

# Tanagers fall to improved Beresford team

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

A vastly improved Beresford club used runs of 8-0 and 9-0 – one in the first half and the other to start the third quarter – then made free throws late when Vermillion had to purposely foul and left town with a 64-55 win over the Tanagers Tuesday.

The Watchdogs, now standing at 7-6 for the year, blew out to a 19-12 lead, but a strategic timeout by Coach Jay Drake stemmed that tide and inspired his team to an exciting second quarter. Two treys by Cole Andre, another by Austin Krier, and three buckets by Jason Rasmussen lifted the Tanagers back into a 29-29 halftime deadlock.

But Beresford hit its first five shots of the second half to spurt ahead by 41-31. The Tanagers were able to get within four in the third period and within three early in the final quarter.

VHS made one final run midway through the fourth stanza. Kylan Freidel stole the ball and fed it to Andre, then after a pair of Watchdog turnovers, Freidel drove to the hoop himself, and the deficit was down to 54-51. But from then on, Beresford slowed down the game and waited to be sent to the free-throw stripe. There the Watchdogs sank eight in the last minute to pad their lead.

The Tanager offense showed contributions from everybody – Andre with 16 points, Rasmussen 12, Freidel eight, Krier eight, Tyler Husby six and Aaron Steele five. VHS was 12-of-13 at the charity stripe. Beresford was led by Jordan Powell with 22 and Holden Cotton with 19.

Outrebounded 29-19, the Tanagers were led off the boards by Husby with seven and Rasmussen and Andre with four apiece. Rasmussen had four steals and Steele four assists.

Beresford shot 55 percent from the field to Vermillion's 34 percent.



Vermillion's Jason Rasmussen battles two Beresford defenders and successfully takes the ball to the hoop during action in the VHS gym Tuesday. Rasmussen contributed 12 points to the Tanagers' offensive effort. (Photo by David Lias)

Struggling again in the first quarter, the Tanagers continued a pattern stretching back for six games when they hosted Dell Rapids last Thursday.

"It's frustrating to fall behind early and we're always fighting back," said Coach Jay Drake after his Tanagers succumbed to the Quarriers, 58-50. "The first quarter has been our Achilles heel for six games. Sooner or later we just have to say we're sick and tired of this and finally get one of these wins."

Though they find themselves down, the Tanagers seem always able to stage at least one rally, and they did against the Quarriers. Down 15-6 after one quarter, they came up with a 50 percent shooting effort in the second period to close to within four points three different times and trailed by 32-26 at halftime.

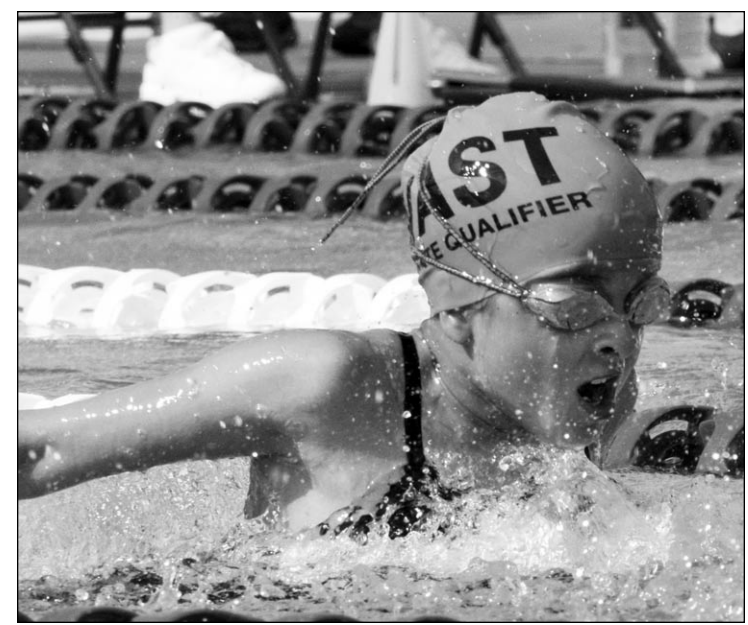
Again in the third the Tanagers fell down immediately by 10 and got back to

within five. To start the final period, however, Dell Rapids controlled the ball for two minutes and then sank a deadly three-pointer. They would go ahead by 12, and from then on the Tanagers ran out of time and opportunities.

VHS, which ended up with a 40 percent shooting night, put three men into double figures. Kylan Freidel scored 16, Cole Andre 12 and Jason Rasmussen 12. Tyler Husby with six and Aaron Steele with four had the other 10 points.

The Tanagers were outrebounded 30-20. Andre and Freidel had six rebounds each and Husby and Rasmussen four apiece. Andre with four and Freidel with three were the assists leaders.

