

Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Softball at Rebel Spring Games, MSU Mankato
Boys High School BB District Final at Highest Seed
USD Women's Tennis at Bemidji State
USD Women's Tennis at Southern Indiana
USD Women's Tennis at Robert Morris

March 2-8
7 p.m. March 3
7 a.m. March 4
1 p.m. March 4
5 p.m. March 5

Boys High School BB Region 4A Final
USD Women's Tennis at St. Joseph
USD Women's Tennis at Presbyterian
USD Women's Tennis at Radford
Tanager Girls BB at State A BB Tourney, Spearfish

TBA March 6
7 a.m. March 6
9 a.m. March 8
10:30 a.m. March 9
March 8-10

BOWLING

USD Faculty/Staff Bowling League Prairie Lanes February 22, 2012

Teams	Won	Loss
Wood Ducks	136.0	74.0
Pintails	121.5	88.5
Teals	117.5	92.5
Coots	105.0	105.0
Mighty Mallards	101.5	108.5
Dummy Team	97.0	113.0
Mandarin	90.0	120.0
Goosanders	71.5	138.5
High Scr Game-Team	Score	
Wood Ducks	623	
Pintails	597	
Teals	586	
High Scr Series-Team	Score	
Wood Ducks	1707	
Teals	1705	
Pintails	1666	
High Scr Game-Men	Score	
Steve Glass	185	
Matt Noonan	181	
Gene Allstot	176	
High Scr Series-Men	Score	
Steve Glass	492	
Michael Hook	466	
Matt Noonan	457	
High Scr Game-Women	Score	
Darlis LaBahn	178	
Darlis LaBahn	166	
Ann Jensen	155	
Cindy Osborne	155	
High Scr Series-Women	Score	
Darlis LaBahn	489	
Cindy Osborne	400	
Barb Martin	395	
High Hcp Game-Team	Score	
Pintails	860	
Wood Ducks	853	
Pintails	837	
High Hcp Series-Team	Score	
Pintails	2455	
Mandarin	2448	
Wood Ducks	2397	
High Hcp Game-Men	Score	
Gene Allstot	246	
Matt Noonan	242	
High Hcp Series-Men	Score	
Steve Glass	645	
Tom Marshall	642	
Matt Noonan	640	
High Hcp Game-Women	Score	
Darlis LaBahn	233	
Ann Jensen	231	
Cindy Osborne	228	
High Hcp Series-Women	Score	
Darlis LaBahn	654	
Abby Clindaniel	627	
Cindy Osborne	619	

Ladies Bowling League Prairie Lanes February 21, 2012

Teams	Won	Loss
Aramark	153.0	84.0
T & T Construction	152.5	87.5
Dakota Smiles	131.0	106.0
Team BK	113.0	124.0
Flannery's	107.5	131.5
Whimps	96.0	136.0
Prairie Eye Clinic	94.0	139.0
High Scr Game-Team	Score	
Aramark	642	
Whimps	564	
T & T Construction	517	
High Scr Series-Team	Score	
Aramark	1842	
Whimps	1602	
T & T Construction	1495	
High Scr Game-Women	Score	
Judy Barta	195	
Dorothy Wright	193	
Sandy Marker	193	
High Scr Series-Women	Score	
Sandy Marker	512	
Judy Barta	488	
Angela Miller	463	
High Hcp Game-Women	Score	
Dorothy Wright	247	
Judy Barta	231	
Sandy Marker	229	
High Hcp Series-Women	Score	
Sandy Marker	620	
Dorothy Wright	604	
Vicky Ganschow	604	

Mens Bowling League Prairie Lanes February 16, 2012

Teams	Won	Loss
JFI	111.5	68.5
Brunick Service	109.5	70.5
Rumple 5 Skins	94.0	86.0
CorTrust Bank	92.5	87.5
Toby's Lounge	81.5	98.5
Char	47.0	133.0
High Scr Game-Team	Score	
Brunick Service	979	
Toby's Lounge	846	
CorTrust Bank	829	
High Scr Series-Team	Score	
Brunick Service	2794	
CorTrust Bank	2445	
Toby's Lounge	2433	
High Scr Game-Men	Score	
Brandon Benzel	257	
Matt Kruse	216	
Tim Taggart	213	
High Scr Series-Men	Score	
Brandon Benzel	680	
Matt Kruse	600	
Justin Ebsen	572	
High Hcp Game-Men	Score	
Brandon Benzel	281	
Tim Taggart	266	
Matt Kruse	252	
High Hcp Series-Men	Score	
Brandon Benzel	752	
Tim Taggart	716	
Matt Kruse	708	

Tanagers refuse to lose, claim District crown with win over Beresford Friday

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Gutsy, resilient, unshakable – call 'em what you want. The Vermillion High girls were all of those things as they recovered from a 15-0 Beresford run and emerged from a tense fourth quarter with the District 8A basketball championship Friday night, Feb. 24, 51-45.

