Tanager tennis competing at Vermillion Reds begin state tourney in Rapid City

By Parker Knox

Sportswriter

The Tanager boys' tennis team is in Rapid City for the three-day state tournament, which brings the season to a conclusion.

Vermillion played five duals within five days last week. The Tanagers were shut out by Roosevelt and Lincoln by 9-0 scores, lost to Milbank and St. Thomas More by 8-1 counts and fell to Madison 7-2.

James May at No. 2 singles gained Vermillion's point against Milbank. The No. 3 doubles tandem of Will Card and Kevin Helenurm scored the point against STM. In the Madison dual Jacob Ford at No. 4 singles and Card at No. 5 singles won their matches.

S.F. ROOSEVELT 9, VHS 0 Singles

1. David Day lost to Jackson 6-3, 3-6 (5-10). 2. James May lost to Taralson 2-6, 0-6. 3. Mark Helenurm lost to Menke 5-7, 1-6. 4. Jacob Ford lost to Barr 0-6, 0-6.

5. Will Card lost to Herbert 1-6, 3-6. 6. Kevin Helenurm lost to Lyons 0-6, 6-4 (2-10).

Doubles

1. Day/Ford lost to Menke/Herbert 6-6 (2-7), 6-2.

- 2. May/M. Helenurm lost to
- Taralson/Barr 4-6, 0-6.
- 3. Card/K. Helenurm lost to Ptak/Jackson 4-6, 2-6.

S.F. LINCOLN 9, VHS 0

Singles 1. Day lost to Hofer 0-6, 0-6.

- 2. May lost to Hoflin 1-6, 1-6.
- 3. M. Helenurm lost to Dobbs 0-6, 0-6.
- 4. Ford lost to Noldner 1-6, 1-6.
- 5. Card lost to Shultz 1-6, 0-6. 6. K. Helenurm lost to Dalton 0-6, 0-6.

2. May/M. Helenurm lost to 3. Card/K. Helenurm lost to Shultz/Dalton 1-6, 0-6.

Singles 1. Day lost to Waletich 3-8. 2. May def. Kurtz 8-4. 3. M. Helenurm lost to Hepper 4-8. 4. Ford lost to Folk 4-8. 5. Card lost to Lindquist 3-8. 6. K. Helenurm lost to Cantine 1-8.

Doubles

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Singles 1. Day lost to Beldurl 2-8. 2. May lost to Duffy 2-8. 3. M. Helenurm lost to Amlatte 0-8. 4. Ford lost to Casey 7-9. 5. Card lost to Thurness 8-9. 6. K. Helenurm lost to Tenglen 4-8.

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MADISON 7, VHS 2

Singles 1. Dav lost to Golden 2-8. 2. May lost to Leighton 6-8. 3. M. Helenurm lost to Rementel 1-8. 4. Ford def. Green 8-6. 5. Card def. Heim 8-0. 6. K. Helenurm lost to Graff 0-8.

Doubles

2. May/M. Helenurm lost to Rementel/Green 6-8. 3. Card/K. Helenurm lost to

Ladwig won her 10th

championship of her career with

a record-setting win in the 800

meters. She won the event with

a time of 2:07.99, shattering the

previous meet record by nearly

third at 46.76; that consisted of

Huschle. Senior Jasmine Mosley

(Bellevue, NE) placed third in

Gabriel Williams (Sioux City,

dash at 12.19. Sveum placed

the discus at 159-1, while junior

IA) was fourth in the 100-meter

fifth in the 400 meters at 56.85.

The Coyote men won a

hrilling 4x400 meter relay

Sveum, Duling, Ladwig and

The Coyote 4x400 relay took

individual conference

four seconds.

Coyote track and field teams take 2nd at Summit League Outdoor

The University of South Dakota track and field teams capped off a strong week by each finishing second at the Summit League Outdoor Championships, which concluded Saturday in Fargo. Three titles by freshman Analisa Huschle helped the Coyote women earn second with 164 points, while the men, led by a win by their 4x400 relay team. surged into second in the final standings with 133.5 points.

