

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager Girls Basketball at State A Tourney, Spearfish	March 8-10	USD Softball at Southern Utah	TBA March 16
USD Women's Tennis at Radford	10:30 a.m. March 9	USD Women's Tennis at IPFW	11 a.m. March 15
USD Softball at UMKC	TBA March 10-11	USD Women's Tennis at UMKC	4 p.m. March 15
USD Women's & Men's Golf at SDSU Jackrabbit Invite	TBA March 12-13	USD Women's Tennis at IUPUI	2 p.m. March 16
USD Softball at Nebraska	TBA March 13	USD Track & Field at Aztec Invitational (San Diego State)	TBA March 16-17

BOWLING

USD Faculty/Staff Bowling League Prairie Lanes February 29, 2012

Teams	Won	Loss
Teals	143.0	96.5
Wood Ducks	140.0	100.0
Pintails	134.0	106.0
Coots	132.0	108.0
Mighty Mallards	112.5	127.5
Mandarin	107.5	132.5
Dummy Team	100.0	140.0
Goosanders	90.5	149.5
High Scr Game-Team	Score	
Coots	667	
Teals	663	
Coots	660	
High Scr Series-Team	Score	
Coots	1962	
Teals	1852	
Pintails	1663	
High Scr Game-Men	Score	
Mark Tipton	244	
Mark Tipton	214	
Tony Solbach	204	
High Scr Series-Men	Score	
Mark Tipton	619	
Tony Solbach	562	
Dave Hulkonen	519	
High Scr Game-Women	Score	
Cindy Osborne	165	
Jan Grage	165	
Paula Allstot	155	
High Scr Series-Women	Score	
Cindy Osborne	425	
Jan Grage	419	
Darlis LaBahn	404	
High Hcp Game-Team	Score	
Coots	906	
Coots	899	
Teals	876	
High Hcp Series-Team	Score	
Coots	2578	
Teals	2492	
Goosanders	2481	
High Hcp Game-Men	Score	
Mark Tipton	285	
Mark Tipton	255	
Dave Hulkonen	252	
High Hcp Series-Men	Score	
Mark Tipton	742	
Tony Solbach	691	
Kit Strief	685	
High Hcp Game-Women	Score	
Cindy Osborne	237	
Sam Lowry	236	
Sam Lowry	232	
High Hcp Series-Women	Score	
Sam Lowry	681	
Cindy Osborne	641	
Paula Allstot	621	

Hegge named to All-Summit League Team

Senior Amber Hegge has been named to the 2011-12 All-Summit League First Team in women's basketball, the league announced on Thursday. In addition, Coyote senior center Jodie Boss was named the 2011-12 Summit League Defensive Player of the Year after leading the conference in blocks for the entire season.

Hegge (Crofton, NE) has been a dominant player all season for the Coyotes, putting up impressive all-around numbers in both conference play and the season as a whole. In 18 conference games, she was second in the league in scoring (19.8), first in total rebounding (9.3), fifth in assists (3.5), fifth in blocks (2.0) and sixth in assist/turnover ratio (1.1), the only player in the league to rank in the top six in those categories. She is also second in the league in defensive rebounds (6.5).

In overall season stats, Hegge is second in the league in scoring (19.0), first in rebounding (8.5), first in field-goal percentage (52.1), fifth in assists (3.6), fifth in blocked shots and fifth in assist/turnover ratio (1.3) - the only player in the league to rank in the top five all of those categories. She is a two-time Summit League Female Athlete of the Month and a four-time Summit League Player of the Week. Hegge has moved into second all-time in scoring in South Dakota history with 1,695 points, is second in blocks (167), fifth in rebounding (819) and ninth in assists (305).

It's the third time in her career that Hegge has earned first-team all-conference honors.

Boss (Columbus, NE), who also earned honorable mention honors, was a defensive force all year for the Coyotes. She ranks second in the nation in blocks per game at 4.2, and lead the conference in that category as well. Boss has set the South Dakota single-season blocked shots record with 115 (and counting) in 2011-12, and is the school's all-time career record holder in that category with 221. She also set the South Dakota single-game record with nine blocks at IUPUI on Feb. 18.

Boss also ranks third in the league in rebounding (7.6). It is the second time in her Coyote career that Boss has earned a conference defensive player of the year honor.

VHS grapplers bring home two medals from state

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's wrestling season ended at the state Class "A" tournament in Aberdeen last weekend with medals for one third-place finisher and one man in fourth place.

As a team the Tanagers accumulated 37 points, good for a tie for 16th place. Pierre won the team championship with 158 points with Huron at 145 and Rapid City Central at 143. Among area schools Harrisburg was 10th, Dell Rapids 11th, Dakota Valley 15th and Yankton 18th.

Brett Bye, VHS freshman who entered the tournament with a 38-0 record, won his first two matches before sustaining his first - and only - loss of the year in the semifinals. He finished strong with two additional wins to earn third place

and complete the season with a 42-1 record.

Bye pinned Conor Tomac of Sioux Falls O'Gorman in the first round in 4:09, then won a quarterfinal decision by 8-3 over Evan Weiler of Rapid City Central. In the semifinals it was Pierre's Caleb Stoltenburg, the eventual state 132-pound champion, who gave Bye his loss on a pin at 2:34. Bye rebounded to pin Yankton's Casey Skillingstad in 2:40 in the fourth-round wrestlebacks, then defeated Weiler again, this time with an 11-3 major decision, in the third-place bout.

