

Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Softball at IPFW (DH)
 Tanager Girls Golf Big 8 Conference at The Bluffs
 Tanager Track at S.F. O'Gorman
 Tanager Boys Tennis at Sioux City East
 Tanager Baseball hosts Parkston at Prentis Park
 USD Track & Field at University of Nebraska Invitational
 USD Softball at IPFW

2 p.m. May 4
 10 a.m. May 4
 10 a.m. May 4
 4 p.m. May 4
 2 p.m. May 5
 Noon May 5

Tanager Baseball hosts Corsica at Prentis Park
 Tanager Baseball hosts Beresford
 Tanager Boys Tennis hosts S.F. Roosevelt
 Tanager Boys Tennis hosts S.F. Lincoln
 Tanager Track Big 8 Conference at West Central
 Tanager Girls Golf at Harrisburg
 Tanager JV Baseball Tournament at Harmondon Park, S.F.

2 p.m. May 6
 8 a.m. May 8
 4 p.m. May 8
 4 p.m. May 10
 3 p.m. May 10
 9 a.m. May 10
 May 10-12

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday Evening Ladies League fun night was not dampened by 20-30 mph wind gusts on April 25. The wind actually calmed as the sun set. As a warm up for the season the ladies decided to play a scramble, and four teams of four were chosen. No prizes were given but everyone had an enjoyable evening. A few ladies joined us after golf for some refreshing beverages. League begins next week and we are still looking for players, whether you join a team or are available to sub, we would like you to join us. Remember to keep July 11 open. We will be hosting a Susan G. Komen Rally for the Cure golf tournament. Stay tuned for more details. Vermillion may have lost the race, but we still can have a rally!

Coyote Men's Basketball adds JUCO standout

Casper College (WY) standout Tyler Larson has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball at the University of South Dakota, head men's basketball coach Dave Boots announced Wednesday. With the signing of Larson, Boots now has inked five for the 2012-13 season. "Tyler is a big guard with a great work ethic," Boots said. "He is a strong defensive player and rebounder who will be a very good all-around player." Larson, a 6-3 guard from Las Vegas, NV, spent the last two years at Casper College under head coach Joel Davidson. There, he helped lead the team to a 25-9 record in 2011-12 and led the team to the championship game of the Region IX tournament. He averaged 12.6 points, 4.5 rebounds and 2.6 assists per game. In the Region IX title game, Larson scored 19 points, with five rebounds and four steals.

As a freshman, he helped lead Casper to a 23-10 record while averaging 9.5 points and 4.6 rebounds per game.

While in high school, Larson played for head coach Chancellor Davis at Desert Pines. As a junior, Larson was named all-city and all-conference after averaging 13 points and 12 rebounds per game. As a senior, he averaged an impressive 22 points per game and nine rebounds per contest earning all-city and all-conference honors.

Larson joins Karim Rowson (6-5, guard) of Western Oklahoma State College and New York, and Eric Robertson (6-7, forward) from Wayzata, MN, and the IMG Academy in Bradenton, FL, who signed earlier this month. Rowson averaged 18 points and five rebounds at WOSC leading the team in scoring this past season. Robertson spent last season at the IMG Academy where he averaged 12 points and 10.1 rebounds per game after earning all-conference honors and honorable mention all-state honors at Wayzata High School.

Casey Kasperbauer of Carroll, IA, and Tyler Flack of Lakeville, MN, signed during the early signing period in November. Kasperbauer earned ESPN High School Midwest Player of the Week honors in February as he scored 47 points including 17 in the fourth quarter in an 84-70 win over Winterset (IA). He connected on eight triples and all 11 free throws in the second highest scoring game for an Iowa player this season.

Flack a 6-7 center from Lakeville North High School helped lead his team to the state championship game in March and just the school's second appearance in school history. Flack led his team with 12 points in the championship game - a 49-47 loss to Osseo High School.

VHS golfers best 10 teams, place second

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

Sioux Falls Christian won the Vermillion Invitational girls golf tournament at The Bluffs Monday with a 356 score, but the host Tanagers bested the other 10 teams in the meet with a strong second-place showing at 370.

SFC had the top two individual golfers of the day---Abby Perrenoud at 81 and Mikaela Theobald at 87---to solidify its comfortable team victory.

For Vermillion it was Allison Heien with the best score of the day, an 89 that tied her for fifth place. Kelly Amundson was eighth with an 80. Kate Brockevult played the course in 95, and Elly Miller and Kayla Stammer had 96s. Brooke Schwasinger carded a 116. The top four scores accounted for a team's total.

Following the Tanagers in order were Madison 376, Canton 377, West Central 380, Dakota Valley 391, Vermillion JV 411, Elk Point-Jefferson 422, Beresford 428, Harrisburg 433, Tea Area 464 and Lennox 501.

For the Vermillion JV team Emily Schmitz had the best day with a 98. Taylor Kayl carded a 100, Audry Miller 105, Kelsi Herrera 108, Kyleigh Moran 118 and Kaite Herrera 125.

The Tanagers will be back on their home course today (Friday) as hosts of the Big 8 Conference tournament, which tees off at 10 a.m. Next Thursday VHS goes to the Harrisburg Invitational at 9 a.m. to play on the course where the regional tourney will be played on May 14.



Vermillion's Kelly Amundson watches her putt head for the cup on the 7th green at The Bluffs Golf Course during the invitational meet held Monday in Vermillion.

(Photo by David Lias)

Tanager Baseball chalks up two wins on road trip

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

7:00 JV).

