



DUTCH BASEBALL

ENDS BUSY STRETCH WITH THREE WINS

Second run

Carson Jager (32) of MOC-Floyd Valley rifled a single in this at bat on Monday, June 26, in the game in Orange City against Sheldon. Austin Oolman (4) came home for the second Dutch run. The Dutch downed the Orabs 6-1. Jager was 3-4 with two RBIs and two runs scored. (Photo by Doug Calsbeek)

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DES MOINES, ORANGE CITY – The MOC-Floyd Valley Dutch baseball team ended its marathon week with two wins on Saturday, June 24 against Solon and Waverly-Shell Rock at the Prange Classic in Des Moines. The Dutch then knocked off Sheldon on Monday, June 26 at home.

“The Prange Classic is one of the best tournaments in Iowa and it was fun to see some other teams from the East side of the state,” said MOC-Floyd Valley coach Brian Wede.

In the first game against the Solon Spartans, the Dutch gave up a run in the first and both teams had a run each in the fourth. MOC-Floyd Valley got a run in the fifth inning to tie it and MOC-Floyd Valley had four runs in the top of the seventh to win it.

“Solon has three of the best players in Iowa and it was a good win for us,” said Wede.

Blake Aalbers, Kael Arends and Brooks McCarty all had two hits with Arends getting two runs batted in with a single and a double. McCarty allowed two hits with three walks and five strikeouts to earn the win with two runs given up. Thomas Vandermyde went an inning and struck out one and didn’t allow a hit in the final inning.

“Brooks McCarty did a great job on the mound and Thomas Vandermyde finished the deal after we scored four in the seventh. The bottom of our order did a really good job and got on base a lot,” said Wede.

The Dutch then faced the Waverly Shell-Rock Go-Hawks and scored five in the second and one in the third for a 6-0 lead. MOC-Floyd Valley did give up two in the fifth but answered with three and held on to win 9-5. Arends and Nikolai Wede each had two hits and Wede had two runs batted in. Carson Jager had a triple and knocked in two runs and scored two.

“We were able to put some pressure on them early with bunts and steals that helped to lead to five runs in the second,” said Wede.

Kooper Huss pitched four and two-third innings with four hits, two runs allowed and three walks and had five strikeouts. Blake Aalbers pitched an inning and two-thirds and struck out three with no hits allowed.

“Blake Aalbers came in relief and did a really nice job in a pressure situation to close out the game and the nine-game week,” said Wede.

Monday night the Dutch started the new week with a 6-1 win over Sheldon. The Dutch went up 3-0 after two innings and led 4-1 after four innings before stretching the lead to 6-1 with two runs in the sixth inning.

Carson Jager had three singles and two runs batted in with two runs scored and Wede had a single and double with two runs scored. Kooper Huss had a single and double and two runs scored. Wede went four and two-third innings and struck out six with a run allowed and one hit given up. Kaleb Koerselman and Braden Konz went an inning and a third and an inning respectively with Koerselman allowed a hit and Konz didn’t give up a hit.

The Dutch are 22-7 this season and will face Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley on Wednesday night, Sergeant Bluff Luton on Friday and Sioux Center on Monday, July 3.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Sheldon	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
MOC-Floyd Valley	1	2	0	1	0	2	0	6

Hitting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
Athlete							
Carson Jager	4	2	3	2	0	0	.750
Nikolai Wede	3	0	2	2	1	0	.667
Kaleb Koerselman	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Kael Arends	3	0	1	1	0	0	.333
Blake Aalbers	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Luke Korver	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Dylan Maasdam	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Brooks McCarty	3	1	1	1	0	0	.333
Austin Solsma	3	1	1	0	0	0	.333
Kooper Huss	3	2	2	0	0	0	.667
Braden Konz	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	29	6	10	6	1	2	.345

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W
Athlete							
Nikolai Wede	4.2	1	1	1	2	6	1
Kaleb Koerselman	1.1	1	0	0	1	2	0
Braden Konz	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Totals	7	2	1	1	4	9	-

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
MOC-Floyd Valley	0	0	0	1	1	0	4	6
Solon	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2

Hitting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
Athlete							
Carson Jager	5	0	1	0	0	2	.200
Nikolai Wede	4	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Austin Solsma	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kaleb Koerselman	3	2	1	0	1	0	.333
Thomas Vandermyde	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Blake Aalbers	4	1	2	0	0	1	.500
Luke Korver	4	0	0	1	0	1	.000
Braylon Van Gelder	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Kael Arends	3	0	2	2	1	0	.667
Jake Tapper	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Brooks McCarty	4	0	2	0	0	1	.500
Dylan Maasdam	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Braden Konz	3	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Kooper Huss	2	0	1	1	1	0	.500
Austin Oolman	0	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	32	6	9	4	3	6	.281

