

**Home Talent**

# The Nanstad of old

It was the Mike Nanstad of old.

The veteran right-hander threw 144 pitches in the Albion Tigers' 5-2 win over the Evansville Jays in a Southeast Section game Sunday afternoon at Albion Park.

In his complete-game performance, Nanstad had the look of the right-hander who was the Southeast Section's most valuable player in 2009 and the winner of the Kendall Murray Award as the Home Talent League's top pitcher in 2007.

"It was a typical Mike outing of five years ago," said Albion manager Ben Towns. "Mike felt better as the game progressed. He had more pop in the eighth and ninth innings than he did early in the game."

Evansville managed to get 10 hits off the hard-throwing Nanstad, who struck out seven while walking two.

But he blanked the Jays until they scored two runs and they scored their only two runs in the seventh inning.

Because of the heat, Towns was hoping to get five or six good innings out of Nanstad.

But the Tigers never had to make a change on the mound.

"Mike was cruising," Towns said. "He was around the plate all day. He never got himself in trouble."

Sparked by Nanstad's iron-man performance, Albion improved to 10-3 while Evansville dropped to 1-12 in the Southeast Section's West Division.

The Tigers remained in third place in

the West, which is led by Stoughton at 12-1. Utica is second at 11-2.

Aaron Laskowski staked the Tigers to a 1-0 lead in the first inning when he singled, was bunted to second base by Ben Everson and scored when Adam Gregory lined a single into left field.

The lead became 3-0 in the third inning.

Tyler Oren tripled to right field and scored on a single to right by Marty Johnson.

Yet another single to right field by Isaac Hanson moved Johnson to third base, where he would score from a wild pitch.

Albion pushed across another run in the fourth inning when Everson walked, raced to third base on a double to right-center field by Gregory and scored on a sacrifice fly to deep center field by Kyle Johnson.

The Tigers opened up a 6-0 lead in the sixth inning on a sacrifice fly with the bases loaded by Oren.

"We hit enough today," Towns said.

With three weeks to go in the regular season, Albion will return to Southeast Section play with a key game against the Utica Association Sunday at Albion Park at 2 p.m.

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Rasmussen and Moves; Nanstad and K. Johnson,  
Leading hitters--Weidel (E) 2x3, Maves (E) 2x4, Gregory (A) 3x5, Laskowski (A) 2x5,  
2B--Gregory (A), 3B--Oren (A),  
SO--Rasmussen (E) 4, Nanstad (A) 7, BB--Rasmussen 4, Nanstad 2,  
W--Nanstad, L--Rasmussen.

**Night League**

# A 'stinker' for Tigers

Matt Towns called it a stinker, and for the most part, it was that kind of a night for the Albion Tigers.

The only good thing about Thursday's 13-0 five-inning loss to the Fort Atkinson Generals, is that Albion is still in good position to earn a Night League playoff spot with two weeks to go in the regular season.

"We had a bad day against a really good team," Towns said.

The loss dropped the host Tigers to 5-2 in the Night League's Eastern Section. That put them in a second-place tie with Cottage Grove.

Jefferson leads the section at 6-0, while Fort Atkinson is 3-2 with two rain-out games to make up.

The top three teams in each of the Night League's five sections qualify for the playoffs. There will also be a wild card team that fills the 16th spot.

The Night League playoffs begin the first week in August.

Teams that finish first or second in their respective sections will play their first playoff games at home.

Albion's next Night League game will be against Marshall (4-3) on Friday at Race Track Park (7:30 p.m.) as part of Edgerton's Tobacco Heritage Days festivities.

The following week the Tigers will close out the Night League regular season at Waterloo.

Albion can clinch at least a third-place finish in the Eastern Section with a win over Marshall Friday.

"We are sitting in a good position

for a playoff spot," Towns said.

But then again, that was about the only thing good that came out of Thursday's loss to Fort Atkinson.

Andrew Holzli had a run-scoring single in the first inning and then ripped a two-run double in the second as Fort Atkinson opened up a 7-0 lead.

Dan Dean and Sam Hartwick also had RBI singles for the Generals in the second inning.

Jason Kollwelter drove in a run with a sacrifice fly as the lead grew to 9-0 in the fourth inning.

Dean and Tyler Sexton both singled in runs as part of a four-run fifth inning.

Josh Crandall also plated a run in the fifth with a sacrifice fly.

Albion had base runners in every inning, including two in both the second and third, but did not score.

The Tigers' biggest threat came in the fourth inning. After Isaac Hanson and Lars Olstad both singled, Tyler Oren hit a rocket to right field that Armando Bouton was able to run down and make the catch.

"We could not get anyone to third base," Towns said. "We had a little life. We just did not lay down."

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Holzli, Crandall (5) and Sexton; Wileman, DeVoll (4) and Hanson.

