

## Tanager athletes place in 16 events at First Dakota Relays

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Sportswriter

Finally getting a chance to compete for the first time in 16 days, Vermillion's track and field athletes placed in 16 varsity events at last Thursday's First Dakota Relays in Yankton.

Highlighting the day for the Tanagers were first-place efforts by Mackenzie Huber in the pole vault and the girls' medley relay team. Huber went 8'6" in her specialty to win the gold, and the quartet of Megan Olson, Paige Olson, Val Moos and Blair Gilkyson ran 4:33.20 to win their relay event.

Gilkyson earned a third-place medal on her own in the 3200-meter run in 13:07.10. Beth Szymonski placed fourth in both of her throwing events--the shot put at 36'10" and the discus at 116'10". Moos placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles in :16.40.

Two other Tanager girls' relay foursomes earned places. The 4x400 team was third in 4:20.90, and the 4x200 quartet placed fifth in 1:54.50.

Colin Olson and Nick Jensen were double placers for the Vermillion boys. Olson was third in the 400 in :51.60 and seventh in the 200 in :23.40. Jensen hurled the shot 47'11" for fourth place and the discus 136'10" for sixth place.

Will Mart placed third in the discus at 148'0". Aaron Ruhaak was fifth in the 400 in :51.80, and Alex Robertson was the fourth-place man in the high jump at 5'10".

The VHS boys 4x400 relay team placed fourth in 3:31.22.

Tanager teams are scheduled at O'Gorman's invitational in Sioux Falls today (Friday) at 10 a.m., at the rescheduled Lennox Invitational at 4 p.m. Tuesday and at the Big 8 Conference meet in Hartford at 3 p.m. next Thursday.

Other VHS results at the Yankton meet:

- Varsity Girls**
- 100: Mackenzie Huber 18th, :14.70.
  - 200: Courtney Johnson tie-13th, :28.70.
  - 400: Kylie Fischbach 10th, 1:10.30.
  - Discus: Stacy Hirsch eighth, 105'2".

- Varsity Boys**
- 200: Aaron Ruhaak 10th,

- :23.60.
- 400: J.T. Sorensen tie-13th, :53.60.
- 800: Austin Krier ninth, 2:03.60; Stetson Kastengren 21st, 2:28.00.
- 1600: Nathan Ford 14th, 5:10.20; Stetson Kastengren 16th, 5:21.60.
- 3200: Nathan Ford 17th, 11:07.90.
- 110m hurdles: Andrew Kost 10th, :17.90.
- 300m hurdles: Andrew Kost 13th, :45.90.
- Long jump: Alex Robertson 10th, 18'9 1/2"; Damaris Cheeseman-Johnson 23rd, 16'5 1/4".
- Shot put: Will Mart 12th, 41'4".

- Sophomore Girls**
- 100: Haley Freidel third, :13.80.
  - 200: Haley Friedel fourth, :29.10; Mattea Scott tie-22nd, :31.80.
  - 400: Allie Mockler 12th, 1:12.90.
  - 800: Alyssa Vander Laan seventh, 2:44.60; Cheyenne Mallory 16th, 2:59.30; Brittney Sweeney 19th, 3:06.30; Sophia Taggart 20th, 3:10.50; Heidi Osterberg 22nd, 3:33.40.
  - 3200: Morgan Hower fourth, 14:30.00.
  - 4x400 relay: VHS second, 4:45.31.
  - 4x800 relay: VHS fourth, 11:53.00.
  - Long jump: Haley Freidel fifth, 13'7"; Megan Sauder ninth, 13'3/4".
  - Shot put: Heidi Harkness 19th, 26'2 3/4"; Kayla Miller 23rd, 25'6 1/2".
  - Discus: Caitlin Siegel fifth, 87'9"; Megan Sauder 20th, 67'1".

- Sophomore Boys**
- 100: Miguel Piper 24th, :13.00; Josh Manning 27th, :13.50; Dylan Fischbach 35th, :18.90.
  - 200: Josh Manning tie-22nd, :27.20; Miguel Piper 26th, :27.70; Dylan Fischbach 35th, :36.70.
  - 400: Dylan Fischbach 17th, 1:13.90.
  - 3200: Logan Peterson 10th, 12:09.30.
  - Long jump: Jay Munger 12th, 14'6 3/4".
  - Triple jump: Jay Munger fourth, 32'7".
  - Discus: Avery Garcia second, 111'3".

