

# USD's Snyder Named Outdoor Field Athlete Of The Year

South Dakota senior thrower Cody Snyder was named the 2015 Summit League Men's Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year as announced by the league office on Wednesday.

A native of Lake Andes, S.D., Snyder earned first-team All-America honors after launching the discus 193 feet, 8 inches on his second throw at the NCAA Championships. Snyder threw 190-5 to win the Summit League Championship in the discus and break a 23-year-old meet record. He also earned all-league honors in the shot

put. Snyder posted a career best discus throw 194-6 at the Bobcat Invitational, which broke the school and state records in the event. Snyder also threw a career best 57-5 1/2 in the shot put at the NCAA West Preliminaries.

Snyder is the third Coyote to earn Athlete of the Year honors this year. Junior hurdler Teivaskie Lewin was named the Indoor Track Athlete of the Year and senior thrower Kyle McKelvey earned Indoor Field Athlete of the Year.

# Vermillion Area Swim Team Competes At Yankton Invitational

2015 SD YST Charity Invitational Vermillion And Team Results

Men 15 & Over 800 LC Meter Freestyle:  
2. Wergin, Eli M, VAST-SD, 14:08.81.

Girls 8 & Under 100 LC Meter Freestyle:  
3. Van Holland, Taliya, VAST-SD, 2:10.76.

Girls 13-14 100 LC Meter Freestyle:  
2. Franken, Sydney J, VAST-SD, 1:11.34.

Men 15 & Over 100 LC Meter Freestyle:  
8. Wergin, Eli M, VAST-SD, 1:19.49.

Girls 13-14 200 LC Meter IM:

4. Van Holland, Anna E, VAST-SD, 3:13.90.  
Girls 13-14 100 LC Meter Butterfly:

3. Van Holland, Anna E, VAST-SD, 1:33.75.  
Girls 8 & Under 50 LC Meter Backstroke:

5. Van Holland, Taliya, VAST-SD, 1:14.99.  
Girls 11-12 50 LC Meter Backstroke:

11. Nilson, Sophia M, VAST-SD, 57.73.  
Girls 8 & Under 100 LC Meter Breaststroke:

1. Van Holland, Taliya,

VAST-SD, 2:34.23.  
Girls 11-12 100 LC Meter Breaststroke:

5. Nilson, Sophia M, VAST-SD, 2:10.55.  
Girls 13-14 100 LC Meter Breaststroke:

3. Van Holland, Anna E, VAST-SD, 1:42.60.  
Men 15 & Over 100 LC Meter Breaststroke:

8. Wergin, Eli M, VAST-SD, 1:48.78.  
Girls 13-14 400 LC Meter Freestyle:

4. Van Holland, Anna E, VAST-SD, 6:11.93.  
Girls 13-14 50 LC Meter Freestyle:

1. Franken, Sydney J, VAST-SD, 30.31.

Girls 13-14 100 LC Meter Backstroke:  
Franken, Sydney J, VAST-SD, 1:26.27.

Combined Team Scores - Through Event 21:  
1. Yankton Swim Team, 2324; 2. Norfolk YMCA Aquajets, 2019; 3. Siouxland Sharks, 1788. 4. Sioux Falls Seals, 1161; 5. Mariners Swim Club, 762; 6. Sioux Center Seahawks, 453; 7. Black Hills Gold Swimming, 271; 8. Vermillion Area Swim Team, 228.

# Coaches

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to get to know the children and families around the community.

"I just wanted to get to know the kids in the area and get to work with kids as much as I could to give me that experience," Green said. "It's really rewarding to see the kids' faces after they get a good hit or they get a good catch and you're like 'good job!' and their faces light up."

Green is also a former softball player who had a 12-year career and played through high school.

At the younger ages, the coaches are looking to teach the players about safety techniques when it comes to the sport, as well as being part of team and encouraging teammates.

"We want to make sure that they know safety when it comes to baseball, so we're really going over fundamentals of, not only throwing, but how to catch a ball," Chambers said. "That's where we see most of our small injuries, kids not being able to catch it, so we really go over fingers up, fingers down, how wide to catch the ball and making sure you're in the middle of it, things like that."

Not all the coaches attend USD, but rather some graduated from Vermillion High School (VHS) and return for the summer to coach in the same place they grew up playing.

Caleb Miller, a former Vermillion Baseball Association player who now attends Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, has returned for his third year as a coach.

"I just love Vermillion baseball," Miller said. "I played at this age on this field when I was five and six

years old, and the whole 12 years I played baseball here I absolutely loved it. So, it's kind of giving back."

Miller has had the chance to coach different age groups over the last two summers, and this year is his first with the 5-6 year olds.

"At this age group there's a lot more herding, like having to tell them 'set the bat down, run this way'. Instead of just letting them play and critiquing little things. It's more babysitting, but it's also a lot more fun because they improve way faster than the people at other ages," he said.

The t-ball and rookie teams have finished up with skills training and begin game play next week.

"The coaches will have more responsibility (during games) because it'll be just two of them on field managing the game," Stanton said.

The games will last through the middle of July with the older teams playing through the end of July.

# 15-16 Varsity Teeners Beat Wakefield, Fall To Beresford

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The Vermillion 15-16 Varsity Teeners played two games during the week and came away with one win and one loss. In last Thursday's game, Vermillion beat Wakefield, Nebraska in extra innings and Monday's game saw Beresford over Vermillion 7-4.

