

## Golf League Standings

### Ladies Scramble Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. Leos Ice Hole-in-one	33	11	75
2. Flighty Five	35	20	64
3. Tee-Chers	27.5	16.5	63
4. LG'S	31.5	23.5	57
5. Belles w/ Balls	31	24	56
6. Birdie Bound	24.5	19.5	56
7. Leos: Party of Fore	30.5	24.5	55
8. Toby's	30.5	24.5	55
9. Kiss My Putt	30	25	55
10. Bogeylicious	16	17	48
11. Varsity Divas	26.5	28.5	48
12. Old Lumber Co.	25.5	29.5	46
13. Wild Things	18	26	41
14. Maloney Real Estate	21.5	33.5	39
15. Fast Auto Glass	21	34	39
16. Sandbaggers	17.5	37.5	32
17. Chix with Stix	17.5	37.5	32

### Men's Scramble American League Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. The Gayville Boys	59.5	39.5	60.1
2. Americlean	59	40	59.6
3. Wheres The Booze Cart	58	41	58.6
4. The Double Eagles	57	42	57.6
5. Nygren's True Value	56	43	56.6
6. Boomer Sooners	54.5	44.5	55.1
7. Old Lumber Co.	54	45	54.5
8. Leisure Lawn	52	47	52.5
9. Bogey +1	52	47	52.5
10. Dakota PC 2	50.5	48.5	51
11. Cherry Pit Stop	50	49	50.5
12. The Chippers	49.5	49.5	50
13. The Lynch Boys	48.5	50.5	49
14. First Bank & Trust	48	51	48.5
15. The Hot Dogs	48	51	48.5
16. 3-Some	47.5	51.5	48
17. Varsity	40.5	58.5	40.9
18. PBIBS	40	59	40.4
19. USD Swim	38.5	60.5	38.9
20. Captain Morgan	35.5	63.5	35.9

### Men's Scramble American League Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. First Dakota	63.5	35.5	64.1
2. Toby's	60.5	38.5	61.1
3. Carey's Lite	60	39	60.6
4. Bogey +3	58.5	40.5	59.1
5. Bunyans	57.5	41.5	58.1
6. Leo's Sports Bar	55	44	55.6
7. Leo's 4	54	45	54.5
8. Marks Construction	54	45	54.5
9. Wolfpack	54	45	54.5
10. Dakota PC Warehouse	53	46	53.5
11. Fairway to Heaven	51.5	47.5	52
12. Eagles 2	49	50	49.5
13. PIK	48	51	48.5
14. Bogey +2	46.5	52.5	47
15. We Need Strokes	45.5	53.5	46
16. Bluffs Boys	44.5	54.5	44.9
17. Tigers Wood	36	63	36.4
18. Builders Choice	35.5	63.5	35.9
19. Carey's Crew	33.5	65.5	33.8
20. VCDC	30	69	30.3

### Thursday Night Men's League Standings:

Team	Win	Loss	Win%
1. Alkota - Blue	99	41	70.7
2. Leos Sports Bar	88.5	51.5	63.2
3. Curry Seed	81.5	58.5	58.2
4. Alkota - Orange	78.5	61.5	56.1
5. Jay's Plumbing	77	63	55
6. Husker CDC	74.5	65.5	53.2
7. Gravediggers	71.5	68.5	51.1
8. First Bank & Trust Savings	61	79	43.6
9. We Need Strokes	56	84	40
10. Multiple Putts	52	88	37.1
11. Walker Construction	51	89	36.4
12. First Bank & Trust Checking	49.5	90.5	35.4

## Flamez Split With Crush



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**The Vermillion Flamez 14U split a girls' softball doubleheader with the Yankton Fury Crush on Tuesday at Yankton's Riverside Park. Yankton bounced back from an early deficit to claim a 14-3 victory in the first game. Vermillion bounced back to take the nightcap 9-7.**

# Athlete's Unique History Brings New Sport To SD

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Rowing is a sport that is not available anywhere in the state of South Dakota.

