

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Vermillion Post 1 hosts Dell Rapids
 Vermillion Post 1 hosts Lennox
 Vermillion Red Sox host Larchwood, IA
 Vermillion Grey Sox hosts Dakota Valley
 Vermillion Post 1 at Elk Point
 Vermillion Grey Sox hosts Canton
 Vermillion Red Sox at Dakota Valley to play S.C. Saints
 Vermillion Red Sox at Brandon Valley
 Vermillion Post 1 at Dakota Valley

7 p.m. July 6
 1 p.m. July 7
 2 p.m. July 8
 2 p.m. July 8
 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. July 10
 7:30 p.m. July 11
 7:30 p.m. July 11
 7:30 p.m. July 12
 6:30 p.m. July 12

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES ASSOCIATION

It is now June 27. Two months of our fine group meetings has gone by. Wow! Time flies when you are having fun!
 Only 19 ladies were at luncheon today. Down a bit but weather and vacations had a lot to do with that. I know the numbers will pick up soon.
 Our drawing winners were: \$5 winners – Irma Burbach and Maxine Rogers. Quarters – Karine Amundson, Barb Larson, Ramona Kellogg, Mary Bartles, Maxine Roger (one very lucky lady every week) and Brenda Chatham.

Bridge report: We had one table today. Irma Burbach was high.

Dominoes report: Three tables, with the winners as follows:

Round 1 – Judy Sullivan, Anita White and Mary Bartles.

Round 2 – Barb Larson, Anita White and Thelma Raines.

Round 3 – Barb Larson, Vaneta Youngworth and Mary Bartles.

Total score – Sally Gilbertson, Vaneta Youngworth and Agnes Mockler.

Am I seeing double or are some ladies on a roll at winning?

Golf report: Three ladies showed up but only two golfed. Beth Silvano decided to go to the dentist instead. tee hee! More fun at golf Beth!

Played "Puttless". Sorry, Edith Nelson, but – not a winner this week.

I, Pat Steckelberg, finally did some good golfing. Lucky, I guess. I won!

The day was warm and humid but that did not keep friendship from happening. Join us! See you on July 11. No golf or luncheon on Fourth of July girls. Sorry!
 Pat Steckelberg, reporter

Red Sox unravel the Grey Sox 6-3

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

The Red Sox won the battle of Vermillion in amateur baseball last Wednesday, beating the Grey Sox, 6-3.

The contest stood at 3-1 after the Grey Sox scored in the top of the sixth on Grant Lueders' RBI single that scored Brooks Little. But the Red Sox answered with three in their half of the same inning, getting an RBI single from Kasey Neumann and a two-run double by Ryan Frailey.

Earlier in the game the Red Sox got a first-inning run on Travis Hanson's leadoff single, a stolen base and an infield grounder by Dan Hanson. Their second run scored during a double play in the second. Tyler Candor singled in the fourth to make

it 3-0.

Late in the game the Grey Sox tried to rally, scoring once in the eighth on an infield throwing error and once in the ninth on a hit batter, a stolen base, an error and a ground ball off Little's bat. But the Grey Sox had plenty of other chances, stranding 10 runners, at least one in every inning except the third.

The Red Sox managed 11 hits off Grey Sox starter Alex Schaack over six innings, and five of their six runs were earned. Schaack fanned two and walked one. Tim Ross pitched two scoreless innings, allowing two hits and a walk while striking out four.

Red Sox winner Nate Olsen struck out 14, walked two and allowed seven hits. Little had three of them and Reid Meierkort two.

The Red Sox weren't so fortunate the next night, losing to the Monarchs in Renner, 12-5. Three three-run innings from the third through the fifth gave Renner an insurmountable lead.

Travis Hanson had two hits and two RBIs for the Red Sox.

The Red Sox on Sunday got back on the winning track and improved their record to 7-4 with a 12-5 win over the Sioux Falls Saints as Neumann pitched 5 2/3 innings as the starter and Olsen finished the game. Robin Chute had two doubles while Colby Lessmann and Bobby Lee each stroked a double.

