

Missed free throws contribute to Tanagers 52-51 loss to EP-J

By Parker Knox
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Elk Point-Jefferson was successful on 10 of 11 second-half free-throw attempts – and 12 of 14 in the game – while Vermillion was able to make only seven of 14, and therein lies the tale of Tuesday night's 52-51 Husky win in boys basketball.

"We knew it was going to bite us eventually," Coach Jay Drake said of his club's free-throw struggles, "and tonight it did. And besides the free throws, we missed a lot of close-in baskets. We're not finishing many of our shots."

The Tanagers' record dropped to 6-4 while EP-J's leveled off at 5-5.

After going to Sioux Falls Christian last night (Thursday), the Tanager boys will be home for four straight games over the next two weeks, starting with West Central Tuesday and Dell Rapids Thursday.

To the credit of the Tanagers, who found themselves down by 49-43 with two minutes left against EP-J, they found ways to give themselves a chance to win. Austin Krier's two free throws cut the deficit to 49-45, and after a Husky turnover, Tanner Anderson's field goal with 1:05 left made it 49-47.

J.T. Sorensen made one of two free throws with 30 seconds remaining, but EP-J got one of two at 0:27 and two more at 0:09 to clinch the deal. In between, the Tanagers missed a pair of shots from the field. Krier's three-pointer at the buzzer cut the final margin to a single point.

Vermillion had rallied from an early 11-4 hole to take a 14-11 lead after one quarter as Nile Morecraft had seven first-period points and Anderson canned a trey. After a close second period, Krier swished a three-pointer in the final seconds of the half to tie the game at 25-25.

The Tanagers had a lead of as many as six in the third period, thanks to treys by Krier and Anderson, and Tanner Settles came up with a steal and subsequent layup for the second time in the game. But from a 36-35 deficit to start the final stanza, the Huskies rolled to their six-point lead, setting the stage for Vermillion's late rally that fell just short.

Brock Zeller's 18 points and Mike Wurtz's 12 led EP-J's scoring column. Krier had 16, Anderson 10, Morecraft seven, Settles five, Sorensen three, Nick Jensen three, Jayce Huska three, Anthony Leber one and Caleb Miller one for VHS.

Last Friday, exactly one month after beating Lennox 49-40 in Vermillion, the Tanagers faced what seemed like a different Oriole team on its home court, and the result was a 63-33 beatdown.

A leaky defense, numerous turnovers and only 1-of-9 field-goal shooting in the first quarter doomed the Tanagers right from the start. It was 14-6 for Lennox after a quarter and 34-14 at halftime as the Oriole defense completely stifled Vermillion at the same time the Tanagers could do little to stop the Lennox offense.

Drake compared it to the season's

first loss to Tri-Valley in December. "We got down early and didn't show much fight to get back into the game. We have to get that turned around," the coach said.

The deficit reached 46-24 after three periods and grew to 30 in the final quarter. It was the 46th Lennox win over Vermillion in the past 51 games between the two rivals.

Tyler Harms had 14 points and eight rebounds, Jason Herrboldt 12 points, Dusty Javers 11 and Zach Koonsman 10 for Lennox. Austin Krier, Tanner Anderson and J.T. Sorensen with six each were Vermillion's high scorers, Tanner Settles had five, Nile Morecraft four, Anthony Leber three, Nick Jensen two and Caleb Miller one.

Lennox had a 27-17 rebounding edge. The Tanagers' best in that category was Jensen's four. Anderson had three assists and two steals.

On Tuesday of last week the Tanagers were on the positive end of a similar game, destroying Bon Homme in Tyndall, 71-36. It was 16-9 after a quarter and 35-13 at halftime as Drake was able to play 13 men.

Anderson in his first game after missing the previous four contests led the team with 16 points, Krier had 13, Morecraft 12, Jensen nine, Leber seven, Miller six, Sorensen four, and Settles and Jayce Huska two each. David Day, Mitch Ellison, Ethan James and Carter Andre also got into the game.

Morecraft with seven and Sorensen and Jensen with six each led Vermillion's 30-18 rebounding edge. Settles led in assists with four.



Vermillion's Austin Krier makes a drive toward the hoop during Tuesday's basketball action against Elk Point-Jefferson Tuesday. Krier scored 13 points that night. (Photo by David Lias)

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country and see how poverty really affects them."

The students also were required to bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Vermillion Food Pantry.

They said they were affected by the experience of "serving," and that they were glad they could devote their Monday to it.

"I think it's very important for students to take a day on, not a day off from school," Miller said. "I know Martin Luther King, Jr., said that life's most persistent, urgent question is, 'What are we doing for others?' So, I think it's important to become involved in the community. There is more of a need in Vermillion than most people realize."

USD senior Sarah Maxe agreed, saying, "I like it a lot. It means a lot to me, because I haven't done this before. So I'm really excited to be able to participate (and) give

something back instead of just laying in bed all day."

"The students genuinely want to help," Siegfried said. "They care about the community, and the people in the community. ... Martin Luther King was a real visionary in our nation's history, and we're really interested in honoring his legacy through service. So I think we just have a lot of civically-engaged students who genuinely care and want to help."

The Day of Service strengthens the link between the USD campus and the community, she added.

"There's a connection between the campus and the community. The campus is a large part of the community, and the community is a large part of campus," Siegfried said.

"We're one big family. I think there are a lot of needs that they need taken care of, or projects that they don't have the manpower to get done on their own, so if we can be there to help them out and make it all happen on one day, it's a win-win for all of us."



