

VAST results from recent meets

Vermillion Area Swim Team (VAST) has started the indoor season with a change in coaching staff. Mike Moran is the team's new head coach. Mike comes to the team with several years coaching in North Dakota and works in Admissions at USD. Melanie Mahowald continues to coach in the assistant role. Melanie is in her second year teaching fifth grade at Jolley School. The team has attended three meets already with several personal best times swam. Below are the results of the first two meets:

SIoux CENTER TRI STATE MEET -Oct. 31

8 AND UNDER—
Hunter Lavin (7) 50 Free seventh; 25 Fly sixth; 25 Back sixth; 25 Free fifth.

9-10—
Shelby Brady (9) 50 Free third; 50 Back fourth; 200 Free first, 50 Breast fourth, 200 IM second.
Maddie Lavin (9) 50 Fly second; 50 Back second; 100 Free second; 50 Breast third; 100 IM first.
Ava Magee (9) 50 Free sixth; 50 Fly fourth.
Madisen Martinez (10) 50 Free second; 50 Fly third; 200 Free second; 100 Breast first, 200 IM first.

11/12—
Kyleigh Chandler (11) 50 Free seventh; 50 Fly eighth; 100 Free second; 100 Breast fourth; 100 IM fourth.
Balin Magee (12) 50 Free fifth; 100 Breast third.

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8 AND UNDER—
Isabel Telleria (8) 25 Fly 11th; 100 Free fifth; 50 Back second; 50 Free fourth; 50 Breast fourth.
Hunter Lavin (7) 25 Fly third; 25 Back 26th; 25 Free 10th; 25 Breast seventh.

9/10
Shelby Brady (9) 50 Fly eighth; 100 Free third; 100 IM sixth; 50 Free fourth; 100 Breast fourth.
Maddie Lavin (9) 200 Free first, 100 Fly first, 100 Back second; 100 IM third, 50 Free first.
Alexis Malimanek (10) 50 Fly second; 100 Free third; 100 Back third; 100 IM second; 100 Breast second.
Madisen Martinez (9) 200 Free third; 50 Fly fourth; 100 Free fifth; 200 IM first; 100 Breast third.
Abril Telleria (10) 50 Fly seventh; 100 Free 10th; 100 Back third; 50 Free 11th; 100 Breast sixth.
Nate Robertson (10) 50 Fly sixth; 50 Back seventh; 100 IM sixth; 50 Free fifth; 50 Breast fourth.

11/12
Kate Brockevelt (11) 100 Free fourth; 50 Back fifth; 50 Free ninth.

Kyleigh Chandler (11) 200 Free seventh; 100 IM fifth; 100 Breast sixth.
Jordan Postvedt (11) 50 Back 17th, 100 IM 11th; 50 Free 21st; 50 Breast 17th.
Anna Hackemer (11) 200 Free 10th, 100 Back sixth; 200 IM eighth; 50 Free 12th; 100 Breast ninth.

Kelsie Herrera (12) 50 Fly seventh; 100 Free 11th; 50 Back ninth; 50 Free eighth; 50 Breast sixth.

13/14
Kathie Herrera (14) 200 Free eighth; 100 Free seventh; 100 Back ninth; 50 Free 13th.
Jacob Krier (13) 200 Free eighth; 100 Back fifth; 200 IM sixth; 50 Free 12th; 100 Breast ninth.
15 and up
Megan Bottolfson (17) 100 Free ninth; 50 Free third.
Stacie Kjeldsen (17) 200 Free first; 100 Free second; 200 Back first; 200 IM first; 50 Free second.
Annie Peasley (16) 100 Free 10th; 50 Free 14th; 100 Breast third.
Alyssa Raker (16) 200 Free fourth; 100 Free eighth; 50 Free 12th.

Wayne State signs Kristen Schwasinger

Wayne State College head women's golf coach Troy Harder has announced that Kristen Schwasinger of Vermillion has signed a national letter of intent to attend Wayne State College and play golf for the Wildcats in the 2010-11 school year.

Schwasinger is a four-year starter and five year letter winner at Vermillion High School, playing on three state tournament teams for the Tanagers as a freshman, sophomore and junior. She was named the team captain and most valuable player in the 2009 season, helping Vermillion High School win the regional championship and a seventh place finish at the South Dakota Class A State Tournament. Individually, she placed 19th at state as a junior last spring after shooting rounds of 88 and 98 for the Tanagers.

Wayne State College is an NCAA Division II school located in Wayne, NE and competes in the 14-team Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference.

Tanagers dealt humbling 85-41 loss

By Parker Knox
Sports writer

A frighteningly young South Sioux City team which boasts at least four players destined to play college basketball dealt Vermillion a humbling 85-41 loss Friday.

