

Upcoming Sports Schedule

Tanager Track at Regional Meet, Beresford	May 17
State Boys Tennis at Rapid City	May 17-19
Tanager Girls Golf at State A Tourney, Hot Springs	May 21-22
USD Track & Field at NCAA First Round	May 24-26

Narrow victory advances Tanagers to Region 1B baseball semifinals

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE

Wow! We just had our second Wednesday of fun, games, golf and friendship!

Today is May 9. We had 24 ladies at luncheon, and the chicken and salad were great. Beth Sivano and Anita White furnished the desserts, tasted both and they were great!

Our drawings were: \$5: Pat Steckelberg and Vaneta Youngworth.

Quarters: Vaneta Youngworth, Mary Bartels, Edith Nelson, Ann Stewart (twice), Beth Silvano and Rose Mart.

Bridge report: There was one table. Lois O'Grady was high. We would like more bridge players - come out and join in.

Dominoes report: Three table were playing and the results were:

High: Linda Sorenson, Sue Kappenmann, Eileen Turner, Joan Olson Lynne Hatley and Babe Hurowitz.

Low: Beth Silvano (twice), and Rose Mart (twice), Mary Bartels and Rula Hatch.

Golf report: Played "Bingo, Bango, Bongo and 1 putt". There were five ladies golfing today.

Mary Lea Hennies won with 11 points, Edith Nelson had 10. Guess who was last: Me! Pat S. Oh well, maybe next week.

Come join us. We can always have more fun, friends and games!

Pat Steckelberg, reporter

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE

May 9, 2012. The weather was in full cooperation for WELL tonight. Jackets were on and off at times but no complaints were heard. There was some trash talking when some teams realized they had lost a majority of the ten points available.

Since the WELL board forgot the pin prize last week, two longest putt prizes were awarded tonight.

Nikki Stammer won on hole 17 and Ann Jensen won on hole 10. Low gross was Kathy Merrigan-Manning with a 40 and both Mary Ellen Jensen and Mary Gaur held low net with a 37.

There were three birdies on the back nine.

On #14 Kathy Merrigan-Manning had a birdie and Peggy Donnelly chipped in for a birdie. Nice shot, Peggy! Susan Oberly had a birdie on #15.

It was a great evening and looking forward to more evening like this all summer long. We are still looking for substitutes if anyone is interested in trying WELL.

I will keep you posted on The Rally for the Cure to be held July 11.

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE W.E.L.L. MAY 9, 2012

Team	Points Won
Fairway Fliers	14.5
The Goffers	13
Wedgies - Briefs	13
Pink Tinks	12.5
Two Putts	10.5
Lucky Shots	10
Birdie Bound	9.5
Not Bluffing	8
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Wedgies - Boxers	4

VHS golfers qualify for state tournament

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion High's lady golfers qualified for next week's state tournament as a team, and four of the Tanagers qualified individually as well when the Region 2A tournament was played at Spring Creek Golf Course in Harrisburg.

The top three teams - Sioux Falls Christian at 327, Vermillion at 356, and Canton at 357 - qualified as teams for the state meet, which will be played in Hot Springs Monday and Tuesday.

Kelly Amundson tied for

When the perfect time for Collin Bertram's pickoff move to first base arrived, it worked to perfection. As a result Vermillion's Tanagers advanced to the Region 1B semifinals with a spine-tingling 2-1 victory over Dakota Valley Tuesday night at Prentis Park in the postseason opener.

Although the game pitted the top- and bottom-seeded teams in the region's Eastern Division against each other, there wasn't much to choose between the Tanagers and the Panthers on this occasion. The game hung in the balance throughout, hits and runs were hard to come by, both pitchers were outstanding, and both teams played great defense.

But in the end the Tanagers were just a shade bit better. They took advantage of one of the few opportunities they were given, and their defense was flawless, and in the case of a few plays, it was downright spectacular. And, oh yes. The Tanagers had Bertram on the mound.

Once Vermillion had squeezed out a run in the fourth to take a 2-1 lead, Dakota Valley's Evan Steemken kept them in check without any insurance runs. So it came to the top of the seventh. Of course it wouldn't be easy.

The meat of the Panther batting order was due up, and the No. 3 hitter, Aaron Likness, hit a sharp bounding ball directly at first-baseman Caleb Miller just off the bag. But as it took its last bounce before Miller would glove it and step on the bag, the ball took a wicked hop over his head and continued down the line. The potential tying run was aboard with nobody out.