Holding a 12-point lead three minutes into the third quarter, the Tanagers seemed well on their way to the district crown when the Watchdogs stormed from that 35-23 deficit into a 38-35 lead in the early seconds of the fourth period.

But despite Beresford's seemingly unstoppable momentum weighing heavily on their shoulders, the Tanagers refused to lose. "We tried to get some defensive stops and prevent their easy 3's," Coach Nick Mayer said.

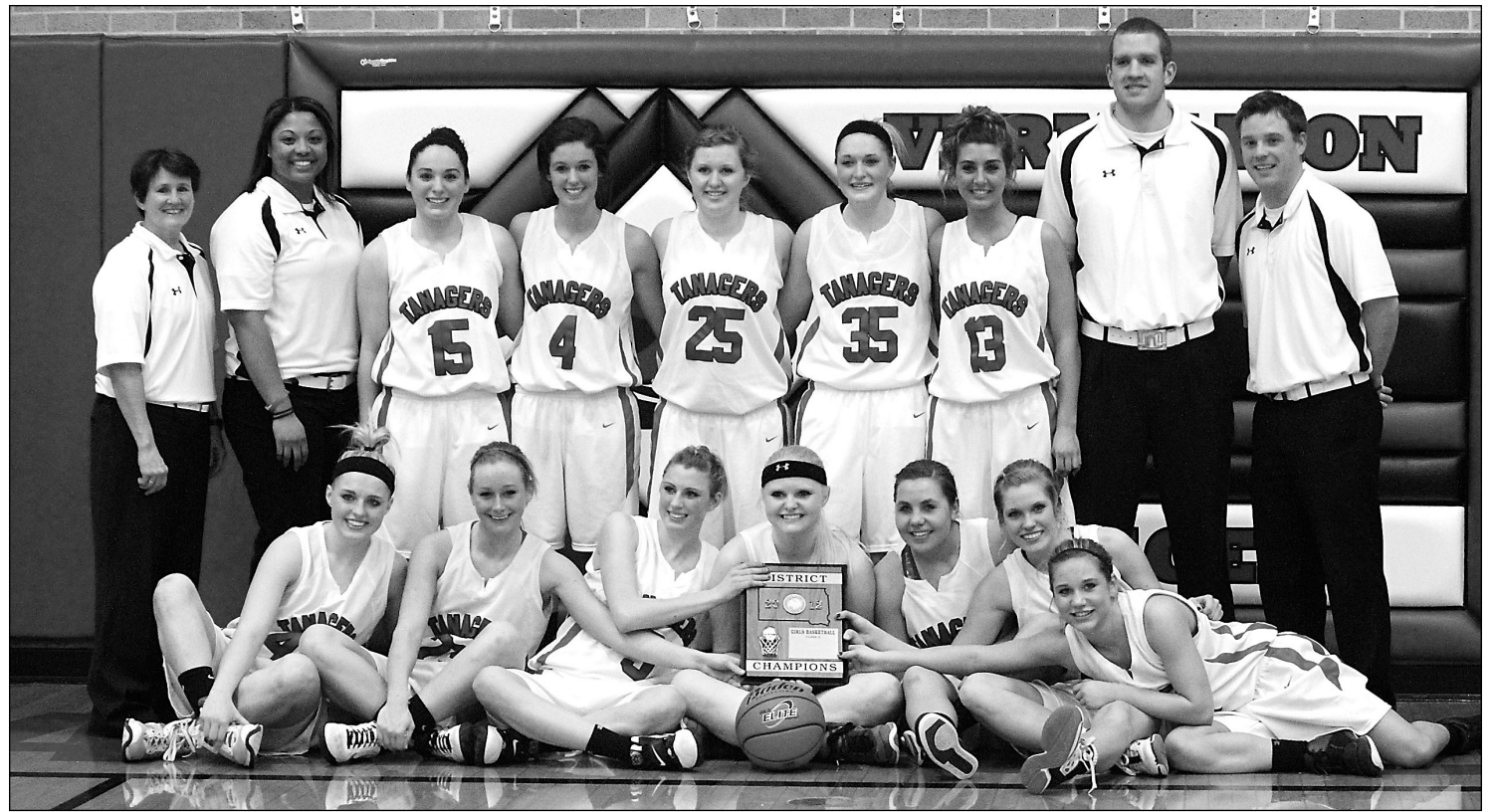
The Tanagers resumed defensive pressure, causing Watchdog turnovers and grabbing defensive rebounds. They got a pair of three-point daggers from a blonde assassin named Lexi Regnerus. And they did what they do best, which is making clutch free throws when it matters most.