Huschle (Bagley, MN) was named the Summit League Women's Newcomer of the Championships, while Kyle McKelvey (Beresford) was named the Summit League Men's Newcomer of the Championships after both had outstanding performances on the week. Including sophomore Bethany Buell's pole vault win on Thursday, the Coyote women won eight titles on the week, including seven on Saturday alone. Huschle won three titles, junior Alexa Duling (Gregory, SD) captured two and senior Emma Ladwig (Gayville) one, while the Coyotes' 4x100 relay also claimed a win. The Coyote men claimed two titles on the week - sophomore Jeff Mettler's steeplechase win on Friday along with their 4x400 relay win on Saturday – but displayed their depth with several strong finishes and by scoring in all 21 events. For the Coyote women, Huschle had an outstanding day on Saturday with three individual titles, along with a runner-up finish in the long jump and being a member of the winning 4x100 relay team. She claimed the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.03, added a win in the 200-meter dash with a personal-best of 24.12 and also won the triple jump with a personal-best of 40-0 3/4. She was the final leg of the Coyotes' winning 4x100 relay team, which consisted of junior Ashley Sveum (Eau Claire, WS), Duling and Ladwig. That relay team won with a time of 46.63, edging the group from UMKC by .09 seconds. Huschle also took second in the long jump at 19-1 1/2. For the week, in individual events alone, Huschle accounted for 38 points, while also helping the Coyotes score 16 points in a pair of relays. In addition to helping the 4x100 to its win, Duling also claimed two more conference titles, giving her six for her Coyote career. The junior won the 100-meter hurdles at 13.90 setting a school record, a stadium record and a personalbest in the process. Duling also captured the 400-meter hurdles at 1:00.24, setting a new stadium record.

Doubles 1. Day/Ford lost to Hofer/Hoflin 0-6, 0-6. Dobbs/Noldner 1-6, 0-6.

MILBANK 8, VHS 1

- Lindquist/Cantine 5-8.

ST. T. MORE 8, VHS 1

Doubles

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The Vermillion Reds began a summerlong schedule that will see them playing more than 40 baseball games Saturday but took it on the chin from Humboldt twice, 14-2 and 9-3.

However, Monday night they rebounded with a doubleheader sweep over Dakota Valley Grey, 5-4 and 10-0.

The Reds, who are coached by Matt Houk, assisted by Jeff Kratz and Steve Miller, will next be home Monday against Elk Point-Jefferson for a 6:30 p.m. doubleheader. Next Wednesday they host Dakota Valley Grey for a 6:30 twinbill and return to Prentis Park the following night against Yankton for a 6 p.m. doubleheader.

Two destructive innings cost the Reds in Saturday's opener. They were down only 2-1 after two innings, but Humboldt put together a seven-run stanza on three hits and four walks, then added four more runs on five hits in the fourth.

The Reds scored their first run on a double by Wyatt Markee, followed by a twobase infield throwing error, in the second. Their other run came in the fourth when Brandon Mockler was hit with a pitch and advanced around the bases on three wild pitches.

Vermillion's other three hits were a single and a triple by Carter Kratz and a single by Hunter Christopherson. Humboldt garnered 11 hits off three Reds hurlers - Billy Mount, Cam Olson and Markee.

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The Reds took a 2-1 lead in the third inning of the nightcap on a walk and two infield errors, but Humboldt answered with a six-run fourth en route to the sweep. The only Reds hits were a single by Cole Anderson and a double by Mount.

Brett Hansen took the pitching loss. He was followed to the mound by Markee and Christopherson.

Monday's first-game win over Dakota Valley Grey saw the Reds rally from a 3-1 deficit after five innings. Up to that point the only Reds run had come in the fourth when Mount was hit with a pitch, stole second and scored on Christopher's single. Meanwhile, starting hurler Kratz had held Grey in check on five hits while striking out seven, walking only two and stranding five baserunners.

The Reds got to within 3-2 in the sixth. Kratz led off the inning and struck out but reached base on a passed ball. He stole second and scored on Mount's double.

Joe Miller started the winning three-run rally in the Reds' final at-bat with a walk. An error at third base with one out set the table for Kratz, who came through with a game-tying double. Mount was walked intentionally to load the bases, but Mockler crossed up the Dakota Valley strategy. He put his bat on the ball, grounding into a force play at second base which scored Cole Anderson with the lead run.

Kratz, the runner behind Anderson on

the bases, noticed that, following the force play, he was being given no attention as he stood on third base, so he kept running and scored what proved to be the winning run.

Reliever Markee, who had kept Grey scoreless in the fifth and sixth while stranding four runners, went out in the seventh to try to save the game. Grey did get one run back on a three-base throwing error and an infield grounder. With two out Dakota Valley put the tying run on first base via a walk, but the game ended on an unusual force play. The Grey batter slammed what seemed to be a single into center field, but center-fielder Mount alertly picked up the ball and threw it to second for a center field-to-shortstop force play to end the game.

Markee and Miller had two hits each among the Reds' seven.

