

THE BLUFFS

Wednesday Evening Ladies League Standings as of May 28, 2014

Teams	Won	Possible
Birdie Bound	32	40
Two Putts	27	40
L-O-N-G Shots	26	40
Wedgies-Briefs	25.5	40
Puttin' Divas	23.5	40
Wedgies-Boxers	22	40
Not Bluffing	16	40
Lucky Shots	15.5	40
LG's	14	40
Lopez Sisters	14	40
Angry Birdies	6	40

Tanager tennis competes at State

By Scott Bormann

RAPID CITY – The Tanager's tennis team traveled to Rapid City to compete in the State Tennis Tournament 22-24 May. Vermillion brought home no hardware, but they did put up a fight against some major powerhouses on the court.

Sioux Falls Lincoln won the team title with 696 points, followed by Mitchell (577), Sioux Falls O'Gorman (571), Sioux Falls Washington (494), and Rapid City Stevens (384) to round out the top five teams. Vermillion finished in eighteenth place with 15 points, beating both Milbank and Spearfish in the standings.

In Flight 1 Singles, Jacob Ford lost to Colin Claeys of Huron, then lost to Baylor Dobbs of Brookings. Tommy Entwistle of Sioux Falls O'Gorman won the Flight 1 title.

Flight 2 Singles saw Kevin Helenurm lose to Adam Zimmerman of Aberdeen Central, then lost to Jason Shindler of Yankton. Elliot Hartwig of Sioux Falls Washington won the Flight 2 title.

Flight 3 Singles had Joe Swanson lose to Jack Talcott of Brandon Valley, then lost to Matt Green of Madison. Sam Dobbs of Sioux Falls Lincoln won Flight 3.

In Flight 4 Singles, Ryan Styles lost to Logan Jager of

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Jensen wins first in shot put at State

By Scott Bormann

MADISON/SIOUX FALLS – A Vermillion senior saved his best performance of the season for when it really mattered. Having a season best mark of 52'11" to qualify in second place in the shot put behind Canton's Tyler Lems, he was launching his efforts just before Lems all morning.

Coming back from an injury-plagued junior campaign, Nick Jensen has been in the mix all of this season. "I knew I could be right there with him, but I never thought about it until now," Jensen said. "But now it feels awesome."

The winning throw came on Jensen's final attempt in the prelims, landing over a foot farther than his season best qualifying distance. The toss of 53'11.5" bested Lems' best effort by only half an inch.

"I knew I'd have to throw good just to beat him," said Jensen. "He's a great thrower, but I had a good week of practice."

Jensen said that his nerves helped him prepare to put the shot. "I was really focused for State, but sometimes you need those (nerves) to throw well," he said. "It gives you a faster twitch, and that gets me going."

"Nick's win was a long time in coming," said Coach Lenni Billberg. "He battled back from surgery last year to outlast a very talented thrower from Canton in Tyler Lems. I am going to miss the big man a lot in the years to come."

Jensen scored all 10 of the Tanager's team points with his victory in the shot put. He finished in 10 place in the discus on Saturday in Sioux Falls with a toss of 138'0". The discus was won by Lems with a toss of 169'7".

"We had a great state meet," said Billberg. "Our kids all ran close to or better than their best all-time."

The boys' 1600-meter Sprint Medley Team did not fare so well on Friday. Jeremiah Johnson, Rylan Pratt, Jon Rosales and Parson Covington completed the four laps in 3:59.90 to finish in 16th place. They were unable to make it out of the preliminaries, but with two sophomores, an eighth-grader and a seventh-grader, the future looks promising for this team. Custer won the finals on Saturday with a time of 3:38.43.

"Our boys Medley ran well with our third 800 runner filling in," Billberg said. "A seventh-



Vermillion eighth-grader Maddie Lavin leads the pack in the girls 1600 Meter Run at the State A Track and Field Meet in Sioux Falls on Saturday. She came in third with a season-best time of 5:11.99.

(Photo courtesy of South Dakota Public Broadcasting)

grader, Parson Covington, had a 4 second PR (personal record) in his 800. The other boys also ran well. The exciting part for them and the girls as well we bring back all of our runners! Tanager track's future is bright!"

An athlete who will have another chance – or four as a matter of fact – to win a track title is eighth-grader Maddie Lavin. On Saturday in Sioux Falls, the Tanager standout finished third in the 1600-meter run (5:11.99), one-hundredth of a second behind runner-up Marion Hohn from Hill City. Madison's Hailey Streff won in a time of 5:08.78.

