

Tanager JV girls improve record to 7-1

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Sportswriter

Vermillion's junior varsity girls streaked to two more wins last week to improve their record to 7-1 for the year so far.

A 13-2 first quarter left no doubt about their game at Lennox, which was 23-13 at halftime and 45-35 at the final buzzer. Claire Jones led the team in every category, including eight points, four steals, nine rebounds and four assists. Beth Szymanski and Val Robinson also scored eight apiece, and Lexi Regnerus five to lead the offense.

"We played a good game but really need to concentrate on cutting down the turnovers," Coach Lori Jerred noted. Vermillion won despite 22 turnovers to 15 by Lennox.

Vermillion had a fine game against Elk Point-Jefferson and played pressure defense that forced 21 EP-J turnovers and held the Huskies to six first-half points in a 41-20 victory. The Tanagers had 10 steals and nine assists.

Robinson had 11 points, Regnerus nine, Jones eight and Lizzie Bye seven.

"We are really playing well as a team with a balanced scoring attack and good defensive pressure," Jerred said.

After two games earlier this week, the Tanager JVs play at Canton Friday night.

VHS veteran gymnasts place second, fourth in dual

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Vermillion's two veteran junior-class gymnasts finished second and fourth in the all-around standings as the Tanagers faced friendly rival Yankton/Bon Homme in a dual at the VHS gym last Thursday.

The visitors emerged with a dual win by the margin of 122.1 points to 114.35.

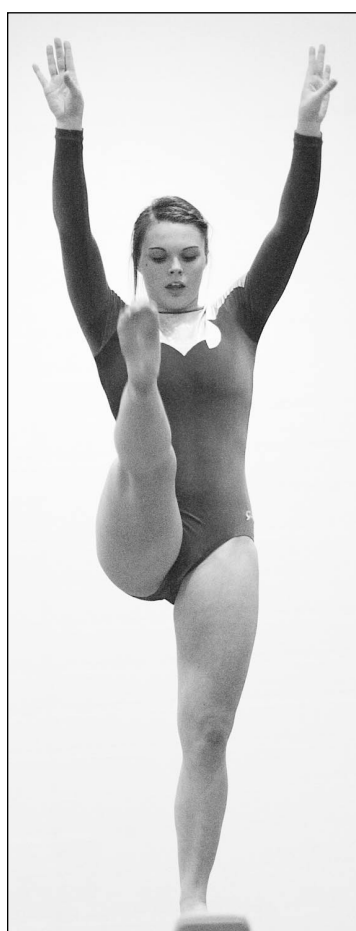
Elly Melby placed second all-around with a 30.7 points total. She was the vault champion at 8.8, second on the beam at 7.5, fifth on the bars at 6.9 and fifth in floor exercise at 7.5.

Amber Walker's all-around total of 30.3 earned her fourth place overall. She placed third in the vault at 8.25, third on the beam at 7.4, fourth on the bars at 6.9 and fourth in floor exercise at 7.75.

Yankton/Bon Homme's Sam Wampol won two individual events – the floor exercise at 8.1 and the beam at 7.9 – en route to her all-around title with a 32.1 score. Wampol was also second on the balance beam at 8.45 and second on the bars at 7.65.

Vermillion's other top-five placer was Jade Fostvedt, fifth on the beam at 7.05.

In junior varsity events Vermillion's Jaimie Moos was third and Morgan Hower fourth in floor exercise with respective scores of 5.35 and 5.25. Teddi Settles placed fourth on the beam at 5.5 with Alexis Reich right behind at 5.3. Reich was also fifth on the



Vermillion's Elly Melby placed second on the balance beam with a score of 7.5 at Thursday's dual with Yankton/Bon Homme. (Photo by David Lias)

bars at 2.9.

Coach Mark Upward's Tanager gymnasts will perform on their home equipment for the last time Monday when West Central and Wagner come to town for a triangular at 6:30 p.m. to wind up the regular season.

Tanager wrestlers lose thriller to Canton

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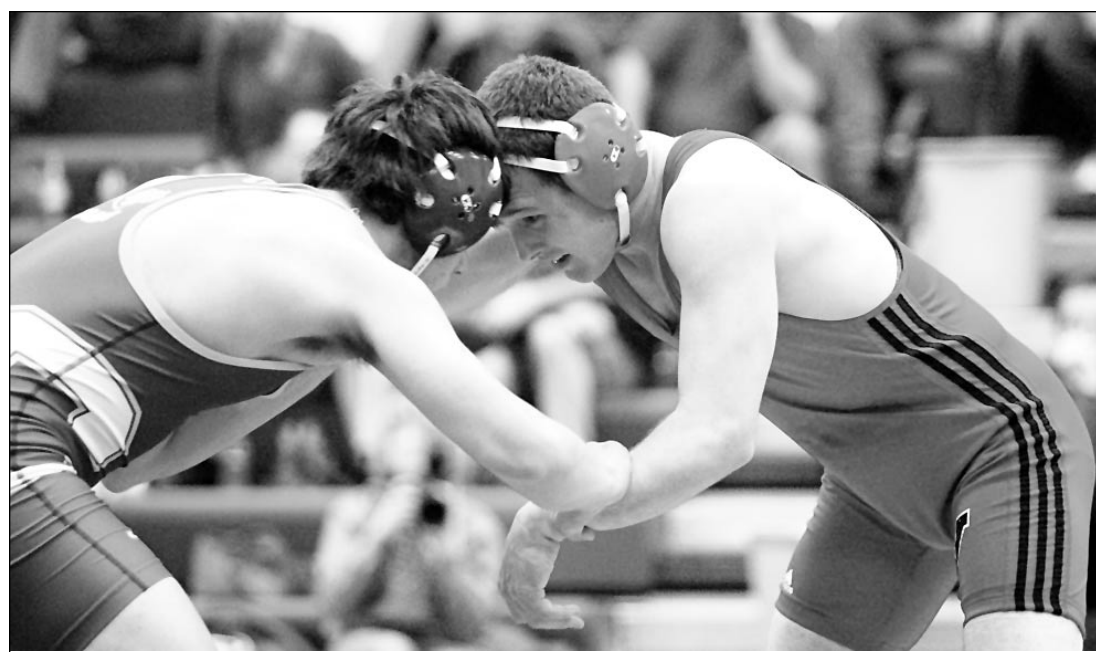
Last Thursday's home wrestling match against Canton, the only team to beat Vermillion this season or last year in head-to-head duals, couldn't have started any better for the Tanagers.