## BRUNICK PLACES FIRST



The Commercial Bowling League finished their bowling season April 12. Brunick Service took 1st Place. Picture left to right Dave Brunick, Matt Kruse and Marty Sorensen. Other team members are Brandon Benzel, Curt & Pat Gregg & Dustin Tomhave.

## ARAMARK CLAIMS FIRST



The Ladies National Bowling League finished their bowling season April 17 at Leo's Lounge. Aramark took 1st Place. Picture left to right Mindy Baylor, Sandy Marker, Dawna Andersen, Marion Sprecher, Judy Barta and Dorothy Wright.

## FLANNERY'S IS #2



Flannery's placed second in the Ladies National Bowling League. Pictured left to right are Marlene Gratzfeld, Mary Mock, Marilynne Kaiser, Linda Manning, Ina Peterson, Kathy Heles and Cathi Powell. Not pictured are Shelly Myron and Victoria Goltz.

## Compton drafted by Washington

With the 193rd pick in the sixth round of the 2012 NFL Draft, the Washington Redskins selected two-time, University of South Dakota All-American, senior offensive lineman Tom Compton, Saturday afternoon at the historic Radio City Music Hall in New York. Compton becomes the 12th Coyote drafted in school history and the first since 1990.

"This is truly a great feeling to be drafted into the NFL," Compton said. "I have worked so hard for this goal and I'm excited to get the opportunity to play. The entire draft process has been a great one, I knew when I selected my agent I would have a great chance of making my dream a reality. All of the work put in Training for the combine and pro day prepared me well."

Compton, a native of Rosemount, MN, becomes the first draftee USD has had under the current seven-round draft format, and is the first Coyote drafted since Dave Elle in 1990 to the Phoenix Cardinals.

"Time couldn't have gone by any slower in anticipation, but now it's time to go to work and make the team," Compton went on to say. "I would like to thank my family, all my teammates, coaches, staff and faculty at USD for supporting me and believing in me. I know not many Coyotes get this opportunity and I will do my best to represent the University. I'm definitely proud to be a Coyote."

## Coyote Athletics honors 2011-12 Howling Pack Award winners

The University of South Dakota athletic department announced its 2011-12 Howling Pack Award winners Sunday at a ceremony at the Muenster University Center on the University of South Dakota campus. The event was organized by South Dakota's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC). The annual event recognizes Coyote individual and team accomplishments on the field and in the classroom, as well as community service efforts. Awards highlighting the coach, team and play of the year are voted on by the SAAC committee, while the South Dakota staff bestows several accolades including Male and Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

**UNsung HERO**  
Winner: Kenna Wolter - Women's Track (Outdoor)

**PLAY / PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR (AWARDED TO EITHER A SINGLE ATHLETE OR A TEAM)**  
Winner: Women's Basketball

## Another Coyote track and field relay record falls at Drake Relays

The University of South Dakota men's 4x1,600 relay set a school record to lead the Coyote track and field teams in competition Friday at the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. It's the second straight day a Coyote relay has set a school record at the meet.

The Coyotes' 4x1,600 relay set a school record and was in contention for the win for much of the race. That group, which ran a time of 16:59.62, consisted of sophomore Jeff Mettler (Eureka, SD), sophomore Travis Brenner (Yankton), junior Ethan

OT win over SDSU

**COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD (AWARDED TO ONE COACH)**  
Winner: Ryan Williams - Women's Basketball

**TEAM COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD (ONE TEAM)**  
Winner: Soccer

**OUTSTANDING TEAM OF THE YEAR AWARD**  
Winner: Women's Basketball

**OUTSTANDING: FRESHMAN, SOPHOMORE, JUNIOR, SENIOR AWARD**

- Outstanding Male Freshman  
Winner: Kyle McKelvey - Men's Track and Field
- Outstanding Female Freshman  
Winner: Analisa Huschle - Women's Track and Field
- Outstanding Male Sophomore  
Winner: Jeffrey Mettler - Men's Cross Country
- Outstanding Female Sophomore  
Winner: Bethany Buell - Women's Track and Field
- Outstanding Male Junior  
Winner: Casey Shade - Men's

Marquardt (Albert Lea, MN) and sophomore Jacob Evenson (Sioux Center, IA). Brenner ran the fastest split of the group at 4:07.

Freshman Kyle McKelvey (Beresford) was 11th in the men's shot put at 55-5 1/2.

Several Coyote women had good showings in Friday's competition. Sophomore Bethany Buell (St. Louis, MO) tied for sixth in the pole vault at 12-7 1/2, with freshman Emily Grove (Pontiac, IL) tying for eighth, also at 12-7 1/2.

