

Tanager wrestlers place second at Yankton

By Parker Knox
Sports writer

Vermillion won four of five duals and placed second in the Yankton Invitational Tournament, losing only to Class "B" powerhouse Canton in what proved to be the tournament's championship match.

"It was a good day. It just didn't end the way I wanted it to," said Coach Joe Delvaux.

The Tanagers dominated Harrisburg 51-19, Norfolk 43-23, West Central 53-20 and Yankton 41-24 to set the stage for the showdown with Canton. The C-Hawks had the answer there, however, winning seven of the 10 matches decided on the mat in a 37-33 victory.

Vermillion picked up 24 of its 33 points on four forfeit wins, but Earl Kiertzner at 130 pounds, Tanner Mart at 160 and Chris Mart at 171 also won by decision.

"We gave up too many bonus points and pin points," Delvaux said. "They took advantage of the mismatches and earned the victory."

Kiertzner and Chris Mart both had perfect 5-0 days in wrestling five matches. Brett Bye and T.J. North were also 5-0 although each won once by forfeit. Lance Burkhart, Tanner Mart and Gerrit Heine were 4-1, and Nick Mart was 3-0.

The JV side of the Yankton tournament saw more forfeits than matches actually wrestled. Technically the Tanagers went 2-3, edging Harrisburg and defeating West Central while losing to Canton, Yankton and Norfolk. Josh Callahan at 119 pounds scored three pins in JV competition while Brandon Steenboldt at 112, Alex Osborne at 145 and Chase Allen at 285 each scored a pin.

In the first Class "A" ratings of the season, Vermillion was third behind Sturgis and Rapid City Stevens in points accumulated by individually rated wrestlers. North is ranked No. 1 in the state at 112 pounds, Tanner Mart second at 160, Kiertzner third at 130, Nick Mart third at 189, Will Mart fourth at 215, Heine fourth at 285, Brett Bye fifth at 103, Chris Mart fifth at 171 and Burkhart sixth at 135.

In team dual rankings Vermillion is rated fifth behind Sturgis, Stevens, Aberdeen Central and Rapid City Central.

After a dual at West Central last night, the Tanagers will next see action at Sioux Falls Lincoln's power-packed tournament Dec. 28-29.

VHS 51, Harrisburg 19
103: Brett Bye (V) dec. Paulson 8-3. 112: T.J. North (V) p. Schmit 5:09. 119: Drew Brown (H) dec. Regan Bye 8-4. 125: Dalton Schneider (H) maj. dec. Tony Henderson 11-1. 130: Earl Kiertzner (V) p. Peyton Sim 0:17. 135: Lance Burkhart (V) p. Ben Fuhr 1:59. 140: Jacob Devine (H) p. Niko Cruz 5:50. 145: Bennet Johnson (V) dec. Schenk 4-2. 152: Landon Peterson

(H) p. Andrew McCann 0:52. 160: Tanner Mart (V) p. Hudson 3:29. 171: Chris Mart (V) p. Van Steenberg. 189: Chase Allen (V) ft. 215: Will Mart (V) ft. 285: Gerrit Heine (V) dec. Creel 2-1.

VHS 43, Norfolk 23
103: Brett Bye (V) p. Mueller 1:18. 112: T.J. North (V) p. Austin 3:38. 119: Daniel Jumm (N) dec. Regan Bye 12-6. 125: Tony Henderson (V) p. Cleveland 1:06. 130: Earl Kiertzner (V) p. Zahr 2:21. 135: Lance Burkhart (V) dec. Anderson 4-1. 140: Mitch Lienemann (N) maj. dec. Niko Cruz 14-2. 145: Colby Lind (N) p. Bennet Johnson 4:57. 152: Thomas Ellenberger (N) p. Andrew McCann 5:00. 160: Tanner Mart (V) maj. dec. Sudbeck 16-2. 171: Chris Mart (V) p. Vonderhoe 4:00. 189: Nick Mart (V) p. Moman 2:30. 215: Tanner Heiderman (N) maj. dec. Will Mart 11-2. 285: Gerrit Heine (V) dec. Wichman 11-4.

