

Area coach awarded for fall season success

By Scott Bormann

Larry Buffington, cross country coach for Gayville-Volin High School, was awarded the 2013 Cross Country Coach of the Year award for Area 3/Class B by the SDCCTFCA (South Dakota Cross Country Track & Field Coaches Association).

With his girls team finishing second in the State B Meet back in October, and

with the first two places in the individual race going to Raider runners, Buff was in great position for this prestigious award.

The coach's association chose Jason Bohl, of Garretson, as the 2013 Circle of Champions Coach of the Year.

The Blue Dragon girls won Class A, with the boys finishing third, cementing the combined team title for Garretson.

VHS finishes 4th at invitational

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On Pearl Harbor Day (Dec. 7), the Tanager grapplers traveled to Sioux Falls Roosevelt High School to compete in an early-season 9-team tournament.

Placing fourth, Vermillion was only beaten by much larger schools from the Sioux Falls area.

The Rough Riders, led by six individual champions, were victorious over the strong field from eastern South Dakota.

The Tanagers, with 179 team points, were led by three champions: Regan Bye (152 lbs.), Brett Bye (160 lbs.), and Alex Osborne (182 lbs.). Trey Hage (106 lbs.), Jack Husby (113 lbs.), and Karter Kratz (145 lbs.) scored valuable points with second place finishes. Brandon Hertz (170 lbs.) finished in third, while Kyle Seibel (120 lbs.) and Seth Heine (195 lbs.)

finished in fourth.

The Vermillion team was able to finish ahead of Dakota XII foes West Central and Tea Area (underlined below). Counting their dual victory over Lennox on Dec. 3, they have defeated all three conference opponents that they have met so far this season.

Come to the Vermillion High School gym on Friday, Dec. 17 to watch them take on another conference foe, Dakota Valley, plus Brandon Valley and Yankton in the VHS Quadrangular.

Team Scores:
1) Sioux Falls Roosevelt: 245.5; 2) Brandon Valley: 195.0; 3) Sioux Falls Washington: 182.0; 4) Vermillion: 179.0; 5) West Central: 131.0; 6) Unattached: 82.0; 7) Sioux Falls O'Gorman: 64.0; 8) Sioux Falls Lincoln: 48.0; 9) Tea Area: 46.0

Tanager girls' basketball drop season opener

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It is always tough to lose the season opener, but it hurts even more when it is against a conference and regional foe. The Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies beat the Tanagers 50-40 on Tuesday night.

Elk Point-Jefferson got out to a fast start, and didn't let up. Vermillion trailed by 8 points after one quarter, 12 at halftime, and 10 after the third quarter and at the end of the game.

"For our first game of the year, we did some nice things," said Coach Jon Brooks. "It was the first time most of these girls have ever played a game together, so I expected us to be out of sync at times."

The Tanagers were led by Jose Huber with 16 points, nine rebounds and two assists. Shantel French had seven points and three steals. Kyleigh Melstad had five points and five rebounds. Haleigh Melstad had four points and five rebounds. Rachel Finnegan had four points and six

rebounds. Sydney Peters had a pair of points and rebounds. Tori Gregoire had one point, while Hailey Freidel had one point and two rebounds.

EPJ was led by Kelly Bertram with 18 points.

Vermillion moved the ball, giving them great shots, but went through a couple of tough scoring droughts. Turnovers and rebounds were the downfall against a very good team. "They have good senior leadership, and are big and deep on the bench," said Brooks.

"I couldn't be more happy with our girls' effort, and am very optimistic about the season," said Brooks. "As we get more games under our belt, we will continue to improve."

The Tanagers next travel to Tyndall to take on Bon Homme on Friday, Dec. 13, then to Sioux Falls to take on SF Christian on Tuesday, Dec. 17, both at 7:45 p.m.

Score by Quarters:
Vermillion: 9, 13, 30, 40

EPJ: 17, 25, 40, 50

Swimmers succeed in Lincoln

The Vermillion Area Swim Team (VAST) attended the Greater Nebraska Winter Swimvite Swim Meet held from Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 at the University of Nebraska's Bob Devaney Sports Center Natatorium in Lincoln, NE.

They competed against 13 other teams from Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota.

The swimmers who attended the meet were: Rebekah Sharples-Schmidt (6), Andrew Sharples-Schmidt (7), Cohen Paden (8), Bailey Paden (8), Douglas Sharples-Schmidt (8), Anna Van-Holland (12), Maddie Lavin (13), Anna Hackemar (15), Jacob Krier (17) and James Butler (17).

In the boys 13 and over division, Jacob Krier won the 500-yard freestyle, the 50 free, 100 free, 200 free and 100 backstroke. He owns the fastest times in South Dakota for the 17-19 age division for the 200 free, 500 free and 100 backstroke.

Maddie Lavin, in the girls 13 and over division, placed third in the 100 butterfly with a time of 59.69. She became the first female swimmer for the VAST to break the one minute barrier in the event, and posted the 60th fastest time in the country. She also placed fifth in the 200 fly and 11th in the 100 back, setting new team records in each event.

