

Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Softball hosts Western Illinois University	All Day April 27	USD Softball hosts Western Illinois University	All Day April 28
VHS Girls Golf Invite at home	9 a.m. April 27	VHS Boys Tennis at Brookings	10 a.m. April 28
VHS Boys Tennis hosts Sioux Falls Roosevelt	4 p.m. April 27	Vermillion Baseball at Bon Homme, Tabor	4 p.m. April 29
Vermillion Baseball hosts Beresford	5 p.m. April 27		

BLUFFS BULLETIN

ATTENTION LADIES:

Everyone is welcome to our Wednesday morning Golf and Games at The Bluffs. There is always fun, games and a great luncheon.

It starts Wednesday, May 2. Golf at 9 a.m. - please be 10-15 minutes early to line up players. New golfers are also welcome.

Luncheon is furnished by Cherry Street Grille at noon. Card games and dominoes to follow.

Come for fun and great friendships. See you at The Bluffs!

MEN'S SENIOR GOLF FUN LEAGUE

Twenty-one golfers played on a warm sunny Tuesday. Seven three-man teams competed for the lowest score.

Elmer Mount, Alan Clem and Ray Lynn tied the team of Max Anderson, Gary Prasek and Jerry Sandy with a score of 38, but won on a tie-breaker.

Two teams also tied at 39, but the team of Ross King, Ken Beringer and Jim Reed won on a tie-breaker over the team of Sid Davis, Don Baer and Pat Boyle.

No one reported a long putt this week, while last week Vern Holter sank a 27-foot birdie putt on #12 and teammate Don Baer sank a 31-foot putt on #16.

Come and join us at The Bluffs at 1 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Coyote football changes game times

Four home games rescheduled for S.D. high school championships

University of South Dakota Director of Athletics David Saylor announced Tuesday that the game times for the four home games in the DakotaDome will kick-off at 2 p.m., with the exception of the Northern Iowa game on Nov. 10 (noon) due to the South Dakota high school football championships in the DakotaDome.

The season begins with the trip to Montana on Sept. 1 at 2:30 p.m. CST. The Coyotes then return home to host Colgate in the Hall of Fame game at 2 p.m., Sept. 8 in the DakotaDome. After the bye week, the Coyotes travel to Big Ten Conference member Northwestern on Sept. 22 with the time of that game still to be determined by the Big Ten Network.

"We feel moving our regular kick time to 2 p.m. makes sense both from an attendance and gameday standpoint," Saylor said. "Coyote fans now will be able to tailgate in Coyote Tailgate Nation from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to kickoff, and then enjoy all Vermillion has to offer following the games."

Following the Northwestern game, South Dakota begins its first season in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with a pair of home games at 2 p.m., beginning Sept. 29 with Illinois State, followed by an Oct. 6 matchup with Western Illinois for DakotaDays. From there, the Coyotes travel to Missouri State on Oct. 13 for a 1 p.m. start.

The Coyotes then host defending FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) National Champion North Dakota State at 6 p.m. on

Oct. 20 in Sioux Falls at the newly renovated Howard Wood Field. It will be the first game, and exactly five years to the date, since the last time the Coyotes played at Howard Wood Field. USD downed Augustana College on Oct. 20, 2007, 38-17.

Trips to Indiana State (Oct. 27, 1:05 p.m. CST) and Youngstown State (Nov. 3, 12 p.m. CST) follow the NDSU game. The Coyotes close the home slate versus Northern Iowa for Senior Day on Nov. 10 at 12 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

The highly anticipated close to the 2012 regular season comes on Nov. 17 in Brookings as the Coyotes and the South Dakota State Jackrabbits renew their rivalry at 2 p.m. It will be the first meeting on the gridiron between the two teams since 2003 and the first meeting in Brookings since 2002.

Season tickets for the five home games, which includes the North Dakota State game in Sioux Falls, are on sale now in the Coyote Ticket Office or by calling (605) 677-5959. Coyote fans are encouraged to get their season tickets now to help ensure a good seat in the DakotaDome and at Howard Wood Field to "Spread the Red" in both venues.