VHS 53, West Central 20
103: Brett Bye (V) p. Hastings 1:13. 112: T.J. North (V) p. Pearson 0:57. 119: Regan Bye (V) p. Gacke 2:14. 125: Cody Miller (WC) p. Tony Henderson 1:40. 130: Earl Kiertzner (V) p. Erickson 0:56. 135: Lance Burkhart (V) ft. 140: Casey Lowe (WC) dec. Niko Cruz 8-1. 145: Bennet Johnson (V) tech. fall Pennock 18-2. 152: Zach Mettler (WC) tech. fall Tanner Mart 8-5. 171: Chris Mart (V) p. Hastiangs. 189: Michael Jensen (WC) dec. Chase Allen 8-5. 215: Will Mart (V) p. Kapperman 1:45. 285: Gerrit Heine (V) ft.

VHS 41, Yankton 24
103: Brett Bye (V) dec. Skillingstad 8-3. 112: T.J. North (V) p. Huber 1:11. 119: Ryan Lammers (Y) p. Regan Bye 3:17. 125: Mark Vetter (Y) p. Tony Henderson 0:37. 130: Earl Kiertzner (V) dec. Smith 6-2. 135: Lance Burkhart (V) dec. Dempsey 6-5. 140: Gabe Messler (Y) p. Niko Cruz 0:43. 145: Jason Stuen (Y) dec. Bennet Johnson 3-1. 152: Andrew McCann (V) dec. Woehl 6-1. 160: Tanner Mart (V) p. Silvernail 1:26. 171: Chris Mart (V) p. Schiltz 1:16. 189: Nick Mart (V) tech. fall Connel 4:15. 215: Will Mart (V) p. Schloss 3:12. 285: Brice Saylor (Y) dec. Gerrit Heine 7-3.

Canton 37, VHS 33
103: Brett Bye (V) ft. 112: T.J. North (V) ft. 119: Alex Davies (C) p. Regan Bye 3:00. 125: Tyler Halverson (C) p. Tony Henderson 1:32. 130: Earl Kiertzner (V) dec. Sehr 8-2. 135: Jeremiah Peterson (C) dec. Lance Burkhart 5-3. 140: Kirby Boyer (C) tech. fall Niko Cruz 18-3. 145: Logan Dolan (C) p. Bennet Johnson 5:53. 152: Parker Swanson (C) p. Andrew McCann 1:39. 160: Tanner Mart (V) dec. Peterson 8-2. 171: Chris Mart (V) dec. Myrabo 7-3. 189: Nick Mart (V) ft. 215: Jim Doyle (C) p. Will Mart 1:21. 285: Gerrit Heine (V) ft.

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After 16 days from home, the University of South Dakota Coyotes re-acclimated themselves to the DakotaDome by hitting 10 of their first 14 shots and rolling to a 67-49 win over the Black Hills State.

Despite hailing from the same state, it was the first-ever meeting between the schools, and the Yellow Jackets visited the DakotaDome with an 8-2 record and the eighth spot in the NAIA Division II polls.

The Yellow Jackets gained a 6-3 lead as Janna Schriber scored Black Hills State's first points on a drive and then bounced in a jumper with a toe on the 3-point line. Jenna Bolstad scored to cap the 6-0 Jacket run.

Then the Coyotes erupted. Annie Roche dialed up for a 3-pointer to begin the USD fun. And Amber Hegge hung in the lane for a short jumper.

Abby Kinder got into the act and exhibited her inside strength on consecutive possessions.

The 5-10 junior switched hands on a strong drive to the rack for a basket and then outduled three Yellow Jackets for an offensive rebound, put it back and was fouled to earn the traditional 3-point play.

USD continued to pour it on as consecutive steal-and-lay-in combinations by Hegge and Teresa Case that pushed the Coyote lead to 21-6. Case capped the run with a 3-point-

er for a 24-6 lead. "I thought our start got them back on their heels," said USD head coach Ryun Williams. "It was fun to watch; the ball was moving, the kids were moving, and they were able to get out and run."

"That's a fun way to play," added Williams.

