

Upcoming Sports Schedule

USD Track & Field at NCAA First Round
 State A Track Prelims in Spearfish
 State A Track Finals in Rapid City
 Vermillion Post 1 at Renner
 Vermillion Red Sox hosts Garretson

TBA May 24-26
 May 25
 May 26
 6 & 8 p.m. May 30
 7:30 p.m. May 30

BLUFFS BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES LEAGUE

Good Morning – it is May 16 and a wonderful day to be out. We had 22 ladies gathering today for luncheon.

Barb Boone and Agnes Mockler provided the delicious desserts.

I had one of each. Our \$5 drawing winners were: Edith Nelson and again – ME! Guess I have a lucky streak going here!

Quarters winners were: Mary Bartles, Beth Silvano, Joyce Zimmerman, and well – ME Pat Steckelberg, Janet Hof, and Jan Chapman.

See what I mean – lucky streak!

I did not receive a report from the Bridge ladies. There was one table though and – yes, someone had to be HIGH!

Dominoes report: There were three tables. With the winners as follows:

Round 1 – Joan Olson, Agnes Mockler, and Eileen Turner.
 Round 2 – Jan Chapman, Mary Bartles, and Joyce Zimmerman.

Round 3 – Vaneta Youngworth, Beth Silvano, and Eileen Turner.

Total Score: Jan Chapman, Mary Bartles, and Joyce Zimmerman.

Golf Report: Today we played "Roll the Dice." This game was chosen to

a golfer who had not golfed for three years would not feel pressured. She (Beth Silvano) had no trouble keeping up with the rest of us. Great golfing Beth. Glad to have you back. There were seven golfers – great number but we would like more! Come join us.

Edith Nelson won with a final count of 21 and Mary Lea Hennies was second with 28. A little tidbit – a weird thing happened on hole number 2!

When I putted from off the green my ball hit Beth's ball and thankfully it put her closed to the hole. As long as my putt was I am surprised it happened.

There are still many weeks left of fun and friendship. Join us. There will be no golf though on May 30 as there is a tournament but luncheon and afternoon games are still on.

Pat Steckelberg, reporter

WEDNESDAY EVENING LADIES LEAGUE

Wednesday, May 16, was another beautiful evening for ladies' golf. The WELL board still cannot get everything coordinated and, again, forgot to put out a pin prize tonight. Lynette Wulff found six golf balls while walking the course; she actually found seven but the gentleman asked for it back.

The birdies were flying tonight with three on #3 by Mary Mock, Lynette Wulff and Jennifer Steele. Susan Oberle had a birdie on #9 and Kathy Merrigan-Manning had one on #5. Jennifer Steele had a great round with low gross of 39 and low net of 27. Congratulations Jennifer! The 50/50 of \$6 was won by Jonie Hook.

Bertram's no-hitter helps Tanagers claim Region 1B semifinal game Sunday

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

Any no-hitter is one of baseball's golden moments. But a no-hitter in the midst of a pressure-packed sudden-death postseason playoffs stretch against the defending state "B" champions is downright spectacular. A spectacular night is just what it was at Prentis Park on Sunday.

Collin Bertram shut down Bon Homme/Scotland from the mound without a hit, his defense supported him flawlessly, and the Tanager offense clawed and scratched to get a single run as Vermillion beat the visitors 1-0.

By winning this Region 1B semifinal classic for their 12th straight victory, the Tanagers moved into the regional championship game later in the week as host team against Mount Vernon/Plankinton/Woonsocket. The winner of that contest plays at 10 a.m. Monday at Sioux Falls Stadium in the state "B" semifinals.

With workmanlike precision Bertram faced only 22 batters in seven innings---one more than the minimum. Besides the obvious---allowing no hits and no runs---he struck out seven and walked two. Meanwhile, the Tanagers used a one-out first-inning single off Caleb Miller's bat, a botched double-play attempt by Bon Homme, and an RBI hit by Tanner Anderson to manufacture the game's only run.

Vermillion stranded two runners in that first inning and one each in the

second through fifth innings, but losing hurler Ross Kortan kept the Tanagers off the scoreboard the rest of the way. He, too, struck out seven and walked only one, allowing five hits and that one unearned run, certainly a day's work worthy of a pitching victory on almost any other day.

Bertram had retired six men in a row when Chase Kortan led off the top of the third with a walk and stole second. But he remained there as Bertram struck out Nathan Bares, got Hunter Young on a pop-up to second base and retired Kody Larson on a grounder to second.

With one out in the fourth came the other Bon Homme baserunner. Blase Vanecek walked. With two out, Bertram, who had ended the postseason opener against Dakota Valley last week with a pickoff of a runner, did it again. His throw went to first-baseman Miller as Vanecek headed toward second base. He went back and forth between the two bases as two-thirds of the Tanager team touched the ball during the rundown. Shortstop Tanner Settles, second-baseman Stormy Mirtz, third-baseman Tanner Anderson and center-fielder D'Andre Fore and Miller were all involved until Settles chased down Vanecek and tagged him out just before he could return to first base safely.

