

# USD's Buell reaches new heights

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Bethany Buell is doing her best to further distance herself on the University of South Dakota school record books in the women's pole vault.

And in the process, the sophomore from the Show-Me State of Missouri is showing just how high she can go.

Buell broke the USD record for the third time this season in winning the vault title at 13 feet, 9.25 inches at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays on Saturday afternoon in Sioux Falls.

"It definitely felt good," said Buell, who improved on her previous best this season by six inches. "I feel like it's been a long time coming for me. It was gorgeous weather, so it just all fell together."

That's been a consistent theme for the third-year Coyote — she redshirted last year's outdoor season.

Buell has bettered her own school record by improving from 13-2.25 at the Baldy Castillo Invite (March 19) to 13-3.5 at the Mt. SAC Relays (April 16).

Saturday's final leap was also a personal best for her and also ranked 12th in NCAA Division I ranks this season.

After already winning Saturday's event, Buell and vault coach Derek Miles decided to raise the bar to 14 feet. However, Buell came up short on three attempts, a goal she admitted later to "really want."

"I still want to break that 14-0 barrier," she said after taking the awards stand at Howard Wood Field.

"I feel like I'm getting closer."

Also for the Coyotes on Saturday in Sioux Falls, the women's 1600-meter relay squad finished first — by six seconds — in 3:51.59. The quartet included Emma Erickson, Brittney Chambers, Anna Hyronimus and Ashley Sveum.

The USD women also went 1-2-3 in the 100 hurdles, led by Alexa Duling in 14.32. Haley Juhnke was second and Tansha Clarke took third.

Cody Linder was the lone winner on the men's side for the Coyotes, as he took first in the long jump at 22-1.5.

With athletes from USD, South Dakota State, North Dakota State, Augustana, Northern State, Dakota State, Dickinson State (ND), Bethel (MN), Buena Vista and Wayne State, there were also notable performances from athletes competing unattached.

One such competitor was Paige Pollard, a former Newcastle, NE, standout who now runs at Wayne State.

Pollard — running attached because she is redshirting the outdoor season — won the college women's 400-meter hurdles with a season-best time of 1:01.02, nearly a full second ahead of USD's Juhnke.

"I just thought it'd be a good idea to get some rest after the indoor season," Pollard said. "I needed to work a little on my technique, so now I've had the spring to do that."

She played basketball and ran track during her freshman season at Wayne State, so she had an extra season of eligibility. And with a new track coach at Wayne State, Pollard — a fourth-year



South Dakota's Bethany Buell tries to clear 14 feet in the college women's pole vault on Saturday at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in Sioux Falls. Buell set a new meet record by reaching 13-9.25.

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junior — said she decided, "Why not stay in college and do it another year?"

She said she has mainly concentrated on the 400 hurdles

this spring.

Another athlete competing unattached set a meet and stadium record.

Randall Carter, a native of Papillion,

NE, won the college men's high jump at 7 feet, 4.25 inches, and missed on three attempts at 7-5.2 — with the Howard Wood crowd cheering him on at every try.

# VHS baseball ends season with 11-5 win over Beresford

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Beresford baseball has recently, in the eyes of Vermillion teams, become a pain in the neck, ending both the Vermillion high school and Legion seasons last year and beating the Tanagers in high school ball last month.

For at least a few days, however, Vermillion has some bragging rights as the VHS team frustrated Beresford pitchers and shut down their big batters in a satisfying 11-5 Tanager win that ended the regular season.

The Region 1B eastern division semifinals will be played early next week, and the Tanagers know they will be the third seed, meaning an away game at either Bon Homme or Beresford. Fourth-seed Dakota Valley will travel to the top seed's home field. Late in the week the two winners will clash for the right to advance to the regional title game against the western division's champion.

Against Beresford on Tuesday, the Tanagers rode the arm of pitcher Collin Bertram, who gave his team 6 1/3 strong innings, allowing six hits but only one earned run, striking out six and walking one.

Against Beresford's bombers in

the 3-4-5-6 batting slots, Bertram permitted only one hit among 12 at-bats.

Trailing 1-0, Vermillion came alive with a scintillating three-run second inning. A single by Stormy Mirtz, a walk by Zach McDonald, an RBI double by Tanner Anderson, and a two-run single by Tanner Settles made it 3-1.

The VHS defense briefly fell apart in the top of the third, giving the lead right back to Beresford. The Tanagers committed four errors within a span of three consecutive batters before settling down. The Watchdogs' 4-3 lead was short-lived, however.

