

## Tanager grappler triangular scheduled here Tuesday

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One of only three chances all season for Vermillion fans to see their highly-regarded wrestling team on the home mats occurred Tuesday.

A triangular involving the Tanagers with Madison and Tea Area, which was postponed by the first of the December snowstorms on Dec. 8, was rescheduled for Tuesday with the first matches to be whistled into action at 5:30 p.m.

The Tanagers spent Christmas week getting ready for the Floyd Farrand Invitational at Sioux Falls Lincoln held this past Monday and Tuesday. Results from that action will appear in next week's Plain Talk.

Vermillion stretched its dual record to 7-1 on Dec. 17 with a 49-23 triumph at West Central.

The Tanagers never trailed in the dual though their advantage grew slim a couple times during the evening. Pins in the early going by Brett Bye, Regan Bye and Earl Kiertzner and a 14-4 Lance Burkhart major decision lifted Vermillion to a 28-10 lead through seven weight classes.

Three straight Trojan wins closed the gap to 28-23 before the Tanagers' big boys put an end to things in a hurry. Chris Mart and Nick Mart scored pins, Will Mart won a 6-2 decision and Gerrit Heine's heavyweight pin was the exclamation point.

## THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION CITY POOL

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser

Week eight is in the books and we find Maya Janes 2 on the top of the heap with Leo's 1 back in second place after a battle of top teams. Here are the standings with week number eight in the books.

- 1) Maya Janes 2...128-72 64%
- 2) Leo's 1...107-68 61.1%
- 3) Whimps...75-50 60%
- 4) Char 1...118-82 59%
- 5) Maya Janes 1...112-88 56%
- 6) Eagles 2...107-93 53.5%
- 7) Char 2...92-83 52.6%
- 8) Leo's 3...100-100 50%
- 9) Maya Janes 3 and Varsity 1...105-95 47.5%
- 10) Eagles 1...71-79 47.3%
- 11) Careys 1...94-106 47%
- 12) Leo's 2...89-111 44.5%
- 13) Leo's 4 and Bunyans 1...88-112 44%
- 14) Varsity 2...64-86 42.7%
- 15) Bunyans 2...83-117 41.5%

Blaine Scholler and Jeff Solomon were the dynamic duo that made the 9ball on the break. Stevie Thiesen and Ryan Brinkman were the "Gold Star Performers" for going 5-0. Congrats to those four shooters. Jesse Greenway and Buzz "Blues Harp" Johnson wound up on the "Bottom of the Barrel" for going 0-5.

Let's take a peek at the games from week eight. Maya Janes 2 took a trip to beautiful downtown Burbank for a battle with last years season champs, Whimps. Troy Nicks and Barry "Rock n' Roll" Brown used 4-1 nights to lift Maya Janes 2 to the 14-11 victory. Brian Lambert helped the MJ2 cause with three wins. The trio of Mike, Skinny and Rob all had three wins for Whimps.

The Eagles 1 team was on the road at Maya Janes 1 and were grounded by the home team 19-6. "T" Wilson King, Gerit Soljic and Scott Tissue posted four win nights for MJ1. Carson Kennedy and Josh Whatyamacallhim were 3-2 to further the cause of MJ1. Jerry Sommervold was top shooter for the Eagles 1 team with two wins.

Kyle Mollet and Jon Brooks

were both four game winners as Leo's 3 powered past Leo's 4 by a tally of 17-8. Cam Nettetstadt, and the brother duo of Brett and Ryan Mockler pitched in with three wins each to round out a 17 win night for the road dogs.

Leo's 4 was lead by the four wins of Jim "Fry Daddy" Frye and was held back by one win from the other four members of Leo's 4.

On the other table at Leo's Sports Bar and Grill, Careys 1 dusted of the pool cues and finished ahead of Leo's 2 by a 16-9 score. Dana "DB" Hovalt cruised to a four win night. The rest of the Careys team, Justin Snyder, Luke Lacey, Jared "Cheeks" Heiden and Mojo Reiser all had three wins. Danny Doty lead the Leo's 2 shooters with three wins.

Leo's 1 pushed their way into second place in the league with a 15-10 win over the Eagles 2 team. Stevie Thiesen was a perfect 5-0 for the Leo's men. Travis "Too Tough" Taggart helped out with four marks in the win column. Tim Dooley was duly noted as having three wins for the home team.

Maya Janes 3 used four wins in the final frame to race past the Varsity 2 by a 14-11 score. Brandon Lee kicked in four wins and got help from Adam Hasse and Ben Dover, who each had three wins for MJ3. Ryan Brinkman was a perfect 5-0 for Varsity 2 and was assisted by four win from the banging cue of Jason "Banger" Bengford.

The Char 1 men waltzed into Bunyans and waltzed out with a 14-11 road win over Bunyans 2. Husker was top dog for the Char with four wins. Grant "Big Dog" Sommervold and Kase "Top Chef" Allison also cooked up three wins for the night. Blain Schoellerman was a four game winner and got three victories from Donny Stewart as the home team kept it close for most of the night.

Jeff Solomon made the 9ball on the break and closed out the home standing Careys 2 shooters by the score of 13-12 for Bunyans 1. Jody Sailor posted four wins and was assisted by

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# Morehead State edges USD

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The first true home challenge was nearly a signature victory. Yet, in the end, it was simply a could-have-been.

In its first home game against a full-fledged Division I opponent, the University of South Dakota men's basketball team saw a nine-point second half lead go by the wayside in a 66-64 loss to Morehead State on Monday night inside the DakotaDome.

Against a Morehead State team with four starters back from last season's run to the NCAA Tournament, the Coyotes (6-5) gave the visitors all they could handle.