Season ticket prices are \$104. USD Faculty/Staff tickets are \$89, while the Family Four Pack is \$260.

The Coyote Ticket Office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the DakotaDome. Single game tickets (including the NDSU game) go on sale Aug. 1.

Coyotes help celebrate Earth Day at Austin Elementary

Members of the Coyote football team help celebrate Earth Day at Austin Elementary

With spring practice complete, members of the University of South Dakota football team stepped away from gridiron Monday and helped the community of Vermillion and Austin Elementary School be a little more green in celebration of Earth Day.

"We all had a great time today with all the kids at Austin Elementary," sophomore Tyler Starr said. "It always feels good when you can contribute to making a campus more green."

Starr and the Coyotes helped celebrate the 42nd year of Earth Day, which officially was recognized Sunday, by helping the first-graders at Austin Elementary School plant flowers and other various plants on the school's campus Monday morning.

Tanager baseball faces Beresford/Centerville today

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Starting pitcher Nile Morecraft and reliever Collin Bertram allowed Bon Homme/Scotland only three hits, walked only two batters while striking out 10 as Vermillion stayed unbeaten against regional opponents with a 3-1 win at Prentis Park Friday night.

The Tanagers, now 7-3 overall and 4-0 against teams within Region 1B, face a busy weekend, starting with a rematch against rival Beresford/Centerville at Prentis Park tonight (Friday). The varsity game starts at 5 with the JV contest to follow.

On Sunday VHS goes first to Tabor to take on Bon Homme/Scotland again with the first pitch set for 2 p.m. In the evening the varsity will go farther west to Wagner to make up a previous rainout at 7 p.m. Next Thursday VHS goes to Dakota Valley with the varsity team starting play at 5 p.m.

The Tanagers gained an early 2-0 lead for Morecraft in the first inning against Bon

Homme/Scotland. Leadoff man D'Andre Fore singled, moved to second on a passed ball, advanced to third on Caleb Miller's sacrifice bunt and scored on Chayse Meierkorf's RBI hit.

A typical VHS small-ball rally continued as Meierkorf stole second, advanced to third on Tanner Anderson's infield grounder and scored on a single by Stormy Mirtz.

The only two hits Morecraft allowed had come back to back in the top of the first inning with one out. But center-fielder Fore threw out the lead runner at the plate with Meierkorf applying the tag. A fly ball to center ended the threat.

Bon Homme/Scotland used a hit batter and a wild pitch to pose a mild threat in the fourth, but Meierkorf threw out a runner trying to steal third base.

The visitors scored their only run in the fifth off Bertram, but they probably shouldn't have. Bertram struck out the inning's leadoff man, Jeff Honner, but the third strike was dropped, and Honner reached first base. He

promptly scored from there on a double down the left-field line by Chase Kortan. Kortan was thrown out by Meierkorf trying to stretch his hit into a triple.

Bertram in his three innings of work accounted for seven of the nine outs with strikeouts and did not allow another hit.

The Tanagers answered the Bon Homme/Scotland run with one of their own in the bottom of the fifth. Colin Olson, pinch-running for Miller, who reached on a walk, stole second, went to third on Anderson's single and scored on a passed ball.

