



Champions

This Vermillion girls' team took first place in the sixth grade B division at the Midwest Youth Basketball Championships at the DakotaDome Dec. 4 and 5. Front row: Shantel French, Natasha Samudzi, Autumn Barnett, Kory Nielsen, and Emme Schmidt. Back row: Sophia Taggart, Kayla Mulheron, Katie Johnson, Sophie Leikvold, and Twila Sweeney. The team is coached by Heath Johnson, assisted by Veronica Schmidt.

VHS grapplers claim tourney championship

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Maybe there wasn't a wrestler clad in Vermillion red and white on the mat in every single match of the championship round of Saturday's invitational at Sioux Falls Roosevelt. But that's the way it seemed.

The Tanagers did, in fact, qualify one of their own for 10 of the 14 championship matches, and seven of those men had their arms raised in triumph after winning individual titles.

With punch like that – in the light weights, in the middle weights and in the heavy weights as well – Vermillion stormed to the tournament's team championship with 258 points. The Tanagers were trailed by Washington with 219.5 points, Lincoln with 160, West Central 155.5, Brandon Valley 138, Harrisburg 109, Tea Area 60 and Roosevelt 58.5.

Regan Bye captured his first varsity

tourney title with a 4:27 pin of Harrisburg's Dalton Schneider in the 122-pound championship match to start Vermillion's string of titleholders. Moments later, T.J. North, picking up where he left off in last year's undefeated season, won Vermillion's second crown with a 3:24 pin of Washington's Blake Jans at 119 pounds.

Earl Kiertzner captured the 130-pound championship when he pinned Roosevelt's Brendon Swartz in 3:12. Lance Burkhart made it another back-to-back pair of titles when he won at 135, scoring a 12-2 major decision over Lance Shaull of Tea Area in his final match.

Vermillion scored three straight titles – call it an "All-Mart" trio of winners – at 171, 189 and 215 pounds. Chris Mart pinned Washington's Devon O'Farrell in 3:15 for his crown, Nick Mart triumphed 19-6 for a major decision over West Central's Michael Jensen, and Will Mart emerged as the champ in his class with a 1:27 pin of Brandon Valley's Mike Vigants.

Coach Joe Delvaux had a trio of runners-up. Brett Bye was second at 103 pounds in a 5:37 pin loss to Washington's Dylan Larson. Tanner Mart was second at 160, dropping a 3:06 pin to Tim Weber of West Central in his title match. Chase Allen also wrestled for a crown, finishing second to Lincoln's Taylor Bissell in a 1:52 pin.

Bennet Johnson gave the Tanagers yet another medal, capturing third place at 145 pounds after a 7-2 decision over Michael Buchman of Washington.

The Tanagers will try for their second tournament championship in as many weeks when they join the field at Yankton's invitational. Wrestling begins at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Summit Activities Center.

Next week Vermillion has one match on tap. That's a Thursday dual at West Central at 6:30 p.m.

Tanager boys hope to build on experience

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion boys basketball underwent some growing pains last season as the Tanagers paid the price for a totally senior-class ballclub from the previous year.

Now in Jay Drake's second winter as head mentor, "we have some athletes who gained some valuable varsity experience last year, and they should be ready to grow into their roles this season."

Drake, who came to Vermillion after six years of assistant coaching at the college level and two years in the same capacity at Hanson, assures Tanager fans that his athletes "will compete and play hard."

VHS lost four lettermen, three of them starters, from last year's team that went 6-15 and lost to Dakota Valley in the first round of the District 8 Tournament, but Drake still has six seniors and a junior remaining as returning lettermen.

There are two starters, both 6'2" seniors, still on hand – Cole Andre and Kylan Freidel, both of whom averaged nine points per game. Other letterwinners are seniors Jason Rasmussen, 5'10"; Aaron Steele, 5'9"; Erik Ustad, 5'10", and Sam Ekstrom, 5'11", and junior Tyler Husby, 6'0".

"A huge key for us will be for our athletes to build on their varsity experience," Drake said. "We will have to defend very well and rebound the basketball, which is a concern after losing our two posts from last year's team."

Drake said a lack of post presence both offensively and defensively is a concern. "We also must do a much better job of taking care of the basketball."

Other potential varsity players listed by Drake include juniors Jaron Sorensen, Marquis Knight and Alex Larson; sophomores Riley Vlasman, Nile Morecraft and Nate Garrett, and freshmen Austin Krier and Tanner Anderson.

