

## THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION POOL LEAGUE

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser

Hello again folks, the opening round of the play-offs is complete and we have seen the field of 16 cut in half. Here are the updated win and loss totals for the top 16 teams. 1) Maya Janes 2 299-151.66.4 percent. 2) Whimps 244-131.65.1 percent. 3) Char 1 273-177.60.7 percent. 4) Leos 1 231-194.54.4 percent. 5) Maya Janes 1 240-210.53.3 percent. 6) Char 2 219-206.51.5 percent. 7) Varsity 1 226-224.50.2 percent. 8) Tie. Leos 3 and Eagles 2 224-226.49.8 percent. 10) Careys 1 222-228.49.3 percent. 11) Eagles 1 197-203.49.3 percent. 12) Leos 2 213-237.47.3 percent. 13) Leos 4 208-242.46.2 percent. 14) Bunyans 1 185-240.43.5 percent. 15) Maya Janes 3 192-258.42.7 percent. 16) Varsity 2 168-232.42 percent.

Let's take a look at the matches and see how the field of 16 was pared into a field of 8. Regular season champions Maya Janes 2 stayed at home and delivered a 17-8 pounding of Maya Janes 3. Nate Bork was a perfect 5-0 to lead his team. Troy Nicks and Barry "Rock n' Roll" Brown bolstered the team totals with four wins each. Brandon "Boner" Benzell lead the way for Maya Janes 3 with a three win night.

In beautiful downtown Burbank it was the Whimps White Gloves delivering a 22-3 crushing of Varsity 2 "Banger's Boys". Buzz "Blues Harp" Johnson and "Skinny" Smith paced the White Gloves by each having a 5-0 night at the table. The trio of Mike Allard, Corey Kowalski and Glenn Mac each dropped one game and won four to complete the 22 game smash. The Varsity 2 shooters could not be reached for comment.

At the Charcoal Lounge it was "Blue Barry" Brown posting a 5-0 night with the help of four games from Husker that slow roasted the Bunyans 1 "Bombers" by a score of 18-7. Grill master, Kase Allison and assistant chefs Grant "Big Dog" Sommervold and Troy Schaffer seasoned the night with three wins each. For the "Bombers" there were a trio of two game winners.

At Leos Sports Bar and Grill it was regular season fourth place winner Leos 1 besting Leos 4 by a 14-11 score. Travis "Too Tough" Taggart and Dave Kezar, with 4-1 nights, lead the Leos 1 cause. Rusty Jensen was a three game winner in support. Leos 4 was paced by Rick Haught with four wins and assisted by Jim "Fry Daddy" Frye and Kurt Kuiper who rolled in three wins each.

At Maya Janes 1 it was Scott Towbridge gaining his fourth win and final win of the night for a 13-12 battle with Leos 2. The trio of "T" Wilson King, Gerit Soljic and

Josh Kauffman added three wins each for the MJ1 Team. Leos 2 was lead by three wins from Jami Baedke and Dan Doty.

At the Char 2, it was the three headed monster of Adam Finke, Justin Snyder and Dana "DB" Hovalt with four wins each to deliver a 17-8 upset win for the Careys 1 9Ballers. With the Char 2 shooters leading 3-2 after the first frame, Careys 1 went on an eight game string to take a 11-4 lead after three frames. For Careys 1 Jared "Cheeks" Heiden assisted with three wins. For the Char 2 Josh Kimlicka, Dustin Schemp and Josh Biever had two wins each and closed out a regular season sixth place finish.

At the "Smoke Free" Varsity Pub it was the high flying Eagles 1 with a 16-9 upset win over the Varsity 1 Lettermen. Larry Edwards and Clark Lewison lead the way for "Team Viagra" with four wins each. Jerry Sommervold and "Downtown" Dick Brown pitched in with three wins each in support. Brown also had 2 9Ball breaks. Matt "Doc" Taggart was a three game winner to take top team honors for the Lettermen.

The Eagles 2 were on the road at Leos 3 for a 13-12 road victory. Shannon Feland got his third win of the night over Travis Snyder for the final triumph. Quinten Larson and Tim Dooley also had three win nights to lead the Eagles 2 team. Cam Nettekstadt paced Leos 3 with a perfect 5-0 night. Jon Brooks tossed in four wins to round out Leos 3 season.

Well, so much for the play by play of week 1 of the play-offs. Here is a list of the "Honor Roll" for our first post season night of 2010. For going 5-0 and winning a "Gold Star Performance" it was Nate Bork of Maya Janes 2, Cam Nettekstadt of Leos 3, "Blue Barry" Brown of Char 1 and from Whimps Buzz Johnson and "Skinny" Smith.

