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Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Men's Golf at Butler Spring Invitational USD Softball hosts IUPUI (double header) USD Softball hosts IUPUI USD Softball at Creighton (double header)

TBD
2 pm & 4 pm March 23
Noon March 24
TBA March 28

Coyotes win WNIT debut

Tanager baseball at Dakota Valley Tanager baseball at Sergeant Bluff Tanager boys tennis at Yankton Quad Tanager baseball at Beresford

12 to 4 p.m. March 24 5 p.m. March 30 9 a.m. March 31 5 p.m. March 31

BOWLING

USD Faculty/Staff Bowling League Prairie Lanes

583

<u>Score</u>

1683

1618

Score Score

167

165

165

455

446

442

<u>Score</u>

231

227

227

Score

619

611

605

605

Loss

92.5

99.0

128.0

141.5

145.0

208.0

<u>Score</u>

956

815

756

<u>Score</u>

2798

2345

2170

<u>Score</u>

276

218

213

680

586

569

Score

293

270

264

Score

731

700

697

Score

Score

and leads.

March 14, 2012					
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Teams	<u>Won</u>	Loss			
Wood Ducks	161.0	109.0			
Teals	154.5	115.5			
Pintails	153.0	117.0			
Coots	151.0	119.0			
Mandarin	127.5	142.5			
Mighty Mallards	122.5	147.5			
Decoy	109.0 101.5	161.0			
Goosanders	168.5				
High Scr Game-Te	<u>Score</u>				
Coots		669			
Coots		665			
Wood Ducks		638			
High Scr Series-Te	am	Score			
Coots		1872			
Teals		1774			
Wood Ducks		1769			
High Scr Game-M	en	Score			
Larry Wittmeier		202			
Jan Grage		168			
Tony Solbach		195			
High Scr Series-M	<u>en</u>	<u>Score</u>			
Larry Wittmeier		526			
Tony Solbach		519			
Mark Tipton	500				
High Scr Game-Wo	omen	<u>Score</u>			
Paula Allstot		200			
Jan Grage	168				
Darlis LaBahn	166				
High Scr Series-Wo	Score				
Darlis LaBahn	478				
Dummy Five		478			
Paula Allstot	· · · · ·	471			
High Hcp Game-T	<u>eam</u>	Score			
Coots	905				
Coots		905			
Mandarin	L	876			
High Hcp Series-T	<u>eam</u>	Score 2580			
Coots Mandarin		2580			
Wood Ducks		2537			
	(an	2462			
High Hcp Game-N	<u>aen</u>	Score 266			
Gene Allstot Larry Wittmeier		266			
Dan Rohmiller		253			
	Ion				
<u>High Hcp Series-M</u> Larry Wittmeier	<u>Score</u> 685				
Gene Allstot	681				
Tom Marshall					
	681 Saara				
<u>High Hcp Game-W</u> Paula Allstot	Score 276				
Jonie Hook Kelsey Parker	236				
,	231				
<u>High Hcp Series-W</u> Paula Allstot	omen	Score 600			
Jonie Hook		699 661			
,		661			
Darlis LaBahn		643			

Womens Bowling League Prairie Lanes

March 13, 2012				
<u>Teams</u>	Won	Loss		
T & T Construction	208.0	122.0		
Aramark	206.0	121.0		
Dakota Smiles	186.0	141.0		
Flannery's	162.5	161.5		
Whimps	155.0	167.0		
Team BK	144.0	181.0		
Prairie Eye Clinic	107.5	212.5		
High Scr Game-Tean	<u>Score</u>			
Aramark	613			

By Keith A. Brockberg P&D Correspondent

The University of South Dakota Coyotes' goal of reaching the Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) for the first time came to fruition, but in their initial game — a 61-53 win over the Drake Bulldogs Thursday night at the DakotaDome — proved they weren't satisfied with a small taste of March Madness.

In a sultry DakotaDome, the Coyotes shot 53.2-percent while holding the Bulldogs to 32.8 percent in a game that featured two teams with short benches.

"That was a great March Madness basketball game; we beat a team that really did not want to lose," USD head coach Ryun Williams said. "I am proud of our effort — especially in the second half; it was a great game.

"Our kids really embraced the moment; we want our kids to play these games with passion because that's all you've got," Williams added. "İt's fun to see our kids compete at that level."

The Covotes took control with a 10-0 run in the second half and all but sealed the game with a heroic shot from senior Annie Roche.

Nursing a 51-48 lead with four minutes to play and just five seconds left on the shot clock, Roche took the ball deep in the backcourt and raced to the top of the circle for a 3-point shot that touched nothing but twine.

Roche's clutch conversion gave USD a 54-48 lead and all but sealed the deal.

Tempestt Wilson, who has struggled since late January with her 3-point shot, found the drive to her liking Thursday, and answered a bucket from Drake's Amber Wollschlager with a take to the rack and a 56-50 lead with 1:45 remaining.

