

Tanager boys will face ancient rival Friday

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Sportswriter

First an ancient rival tonight (Friday), and then perhaps the best team to visit the VHS gym in a long time next Thursday – those are the challenges facing the Vermillion's boys basketball team in the coming week, not to mention a side trip to neighbor and rival Elk Point-Jefferson on Tuesday.

Lennox, whom Coach Jay Drake's Tanagers defeated on Dec. 11, pay a return visit to Vermillion tonight. After the EP-J excursion, the Tanagers will be home Thursday against the state's top-ranked and unbeaten Sioux Falls Christian team.

Vermillion brought a 5-1 record into this week's play, which included a Tuesday date with Bon Homme.

Last Friday the Tanagers and Parkston both brought 4-1 records into their game at the VHS gym, and it was the home team which dominated from the outset. The Tanagers enjoyed a 17-6 lead after the first quarter, 31-21 at halftime and

43-35 after three periods on the way to a 21-point fourth quarter which opened up the final margin to 64-46.

Tanner Anderson had 10 points in the first quarter and Nick Jensen nine in the first half in pacing the Vermillion offense. J.T. Sorensen, who led the team in scoring with 16, had 11 in the second half as the Tanagers went on an 11-3 run to open the final period and sealed the deal.

Anderson finished with 13 points, Jensen and Austin Krier had 11 apiece, Jayce Huska five, Tanner Settles four, and Jeremiah Johnson and Ethan James two each. Also seeing action were Carter Andre, Paul Schwasinger, Jack Brown and Tyler Madsen.

Sorensen had 10 boards, Jensen seven and Anderson six as VHS outrebounded Parkston 35-21. Jensen and Sorensen had three steals each, and Huska, Krier and Settles had three assists apiece.

Spencer Lucas led Parkston with 18 points and nine rebounds, and Jalen Hurley scored 11.

Earlier last week the Tanagers won at

West Central, 65-40, in Big 8 Conference play despite losing Anthony Leber for some time due to a hand injury sustained in practice the previous day. Moving into his starting role was Tanner Settles, who responded with a 7-of-10 shooting night from the field and 16 total points.

After leading by 17-11 at the quarter and 31-24 at the half, the Tanagers played well at both ends of the court in a 17-5 third quarter that opened up a comfort zone.

Krier and Anderson had 12 points each, Jensen 11, Andre four, Sorensen four, James three and Huska three. In the rebounding department Sorensen was the leader with nine while Jensen had four and Settles and Andre three each. Settles completed his excellent night with three assists and eight steals. Krier, Anderson and Sorensen also had three assists each, and Anderson accomplished three steals.

Cam Stone and Cody Bussell had 10 points each for West Central.



Vermillion's J.T. Sorensen (35) fires off a jump shot during the first half of play against Parkston last Friday in the VHS gym. Sorensen led the Tanagers in scoring with 16 points.

(Photo by David Lias)

Huber's hot shooting helps Tanagers defeat Parkston 5 VHS grapplers place at Saturday invite

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Vermillion's Tanager girls accelerated through a torrid first half, survived a sluggish third quarter, then refused to let Parkston back into the game Friday as they won for the second straight night.

Their 57-34 domination of a one-loss Parkston team, preceded by a 53-50 road win at Sioux Falls Christian the previous night, lifted the

Tanagers to a 5-2 record.

Josie Huber scored Vermillion's first 10 points herself, 15 in the first quarter and 22 in the first half en route to a 28-point performance in leading the VHS offense.

Three three-point field goals were part of Huber's smoking-hot first period after which the Tanagers led by 18-9. An 8-0 run as halftime approached allowed Vermillion to go from a 10-point lead to a 32-14 margin, and it was 36-17 at the

intermission after Brooke Schwasinger beat the buzzer with two of her 12 points.

Up to that point VHS had shot 61 percent from the field, including five of six from long range, while Parkston was 2-of-11 in its three-point attempts.

While the VHS offense went suddenly cold in the third quarter, Coach Nick Mayer's athletes still made their defensive stops at the other end and forced Parkston into taking tough shots. At one point when

the Tanagers led 42-20, Parkston tried to go on a run of its own, getting to within 18 but then missing three straight three-point attempts which, if successful, might have put some pressure on the Tanagers. But it was still 42-27 after three periods.

Neither team could connect on short shots as the final stanza began, and VHS had scored just six points over a 10-

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Seven Tanagers wrestled at the Dan Pansch/Jesse James Invitational hosted by Brandon Valley High School Saturday, and five of them came home with places, including two thirds, a fifth, a sixth and an eighth place.

As a team Vermillion

accumulated 64 points, good for 14th among the 16 competing schools. Huron won the team title, followed by Canton and Brandon Valley.

Regan Bye went 4-1 en route to his third-place medal at 145 pounds. He took only 44 seconds to nail Flandreau's Elliot Amdahl in the first round, then won by major decision, 11-2, over Grant Dougherty, Brandon Valley, to reach the semifinals. There he lost to the eventual champion, Canton's Alex Davies, 5-1. Bye bounced back strongly with an 11-1 major decision over Jordan Clarke of Fulda-Murray County Central. He climaxed his day with a 3:43 pin over Tri-Valley's Derek Eldeen in the third-place go. Bye is now 17-5 for the

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OBITUARIES

Earl Knutson

Earl Martin Knutson, 94, of Vermillion, South Dakota, passed away Sunday, Jan. 6, 2013, at Sanford Vermillion Hospital.

