# **Plain Talk Sports**

## **Upcoming Sports Schedule**

USD women's softball at Southern Utah	1 p.m. March 16	USD women's t
USD women's softball hosts IUPUI	2 p.m. March 23	USD track & fie
USD women's tennis at IUPUI	2 p.m. March 16	Tanager baseba
USD women's tennis at Western Illinois	11 a.m. March 17	Tanager boys to

U	SD women's tennis at Southern Utah	4 p.m. March 17
U	SD track & field at Aztec Invitational, San Diege, CA	March 16-17
Ta	anager baseball at Sioux City West	1 p.m. March 18
Ta	anager boys tennis at Yankton	9 a.m. March 21

#### March brings spring and Tanager baseball **BOWLING**

<b>Womens Bowling League</b>
Prairie Lanes

March 6, 2012					
<u>Teams</u>	<u>Won</u>	Loss			
T & T Construction	198.0	102.0			
Aramark	182.0	115.0			
Dakota Smiles	161.5	135.5			
Whimps	149.0	143.0			
Flannery's	142.5	153.5			
Team BK	136.0	161.0			
Prairie Eye Clinic	102.0	188.0			
High Scr Game-Team	<u>1</u>	Score			
Aramark		566			
Dakota Smiles		563			
High Scr Series-Team		Score			
Whimps		1634			
Aramark		1619			
High Scr Game-Women		Score			
Tiffany Moore		207			
Sara Bye		179			
Darlis LaBahn		177			
High Scr Series-Women		<u>Score</u>			
Mary Mock		475			
Tiffany Moore		475			
Angela Miller		461			
High Hcp Game-Women		<u>Score</u>			
Tiffany Moore		252			
Sara Bye		247			
Ina Peterson		227			
High Hcp Series-Wor	nen	Score			
Sara Bye		641			
Ina Peterson		630			
Tiffany Moore		610			

#### Mens Bowling League Prairie Lanes March 1, 2012

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<u>Teams</u>	Won	Loss
Brunick Service	153.5	86.5
JFI	146.0	94.0
CorTrust Service	123.5	116.5
Rumple 5 Skins	122.0	118.0
Toby's Lounge	115.0	125.0
Char	56.0	184.0
High Scr Game-Tea	am	Score
Brunick Service		963
Toby's Lounge		897
CorTrust Bank		803
High Scr Series-Tea	<u>ım</u>	Score
Brunick Service		2789
Toby's Lounge		2584
CorTrust Bank		2308
High Scr Game-Me	<u>en</u>	Score
Justin Ebsen		224
Brandon Benzel		214
Ryan Blake		204
High Scr Series-Me	<u>en</u>	Score
Brandon Benzel		597
Dustin Tomhave		581
Justin Ebsen		581
<u>High Hcp Game-M</u>	<u>en</u>	<u>Score</u>
Dustin Schempp		266
Justin Ebsen		258
Craig Myron		257
High Hcp Series-M	<u>en</u>	<u>Score</u>
Grant Sammelson		726
Justin Ebsen		683
Jim Reed		676

By Parker Knox Sportswriter

What are the chances, in this part of the country, of getting to play outdoor baseball in March?

In the case of the Vermillion Tanagers, apparently the chances are pretty good!

Last year the VHS baseball team opened their season in Sioux City on March 20 in beautiful weather. And according to this week's forecasts, it may be even warmer this weekend as the 2012 edition of the Tanagers open their campaign again in Sioux City on Sunday afternoon, March 18.

Coach Jason Gault lost only two defensive starters from last season due to graduation. The Tanagers had a 6-9

record and lost in the postseason to Beresford, 7-6.

'VHS should have a solid pitching rotation," Gault said this week. "With the possibility of having five quality pitchers in the starting rotation, we will have a variety of options and looks. Our expectations are high for the starting nine to make the routine play often.

Starters back for the Tanager ballclub, which opens play against the Sioux City Bancrofts at 1 and 3 p.m. Sunday on the diamond at Sioux City West High School, include senior center fielder D'Andre Fore, an all-region selection last year, and junior shortstop Tanner Settles, an all-region honorable mention player in 2011.

Other returning starters are junior catcher Chayse Meierkort, junior third baseman Tanner Anderson, senior first baseman Caleb Miller, senior infielder Stormy Mirtz, senior pitcher Nate Garrett, senior pitcher Nile Morecraft, and junior pitcher/outfielder Collin Bertram.

Other notable returnees include senior third baseman/designated hitter Cody Sommervold, junior outfielder/pitcher Joe Mazour, junior outfielder Peter Haught, junior outfielder Collin Olson, senior outfielder Mitch Ellison, sophomore infielder/catcher Jayce Huska and junior outfielder Damarius Johnson.

