

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager bowling vs. Harrisburg
Tanager girls basketball at Canton
Tanager wrestling at Wagner Invite
USD women's basketball at Southern Utah
USD men's basketball at Southern Utah
USD swimming and diving at North Dakota
USD women's tennis at SIU Edwardsville

4 p.m. Jan. 27
4:30 p.m. Jan. 27
10 a.m. Jan. 28
6 p.m. Jan. 28
8:30 p.m. Jan. 28
1 p.m. Jan. 28
Noon Jan. 28

USD women's tennis at Northern Illinois
USD track and field at Bill Bergen Invite (Iowa State)
USD women's tennis at Drake
USD women's basketball at Oral Roberts
Tanager wrestling home triangular
Tanager gymnastics hosts Wagner
Tanager girls & boys basketball hosts Beresford

4 p.m. Jan. 28
TBA Jan. 28
2 p.m. Jan. 29
7:05 p.m. Jan. 30
5:30 p.m. Jan. 30
6:30 p.m. Jan. 30
4 p.m. Jan. 31

Free throws key to Lady Tanagers' win over Lennox

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Their favorite spot on any basketball court – the free-throw line – saved Vermillion's girls from their second defeat of the season in Lennox last Friday.

The Orioles, who had lost in Vermillion just eight days earlier, were a worthy foe this time, canning seven three-point field goals to offset the trouble they had against the Tanagers' defense inside.

But Vermillion players were able to cash in on eight of their first nine free-throw tries in the fourth quarter, nine of 12 for the entire period and 12 of 17 for the game, and the Tanagers came home with a 47-43 escape and a sparkling 10-1 record.

The Tanagers took their 5-0 record in Big 8 Conference play to West Central last night (Thursday) and go north again tonight (Friday) to Canton. They will be home to face a huge test Tuesday as part of a girls-boys doubleheader against Beresford and an equally tough challenge next Friday at Sergeant Bluff-Luton.

Lennox held leads of 14-8 after a quarter and 25-24 at halftime after the Tanagers had fought back from two seven-point deficits during the second period on the strength of a seven-point quarter from Kelly Amundson, a three-pointer by Josie Huber and a steal and layup by Blair Gilkyson to beat the buzzer.

Both teams suffered a long scoring drought in the third quarter, and VHS squandered several chances to take its first lead of the game. The game was tied at 30-30 entering the fateful final stanza.

Amundson set the tone by swishing two free-throws for Vermillion's first lead at 32-30. She sank a trey and Mackenzie Huber added a free throw for a six-point lead, but Kayla Plimpton, left uncontested twice, converted two three-point shots to tie the game again.

A trey by Beth Szymanski and an old-fashioned three-point play by Lexi Regnerus returned the lead to four, but the seventh Lennox three-pointer made it a one-point game with 2 1/2 minutes left.

Down the stretch Regnerus made both ends of a one-and-one chance, and Amundson did the same thing to make it 46-41. While the Tanagers appeared calm and collected in the pressure of the final period, Lennox committed its seventh turnover of the fourth quarter and immediately fouled. This time the Tanagers missed two free-throws, leaving the door ajar for the Orioles.

Lennox rallied to within 46-43, but Amundson saved the day by making the second of two free throws with :06.7 seconds remaining and restoring it to a two-possession game. Vermillion got a steal in the closing seconds to seal the deal.

Amundson led the Tanagers with 19 points, but six others scored – Regnerus nine, Val Robinson six, Szymanski five, Gilkyson four, Josie Huber three and Mackenzie Huber one. Tara Kuper had 17 and Plimpton 12 for Lennox.

The Tanagers shot 53 percent from the field but got off only 29 shots, but the free-throw accuracy and the fact that these girls have "grown up" basketball-wise – only one turnover in the fourth period compared to the Orioles' seven – kept Vermillion on a roll.

Tanager boys continue slide, lose to WC 45-37

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Whoever said two weeks ago that the Vermillion boys basketball team was entering a tough stretch in its schedule wasn't just blowing smoke.

