

## Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Men's Basketball hosts Oral Roberts	7 p.m. Dec. 30	Tanager Girls' Basketball at Sioux City East	4 p.m. Jan. 3
VHS Wrestling at SF Lincoln	10 a.m. Dec. 30	Tanager Boys' Basketball at West Central	5 p.m. Jan. 5
VHS Girls and Boys Basketball hosts Tea Area	2 p.m./5 p.m. Dec. 10	Tanager Bowling vs. Washington	4 p.m. Jan. 6
USD Women's Basketball hosts Southern Utah	7 p.m. Dec. 30	Tanager Wrestling at Brandon Valley	10:30 a.m. Jan. 7
		Tanager Gymnastics at Stanley County	12 p.m. Jan. 7

# Tanager Gymnasts place fifth at Winter Wonderland

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

Blessed without the spectre of an oncoming winter storm such as happened a year ago, 10 gymnastics teams from far corners of the state came to Vermillion High School Dec. 30, and when a day of competition was finished, Milbank from the far northeast was the champion, Hot Springs from the far southwest was runner-up, and Chamberlain from the center of the state was third.

The Winter Wonderland meet saw the host Tanagers accumulate 116.1 team points to place fifth, a point and a half behind fourth-place Britton-Hecla and ahead of Stanley County, Sisseton, Wagner, West Central and Sioux Falls Washington.

Milbank's Courtney Trapp was the day's all-around champion with a 34.8 total score. Tanager all-around contestants' figures were 29.05 for Rory Tucker, 28.25 for Jamie Moos, 28.0 for Cheyenne Mallory and 27.85 for Morgan Hower.

Tucker was the only Vermillion gymnast to place in the top 10 in any of the four individual events, and she did it twice. She was fourth in floor exercise with an 8.65 score and 10th on the balance beam with a 7.6 count.

Trapp won the floor exercise at 9.4. Stanley County's Shelby Gienger was the beam champ at 8.95. Vanzi Knippling, Chamberlain, won the vault at 9.05. Chamberlain's Marilyn Nasomwat was the bars winner at 8.25.

Other VHS individual scores:  
Beam: Moos 6.5, Mallory 5.95, Jade Fostvedt 5.8, Maddie Mockler 5.65, Hower 5.6.

Floor exercise: Mallory 7.95, Fostvedt 7.8, Moos 7.6, Alexis Reich 7.2, Hower 6.9.

Bars: Hower 7.25, Ellie Glover 6.8, Moos 6.55, Mallory 5.85, Tucker 5.55, Mockler 4.95.

Vault: Hower 8.1, Mallory 7.85, Reich 7.85, Moos 7.6, Anna Hammond 7.5, Tucker 7.25.

The Tanager gymnasts travel to Fort Pierre for Stanley County's invitational this Saturday, then host Madison for a dual Tuesday.



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## Three Tanager grapplers place, one wins championship at Floyd Farrand Invite

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With athletes from 15 Class "A" and Class "B" teams providing competition equal to that of the state tournaments, Vermillion's wrestlers dived headfirst into the Floyd Farrand Invitational in Sioux Falls last week and came up for air with an individual champion and three other placers.

Brett Bye remained unbeaten for the season with four dominating victories to capture the 132-pound championship. Will Mart placed fifth at 285 pounds, Seth Heine sixth at 220 and Regan Bye seventh at 138.

As expected, Sturgis emerged as the team champion with 198 points, followed by Brookings at 146, Wagner at 139, Washington at 133.5 and Watertown at 132.

Bye accumulated double-digit points in a 20-5 technical

fall first-round win over Washington's Orlando Ramirez, then pinned O'Gorman's Conor Tomac in 3:14 in the quarterfinals. He scored another tech fall, this time by a 23-6 count, in the semis over Roosevelt's Zach Determan, then clinched the title with an 11-3 major decision over Watertown's Matt Lawrence in his championship match.

Mart opened with a forfeit win over Sisseton's Howard Herberg and a quarterfinal 12-0 major decision over Washington's Chris Vroman. In the semis, however, Mart ran into eventual champion Justin Behrend, Brookings, and dropped an 11-9 decision. In the fourth-round wrestlebacks Mart was pinned in 0:59 by Lincoln's Hunter Collins. Mart then won fifth place with a default win over Watertown's Tyler Robel.

Heine's path to a medal started with a 3:59 pin of

O'Gorman's Jack Schuver, then Heine lost by a 1:10 pin to Brookings' Zach Weier. Heine rebounded with a pin victory in 2:04 over Canton's Chase Beltzel, won a 7-1 decision over Kyle Hansen, Harrisburg, and lost a 10-4 decision in the fourth-round wrestlebacks to Sisseton's Aaron Toelle. In the fifth-place match Heine faced Weier again and was pinned in 30 seconds.

Regan Bye won by an 18-2 technical fall in the first round over Roosevelt's Sean Muilenburg but loss in the quarterfinals to eventual champion Nick Monteith, Sturgis, 5-3. Bye then decided Wagner's Brady Soulek, 4-2, lost 2-1 to William Hins, Milbank, and won the seventh-place match with a 4:04 pin over Sisseton's Dillon George.

Three other Tanagers won one match at the tournament before being eliminated. At

106 Kyle Seibel lost by pin in 1:04 to Kahlen Morris, Roosevelt; decisioned Tait Johnson, Garretson, 5-4, and lost by pin in 0:37 to Levi Butts, Watertown. At 113 Brandon Steenholdt lost 8-7 to Zach Gross, Harrisburg; pinned Hunter O'Connor, Lincoln, in 1:53 and lost by pin in 3:52 to Jesse Skidmore, Sturgis. At 160 Alex Osborne lost a 14-4 major decision to Tracy Halouska, Lennox; won a 9-0 major decision over Austin Schruers, Canton, and lost 7-1 to Francis Boehmer, Roosevelt.

Four other VHS wrestlers lost both of their matches. Josh Callahan at 126 lost by pin in 1:52 to Ryan O'Connor, Lincoln, and by 10-0 major decision to Kaleb Haas, Howard. At 152 Brandon Hertz was pinned twice, by Wyatt Winter, Brandon Valley, in 1:50 and by Sterling Gehrke, Watertown, in 0:55. Dan Goeden at 182 lost a pair

of pins - in 0:38 to Tanner Broughton, Canton, and in 1:22 to Nick Parady, Howard. At 195 Jason Retzlaff lost by pin twice - to Dan Marlette, Washington, in 0:39 and to

Jake Russell, Brookings, in 3:51.

Tanager wrestlers begin the 2012 portion of their schedule at the Brandon Valley Invitational this Saturday.

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