

## Tanagers defeat Dakota Valley 10-0

By Parker Knox  
Sportswriter

Vermillion had a 23-game winning streak against fellow Class "B" baseball teams snapped last Friday, but the Tanagers started a new victory string Tuesday in the first round of the 2013 regional tournament.

They will be perfectly content with only five in a row this time. That would mean a repeat of their state "B" tournament title.

The Tanagers had had a couple of shaky outings in the past three weeks, even though they won all but one of them, but this victory left no doubt. What's next? A second-round tournament game at home against Bon Homme-Scotland, probably tonight (Friday) at 6 p.m. The winner of that one goes into the Region 1B championship contest early next week, but the opponent and the site won't be known until tonight's second round is over.

Tuesday's 10-0 five-inning triumph over Dakota Valley at Prentis Park saw a return of Tanager baseball as we have come to know it – pitching superbly, playing solid defense, putting the ball into play to force the other team to make outs, running the opposition ragged on the basepaths, and, above all, making them pay dearly for every mistake.

Vermillion whacked out 10 hits, some of which never left the infield but were turned into hits by Tanager speed. The winners stole six bases and also benefited from the Panthers' giving mood – seven walks, two hit batsmen, four wild pitches and four errors. All of those gifts can cause a lot of damage, and on this night they did.

Meanwhile, Collin Bertram faced only 16 batters in five innings, allowing two hits, no runs and one walk while striking out one. Dakota Valley had only four baserunners. The first singled but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double on a strong peg from first baseman Seth Heine to second base. The second walked but was forced at second base on an inning-ending infield grounder to second baseman Pete Haught, who handled five fielding chances flawlessly. The



That's Vermillion's Regan Bye in that cloud of dust, successfully stealing second base during Tuesday's action against Dakota Valley at Prentis Park.

third baserunner was the man who hit that ball that ended the inning.

The last Panther to reach base did so only because his Texas Leaguer into center field dropped just in front of a sprinting, diving Colin Olson in center field. The next batter also hit a fly to Olson. Bad decision! Olson caught that fly and easily doubled off the original baserunner at first base. Just to make that inning complete, the Panthers were retired when third-baseman Tanner Anderson slid into foul territory and made a circus basket catch of a fast-dying foul ball from the seat of his pants.

Outfield flies to Jack Brown and Olson in the fifth left the Panthers, trailing by 10 runs, with only one out remaining. On a sharp grounder to his left, Anderson at third made a difficult stop of the ball look easy and fired a strike to first base to end the Dakota Valley season.

Bertram, the VHS leadoff man, singled in the first, reached third base when DV pitcher Isaac Faldmo fired wildly in a failed pickoff try at first, and scored on Jayce Huska's sacrifice fly. Anderson reached base on another infield error, and after a hit batter and Haught's infield hit, Anderson scored when Joe Mazour was conked with a pitch, forcing in a run.

Jack Brown's double ignited a four-run second. An error followed, and when Tanner Settles laid down a beauty of a bunt to sacrifice the runners along, he beat it out for a hit. Faldmo's wild pitch let in a Tanager run. Huska singled, and although one runner was thrown out at the plate, Anderson came through with the game-breaking hit, a single that scored a pair. He later scored on Olson's sacrifice fly.

VHS padded its lead with two in the third. Mazour walked, stole second and

scored on two wild pitches by reliever Andrew Prochello. Jack Brown walked, was wild-pitched around and scored on the second of Bertram's three hits.

Needing two runs to end the game by the mercy rule in the fifth, Bertram and Settles led off with hits. A wild pitch made it 9-0. When Huska walked, Anderson was then intentionally walked by Dakota Valley, hoping for a double play and a miracle to keep the tenth run from crossing the plate, but Olson hit a screaming line drive off pitcher Jacob Bellis' body. The ball caromed toward third base, and by the time it was picked up, the run had scored, and the game was over.

Every Tanager batter reached base at least once. Bertram, Olson and Anderson had two RBIs each and Mazour one.

**Regular Season**  
If ever there were a game to be quickly put in the past, if possible, it

was the Tanagers' regular-season finale at Beresford last Friday. A 14-3 defeat at the hands of Beresford-Centerville was Vermillion's first loss to a Class "B" team in two years. The last time VHS lost to a "B" school was in tournament play at the end of the 2011 season when Beresford edged Vermillion, 7-6.

