

## BLUFFS BULLETIN

### BEAUTIFUL EVENING FOR WELL GOLFERS

It was just a beautiful evening for WELL Aug. 10. The sun is setting sooner with some long shadows across the greens. Fall is just around the corner.

There was some reconstruction being done on the ladies tees on #8 and #5. The tee was set forward on #8 and wasn't much of a problem, but the tee on #5 was set back to the whites. Most of the WELL ladies should be able to make the green but most of us just had a problem judging the distance and changing our mindset for the hole. We just looked at it as a learning experience and appreciated the work being done on the ladies tee boxes.

Mary Gauer was the big winner tonight. She won: 1) longest putt on #2 (very long), 2) low gross 37, 3) low net 29, 4) and birdied #2 and #6. Nice job Mary! Pat Durkin also had a birdie on #8 (the short hole). Lynette Wolf won the 50/50 of \$4.50. Next week will be the last league night for the year. It was great fun.

### Wednesday Evening Ladies League Aug. 10, 2011

Team	Points Won
1. Divit Divas	46
2. Two Putts	46
3. Bluffs Babes	43.5
4. Now We Are Fore	42.5
5. Lucky Shots	40
6. Birdie Bound	38.5
7. Wedgies - Boxers	33.5
8. Wedgies - Briefs	32
9. Lopez Sisters	30
10. ShankFord Wives	29.5
11. Fairway Fliers	26.5
12. Not Bluffing	10

## VHS soccer, softball season begins this weekend

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

The last high school soccer season before the South Dakota High School Activities Association takes over governance of that sport begins for Vermillion and other teams this weekend. Another non-sanctioned sport, girls softball, also gets its season underway.

Vermillion soccer begins with four games over eight hours Saturday at Cotton Park. The varsity Tanagers host St. Thomas More of Rapid City at 9 a.m., followed in order by the girls' varsity game at 11 a.m., the boys' JV contest at 1 p.m. and the girls' JV match at 3 p.m.

Tanager softballers will be in action at the Sherman Park complex in Sioux Falls. The VHS varsity plays Pipestone at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The JV girls play Brookings at 11 a.m. and West Central at 5 p.m.

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Vermillion team ignored the nonsense and stayed focused on the goal at hand, reaching Sunday's title tilt.

### CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

In the end, Sunday's grand finale came down to one team making more plays than the other did.

Flandreau infielders committed four errors, all of which figured in three Vermillion runs. A trademark of this Vermillion team all summer has been the ability to put the ball into play and force the opponent to make plays. Many times they could not, and in this game when it mattered most, that was again the case.

On the other hand, while charged with a pair of miscues

# Parkston defeats Grey Sox in second round of state tournament

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Sportswriter

The magic the Vermillion Grey Sox had found in their first-round game at the state amateur baseball tournament was all gone by the time the team reached the second round last Wednesday.

The Parkston Mudcats scored 11 runs in the first three innings, and that was too many for Vermillion to overcome as the Grey Sox fell, 17-7, to see their season come to an end.

Trailing 11-2, the Grey Sox showed some life, cutting into their deficit with five runs in the middle innings to give themselves a shot, but no sooner had they crept back to within 11-6 but Parkston, champions of the Sunshine League and runners-up in their district, immediately scored five sixth-inning runs and another for good measure in the seventh to take an insurmountable lead. The game ended after the bottom of the seventh when the Sox scored once more but still trailed by 10.

A pair of three-run home runs by Parkston's Trevor Freudenthal in the second and third innings were the most damaging of 10 hits the Mudcats had in the first three frames. Eight hits

and six earned runs came off Grey Sox starter Tyler Johnson. Joe Millar relieved in the third just in time to give up Freudenthal's second blast but then kept the Mudcats scoreless in the fourth and fifth.

Vermillion got a first-inning run from leadoff man Jason Rasmussen, who was hit with a pitch, moved to second on Reid Meierkort's single and to third on a wild pitch, and scored on an infield grounder off Kyle Nemeč's bat.

Another run scored in the fourth when Ben Oberle singled, stole second and was brought in by Millar's single.

In the fifth Josh Gross' bases-loaded triple, followed by Grant Lueders' sacrifice fly, made it 11-6. But Parkston went to work with a five-hit sixth to end any Grey Sox hopes. Cody Schreiber relieved to pitch the seventh. Parkston's Matt Malloy hit a solo homer for his team's final run.