**Vermillion 9, Wakefield 8**  
The Vermillion Varsity Teeners defeated Wakefield 9-8 in 8 innings on Thursday, June 18 at Prentis Park.

Riley Johnson's walk-off single in the bottom of the eighth drove in Rylan Pratt for the victory. Devin O'Neill led Vermillion at the plate with two doubles, three runs batted in, and two runs scored, including an inside the park homerun.

Wyatt Markee added two hits and two runs scored. Johnson pitched seven innings and Trey Hage picked up the win in relief.

**Vermillion 4, Beresford 7**  
On Monday night at Prentis Park, Beresford Scored five unearned runs in the seventh inning to defeat the Vermillion Varsity Teeners 7-4.

Wyatt Markee pitched a complete game without giving up an earned run. Devin O'Neill led the offense with three hits and three runs batted in. The next home game is Monday, June 29 against Canton at 6:30 p.m.

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# Teeing Off For Coyote Athletics

BY ELYSE BRIGHTMAN

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Coaches, fans and community members came out to support Coyote athletics Saturday afternoon at the inaugural Charlie Coyote Open at the Bluffs golf course.

In past years, the fundraiser has been held as a tour in cities around the state, but this year the athletic department decided to hold it right here in Vermillion.

"It's the first time we've had the golf out here in Vermillion in sometime," said Jon Schemmel, the senior associate athletic director for development at the University of South Dakota. "What we're really trying to do is to get people, not only back to the university, but back to the city of Vermillion and let them have a good time and remember what it was like when they went to school here."

The tournament was held using a scramble format with a shot gun start and attracted 31 teams with four golfers each.

"For the first time moving down to Vermillion, we're pretty proud of that and we just hope it'll grow," Schemmel said.

The university is looking to grow the tournament and combine the tour aspect with a main event held in Vermillion each year.

"What we're doing now is one big event in Vermillion that our staff is working and the University is putting on. Then we're asking other (sites) if they would like us to come out, (like) to Rapid City or Yankton or Sioux Falls or anywhere else. We're asking volunteers to engage and put events on and we'll bring coaches and staff at that point," Schemmel said.

There were also games at number of the holes, like a longest putt, a



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Onlookers watch as a golfer attempts to make a putt during the putting contest at the Charlie Coyote Open at The Bluffs Golf Course Saturday afternoon.

longest drive, a corn-hole toss, a football toss and a featured CorTrust \$10,000 hole-in-one contest on hole 12.

The money raised at the Charlie Coyote Open goes directly to the Howling Pack, the university's annual scholarship fund for student athletes.

"At the end of the day, no matter what we do, the University of South Dakota is never leaving Vermillion," Schemmel said. "We need to start getting people back here and when we do, show them a good time. This golf outing is a good start to that."

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Right: University of South Dakota football coaches Colin Prosser, left, and Jason Petrino, right, point out a putt during the Charlie Coyote Open Saturday afternoon.



# Vermillion Goes 1-3 At Yankton Tournament

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Vermillion Post 1 Legion baseball team traveled to Yankton for the Morrie Wachendorf First Dakota Classic American Legion tournament at Riverside Park last weekend where the team came away with a 1-3 record over the four games.

**Vermillion 0, Yankton 2**  
Carter Kratz got the only Vermillion hit as Post 1 fell 2-0 to Yankton Post 12 in the opening game of the tournament last Friday night.

Yankton's two runs came in the fourth inning off a two-run single from Tanner Watts. "We had some opportunities," Gault said. "We had some pretty critical errors there that cost us two runs. Both those runs were unearned and that's kind of the way it goes in baseball."

Jake Odens pitched the complete game for Vermillion throwing six innings with eight hits, three strikeouts and two walks.

"Jake Odens had a great game," Gault said. "(He) threw the ball, hit the corners, hit his spots, did exactly what he needed to do to limit the amount of baserunners Yankton had and then when they did get on base, he got out of a couple jams. We just have to get more than one hit."

**Vermillion 0, Crofton 1**  
Post 1 dropped both games in Saturday's play of the tournament. In the first game, Vermillion fell 1-0 in a pitcher's duel to Crofton, Nebraska.

Kratz went seven innings for Vermillion allowing Crofton's one run on four hits with eight strikeouts and no walks. Austin Hegge picked up the win allowing five hits with nine strikeouts and two walks.

Nate Robertson had two of Vermillion's hits in the game and Jack Brown, Brandon Mockler and Hunter Christopherson each picked up one.

**Vermillion 4, McCook-Miner 9**

In the afternoon, McCook-Miner topped Vermillion 9-4.

Jefferson Galvin went 2-for-3 with an RBI to lead Vermillion's offense. Brown, Odens and Christopherson each added an RBI.

Ethan James pitched a complete game for Vermillion and McCook-Miner's Jordan Genzlinger picked up the win.

**Vermillion 9, Piedmont 0**  
Post 1 rounded out tournament play with a win over Piedmont on Sunday afternoon.

Cole Anderson held Piedmont to just two hits in the game with four strikeouts in the 9-0 win in five innings. Anderson also led Vermillion at the plate going 2-for-3 with an RBI. Travis Weber was 1-for-1 with a two-run double.

Brown, Christopherson and Robertson each added an RBI in the win.

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