Vermillion's difficult schedule starts Friday in a girls-boys doubleheader at Harrisburg, and Drake sees the Tiger boys as a prime favorite to win it all in Region 4A this year with their two All-State caliber inside-outside duo of Patrick Draisey and Eric Hensch. Madison's returning state "A" champs are led by Derrick Wiebe, Michael Sullivan and Mitch White and figure to be the other favorite, along with Harrisburg, in the Big 8 Conference.

Drake sees Elk Point-Jefferson and Beresford as co-favorites in District 8A.

The Tanagers' home opener will be Tuesday against Lennox with preliminary games at 5 and 6:15 and the varsity tilt at 7:45. Vermillion then faces six straight road dates at South Sioux City Dec. 18, Tea Area Dec. 29, the Winner Classic Jan. 2, West Central Jan. 7, Parkston Jan. 8 and Lennox Jan. 15 before finally getting another home game Jan. 19 against EP-J.

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December golf for seniors is uncommon

On Dec. 1, seniors came out in force to extend their season into the month of December. This playing deep into the winter season has not happened for the senior men in more than four years.

Sixteen players participated on this date which was more than anticipated. The temperature was in the mid

40s but the increasing speed of the wind forced some teams to head for the clubhouse early.

Match play was once again the play of the day. Winning teams were Pat Boyle, Sid Davis and Guy Button. Also Rex Huska, Milo Gilbertson and Jack Doyle. It was Doyle's putt in the play-off hole that gave his team the victory. In the two-man competition the victorious duo was Dick Burbach and Lloyd Helseth.

Veterans on roster of Tanager girls' basketball

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Fans of girls basketball in Vermillion this winter will see a veteran team with a good deal of varsity experience, starting Friday when the Tanagers open the season as part of a girls-boys doubleheader at Harrisburg.

"Our kids love the game of basketball and have dedicated themselves to the sport, not only during the season but, more importantly, during the off-season," said Nick Mayer, who ascends to the head coaching position from an assistant's role. He succeeds Jamie Parish, who left the district to assume an administrative position at Centerville.

"We will be a very good shooting team," Mayer added, "and we will get after teams on the defensive end."

Thirty-two girls in grades 9-12 reported for basketball at Vermillion High this winter. Mayer has seven girls with varsity experience back for

another campaign on the hardwoods, and five of those seven are seniors. Team co-captains are Sierra Allen, Sophie Nehlich-Arobba and Hannah Nehlich-Arobba. Kayla Munger and Sarah Day are also seniors.

Joining them from last year's varsity are junior Morgan Erickson and sophomore Lexi Regnerus.

It will be a full month from now before Mayer and his girls get to play a game on their home court at VHS. The good thing about beginning a season with six consecutive dates on the road is that eventually there will be quite a few home games to offset that travel.

The Tanagers, after Friday's opener at Harrisburg, will have two more December contests – at Madison Dec. 21 and at Tea Area Dec. 29. They continue their journeys with games at the Winner Classic Jan. 2, at Sioux City East Jan. 5 and at Parkston Jan. 8 before finally seeing a home game Jan. 12 with Madison as the opponent.

THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION CITY POOL LEAGUE

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser

Hello again folks. It was a really good week for some of the shooters, and (sigh) it was a tough week for others. At last count, there were 11 individuals that went 5-0 and that means that some teams really got worked over and sent to bed without supper.

I will confess that my team was on the side of getting beat-en like a red headed step child. We (Careys 1) took a 20-5 whipping from the hands of the MEN of the Char 1 team. (if the truth be told, it was lucky that we didn't get beaten worse than that.) But, I would also like to point out what my Grandma used to say. "The sun doesn't shine on the same dogs behind all the time." So, somewhere those who have dishd out the painful whipping might have to take a couple of whacks on their collective pool games. Well, that sure sounds like sour grapes.

Here is a list of the "5 Star" performers. Ben H. (this guy never writes down his last name) "Blue" Barry Brown, Glenn Mac, Gerit Soljje, Jon Brooks, Nathan Bork, Scott Tissue, Tim Dooley, Travis Snyder, Troy Schaffer and Travis "New Love" Taggart.

A half dozen 9balls were made on the break, two by Troy Nicks of Maya Janes 2, one each by Ryan "Dino" Dineen of Char

2, Jon Brooks of Leo's 3, Luke Lacey of Careys 1 and last but not least Husker of Char 1. Surprisingly enough, there were only three 0-5 outings. Andrew Lesch of Careys 2, Ben Boskie of Careys 1 and Kurt Kuiper of Leo's 4 all wound up on the "Bottom of the Barrel".