Anna Hackemar set personal bests in the 100 back, 200 back and 50 free. James Butler placed 13th in



(From left) Ten and under swimmers Rebekah Sharples-Schmidt, Cohen Paden, Bailey Paden, Douglas Sharples-Schmidt and Andrew Sharples-Schmidt. Behind is Coach Mike Moran. The Padens are from Ponca, NE, while the Sharples-Schmidts are from Wakonda.

(Photo by Riva Sharples-Schmidt)

the 100 back, 12th in the 100 fly, and 10th in the 100 free. Anna Van Holland placed 15th in the 100 breaststroke.

Andrew Sharples-Schmidt won his first event in competitive swimming by finishing the 200 free in 3:45.02 in the 10 and under boys division. He just out-touched his brother, Douglas, who earned the silver with a time of 3:45.20.

Rebekah Sharples-Schmidt set a personal best to earn 18th place in the girls 8 and under division. Bailey and Cohen Paden also set

personal bests. Bailey finished 15th in both the 25-yard freestyle and 25-yard backstroke.

The swimmers from VAST will enjoy a busy December as they get ready for the Yankton Invite on Dec. 14, followed by a two-day venture to Sioux Falls on December 21-22 for the annual Candy Cane Classic.

VAST is an USA Swimming affiliated swim club, which is the parent organization to the US Olympic Swim Team. For more information about the team and how to join, visit www.vastds.com.

VERMILLION POLICE DEPARTMENT CALLS

12/01/13 04:08 – Caller reported an unknown man was in her basement. Officers responded and searched the basement, but the man had left via an outside door entrance. The man was located nearby and was intoxicated and claimed to be confused about where he was.

12/01/13 06:44 – Officers were asked to check the welfare of a woman lying in an apartment hallway with her pants pulled down. The woman was intoxicated and had evidentially fallen while urinating in the hallway. She was lost in the wrong building. Officers assisted her to her building and found a responsible party to care for her.

12/01/13 16:38 – Caller reported being assaulted by her boyfriend. Officers investigated and arrested the boyfriend for domestic violence assault.

12/02/13 04:42 – Officers were called to a fight in progress at a residence. Investigation resulted in the arrest of one of the parties for domestic assault.

12/02/13 19:39 – Caller reported a dispute regarding a food delivery. Investigation revealed no criminal behavior.

12/02/13 20:56 – Caller turned over a black briefcase that had been secreted behind a building. The owner was located and the case returned. A pack of cigarettes was missing from the case.

12/02/13 22:28 – Caller reported a subject had come into the convenience store and taken some beer and fled the building. Officer checked the area but the subject was not located. Under investigation.

12/03/13 18:21 – Caller reported an unknown

person had entered her residence while she was away. Several things had been moved. Nothing appeared to be missing.

12/04/13 07:41 – Officers received information about a possible violation of a no contact order. Officers investigated and arrested a subject in violation of a no contact order. The man was also arrested for two Clay County warrants.

12/04/13 19:05 – Complainant reported a subject came into the business grabbed some alcohol and fled on foot. Under investigation.

12/05/13 01:12 – While conducting a bar check, Officers contacted an underage person drinking in the bar. The suspect was using another person's driver's license. The suspect was charged. Further charges under investigation.

12/05/13 01:51 – Officers responded to a report of an unknown man coming into a home and laying down on an occupied bed. When officers arrived and contacted the man he was aggressive and challenging asking repeatedly if the officers wanted to fight. The man was very intoxicated. He was arrested for trespass and resisting arrest.

12/05/13 09:41 – Caller reported the rear window of his vehicle smashed out. Under investigation.

12/05/13 11:10 – Caller reported a garbage hauler walking out in front of traffic creating a traffic hazard. The hauler in question was interviewed.

12/05/13 11:33 – Complainant reported her purse stolen from a bar. Under investigation.

12/05/13 19:21 – Officers were called to do a welfare check. The

subject was placed in custody for an evaluation because of suicidal threats.

12/05/13 19:33 – Caller reported vandalism to the tire of her vehicle. Under investigation.

12/05/13 20:20 – Caller reported a possible suicide attempt. Investigating officers determined the attempt did not happen and there was a communications failure that led to a misunderstanding.

12/06/13 02:42 – A vehicle was towed after it was left in a controlled parking area in excess of 24 hours.

12/06/13 22:24 – Caller reported a loud party in progress. Officer found a strong odor of marijuana coming from the suspect residence. A search warrant was obtained. Four people were arrested for possession of marijuana. The renter was also cited for noise violation.

12/07/13 08:30 – Caller requested help with a problem involving a wheelchair. Officers responded to provide assistance.

12/07/13 11:50 – Officers responded to a vehicle vs. fence accident. The driver was cited for no insurance and registration violation.

12/07/13 14:37 – Caller was concerned for a dog with little hair stuck outside in the cold temperatures. Officers searched the area of the report, but did not find the dog in question.

12/07/13 18:35 – Officers responded to a report of a fire alarm going off. The cause was burnt food and the officers determined there was no continuing danger.

12/07/13 19:30 – Caller requested the officer stop in during the winter dance at the high school. Officers stopped by.

12/07/13 23:42 – Officers responded to a noise complaint. Officers found loud music and a large number of people at the apartment. When he knocked, there was much yelling about the police being outside and about 50 people fled out several exits to the apartment. The renter was located and cited for disorderly house.

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Contribute Single Item(s) of need

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