VHS 5, BON HOMME 4

The Tanagers saw a 4-0 lead vanish when Bon Homme/Scotland scored four runs in its final at-bat to send the game to extra innings, but they immediately won it in the first extra stanza.

With two out and nobody on in the top of the eighth, Jayce Huska reached base on a pitcher's error and stole second base. Tanner Settles came through with an RBI single for what proved to be the winning run.

In the bottom of the eighth Collin Bertram came in to save the game for VHS. The first BH/S hitter, Austin Kaul, singled and was sacrificed to second base. After a foul pop-up snared by catcher Chayse Meierkort, an intentional walk was ordered to set up a force at any base. The strategy

worked even better than planned when the final hitter, Blase Vanecek, struck out swinging to end the game.

Meierkort started the game on the mound and pitched 3 1/3 hitless innings though walking eight while striking out six. He retired the side in the first three innings, leaving a total of six Bon Homme runners stranded. After walking a pair in the fourth, Meierkort was replaced by Nate Garrett, who kept the home team scoreless until the bottom of the seventh when a walk, four hits and a throwing error allowed Bon Homme to tie the game.

The Tanagers took a 2-0 lead in the first when D'Andre Fore led off the game with a walk and scored on Meierkort's triple. A passed ball allowed Meierkort to score.

It became 4-0 in the

second. Settles singled, Bertram was hit with a pitch, and Garrett bunted for a base hit to load the sacks. A fielder's choice off Fore's bat scored one run, and a wild throw from shortstop let another run in.

Meierkort and Settles each had two hits of the Tanagers' total of six.

VHS 2, WAGNER 1

Bertram scattered four harmless hits in going the seven-inning distance for the pitching win at Wagner. He struck out three and walked one.

The only Wagner run came without the aid of a hit in the third inning when a pair of dropped pop-ups in the infield with a sacrifice bunt in between allowed a run to score.

For the second time that day the Tanagers had scored

in the first two innings. A first-inning run came when Fore started the game as he usually does by reaching base, this time on a walk. Fore was advanced to second base on Caleb Miller's single and stole third from where he scored on Tanner Anderson's single.

The lead became 2-0 in the second when Settles singled, went to second on Joe Mazour's grounder, and scored on a wild throw by the W/A/LA shortstop.

The only serious threat by Wagner against Bertram once the score became 2-1 was in the fourth when their first two men reached base on a single and a walk. But an outfield fly, a strikeout and another shallow fly to the outfield ended that opportunity.

Anderson had two of Vermillion's six hits.

Offensive surge helps Coyote Softball finish sweep of Western Illinois

Freshman Katie Dinning was 3-for-4 with four RBI to lead the University of South Dakota softball team's 12-hit offensive attack in the Coyotes' 11-3 win over Western Illinois Sunday in Vermillion. The win helped the Coyotes finished a three-game sweep of the Leathernecks (23-25, 13-8 Summit) and improved their Summit League record to 12-9.

"Our girls played fearless today and it was great to see," USD head coach Amy Klyse said. "Western Illinois took the lead early and we chipped away right away. It was a great weekend to honor and celebrate our three seniors."

Dinning (Omaha) finished with a double and a triple in the game along with four RBI. Her three-run triple in the third was her team-best sixth triple of the year, setting a new school single-season record for triples. Junior Kassie Loe (Lennox, SD) was 3-for-3 with two runs scored, while sophomore Lindsey Boyd (Westminster, CO) was 2-for-4 with a double, a RBI and a stolen base. Senior Alexa Rudeen (Sioux City, IA) was 1-for-2 with an RBI, while freshman Allie Daly (Sioux Falls) was 1-for-2 with two runs scored. Sophomore Christine Broders (Yankton) and freshman Morgan Hancock (Wahoo, NE) were each 1-for-3 with a double and an RBI. All nine players in the Coyote batting lineup scored at least one run.

Junior Erica Denney (Sioux City) reached double-digit wins on the mound for the first time in her Coyote career. After allowing three first-inning runs, Denney settled down and didn't allow a run the rest of the way in picking up win No. 10 on the season. She

allowed six hits and three runs (all earned), striking out three while walking two.

WIU, which was swept in a Summit League series for the first time this season, took a 3-0 in the first, thanks to three hits.

The Coyotes cut into the lead right away in the bottom of the inning. With two outs, Rudeen walked, and moved to second when Daly singled to third base. Hancock hit a fly ball to right field which was dropped for an error, allowing both runners to score and bringing the Coyotes within 3-2.

They took the lead for good in the bottom of the second. Loe singled to right on a 0-2 pitch, and scored when Broders ripped a double down the left-field line, which tied the game at three. After Broders moved to third on a sacrifice bunt by senior Stephanie Hall (Torrance, CA), Boyd crushed a double to left field, scoring Broders and giving the Coyotes a 4-3 lead.

South Dakota broke the game wide open in the third. Daly led off with a walk, and Hancock ripped a double to left to score her, giving the Coyotes a 5-3 advantage. Hancock moved to third on the throw home, and scored South Dakota's sixth run on a wild pitch. Senior Bre Zmolek (Brookings) then walked, and Loe singled to put runners on first and second. One out later, Hall walked to load the bases. After a flyout, Dinning stepped up and ripped a bases-clearing triple to left-center field, giving the Coyotes a 9-3 lead. Rudeen then hit a single to left-center to score Dinning to extend the Coyote lead to 10-3.

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