The last gasp for the Grey Sox was a seventh-inning tally by Kyle Nemeč, who singled, advanced on a Gross single and scored on Lueders' infield grounder.

Cade Harden went the distance for Parkston, allowing 11 hits and striking out eight while walking two.

## Coyotes finish first full-padded practice

The University of South Dakota football team completed its first fully-padded practice Monday afternoon on the grass fields east of the DakotaDome. Eighth-year head coach Ed Meierkort and the Coyotes have completed five practices since reporting last Thursday.

"Our personnel is so much more experienced this year and we are able to advance our skill more than usual at this time in camp," Meierkort said.

Meierkort specifically talked about the receiving corps and how they have performed thus far. "Our receiving core with Will Powell and Dustin Nowotny are as good as we will find this year."

Powell is coming off of a breakout season as a sophomore. The junior from Sioux Falls earned second team all-Great West Conference honors last year as he started 10 games and led the Coyotes in receptions (47), receiving yards (933) and receiving touchdowns (10). He averaged 19.9 yards per catch and 84.8 yards per game and tallied 156 yards and two touchdowns in the Coyotes' thrilling 41-38 win at Minnesota last season.

Nowotny, a senior from Rapid City started all 11 games last season and was second on the team in receptions with 34. He tallied 489 yards and one score averaging 14.4 yards per catch and 44.5 yards per game. Nowotny tallied a career-best eight catches at Southern Utah a season ago.

Meierkort went on to talk about the offensive line and the improvement it has made on a day-to-day basis. The offensive line is anchored by senior All-America selection in Tom Compton. The Rosemont, MN, native earned PhilSteele.com fourth team all-America honors last year and is a preseason first team all-America selection by Steele. Compton earned first team all-conference honors last year starting all 11 games at left tackle.

themselves, the Vermillion defenders made big-game plays. Starter Collin Bertram retired Flandreau in order in the first, the final out coming on a spectacular over-the-shoulder catch by center-fielder Pete Haught as he raced toward the fence. Right-fielder Colin Olson had only one fly come his way, but he made a catch worthy of "SportsCenter", risking life and limb as he tumbled and rolled but held on to the ball. The very next batter walked, but Bertram promptly played the hero's role by picking the guy off first with room to spare.

Haught in center had three other fly-ball catches. Joe Mazour in left had three. Flandreau hurler Mitch Hansen pitched more than well enough win on any night when the defense behind him was perfect. After Vermillion scored twice in the top of the

first, Hansen at one stretch retired nine men in a row. Anderson started the game with a hit, his eighth of the tournament. A passed ball got him to second, and Meierkort's hit moved him to third. From there he scored on Nile Morecraft's fielder's choice. Morecraft got to third on the first Flandreau error and scored on the second one.

The bottom of the fourth began with the first two hits off Bertram. A walk loaded the bases with none out. Two successive outfield flies tied the score, then Tanner Anderson at third base speared a hot smash to end the inning with Flandreau's potential lead run in scoring position.

Another trait of these state champs all summer was going right back to work when the opponent had rallied. No sooner had Flandreau tied the game at 2-2 but Olson, perhaps

the most dangerous ninth-spot batter anywhere around, deposited a solid double deep into the left-field corner. Anderson, who two innings earlier had been retired for the first time in the tournament after reaching base safely nine straight times, wasn't about to make another out. His sharp ground ball was thrown away by the shortstop, sending Olson home with what would prove to be the winning run and moving Anderson to third. An out later, Meierkort's ground ball was misplayed at second base, scoring Anderson for a 4-2 lead.

The lion-hearted Bertram walked two men in the bottom of the fifth, but he also struck out the side. Vermillion stranded two in the top of the sixth, and a two-out double by Flandreau in its half of the inning proved harmless. Hansen got Vermillion 1-2-3 in the top of the seventh, setting

the stage for the gut-wrenching tension in Flandreau's last at-bat. Bertram allowed only four hits, walked four and fanned six. Hansen walked none, fanned four and surrendered seven hits. It was a duel worthy of a state championship game. State tourney notes: Vermillion pitchers struck out 25 and walked seven in 21 innings. Vermillion batters had 25 hits to the opponents' 18 ...