After that Bertram retired 10 men in a row to finish the game.

Not only in a no-hitter but in a 1-0 game there is no margin for error,

and the Tanagers on defense made no such errors. Left-fielder Nate Garrett had two fly balls come his way, and center-fielder Fore caught one. Anderson at third base fielded the grounder that went his way without any trouble. Mirtz at second caught two pop-ups and fielded one grounder. Bertram himself came down off the mound to snare a pop-up over the infield that came down near the third-base foul line. First-baseman Miller caught two infield pop-ups and was on the receiving end of five throws from other infielders.

So if anybody saved the no-hitter for Bertram, it was Settles at shortstop, who had three chances, two on grounders straight to the shortstop position, one of them ending the game. But with one out in the sixth, Settles had to go to his right toward third base, field a ball deep in the hole near the outfield grass and throw a cannon shot all the way across to Miller. It got there in time, and that was as close as Bon Homme came to a basehit.

The Tanagers' lone run saw Miller's hit put him on first with one out in the first inning. A ground ball off Chayse Meierkort's bat went to second-baseman Sawyer Fridrich. It was a double-play opportunity, but Fridrich's flip to shortstop Chase Kortan was wide of the bag, and Kortan was unable to touch the sack as he glided by and fired on to first base. So not only was Miller safe, but Meierkort beat the throw to first. Anderson then

came through the RBI hit that made it 1-0.

Settles led off the second with a single, and two sacrifices moved him to third, but he was stranded there when pitcher Kortan ended the inning with a strikeout. A two-out hit by Anderson in the third was wasted as was a two-out single by Joe Mazour in the fourth and a two-out walk by Meierkort in the fifth. In the latter case Anderson, going for this third hit of the game, laced a line drive destined for center field, but pitcher Kortan snared it as it went by his head to end that inning.

The Tanagers went down in order in the sixth, so here came the final inning, and the lead was still only 1-0. The heart of the Bon Homme order was due up, but Bertram got Ross Kortan on the pop-up that Bertram himself caught. Vanecek went down on a called third strike. Ulmer grounded to Settles. Ballgame!

Last week's playoff opener against Dakota Valley took 80 minutes to get through 6 1/2 innings. This one took only 65 minutes.

The Memorial Day schedule at Sioux Falls for whoever qualifies calls for the champions of Regions 1 and 2 to play at 10 a.m., and three games to follow in succession with only 20 minutes in between. The second game matches the champs of Regions 3 and 4. The third-place game matches the losers of the two semifinal contests, then comes the state championship game.

More Tanagers qualify for state track meet

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

Two more individuals and four more relay runners qualified for the state track meet when Vermillion competed in the Region 4A meet in Beresford last Thursday.

Joining previous qualifiers on the long trek to today's Class "A" preliminaries at Spearfish and Saturday's finals at Rapid City will be Nathan Ford, who won the 3200-meter run in 11:09.70 and Andrew Kost, who came in second in the 110-meter hurdles in :16.30.

Also going west will be the Tanagers' 4x100-meter relay team, which took advantage of a dropped baton by Harrisburg to place second in their race in :50.27. Running on that team are Josh Manning, Miguel Piper, Kyle Weiss and Alex Robertson.

Tanager relay teams also won the boys 4x400 relay in 3:33.40 and the boys medley relay in 3:47.40, but VHS had already qualified for state in both of those events.

Nick Jensen and Will Mart had previously qualified in the discus and Jensen in the shot put. Aaron Ruhaak, Colin Olson and J.T. Sorensen had already qualified in the 200-meter dash. Austin Krier had earlier qualified in the 800, but he won't run that event at state,

opting instead to be used in the Tanagers' relay races.

Dylan Fischbach will roll his way down the home stretch in the wheelchair 100-meter dash at state. He finished that event in :18.43 at the regional and the 400-meter wheelchair race in 1:15.60. At state, however, they have only the 100-meter event for wheelchair contestants.

VHS had no new state qualifiers in girls' events at the regional. Val Moos was second in the 100-meter hurdles in :15.25 but had earlier qualified. So had Beth Szymonski and Stacy Hirsch in the discus where Szymonski won at 116'10" and Hirsch was next at 113'11". Mackenzie Huber won the regional pole vault at 9'4", an event for which she had already qualified.

Moos will also compete in the 300-meter hurdles, Szymonski in the shot put and VHS teams in the girls 4x400 and medley relays. Making the trip as relay runners will be Courtney Johnson, Megan Olson, Paige Olson, Sydney Peters and Alyssa VanderLaan.

