

THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION CITY POOL LEAGUE

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser
Well folks, we are drawing to the end of the regular season and after 16 weeks here is how the regular season standings look.

- 1) Maya James 2 264-136.66 percent.
- 2) Whimps 210-115.64.6 percent.
- 3) Char 1 220-155.58.66 percent.
- 4) Leos 1 204-171.54.4 percent.
- 5) Char 2 189-161.54 percent.
- 6) Maya James 1 211-189.52.75 percent.
- 7) Varsity 1 206-194.51.5 percent.
- 8) Tie Leos 3 and Eagles 2 197-203.49.25 percent.
- 9) Eagles 1 171-179.48.85 percent.
- 10) Leos 2 192-208.48 percent.
- 11) Careys 1 191-209.47.75 percent.
- 12) Careys 2 185-215.46.25 percent.
- 13) Varsity 2 155-195.44.3 percent.
- 14) Bunyans 1 165-210.44 percent.
- 15) Maya James 3 173-227.43.25 percent.
- 16) Bunyans 2 170-255.40 percent.
- 17) Careys 2 125-200.38.46 percent.

There were six 9Ball breaks to lead the accolades portion of the week. Jeremy Kirkpatrick of Bunyans 1, Rob Lectbieter of Whimps White Gloves, Kase Allison and Troy Schaffer of Char 1 and Travis "Too Tough" Taggart and Aaron Baedke of Leos 1.

The "Gold Star" Shooters that went 5-0 were Blaine Schoellerman of Bunyans 2, Scott Turnbaugh of Maya James 1 and Barry "Rock n' Roll" Brown of Maya James 2. "Rock n' Roll" did his bidding against my Careys 9Ballers. AAAAAARegggggghhhhhhh. The foursome of Dustin Schemp, Jamie Erickson, Husker and Jared Heiden were the names that wound up on "The Bottom of the Barrel" for going 0-5.

Let's take a look at the games and matches and see how our shooters fared. At league leading Maya James 2 the Careys 9Ballers walked in with high hopes. After 16 games the match was tied at 8-8. That's when the wheels fell off of the 9Ballers cart. The league leaders won the next eight games in a row. Oh, the agony of it all. Barry "Rock n' Roll" Brown lead the way for MJ2 with a 5-0 night and was assisted by Nate Bork who won all of his games except the one where he and I played. I lucked out and won three games as did my teammate (not luck..skill) Adam Finke. When the dust settled it was MJ2 with a 16-9 defeat of the Careys 9Ballers.

In a battle at Bunyans it was Bunyans 2 dropping a bomber on Bunyans 1 with a 16-9 whipping. Blaine Schoellerman was top dog with a 5-0 night. Johnny Gregg chipped in with a 4-1 performance, to help the Bunyans 2 cause. Jeff Solomon and Jody Sailer were three game winners for Bunyans 1.

The Eagles 2 rode four win nights from Tim Dooley and Ernie Flaugh to take down the "Bangers Boys" of the Varsity 2 by a 16-9 score. Shannon Feland and Dennis Navarat also helped out the

home standing Eagles 2 with three wins each. "Banger's Boys" had four players with two wins each.

Maya James 1 hit the road and collected a 16-9 win over the Varsity Lettermen. Scott Turnbaugh rolled up a 5-0 night to lead his MJ1 teammates. T. Wilson King strummed his way to a four win night. Gerit Soljic and Carson Kennedy bolstered the road effort with three wins each. Four of the Varsity shooters were two game winners to pace the Lettermen.

The Whimps "White Gloves" hit the road and bested the Char 1 shooters by a 15-10 score. Whimps was guided by four win nights from "Skinny" Smith and "Buzz" Johnson. Rob Lectbieter added three wins for the "White Gloves". Char 1 head Chef, Kase Allison grilled up four wins and was helped by Troy Schaffer with three games. In a "rare" occasion it was Husker with an unfamiliar 0-5 night against his former teammates. This match featured three 9Ball breaks.