This is a very experienced group of ballplayers with proven success," Gault said, citing the state Teener championship many of them enjoyed last summer and a successful Legion season.

"The coaching staff feels that, with offseason workouts and a year of growth in our younger players, VHS should be in the hunt for the Region 1B title."

Beresford and Bon Homme, as usual, should be the region favorites again, but, Gault said, "we should be right there with them.'

A new twist this season will be the return of wood bats. Gault said this will provide for amuch more pitcher- and defense-oriented game. "It's something that plays along nicely with our smallball philosophy," he said. "That doesn't mean we don't have to have the hitting to put lots of runs up on our opponents, but if we keep other teams off base, it takes pressure off our hitters."

Back row L to R:

Christopherson, Trey

Hage, Brody Surrell,

Mount; Front row L

to R: Kobe Culver,

Stephen Callahan.

Seibel, Lucus Anglin,

(Courtesy Photo)

Jack Kratz, Kyle

Carter Kratz, Billy

Hunter

## Vermillion youth wrestlers on the road to state tourney

Vermillion youth Wrestlers stood tall at the podium on Sunday at the Region 5 ÅAU State Wrestling Tournament held in Yankton as 15 wrestlers advanced to the state Tournament that will be held in Aberdeen on March 23-25. Through hard work and determination, 11 wrestlers made it to the championship match and five were crowned Region 5 Champions.

Those wrestlers heading to State are: Michael Roob - Tots 40 lbs, Rollie French - Tots Hwt, Jake Jensen – Bantam 80 lbs, Stephen Callahan Midget 50 lbs, Nicholas Roob -Midget 55 lbs, Lucus Anglin -Midget 65 lbs, Jack Kratz – Midget 80 lbs, Kobe Culver - Midget 90 lbs, Brady Surrell - Novice 140 lbs, Trey Hage - Schoolboy 75 lbs, Kyle Seibel - Schoolboy 95 lbs, Carter Kratz – Schoolboy 125 lbs, Hunter

Christopherson – Schoolboy 140 lbs, Billy Mount – Schoolboy 180 lbs and Noah Westergaard - Cadet 182 lbs.



South Dakota recruit Hoff named Gatorade Girls Hoop Player of the Year

South Dakota women's basketball recruit Heidi Hoff has been named the ESPNHS Gatorade State Girls Basketball Player of the Year for the state of South Dakota, it has been announced. Hoff is one of 51 players nationally to

Class AA state tournament. Hoff had 13 points, 11 rebounds and six assists in Brandon Valley's openinground 51-36 win over Rapid City Stevens on Thursday in Brookings. Hoff averaged 21.1 points, 7.6 rebounds, 5.3 assists and 2.1 steals through 23 games. She also set a school singlegame record with 45 points on Jan. 10 against Sioux Falls Roosevelt. In the classroom, Hoff has

16-7 record and a trip to the maintained a 3.57 GPA and is a member of the National Honor Society.

### ATTENTION

The Garfield Board of Supervisors will meet as a Board of Equalization at the Marshalltown School Wednesday, March 21st, 2012 at 7 p.m.

### **Coyote football** begins spring season March 24

Are you ready for some football?

The University of South Dakota head football coach Joe Glenn announced Friday the 2012 spring football schedule beginning Saturday, March 24 in Sioux City, IA, at Morningside College's Elwood Olsen Stadium and the time hasn't been set yet.

The Coyotes will have 14 practices leading up to the annual red/white exhibition spring game set for April 21 at 1 p.m. in the DakotaDome.

The annual red/white spring game is free and open to the public.

Following the practice on the 24th, the Coyotes return to Vermillion and will practice on the fields east of the DakotaDome (weatherpermitting) beginning March 26 from 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m. South Dakota also will hold a practice in Sioux Falls on April 14, as the time has not yet been determined.

Glenn was hired in December as the 29th football coach in school history. He inherits a squad that finished 6-5 overall last season and 2-2 in the Great West Conference and was ranked as high as 14th nationally. The Coyotes move into the Missouri Valley Football Conference this season as a full-fledged FCS (Football Championship Subdivision) member and are eligible for the postseason.

In his initial recruiting class, Glenn and his staff inked 18 student-athletes, along with three junior college transfers and three walk-ons for a total of 24 National or Institutional Letters of Intent which were signed on National Signing Day Feb. 2, 2012. A number of the signees already have enrolled and are on campus for the spring semester.

earn the award. Hoff (Brandon, SD), who is completing her senior season at as part of Brandon Valley's state tournament team, signed with the Coyote women in November. She is a 5-foot-11 guard who led the Lynx to a

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