Meanwhile, the shorthanded Grey Sox followed the Red Sox loss with a 12-0 loss at Akron Sunday. The Rebels scored six runs in the third and posted another six spot in the sixth. When

the Sox didn't score in the top of the seventh, the game was over.

Derek Appley threw a complete-game gem, striking out 14 Grey Sox batters. Brett Stolpe had two doubles and a single, received three walks and scored a run for Akron while Tanner Bondy had a double and a single and scored both times. Grant Lueders, who pitched until the sixth for Vermillion, had a double and a single as a hitter, and Travis Lee contributed a double.

The Grey Sox, now 5-4 in the State Line League and 5-6 overall, will host Dakota Valley Sunday. Meanwhile, the Red Sox will be home Sunday against Larchwood.

Derek Miles qualifies for Olympics for third time

South Dakota track and field assistant coach Derek Miles earned his third trip to the Summer Olympic Games Thursday in Eugene, Ore. Miles will represent the United States in the pole vault at the Summer Olympics which will be held July 27-Aug. 12 in London, England.

Miles, a resident of Tea, finished fourth in Thursday's pole vault finals with a height of 18-4 1/2 (5.60 meters), but qualified for the Olympics thanks to attaining the Olympic A standard of 18-9 1/2 (5.72 meters) in July 2011 in Germany. Scott Roth, who finished third in the pole vault finals Thursday, had not previously attained the A qualifying standard therefore did not qualify.

In an irony, Miles was also fourth in his first U.S. Olympic Trials in 2000. He tied for

third that year, and lost a jumpoff to training partner Chad Harting, just missing the Olympics. This year, he finished fourth, but the A qualifying standard proved to be the difference, as he was the third athlete to have previously attained the mark out of the top four finishers.

The 39-year-old Miles, who competes for Team Nike, cleared heights of 17-8 1/2, and 18-0 1/2 prior to clearing 18-4 1/2 on his second attempt. Miles earned the Olympic berth after battling through an Achilles injury in recent months.

"The therapy has been really good," Miles said. "It has gotten me back to running on the runway which I wasn't sure I could even do...you can always grind through some pain, but when it keeps getting worse you can't do anything

about it."

Brad Walker won the pole vault finals at 18-7 1/4 (5.67).

Miles, a 2006 Coyote Sports Hall of Fame inductee and 1996 USD graduate, qualified for the Olympics in Athens, Greece, in 2004, finishing seventh, and took fourth at the Olympic Games in Beijing, China, in 2008.

Coyote junior Alexa Duling (Gregory, SD), competing at her first U.S. Olympic Trials, ran a time of 1:00.26 in the 400-meter hurdle preliminaries and finished 26th. Duling, the 2012 Summit League Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year, was one of three Coyote student-athletes at this year's trials, joining sophomore Bethany Buell (St. Louis, MO) and freshman Emily Grove (Pontiac, IL), who competed in the pole vault on Sunday.

Teeners come from behind, defeat Canton 15-5

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

By examining the final score of 15-5 in six innings, cut short by the mercy rule, one wouldn't think that the game was in doubt for five innings when the Teeners hosted Canton last Thursday. But Canton led 5-1 after 2 1/2 innings, and of their five runs, every one which scored was either put on base or scored – or both! – as a result of a Vermillion error.

Fortunately Vermillion bats woke up in time. A three-run bottom of the third featured a two-run triple by Colin Olson and an RBI single by Ty Iverson as the Teeners crawled back to within 5-4. They went ahead 6-5 in the fifth after two were out on Seth Heine's single, a walk to Olson and Iverson's two-run double.

At the same time Vermillion pitching was living dangerously. In the fourth pitched by reliever Jacob Odens and the fifth and sixth pitched by Olson, Canton had nine baserunners, and

somehow not one of them scored. The sixth ended with a double play instituted by left-fielder Jay Munger, who raced in to catch a fly and doubled a runner off second base.