The Tanagers' other placer was senior Will Mart at 285 pounds, ending his outstanding career with a fourth-place medal and a senior season record of 36-7. Mart lost in the first round to Wtertown's Tyler Robel, 5-2, so Mart had

to win four straight matches to reach the third-place match, and that's what he did. Mart pinned Ty Dixon, Pine Ridge, in 4:01; decisioned Matt Stephan, Milbank, 8-2; defeated Dylan Van Steenberg, Harrisburg, 5-2, and reversed the earlier result against Robel, winning 5-2. In the third-place match Mart was pinned in 1:47 by Jake Weber, Rapid City Central.

Three of Coach Kyle Seibel's Tanagers - Brandon Steenholdt, Carter Kratz and Regan Bye - won a match at state before being eliminated in the second-round wrestlebacks. The other two state qualifiers, Alex Osborne and Avery Garcia, went 0-2. Here are the results of those VHS wrestlers' matches:

113, Steenholdt: Lost 10-9 to Bollock, Mitchell; dec. 14-4 over Dorris, Madison; lost by pin in 0:56 to Glanzer, Huron.

Steenholdt, a senior, finished the year at 19-16.

120, Kratz: Lost by pin in 1:55 to Ohlsen, Rapid City Stevens; dec. 17-4 over Mikrut, Huron; lost 7-0 to Tirrel, West Central. Only a seventh grader, Kratz finished at 24-19.

138, Regan Bye: Lost 3-2 to George, Sisseton; dec. 7-1 over O'Day, Pierre; lost 6-4 to Fichter, O'Gorman. Freshman Bye ended the year with a 20-13 record.

170, Osborne: Lost 10-2 to Meyers, Huron; lost 12-3 to Garcia, Roosevelt. Sophomore Osborne had a 17-20 record for the year.

182, Garcia: Lost by pin in 0:31 to Thybo, Belle Fourche; lost by pin in 2:48 to Currey, Madison. A junior, Garcia finished at 2-19.

Tanager boys' season ends after double OT loss

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion had lost to Elk Point-Jefferson by one point in four quarters during the regular season. When it mattered more, in the District 8A semifinals last Thursday, the Tanagers extended the Huskies a bit longer - two overtimes, in fact - but the result was the same.

EP-J rode the broad shoulders of Brock Zeller through a strong fourth-quarter comeback and through both overtime periods to win 68-63 and end the Vermillion season at 10-10.

Focusing on Zeller was a prime goal of the Tanagers going into what they expected would be another tough battle with the Huskies, and they succeeded in that mission for three quarters, holding Zeller to six points. But he took over the game after that, scoring nine of his team's 16 points in a frantic fourth quarter, four in the first overtime, then seven more in the second overtime. Unfortunately for everyone in the area except EP-J fans, Zeller, who finished with 26 points, is only a junior.

The disappointing fact for the Tanagers was that they had played themselves into position for a victory heading into the final period. They had staged a

heartening rally from a 20-11 deficit with an 8-0 run in the second period to come to within 22-21 at halftime. They, too, played a strong third quarter and took a 35-31 lead into the final stanza.

Yet another point in Vermillion's favor was a stirring rally from almost certain defeat in the first overtime when they came from seven down with 1:45 left into a tie with 40 seconds to go. Down by two with the game apparently ending, the Tanagers got lucky when J.T. Sorensen scrambled for a rebound under his own basket and put up a successful shot at the last possible split-second to force a second overtime.

"They (EP-J) made some big plays and hit some big shots," Coach Jay Drake said. "We rallied in the first overtime, but in the second overtime we again had to scramble from behind."

Senior Nile Morecraft had seven points in a great first quarter as the Tanagers stepped ahead 11-7.

In the second their 8-0 run included four points from Austin Krier, a Nick Jensen field goal and a Tanner Anderson steal and layup. Another bucket by Jensen left VHS shy by a point at the intermission.

Down by two in the third, the Tanagers went on another 8-0 run on three-pointers by

Morecraft and Krier and a basket by Caleb Miller. Later in the period a basket by Krier and two Jensen free throws gave VHS a six-point lead.

Three minutes into the fourth, the Tanagers were still in good shape, leading 42-37 after a trey by Anderson and a bucket by Sorensen. A Krier basket at the end of a VHS fast break made it 44-41 with 1:50 left. But over the remaining 110 seconds, the Tanagers victimized their own cause by missing the front end of a one-and-one and two out of four other free-throw chances. Any one of those could have won the game.

Zeller, fouled in the act of shooting, sank two free throws with 34 seconds left. A miss

and a make at the line by the Tanagers left them still ahead 46-44 with 26 ticks left, but Zeller, fouled in a collision on an EP-J in-bounds pass, sank two more gift tosses at 0:11 to tie the game.

In the first O.T. the Tanagers

appeared hopelessly out of it, down 55-48 with 1:45 left. But Krier and Sorensen each sank two free throws and Krier answered with a three-pointer with 40 seconds left, and

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