The schedule gets no easier as Vermillion heads into the final three weeks of the regular season. VHS plays at Madison Friday night and joins the girls at Dakota Valley for a Tuesday double-header.



Madisen Lavin swam with the South Dakota team at the All Stars Meet in Lawrence, KS on Jan. 16 and 17. To qualify for the team a swimmer needs to have a qualifying "A" time and be in the top five rankings in the events they swim in the state of South Dakota. Madisen swam the 200 IM; 200 Freestyle; 100 Backstroke; 100 Butterfly; 50 Freestyle and 200 Freestyle B Relay. She swam personal best times in all events placing 14th in the 100 Butterfly.

## Vermillion Area Swim Team places at First Splash of 2010 meet

### 8 and under

Isabel Telleria: 25 Free - fourth, 50 Free - third, 100 Free - second, 25 Back - first, 25 Breast - third, 50 Breast - third; Carly Peckham: 25 Free - 11th, 50 Free - eighth, 25 Back - 11th; Hunter Lavin: 25 Free - third, 50 Free - third, 100 Free - fourth, 25 Breast - first, 50 Breast - second, 25 Back - fourth, 100 IM - third

### 9/10

Madisen Martinez: 50 Free - first, 100 Free - second, 200 Free - second, 50 Back - ninth, 50 Breast - first; 100 Breast - first, 50 Fly - second, 100 IM - second, 200 IM - second; Lexie Malimanek: 200 Free - first, 500 Free - first, 50 Back - first, 50 Fly - first, 100 Fly - first, 200 IM - first; Shelby Brady: 50 Free - fourth, 100 Free - fourth, 200 Free - third, 50 Back - fourth, 100 Back - first, 50 Breast - third, 100 Breast - second, 100 IM - third; Maggie Peterson: 50 Free - sixth, 50 Back - seventh, 100 Back - third, 100 IM - fifth; Abril Telleria: 50 Free - 11th, 100 Free - fifth, 50 Back - 12th, 50 Breast - seventh, 100 IM - seventh; Grace Kjelden: 50 Free - 11th, 100 Free - 11th, 50 Back - 15th, 50 Breast - 16th, 100 Breast - sixth; Nate Robertson: 50 Free - fifth, 100 Free - third, 50 Back - 10th, 50 Breast - fifth, 50 Fly - fourth, 100 IM - second

### 11/12

Anna Hackemer: 50 Free -

15th, 100 Free - 15th, 200 Free - 11th, 50 Back - 15th, 50 Breast - eighth, 100 Breast - ninth, 100 IM - 11th; Kyleigh Chandler: 50 Free - 17th, 200 Free - 10th, 50 Back - 17th, 50 Breast - 10th, 50 Fly - ninth, 200 IM - 11th

### 13/14

Kelsi Herrera: 50 Free - 11th, 100 Free - 13th, 200 Free - 11th, 500 Free - 10th, 100 Breast - 11th, 200 Breast - eighth; Kathie Herrera: 100 Back - 13th, 100 Breast - 13th; Jacob Krier: 50 Free - eighth, 200 Free - seventh, 200 Back - fourth

### 15/11

Stacie Kjelden: 50 Free - second, 100 Free - second, 200 Free - second, 500 Free - second; Megan Bottolfsen: 50 Free - 10th, 100 Free - sixth, 200 Free - eighth, 100 Back - ninth, 100 Breast - fourth; Alyssa Raker: 50 Free - 13th, 100 Free - seventh, 200 Free - seventh, 500 Free - sixth, 200 Back - fourth, 100 Breast - fifth; Annie Peasley: 50 Free - 12th, 100 Free - eighth, 200 Free - ninth, 500 Free - seventh, 100 Breast - third.

The team will be in action in upcoming meets at Yankton and Sioux Falls. New swimmers always welcomed. Anyone interested may contact Mike Moran at 920-203-3560, Melanie Mahowald at 651-334-6704, or Carol Lavin at 605-624-2632.

## VHS gymnasts improving routines as postseason approaches

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There remains work to be done, but the young and aspiring Vermillion gymnasts are gradually improving their scores and their routines as the post-season approaches.

Coach Mark Upward credited his girls with a night of consistency throughout after they competed with Yankton and West Central in a triangular at Sioux Falls last week.

"We still have a lot of work to do before our region meet on Feb. 12," Upward said, "but we were consistent all night with our routines."

Especially pleasing to Upward was the fact that his gymnasts finally had what he called "a good, not a great" performance on the beam with only five falls counting against the team's score. Still those falls account for a 2.5-point loss in the team's score, so it remains an

area where improvement is mandatory before the team goes to Mitchell for the regional next Friday.