The 9Ball Breakers were Dick Brown (2) of Eagles 1, Jared Heiden and Adam Finke of Careys 1, Jamie Erickson of Bunyans 1 and from Maya Janes 1, Gerit Soljic and Josh Kauffman. The poor souls that went 0-5 and wound up on the "Bottom of the Barrel" were Wade Hanson, Steve Neu, Ryan Mockler, Carson Kennedy, Scott Towels, Curtis Mincks and Terry "Smiley" Benard. That is certainly how to get noticed.

The second round matchups for March 17 will be a real St. Patty's Day delight. Home team is listed first, Maya Janes 2 vs Eagles 2, Whimps vs Eagles 1, Char 1 vs Careys 1, and Leos 1 vs Maya Janes 1.

Well, that's about all I have to tell for this week. Until next time, We will see you from the smooth felt surface. Thanks a billion. MOJO.

# VAST swimmers attend SD State Short Course Championship swim meet

The VAST swimmers attended the South Dakota State Short Course Championship swim meet March 5-7 held in Aberdeen.

The 9/10 year old girls relay made up of Maddie Lavin, Madisen Martinez, Ava Magee, and Lexie Malimanek placed second in the 200 Free Style Relay. They also placed second in the 200 Medley Relay by .4 seconds to Aberdeen in a close exciting race.

The 15 and older girls had a relay team for the 400 Free and 400 Medley relay as well for the first time in many years. The team made up of Stacie Kjelden, Kaitlin Todd, Annie Peasley and Megan Bottolfson placed ninth and eighth respectively.

Results from the swim meet are as follows:

8/Under  
Isabel Telleria: 100 Free, 9th; 25 Fly, 13th; 50 Back, 13th; 50 Breast, 6th; 25 Breast, 8th; 25 Back, 11th.  
Hunter Lavin: 100 Free, 15th; 25 Fly, 11th; 50 Back, 16th; 50 Breast, 8th; 25 Free, 18th; 25 Breast, 9th.  
10/Under  
Shelby Brady: 50 Back, 9th.



Ava Magee, Maddie Lavin, Madisen Martinez and Lexie Malimanek made up the 9/10 year old relay team.

Lexie Malimanek: 200 Free, 2nd; 200 IM, 2nd; 100 IM, 2nd; 50 Fly, 5th; 100 Fly, 2nd; 50 Back 3rd; 100 Free 1st.  
Maddie Lavin: 200 Free, 1st; 200 MIM, 3rd; 100 IM, 4th; 100 Fly, 1st; 100 Free, 3rd; 50 Fly, 6th.  
Ava Magee: 50, Fly 3rd; 50 Free, 8th; 100 Free, 8th.

Madisen Martinez: 200 Free, 9th; 50 Fly, 21st; 100 Breast, 8th; 50 Free, 11th; 50 Breast, 6th; 100 Free, 13th.  
Nate Robertson: 100 IM, 11th; 50 Fly, 6th; 100 Back, 13th; 50 Free, 11th; 50 Back, 11th.  
15/16  
Kaitlin Todd: 1650, 4th;

200IM, 7th; 100 Fly, 11th; 200 Back, 8th; 500 Free, 8th; 100 Back, 7th; 100 Free, 10th.  
17/18  
Stacie Kjelden: 1650, 3rd; 200 Free, 7th; 50 Free, 6th; 500 Free, 4th; 100 Back, 7th; 100 Free, 9th; 1000 Free, 4th.

## Coyote track starts outdoor season in Arizona

After earning the men's and women's titles at the Great West Conference Indoor Championships, the South Dakota track and field teams will look to continue that success into the outdoor season when they travel to the Baldy Castillo Invitational this weekend. Hosted by Arizona State University, the meets begins with the hammer throw at 11 a.m. on Friday, while the rest of the field events start at 8 a.m. on Saturday. Running events commence at 3:45 p.m. on Saturday.

Last Time Out: USD Successfully Defends Titles at GWC Championships  
The University of South Dakota men's and women's track and field teams capped their indoor season on Feb. 27 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 dominant 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.  
Likewise, 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 Hoodier (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.

Welcome Back  
South Dakota welcomes back several members during the outdoor season this spring. Senior men Dominic Artis and Ben Oberle prepare to run the sprints for the last time during their USD career, after both redshirted the outdoor season last year. The two have a combined four All-GWC honors, including a 200-meter championship by Artis during the 2009 indoor season. The Coyote women welcome back senior Jenessa Filler, who also redshirted the outdoor season last year. She finished second in the 200 meters at the 2009 GWC Indoor Championships. Junior Amber Hegge returns for the Coyotes after missing the indoor season due to the basketball season. She earned six All-Great West honors during the 2008-09 season, including three individual titles.

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