Clean-up hitter Colin Gunderson grounded to the left side where third-baseman Tanner Anderson gloved the ball on the infield grass and fired to second base where Stormy Mirtz caught the ball for a force on the oncoming runner. One out!

Dylan Strickholm's ground ball to the right side was even tougher. First-baseman Miller ranged far to his right,

stretched to get to the ball and fired it to second base where shortstop Tanner Settles was waiting to complete the force. Two outs!

As the Tanager infield gathered around Bertram at the mound and encouraged each other to finish the job, Strickholm was replaced with a pinch runner at first base, and it was pitcher Steemken's turn at the plate. He and Bertram battled to a full count. Ball 3, strike 2, 2 outs, the final inning, tying run at first, and he would be on the move---a situation that makes baseball the special game it is.

And a situation on which the Tanagers have worked in practice. The infielders could sense what was coming, and Bertram, too, knew what he was going to do. As the pinchrunner put his head down and started churning toward second base, Bertram did not pitch to the plate. Instead the southpaw, looking directly at first-baseman Miller, threw the ball to him. Miller fielded the throw and fired to the second base bag. Settles was there, and the ball was in his glove as he waited for the runner to come in. Three outs! Ballgame!

And at the plate Steemken, awaiting a 3-2 pitch that never came, could only join his teammates in walking away. He certainly had pitched well enough to win most games, having allowed the Tanagers only three hits, one earned run, three strikeouts, two walks.

Vermillion had begun the game in patented Tanager fashion---leadoff man D'Andre Fore gets on base and scores. He walked to lead off the bottom of the first, stole second and scored when Chayse Meierkort stroked a solid single to the outfield for the early 1-0 edge.

Meierkort eventually reached third base but was stranded there when a Steemken strikeout ended the inning. The Tanagers got Miller to third in the third inning on an error, a wild pitch and an infield grounder, but he, too, was left stranded.

The winning run came in the fourth after the first two Tanager batters had been retired. Settles' grounder to shortstop was handled there, but the

throw to first was low and couldn't be handled by the first-baseman. Settles then stole second. Bertram helped his own cause with a seeing-eye single between third and short. Settles scored when the throw from the outfield couldn't be covered by the catcher.

The Tanagers had the lead back, and though it was only 2-1, it proved to be enough.

Once Bertram and his mates got past the second inning, he cruised, but in that stanza the Panthers strung together three of their four hits back-to-back to start the inning. A double by Gunderson, a single by Strickholm and a double by Steemken tied the game at 1-1 at that point.

Then came two plays on which catcher Meierkort stood his ground and protected the plate. On the first a grounder off Andrew Prochello's bat was gloved by Bertram just off the mound. He threw to Meierkort, who applied the tag on Strickholm trying to score from third.

After the two runners moved to third and second on stolen bases, Isaac Faldmo lifted a fly to left field. It was surely a sacrifice fly that would give the Panthers the lead. But left-fielder Nate Garrett uncorked a perfect no-bounce strike to Meierkort, who had positioned himself a yard up the line from the plate. He braced himself for the oncoming Steemken, who carries a good 50 more pounds on his frame than Meierkort does on his, but the Tanager catcher held on to the ball. The double play ended the threat and left the game tied.

From that point on, Bertram retired the next 12 batters, getting the Panthers 1-2-3 for four straight innings. In one of those---the fifth---he had help. For the first out right-fielder Joe Mazour, on the only ball hit in his direction all night long, raced to his left into foul territory, slid as he approached the bullpen pitcher's mound, and caught the ball.

A couple pitches later the second out was just as spectacular. Tanner Anderson is not the tallest third-baseman you will ever see, but he is all

athlete, and the booster rockets in his feet lifted him as high as he could possibly leap. He snared a laser off the bat of Prochello that was destined to roll down the line for extra bases. Bertram then fanned the third batter of the inning, plus two more in the sixth.

It was only fitting that Anderson get the chance to take away a sure base hit from a Panther batter because twice earlier the same thing had happened to him. He hit blue darters in his first two at-bats right into the gloves of shortstop Gunderson and pitcher Steemken, respectively.

Other than Meierkort's hit in the first and Bertram's hit in the fourth that scored the two VHS runs, the only other Tanager hit was also by Meierkort in the fifth, but he was stranded at second when the inning ended.

Bertram, while allowing only four hits (three in the second inning and one on that bad hop in the seventh), struck out six and kept himself out of troubling situations by walking nobody at all.

