

Vermillion places 17th in Region 5 AAU wrestling tournament

The Vermillion Youth Wrestling Club placed all 17 wrestlers that had qualified from the District 10 tournament in the Region 5 AAU wrestling tournament held at Elk Point-Jefferson High School in Elk Point on March 13.

Fifteen of the 17 wrestlers placed in the top three and therefore qualified for the state tournament, which will be held in Brookings on March 27-28. The top three places received medals and fourth through eighth place received ribbons.

The following Vermillion wrestlers were all place winners at the Region 5 AAU tournament: Carter Mart, Tot, 50, second; Ty Hertz, Tot, 50, third; Jack Kratz, Bantam, 55, second; Lucas Anglin, Bantam, 60, second; Kobe Culver, Bantam, 70, seventh; Jesse Hastings, Bantam, 80, first; Brett Culver, Midget, 80, third; Brody Surrrell, Midget, 112, first; Trey Hage, Novice, 65, fifth; Kyle Seibel, Novice, 90, second; Carter Kratz, Novice, 100, third; Hunter Christopherson, Novice, 120, second; Brett Bye, Schoolboy, 110, first; Brandon Hertz, Schoolboy, 120, second; Regan Bye, Schoolboy, 125, first; Brandon Steenholdt, Cadet, 112, second; Marshall Sineway, Cadet, 130, third.



A member of Vermillion Taekwondo practices breaking boards in preparation for the upcoming "Board Break-a-thon" to be held Saturday, March 27.

Vermillion Taekwondo will break boards for St. Jude Children's Hospital

Vermillion Taekwondo is once again holding its annual "Board Break-a-thon," with the goal of breaking 2,010 boards and earning money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The event will begin at approximately 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 27 at the Vermillion Taekwondo Center on 10 E. Cherry Street. The public is invited to attend, observe and/or make donations to this important cause.

Last year students, ranging in age from 4 to adult broke 2,009 boards (the majority of which are re-breakable, with the last 100 being real, solid wood) and collected \$1,200. Jon Trefz, fifth degree black belt and owner of Vermillion Taekwondo said, "This year, we hope to earn even more money for this important organization."

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, located in Memphis, TN, is one of the world's premiere pediatric cancer research centers. Its mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases through research and treatment.

"I find my students get a lot of joy out of doing something that will help other children. Plus, we have a lot of fun doing it, too!" Trefz said.

Morrell joins USD football staff

South Dakota head coach Ed Meierkort has announced Chuck Morrell will immediately join the Coyote football staff as defensive coordinator.

"Chuck has a great track record and we are excited he is bringing that wisdom to the U," Meierkort said. "He was part of a great run at the University of Sioux Falls and now he will bring that attitude of success to the Coyotes."

Morrell was known for putting some of the top 3-4 defenses on the field year in and year out with the Cougars, who have won three NAIA national championships in the last four years with a 56-1 record in that span. He was the secondary coach in 1998, before spending the last 10 seasons as defensive coordinator and crafting a unit that ranked in the top 10 in the nation for scoring defense in each of the past six seasons.

In total, Morrell coached 44 all-conference players and 11 All-Americans while at USF.

A native of Bon Homme County in South Dakota, Morrell played for the Cougars from 1995-97 and

led the 1996 national championship team in tackles (82) as a safety. During his senior year, he was NAIA All-America Honorable Mention and received the Burger King Scholar-Athlete Award. And his wife, Jen, have two daughters, Selene and Aleia.

Newcomers prepare for season of Tanager high school baseball

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

A year ago the Vermillion and Yankton high school baseball teams managed to find a sunny day and a semi-dry field during the month of March and were able to play their season-opening game on schedule despite the ongoing threat of winter weather.

The same two teams will try it again this Sunday when the Tanagers are slated to visit Yankton's Riverside Park for a 1 p.m. liddlifter on the high school season.

Last year Coach Jason Gault's Tanagers with a veteran senior-laden roster saw their season end just one game shy of the state "B" semifinals on Memorial Day. That same team, playing as Vermillion's Post 1 American Legion team, went on through the summer to capture the state "B" Legion championship.