Three batters into Vermillion's sixth, Canton starter Brian Jennings was relieved. Two relief pitchers faced 10 batters and got only one of them out as the team scored nine runs on seven hits to end the game early. After a wild pitch and a balk forced two runs across the plate, Peter Haught singled in a run, Olson tripled home a pair, then Jack Brown, Ethan James and Ben Houser each singled home a run. An error at first base let in the 15th run that ended the game.

Olson had three hits and four RBIs while Iverson drove in three runs with his two hits. Brown and Houser also hit safely twice.

The Teeners are scheduled at South Sioux City next Monday, at home Tuesday against Parker and on the road to Elk Point next Thursday.

Two USD teams earn NCAA APR Recognition Awards

Two University of South Dakota athletic teams have been honored by the NCAA with APR Public Recognition for the 2010-11 academic year. The awards are given each year to teams scoring in the top 10 percent in each sport, based on their most recent multi-year Academic Progress Rates (APR).

Both the Coyote men's golf and women's tennis programs earned a perfect 1,000 APR scores.

"We are honored to receive this award for a second straight year," Coyote head women's tennis coach Malcolm Gilreath said. "It shows the consistency and the academic integrity of our program."

Overall in NCAA Division I, there were 954 sports team who were honored for earning Public Recognition Awards, including 560 women's teams and 394 men's or mixed squads.

In addition, a total of 263 schools, out of 347 Division I colleges and universities, placed at least one team on the top APR list. The minimum required APR score for any sport is 930.

"We stress that it's just as important to succeed in the classroom as it is on the course," head men's golf coach

Nick Hovden said. "We take great pride knowing that our players can balance the demanding schedule of being a Division I student-athlete and also staying ahead of their classwork."

The APR provides a real-time look at a team's academic success each semester by tracking the academic progress of each student-athlete on scholarship. The APR accounts for eligibility, retention and graduation and provides a measure of each team's academic performance.

Top-performing teams this year posted APR scores ranging from 978 to a perfect 1,000. The number of teams in some sports may exceed 10 percent depending on the number of perfect scores.

The NCAA tracks the classroom performance of student-athletes on every Division I sports team through its innovative APR, which provides an annual scorecard of academic achievement.

The Coyotes had seven additional teams higher than a 978 in 2010-11, including softball (988), women's cross country, women's indoor track and women's outdoor track (986), women's swimming (985), volleyball (982) and women's golf (981).

South Dakota women's tennis adds 2 more for 2012-13 campaign

South Dakota women's tennis coach Malcolm Gilreath has announced the addition of two more recruits for the 2012-13 season. Maria Tortosa Bernabeu of Valencia, Spain has signed a national letter of intent to continue her career with the Coyotes, while Camille Kraljic of Elk River, Minn., will also continue her athletic and academic career at USD.

Bernabeu comes to South Dakota after a successful career in Spain at Pura de Maria School. She is ranked 383rd in

the women's open category in Spain. She also is the winner of the I Gran Premio C.C. Ribera del Xuquer and also was the winner of the Harvard summer tournament in 2011. She played for the Carlet Tennis Club.

"Maria will bring her consistency and enthusiasm to the team and will do very well both in the classroom and on the court," Gilreath said. "She has previously played in the United States as a junior and we are looking forward to having her join the team."

Kraljic arrives at South Dakota after an outstanding career at Elk River High School, where she is a member of the Elk River Tennis Hall of Fame. She finished with 117 career wins and was part of five section championship teams. She was a participant at the state meet in doubles in 2011. She was a two-time all-conference selection and a two-time all-conference honorable mention honoree. She also was an academic all-state selection.

"We are looking forward to

having Camille join the team this fall," Gilreath said. "She is an exceptional performer both on the court and in the classroom. She is a strong doubles player and she will definitely add to the depth of our team."

The two recruits join Hafsa Laraibi of Casablanca, Morocco, and Milica Pavlovic of Belgrade, Serbia, as the Coyotes' class for 2012-13.

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