 17 Conde batters.

Joe Henjum was the leading Conde hitter with three singles while Terry Gabriel had a double and a single. Redfield managed five hits in the game.

	R	H	E
Conde	000	031	002
Redfield	100	300	100
Ellingson, Taylor (4) and Geary; Bentz, Coats (6) and Booze.	6	7	7

Conde 8 — Northwestern 0

Northwestern was erratic in the field, committing 11 errors, which contributed to its downfall in the first-round game. Conde took advantage of Northwestern's fielding problems and with the help of some six-hit pitching by Terry Gabriel nailed down the 8-0 win.

The winners scored single runs in the first and fourth innings and added two in the sixth, three in the seventh and one in the eighth.

A pair of errors accounted for the first inning tally and a Joe Henjum single drove in the run in the fourth inning.

Singles by Gabriel and Henjum

plated two runs in the sixth and base hits by Bruce Geary, Kim Smith and Henjum scored three in the seventh, with the help of three fielding miscues. Smith drove in the final run in the eighth.

Gabriel was backed by steady defensive play by Conde throughout the game. He fanned only two batters as Conde did the job in the field, committing just two errors.

Mike Wiedebush was the loser, going eight innings before giving way to Kim Peterson.

Joe Henjum was three-for-four and Kim Smith had two hits for Conde.

Tim Haselhorst had a single and double for Northwestern.

	R	H	E
Northwestern	000	000	000
Conde	100	102	310
Wiedebush, Peterson (8) and Krause; Gabriel and Ellingson.	0	6	11

District Tourney Title Sunday



Redfield Legion Team Posts 20-10 Record for 1974 Season

The 1974 season for the Redfield American Legion baseball team came to an abrupt halt Saturday evening, July 20, when the team was defeated by Conde in the second round of the American Legion District Baseball Tournament for Leagues 18-19. Conde came from behind with two runs in the top half of the ninth inning to edge Redfield 6-5 in the game played at Wessington.

The Redfield team compiled a record of 20 victories and 10 defeats for the 1974 season while playing almost half of its games

against teams from the strong Eastern South Dakota Conference.

Members of this year's Legion team included front row, from left: Jim Welke, Scott Dawson, Steve Marlette, Kendall Swedeen, Daryl Muellenberg, and Denis Guenther. Back row, from left: Don Hardie, coach; Tim Booze, Steve Jones, Reed Slegling, Steve Betten, Dana Coats, Randy Bentz, and Terry Rohlf. Team member Bernie Clemens was not present for the picture.

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