This spring Gault's VHS team will see seven of the nine starting positions available to newcomers. The only starters back from 2009 are Jason Rasmussen, who earned All-Region honors at shortstop while he batted .444, and Brian Hansen, All-Region honorable mention third-baseman, who hit for a .382 average.

"We will rely heavily on young, yet

inexperienced players who succeeded at the Teener level last summer," said Gault, who will be assisted with the VHS team by Bill Settles and Reid Meierkort.

Other players returning from last spring's Tanager club are pitcher Nick Anglin, infielder/pitcher Sam Ekstrom and outfielder Denny Kainrath. As young players to watch out for this year, Gault lists Tyler Husby, Zach McDonald, Robert Osterberg and D'Andre Fore.

Gault said his pitching staff will be led by Husby, Anglin and Ekstrom. Defensively the coach is counting on Rasmussen to anchor the defense with his leadership from the shortstop position.

"Offensively many new faces will be expected to put the ball in play and move runners around the bases," Gault said.

"As always our goal is to put ourselves in a situation to win the game in the late innings," Gault added. "That means minimizing errors, being aggressive on the basepaths, putting the ball in play and throwing strikes. By effectively controlling those factors, VHS should be able to compete with our region opponents."

The South Dakota High School Baseball Association has again assigned Vermillion to the East Division of Region 1-B along with Beresford, Bon Homme

and Dakota Valley. Placed in the West Division of the same region are Parkston and three co-op teams - Wagner/Avon, Corsica/Stickney/Armour, and Mount Vernon/Ethan/Hanson/Woonsocket.

SDHSBA rules mandate that a team play each opponent within its own division twice and each team from the other division in the same region once for seeding purposes. At season's end the playoffs begin with Seed 4 playing Seed 1 and Seed 3 playing Seed 2 in the East Division semifinals. The division winner later meets the West Division winner for a berth in the state semifinals at Lennox on Memorial Day.

Sunday's schedule at Yankton calls for the varsity Tanagers and Bucks to get it going at 1 p.m. A JV double-header is scheduled for 3 and 5 p.m.

Next Thursday, April 1, the Tanagers go to Dakota Valley High School for a varsity game at 5 p.m. and a JV contest at 7. Vermillion will continue on the road at Parkston on Easter Monday, April 5, with the JVs playing at 2 p.m. and the varsity at 4 p.m.

Opening home games at Prentis Park will see the Tanagers hosting Mount Vernon for a varsity twinbill at 2 p.m. April 11, followed by a JV game at 6 p.m. The next day Dakota Valley will come to town for games at 5 and 7 p.m.

THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION POOL LEAGUE

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser

Hello again folks. I have seen the sun and watched the snow leave us. Well, with all things good also come some things not so good. The flooding is not so good. I knew there would be some extra water but "WOW" now there is way more than we expected and more to follow. Much like when you read my article...be advised...wear your high-top boots."

- Lets take a peek at the standings of our pool league with the second round of games in the book.
- 1) Maya Janes 2 318-157.66.95 percent.
 - 2) Whimps 244-131.65.1 percent.
 - 3) Char 1 289-186.60.85 percent.
 - 4) Leos 1 247-203.54.89 percent.
 - 5) Maya Janes 1 249-229.52.4 percent.
 - 6) Char 2 219-206.51.5 percent.
 - 7) Varsity 1 226-224.50.2 percent.
 - 8) Leo's 3 224-226.49.8 percent.
 - 9) Eagles 1 197-203.49.3 percent.
 - 10) Careys 1 231-244.48.6 percent.
 - 11) Eagles 2 230-245.48.4 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.
 - 17) Bunyans 2 177-273.39.3 percent.
 - 18) Careys 2 133-217.38 percent.

There are some accolades to pass out for the second

week of the playoffs. Winning a "Gold Star" for going 5-0 was Nate Bork of regular season league champ Maya Janes 2. Dropping the 9Ball on the break were Troy Nicks also of Maya Janes 2 and Grant "Big Dog" Sommervold of those pesky Char Bar 1 shooters that saw fit to treat my Careys 9Ballers so shabbily. The players that went 0-5 and wound up on the "Bottom of the Barrel" were Ben Boskie of the Careys 9Ballers and from Eagles 2 the duo of Dennis Navarat and Shannon Feeland.