When Collin Bertram led off the game with a ringing double into the right-field corner, who could have possibly imagined that, by the time the Tanagers would get their next basehit, they would be trailing by a 14-0 score!

Bertram's two-bagger was the only hit allowed by starter Caleb Johnke until Joe Mazour led off the fifth with a single. After Johnke walked the next batter, he was relieved by Logan Hunter, who finished the inning and the game. The Tanagers did score three times but still trailed 14-3, putting the 10-run mercy rule into effect when their third out was made. Bertram's second hit of the day ended the shutout, Tanner Settles got an RBI when he was hit with a pitch while the bases were loaded, and Jayce Huska drove in the third run with a sacrifice fly.

Meanwhile, Beresford-Centerville scored one in the first, eight in the second, one in the third and four in the fourth as four Tanager pitchers tried pretty much in vain to find home plate with any consistency. The Tanagers committed one costly error in each of the first three innings that helped prolong the winners' innings. But at the same time, Colin Olson allowed three hits, five runs and three walks while fanning two; Jake Odens allowed five hits, five runs and two walks; Seth Heine gave up two hits and two runs while striking out one, and Huska walked one and gave up three hits and two runs, striking out one. Olson was tagged with the loss, his first of the season, and Johnke got the victory.

Chris Kropenueks and Logan Busch had three hits each for the winners among their 13 hits. Oliver Doeden had four RBIs and Kropenueks three.

Beresford-Centerville apparently used up its quota of hits and runs, however. They were shut out at the hands of Bon Homme-Scotland in their first-round regional game early this week, 9-0.

## Vermillion competitors earn conference titles

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Vermillion claimed three individual conference champions and one winning relay team as the last Big 8 Conference track and field meet was held at Harrisburg last Thursday.

Mackenzie Huber was the champion of the girls' pole vault with a best jump of 8'6". Colin Olson edged teammate Austin Krier by .45 of a second to win the 400-meter dash, :52.13 to

:52.58. Krier got his championship in the 800 in a winning clocking of 2:02.51.

The Tanager boys' 1600-meter relay team also won a conference title with a tape-breaking timer of 3:33.97. Runners were Krier, Nathan Svendsen, Jeremiah Johnson and Olson.

Olson also placed fourth in the 200-meter dash in :23.11. Alex Robertson earned team points in two events – fourth in the long jump at 18'10 3/4" and fifth in the high jump at 5'6".

Vermillion relay teams were second in the medley in 3:59.40 and third in the 400 in :46.83 on the boys' side. In girls' relays Tanager teams placed second in the medley in 4:31.16, fourth in the 800 in :58.75 and fifth in the 3200 in 12:05.81.

Maddie Lavin placed third in the 3200-meter run in 12:02.74. Madison won the Big 8 team titles in both divisions. VHS boys were fourth and girls fifth.

Vermillion lost a line in the final Big 8 Conference record

book when a seven-year-old 300-meter hurdles record of :46.50 set by Nicole Orr of VHS in 2006 was snapped by Madison's Cailyn Schreurs, who was timed in :46.27.

At a Lennox meet earlier last week the VHS girls' medley relay team of Paige Olson, Megan Olson, Sydney Peters and Emma Lunning sped to victory in 4:36.7. The boys' 4x400 team of Austin Krier, J.T. Sorensen, Nathan Svendsen and Colin Olson won their race in 3:29.7.

Maddie Lavin placed fourth in the 1600 in 5:30.1 and fifth in the 800 in 2:29.9, and the girls' 4x800 quartet placed second in 11:36.1. In other boys' relays VHS was second in the medley in 4:06.0 and third in the 4x800 in 9:07.3.

In the boys' 200-meter dash Olson was third in :23.2 and Sorensen eighth in :24.0. Olson placed fifth in the 100 in :11.6, and Svendsen was eighth in :11.7. Svendsen also placed fifth in the 400-meter dash in :54.8.

Tanager tracksters competed in the regional meet yesterday (Thursday) at Harrisburg, their last chance to qualify for next week's state meet at Lennox and Sioux Falls. Through last week's meets Vermillion had these state qualifiers: Maddie Lavin in the 1600 and 3200, Mackenzie Huber in the pole vault, girls' medley relay, boys' medley and 4x400 relays, Austin Krier in the 800 and Colin Olson in the 200 and 400.

### CHURCH SCHEDULES

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**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.

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**DALESBURG BAPTIST** Church, 30503 466th Ave., Beresford, Pastor Darren Rehger. 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

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**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.

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

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