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## Tanager Girls Suffer 1st Loss on Links

By Elyse Brightman  
The Plain Talk

The Vermillion High School Tanager's girl's golf team suffered its first team loss of the season at the Dakota Valley Invite on Tuesday.

The team came in third with a 357 just behind West Central High School's 356. Parkston High School came in first with a score of 336.

Kate Brockevelt led the scoring for the Tanagers with 82, three strokes in front of Kyleigh Moran who came in with an 85.

Kayla Stammer and Audrey Mueller both came

in with 95 strokes rounding out the top four for Vermillion. Emily Schmitz shot a 105.

"It was cold and wet but it seemed like we were hitting pretty good," Mueller said. "I did pretty decently on putting and chipping. It's just my approach shots to the green were a little off, but that's nothing some range balls can't fix."

The day started cloudy and turned into full on rain showers with temperatures hovering near 40 by the end of the match.

"It wasn't raining at the beginning," Stammer said. "You can see that begin-

ning scores were probably better than how we ended since we ended in rain."

After the season's first loss, the girls know where the team could use some improvement.

"Our team needs a lot of help on short game. The putting and the chipping is where we all struggle," Stammer said and added that's where she lacked in Tuesday's match.

Sydney Bormann of Parkston led the field in individual scoring with a 74.

Vermillion's previous match was the Elk Point Jefferson invite on Thursday April 2. The Tanagers

shot a team score of 376 for a first place team finish just beating out West Central's score of 376.

Moran led the team scoring with 88 strokes followed closely by Stammer with a 94. Brockevelt and Allison Odens both rounded out the top four with a score of 98.

Schmitz ended the day with 100 strokes and Mueller came in with 104.

The Tanagers next matches are Monday and Tuesday April 13-14 at the Bluffs Country Club. Monday's match begins at 4 p.m. and Tuesday's at 2 p.m.

## Legends Vote To Tip Off Apr. 17

By Alan Dale  
The Plain Talk

One step down, the more exciting step left to go.

Now that the nominations are in, The Plain Talk's new series, The Legends is ready to find out who the readers believe are the five greatest athletes to ever grace Vermillion.

Nearly two dozen athletes were chosen to be considered and now is the time for the readers and sports fans to decide who the Top 5 Greatest Legends are as we begin, what is a hoped for, yearly, summer series.

The voting will begin on April 18 at 12:01 a.m. and will continue through June 23 (we have extended the time) at 11:59 p.m.

On April 17 we will release a short brief detailing where to go to vote online and submit your input. Votes can also be emailed or called in, or via postal mail. Look for forms in both The Plain Talk and Broadcaster Press as well.

A person can vote for as many as three athletes. The vote would be tiered 1-3, with a voter's No. 1 choice earning 10 points, a No. 2 earning seven points, and a No. 3 earning four points.

We would also ask for reasons why you voted so we can add them to the stories that come out in late July and early August.

Essentially, who the readers vote for will be the stories that the Plain Talk staff writes.

To make this work we will need a lot of votes to make this credible.

A first-place person receiving 10 points won't justify the work we would need to put in here so we encourage you to make this first part of the Legends series a success by spreading the word, sharing via social media, or word of mouth.

We hope this will create a success that carries over

into 2016 when Part II, The Teams is planned.

Thanks for your support up to this point and now let's make it even grander!

### Vermillion HS and University of South Dakota

Kevin Cusick (Track, Football, Wrestling, 1972-1975 and 1975-1980)

Tony Glass (Football, Track, 1965-1966, 1966-1970)

Doug Hanson (Basketball, 1998-1999, 2003-2004)

Jeff Huska (Football, Baseball, Basketball)

Jason Huska (Football, Baseball, Basketball)

Chuck Iverson (Basketball, 1967-1969 and 1970-1974)

Jason Leber (Football, Baseball, Track, Basketball, 1990-92, 1993-96)

Annie Roache (Basketball, 2003-2007)

Mike Schurrer (Football, Wrestling, Track, 1973-1975, 1975-1979)

Kurt Seibel (Football, 1977-1980)

### Vermillion HS

Ashley Bjorkman (Basketball, 2000s)

Alicia Brown (Track, Basketball, 2004-2008)

Glynis Bye (Track, 1977-1980)

Hazen Bye (Wrestling, 1981-84)

Lonna Larson (Basketball, 1990s)

Ben Leber (Football, 1996-1998)

Mark Manning (Wrestling, 1975-1980)

David Reich (Football, 1983-1986)

Kevin Seibel (Football, Wrestling, Track, 1976-1979)

### University of South Dakota

Dave Baade (Football, Wrestling Track, 1964-1967)

Randy Rosenquist (Basketball, 1990-1994)

Tyler Starr (Football, 2011-2013)

William (Steve) Stevenson (Track, 1948-1953)



Sophomore linebacker Taylor Lambert runs drills in Tuesday's spring practice for the University of South Dakota Coyote football team at the DakotaDome on Tuesday.