A visitation and video tribute was held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2013, with a prayer service at 7 p.m. at Bergen Lutheran Church, in rural Meckling, with Pastor Ralph Egbert officiating.

A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 11, 2013, at Bergen Lutheran Church with a committal ceremony held immediately after at Evergreen Cemetery, rural Meckling, with military honors conducted by Vermillion

Clay County Post #3061.

Pallbearers for the service are

John Harrenga, Bret Harrenga, Matt Knutson, Josh Dutcher, Dan Dutcher, and Adam Knutson (In Memory).

Earl was born on Aug. 12, 1918, in rural Vermillion to Martin and Emma (Lund) Knutson.

In 1942 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy where he served in



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both the Pacific and European theatres.

After his honorable discharge from the military, Earl moved to Fresno, CA, where he worked as a carpenter and also owned a vineyard.

Earl married the love of his life, Betty, on Jan. 3, 1981, and they remained happily devoted to one another until his passing.

In his free time Earl loved to spend time at Vermillion Senior Citizens Center, attend Navy reunions, play BINGO, participate in adopt-a-grandparent, camping, discuss politics, and spend time with his grandchildren.

Earl was also very active in his community, maintaining active memberships to the

V.F.W., Bergen Lutheran Church, Clay County Ramblers, Evergreen Cemetery Circle, and the Carpenters Union.

Earl is survived by his wife, Betty; his children, Marty (Chris) Knutson, Tom (Denise) Knutson, Lowell (Cindy) Knutson, Jerilyn Wimer, Dale (Connie) Dutcher, and Jim Harrenga; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and great-grandchildren; and his sisters, Gladys Ryken, and Marlene Imperatrice.

Earl was preceded in death by his daughter, Gail Harrenga; his parents, Martin and Emma (Lund) Knutson; his grandson, Adam Knutson; his brothers, Henry Knutson, and Arnold Knutson; and his sister, Maxine

Sundborg.

Services have been entrusted to Kober Funeral Home of Vermillion.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com

Alice Johanson

Alice Agnes (Solomon) Johanson passed away Monday, Jan. 7, 2013, on her 94th birthday at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton.

A funeral service was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2013, with a visitation from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kober Funeral Home, Vermillion, with Pastor Steve Miller officiating.

A committal service took place immediately following the service at BluffView Cemetery in Vermillion.

Alice was born on Jan. 7, 1919, on a farm Northeast of Vermillion.

Alice married Eric Johanson on Feb. 7, 1954. After marrying,

the couple moved to Greenfield, where they lived until returning to Vermillion in 1983.

Alice was a life member of the Vermillion Senior Citizens Center and an active member of the V.F.W. Auxiliary Post 3061.

In her free time Alice was an avid card player and travelled all over to catch a BINGO game.

She is survived by her sister, Lena Rosenbaum of Yankton; as well as several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Johanson; and her sister, Nettie Hughes.

Services were entrusted to Kober Funeral Home.

Condolences may be posted online at www.koberfuneralhome.com.

Jorgen Urup

Jorgen Urup, 93, of Vermillion, passed away Monday, Dec. 31, 2012, at the Wakonda Heritage Manor Avera in Wakonda.

Jorgen was born in Gudumholm, Denmark on Dec. 24, 1919 to Peter and Elna (Jensen) Urup. Jorgen married Ruth Moenster in 1950, and immigrated to the USA in 1957 to be with his brothers. Jorgen worked as a carpenter, and often put in long days. He also liked to hunt and fish.

He is survived by his son, Niels; and daughter, Elna; both of Denmark and many cousins in Denmark and in South Dakota.

Memorial services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5 at the Hansen Funeral Home in Vermillion with burial of ashes following in the Bluffview Cemetery in Vermillion. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Cancer Society. hansenfuneralhome.com.

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The University of South Dakota invites you to participate in the annual MLK Jr. events to continue the work and remember the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Please join us to honor Dr. King's vision of a just society, grounded in community collaboration, as well as to reflect on historical and contemporary issues of race, class, social justice, diversity and social change. Volunteers are needed to help out in the Vermillion community! All are welcome!

Register for the MLK Jr. Day of Service at: <http://tinyurl.com/USDMLK13>

Monday, January 21, 2013

- Noon** Participant check-in and orientation at the MUC Ballroom. * Please bring a non-perishable food item to donate to the Vermillion Food Pantry.
- 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.** Perform service at community site.
- 4 p.m.** Closing ceremony

Tuesday, January 22, 2013

- 7 p.m.** Keynote Address by Dr. Alma Clayton-Pedersen in the MUC Ballroom. "Innovation in Higher Education: The Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

From 2001 until 2010, Dr. Clayton-Pedersen served as the Vice President for Education and Institutional Renewal for the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). She currently serves as an AAC&U Senior Scholar, and the Chief Executive Officer of Emeritus Consulting Group.

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