

Vermillion Baseball Hosts Youth Tournament



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Vermillion Baseball Association hosted a youth tournament last Saturday, June 27 at the University of South Dakota softball complex.

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The Vermillion Youth Baseball Organization hosted an eight team Invitational Tournament last weekend at the University of South Dakota softball complex. Teams from Vermillion, Beresford, Brandon Valley, Sioux Falls, Tea, Dakota Valley, Elk Point, Bon Homme, Irene-Wakonda, Yankton and one team from Osceola County, Iowa attended the tournament.

In the U10 division, the Vermillion Lil' Reds dropped a close one to Beresford in the first round. The Lil' Reds continued play in the tournament and finished seventh overall in the U10 division.

Lil' Reds were leading the Sioux Falls Venom team in the second round of play when the Sioux Falls team scored two runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to take a 7-6 win.

"We left a lot of runners on base in the whole tournament," said Lil' Reds' coach Jim Goblirsch. "We just couldn't get a timely hit to produce the runs we needed."

Jake Goblirsch led the Lil' Reds with his bat as he went 13 for 17 at the plate in the tournament.

The U12 Vermillion Greys had a difficult first round game as they fell to the Lynx from Brandon Valley in four innings. The Greys played hard all tournament and finished the tournament in 8th place.

The U12 team champion was the team from Tea.

The Vermillion Blues also played in the 12U division. In the first game of the tournament, the Blues ran into a buzz saw as the Sioux Falls Renegades ended the game in four innings. The Blues went on to a 2-1 outing to finish the tournament in fifth place.

After the defeat in the first round, the Vermillion

Blues came back to beat Osceola County 2 - 0 and then bested Yankton 14 - 2. Pitching duties were handled by Dylan Thelen, Drew Thelen, Luke Van Perseum, Jake Jensen, Charlie Ward, Brady Smith, Connor Saunders and Jack Kratz.

Dylan Thelen and Brady Smith led the Vermillion Blues at the plate with three hits each - a single, a double, and a triple for Thelen, while Smith added two doubles and triple. Several Blues players had two hits in the tournament.

Coaches for the Vermillion Blues are Jayce Huska, Joe Mazour and Tanner Settles. With these coaches bringing their strong Vermillion baseball tradition with them, the Vermillion Blues are 14-5 on the season.

The Vermillion Blues have three more double headers scheduled before heading to Milbank of July 17-19 for the State Tournament.

USD Sports News

Glisar Takes 13th At U.S. Outdoor Track And Field Championships

EUGENE, Ore.—South Dakota senior Megan Glisar finished 13th in the women's high jump at the U.S. Outdoor Track and Field Championships held at historic Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore.

Glisar cleared 5 feet, 8 inches during Sunday's competition. Nike's Chaunte Lowe won the event with a mark of 6-3 ¼.

Glisar concludes her collegiate high jump career as a two-time All-American, four-time Summit League champion and with South Dakota school records indoors and outdoors.

The meet concluded the Coyotes' 2015 outdoor season.

Snyder Picks Up Summit League Athlete Of The Month

ELMHURST, Ill.—South Dakota senior Cody Snyder has been named the May/June Summit League Athlete of the Month. Snyder earns the final monthly award of the year, to bring South Dakota's total to six for the 2014-15 academic year.

A thrower from Lake Andes, S.D., Snyder earns his first career accolade after an All-America performance at the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships. Snyder threw the discus 193 feet, 8 inches to place seventh and garner first-team honors.

The Summit League's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year also won the discus with a league record throw of 190-5 and placed third in the shot put at 56-6 ¾ at the league championships in May. Additionally, Snyder recorded a new career best in the shot put at the NCAA West Preliminaries with a toss of 57-5 ½.

Sheley Named Assistant Athletic Trainer

South Dakota head athletic trainer Bruce Fischbach has named Kylea Sheley to his athletic training staff. Sheley will work specifically with the track and field teams.

"We are extremely excited that Kylea has returned to the University of South Dakota," said Fischbach. "She brings the knowledge, experience and personality that we look for in our sports medicine staff."

Sheley returns to South Dakota after spending the past year working as the head athletic trainer for Davenport Assumption

High School and as a clinic technician at Rock Valley Physical Therapy in Davenport, Iowa. She also spent a year as a certified athletic trainer at Avera Sports Institute and registered chiropractic assistant for Vitality Chiropractic in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Sheley received her master's degree in kinesiology and sport science from the University of South Dakota in May of 2013. She worked as a graduate assistant under Fischbach for two years while working on her degree. During her time at South Dakota, Sheley worked with football, track and field, soccer and softball. Sheley has also been a member of the South Dakota Athletic Trainers' Association since the fall of 2011.

A 2011 graduate of Iowa State University, Sheley gained four years of experience working in the Cyclone training room as an undergraduate. She received Iowa State's Frank Randall Distinguished Athletic Trainer Award in 2011.

Sheley also brings experience from working major events including the 2013 USA Track & Field National Championships, the Drake Relays and the Special Olympics.

Four Teams, 129 Coyotes On Commissioner's List

South Dakota placed 74 percent of its list-eligible student-athletes on the 2014-15 Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence released Tuesday by the Summit League office. In addition, the Coyotes' women's golf team, women's tennis team, and men's and women's track and field and cross country teams received Team Academic Achievement Awards for obtaining the highest percentage among league members.

In all, 129 USD student-athletes were named to the list including 11 who have earned all A's. The percent is up three points from 71 a year ago. In order to be selected, the student-athlete must carry a 3.00 or better cumulative grade point average, used a year of eligibility and previously completed one academic year at the nominating institution.

South Dakota's women's golf (7 of 7) and women's tennis teams (6 of 6) placed 100 percent of its eligible student-athletes on the list. The Coyotes' women's track and field and cross country squad placed 29 of 32 student-athletes on the list for 91 percent. The men's team placed 18 of 24 on the list for 75 percent.

Other Coyote programs that turned in a high percentage include soccer (17 of 20, 85 percent), softball (9 of 11, 82 percent) and women's swimming and diving (17 of 23, 74 percent).



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