The victory was Vermillion's 11th in a row and the 14th in 17 games this season. The Tanagers, still undefeated against all teams in their region at 12-0, will host Bon Homme/Scotland, tentatively on Sunday, in the regional semifinal. When those clubs played here last month, VHS won 3-1. In Tabor the Tanagers won in extra innings, 5-4.

Awaiting Sunday's winner in the regional championship game some time next week will be the Western Division champion. That could be anybody. Parkston is 6-4 in region games while Mount Vernon/Plankinton/Woonsocket, Corsica/Stickney/Armour, and Wagner/Avon/Lake Andes are all 5-5. Whoever wins that game, which also would be in Vermillion if the Tanagers are part of it, advances to the state "B" semifinals on Memorial Day at the Sioux Falls Stadium.

Fans can check the starting time and definite date for the next Tanager game at www.sdhighschoolbaseball.org/playoffscore.htm.

VHS track and field athletes travel to Region 4A meet

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Individuals and relay quartets on the Vermillion High track team spent Thursday at the Region 4A meet in Beresford, their last chance to qualify for next week's state meet if they hadn't already done so.

All first- and second-placers at the regional automatically advance to the state meet in the Black Hills.

The Tanager boys had a strong second-place showing at last week's Big 8 Conference meet in Hartford, accumulating 87 team points to trail only champion Madison, which had 133, and outpost West Central's 63. Lennox's 53 and Harrisburg's 49. Highlighting the day were Will Mart and Nick Jensen qualifying for state in the discus and the 4x400-meter relay team winning its event, qualifying for state and posting the fourth-fastest time in school history.

On the girls' side Beth Szymonski was a double winner, and Val Moos brokt the school record in the 100-meter hurdles.

Vermillion had four conference champion individuals in boys' events. Jensen won the shot put at 50'1 1/2" with Mart third at 42'9". Mart was the discus champ at 160'4" with Jensen second at 153'3". Austin Krier won the 800 in 2:04.20. Colin Olson won the 400 in :51.80 with Aaron Ruhaak second, :53.00, and J.T. Sorensen third, :54.30.

The latter trio finished third, fourth and fifth, respectively in the 200 with Ruhaak at :22.50 and Olson and Sorensen at :22.90. Andrew Kost was second in the 110 high hurdles in :16.50 and third in the 300 hurdles in :44.70. Nathan Ford was third in the 1600 in 5:00.90 and third in the 3200 in 10:59.80. Alex Robertson placed fifth in the long jump at 18'7" and fifth in the high jump at 5'9".

The 1600-meter relay team headed for state competition includes Ruhaak, Krier, Sorensen and Olson. They steamed to victory in 3:29.20.

Szymonski and Mackenzie Huber accounted for three Big 8 titles in girls' field events. Szymonski won the discus at 131'6 1/2" and the shot put at 36'2 1/4" while Huber won the pole vault at 9'0".

Moos placed third in both hurdles events :15.10 for her new school mark in the 100s and :48.60 in the 300s. Alyssa Soesbe was fifth in the 800 in 2:43.50 and Megan Olson fifth in the 400 in 1:05.40.

VHS girls relay foursomes were second in the 4x400 in 4:14.70, second in the medley in 4:44.60, fourth in the 4x800 in 12:29.40 and fourth in the 4x200 in 1:53.20.

Prior to yesterday's regional, these were Vermillion's qualifiers for the state meet:

BOYS EVENTS

- * 200m dash: Aaron Ruhaak :22.50, Colin Olson :22.90, J.T. Sorensen :27.90.
- * 800m run: Austin Krier 2:03.60.
- * 1600m relay: 3:29.20.
- * Medley relay: 3:39.70.
- * Shot put: Nick Jensen 50'3".
- * Discus: Will Mart 160'4", Nick Jensen 153'3".

GIRLS EVENTS

- * 100m hurdles: Val Moos :15.10.
- * 300m hurdles: Val Moos :48.60.
- * 1600m relay: 4:14.70.
- * Medley relay: 4:31.60.
- * Shot put: Beth Szymonski 37'4 1/2".
- * Discus: Beth Szymonski 131'6", Stacy Hirsch 116'4".
- * Pole vault: Mackenzie Huber 9'0".

Buell has record-setting pole vault win

Buell's record-setting pole vault win helps Coyote women surge into lead

Sophomore Bethany Buell set new meet and stadium records in winning the pole vault to help the University of South Dakota track and field teams take the lead after the opening day of the Summit League Championships, which are being held at Schlanser Track in Fargo, ND. The Coyote women lead with 38 points, while the men are sixth after just three completed events.

The Coyote women lead Southern Utah by eight points and North Dakota State by nine with four events in the books.

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