Meierkort was the team RBI leader for the tourney with four. Anderson and Settles had three each, Morecraft and Bertram two each and Haught one. Of the team's 25 hits Anderson had eight, going 8-for-12 as a hitter but reaching base 11 times and scoring nine times. Haught was 4-of-9. Olson, Bertram and Meierkort had three hits each, Huska two and Mazour one.

# Red Sox lose in third round of state tourney

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

For the Vermillion Red Sox there is all winter to think about what might have been.

Except for a five-minute stretch in the top of the sixth inning in their third-round game of the state "A" tournament in Mitchell last Friday night, Manager Kirk Sorensen's Sox might have been playing on semifinal Saturday or even beyond.

Castlewood, however, put together a four-run sixth to change a 4-2 deficit into a 6-4 lead, and that proved to be enough for a 6-5 win, eliminating Vermillion.

To make matters worse, the Red Sox had chances in the late innings, scoring once in the seventh to move to within a run, then leaving the bases loaded in the eighth and stranding two more in the ninth when the game ended. At the same time reliever Nate Olsen was throwing three innings of scoreless relief from the mound.

The Red Sox controlled the first one-third of the game, leading 4-0 after three innings.

In the first RBI singles by

Colby Lessmann and Eric McLaughlin made it 2-0. Two innings later a grounder off Tyler Candor's bat scored a third run, and Robin Chute scored when a Castlewood outfielder dropped a fly ball.

But then the Ravens began chipping away, getting a run on two walks, a wild pitch and Rich Remmers' sacrifice fly in the top of the fourth.

It became 4-2 in the fifth when Ryan Engels struck out but reached base when the third strike got away at the plate. He later scored on a single by Lucas Hoftiezer.

The fateful sixth started with Matt Stevenson's single and a walk to Mark Stevenson.

Charlie Benz was brought in in relief for the Red Sox, but his own defense let him down. Two errors on Benz let in a run and loaded the bases. Benz retired the next two batters to almost escape disaster, but Castlewood's Eric Danforth cleared the sacks with a double that scored three.

Vermillion got one back in the seventh on a sacrifice fly by Chute but saw its chances in the final two innings go by the boards.

# Duling named 2010-11 Great West Conference scholar-athlete

South Dakota track and field standout Alexa Duling has been named the 2010-11 Great West Conference Female Scholar-Athlete, the league announced on Monday. The award is the single-highest individual honor awarded by the Great West, and recognizes outstanding academic achievement, athletic achievement, attitude and leadership of one male and one female student-athlete.

Duling (Gregory, S.D.) has thrived both in athletic and academic endeavors at South Dakota and also has been instrumental in implementing a Girls on the Run Program on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

"This is a tremendous and well-deserved honor for Alexa," South Dakota women's track and field coach Lucky Huber said. "She is a great role model for young people both on and off the field of competition."

Duling just completed her third season in the Coyote track and field program and had an outstanding campaign. In the outdoor season, she qualified for the NCAA West Preliminaries in the 400-meter hurdles and finished 30th at the event in Eugene, Ore. She won the 400-meter dash at the Great West Outdoor Championships and added wins in the 400 meters and 200 meters at the Great West Indoor Championships, finishing with four All-GWC honors overall. Duling also set

the new school outdoor record in the 400-meter hurdles at 1:00.15.

Duling, who is a biology major with a 4.0 GPA, was named first-team academic all-district and also was named to the Great West Academic All-Conference team for the second straight year.

With a desire to help provide positive activities for young girls on the Rosebud Reservation, Duling also has spearheaded the starting of the "Girls on the Run", which has taken place every Tuesday and Thursday during the summer months. She received the maximum 15 commitments for the program in just the first year and also helped form a 5K race which allowed families to come and watch.

To be eligible for the award a student-athlete must be a junior or senior who has completed two seasons of athletic competition in a conference-sponsored sport at a member institution and must have a minimum grade point average of 3.2. The student-athlete must display an exemplary mental attitude toward his or her peers and academic and athletic mentors, including leadership, maturity, integrity and contributions to the community. Each institution can nominate one male and one female student-athlete for the award through its faculty athletics representative, and the honorees are determined by a vote of the member institutions.

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