Yankton with 124.8 had the best score at Sioux Falls with VHS at 117.4 and West Central at 112.9. Yankton's Sam Wampol led the close all-around standings at 32.05 with Vermillion's Elly Melby next at 31.55, followed by Jordan Leader of Yankton at 30.9 and Amber Walker of Vermillion fourth at 30.55.

Melby won the vault at 8.65 and the floor exercise at 8.35 and placed fourth on the bars at 7.4. Walker was third on the parallel bars at 7.5 and fifth in the vault at 8.1 and floor exercise at 7.65.

Other VHS scores in varsity events included:

Vault: Christine Epping 7.6, Morgan Hower 7.5, Teddi Settles 7.0, Jaimie Moos 6.8.

Floor exercise: Rory Tucker 7.3, Epping 6.95, Jade Fostvedt 6.95, Hower 6.35.

Beam: Fostvedt 7.45, Tucker 7.3, Walker 7.3, Epping 7.25, Melby 7.15, Cassie Donahoe 3.9.

Bars: Hower 6.9, Grace Olson 5.6, Tucker 4.5, Donahoe 4.1.

Upward praised his junior varsity gymnasts for "stepping up to the plate and producing a great score for them." The Tanager JVs had a 78.2 score to West Central's 78.15.

Ellie Glover's second on the bars at 4.3 was the best VHS score in the JV meet. Here are the other VHS scores:

Bars: Hope Knedler third, 3.9; Jaimie Moos fourth, 3.45; Teddi Settles tie-fifth, 3.3; Kristen Johnson 3.2; Ciara Zimiga 2.8.

Beam: Glover third, 5.55; Settles fourth, 4.85; Grace Olson 4.45, Knedler 3.95, Jennifer Morse 2.75.

Floor exercise: Moos third, 5.95; Settles fourth, 5.4; Katlyn Garcia fifth, 5.1; Knedler 4.85; Kelsey Meadows 2.55

Vault: Sydney Kronaizl fourth, 6.15; Johnson tie-fifth, 6.1; Cassie Donahoe tie-fifth, 6.1; Michaela Olson 5.9, Morse 5.6.

## Three dual matches remain in Tanager wrestling season

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The fast-disappearing wrestling season has dwindled to only three remaining dual matches for the Vermillion Tanagers, barring any more reschedulings because of the weather.

Coach Joe Delvaux and his troops take their talents to Crofton for a 6:30 p.m. dual Friday night. They will finish with duals against Washington and Harrisburg in Sioux Falls next Friday. Then it will be regional time at Brandon Feb. 18-19.

### Woodbury Central Duals

Vermillion represented South Dakota in fine style Saturday, going 4-1 in Woodbury Central's dual tournament at Merville, IA, that featured teams from four states.

The Tanagers ripped Akron-Westfield, IA, 52-12, in the first, and followed that up with a strong 46-27 triumph over Bennington, NE. In Round Three Vermillion took care of Woodbury Central, 48-21.

The Tanagers then defeated Sioux City North, IA's 15th-ranked Class 3A team, 33-30. That set up a championship match against Adrian, perennial wrestling power from southwestern Minnesota and ranked eighth in that state's Class AA this season. Adrian came away with a 51-16 victory.

Vermillion came home with five individual championships, including T.J. North

at 112 pounds. North was co-winner of the tournament's outstanding wrestler award with Woodbury Central's Jordan Bremer.

Nick Mart, who like North remains ranked No. 1 in his weight class in South Dakota Class A, won the 189-pound individual crown. Earl Kiertzner emerged with the 140-pound title, Gerrit Heine won it all at 215 pounds, and Will Mart captured the 285-pound championship.

### Rapid City Duals

Last Friday in a pair of duals scheduled late, the Tanagers hosted the two Rapid City schools and lost twice – 43-30 to Central and 48-18 to

Stevens.

"We lost some matches we could have won," Delvaux said of the Cobler dual, "but Central came out strong and we were a bit flat to start with."

The Tanagers got their usual points from Brett Bye at 103 and T.J. North at 112, both scoring pins, but Central won seven of the next eight weights. The one exception was an exciting 7-4 win for Lance Burkhardt at 135. He scored an escape with 1:30 left for a 5-4 lead and a take-down with seven seconds remaining.

Vermillion trailed 39-15 with four weights remaining and needed four pins to earn

a 39-39 tie. Chris Mart at 171 and Nick Mart at 189 both scored pins after piling up big leads, and Gerrit Heine at 215 scored an 8-2 decision.

"We came back a little stronger," Delvaux said of the Stevens dual, "but they have a high-quality team." The Raiders are considered second-best in the state behind only Sturgis.

"These duals were great

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By the order of the Board of Directors dated the 21st day of January, 2010.  
- Marvin Walz, President  
- Ronald Hesla, Secretary

**Lunch will be served. Door prizes given.**