Solid hits in the bottom of the third included a leadoff double by Scott Iverson, a walk earned by Tyler Husby, a clutch two-run double into the right-field corner by Caleb Miller, a single by McDonald, two Watchdog errors, and a run-scoring double by D'Andre Fore made it a five-run inning for an 8-4 lead.

An Anderson hit in the fourth made it 9-4. In the sixth an infield grounder off Anderson's bat brought home another run as did a catcher's throwing error by Beresford.

Bertram had retired the 'Dogs in order in the fourth. A crucial double play from center

fielder Fore to shortstop Settles to third-baseman Mirtz ended a Beresford threat in the fifth.

Bertram cruised through the sixth, but in the seventh and final inning he tired, loading the bases on a double, a single and a walk. Reliever Nate Garrett allowed a single by the first man he faced, making the score 11-5, but with the sacks still jammed, he pitched a double-play ball that went from Anderson to Settles to McDonald to end the game.

Beresford starter Chris Mohr was kyoed in the three-run second. Matt Hoines didn't make it through the five-run third. Second reliever Dan Frieberg went the rest of the way. The Watchdog hurlers walked eight and allowed 11 hits, retiring the Tanagers in order only once.

Settles, Miller and Anderson had two hits apiece among those 11 base knocks, and those same three men drove in two runs each.

Madison Landeen and Colin Peterson had two hits each among Beresford's seven, but the 'Dogs had only four until the final inning.

The Tanager JVs took a 7-6 lead into their fifth and final inning behind hurler Nile Morecraft. Beresford tied the game, sending it to an extra

sixth stanza. Morecraft got into a bases-loaded, one-out jam but weasled out of it when Caleb Miller at first base caught a foul pop-up and Morecraft himself made the play on a comebacker to keep the game tied.

Three minutes later Miller and Morecraft ended it with an 8-7 Tanager win. Miller was hit with a pitch, stole second uncontestedly and scored on Morecraft's solid smash to right field.

## CORSICA 15, VHS 13

Runs, hits and errors were as common as wind gusts and blowing dirt at Prentiss Park Sunday as Vermillion and Corsica (Stickney/Armour/Plan kinton (CSAP) took turns losing leads in a game that extended into two extra innings. In the end, the visitors, known as The Express, won 15-13 in nine innings.

The Tanagers trailed 6-0 after 2 1/2 innings, had a seven-run third to lead 7-6, trailed 10-7, led 12-10, trailed 13-12 and tied the game at the last possible instant in the bottom of the seventh at 13-13 but couldn't score in extra innings.

Of Vermillion's 11 hits, D'Andre Fore had three singles and Scott Iverson two while Fore and Collin Bertram each drove in a pair of tallies. Among CSAP's 20 hits Adam

Fink, who caught, played shortstop and won the game as a relief pitcher, had four hits and two RBIs while four other players---Luke Bamberg, Aaron Greenway, Kris Manning and Zach Milligen, the Nos. 3 through 6 men in the Express' rugged batting order---each had three hits.

A monstrous two-run homer by starting pitcher Greenway in the top of the first propelled the Express to a 4-0 lead in that inning. Single runs in the next two innings made it 6-0 until 10 consecutive Tanager players did their job in the bottom of the third.

Bertram led off with a walk, and Coach Jason Gault's strategy to try to peck away at

the 6-0 deficit paid huge dividends. Tanner Anderson's sacrifice bunt was followed by a clutch Fore hit. Tanner Settles also bunted successfully, and Chayse Meierkort followed with a ringing double. Scott Iverson reached base by getting hit with a pitch, and Tyler Husby laced a double. Stormy Mirtz and Caleb Miller followed with singles. Then Bertram, the tenth batter of the inning, uncorked a two-run double to lift the Tanagers to a 7-6 lead.

CSAP immediately regained the lead with a four-run, five-hit, two-error top of the fourth that brought in Nate Garrett in relief of starter Husby.

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## TRACK

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- 1600-meter relay, 3:30.50.
- Medley relay, 3:42.90.

Tanager athletes competed with the state's and the region's best in two Sioux Falls meets last weekend. At the fabled Howard Wood Dakota Relays, the Tanager boys 1600-meter relay team placed third in their Class "A" race in a time of 3:30.71. The 800-meter relay team placed seventh in 1:33.49.

Will Mart finished eighth among a dynamite field of contestants with a throw of 143'5".

At O'Gorman's invitational meet Mart was second in the discus event at 139'4". Nathan Ford placed third in the 3200-meter run in 11:38.56. Tanner Anderson was the fourth-place man in the 1600 in 4:52.71. Nick Jensen placed fifth in the shot put at 45'9 1/2". In girls' events Beth Szymonski placed fourth in the discus with a heave of 104'3".

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