

## ***Outlaws win Gillette Tourney***

### **From the Miles City Outlaw Baseball Club**

The Miles City Outlaws, 34-20, continued their season by winning the Hargens/Leisy Legion Tournament in Gillette last week.

The Outlaws traveled to Gillette with just nine players.

In game one of pool play, the Outlaws faced the host team Gillette Rustlers on Thursday night. The Outlaws jumped on the Rustlers early and often to win 14-4. The game was a five-inning mercy rule-shortened affair.

Brac Warren picked up the win on the mound for the Outlaws, allowing just two hits and no earned runs while striking out five in his three innings of work. Jared Harden working the last two innings, allowing one earned run while striking out three.

The Outlaw offense was led by Jeff Vancleave's three hits and three RBI, including a double and a triple. Nelson Walker also tripled and drove in two runs, while Harden led the game off with a triple and added a double in the third inning. Warren and Aaron Roble each had two hits and two RBI for the Outlaws, as all nine players had at least one hit.

Friday morning the Outlaws picked up their second win of pool play by beating Rapid City 6-4. Gavin Ueland picked up the win on the mound, working five innings and allowing two earned runs while striking out three. Walker worked the last two innings to pick up the save.

The Outlaw offense was held off the scoreboard until the bottom of the fifth. They entered the fifth trailing 4-0 but plated six runs with back-to-back walks to Roble and Zach Allen and a RBI-single by Marty Etchemendy, followed by back-to-back triples by Westin Davies that scored two and Walker that scored one. Warren had a two-RBI single to plate the last two runs of the inning.

Saturday morning the Outlaws played their third pool game of the tournament against Sheridan.

With a win, the Outlaws would guarantee their spot in the semi-finals. The offense plated four runs in the top half of the first inning, and that proved to be the difference in a 10-6 win.

Davies, Vancleave, Warren and Allen all drove in two runs, while Etchemendy and Ueland each had RBI singles as the Outlaws out-hit Sheridan 10-5. Etchemendy worked six and a third innings of five-hit ball to pick up the win. He allowed only three earned runs and struck out eight.

The Outlaws faced Billings in the second semi-final game Saturday night and earned their fourth win of the weekend with a 7-2 victory. Jeff Vancleave went the route for the win on the mound for the Outlaws. Vancleave scattered eight hits, strike out three and did not allow an earned run to score. He helped his cause at the plate as well by collecting three hits and driving in two runs.

Gavin Ueland drove in two runs with a double in the fourth inning that put the Outlaws up 4-0. Roble and Etchemendy each added RBI singles in the sixth and seventh innings.

With the win, the Outlaws next faced the Rapid City Post 22 Bullets, who were also 4-0 on the weekend.

The Outlaws sent Nelson Walker to the mound for the championship games, and he pitched a complete game, winning 8-1. Walker struck out 10 and walked two while giving up one unearned run. The Outlaws scored in the bottom of the first on a perfectly executed squeeze by Davies and a RBI single by Warren.

The Outlaws put the game out of reach in the bottom of the third with six runs on six hits. Walker, Vancleave and Warren all singled. Ueland walked to score the first run, Roble singled to right to drive in a run, and Allen tripled to drive in three runs and push the score to 7-1. Harden drove in the last run of the inning for the Outlaws to make it 8-1. Walker and the defense did the rest as they earned the championship win.

"We only had nine guys this weekend, and they played tough, stuck together and played winning baseball," said Coach Monty Frare, "and that's what we expect of this group of young men. They made Miles City proud."

The Outlaws will be in Casper over the weekend for the league championship. They open up with the host team Casper Cardinals on Friday night at 7. Fans can follow the game by visiting the Outlaw Baseball Website at [www.outlawbaseballclub.com](http://www.outlawbaseballclub.com).