

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager Girls' Golf	3 p.m. April 26 vs. Elk Point at home	and	9 a.m. April 29 at home
Tanager Baseball	6 p.m. April 25 vs. Lennox at home	and	6 p.m. April 28 at Wagner
Tanager Tennis	2 p.m. April 26 at home (boys)	and	4 p.m. April 28 at Mitchell
Tanager Track	4 p.m. April 26 at Dakota Valley	and	4 p.m. April 28 at Yankton

BLUFFS BULLETIN

SENIORS ENJOY WARM TEMPERATURES

For the second session on April 19, weather was very pleasant. In a three-man scramble format this week, the best score was the team of Turk Pilker, Gary Prasek and Don Baer at 35. Pilker thrilled his teammates with a 15-yard chip in at #2 for a birdie. Coming in for second place with a 37 was Ross King, Dick Kellogg and Vern Holter.

A two-person team playing in the three-man mode was Max Anderson and Bob Lund and they captured third place with another 37. The difference between second and third places determined by the handicap holes. The turnout for this second week was 14, which is exactly the same as the first week.

Tanager baseball to host Lennox Monday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

High school baseball joined the postponements list along with the other spring sports last weekend.

Vermillion's JV doubleheader at Dakota Valley Saturday morning and a varsity/JV twinbill at Lennox scheduled for Sunday both were called off due to weather conditions or unplayable field conditions.

After an 8-7 win over Yankton last Wednesday, the Tanagers stand even at 1-1 against their nextdoor neighbors and rivals. In South Dakota high school play against regional opponents VHS stood at 2-3 heading into a scheduled game at Canton on Wednesday of this week.

The Tanagers will take the Easter weekend off but hope nice weather remains on Monday for home games against Lennox. The varsity will play at 6 p.m., followed by the JVs at about 8. Next Thursday Vermillion is slated for a varsity-only game at 6 p.m. at Wagner.

VAST awards recognize swimmers' efforts

Vermillion Area Swim Team recently recognized three swimmers for their efforts in the previous season. Those recognized were Anna Van Holland, Maddie Lavin and Isabel Telleria.

Anna Van Holland Hardest Worker

Anna joined the swim team just over a year ago and saw tremendous improvement not only in the last year, but really in the last 3 months. Both Mel and I attributed it to her dedication to swimming: coming to practice most every day and working really hard. She narrowly missed qualifying to the Tri State Championships this year, quite the accomplishment for someone who just started a year ago.

Maddie Lavin Most Valuable Swimmer

Maddie was our consistent event winner at every meet we went to this year. According to our records, she scored more

points than any other swimmer on the team this season. Her work ethic in practice translates into the pool each meet, making her a fierce competitor in every event at every meet. Maddie was an individual state champion this year in four events along with winning the 100 yard butterfly at the Midwest Regional meet in Minneapolis earlier this month.

Isabel Telleria Most Improved Swimmer

Isabel turned 9 years old during this season and with that found the challenge of swimming in a faster age group. Last year was easy for Isabel to swim well in meets, but this year, at first, it was a struggle. At the South Dakota B/C meet in February, in her last attempt to qualify to the South Dakota State Swimming Championships, Isabel dropped nearly 8 seconds in the 100 yard freestyle to earn an automatic qualification to the meet.



Pictured are Anna Van Holland, VAST Coach Mike Moran, Maddie Lavin, Coach Melanie Mahowald and Isabel Telleria.

Vermillion track athletes qualify for state meet events

By Parker Knox
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Vermillion track and field athletes qualified for next month's state meet in two relay events and three individual events as the Tanagers competed at the Canton Relays on April 12.

The Tanager boys accumulated 95.5 points to finish second behind Tea Area's 97 among eight participating teams. Vermillion's girls had 50.3 points for fifth place.

Next on the agenda, weather permitting, will be the rescheduled Dakota Valley meet at North Sioux City next Tuesday and the Yankton Quarterback Club meet next Thursday.

The Tanager boys 4x200 relay team continues its successful season with a first-place time of 1:33.8 at the Canton meet, surpassing the qualifying standard for the state meet in the process. Aaron Ruhaak, Brenden Raizola, Colin Olson and Cody Olson toured the course for Vermillion, edging second-

place Tea Area by 1.3 seconds.

Cody Olson won the 200-meter dash in a state-qualifying time of :22.8. Three teammates, Raizola, Colin Olson, and Ruhaak were third, fourth and fifth respectively in :23.6., :23.6 and :23.7.

The other Vermillion victory in boys events was Ruhaak's run of :51.9 to break the tape in the 400-meter dash. Right on his heels were Cody Olson, second in :52.2, and Colin Olson, third in :52.7.

Austin Krier and Tanner Anderson gave VHS a second/third finish in the 800-meter run in respective times of 2:09.0 and 2:11.7. Other Tanager boys who placed at Canton included Will Mart, third in the discus at 136'6" and third in the shot put at 43'2"; Nate Ford, fifth in the 3200 in 12:03.7; Alex Robertson, fifth in the high jump at 5'5"; Andrew Kost, fifth in the 300-meter hurdles in :46.0; and Dylan Fischback, whose times in wheelchair events were :21.2 in the 100 and 3:44.7 in the 800. Vermillion relay teams were third in the 4x800 in 9:04.8

and fifth in the 4x100 in :48.2.

Vermillion's girls medley relay team won their event in 1:33.8. In so doing, Megan Olson, Courtney Johnson, Janani Ragathoman and Blair Gilkyson assured themselves of a spot at the state meet.

Gilkyson also qualified individually when she won the 1600-meter run in 5:31.3.

Beth Szymonski will be making a state meet trip as well, having won the shot put at 36'9" to surpass the qualifying standard distance.

Szymonski also placed second in the discus event with a throw of 112'8". Morgan Hower was sixth in the 3200 in 14:47.2, and Mackenzie Huber tied for sixth in the 100-meter hurdles in :18.1.

In other girls relays VHS was fifth in the 4x100 in :54.4, third in the 4x200 in 1:55.3, sixth in the 4x400 in 4:39.3 and fifth in the 4x800 in 11:24.2.

Tanager tracksters were scheduled to go to a meet at Lennox last Thursday, but that one was called off due to weather conditions.

Tanager golfers place 5th at Two Rivers

By Parker Knox
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Squeezing in some golf between raindrops and snowflakes is a challenge these days, but 10 girls teams were able to play at the Dakota Valley Invitational on the Two Rivers course last Tuesday before bad weather came in later in the week.

Parkston, the only team with no golfer scoring in triple digits, won the team title with a 345 score. Vermillion placed fifth with a 376.

Kelly Amundson of the Tanagers played the course in 89 strokes, good for ninth place individually. Ellen Brown had a 92 for 12th place.

Kenzie Huska carded a 94, Elly Miller a 101 and Alison Heine a 103.

Canton's Kylie Gaughenbaugh with a 75 earned medalist honors. Parkston's Jordan Bormann was second with a 79.

Coach Kirk Hogen's Tanagers were scheduled to play Monday and Tuesday of this week, first at home against Lennox and then at West Central, but both of those contests were weathered out and possibly will not be rescheduled.

With any luck at all the Tanagers will host their own invitational tournament next Friday, April 29, at The Bluffs at 9 a.m.

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