An attribute of this ballclub all winter long – getting themselves to the free-throw stripe and, once there, being successful – paid off once again in the season's most important game to date. In the fourth quarter the Tanagers cashed in 10 of 12 free-throw opportunities.

Everything was going Beresford's way after their 15-0 tsunami had wiped away the Tanagers' 12-point advantage. Taryn Twite's three-pointer in the first minute of the final period gave the Watchdogs their first lead since 2-0 back at the start of the game. But when Kelly Amundson was fouled while shooting with 6:46 left and made one of two free throws, the Beresford foul total had reached six for the half. That meant that each Watchdog foul thereafter would result in Tanager free-throw chances, and that was a huge factor.

Thirty-four seconds later, that next foul came. Amundson made the first, then the second, and VHS was back into a tie at 38-38.

Regnerus picked off a defensive rebound at the Beresford end, then drilled her third trey of the game at the



Members of the District 8A champion Vermillion Tanager girls basketball team pose for a photo after defeating Beresford 51-45 Friday, Feb. 24, in the VHS gym. In front are Mackenzie Huber, Beth Szymonski, Bailey Carlson, Kelly Amundson, Val Robinson, Lexi Regnerus, and Blair Gilkyson. In back are assistant coach Lori Jerred, assistant coach Jasmine Mosley, Brooke Schwasinger, Courtney Johnson, Allison Heine, Josie Huber, Mariah Larson, assistant coach JJ Heyden and head coach Nick Mayer.

(Photo by David Lias)

4:42 mark. Jessica Finch with her fourth field goal of the half made it 41-40. The Tanagers fouled on the next Watchdog possession, but the bonus situation was not yet in effect, nor would it be for the rest of the game.

After taking a timeout, the Watchdogs on their in-bounds pass threw the ball away. Regnerus paid them pay dearly with her second three-pointer of the quarter. After another Beresford turnover, Blair Gilkyson made one of two at the line. Yet this 45-40 lead was wiped out by Beresford's last gasp as the Watchdogs on a layup by Finch and a three-pointer by Twite tied the game for the last time at 45-45 with 1:41 to go.

Amundson was fouled while shooting underneath and swished a pair. Regnerus rebounded Beresford's next miss, was fouled and did the same thing – making the first, then the second at the line. It was 49-45 with 43 seconds left – now a two-possession game – and the district title was close but yet so far away.

Beresford was not able to get off a shot until the clock reached 0:20. It missed, and in a scramble for the rebound Josie Huber grabbed the loose ball and was fouled. She sank

the first of a one-and-one at the 0:11.5 mark. Beresford missed again, Beth Szymonski was fouled on the rebound, and her free throw with half a second left provided the final six-point advantage.

The first five Vermillion points of the game by Val Robinson, a pair of buckets by Amundson, and three treys – one by Regnerus and two by Josie Huber – got the Tanagers rolling. The latter of Huber's bombs beat the first-quarter buzzer and lifted the red-clad fans on the Vermillion side of the court off their bleacher seats in unison.

"We had talked about getting off to a good start," Mayer said. "But we knew Beresford would battle their way back into it." The Watchdogs are no strangers to pressure-packed tournament basketball, having gone all the way to the state championship game last season before losing to Sisseton.

The biggest VHS lead of the game at 14 points came during the second stanza as Amundson and Gilkyson had two-point baskets and Bailey Carlson and Regnerus had threes. It was 31-20 at halftime.

Szymonski, plagued early by foul trouble, started the second half but picked up her third within six seconds and had to

retreat to the bench again until the fourth quarter.

Baskets by Amundson and Robinson made it 35-23, but the Tanagers wouldn't score for the final five minutes of the third period while the Watchdogs began to hum like a well-oiled machine. Finch's three-pointer tied the game at 35-35 at the end of that quarter, and Beresford then got Twite's trey, the final points of the Watchdogs' 15-0 surge.

Amundson and Regnerus led the team offensively with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Robinson had seven as did Josie Huber off the bench. Carlson and Gilkyson added three points each and Szymonski two.

Only four Beresford players scored – Finch with 15, Alison Klostergaard with 13, Twite

with 11 and Jessica Bogue with six. Klostergaard contributed six rebounds and four assists.

Finch had six rebounds as the Watchdogs accumulated 20 boards. Amundson had six of the Tanagers' 18 rebounds and Josie Huber and Regnerus four apiece. Amundson also was credited with six assists.

The district tournament and thus the championship matchup between VHS and Beresford was played in Vermillion because, by the narrowest of margins, the Tanagers had earned the higher seed. "The atmosphere was unbelievable," Mayer said.

Vermillion had a 16-4 record in the regular season, and Beresford went 16-5. When the two teams played each other on Jan. 31, the Tanagers had prevailed 57-40.

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