

Tanagers rally to defeat Dakota Valley

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion rallied from a 5-3 deficit in the top of the fourth, then its pitching held Dakota Valley scoreless over the last four innings to preserve a 7-5 victory in North Sioux City Tuesday night as the Tanagers improved their record to 8-1.

The Tanagers go to Beresford tonight (Friday) for the regular season's final contest. Then they will be home for the first round of the regional playoffs early next week, probably Monday or Tuesday, against whoever wins a play-in game between the Nos. 4 and 5 seeds in Region 1B-East.

VHS at 8-1 is assured of being at home for all playoff games as long as the Tanagers are alive. As of Tuesday,

Beresford/Centerville and Bon Homme/Scotland were 5-2, Dakota Valley 3-4 and Elk Point-Jefferson 1-10.

The inability to make plays cost the Tanagers against Dakota Valley on a pair of occasions Tuesday, but by the same token some key defensive plays, once VHS had retaken the lead, saved the day and helped starter Collin Bertram and reliever Colin Olson shut out the Panthers over the final four innings.

Bertram led off the game by beating out an infield chopper to the first baseman and later scored on Tanner Anderson's hit. A bases-loaded walk coaxed by Joe Mazour gave VHS an early 2-0 lead. Jack Brown made it 3-0 in the second when he scored from third on the tail end of a double steal.

But Dakota Valley erupted for a four-run second to jump on top. A

leadoff hit and a walk were followed by a weakly hit ground ball on which Bertram tried to nail the runner advancing to second base. That play wasn't made, and a run scored. After Aaron Likness' infield pop-up fell among three infielders, the table was set for pitcher Isaac Faldmo, who delivered a bases-loaded double that made it 4-3 for DV.

The Panthers went up 5-3 in the third on a single, a stolen base and a dropped fly ball deep in center field.

Vermillion started the game-winning rally in the fourth on its own, then had some help from Dakota Valley pitching in retaking the lead. Leadoff hits by Mazour and Seth Heine started it all. After two were out, a walk loaded the bases. Then two more walks and a hit batter forced in three runs.

Heine's double followed by Bertram's single made it 7-5 in the fifth, and that's where the score would remain.

Dakota Valley didn't roll over by any means. A leadoff walk in the fourth was erased when catcher Jayce Huska nailed a potential base-stealer at second base. A single and a failed pickoff attempt at first gave DV another chance, but Mazour chased down a fly ball in right field, then doubled off a runner at second base to end the inning.

A walk and an error caused trouble in the fifth, but a grounder back to Bertram on the mound set in motion a gorgeous inning-ending double play. Bertram went to third for a force, and third-baseman Tanner Anderson rifled a throw to first to nab the batter.

Olson relieved to start the bottom of the sixth. He mixed in a strikeout between a hit batter and an infield miscue, but Olson picked off a runner at second base for a key out. A foul pop-up to Anderson ended that threat.

The final chance for the Panthers began with Bertram, now playing left field, diving and rolling to make a catch in foul territory for the first out. An easy fly to center and an Olson strikeout ended the game on a high note as he earned the pitching save.

Heine had three of Vermillion's 11 hits off Faldmo and reliever Cody Sexton. Mazour and Bertram had two hits each. Anderson drove in two runs. Brady Dam had three hits for Dakota Valley.

VHS golfers begin Region action Monday Tanagers triumph despite weather at Howard Wood

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Vermillion's girls golf team was scheduled to conclude the regular season at Harrisburg yesterday (Thursday), tuning up for golf when it means the most.

The Tanagers and nine other teams will be at Sioux Falls Monday for the Region 2A tournament out of which three teams will qualify as teams for the state tourney at Milbank on May 20-21. Individuals can also qualify for the state meet even if their full teams do not finish in the top three.

Other schools in the regional with VHS are Beresford, Canton, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Harrisburg, Lennox, Sioux Falls Christian, Tea Area and West Central.

Four of those Region 2A teams were at the Big 8 Conference meet in Madison last week, and Harrisburg emerged as the champion by a seven-stroke margin over Madison, 372-379. The

Tanagers came in third at 398 with West Central at 407 and Lennox at 473.