The nightcap proved to be no contest as the Reds scored five in the first, three in the second and two in the third, thanks in part to wildness on the part of every pitcher Grey sent to the mound. Along with five first-inning walks came a well-stroked double into the left-field corner by Mount to score the game's first two runs. Kratz had a two-run single in the third.

Meanwhile, pitcher Christopherson walked Grey's first batter, but after that he retired nine batters in a row, six of them on strikeouts. The game was called after three innings by mutual agreement because of the lateness of the hour.

Mettler claims steeplechase title with record time

Sophomore Jeff Mettler won the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase to pace the University of South Dakota track and field teams at Day 2 of the Summit League Outdoor Championships Friday in Fargo. The Coyote women are in second with 62 points with nine events in the books, while the men are in fifth (41.5 points) but are just 6.5 points out of third with eight events scored.

Mettler (Eureka, SD) became the Coyotes' second individual champion of the week with his win in the steeplechase. He set a new meet record with a time of 9:01.85, shattering a record of 9:05.19 that had stood since 1983. Mettler won Friday's race by more than 11 seconds.

Also for the Coyote men, freshman Kyle McKelvey (Beresford) had a good showing in the shot put, taking second at 54-9. Sophomore teammate Cody Snyder (Lake Andes) was

Sophomore Adam Mikkelson (Gregory, SD) was fifth in the high jump with a height of 6-5, with freshman Jeff O'Connell (Philip, SD) tying for seventh at 6-1 1/4. Senior Tanner Willard (Belle Fourche) was sixth in the men's decathlon with a personal-best score of 5,475 points.

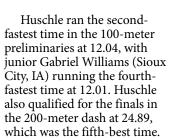
The Coyotes had two individual score points in the long jump, as senior Chad Pinkelman (Norfolk, NE) was seventh at 23-2, with O'Connell taking eighth at 22-11 1/4.

Leading the way for the Coyote women Friday was freshman Analisa Huschle (Bagley, MN), who was second in the long jump at 19-1 1/2, with senior teammate Kenna Wolter (Santa Maria, CA) taking seventh at 18-0 1/2.

Senior Jasmine Mosley (Bellevue, NE) was third in the shot put at 50-0, with senior Darci Schwartz (McCook Lake,

Sophomore Tansha Clarke (St. Catherine, Jamaica) finished fourth in the women's heptathlon at 4,492 points. Junior Carol Miller (Mead, NE) finished eighth in the 3,000meter steeplechase at 11:15.54, which was a personal-best time by nearly four seconds.

Preliminaries Several events held their preliminary rounds on Friday with the Coyotes recording several good performances.



Senior Emma Ladwig (Gayville) ran the second-fastest time in the 800-meter run at 2:14.52, just .01 seconds behind NDSU's Brittany Schanandore.



1. Day/Ford lost to Golden/Leighton 2-8. Rubarbs/Heagen 6-8.

event, edging the team from NDSU by just .33 seconds. The winning South Dakota team, which ran a time of 3:16.33, consisted of freshman Lukas Bernard (Watertown), freshman Jeff O'Connell (Philip, SD), freshman Erik Hill (Tea) and junior Casey Shade (Hartford, SD).

South Dakota had an excellent showing in the discus Saturday, scoring 19 points with athletes taking second, third and fourth. Sophomore Cody Snyder (Lake Ândes) was second in the event at 165-8, with senior Kyle Wheeler (Omaha) taking third at 165-7, less than three inches away from a personal-best. McKelvey, who had taken second in the shot put earlier in the week, was fourth at 164-11.

In addition to being part of the winning 4x400 relay team, Shade had strong finishes in both the 400 and 800. Shade took second in the 800 meters at 1:51.08 and was third in the 400 meters at 48.01.

Senior Jared Clement (Le Mars, IA) had a strong day in the sprints with a pair of topfour finishes. He was second in the 200-meter dash with a personal-best time of 21.51, and took fourth in the 100-meter dash at 10.83.

Hill added a fourth-place finish in the 110-meter hurdles with a personal-best of 14.79 and was seventh in the 400meter hurdles at 54.03. The Coyotes' 4x100 relay was third at 41.54; that consisted of senior Tim Brown (Rapid City), junior Brandon Kovash (Harrisburg), Clement and junior Michael Burrus (Papillion, NE). Junior Kyle Ballew (West

Hills, CA) was fourth in the pole vault at 15-11 1/4, while senior Chad Pinkelman (Norfolk, NE) was fourth in the triple jump at 46-7 1/4,

South Dakota's teams now turn their attention to the NCAA West Preliminaries, which are set for May 24-26 in Austin, TX.

seventh at 50-6.

SD) taking seventh at 45-4.

