

## Upcoming Sports Schedule

2012 Bularama is set for Aug. 24-16 at the Clay County Park Rodeo Arena. Event schedule is as follows:  
 Friday, Aug. 24 — 7 p.m. Unloading of bulls and free-will donation meal  
 Saturday, Aug. 25 — 10 a.m.-Noon Registration for Mutton Bustin' and Promo at HyVee. Bull riders, clowns & mechanical bull; 7 p.m. Bull riding event with Mutton Bustin' & mechanical bull rides. Free fireworks and dance.  
 Sunday, Aug. 26 — 10 a.m. All denominational Cowboy Church; Noon Trail ride along Missouri. Potluck lunch to follow; Noon-1 p.m. Registration for Ranch Rodeo; 2 p.m. Ranch Rodeo. For more info, call Linda Hawley at 202-0194 or visit www.Bullarama.org.

### BLUFFS BULLETIN

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES ASSOCIATION

July 24 was a great day. Twenty-four ladies came out for the rather nice day for luncheon and fun.

Judy Sullivan and Joan Olson made luncheon special with their desserts, and you all know what I did — yes ate both and they were great!

Our lucky drawing winners were:

\$5 drawing: Joan Olson and Agnes Mockler — one of these ladies was very lucky.

Quarters — Barb Boone (twice), Agnes Mockler (see what I mean?), Darlene Engbrecht, Judy Sullivan and Maxine Rogers.

You need to come join us to see how much fun we can have just drawing names for quarters and \$5 drawings.

Bridge report: Today Lorraine Brunick was High winner and Ramona Kellogg was Second High.

Dominoes report: Again there were three tables. Some ladies were very lucky at dominoes also. Won more than one round — good going!

Round 1: Joyce Zimmerman, Agnes Mockler, and Barb Boone.

Round 2: Joyce Zimmerman, Agnes Mockler, and Vanetta Youngworth.

Round 3: Barb Larson, Rose Mart, and Barb Boone.

Total Score: Babe Hurowitz, Judy Sullivan, and Vanetta Youngworth.

See what I mean?

Golf report: Four golfers were out today. The weather was almost perfect (we at least did not break out in a sweat or get rained on). We played "Roll The Dice" again as last week we got rained on.

Edith Nelson won with 27 points.

Pat Steckelberg was second with 21 — the dice were not real good to me but I did for a change have a decent score.

Even though the summer is moving on, there is still time to join us and share the fun!

See you at the Bluffs!

Pat Steckelberg, reporter

# 13-14 Teeners place fourth at state

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

Vermillion's VFW 13-14 Teeners took to the field 40 times this summer, and 31 times they came off as victors. But in the third-place game of the state tournament at Humboldt Sunday, the fickle gods of baseball decided to give the team a kick in the gut with which to remember the season.

A 2-1 loss to the host Humboldt team left Coach Matt Houk's ballclub with a 31-9 record, fourth place at state, a ton of experience, and a lot of good times, and some promising ballplayers to send up to higher levels in the coming years.

Vermillion pitcher Cole Anderson didn't deserve to be tagged with a pitching defeat. Through six innings he had struck out four, walked four and given up only one run and three hits. In three different innings Anderson made the fielding play that ended Humboldt's at-bat. A double play engineered by second-baseman Joe Miller helped him out of one jam. He stranded three Humboldt runners in the third after the home team had scored its lone run on a single, a stolen base and a double by Jonah Recktenbaugh. The rest of the way, Anderson cruised, getting at least one strikeout in the fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Meanwhile, Vermillion stranded three baserunners off Humboldt starter Blake Svoboda through four innings and another in the fifth off reliever Justin Sebert. Finally in the top of the sixth Carter Kratz drove a triple to the wall in right-center and scored on a two-out hit by Hunter Christopherson.

So it stayed tied at 1-1 into Humboldt's final at-bat. The leadoff batter reached safely when an infield throw couldn't be handled at first base. On the next batter's ball pitcher Anderson tried to force the runner at second base, but his throw was high. A sacrifice bunt turned into an infield hit, and Humboldt had the winning run at third with no outs. Noah Vettrus slammed a line drive off Anderson's body, and by the time second-baseman Miller could field the deflected line drive, the decisive run had crossed the plate.

Svoboda struck out six and walked only one while Sebert fanned three and walked none. Of Vermillion's six hits Christopherson and Olson had two apiece, Kratz one and Brandon Mockler one.

#### TEENERS 7, SPEARFISH 5

Given a chance to redeem himself,



Vermillion's first baseman, Hunter Christopherson, connects for a hit during baseball action at the State Class "A" VFW Tournament in Humboldt Friday. Vermillion trailed 2-5 in the sixth inning, but rallied for a comeback win in the seventh, defeating Spearfish 7-5. Vermillion will continue tournament play tomorrow, facing Madison at 5:30 p.m. (Photo by David Lias)

Carter Kratz did so with a flourish Friday in the tournament opener.

A slowly-hit ground ball had found its way between the Vermillion shortstop's legs on what would have been an inning-ending play in the fifth, allowing Spearfish to score the two tying runs. An inning later they scored three more to go up by 5-2.

But in the bottom of the sixth when two infield errors by Spearfish opened the door for Vermillion, it was Kratz who first burst through. His basethit loaded the bases with nobody out and set the stage for a five-run rally that lifted to the Teeners to a 7-5 advantage with three outs remaining.