Track and Field  
Outstanding Female Junior  
Winner: Alexa Duling - Women's Track and Field

Outstanding Male Senior  
Winner: Chris Ganious - Football  
Outstanding Female Senior  
Winners: Elizabeth Hoffman - Women's Swimming  
Emma Ladwig - Women's Track & Field

**DR. JOHN VAN WHY AWARD**  
Winner: Tom Compton - Football

**CATIE TOBIN AWARD**  
Winner - Amber Hegge - Women's Basketball

**CARL AND HAZEL HOY AWARD**  
Winners: Alexa Duling  
Women's Track & Field

**LOUIE KROGMAN - MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
Male Scholar-Athlete Award  
Winner: Chris Ganious - Football  
Female Scholar-Athlete Award  
Winners:

Annie Roche - Women's Basketball  
Emma Ladwig - Women's Cross Country

**COYOTE CHARACTER AWARDS:**

Winners:  
Natalie Newman - Women's Track Indoor  
Jasmine Mosley - Women's Track Outdoor  
Kristin Steffen - Women's Cross Country  
Travis Brenner - Men's Cross Country  
Jeffery Mettler - Men's Track & Field

Veronika Makashov - Tennis  
Natalie Welseth - Volleyball  
Steve Tecker - Men's Basketball

Annie Roche - Women's Basketball  
John Vining - Men's Golf  
Nicole Funck - Women's Golf  
Joe Dolan - Men's Swimming  
Madisen Roberts - Women's Swimming

Will Powell - Football  
Kassie Loe - Softball  
Kaiti Porter - Soccer

## Coyote Softball sets dates for 2012 Girls Softball Clinics

The South Dakota softball program will hold its 2012 Girls Softball Skills Clinics in May and June. Each clinic will include educational hands-on instruction from USD Softball Coaches and Players.

The first clinics are set for May 8 for grades four through eight. A skills clinic is set for 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. that day, with that clinic covering baserunning, hitting, fielding and throwing skills. A pitching or catching clinic is set for 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. that day. That will cover the fundamentals of pitching along with catching instruction.

The second date for the clinics is May 23, and those are open to individuals in grades K-12. The pitching or catching clinic is set for 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. on May 23; that clinic will cover the fundamentals of throwing

moving pitches. The second clinic that day is a skills clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., which will cover baserunning, hitting, fielding and throwing.

The final clinic is set for June 12-13. One session is set for 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on June 12, with the second session being held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 13. The camp will include instruction on all skills of softball.

A link to the clinic brochure can be found at: <http://www.usdcoyotes.com/releases/attachments/2012511517361922365865-1.pdf>

Clinics will be structured around the needs of the attendees. Those interested are asked to pre-register to guarantee a spot. For questions, contact Coach Amy Klyse at (605) 677-6587 or by email at [amy.klyse@usd.edu](mailto:amy.klyse@usd.edu)

## Coyote Track and Field sets 2 more records to finish competition at Drake Relays

The South Dakota track and field teams set two more school records to conclude competition at the Drake Relays Saturday in Des Moines, IA. Saturday's records gave the Coyotes four school records for the meet.

The Coyotes' 1,600 sprint medley relay finished third and set a new school record at 3:53.25, topping the previous time by more than a second. The sprint medley consisted of freshman Analisa Huschle (Bagley, MN), junior Ashley Sveum (Eau Claire, WS), junior Alexa Duling (Gregory, SD) and senior Emma Ladwig (Gayville). That relay finished ahead of teams from Missouri, Iowa and Iowa State.

Duling set a school record in the 400-meter hurdles, running a time of 59.79 to take 13th in the event. Duling topped the previous mark she set by .13 seconds.

Junior Casey Shade (Hartford, SD) was fifth in the men's 800-meter run, running a time of 1:50.78 in a highly-competitive race. Sophomore Jeff Mettler (Eureka, SD) ran the second-fastest time of his career in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, taking sixth at 9:06.04.

The Coyotes' 1,600 spring medley relay was 12th at 3:28.26. That consisted of junior Brandon Kovash (Harrisburg, SD), senior Jared Clement (Le Mars, IA), freshman Lukas Bernard (Watertown) and sophomore Travis Brenner (Yankton).

South Dakota's teams are back in action on Saturday, May 5 at the Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln, NE. The meet is the final tuneup for the Coyotes before the Summit League Outdoor Championships, which are set for May 10-12 in Fargo.

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