"That's the kind of thing we talked about," said Roche of the game-changing run. "It was fun getting an adrenaline rush and getting some excitement going for each other."

Black Hills State answered with a 17-11 swing and trailed 35-23 after Bolstad picked up a steal and drove to the basket for a hoop.

The half ended with Jasmine Mosley corraling a rebound on the floor and looking to pass from the seat of her shorts. The heady guard found Roche slashing to the hoop, and the Vermillion native bounced in the lay-up to beat the buzzer, and USD led 40-25.

The Yellow Jackets took advantage of a slow start from USD to start the second half and closed the gap to 42-32 after Courtney Johnson scored on a turn-around jumper and Keely Krolkowski knocked down a pair of free throws with 13:49 remaining.

Kinder turned in a strong baseline drive to answer, and Black Hills State was never able to cut USD's lead to single digits.

Jamie Young scored four points and Case and Kinder each drained 3-pointers as USD pushed the lead back to

20 at 56-36. Tiffany Thomas had back-to-back steal-and-lay-ins, and Morgan Mines knocked down a free throw to cut USD's lead to 58-46 with 5:36 to play, but Roche swished a 3-pointer and the Coyotes chalked up the 67-49 victory.

The big run at the beginning of the game and timely spurts thereafter kept an upset bid well out of reach of the Yellow Jackets.

"We talked about coming out hard and getting a good start," said Roche. "We had some good stretches and some stretches that weren't as good, so we need to be able to put together a full game."

Roche finished with 12 points and three assists. "Annie had a great game; she shot with a lot of confidence and got into her pull-up game," said Williams of the tireless sophomore. "I'm proud of Annie; she's had a tough start, but you wouldn't know it with the way she played tonight."

Kinder finished with 15 points on six of eight shooting. "Abby's a really good player," said Williams of the transfer from Danville CC. "She's tough and competes hard; that was maybe her best game tonight."

Hegge had a game-high 16 points and eight rebounds. Case had five assists for USD.

Krolkowski led BHSU with nine points. The Coyotes (3-3) will play at Northern Iowa next Sunday and return home to play Mount Marty Dec. 20.

Though UNI is 2-5 this season and fell to the Coyotes 76-67 last February in Vermillion, USD will face a stern test in Cedar Falls.

"I think we're going to see pressure, and we're going to see extended defense; teams are going to be physical with us," said Williams of the Panthers. "UNI is a good team."

BLACK HILLS STATE (8-3)

Janna Schriber 3-3 1-2 7, Brittany Fuhrman 0-6 0-0 0, Katelynn Lamb 1-4 5-6 7, Jenna Bolstad 3-7 0-2 6, Alana Dykhouse 1-3 0-1 2, Kristi Ryan 1-2 0-1 3, Morgan Mines 2-6 1-2 5, Keely Krolkowski 3-7 2-2 9, Tiffany Thomas 3-4 0-1 6, Calli Bechtel 0-0 0-0 0, Jordan Connelly 1-4 0-0 2, Mandy Brumfield 0-0 0-0 0, Courtney Johnson 1-3 0-0 2. TOTALS: 19-49 9-17 49.

SOUTH DAKOTA (3-3)

Annie Roche 5-9 0-0 12, Jackie Hiebert 0-1 0-0 0, Amber Hegge 6-9 3-6 16, Teresa Case 3-5 0-0 8, Jasmine Mosley 3-5 0-0 6, Emily Guenther 0-0 0-0 0, Samantha Mehr 0-1 0-0 0, Abby Kinder 6-8 1-1 15, Kara Iverson 1-5 3-4 5, Pam January 0-0 0-0 0, Jamie Young 2-3 1-3 5. TOTALS: 26-46 8-14 67.

At the Half: SD 40, BHSU 25; Rebounds: SD 38 (Hegge 8), BHSU 20; 3-Point Goals: USD 7-18 (Roche 2-5, Hegge 1-2, Case 2-4, Mehr 0-1, Kinder 2-2, Iverson 0-3, Young 0-1), BHSU 2-10 (Fuhrman 0-4, Ryan 1-2, Mines 0-1, Krolkowski 1-2, Johnson 0-1); Personal Fouls: BHSU 17, SD 15; Fouled Out: None; Assists: SD 17 (Case 5), BHSU 5; Turnovers: SD 24, BHSU 15; Blocked Shots: SD 3, BHSU 0; Steals: SD 8 (Case 3), BHSU 8.