The Tanagers, who were 6-2 at one point, dropped to 6-6 for the year with their fourth straight loss Tuesday, and for the second time it was a defeat at the hands of a team they had beaten earlier. This time West Central, who lost at home to Vermillion 40-32 on Jan. 5, blew open a close game with a huge fourth quarter to beat the Tanagers 45-37.

The Tanagers' four-game homestand, which continued last night (Thursday) against the state's No. 1-rated Dell Rapids club, proceeds Tuesday in a girls-boys doubleheader against Beresford and concludes next Friday against Madison. The latter now becomes a must-win for the Tanagers to retain any hope for the conference championship.

Tuesday's loss at home to West Central put the Tanagers at 4-2 in the Big 8 Conference with two games remaining. For West Central it was only their second victory in 11 games.

When Tanner Anderson scored a basket to start the fourth quarter, VHS was within a point at 30-29, but by the time the Tanagers scored again with 1:47 left in the game, West Central had gone on a 12-0 run. The 'Trojans' zone defense killed the VHS offense and created turnovers. In the first six minutes of the final period the Tanagers were one-of-eight from the field whereas West Central had made six of eight shots.

The Tanagers had played well in the first half, but they lost a six-point lead in the first period, gave up a seven-point lead in the second and surrendered a six-point advantage in the third quarter.

"We're nowhere near the team we were a month ago,"

Coach Jay Drake said in his postgame interview. "As a coaching staff we have to get some things turned around."

Austin Krier with 10 points was the only Tanager double-figure scorer. Jayce Huska had three treys for a nine-point game off the bench. Tanner Anderson and J.T. Sorensen had four points each, Nick Jensen and Anthony Leber three apiece, and Tanner Settles and Nile Morecraft two each. The Tanagers shot 38 percent from the field but got off far fewer shots – and far fewer good shots – than the Trojans, who had a 50 percent shooting game.

Mitchell Brockhaus scored 13 of his 14 points in the second half. He was co-high scorer with freshman teammate David Mulbah.

Last Thursday the Tanagers lost at Sioux Falls Christian, 66-59, but VHS gave the Chargers a competitive game. A 20-point fourth quarter included a moment when the Tanagers crept to within five points before SFC won by seven.

The Tanagers outrebounded Christian, 29-15; sank seven three-point baskets to Christian's six, and were a perfect six-of-six at the free-throw line, but VHS just didn't have enough field goals. VHS shot 46 percent, making 23 of 50 attempts from the field, but Christian had a much higher percentage, making 26 of 41 for 63 percent.

Austin Krier with 17 points, six assists and six rebounds led the Tanager attack. Tanner Anderson contributed 14 points, four rebounds, two steals and an assist. Jayce Huska scored nine, Nick Jensen six, Anthony Leber five, J.T. Sorensen four, Caleb Miller two and Nile Morecraft two points. Tanner Settles had five rebounds and Sorensen four.

Christian, which won for the eighth time in 11 games, led at the quarter breaks 20-12, 36-26 and 53-39.



Vermillion's Anthony Leber fires off a shot despite the defensive efforts of West Central's Mitchell Brockhaus during boys varsity action in the VHS gym Tuesday. (Photo by David Lias)

Grove ties pole vault record, Huschle wins long jump at Jack Johnson Minnesota Classic

Freshman Emily Grove tied the school indoor pole vault record and freshman Analisa Huschle captured the long jump to lead the South Dakota women's track and field team at the opening day of the Jack Johnson Minnesota Classic Friday in Minneapolis, MN. The Coyote women are in

second place – trailing only Minnesota – after five events while the men are in fourth place after the completion of just two events.

Grove (Pontiac, IL) continued her strong start to the indoor season. She recorded a vault of 13-7 1/4 (4.15 meters) and was the

top collegiate finisher at the event. She tied the record set by teammate Bethany Buell (St. Louis, MO) in 2011. Grove's vault is second in the Summit League this season and is tied for seventh-best in the nation.

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