Madison's Sami Langford was medalist with an 89. Vermillion's best score was Elly Miller's 97, good for 10th place. Allison Heine carded a 99, Brooke Schwasinger and Kate Brockvelt had 101s and Kayla Stammer finished at 103.

In the JV portion of the meet Vermillion was the team champ with a 438 score, besting runner-up Harrisburg by 49 strokes. Audry Miller had a 104 score, Kyleigh Moran and Katie Herrera 109s, Emily Schmitz 116 and Allison Odens 117.

Added to the weather-plagued schedule was the Milbank POET meet on Saturday where state meet favorite Parkston won the team title with the Tanagers third. Heine in fourth place with a 90 was Vermillion's best round of the day. Stammer's 96 gave her 12th place. Schwasinger and Brockvelt tied for 18th with 104s.

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Vermillion's track teams were scheduled to compete yesterday (Thursday) in the Big 8 Conference meet at Harrisburg to ring down the curtain on an abbreviated regular season.

The Tanagers next compete back at Harrisburg again next Thursday in the regional meet, the last chance to qualify more athletes for the state meet May 24-25 in Lennox and Sioux Falls. First- and second-place athletes in all individual and relay events at the regional automatically qualify for the state classic.

As of Monday of this week, the Tanagers already had these state meet qualifiers:

Girls events: Maddie Lavin in the 1600- and 3200-meter runs; Mackenzie Huber in the pole vault.

Boys events: Austin Krier in the 800-meter run; Colin Olson in the 200- and 400-meter dashes; 1600-meter relay; 1600-meter medley relay. In the latter event Vermillion's time of 3:42.00 is listed as second best in the state behind only Custer.

VHS sent some of its tracksters to Sioux Falls on a pair of miserable weather days Friday and Saturday, but there was one major triumph on Saturday. The Tanager boys' medley relay team won that event at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in a time of 3:42.24. Nathan Svendsen, J.T.



Members of the Tanagers boys' medley relay team – Nathan Svendsen, J.T. Sorensen, Colin Olson and Austin Krier – won that event at the Howard Wood Dakota Relays in a time of 3:42.24.

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Sorensen, Colin Olson and Austin Krier carried the mail to the finish line. It was the first time the Tanagers claimed a team title at Howard Wood since 1984.

On the girl's side, the ladies Medley team sprinted to claim eighth place while running in the first preliminary heat. Also competing for the Tanagers were Mackenzie Huber and Maddie Lavin. Both girls met state qualifying standards.

Maddie broke Blair Gilkyson's 2011, 3200 record running a time of 11:45.17. Mackenzie tied her best jump of the season with an 8'06." Nate Ford and Dylan Fischbach

competed in the 3200m race. Each ran/rolled in tough conditions. Dylan was the first South Dakota wheelchair athlete to compete against regular runners.

At the O'Gorman Invitational on Friday the medley team had also broken the tape first, winning in 3:45.93 with the same four men carrying the baton.

Also at the O'Gorman meet Nathan Samudzi placed fourth in the 100-meter dash in 00:11.53, and Nathan Ford placed fourth in the open-class 3200-meter run in 11:05.35.

Denney named SL Pitcher of the Week

South Dakota senior pitcher Erica Denney was named the Summit League's Pitcher of the Week in a release by the league on Monday. It is the first SL Pitcher of the Week honor for Denney, who was named Great West Pitcher of the Week once previously.

Denney struck out six batters in her team's 5-1 series opening victory against North Dakota State on Friday. She allowed only three hits and one unearned run in the complete game effort. The Coyotes were the only league team to beat the Bison in the regular season and snapped a 15-game NDSU winning streak.

Denney and the 'Yotes will be participating in their first-ever Summit League Softball Championship beginning on Thursday. USD will open with a 4 p.m. game against Fort Wayne.



CHURCH SCHEDULES

BERGEN LUTHERAN Church: "The little white church on Timber Road." Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert

Blessed Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 995 N. Sioux Point Road, Dakota Dunes, SD. Weekend Masses: Saturday, 4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 9:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

BRULE Creek Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 11:00am, Sunday School 9:45am to 10:45am.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod: Worship Sunday 6:00 p.m., Bible Study Tuesday, 9:00 p.m., Neuharth Center, 624-5398 or 1-800-998-1234

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 102 Prosp: Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.; Bible Study 9:00 a.m.; Bible Study 12:00 noon; Wednesday Night Classes, 7:00 p.m.