Leading hitters--Hartman (FA) 2x3, Sexton (FA) 2x3, Hartwick (FA) 2x3, Dean (FA) 2x4,  
2B--Hartmann (FA), Sexton (FA), Holzli (FA),  
SO--Holzli (FA) 4, Wileman (A) 5, DeVoll (A) 3, BB--Holzli 2, Wileman 7, DeVoll 1.

**Baseball**

# Juniors' rally comes up short

A late rally by Edgerton's junior summer baseball team came up short in an 8-7 loss to Jefferson here Friday.

Edgerton rallied from a 7-1 deficit by scoring five runs in the sixth inning. Both teams scored a run in the seventh inning.

"Our defense kept us in it until our bats came alive," said Edgerton coach Tom Klubertanz.

The loss evened Edgerton's record at 2-2.

Jefferson snapped a 1-1 tie by scoring three runs in both the fourth and fifth innings.

Edgerton had tied the game with a run in the third inning.

Matthew Klubertanz singled and scored from second base on a single by Charlie Hatlin.

Edgerton scored its five runs in the sixth despite having only one hit in the inning, which was a two-run single by Grant Carson.

Edgerton took advantage of five walks and a hit batter in the inning

while pulling within 7-6.

Jefferson extended its lead to 8-6 with a run in the top of the seventh inning.

Edgerton matched that with a run of its own in the home half of the seventh inning but could not get the tying or go-ahead runs across.

Clayton Klubertanz was hit by a pitch and was able to score all the way from second base on an infield single by Jake Taylor.

Klubertanz was actually in the process of stealing third base on the pitch to Taylor and was able to round the bag and score.

However, the game ended with Edgerton having the tying run on base.

"We got behind and kept fighting," Tom Klubertanz said. "We did not give up."

"It was our game to win in the seventh. We just did not get it done."

Edgerton's juniors will return to action Thursday with a road game against Watertown Prepside.

# Alumni softball game set for Friday

Edgerton High's annual alumni softball game will be played Friday night at Racetrack Park.

The first pitch will be thrown at 6 p.m. in an event that is held as part of Edgerton's Tobacco Heritage Days celebration each year.

Crimson Tide coach Tony DeWar expects about 20 alumni players will take their gloves, bats and cleats out of moth balls.

"Hopefully we will have enough to fill a couple of teams," he said.

**PGA Golf**

# Stricker falls out of contention

SILVAS, Ill.—Things went south for Steve Stricker in the final round of the John Deere Classic.

Stricker was only one shot back after firing a 7-under 64 that included eight birdies in Saturday's third round.

However, he did not have any birdies on Sunday until the 16th and 17th holes.

The Edgerton native closed with a 72 and dropped nine spots on the leader board, finishing in a tie for 11th at 15-under 269.

Brian Harman, a 27-year-old in his third season on the PGA Tour, closed with a 5-under 66 and finished at 22-under 262, which was good for

a one-shot win over Zach Johnson.

Stricker fell off the pace set by Harman on the front nine and then fell off the leader board with a double-bogey on the par-3 12th hole.

He parred his first 11 holes on Sunday before picking up the double-bogey 5 on the 215-yard 12th hole after his approach shot ended up in high brush located behind and below the green.

He also bogeyed the par-4 15th hole before logging consecutive birdies on 16 and 17.

A three-time winner of the John Deere Classic, Stricker earned \$112,800.

He is 116 under par in his last 23

rounds at TPC Deere Run, including his victories in 2009, 2010 and 2011.

He finished strong on the way to shooting his 64 during Saturday's third round that lifted him into second place, just one shot behind Brian Harman.

Stricker's round included eight birdies and one bogey.

He was 4-under on the front nine with birdies on Nos. 3, 5, 8 and 9.

He then had a streak of bogey-free holes ending at 24 with a 5 on the par-4 11th, but rallied with birdies on 12, 14, 17 and 18.

Harman had two eagles in a 6-under 65 on Saturday.

Stricker, who was making his

ninth start of the season, opened the tournament with a 68 on Thursday.

He was 3-under on the front nine that started with a birdie on the second hole followed by a bogey on the third. He then put together birdies on 5, 6 and 8.

Stricker played the back nine in even par with two birdies being nullified by a pair of bogeys.

Stricker followed that with a 65 on Friday, coming out on fire with birdies on Nos. 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8. He also had birdies on 10 and 14.

His only bogey that day was on the par-4 13th hole.



The Edgerton 12-and-under baseball team captured the championship in its own tournament played on June 7. Edgerton defeated Orfordville 15-0, Stoughton 7-4 and Milton 6-4 in the pool-play championship game.