Leos 3 was across the street and around the corner for a 14-11 road victory over Careys 2. Cam Nettestadt and Kyle Mollet turned in four win nights for the visitors. Collene Zea showed her stuff with a four win night for Careys 2. Zac Lacey assisted with three wins for the cellar dwelling Careys 2 team.

Kurt Kuiper and Jim "Fry Daddy" Frye had four wins each to lead the Leos 4 shooters to a 14-11 road win at Maya James 3. Tyler Job showed his prowess by collecting four wins for the MJ3 shooters. Adam Hasse rolled in three 9Balls to help the home team.

In a hard fought battle at Leos it was Char 2 coming away with a 13-12 road win over Leos 2. Ryan "Dino" Dineen and Josh Kimlicka flexed their muscles and won four games each. Josh Biever was a three game winner for the grillers. Jay Christopherson and Jeff "Fleet" Gilbertson were top Leos 2 shooters with three wins each.

In the other match at Leos it was the high flying Eagles 1 with four wins in the final frame to top the Leos 1 effort by a 13-12 score. Larry Edwards lead the Eagles with four wins and got some much needed help from the cue of "Downtown" Dick Brown's three wins. Travis "Too Tough" Taggart paced the Leos 1 shooters with four wins. Aaron Baedke and Dave Skezar were three game winners for Leos 1.

Well there you have it folks. When I know the schedule for the "playoffs" I will pass it along to all of you. So, until next time, thanks a billion. Mojo.

USD successfully defends titles at GWC Championships

The University of South Dakota men's and women's track teams capped their indoor season on Saturday with strong showings, as both successfully defended their team titles at the Great West Conference Championships in the DakotaDome. The Coyote women claimed 230.5 points to outpace Utah Valley's 195, while USD notched 187 points to defeat Utah Valley's 168 on the men's side.

Coyote head coaches Lucky Huber and Dave Gottsleben repeated as GWC Coach of the Year for the women and men, respectively, while senior Ramsey Fitzsimmons (Yankton) won GWC Female Athlete of the Year for a second consecutive season. Senior Rob Gregoire (Wakonda) was named the GWC Male Athlete of the Year.

Fitzsimmons earned 36.5 team points in five events to post perhaps the most domi-

nant performance at the two-day meet. After winning the 3,000 meters and anchoring the winning distance medley relay on Friday she placed in the top three in three events on Saturday. Fitzsimmons ran a season-best 4:57 in the mile to finish just four tenths of a second away from the DakotaDome record, claimed second in the 800 in 2:17 and earned third in the 5,000 meters in 17:46.

Like-wise, Gregoire competed in four events to earn 23 team points. He won the 3,000 meters on Friday, before placing in the top five in three events on Saturday. He was fourth in the 5,000 meters with a personal-best 15:17, fifth in the 800 meters in 1:58 and fifth in the mile in 4:20.

South Dakota's award-winning duo had plenty of help, though, especially in the field events. Junior Kenna Wolter (Santa Maria, CA) broke the

USD school record with a leap of 40-8 3/4 in the women's triple jump. She bested the mark of 40-1 1/2 set by two-time national champion Elena Swan in 1998.

The Coyote women claimed 23.5 team points in the pole vault by sweeping the top three places. Freshman Bethany Buell (St. Louis, MO) won by clearing 12-1 1/2, while fellow freshman Jessica Christian (Richland, WA) earned second in 11-9 3/4 and junior Haley Peterson (Norfolk, NE) tied for third.

The USD men racked up a big 48 team points with 1-2-3 finishes in the high jump and triple jump. Junior Jeff Sebern (Brookings) cleared a personal-best 6-6 3/4 to win the high jump, while sophomore Chad Pinkelman (Norfolk, NE) was second at the same height but had more misses. Senior Beau Hoodjer (Lincoln, NE) was third at 6-4 3/4. In the triple jump,

sophomore Cody Linder (Plattsmouth, NE) repeated as champion with a leap of 46-8 1/4, while Pinkelman was second at 46-5 1/2 and Sebern third at 45-1 3/4.