Brett Bye pinned Jordan Sehr in 5:21 in the 103-pound match, and top-ranked T.J. North scored a first-period pin over Alex Davies in 1:45 at 112.

The Tanagers' middle-weight wrestlers couldn't match the intensity of those first two matches nor of the big boys who would come later. Canton won seven straight matches from 119 pounds through 152 to take a 31-12 lead in team points.

The C-Hawks' winners in that stretch were Tyler Halverson in a 1:18 pin of Regan Bye at 119; Nick Sehr in a 1:29 pin of Tony Henderson at 125; Jeremiah Peterson in an 18-4 major decision over Earl Kiertzner at 130; Logan Dolan in a 5:30 pin of Lance Burkhardt at 135; Zach Martens in an 8-1 win over Niko Cruz at 140; Jesse Peterson in a 4-2 overtime win over Bennet Johnson at 145, and Jake Koster in a 7-1 decision over Andrew McCann at 152.

Tanner Mart at 160 began



Vermillion's Tanner Mart faces off with Canton opponent Alex Pinela during wrestling action Thursday, Jan. 21, in the Vermillion High School gymnasium. Mart defeated Pinela with a 15-7 major decision. (Photo by David Lias)

a Tanager rally with a 15-7 major decision over Alex Pinela. Chris Mart's pin of Luke Myrabo in only 70 seconds brought Vermillion to within 31-22. Nick Mart's 10-1 major decision over Cameron Hayden made it a 31-26 deficit with two matches remaining.

Gerrit Heine had his 215-pound opponent, Austin Orre, on his back at one point and had the huge crowd roaring but had to settle for a 7-2 win. The Tanagers were

down by only 31-29 and needed a heavyweight victory to capture the dual, but Canton's Jim Doyle saved the C-Hawks in the nick of time with a 1:55 pin over Will Mart for a 37-29 dual triumph.

Canton topped VHS twice last season and by 37-33 earlier this winter.

Last Saturday's trip to the Winner Invitational where the Tanagers were defending champions was canceled by the threat of dangerous

weather. So was a Monday night triangular with Randolph and Ponca because school had been called off for the day.

A five-school all-day team dual tournament at Woodbury Central High School at Merville, IA, has been added to the schedule for this Saturday. Next Tuesday the Tanagers face Beresford and Dakota Valley in a triangular at Beresford at 5:30 p.m.

Sergeant Bluff-Luton defeats Tanagers 49-43

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A 20-12 advantage in the third quarter was enough to lift Sergeant Bluff-Luton over a determined Vermillion girls basketball team and go on to a 49-43 victory Saturday in the Dakota Valley Classic at North Sioux City.

It was the sixth straight win for the Warriors, who improved to 12-2 for the year, while the Tanagers fell to 1-9.

Vermillion rallied from an 11-6 first-quarter disadvantage to within 18-17 at half-

time before SB-L came up with its 20-point third period.

Both teams got off 52 shots from the field with Sergeant Bluff-Luton making only one more than the Tanagers did. There was only one difference in total fouls, too, but the game turned on the number of free throws taken – the Warriors sank 12 of 24 while the Tanagers shot only nine, sinking five.

Sierra Allen and Hannah Nehlich-Arobba scored eight points each and Claire Jones seven off the bench to lead Vermillion scoring. Lexi Reg-

nerus contributed five points, Beth Szymanski four and Sophie Nehlich-Arobba three.

On Tuesday night at Lennox, in a game delayed by weather from last Friday, the Tanagers were still within reach at halftime, but the Orioles went from a 21-16 lead at that point to a 44-30 victory.

Sophie Nehlich-Arobba with eight was Vermillion's high scorer while Chelsea Sweeter's 12 and Brianna

McEntee's 11 topped Lennox. The winners improved to 3-2 in the Big Eight while the Tanagers stand at 0-5.

The Tanagers conclude a stretch of four straight road games at Canton Friday night, then get three straight home contests, beginning with Beresford in a girls-boys doubleheader next Tuesday and Dell Rapids in a girls-only night of basketball next Thursday.

Coyote women futsal soccer camp is Feb. 20

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