The Tanagers, however, suffered much more than their first defeat in three games when senior guard Erik Ustad was lost in the second quarter with what appeared at the time to be an ominously serious knee injury. No definite word on Ustad's status was available at the beginning of this week.

South Sioux City's man-to-man pressure defense stifled the Tanagers, who found it extremely difficult to snare rebounds against the much taller Cardinals or, for that matter, to get off

decent shots at the hoop.

Four points from Cole Andre on a free throw and a three-point basket tied the game early at 4-4. Another try from Ustad put Vermillion ahead 7-5, but from that point on there was nothing the Tanagers could do to stop the Cardinal floodwaters. South Sioux went on a 21-0 run that extended into the second period and led 26-7 before the Tanagers scored again.

The 22-7 first-quarter deficit extended to 51-21 at halftime and 73-29 after three periods. The Cardinal starters were still playing through almost all of that time, and the five starters took the court to begin the final period. Eventually when the South Sioux lead reached 49 points at 80-31, substitutes took their places.

South Sioux forced 28 Tanager

turnovers while committing only three of its own. Austin Groth scored 24 points, Mike Gesell 19, Trey Closter 10 and Alex Groth 10 for the winners.

Kylen Freidel and Jason Rasmussen led Tanager scoring with 12 and 10 points, respectively. Ustad had six, Andre four, Austin Krier four, Nile Morecraft four and Jarron Sorenson one. Rasmussen and Freidel were Vermillion's rebounds leaders with six caroms each.

"We felt we could have competed a little harder," Coach Jay Drake said Saturday. After the Tanagers' two exhilarating season-opening upset wins over Harrisburg and Lennox, Drake said the team "took a step backward" but remained pleased to be 2-1 after three contests.

Plenty of VHS sports on tap during holiday vacation

By Parker Knox
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Vermillion sports fans will have opportunity to see their high school teams in action during the holiday vacation. Unfortunately most of the competitions will be taking place on the same day.

The Tanager wrestlers will compete in the high-charged Floyd Farrand Invitational Tournament hosted by Sioux

Falls Lincoln on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 28-29. The state's best Class "A" and "B" teams will be there in a field that will be every bit as tough as the state tournament itself.

Wrestling is scheduled to begin at 11 a.m. each day.

The only home competition during the holidays will be the gymnastics team's Winter Wonderland meet at the VHS gym on Tuesday. Warmups begin at 9:30 a.m.

with the first rotation of competition set to start at 11:30 a.m.

In basketball, the girls and boys teams will all play at Tea Area on Tuesday, Dec. 29. The double tripleheader of six games will start with the freshman boys' game at noon, followed by the freshman girls at 1:15 p.m., the JV boys at 2:30 p.m. and the JV girls at 3:45 p.m. The varsity contests will tip off at 5 p.m. with

the girls game and the boys game at 7 p.m.

The two VHS varsity basketball teams will then make their first appearance in Winner's Snowball Classic on Saturday, Jan. 2. The Vermillion and Winner girls teams will tip off at 5 p.m. with the boys' varsity contest at 6:45 p.m. Girls and boys games between Platte-Geddes and Red Cloud will be played there earlier in the afternoon.

Ganious named to FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team

South Dakota football's Chris Ganious has been named to the Football Championship Subdivision Athletics Directors Association Academic All-Star Team, the association has announced. Ganious was one of just 55 players in the FCS division to earn the honor.

Ganious, a sophomore psychology major, was also named an ESPN the Magazine Academic All-American in late November. He has earned a 3.816 cumulative grade-point average through the 2009 spring semester, and also represented USD at the NCAA National Student-Athlete Leadership Conference in May 2009.

A running back on the field, Ganious led the Coyotes in rushing yards the last two seasons. This fall he posted 828 yards and four touchdowns on 148 attempts to

earn All-Great West Conference first-team honors. He also earned Great West Offensive Player-of-the-Week honors after posting a career-high 193 rushing yards on 25 carries in USD's 45-21 win over Southern Utah. He also caught 23 passes for 266 yards and one touchdown to help the Coyotes post a 5-5 overall record during the season.

Also named to the elite list was South Dakota State University defensive back Conrad Kjerstad.

Kjerstad, a junior from Wall, was selected to the team with a 3.93 grade-point average while majoring in agricultural business. Earlier this fall, he was named to the Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Academic Team and was selected to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second

Team.

On the field, Kjerstad shared the team lead with five interceptions and ranked third on the Jackrabbits' playoff-qualifying team with 81 tackles in earning second-team all-MVFC recognition.

Nominees for the FCS ADA Academic All-Star Team were required to have a minimum grade-point average of 3.20 in undergraduate study and have been a starter or key player with legitimate athletics credentials. He must have reached his second year of athletics and academic standing at the nominated institution and have completed a minimum of one full academic year at the nominated institution. He must also have participated in 50 percent of the games played at his designated position.

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