On the track, sophomore Emma Erickson (Gayville) won the 400 meters in 56.87 for a second consecutive season and accomplished the same feat in the 800 meters with a 2:17. Freshman Casey Shade (Hartford) won the men's 800 in 1:55.

Freshman Michael Burrus (Papillion, NE) claimed second in the men's 60-meter dash in 6.91, followed by freshman Matt Kerswill (Schofield, WI) in 6.93 for third and sophomore Jeremy Blount (Tampa, FL) in 6.99 for fourth.

South Dakota begins its outdoor season by traveling to the Baldy Castillo Invitational on March 19-20 in Phoenix, AZ.

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usually placed fourth, staged a great quarterfinal go. It came down to the final seconds before Buisse won, 6-4, and sent Burkhardt into the second wrestleback round. The junior then faced Jarrick Jensen of Stevens and lost another heart-breaker, 2-1, to end his year at 27-8.

140: Earl Kiertzner
The gutsy Kiertzner, who wrestled at 130 all season until tournament time, strode into the state semifinals on the strength of a 4-2 win over Pine Ridge's Bruce Jacobs and a 97- decision over Adam Scherr, Aberdeen Central. In the semis Kiertzner had to face a defending state champ, Watertown's Sawyer Hoffman, who had lost only once this season. Hoffman prevailed, 9-4.

In the fourth-round wrestlebacks Kiertzner again faced Jacobs, and this time Jacobs, who completed a 27-4 season, turned the tables with a 2-0 win. Earl finished his career with his head high, however, scoring a 2:03 pin over Rapid City Central's Tyler Harter in the fifth-place match though he trailed Harter by a point at the time. Two team points for the win and two more for the pin were instrumental in pushing the Tanagers farther ahead of Huron in the race for third place.

145: Bennet Johnson
Another senior who Delvaux said "was a big player on this team all season," saw his career end disappointingly. In the first round he gave the eventual second-place man, Cameron Mack of Watertown, a battle before falling 7-4. Then Johnson was pinned in the first wrestleback in 2:59 by Pierre's Josh Stoltenberg. Johnson's record topped out at 24-16.

160: Tanner Mart
Tanner's last state tournament started strong in one of the toughest of all the weight classes with a 13-4 demolition of Austin Gee of Dell Rapids. His quarterfinal opponent, however, was unbeaten Brent Havlik of Mitchell. The Kernel star, who went on to win the state title with a 34-0 record, squeaked past Tanner, 4-2.

Mart rebounded to whip Clay Kopplin of Sturgis, 7-1, to clinch placing and to pin Jarren Jensen,

Stevens, in 59 seconds to move into the fourth wrestleback round. There Tanner lost by pin in 4:54 to Scott Stone, Watertown. He then defaulted the fifth-place match to Kyle Gorsuch, Rapid City Central, who is coming to USD as a football player next fall.

Tanner's senior season, which included some time lost due to injury, concluded with a 16-6 record.

171: Chris Mart
Chris stormed into the semifinals on a pair of pins - 5:46 over Blake Williams, Sturgis, and 4:31 over Shane Christopherson, Sisseton. His semifinal opponent was Jordan Reimer, Mitchell, an unbeaten state champ last year with a 34-4 record up to that moment this season. Chris, ranked fourth in this weight class in the last coaches' rankings, took out Reimer, 6-4, to advance to the finals.

Kris Klapprott of Stevens, who would end the year at 49-3, scored five takedowns en route to a 13-4 win in the championship match. Mart's final record is a sparkling 32-3.