Molly Larson (front) and Audrey Graber do some painting at the Center for Children and Families as part of University of South Dakota's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day of Service.

(Photo by Travis Gulbrandson)

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the first moments in history where this generation risks having a shorter lifespan than the older generation," he said.

Since 2001, Terry has stressed the importance of making sure all people have access to better, healthier foods.

Many of the health problems from which people suffer could be ameliorated through a change of diet, he said.

"It's not my goal to convert people into veganism. ... I don't think it's my place to tell anyone what their diet should be. I think it's a personal decision," Terry said. "I do understand that plants in our diets are increasingly being suggested to help combat a lot of illnesses that are brought on by what we eat."

The communities most affected by these health problems are low-income communities of color, he said.

Nationally speaking, 38.2 percent of African Americans and 35.9 percent of Latino youths aged 2-19 are obese or overweight, compared to 29.3 percent of whites, Terry said.

While people are responsible for what they eat, the nutrition choices a person makes are often influenced by what is available.

"When all they have access to is corner stores with cigarettes and alcohol, with processed, packaged foods, then we're dealing with the issue of availability and how that limits the way the people are able to take care of themselves," Terry said.

A resident of Oakland, CA, Terry said the neighborhood in which he lived in 2007 had a "plethora of healthy food stores," all within walking distance.

If you were to go 10 minutes in the opposite direction, you would be in West Oakland, which did not have one supermarket at that time, he said.

"They did not have one single supermarket, but they had 53 liquor stores and corner stores," Terry said. "Not only do these stores carry the worst processed foods ... but oftentimes, the prices are 49 percent higher than you'd find in a full-service supermarket."

Additionally, many residents had no means of transportation to get to the better stores.

"Imagine having to carry a

week's worth of groceries on a bus or a subway," Terry said. "Or better yet, if ... you're a young mom and you have to do this with kids. So it's a pretty tough thing that people have to deal with."

This is what food justice activists are trying to combat, he said.

"Everyone has a right to healthful, affordable, sustainable, culturally-appropriate, good food," he said. However, Terry said food justice activists are not trying to affect change through the old "do what we say model."

"We're really letting the people in the communities drive and own the projects that are being implemented to create change in the communities," he said.

In helping these most-impacted communities, ideas can be found that will be beneficial to everyone, he said.

This is some of what Terry said he tries to stress through his work, which is based on three pillars: Preserving ancestral traditions, the use of mass media and pop culture to move people and the use of cooking as an organizing and base-building tool.

These and other areas will be explored through his new Web-

based series, "Urban Organic," which premiered Tuesday.

Terry said he was proud to take part in USD's Martin Luther King, Jr., Day events.

Although he grew up in Memphis – where King was assassinated – he had not thought about King's legacy for many years. Then in 2010, Terry began to think of King in terms of his humanity.

"So often we read biographies and we see these hagiographies that kind of paint Dr. King and all these historical figures as larger than life," Terry said. "He was just a human being."

And as a human being, King had flaws.

"For me, the significance of that helped me understand that he's no different than you, he's no different than all of us, and given that, we all have an opportunity to do great things. You don't have to be a super-person, you don't have to be some brilliant person, you don't have to have advantages. You can simply step into your greatness," Terry said.

For more information about Terry and "Urban Organic," visit <http://pic.tv/urban-organic/>.

Busy schedule ahead for Vermillion Tanager grapplers

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A three-event stretch during which Vermillion's wrestlers will make their only home appearances of the entire regular season began last night (Thursday) in a dual against a powerful Canton team.

Next up for VHS matmen will be home duals against Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central next Friday, Jan. 27. That will be followed by a triangular with Beresford and Dakota Valley on Jan. 30. Then the Tanagers will go back to the road for the rest of their regular season until the Region 2A Tournament, which VHS will host this year on Feb. 16-17.

Last weekend Vermillion placed seventh among 12 schools at the Harrisburg Invitational where Sisseton won the team title with 171.5 points. Sioux Falls Roosevelt was second and the host Tigers third, with 138.5 and

132.5 points, respectively. The Tanagers accumulated 97 points.

As dependable as the sun rising and setting each day, Brett Bye won another individual championship for VHS, claiming the 132-pound division as his own. He completed his run through his bracket with a 14-5 victory over Roosevelt's Zach Determan in their championship match.

Will Mart reached the finals at 285 pounds before losing 4-3 to Scotland's Dan Stibril and settling for second place. Carter Kratz earned third-place honors at 120 pounds, winning his medal with a 6-4 decision over Tea Area's Trayce Ruotsalainen in the third-place match.

Regan Bye and Brandon Hertz placed fourth in the 138- and 145-pound divisions, respectively. Both men lost their third-place matches to wrestlers from Fulda/Murray County Central (Minn.), Bye on a 1:56 pin and Hertz on a 5-3 decision.

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band leader told him.

The evening was a veritable who's-who of South Dakota politics at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Sioux Falls, where a similar crowd is expected for the Wednesday funeral.

Former Gov. Harvey Wollman, 76, said he met Janklow when Wollman was lieutenant governor and Janklow was attorney general.

"He was so professional and so bright," Wollman said. "Those were my first memories of him."

When Wollman saw Janklow recently, Janklow thanked Wollman for sticking with him during the roughest point in his life, after his arrest for a 2003 accident that killed a motorcyclist. The accident ended Janklow's political career and he was eventually convicted of second-degree manslaughter.

"He said, 'Harvey, you didn't have to do that,'" Wollman recalled.

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