"The second half, we kept our composure," USD senior forward Amber Hegge said. "For key plays, Annie's 3-pointer I remember that; everybody made plays."

The Coyotes made five of eight free throws in the final 51 seconds to score the 61-53 win and move on to the WNIT's second round.

underneath the basket. Drake responded with a quick

7-0 run as freshman Kyndal Clark dropped in a trey from the top of the circle and moved in a little closer on the return trip for a second jumper. Morgan Reid dropped a dime to a cutting Carly Grenfell for a lay-in, and the Bulldogs led 26-19.

After a timeout, Williams and the Coyotes went to their money player in Hegge.

The Summit League's 2ndleading scorer rolled away from her defender and converted on a pass from Wilson to cash in the on the timeout. Hegge then hung in the air for a short bucket and added a loose-ball hoop, and USD battled to within 28-25.

Roche scored on a drive to end the half, but Drake held a 30-27 margin.

The Coyotes were efficient in the half as they shot 52.2 percent and Hegge scored 14 points.

Wollschlager had eight points at the break for Drake.

The DakotaDome had reason to rock in the second half's outset as their Coyotes quickly regained the lead.

A 3-point play from Wilson pulled the Coyotes to within 32-31, and Hegge dished to Jodie Boss for a bucket, and USD led 33-32 2:21 into the half.

Drake took their final lead of the game with 14:23 remaining on a putback from Reid.

Wilson answered with a jumper that began the 10-0 USD run, putting the Coyotes on the right track with a 45-36 bulge.

Boss, the Summit League's Defensive Player of the Year, continued to play defense in the second half on Drake's top scorer, the 6-3 Rachael Hackbarth.

"Hackbarth is an amazing player and Boss did an awesome job; she's hard to contain solo," Hegge said.

Boss finished with four blocked shots and never picked up her fourth foul.

"I just came out with the mentality to take it at her." Hackbarth said.

"That's a credit to her that she didn't pick up her fourth foul she's a good defender."

Hegge finished with 20 points,



South Dakota's Annie Roche drives past Drake's Carly Grenfell for a layup during the second half of WNIT action in the DakotaDome on Thursday night, March 15. Roche scored 15 points in the win. (David Lias/Vermillion Plain Talk)

Year, pulled down 17 rebounds. USD's bench played a total of eight minutes while Drake used just

six players. "It was a terrific effort on their part; they did a good job of wearing

"It was a great environment," Roche said. "Our fans were great and we're looking forward to having another one here."

"What a fun game; that's what

this time of year is about," Williams said. "We've got a Pac-12 team coming in here; what an exciting

thing for our kids and our

program."

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Mens Bowling League Prairie Lanes March 8, 2012

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The war of attrition began in the first half as the teams traded jabs

Roche gave the Coyotes a 14-12 advantage as she splashed in a 3pointer over Wollschlager, a former Milbank

Bulldog whom Roche opposed in the 2007 State 'A' tourney.

The 'Yotes tied the game at 19all as Hegge went plastic in the paint for an acrobatic shot from

three assists and three blocks as Roche scored 15 points and Wilson netted 13 points. Boss pulled down 10 rebounds.

Hackbarth was held in check though she scored 16 points. Wollschlager scored 15 points in front of 40 family and friends in her final collegiate game and Clark had 11 points. Hackbarth, the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the

us down," Drake head coach Amy Stephens said of the Coyotes. "They spread the floor and worked the shot clock, and that took its toll in the second half."

The Coyotes, now 23-7, will host Colorado next Monday night at 7 p.m. The Buffalos moved into the tourney's second round by beating Northern Colorado 54-42 Wednesday night.

VHS baseball splits double-header with Sioux City Bancrofts

By Parker Knox

Sportswriter

When we're shoveling snow in April, remember it was 80-plus degrees at the West High baseball diamond in Sioux City on Sunday, March 18, as Vermillion High School's season opened with a doubleheader split with the Sioux City Bancrofts.

The Tanagers cruised to a 9-3 win in the opener, then let the nightcap get away late in a 4-1 loss. The Bancrofts are an American Legion team whose roster includes players from 16 different high schools across a 70mile stretch of northwest Iowa.

The singling Collin Bertram scored on Nate Garrett's double to get the Tanagers rolling in the second inning of the first game, then Vermillion came up with a four-run third to build a 5-0 lead for pitching starter Bertram. Two infield grounders allowed the first of those four runs to cross the plate. Joe Mazour's single and a wild pitch scored the other two. D'Andre Fore and Stormy Mirtz also had key hits earlier in the inning.

With Coach Jason Gault

watching each man's pitch count carefully on this opening day, the Bancrofts got to Bertram for a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth. He left with the bases

loaded and two out in favor of reliever Nate Garrett, who got his first batter on a pop to first base to

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