

VERMILLION YOUTH WRESTLERS PARTICIPATE AT DISTRICTS



Twenty-four Vermillion wrestlers made a strong stance in Canton on Saturday, March 3, as they participated in the District 10 Youth Wrestling Tournament. The top 8 place winners in districts will advance to Regions on Sunday in Yankton. Pictured are: (top row L to R) Kobe Culver (1st), Trey Hage (2nd), Kyle Seibel (2nd), Carter Kratz (1st), Brody Surrell (1st), Brett Culver (2nd), Riley Beach (2nd), Jack Kratz (1st), Jake Jensen (1st); (bottom row L to R) Micahel Roob (1st), Carter Mart (5th), Steven Callahan (1st), Nick Roob (3rd), Caleb Emerson (7th), Jace Dornbusch, Sean Dohn, Rollie French (1st). Not pictured are: Hayden Christopherson (4th), Lucus Anglin (1st), Racco Balleweg, John Balleweg (6th), Jacob Husby (3rd), Noah Walker (2nd), Hunter Christopherson (1st) and Billy Mount (2nd).

NCAA notifies USD of completion of self-study for Div. I transition

The University of South Dakota received notification today from the NCAA Division I Committee on Athletics Certification that the school has successfully completed the self-study process pursuant to NCAA requirements for Division I membership.

"This is a significant accomplishment and I want to thank all of the faculty, staff and students as well as members of the community who participated in the self-study process," said James W. Abbott, USD president. "The self-study was very thorough and it afforded the university an opportunity to review athletics as a whole and to examine specific aspects of the department that both satisfies NCAA requirements and meets our own expectations."

The self-study process involved everything from educating the campus

community about the athletic department's goals to demonstrating how athletics fits into the school's overall mission.

According to James Bandy, associate athletic director for internal operations for USD Athletics, the NCAA certification process included thorough reviews of all athletic department areas and featured interviews with university administrators, coaches and staff – athletic and non-athletic. He said broad-based participation was significant in the successful completion of the self-study.

"Participation in this comprehensive self-study assessment validates the commitment from the university as an institution and that we are moving forward in conducting our intercollegiate athletics program consistent with the operating principles and standards established by the NCAA

Division I Committee on Athletics Certification in the areas of governance and commitment to rules compliance, academic integrity and student-athlete well-being," added Bandy.

The NCAA establishes benchmarks for all programs to achieve throughout a university's transition to Division I and in year four, that process included a self-study and site visit from a peer-review team, which was conducted at USD last September.

Now completing its fourth year of the Division I reclassification process, USD has taken the final steps in its transition to becoming a Division I athletic program. In 2011-12, Coyote Athletics – with the exception of football – participated as a member of the Summit League.

In the fall of 2012, Coyote football will become a member of the Missouri Valley Football Conference.

Tanagers missed on three straight possessions, EP-J scored on all three of theirs and led 66-60.

The Huskies helped the Tanager cause by missing four free throws inside the last minute, but a layup by Krier and a free throw by Sorensen could get VHS no closer than 66-63. Then Zeller applied his crowning touch to the EP-J win with two more free throws with 15 seconds to go.

The Tanagers put four men in double figures in scoring, but

it wasn't enough. Krier had 20, Anderson 11, Sorensen 10 and Morecraft 10 along with six from Jensen, three from Jayce Huska, two from Miller and one from Anthony Leber. Outrebounced 34-27, the Tanagers were led in that department by Sorensen's eight boards and five each by Leber and Morecraft. Krier had five assists and Anderson three.

"From a coaching staff viewpoint, the kids gave a great effort," Drake said. "We have to move on from here and look

Westbrook earns second team All-Summit League honors

University of South Dakota senior guard Charlie Westbrook earned Summit League Second Team All-Conference honors, announced Thursday by the league office. Westbrook led the Coyotes averaging 18.7 points.

Westbrook, a native of Milwaukee, WI, played and started all 28 games for the Coyotes and all 58 for his career after transferring to South Dakota from Iowa Western. Westbrook became the 23rd player under Coyote head coach Dave Boots, and 42nd in school history, to reach the 1,000-point mark as he ended his career with 1,009 points. He is the first two-year, junior college player under Boots to score 1,000 points.