Other VHS results at the regional meet:

BOYS EVENTS
 • 200m dash: Olson fifth, :24.20; Ruhaak, eighth, :24.70; Sorensen ninth, :24.80.
 • 800m run: Stetson

Kastengren 11th, 2:24.20.

• 1600m run: Ford fourth, 5:15.31.
 • 300m hurdles: Kost fifth, :45.50.
 • Shot put: Jensen second, 48'10"; Mart fifth, 43'.
 • Discus: Mart second, 133'3"; Jensen fourth, 127'1".
 • High jump: Robertson third, 5'7".
 • Long jump: Robertson eighth, 18'3"; Jay Munger tenth, 17'5 1/2".
 • Triple jump: Munger seventh, 35'2 1/2".

GIRLS EVENTS
 • 100m dash: Haley Freidel 11th, :13.52.
 • 200m dash: Johnson ninth, :30.40; Allie Mockler 17th, :33.90.
 • 400m dash: Grace Olson 11th, 1:12.98; Mockler 13th, 1:15.63.
 • 800m run: VanderLaan eighth, 2:45.00.
 • 1600m run: VanderLaan seventh, 6:19.70.
 • 300m hurdles: Moos seventh, :50.30.
 • 4x400 relay: VHS third, 4:17.10.
 • 4x800 relay: VHS fifth, 12:34.61.
 • Medley relay: VHS fourth, 4:37.10.
 • Shot put: Szymonski third, 36'5"; Kayla Miller 21st, 25'6".

VHS tennis scores 4 points at state tourney

By Parker Knox
 Sportswriter

A pair of singles wins, one by Jacob Ford and the other by Andrew Callahan, accounted for Vermillion's four team points at the state tennis tournament in Rapid City last weekend.

Ford, the Tanagers' entry in Flight 4 singles, won a 10-1 consolation-round match, and Callahan in Flight 6 singles won his opening-round match 6-1, 6-4.

Sioux Falls Washington won the team championship.

VHS RESULTS:

• No. 1 singles: David Day lost to Tieszen, Washington, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Waletich, Mitchell, 10-3.
 • No. 2 singles: Joe Swanson lost to Crompton, Aberdeen Central, 6-2, 6-1; lost to Blue, Brandon Valley, 10-0.
 • No. 3 singles: Mark Helenurm lost to Chilom, Brookings, 6-0, 6-4; lost to

Hepper, Milbank, 10-5.

• No. 4 singles: Jacob Ford lost to Zimmerman, Aberdeen Central, 6-1, 6-0; def. Zvorak, Spearfish, 10-1; lost to Jensen, Yankton, 10-4.

• No. 5 singles: Will Card lost to Haffeman, Washington, 6-1, 6-0; lost to Manson, Brookings, 10-6.

• No. 6 singles: Andrew Callahan def. Hersch, Spearfish, 6-1, 6-4; lost to Case, Pierre, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Wever, Huron, 10-1.

• No. 1 doubles: Day/Ford lost to Meinke/Menke, Roosevelt, 6-1, 6-1; lost to Waletich/Kurtz, Milbank, 10-1.

• No. 2 doubles: Helenurm/Card lost to Jensen/Frick, Yankton, 6-1, 6-4; lost to Dobbs/Noldner, Lincoln, 10-2.

• No. 3 doubles: Swanson/Callahan lost to Reyner/Barton, Roncalli, 6-3, 6-0; lost to Patrasco/Heckman, O'Gorman, 10-0.

Krysl and Hoffman named to Academic All-District Team

South Dakota senior swimmers Ryan Krysl and Lizz Hoffman have been named to the Capital One Academic All-District At-Large team, the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) has announced. The all-district honor is the first for Krysl and the second for Hoffman.

South Dakota is part of District 6 in the CoSIDA voting.

Krysl (Omaha, NE) earned the honor after posting a 3.99 GPA during his academic career at South Dakota. Krysl, a biological/biomedical sciences major, has been named to the Summit League Academic All-League team twice (this year's team comes out in June), earning Distinguished Scholar Status both times. He also has been named to the Summit League Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence twice. Krysl has the 16th-best time

in school history in the 200 backstroke (1:58.84) and the 18th-best time in the 200 IM (1:58.18).

Hoffman (Eureka), who earned second-team all-district honors in 2010, finished with 86 event wins in one of the most decorated swimming careers in school history. An English major (pre-medicine), she has a 3.97 GPA. She was a three-time Summit League individual champion and earned 15 All-Summit League honors in her career. She is a two-time selection to the Summit League Academic All-League team, earning Distinguished Scholar Status both years, and also is a two-time selection to the Summit League Commissioner's List of Academic Excellence. She holds 22 school records in swimming. Hoffman earned a NCAA postgraduate scholarship this spring as well, becoming the first Coyote to

earn the honor since moving to Division I.

Krysl and Hoffman both advance to the Capital One Academic All-America Team ballot, where first-, second-

and third-team All-America honorees will be selected later this month.

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