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## Coyotes' Spring of Installation

By Elyse Brightman  
The Plain Talk

Installation seems to be the focus for the University of South Dakota's football team now that they are one third of the way through spring practices.

"What that means is we're installing our offense, we're installing our defense, we're installing the six areas of special teams - punt, punt return, kick, kick return, PAT field goal and PAT field goal blocking -- and our offense," said head coach Joe Glenn.

With no weekend games to prepare for, every player has the chance to learn USD plays since once the fall season comes around the new players will

become part of the scout team and won't run plays with the rest of the team.

"Everybody is learning our offense, our defense and our special teams and they're learning us," Glenn said.

The Coyotes are practicing without six starters from last season due to nagging injuries from the fall, mostly on the offensive side.

"Our defense is playing with a real true spirit that I haven't seen. I really like what I'm seeing on defense," Glenn said. "But, offensively we have so many guys that are down right now or dinged up that we're not finding a lot of continuity of offense for no other reason than we

got some guys coming off injury."

The offensive squad has some ideas on how to improve despite practicing without some key players.

"We're really just focused on being more physical. We want to be that physical team in the Missouri Valley so we've been really working on being more physical with our run game that works into our pass game," said junior wide receiver Riley Donovan. "We've got to be that power run team that we're known for and have been known for, that's really what we're working on this spring."

Last season Donovan played in all 12 games for the Coyotes with one

touchdown and 495 yards, the second most on the team behind Eric Shufford.

With so many starters sidelined, younger players are getting more of an opportunity to showcase their skills for Glenn and the other coaches.

"That's a great opportunity to get in the huddle and run some plays and show the coaches what they got," Glenn said.

The older players understand the importance of allowing the younger players to get a chance to run the plays as well.

"We've got an older receiving group now and (We're working to) bring along the young guys and

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## VHS BASEBALL DROPS TO 0-2; BUSY WEEK AHEAD

By Alan Dale  
The Plain Talk

YANKTON - To begin a season against two top-notch baseball teams presented quite the challenge for the Vermillion Tanagers.

After an opening day loss last Monday at Dakota Valley, the Tanagers found themselves up against the Buck buzzsaw of Yankton High School - senior Austin Johnson two days later.

The right-handed Yankton pitcher hurled a no-hitter with only two walks through four innings and thanks to a strong offensive start the Bucks (1-0) sent the Tanagers back home on the heels of an 9-0 non-conference defeat at Riverside Field.

The Tanagers' scheduled

game at Beresford this past Wednesday was cancelled and no make up date was announced at press time.

Vermillion hosts Elk Point-Jefferson on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and then follow that up with a 5 p.m. game at Wagner 48 hours after its home opener.

"We're going to struggle if we give up a lot of runs early and have to go away from our game plan offensively," Vermillion head coach Jason Gault said. "We are not the kind of team that is going to drive in bunch of runs and hit the ball into the gap all the time. We have the ability, we have good team speed, we have good bunters on our team, but we can't do that

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Carter Kratz sails in the aim to make a tough defensive play last week in Yankton. Kratz and his Tanager teammates have two games next week and hope to break an early two-game skid.

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Tanager Taylor Weber and her track teammates battled at the Elk Point Invitational on Tuesday.

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## Johnson Leads Tanager Track Team in Elk Point

By Elyse Brightman  
The Plain Talk

The Vermillion Tanagers boys and girls track teams fought through the cold and rain Tuesday afternoon at the Elk Point Invitational.

"Everybody looked good for a cold day where you couldn't really get warmed up," said head coach Lenni Billberg.

The girls 4x800m relay team of Rachel Brady, Katie Kost, Madisen Martinez, and Maddie Lavin wasn't slowed down by the weather and finished first in the event with a time of 10:34.04 and beat second play Bishop Heelan by over 10 seconds.

"(The girls) won the event in their fastest time in at least four years," Billberg said.

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