The standings look something like this:

- 1) Maya Janes 2 114-61...65 percent.
- 2) Whimps 64-36...64 percent.
- 3) Leos 1 92-58...61.3 percent.
- 4) Char 1 104-71...59.4 percent.
- 5) Eagles 2 80-78...55.4 percent.
- 6) Maya Janes 1 93-82...53.1 percent.
- 7) Char 2 79-71...52.7 percent.
- 8) Eagles 1 65-60...52 percent.
- 9) Leos 3 and Varsity 1 83-92...47.4 percent.
- 11) Maya Janes 3 81-94...46.3 percent.
- 12) Leos 2 and Leos 4 80-95...45.7 percent.
- 14) Careys 1 78-97...44.6 percent.
- 15) Bunyans 1 75-100...42.9 percent.
- 16) Varsity 2 53-72...42.4 percent.
- 17) Bunyans 2 72-103...41.1 percent.
- 18) Careys 2 32-68...32 percent.

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VHS bowling team hosts Hartford

The VHS bowling team recently hosted Hartford Area at the Prairie Lanes in Vermillion on Dec. 4. The Vermillion girls defeated Hartford 49 to 1 and the Vermillion boys defeated Hartford 46 to 4.

VHS results against Hartford:

Girls' high game was Lindsay Robinet with a 193 and 178 and Jennifer Jurgensen with a 176. Girls' high series was Lindsay Robinet with a 530.

Boys' high game was Michael Brunick with a 211, 190 and 202 ending in a 603 series.

The VHS bowling team traveled to Brandon on Nov. 20 bowling at the Valley Lanes & Rec Center. The Vermillion girls defeated Brandon 37 to 13 and the Vermillion boys losing to Brandon 27 to 23.

VHS results against Brandon:

Girls' high game was Jeanette Conway with a 209 and Katie Wasley with a 177. Girls' high series was Jeanette Conway with a 513.

Boys' high game was Tom Hagenbuch with a 263, Matthew Moore with a 209 and Michael Brunick with a 201. Boys' high series was Tom Hagenbuch with a 584 and Matthew Moore with a 576.

LEAGUE BOWLING

Ladies National League November 24, 2009			Angela Miller High Scr. Series-Team		
Team Name	Won	Lost	Score	Score	Score
Lamie's Cleaning	215.5	141.5	616	Team BK	1632
Market Street	189.0	169.0	609	Aramark	1629
Whimp's	180.0	179.0	595	High Scr. Series	
Team BK	170.5	185.5	585	Judy Barta	585
Pace's	168.0	192.0	480	Traci Bartekoske	480
Aramark	150.0	207.0	474	Angela Miller	474
High Scr. Game-Team			Score	Mary Mock	
Market Street	616	609	453	Candace Joy	
Aramark	609	595	448		
Team BK	595	585			
High Scr. Game			Score	Bantam Prep League November 22 2009	
Darlis Labahn	189	187	Team Name		
Dawna Andersen	187	187	Won		
Marion Sprecher	187	180	Lost		
Traci Bartekoske	180	176	Bowling Girls	17.0	7.0
Michelle Mines	176	172	Super Strikers	14.0	10.0
High Scr. Series-Team			Score	Bowling Buddies	14.0
Aramark	1712	1676	13.0	The Lucky Strikers	13.0
Market Street	1676	1580	13.0	Turkey Hunters	11.0
Whimp's	1580	1495	10.0	Mizzou	10.0
High Scr. Series			Score	Bowling Queens	9.0
Traci Bartekoske	475	475	5.0	Team 8	5.0
Darlis Labahn	475	443	High Scr. Game-Team		
Marion Sprecher	443	435	Score		
Dawna Andersen	435	430	Super Strikers	417	
Marilynne Kaiser	430	425	The Lucky Strikers	392	
Ladies National League December 1, 2009			Score	Turkey Hunters	378
Team Name	Won	Lost	1051	High Scr. Game Boys	
Lamie's Cleaning	224.5	162.5	371	Score	
Market Street	210.0	178.0	368	Score	
Team BK	195.5	190.5	280	Score	
Whimp's	185.0	204.0	280	Score	
Aramark	176.0	211.0	290	Score	
Pace's	172.0	218.0	290	Score	
High Scr. Game-Team			Score	High Scr. Series Boys	
Lamie's Cleaning	579	575	371	Score	
Team BK	575	573	368	Score	
Market Street	573	573	280	Score	
High Scr. Game			Score	High Scr. Series Girls	
Judy Barta	219	196	380	Score	
Janice McGuire	196	182	290	Score	
Traci Bartekoske	182	174	290	Score	
Mary Mock	174		214	Score	

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