When starter Billy Mount walked Spearfish's leadoff man in the top of the seventh, Kratz was brought to the mound to save it for Vermillion, and save it he did!

In the game of baseball, that crazy ball finds its way to the most unique places. Wouldn't you know that the first batter Kratz faced hit a grounder to shortstop where Cameron Olson had just taken Kratz's former spot. Olson scooped it up and smoothly glided across the second-base bag for a forceout of the oncoming runner.

With victory now just two outs away, Kratz took matters into his own hands.

He froze the next Spearfish batter for a called third strike, then got the last man on a swinging strike to end the game and send Vermillion into the semifinals.

The game-winning surge by Vermillion in the bottom of the sixth, following Kratz's bases-loaded single, featured a huge two-run hit by Mount. Olson's hit tied the game, and when that ball got past the Spearfish right-fielder, runners were able to advance. Brandon Mockler's infield grounder put Vermillion ahead, and Joe Miller singled to make it a two-run lead.

Vermillion scored first on Miller's sacrifice fly in the second and went up 2-0 in the third on an Olson hit.

Spearfish broke the 2-2 tie in the sixth when Mount walked the first two batters. Three successive two-out hits gave the Black Hills team the 5-2 lead, setting the stage for Vermillion's late-inning heroics.

Mount, Vermillion's pitching ace all season, gave up five hits, walked six and struck out three in his six innings of work. But he and his teammates labored mightily to stay in the game, stranding 11 Spearfish runners on base. Of the 13 hits for the winners, Olson had three while Miller and Kratz had two apiece.

#### MADISON 5, TEENERS 2

A four-run second inning by his teammates was all that Madison pitcher Taner DenHoek needed in Saturday's semifinal as he threw a three-hitter in ending Vermillion's title hopes.

Madison used a walk, a hit batter, a single and a walk to set the stage for a two-run double by Brayden Gilbert to post its early 4-0 lead. Vermillion got one run back in the third when Kyle Johnson walked and eventually scored on a passed ball.

Madison led 5-1 into the seventh and final inning. Again it was Johnson who walked and later scored on a bases-loaded walk to pull his team within 5-2, but DenHoek finished off his win as Vermillion left the bases loaded. They had done the same thing in the second and stranded men at second and third bases in the third. In the sixth another chance was lost when men reached second and third with nobody out but DenHoek struck out the side.

Hunter Christopherson pitched three innings, allowing four hits. Carter Kratz threw the final three innings, giving up two hits. At the plate Cameron Olson had two of the three Vermillion hits, and Kratz had the other one.

## NHSACA Coach of the Year winners announced

The National High School Athletic Coaches Association has named the 2012 NHSACA Coach of the Year Winners. To be considered for this award a nominee has been determined to have outstanding coaching longevity and win-loss record, championship years, awards received and service to the coaching profession and to the athletes of the State of South Dakota.

The 2012 Coach of the Year winners from South Dakota were Virg Polak, Watertown High School, Assistant Boys' Coach of the Year and Jim Sorensen, Beresford High School, Golf Coach of the

Year. They were honored at the National Awards Banquet held at the NHSACA 47th Annual Meeting/Seminar in Fargo, ND, on Wednesday, July 25. This annual event is attended by athletic directors and coaches in 18 sports from throughout the United States.

Other finalists from South Dakota were: Arlin Likness, Yankton High School in the sport of football; Jim Drake, Winner High School in the sport of boys' basketball; Cal Schubert, Sisseton High School in the sport of girls' basketball; Deb Thill, Mitchell High School in the sport of volleyball; Bob

Hirsch, Watertown High School in the sport of wrestling; Terry Dosch, Aberdeen Roncalli High School in the sport of boys' track & field; Bob Bennett, Garretson High School in the sport of girls' track & field; Chuck Seurer, Hoven High School in the sport of girls' cross country; Jason Olson, Rapid City Stevens High School in the sport of tennis; Lynn Gudmundson, Deuel High School in Special Sports-Gymnastics; Tom Prendergast, Sisseton High School assistant in girls' sports; and Jim Dorman, Sioux Falls Lincoln High School Athletic Director.

### SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF INTEREST

The South Dakota Department of Transportation (SDDOT) in conjunction with the Sioux Falls Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the City of Sioux Falls is soliciting Statements of Interest from engineering and planning consulting firms to conduct the I-229 Major Investment Corridor Study.

Those interested in submitting a Statement of Interest should download the complete Notice of Request for Statement of Interest from the SDDOT webpage: [www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/specialstudies/Default.aspx](http://www.sddot.com/transportation/highways/planning/specialstudies/Default.aspx).

Statements of Interest should be directed to Mr. Steve Gramm, P.E., Office of Project Development, SDDOT, 700 East Broadway Avenue, Pierre, SD, 57501-2586; and must be received no later than August 17, 2012 at Noon Central Daylight Time. Both one hard copy and one electronic copy (Adobe PDF format preferred) of the Statement of Interest must be included in the submittal. Questions regarding this Request for Statement of Interest should be emailed to Mr. Steve Gramm, P.E. at [steve.gramm@state.sd.us](mailto:steve.gramm@state.sd.us) by 5:00pm, August 9, 2012.



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