The scoreboard originally showed identical times for Lavin and Hohn, according to Gayville-Volin's standout Laura Nelson, who had won second place in the Class B 1600 just minutes before.

"The scoreboard then went black (for the official review)," said Nelson, "then a few minutes later, the times came back up showing Maddie was awarded third place. It was a very exciting finish."

"When you're that close in the mile, it's exciting," said Lavin. "To know you're right there, it's good motivation to keep trying harder."

"Maddie Lavin had an amazing meet," said Billberg. "She ran three races on a hot Friday and came out blazing in the mile a seven second PR and school-record-breaking place."

Lavin helped score all 18 points for the girls' team. Along with her third-place finish in the 1600, she

also placed third in the 3200-meter run on Friday in Madison with a time of 11:49.85. Madison's Hailey Streff also won this race in a time of 11:32.06, and Mattie Fairburn of Lead-Deadwood came in second with a time of 11:42.00.

Lavin also anchored the 1600 Sprint Medley Relay. The team of Ashley Schulz, Sydney Peters, MaKenna Koble and Lavin finished second (4:23.17) in heat one on Friday in Madison to qualify for Saturday's finals.

"In the Medley she (Lavin) and her teammates ran faster than all other Tanagers in history," said Billberg. "The time they broke included the great Alicia Brown! These girls have so much potential."

In a record-setting final, Sioux Falls Christian broke the 1984 State A Meet record held by Custer (4:15.30) by completing the two 200-meter legs, the 400-meter leg, and the 800-meter leg in 4:14.72.

Madison finished in second in 4:17.24, with Vermillion, running out of lane 6, securing third in 4:18.90. The Tanagers improved on their time from the prelims by another 4.27 seconds to show how they peaked at the right time of year.

"It all started though with our prelim medley, said Billberg. "The girls on that team were Ashley Schulz, Sydney Peters, MaKenna Koble, and Maddie Lavin. They ran a season PR of seven seconds in prelims, and then ran even faster with the addition of Rachel

Finnegan in the finals".

Junior Rachel Finnegan came very close to earning an individual medal in the 400-meter Dash on Friday in Madison. Lowering her qualifying time by over a second, she finished in tenth place with a time of 1:02.51. The last qualifying time for the finals was 1:01.53, just 98-hundredths of a second faster than Finnegan.

Miranda Velgersdyk of Sioux Falls Christian won the 400-meter final in 56.95 seconds. The Meet record set in 2006 by Vermillion's Alicia Brown (0:56.69) stays safe for another year.

The 4x400 Relay team of Rachel Finnegan, Sydney Peters, Katie Kost and MaKenna Koble were just five seconds out qualifying for the finals. Their preliminary time 4:22.05 on Friday left them in ninth place, and watching Saturday's final won by Sioux Falls Christian, who broke the four-minute barrier in a record setting time of 3:59.52.

The boys' team title was claimed by Custer with 103 points, while the girls' title went to Sioux Falls Christian with 119 points. The combined crown went to St. Thomas More, runner-up in the girls' competition (98) and fourth in the boys race (57).

The Tanagers finished in nineteenth place with 10 points in the boys contest, while the girls' took fourteenth place with 18 points.

CHURCH SCHEDULES

BERGEN LUTHERAN Church: "The little white church on Timber Road." Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m.

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuharth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 102 Prosp: Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study 12:00 noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service – Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School – Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham. Contact us at (605) 624-3459 or at lcmsvermillion.org

Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH: *A Place To Grow.* Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday during the School year 9:00am and 10:30am (subject to change during holidays) in the summer Sunday 10 AM. Check us out at cornerstonesd.org or call (624-8809) for further information.

DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Regehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church: 12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

Elk Point Baptist Church. Sunday worship at 11:00am, Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981

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GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church: Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH 1800 Constance Dr. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m. AWANA Small groups; 9-10:15 Worship May-August 10a.m., 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com Like us on Facebook!

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KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church, Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church, 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

St Paul Lutheran Church, 31903 475th Ave, Elk Point, SD 57025, Sunday Service 10:30 am, Pastor David Bentz.

ST. AGNES Church, 416 Walker St., Fr. John Fischer: St. Agnes Church and Parish Office, tele. 624-4478. St. Agnes Rectory, 505 Catalina, tele. 624-1995. Mass schedule: 5 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30a.m. Sunday, Week-day Masses – consult weekly bulletin; Sacrament of Penance, Saturday 4-4:45p.m.

ST. PAUL'S Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more info.

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