

Tanager baseball season preview

By Scott Bormann

Head Coach Jason Gault and Coach Nick Heitkamp will be leading the Tanager baseball team through a very competitive season. Gault sports a 114-65 career record, with the team earning a 9-3 season record last year.

The Tanagers have five returning starters to lead the team: seniors Ty Iverson, Jayce Huska, and Seth Heine; plus juniors Jake Odens and Jack Brown. Jayce Huska, Ty Iverson and Ethan James are expected to be team leaders.

Jacob Odens will lead the pitching staff this year. A junior who had great success in Teeners, he was called up to Legion during the state tournament. A gritty kid that developed a

decent off-speed pitch over the winter.

Ty Iverson, with all-state honorable mention last year, will be expected to start the majority of the games behind the plate. Ivy will add leadership and power to the Tanager lineup.

Jayce Huska returns with the most baseball experience of the group of seniors. Huska has proven to be a player that can play multiple positions. He will play outfield, catch, pitch, and play middle infield. He brings power, speed, and leadership to the team.

Ethan James will crack the starting line-up as a senior this year on the mound and likely at third base and outfield. Ethan has good power and excellent speed. Ethan is a hard throwing pitcher with

a very good knuckleball.

Regan Bye's athleticism alone should aid his baseball campaign in 2014. A successful wrestler, Regan has worked hard in the off-season on baseball as well. He will likely see plenty of time at first base and middle infield for the Tanagers.

"Younger players will need to develop quickly and transition to varsity baseball," said Gault about their chances of success. "Senior leadership will assist in bring our young players along. As always, we have to focus on throwing strikes and playing solid defense."

What he likes best about the team is grasp of the fundamentals. "I feel that we have the ability to compete in our region this year with our athletic

ability and baseball savvy players. What we lack in power and experience we will make up with hustle and small-ball execution."

The Tanagers will be competing in a very competitive region this year. Gault's expectations are: "Parkston, Bon

Homme and Beresford will be the front-runners, with everyone else having the ability to make a run."

The VHS Baseball schedule is:

Date	Opponent	Place	Times
March 25	Dakota Valley	Dakota Valley	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 2	Beresford	Beresford	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 5	Hansen Co.	Alexandria	2:00 B, 4:00 JV
April 9	Bon Homme	Tabor	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 11	Dakota Valley	Vermillion	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 12	JV Tournament	Dakota Valley	TBA
April 16	Elk Point-Jefferson	Vermillion	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 23	Beresford	Vermillion	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 25	Elk Point-Jefferson	Elk Point	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
April 26	Parkston	Parkston	2:00 V, 4:00 JV
April 27	Mt. Vernon	Mt. Vernon	2:00 V, 4:00 JV
Apr. 30	Bon Homme	Vermillion	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
May 1	Dakota Valley	Dakota Valley	5:30 V, 7:30 JV
May 4	Wagner	Wagner	3:00 V, 5:00 JV
May 9-10	JV Tournament	Sioux Falls	TBA
May 11-14	First Round Playoffs	High Seed	TBA
May 14-17	Second Round Playoffs	High Seed	TBA
May 18-21	Third Round Playoffs	High Seed	TBA
May 26	State Tournament	Sioux Falls	TBA

Vermillion bowlers compete in Lincoln, NE

VHS bowlers Collin Lovejoy, Kodie Lovejoy, Brett Hansen, Ryan Brunick and Avery Mollet competed at the 17th Annual Star City Open Tournament hosted by Sun Valley Lanes in Lincoln, NE, last weekend.

The competition's first day consisted of each bowler bowling three games and the team bowling three games of baker in order to determine qualifying pin fall. Vermillion's qualifying team series total was 2,589 and three game baker series of 481 that combined for a 3,070 total pin fall.

At the conclusion of qualifying, Vermillion placed 10th of the 22 teams, moving them on to the second day.

The second day of play for the Tanagers consisted of double-elimination bracket play using the Baker team play format.

Baker format consists of a five-member team where each bowler bowls one frame, then the next member bowls the next frame in rotation.

Day two started with Vermillion defeating Sioux Falls Roosevelt. The next two rounds unfortunately had Vermillion fall to Sioux Falls O'Gorman and Fremont, NE, thus ending their championship run.

Vermillion Bowler, Brett Hansen, qualified for the All-Tournament Team by rolling a first day 625 series to lead the Tanagers during qualifying.

Avery Mollet had a first game tournament leading 243. Avery's 243 led all bowlers the first game.

The entire tournament was bowled on the very challenging 43 foot 2014 USBC Open Team Oil Pattern.

Tanagers boys' tennis hit the courts

By Scott Bormann

Vermillion's boys' tennis team started practice in anticipation of successful season. Head Coach Betsy Hughes is assisted by Coach Devon Davoux in guiding the Tanagers though a very competitive season.

Three Tanagers, Jacob Ford, Joe Swanson and Kevin Helenurm, are returning starters and letter winners. Newcomers expected to compete for positions are: senior Adam Ahmed; juniors Ryan Styles, Andrew Callahan and Isaac Rosdail; sophomore Sam Craig; and freshman David Wang.

Success in 2014 is not a great secret to Hughes. "We need to keep individual as well as team goals in front of us that remind us of our improvement and success," she said. "Most all of the students who are out for tennis are gaining in their years of experience and the growth in their play shows this. We need to keep realistic goals in front of us and as we reach them, we will

gain confidence and momentum on the court."

Team leaders are Jacob Ford and Ryan Styles, who have recruited other students to play at the Armory each week.

"They have a love for the game and amazing attitudes," said Hughes. "They will lead by example of hard work and positive mindset. ...

"They are a great group," said Hughes. "We are going to have a lot

of fun, learn a great deal, and meet the goals we set for ourselves along the way."

Hughes expects the Sioux Falls schools to provide the greatest completion this season, with O'Gorman being top ranked. The Tanagers have the other Sioux Falls schools on their schedule, and even travel to Luverne for some early-season completion.

Vermillion Varsity Tennis Schedule:

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
April 5	Yankton Quad	Yankton	9 a.m.
April 8	Luverne	Luverne, MN	4 p.m.
April 14	Mitchell	Home	4 p.m.
April 15	Brandon Valley	Brandon	4 p.m.
April 22	SW Washington/Yankton	Sioux Falls	1 p.m.
April 29	Yankton	Home	4 p.m.
May 2	Sioux Falls Roosevelt	Home	4 p.m.
May 8	Yankton	Yankton	6:30 p.m.
May 9	Sioux City East	Sioux City	4 p.m.
May 15	Sioux Falls Lincoln	Home	4 p.m.
May 17	Madison Invitational	Madison	9 a.m.
May 22-24	Tennis State Tournament	Rapid City	TBA

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BERGEN LUTHERAN Church: "The little white church on Timber Road." Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:15 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert

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BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

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CORNERSTONE CHURCH: A Place To Grow. Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday during the School year 9:00am and 10:30am (subject to change during holidays) in the summer Sunday 10 AM. Check us out at cornerstonesd.org or call (624-8809) for further information.

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Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

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GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

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