189: Nick Mart
Entering the state tourney ranked No. 1 in this division, one of the most solid weight classes of them all, and perfect at 35-0. He pinned Grady Haki of O'Gorman in 2:22, then decisioned Matt Halter, Huron, 12-7, in the quarterfinals. The decisive match was in the semifinals where Nick faced Evan Murphy, Dell Rapids, who was 43-1 at the time. The match went into overtime where Nick tasted defeat for the only time all season, 3-2. Mart came back strong with a 16-7 convincer over Austin Lynde of Lennox to reach the third-place match where he won 5-2 over Drew Iddings of Stevens. He scored the match's first takedown, gave up an escape, got an escape of his own, then took Iddings down again for a 5-1 lead on the way to his win, two more important team points and a 39-1 win in his last year as a Tanager.

215: Gerrit Heine
Heine pinned Sisseton's Aaron Tolle in 1:17 in the first round and kept rolling with a 3-1 decision over Cody Benne of Stevens, who

would place fifth later. The semifinal was a battle where Heine prevailed 2-1 over Tanner Flack, Aberdeen Central. Heine's opponent in the championship was a defending state champion, Damon Lappe of Douglas/New Underwood, who will be wrestling for Chadron State next winter. Lappe built up a fast 10-0 lead, then pinned Heine in 1:53 to finish his last two years with an 89-2 record, and Heine's senior season ended with a 30-4 mark.

285: Will Mart
The Tanager sophomore faced another slew of men weighing many more pounds than he, but he was equal to the task. Mart pinned Kyle Benne of Stevens, who had been ranked higher than Will in the final individual ratings, in 5:18 in the first round, then lost to the eventual state runner-up, Mitchell's Kyle Larson, in the quarterfinals in a 3:39 pin. Mart, who had clinched the region-

al team title for VHS with a pin of Yankton's Brice Saylor in the regional tourney's third-place match, faced Saylor again in the second-round wrestlebacks and pinned him again, this time in 3:53. Mart then lost to Chad Karber of Brookings, the eventual fourth-place wrestler in this class, 7-2, to drop into the seventh-place match. There Will ended with an exclamation point, pinning Todd County's Steve Donoyer in 3:42 to complete a courageous 30-10 season and, at the same time, giving four more team points to Vermillion's total.

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LEAGUE BOWLING

Bantam Prep League February 21, 2010			Kayla Stammer			324
Team Name	Won	Lost	Alex Carr			289
Bowling Girls	41.0	15.0	Kathie Herrera			285
The Lucky Strikers	33.0	23.0	Ladies National League February 23, 2010			
Super Strikers	30.0	26.0	Team Name	Won	Lost	
Bowling Queens	30.0	26.0	Aramark	147.5	90.5	
Bowling Buddies	28.0	28.0	Lamie's Cleaning	137.0	101.0	
Mizzou	25.0	31.0	Team BK	127.0	112.0	
Turkey Hunters	25.0	31.0	Whimp's	105.5	130.5	
Team 9	11.0	38.0	Market Street	101.0	139.0	
High Scr. Game-Team	Score		Pace's	97.0	142.0	
Super Strikers	426		High Scr. Game-Team	Score		
The Lucky Strikers	411		Aramark	624		
Turkey Hunters	400		Whimp's	605		
High Scr. Game Boys	Score		Team BK	549		
Sam Craig	138		High Scr. Game	Score		
Jacob Peterson	128		Tiffany Moore	202		
Bradyn Rusher	114		Mary Mock	191		
High Scr. Game Girls	Score		Sandy Marker	191		
Kayla Stammer	125		Darlis Labahn	182		
Alex Carr	118		Judy Barta	180		
Kathie Herrera	118		High Scr. Series-Team	Score		
High Scr. Series-Team	Score		Aramark	1785		
Super Strikers	1256		Whimp's	1643		
The Lucky Strikers	1135		Market Street	1521		
Turkey Hunters	1070		High Scr. Series	Score		
High Scr. Series Boys	Score		Sandy Marker	520		
Jacob Peterson	358		Tiffany Moore	491		
Sam Craig	331		Darlis Labahn	483		
Bradyn Rusher	316		Mary Mock	457		
High Scr. Series Girls	Score		Traci Bartekoske	441		

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