Let's see how the matches went as we celebrated St. Patty's Day with power outages, nasty taunting and the loss of lights. Slaughter was the word that comes to mind as Maya Janes 2 wiped out the Eagles 2 in a 19-6 beating. Nate Bork was 5-0 and received a pair of four-win nights from Barry "Rock n' Roll" Brown and Troy Nicks. The Eagles were lead by Tim Dooley who finished the night with three wins. The Eagles 2 shooters made particular mention that Rod "The Bod" Tieman did leave the match before the final game was played. A repeat of the earlier season match for "The Bod".

At Leo's Sports Bar and Grill it was Leo's 1 riding the expert cues of Travis "Too Tough" Taggart and Stevie Thiesen getting four wins each and knocking out Maya Janes 1 by a score of 16-9. Aaron Baedke and Rusty Jensen chipped in with three wins each to assist the Leos 1 effort. Maya Janes 1 was lead by two wins from four of the teams shooters.

At the Char Bar, Bill Will-roth pounded out four wins

and was backed up by three wins each from Troy Schaffer, Kase Allison, Husker and Grant "Big Dog" Sommervold in route to a route of the Careys 9 Ballers. The 9Ballers were lead by four wins from Jared "Cheeks" Heiden and three wins from Justin Snyder. The Char shooters jumped out to a 8-2 lead after two frames and never looked back.

At press time the match from Whimps and the Eagles 1 had not been played. Everyone in the area knows how busy it is at Whimps on St.

Patty's Day. There was no room for pool in the regular spot, so the match was moved to another night. Next week I will get that info and pass it along. So, at this time there are five teams with the eyes on the prize. The Maya Janes 2, Leo's 1, Char 1, Eagles 1 and Whimps teams still have a shot at the brass ring. We will have to wait for a short while and appreciate the spring weather to find out who is in the finals.

Until next week, thanks a billion. MOJO.

LEAGUE BOWLING

Bantam Prep League March 7, 2010			Bantam Prep League March 14, 2010		
Team Name	Won	Lost	Team Name	Won	Lost
Bowling Girls	45.0	19.0	Bowling Girls	47.5	20.5
The Lucky Strikers	37.0	27.0	The Lucky Strikers	39.0	29.0
Bowling Buddies	35.0	29.0	Bowling Buddies	39.0	29.0
Turkey Hunters	33.0	31.0	Super Strikers	36.0	32.0
Super Strikers	32.0	32.0	Bowling Queens	33.5	34.5
Bowling Queens	32.0	32.0	Turkey Hunters	33.0	35.0
Mizzou	25.0	39.0	Mizzou	25.0	43.0
Team 8	16.0	41.0	Team 8	18.0	43.0
High Scr. Game-Team	Score		High Scr. Game-Team	Score	
Super Strikers	447		Lucky Strikers	450	
Team 8	384		Super Strikers	437	
Turkey Hunters	355		Team 8	405	
High Scr. Game Boys	Score		High Scr. Game Boys	Score	
Logan Peterson	152		Collin Lovejoy	161	
Collin Lovejoy	145		Logan Peterson	155	
Jacob Peterson	113		Bradyn Rusher	146	
High Scr. Game Girls	Score		High Scr. Game Girls	Score	
Brooke Assmus	108		Kayla Stammer	175	
Alexis Walton	91		Katie Kost	132	
Allison Assmus	83		Alexis Walton	122	
High Scr. Series-Team	Score		High Scr. Series-Team	Score	
Super Strikers	1163		Super Strikers	1251	
Team 8	1070		The Lucky Strikers	1207	
Turkey Hunters	1039		Team 8	1120	
High Scr. Series Boys	Score		High Scr. Series Boys	Score	
Logan Peterson	374		Collin Lovejoy	400	
Collin Lovejoy	361		Bradyn Rusher	348	
Bradyn Rusher	281		Logan Peterson	344	
High Scr. Series Girls	Score		High Scr. Series Girls	Score	
Brooke Assmus	258		Kayla Stammer	438	
Allison Assmus	236		Katie Kost	329	
Alexis Walton	217		Alexis Walton	309	

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