Concordia Lutheran Church (LC-MS) 7 South University Street, Vermillion. Divine Service - Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday School - Sunday, 9:20 a.m. Pastor Samuel Needham.

CORNERSTONE CHURCH: Located at the corner of Crawford & Cherry St. Celebration Service: Sunday - 9:00 or 10:30am; During school year: Impact for Kids (5-11), Wed - 6:00pm-7:30pm; For more information Check us out at Cornerstones.org or (605)624-8809.

DALESBURG BAPTIST Church 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Regehr. 9:45am, Sunday School; 11:00am, Morning Worship; Mid-week Services Wednesdays, 7:00pm. (605)253-2622.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church: 12 miles North of Vermillion on University Road. Worship Services 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Website: www.dalesburglutheran.org

Elk Point Baptist Church, Sunday worship at 11:00am, Tuesday evening Bible study at 7:00pm. 101 North Green St., Elk Point, SD 57069. (605)222-1981

FAITH FELLOWSHIP of the Open Bible on Bypass 50 and Highway 19: Sunday Celebration 10:30 a.m. Pastor Tony Armbrust, 624-2921.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH: 401 Main Street, Makell, NE. Worship: 10am. Sunday School: 9am. Communion: 1st and 3rd Sundays. (605)658-0240 (home) (402)-692-3323 (church).

Faith United Lutheran Church, ELCA, 44874 303rd St/Po Box 168, Volin, SD 57072, (605)267-2277. Sunday Worship: 9:30am with Holy Communion the 1st & 4th Sundays. WOW Wednesday program beginning at 6:30pm for all children 3 yrs old - 7th grade, and confirmation classes for those in grades 8th & 9th.

FIRST BAPTIST Church Elmer "Sandy" Aakre, Pastor 624-6391 home, 624-4658 church. Time: 9:15 Sunday School, 10:30 Worship. Sunday Choir Practice, 11:50 a.m.

GAYVILLE LUTHERAN Church: Sunday School 10:15 a.m., Worship 9:00 a.m. Pastor Ralph Egbert.

GOSPEL CHAPEL Church, 708 Jessie St./Highway 12, Newcastle, NE. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday worship 10:30 a.m.; AWANA Wednesday at 7 p.m., 402-355-2305. Pastor Chuck Myers, 402-355-1335.

GRACE BAPTIST Church, SBC, Pastor Steve Ford, 1102 E. Main. Phone 624-4949. Adult's and Children's Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Prayer Meeting Wednesday Night 7 p.m.

HILLSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH (C&MA) 1800 Constance Dr. West on Cherry just before you go down the hill. Worship Sept.-May 10:30a.m., May-August 10a.m., AWANA Sunday School small groups. 6 0 5 - 6 2 4 - 4 8 6 2 , www.hillside-cc.com

IMMANUEL Lutheran Church, Elk Point, SD: Worship Service 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

KOMSTAD COVENANT Church, Rural Beresford and Centerville, SD: Matt Styles, Pastor. 18 miles north on University Road. Phone 563-2402. Sunday School 10 a.m., Worship Service 11 a.m.

PLEASANT VALLEY Lutheran Church, Rural Vermillion: Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Holy Communion First Sunday of every month. All welcome.

PROVIDENCE REFORMED Church, 830 Madison: Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. "We Welcome You To Historic Protestant Worship And Fellowship."

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ST. PAUL'S Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. Sunday: nursery available. 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist. 11:00 a.m. coffee hour. Call 624-3379 for more info. The Rev. Rita Powell, priest.

Trinity Lutheran Church 816 E Clark St Worship Schedule: Saturday evening: 5:30 PM and Sunday morning: 10:00 AM

Radio broadcast: Sunday morning at 10 AM on KVTM Radio, AM 1570. Holy Communion celebrated each Saturday evening and the 1st and 3rd and 5th Sundays each month. Pastor Trisha Boese Facebook: Trinity Lutheran - Vermillion, SD

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