"You can always take things away from every game you play, but when you're in a hard-fought game like this, you want to see your guys make that play to win it," said USD coach Dave Boots, whose team had previously hosted North Dakota, Seattle and SIU-Edwardsville since moving to the D-I level.

"We tried the best we could," he added. "It was a super effort by our kids."

But it was a late charge from the Eagles, coupled with some cold shooting from the three-point and free throw lines by USD, that did in the hosts.

Morehead senior Maze Stallworth hit a go-ahead three-pointer with 1:45 to play, and USD committed two turnovers down the stretch before hitting 1-of-2 free throws with three seconds to play.

A 40-foot three-point attempt at the buzzer by Coyote freshman Jake Thomas clanked off the rim, and the Dome crowd of 1,045 let out a collective breath.

"Games like this just come down to a few plays," said USD senior forward Tyler Cain, who posted 17 points and 15 rebounds. "Whoever gets those breaks on basically jump balls will probably come out on top."

"And they won that battle." USD slowly built a first-half lead against a physical Morehead State team led by junior forward Kenneth Faried, the nation's second-leading rebounder a year ago. The back-and-forth opening half featured six ties before the Coyotes put together an 11-2 run to go ahead 30-21.

The Coyotes led 36-29 at halftime thanks to a 59.3 percent shooting effort from the field.

However, Morehead State used a surge of its own to close the gap.

After USD led 38-29 — its largest lead of the game — the Eagles opened the second half on an 8-2 run to pull within 38-37 with 16:32 to play. But six minutes later, the Coyotes had pushed the margin back out to 49-43.

USD senior Roman Gentry hit a pair of free throws at the 3:30 mark to give the Coyotes a 63-62 lead. But with 1:45 to play, Morehead's Stallworth drained another three-pointer — his fourth of the game — to give the Eagles the lead.

Gentry missed a layup with 1:27 to play, and USD would later commit a pair of turnovers. Fouled with three seconds left, Cain missed the first of two free throws before banking in the second attempt. Stallworth did the same with two seconds to play, but Thomas would narrowly miss a game-winning three at the horn.

"Both teams played well defensively; there weren't a lot of easy baskets by either side," Boots said. "It was a good battle all the way through. But they made a couple plays to win the game."

Before fouling out with six minutes left in the game, Morehead's leading scorer Faried — projected by some Web sites to be an NBA draft prospect — paced the Eagles with 15 points and 15 rebounds. Stallworth led the way



Morehead (KY) State's Maze Stallworth, 1, jumps over South Dakota's Steve Smith during the first half of their men's basketball game Monday at the DakotaDome. Stallworth scored a game-high 21 points and Kenneth Faried, also pictured, posted 15 points and 15 rebounds as MSU rallied to a 66-64 victory. (James D. Cimburek/P&D)

with 21 points, while Steve Peterson added 12 points and Demonte Harper had 10.

Members of the Ohio Valley Conference, Morehead State (6-6) out-rebounded the Coyotes 44-32, including a 17-9 edge on the offensive glass.

"That's what we've been preparing for," Cain said. "We knew it'd be a tough game; knew it'd be physical. But we were ready for it. We played pretty physical right back at them."

Aside from Cain's 17 points, USD had three players with 10 points — Gentry, Thomas and reserve Kendall Cutler. Cutler, a junior transfer from Western Oklahoma State, added five assists, four rebounds and four steals.

USD returns to action on Sunday for a noon contest at No. 12 Kansas State (11-1) in Manhattan, KS.

**MOREHEAD STATE (6-6)**  
Maze Stallworth 7-15 3-4 21; Brandon Shingles 1-3 0-1 2; Demonte Harper 4-11 0-0 10; Steve Peterson 6-12 0-0 12; Kenneth Faried 5-9 5-7 15; Terrance Hill 1-5 0-0 2; Jason Beharie 0-0 0-0 0; Sam Goodman 1-3 2-2 4; Les Simmons 0-4 0-2 0. TOTALS 25-62 10-16 66.

**SOUTH DAKOTA (6-6)**  
Roman Gentry 3-9 4-4 10; Louie Krogman 1-5 0-0 3; Jake Thomas 3-9 2-2 10; Tyler Cain 6-8 5-9 17; Steve Smith 4-9 0-0 8; Mitchell Bouie 2-4 0-3 4; Kendall Cutler 3-6 4-7 10; Jordan Boots 0-1 0-0 0; Conrad Krutwig 1-1 0-0 2. TOTALS 23-52 15-25 64.

At The Half: USD 36, MSU 29. Three-Pointers:

MSU 6-14 (Stallworth 4-9, Harper 2-2, Peterson 0-1, Hill 0-1, Simmons 0-1), USD 3-18 (Thomas 2-7, Krogman 1-4, Boots 0-1, Smith 0-2, Gentry 0-4). Total Rebounds: MSU 44 (Faried 15), USD 32 (Cain 15). Assists: USD 16 (Krogman 6), MSU 13 (Shingles 7). Steals: USD 10 (Cutler 4), MSU 9 (Stallworth 5). Total Fouls: MSU 23, USD 13. Fouled Out: MSU 1 (Faried). A: 1045.

## Quaye garners All-America honors

South Dakota football's Ko Quaye was named to the 2009 Sports Network Football Championship Subdivision All-America team, the Web site has announced.

A native of Brooklyn Park, MN, Quaye finished with 31 tackles during his senior season this fall to earn third-team defensive honors. He made 15 solo stops and earned seven tackles for loss for 22 yards. He also claimed half a sack, three quarterback hurries and one forced fumble. After the season he earned All-Great West Conference first-team accolades and was named USD's Defensive Player of the Year.

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