However, for one Vermillion resident, rowing was her whole life. Savannah Smith, now 22, started rowing in high school in Dallas, Texas and earned a full scholarship to Southern Methodist University (SMU). She came to Vermillion two summers ago after being medically disqualified from rowing.

"I was kind of tired of Dallas and rowing was my life, rowing was my job, rowing was everything to me and my career ended. I was like, 'what do I do now', so I came up here," Smith said. "It's hard when something was your whole life and it gets taken away from you. I was like, 'I need a fresh start and go where people are actually nice and people will remember who I am.'"

Smith was a ballerina until eighth grade and was looking for an activity to use her dance skills. While attending an activities fair for high school, she ended up being spotted by the rowing coach and agreed to attend a "learn to row day".

"I really had no intention of going and my mom was like, 'I think you should try it,'" she said. "So, I went and I fell in love with it."

Smith excelled at the sport and spent only three weeks as a novice, first time rower, before being moved up to the varsity boat.

"I got moved up to the varsity boat and rowed with all seniors which was horrible," Smith said. "It was totally dramatic. It was the end of the world. I knocked somebody else out of their seat."

Rowing teams can compete in two disciplines, sweeping and sculling. Sweeping is where each rower holds one oar and are sitting next to another rower. Sculling is where each rower uses two oars, one in each hand. Races can consist of singles, pairs, fours or eights.

"(In high school) we mostly did sweeping and then I also did pairs and it's two people sweeping," Smith said. "I qualified for nationals all four years I did that in high school and went to nationals for three years of the four and then we did doubles which is sculling, two oars."

Smith said the toughest race she did was when she raced as a single. "When you're in a single it's very wobbly and you have the potential to flip over and I refuse to flip," she said. "I don't like to get in the water. I just like to be on top of it because you never know what's in there."

"It slows you down because you would never row your full stroke so I'd row like half. That's why I never raced that again."

While in high school, Smith had the opportunity to attend an Olympic training camp in Tempe, Arizona where she trained in sculling.

"We would run, we would lift. It was



COURTESY PHOTO  
**The Southern Methodist University rowing team's eight-person boat during a race.**



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**Vermillion's Savannah Smith, front, in a rowing pairs race, a two-person boat using the method called sweeping, while competing for Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.**

like a little Olympic team camp," she said. "A few of the girls I met at the camp are now on the Olympic team, which I think is so cool. How many people can say that?"

Smith was recruited by 86 different colleges for a rowing scholarship and narrowed it down to five before choosing to stay in Dallas and attend SMU. She was offered a full scholarship and rowed on the team for two years, but a string of injuries caused her to cut her career short.

"I got medically disqualified, so I started student coaching when I was there to work off my scholarship," she said.

After graduating, Smith moved to Vermillion and now works as a secretary at Vermillion Chiropractic.

She says South Dakota is one of two states in the country that doesn't offer

rowing, but she thinks it has "potential" if young athletes had an opportunity to try it.

"I think rowing would have an impact here," Smith said. "It's kind of changing the persona of what rowing is here. When you say rowing people think of canoeing or kayaking. I think that's just the way people know it here and having (rowing) would change the view on it."

The combination of the individual aspect and team aspect sets rowing apart from a lot of the more prevalent sports played.

"The cool thing about rowing is that it is individually oriented," Smith said. "But, when you're with a team you have to all row together at the same time, same stroke length, same speed, same timing, same body angles. It's crazy."