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W
Athlete							
Thomas Vandermyde	1.0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Brooks McCarty	6.0	2	2	2	3	5	1
Totals	7	2	2	2	3	6	-

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	T
Waverly-Shell Rock	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	5
MOC-Floyd Valley	0	5	1	0	3	0	0	9

Hitting	AB	R	H	RBI	BB	SO	AVG
Athlete							
Carson Jager	2	2	1	2	1	0	.500
Nikolai Wede	2	1	2	2	0	0	1.000
Kaleb Koerselman	3	0	1	0	1	1	.333
Blake Aalbers	4	0	1	1	0	2	.250
Luke Korver	4	1	0	0	0	1	.000
Kael Arends	4	0	2	0	0	0	.500
Austin Solsma	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Brooks McCarty	3	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Thomas Vandermyde	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Braden Konz	1	2	0	0	2	0	.000
Kooper Huss	1	0	1	1	0	0	1.000
Austin Oolman	1	3	1	1	0	0	1.000
Dylan Maasdam	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	25	9	9	7	4	5	.360

Pitching	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	W
Athlete							
Blake Aalbers	1.2	0	0	0	0	3	0
Thomas Vandermyde	0.2	2	3	2	2	1	0
Kooper Huss	4.2	4	2	2	3	5	1
Totals	7	6	5	4	5	9	-

SCOREBOARD

Baseball

- Knights 0, Gehlen Catholic 2
- Dutch 6, Sheldon 1
- Knights 6, Sioux Central 3
- 2023 Prange Classic
 - Dutch 9, Waverly-Shell Rock 5
 - Dutch 6, Solon 2
 - Dutch 4, Storm Lake 9
 - Knights 5, West Sioux 2
 - Dutch 13, George-Little Rock 2 (five innings)
 - Dutch 12, George-Little Rock 2 (six innings)
 - Dutch 16, Sibley-Ocheyedan 0 (four innings)
 - Knights 0, Gehlen Catholic 11 (five innings)
 - Dutch 6, West Delaware 5
 - Knights 2, Sioux Center 4
 - Dutch 10, Western Christian 0 (five innings)

Softball

- Knights 7, Gehlen Catholic 1
- Dutch 10, Sheldon 0
- Knights 1, Ridgeview 0
- Spencer Tournament
 - Dutch 1, Le Mars 2
 - Dutch 11, Denison-Schleswig 2
 - Knights 10, Western Christian 12
 - Dutch 12, George-Little Rock 2 (five innings)
 - Dutch 16, George-Little Rock 1 (five innings)
 - Knights 7, Gehlen Catholic 4
 - Dutch 3, Sibley-Ocheyedan 5
 - Knights 0, Sioux Center 1
 - Dutch 5, Western Christian 7



Monte Tilgner

Award celebrates years of coaching girls' golf

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ORANGE CITY — Monte Tilgner was inducted into the Iowa High School Golf Coaches Hall of Fame at a luncheon ceremony at Veenker Memorial Golf Course in Ames on Monday, June 19.

The award follows 26 years of coaching girls golf at MOC-Floyd Valley Community School District. Tilgner coached the team from 1994 through 2019.

The Dutch made 14 state appearances as a team in those years, placing as runner-up four times, twice placing third. Individuals qualified for state play four times when the team did not qualify.

Other team landmarks Tilgner noted included 20 Siouxland Conference championships, including 17 straight conference championships from 2000 through 2017, 31 consecutive conference wins from 2007 through 2011 and 27 straight conference wins from 2014 through 2017.

Tilgner notched a career record at MOC-Floyd Valley of 1,965 wins and 182 losses.

Tilgner noted two students who went on to notice in the sport. Mikkell (Korver) Baker was individual state champion in 2000 and 2001 and was elected to the Iowa Golf Coaches Association Players Hall of Fame in 2013. Mallory Simmelink is now a PGA professional and club pro at Landsmeer Golf Course in Orange City. “I had a long career and had many very good players who were willing to listen and put in a great amount of time and effort,” Tilgner said, “leading to a very successful program.”

Tilgner was inducted with fellow coaches Toni Dickey of Ankeny, Bill Alexander of Okoboji, Tracy Johnson of Valley, Tim O'Brien of Cedar Rapids Xavier and Teri Taylor of Maquoketa.

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