Members of the team are, first row: Jonah Doll, Cole Bavery, Kadin Kleman, Nolan Fox and Ben Stockwell. Second row: Reed Farrington, Ben Wileman, Brian Rusch, Skyler Gullickson, Brice Christianson and Sam Hessian. Third row: coaches Chris Wileman, Daryl Fox and Troy Rusch.

**Baseball**

# Lucas Gregory no-hits Evansville on July 7

Pitching was the name of the game for Edgerton's senior summer baseball team.

Lucas Gregory started things off by pitching a no-hitter in Edgerton's 5-0 win over Evansville on July 7.

Jake Taylor and Jake Zeimet then combined on a four-hitter in Edgerton's 12-3 win over Whitewater on Thursday.

The two victories moved Edgerton to 7-1 in the Southern Division of the Rock River Senior Legion League.

Edgerton is in first place with a road game remaining against Jefferson tonight at Fischer Field (8 p.m.).

Evansville had only three base runners against Gregory, one coming on a walk and the other two the result of Edgerton errors.

No one reached second base against

the left-hander.

"His ball had a lot of pop to it the entire game," said Edgerton coach Mark Gregory. "He got stronger after the third inning, which was nice to see."

Mark Gregory said his son was able to settle in and trust his pitches and locations.

Lucas Gregory and catcher Clayton Klubertanz were in sync the entire game.

Mark Gregory said Klubertanz has come a long ways in calling a game, including picking up on what pitchers are throwing well and understanding locations at different counts.

No-hitters are typically backed up by outstanding defensive plays, and that was the case in the fifth inning when Zeimet went deep in the hole at short-

stop to field a ground ball and then threw the runner out at first base from his knees.

Lucas Gregory got all the offensive support he needed when Brennan Deegan singled in the first inning and scored on a Zeimet double.

Sam Reilly made it 2-0 in the second inning when he singled, moved to third base on a Klubertanz single and scored on a wild pitch.

Stephen Gausman's bases-loaded double was the big blow in a three-run sixth inning for Edgerton.

Both Taylor and Zeimet had not pitched in more than 10 days, so it took some time to settle in. But once they did, both controlled the plate against Whitewater on Thursday.

"Both were very sharp with their

breaking balls," Mark Gregory said.

Gregory said his team was inconsistent at the plate despite scoring 12 runs in that game.

But Edgerton was able to put pressure on Whitewater with its base running and had six stolen bases in the game.

Edgerton jumped on top early by scoring three runs in the first inning and two more in the second.

Ethan Fox and Klubertanz both doubled in runs in the first inning, while Zeimet doubled in two runs in the second.

Reilly singled in a run in the fourth inning, and Edgerton added two more runs in the fifth.

Fox also singled in a run in the sixth inning, as did Gregory in the seventh.

**Softball**

# Edgertons Riptide softball team gets a split

The Edgerton Riptide got two outstanding pitching performances in splitting a doubleheader on July 7.

Anna Farrington threw the first gem, giving up only three in a 2-1 loss to Beloit. Both of Beloit's runs were unearned.

Maddie Kleinschmidt, who will be an incoming freshman at Edgerton High, allowed only one hit in a 22-0 win over Deerfield in a game that was called after five innings.

The Riptide is 1-2 in the Janesville High School Summer League.

In addition to yielding only three hits, Farrington struck out seven and walked two against Beloit, which took advantage of an Edgerton error to score two unearned runs in the second inning when Farrington recorded three of her strikeouts.

"She pitched a really nice game," said Edgerton coach Tony DeWar. "She gave up two runs on an error. She should have been out of that inning."

The Riptide also scored its only run in the top of the second inning.

And it was Farrington who scored the run after leading off the inning with a single.

She came around to score on a single by Sydney Zimmerman.

Those two also combined for all four of the hits for Edgerton, which stranded

four runners at second base and one at third.

"We had opportunities," DeWar said. "Nobody stepped up and drove in runs."

The only hit off Kleinschmidt against Deerfield was a second-inning single.

She struck out four and walked one. "She has got a lot of movement on her pitches," DeWar said. "She is learning how to pitch on the corners and change speeds. I think she will have a lot of success down the line."

Kleinschmidt was able to relax after

her team sent 17 batters to the plate and exploded for 11 runs in the top of the first inning.

In addition to collecting five hits in the inning, the Riptide capitalized on four walks and two hit batters.

Kleinschmidt, Farrington and Molly McNett all had two-run singles in the inning.

Edgerton added two runs in the second inning and four more in the third.

Kellan Schmidt drove in the third in the third inning with a bases-loaded dou-

ble.

Zimmerman also doubled in a run in the inning.

The Riptide capped the scoring with five runs in the fifth inning, which was highlighted by Abby DeWar's RBI single.

Another run scored when Molly McNett walked with the bases loaded.

Megan McNett, Schmidt and Zimmerman each had three hits in the game for Edgerton. Farrington and Zimmerman both added two hits.

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