He led the team in field goals made with 183 and shot .464 from the field, while knocking down 37 triples and had a team-high 121 made free throws. He averaged 4.0 rebounds per game and led the team with 48 steals to go along with 24 blocks and 62 assists.

Westbrook finished the season ranked sixth in the conference in scoring at 18.7

points and second in steals at 1.7 per game. He led the Coyotes in scoring 15 times this season with 26 double figure scoring games.

Westbrook scored over 20 points 10 times and had three, 30-point performances with a career-best 35-point output versus IPFW Feb. 23. He became the first Coyote to earn all-conference honors in the Summit League this season after scoring 32 points versus IUPUI Jan. 19. For his career, he had an impressive 48 double figure scoring games with 25 games leading the team in scoring. Twenty-three times he scored more than 20 points.

Oral Robert's Dominique Morrison was named Summit League Player of the Year, highlighting the first team as four of the top five scorers in the league, in conference play, earned first team honors.

Joining Morrison on the first team is Oakland's Reggie Hamilton (26.0 points) to lead the conference, IPFW's Frank Gaines (third, 21.6), Summit League Preseason Player of the Year honoree Alex Young of IUPUI (fourth, 21.3), Nate Wolters of South Dakota State (fifth, 21.2) and Taylor Braun

of North Dakota State who averaged 17.7 points per game for eighth in the conference.

The second team is comprised of Westbrook, who averaged 20.1 points per game in conference games which was good for sixth in the league, along with Ceola Clark III of Western Illinois, ORU's Michael Craion, South Dakota State's Jordan Dykstra and Jackson Stevenett of Southern Utah.

Honorable mention honorees included Travis Bader of Oakland, Reggie Chamberlain of UMKC, Warren Niles of ORU, Terrell Parks of Western Illinois and Steven Roundtree of Oral Roberts. The All-Newcomer Team included Parks, Lawrence Alexander of NDSU, Ian Chiles of IUPUI, Obi Emegano of WIU and Cory Petros of Oakland.

Alexander earned Newcomer of the Year honors, while Clark was named Defensive Player of the Year and Roundtree earned Sixth Man of the Year honors. Oral Roberts' head coach Scott Sutton collected his third Coach of the Year honor after guiding the Golden Eagles to a 17-1 conference mark.

Coyote women's tennis downs St. Joseph

The South Dakota women's tennis team extended its winning streak to eight matches with a 6-1 win over St. Joseph's (PA) Tuesday in Orlando, FL. The Coyotes moved to 9-3 on the season with the victory.

"The ladies played very well and were very aggressive in doubles and we ended up with a positive result," South Dakota head coach Malcolm Gilreath said. "We continue to work hard in our singles matches and we played well today."

The Coyotes took the team doubles point, winning all three matches. Senior Alena

Sergeychik (Moscow, Russia) and senior Shadi Soleymani (Vasteras, Sweden) earned an 8-1 win at No. 1 doubles, while sophomore Michelle Elkin (Omaha, NE) and freshman Nina Barudzic (Kragujevac, Serbia) won 8-6 at No. 2 doubles. Junior Veronika Makashov (Richmond Hill, Ontario) and freshman Yamini Reddy (Bangalore, India) rolled to an 8-0 win at No. 3 doubles. South Dakota also won five

of six singles matches on the day. Sergeychik, Soleymani, Barudzic, Makashov and Reddy all won in straight sets to help the Coyotes cap off the win. South Dakota now has four singles players with 16 wins or more on the season: Reddy (20-4), Makashov (19-5), Sergeychik (18-8) and Soleymani (16-5).

The Coyotes are back in action Thursday against Presbyterian.

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suddenly it was 55-55. Zeller (who else?) made two EP-J free throws with 10 seconds left, and the Tanagers stayed alive with Sorensen's last-second shot to tie the contest again.

A three-pointer by Anderson gave VHS a 60-59 lead early in the second overtime, but that was the team's last gasp. While the

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