Tanagers place fifth at Wagner invitational

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Fifth-place finishes by Rory Tucker on the balance beam and Elly Melby in floor exercise were Vermillion's best scores as the Tanagers placed fifth in Wagner's invitational meet Saturday.

Amber Walker's seventh in the vault and Melby's ninth on the parallel bars and 10th in the vault were other top-10 places for the Tanagers.

As all-around competitors Vermillion's two junior leaders, Melby and Walker, placed eighth and 14th, respectively, in those standings with scores of 29.750 and 27.750.

Madison's perennial state champions won the team title and had the top six individ-

uals in the all-around standings, led by sophomore Laura Blom at 36.150.

Madison blew away the competition in the team standings with 140 points. Stanley County was closest to the Bulldogs with 118.100, followed by Wagner, Chamberlain and Vermillion at 108.700.

The Vermillion team goes to Yankton for a dual at 6:30 p.m. Monday, then hosts its Winter Wonderland meet at the VHS gym Dec. 29.

VHS scores at Wagner:

Bars: Elly Melby ninth, 7.75; Morgan Hower 13th, 6.5; Amber Walker 15th, 6.3; Grace Olson 26th, 3.6; Cassie Donahue 27th, 3.55.

Beam: Rory Tucker fifth, 8.15; Walker 18th, 6.1; Melby 22nd, 5.5;

Jade Fostvedt 26th, 5.15; Donahue 30th, 4.15.
Floor: Melby fifth, 8.2; Walker 12th, 6.9; Hower 16th, 6.4; Alexis Reich 20th, 6.0; Fostvedt 21st, 5.9; Tucker 23rd, 5.65.
Vault: Walker seventh, 8.45; Melby 10th, 6.3; Christine Epping 19th, 7.7; Hower 19th, 7.7; Reich 23rd, 7.3.
All-around: Melby 8th, 29.75; Walker 14th, 27.75.

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Bantam Prep League December 6, 2009			Ryan Brunick December 6, 2009		
Team Name	Won	Lost	Team Name	Score	Score
Bowling Girls	21.0	7.0	High Scr. Game Girls	145	145
The Lucky Strikers	18.0	10.0	Kayla Stammer	145	119
Super Strikers	16.0	12.0	High Scr. Series-Team	1158	98
Turkey Hunters	16.0	12.0	Turkey Hunters	1158	1123
Bowling Buddies	14.0	14.0	The Lucky Strikers	1123	1101
Mizzou	10.0	18.0	Super Strikers	1101	359
Bowling Queens	10.0	18.0	High Scr. Series Boys	359	312
Team 6	6.0	15.0	Sam Craig	312	300
High Scr. Game-Team	Score	Score	Ryan Brunick	300	344
Turkey Hunters	431	416	High Scr. Series Girls	344	320
The Lucky Strikers	416	392	Kayla Stammer	344	320
Super Strikers	392	392	High Scr. Game Boys	320	254
High Scr. Game Boys	Score	Score	Sam Craig	254	254
Sam Craig	139	139	Katie Kost	254	254

Bouie is Great West Player of the Week

USD junior guard Mitchell Bouie has been named the Great West Conference Player of the Week, the league announced on Monday. Bouie is the second Coyote to earn the weekly honor this season.

A native of Chicago, IL, Bouie was a sparkplug off the bench in South Dakota's two contests at the Drake Invitational over the weekend. On Friday, he notched 11 points and three rebounds against the host Bulldogs, while he added another 14 points and six rebounds in USD's 89-77 win over Bing-

hamton on Sunday. In total, Bouie hit 10-of-13 (77 percent) from the floor and 5-of-5 (100 percent) from the charity stripe to earn all-tournament honors. He has scored in double figures for the Coyotes in the past five games.

South Dakota continues its season against Wyoming in Laramie at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20.

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