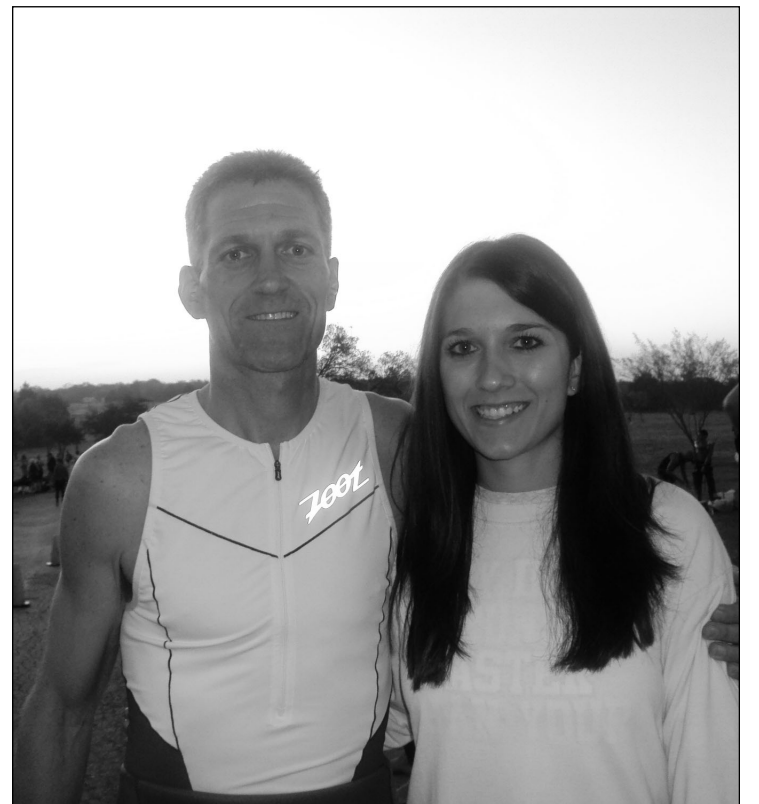
The fast-moving game, which was completed in about 90 minutes, ended with a triumphant flourish when Bertram struck out the side in the top of the seventh.

Meierkorf and Anderson had two hits each among Vermillion's seven.

BH/S starter Blase Vanecek, who allowed all seven hits during his five innings of pitching, took the loss.

The Tanager JVs also won their game against Bon Homme/Scotland.

RASMUSSEN EARNS ALL-AMERICAN HONORS



USATriathlon announced that Randy Rasmussen (pictured with Sarah) of Vermillion has earned All-American honors for the 2011 season. Randy received the award in the 50-54 age group.

Weather halts Tanager track

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

For the second straight Thursday a track meet at Lennox fell victim to the weather, so the Vermillion tracksters, as they headed to Yankton for the Quarterback Club Relays yesterday (Thursday), hadn't had competition for more than two weeks.

The Tanagers' next meet is set for May 4 at the O'Gorman Invitational in Sioux Falls at 10 a.m.

Vermillion tennis plays S.F. Roosevelt Friday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's boys tennis team faces a busy weekend, starting with a home dual against Sioux Falls Roosevelt at 4 p.m. today (Friday).

The Tanagers then go to the Brookings Invitational, which starts at 10 a.m. Saturday. Next Thursday VHS hosts Yankton in a 6:30 p.m. dual.

Will Card picked up the only Vermillion win in an 8-1 loss to Yankton in a triangular hosted by Sioux Falls Washington last week. The Tanagers also lost to Washington, 9-0.

YANKTON 8, VHS 1

- Singles:**
1. David Day lost to Luke Rockne 1-10,0.
 2. James May lost to Chance Sorensen 6-10,0.
 3. Mark Helenurm lost to Paul Fanta 4-10,0.
 4. Jacob Ford lost to Ben Jensen 4-10,0.
 5. Will Card defeated Brandon Frick 10-7,0.
 6. Kevin Helenurm lost to John

Fanta 2-10,0.

Doubles:

1. May/Day lost to Rockne/Sorensen 1-10,0.
2. M. Helenurm/Ford lost to Jensen/Frick 4-10,0.
3. Card/K. Helenurm lost to Fanta/Fanta 4-10,0.

WASHINGTON 9, VHS 0

Singles:

1. Day lost to Conner Tieszen 0-10.
2. May lost to Dobby O'Donnell 2-10,0.
3. Mark Helenurm lost to Scott Miller 0-10.
4. Ford lost to Dylan Zastrow 0-10.
5. Card lost to Luke Hafferman 0-10.
6. Kevin Helenurm lost to Nate Ackert 1-10,0.

JV singles:

1. Andrew Callahan lost to Elliot Hartwig 0-10.

Doubles:

1. May/Day lost to Tieszen/O'Donnell 3-10,0.
2. M. Helenurm/Ford lost to Miller/Hafferman 0-10.
3. Card/K. Helenurm lost to Ackert/Zastrow 1-10,0.

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