## USD Hosts High School Camps

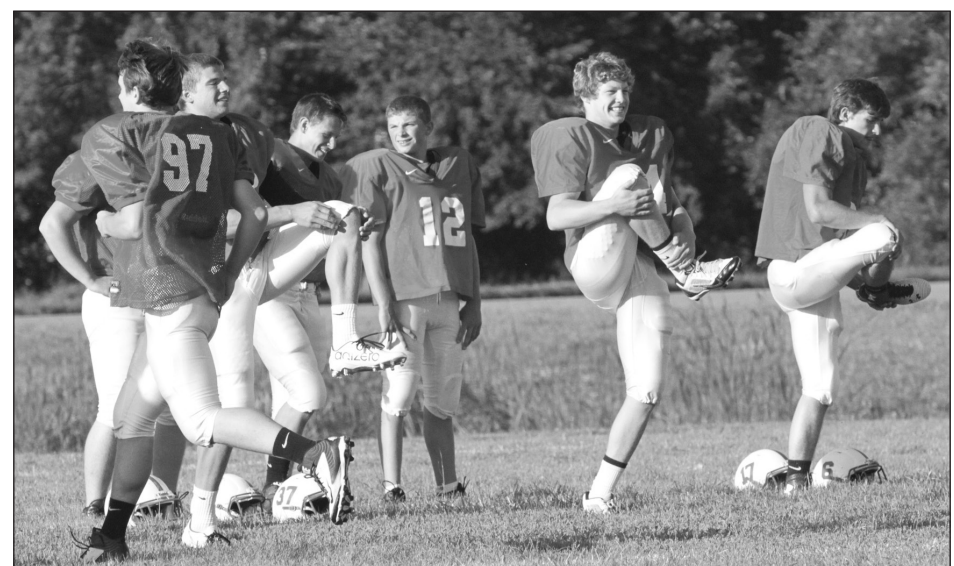
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The University of South Dakota (USD) football has welcomed its first wave of high school team camps this week, including the team from Vermillion High School.

"This is the first of three team camps that we hold in Vermillion and it's a lot of teams from the four-state area," said Adam Breske, the USD inside linebackers coach and coordinator of the camp. "Obviously, we're representing from South Dakota pretty well in this camp, but also we get Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska teams. It's a team camp, so we allow teams that don't usually see each other to play and it turns out to be a pretty good time for everybody involved."

The teams get the chance to see the USD facilities and are mainly coached by their own coaches, but also get some attention from the USD coaches and some players.

"It gives the high school coaches a chance to work their kids in the summer before their season starts," Breske said. "It gives us a



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**Members of the Vermillion High School football team stretch before practice at the University of South Dakota football fields as part of this week's 11-man camp hosted by the University.**

chance to get as many high school kids into Vermillion as possible and to evaluate some kids that will be seniors next year, but also just to kind of open up our doors and let everybody see our place and out camp."

The team camps last for three days and the campers stay overnight in the dorms on campus. Two of the camps are for 11-man

teams, including this one, and one is for eight and nine man teams.

The schedules for the teams include group practices, group stretching and each team has three scrimmages throughout the three days with individual instructions from USD coaches. Day two of camp ends with a king of the hill competition.

"It's a fun, round robin, one-play tournament that we have in the Dome," Breske said. "We turn the music on and get the place rocking and they kids really like it."

The camp began on Tuesday and ran through Thursday. The next team camp begins Saturday followed by the last one on Tuesday, July 14.

# July Named Parks And Recs Month

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With the warm weather and school being out of session, July is the time of year to get outside and enjoy outdoor activities.

July is also recognized by the City of Vermillion as Parks and Recreation month.

"We have the council declare it, so Vermillion recognizes it for the month," said Parks and Recreation Director Jim Goblirsch. "They've done this for the last few years."

July is recognized as parks and recreation month across the country and started in 1985 to promote the importance of parks and recreation in health and wellness. In 2009, the US House of Representatives passed an official resolution naming July as Parks and Recreation month.

Some of the departments across the country put on events to promote the use of the parks and recreation facilities, but Vermillion doesn't have the resources for such activities.

"The funniest thing is, it's the busiest

month, so there's no extra staff to put on events," Goblirsch said. "We hope to get to that point, but right now we're not there."

July is the month where the youth baseball and softball teams are making their push towards playoffs and swimming lessons, youth tennis and youth track are in full swing.

Vermillion's Parks and Rec celebrated with a BBQ for its staff on Tuesday afternoon.

"It's our way of saying thank you for all the projects that are going on around the

city," Goblirsch said.

The projects include the Prentis Park renovation where the organization has put up new fencing around the baseball field and is in the process of making more parking available for people who wish to use the park.

Information about events and updates on projects can be found at the website [vermillionparksandrec.com](http://vermillionparksandrec.com) or on the Vermillion Parks and Recreation Facebook page.