

Football

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Down to only 5-6 available linemen for Saturday's spring game, the Coyotes saw sophomore Stetson Dagle leave with an injury, and then moved freshman tight end Josh Hale to guard for the final drive.

"It's just something we have to deal with; it's part of the game," Saeger said. Everybody that had to fill in did a great job."

Two offensive linemen Glenn singled out as having "come a mile in spring ball" were Jensen, and fellow redshirt freshman Tanner Anderson.

"They've got good feet," Glenn said. "If either one of those kids were a junior college right now, they'd go high Division I. We're really lucky to have them."

It wasn't only on the offensive side where new faces got opportunities, however.

Sophomore linebacker Jim Litrena tied for the team lead with four tackles, while redshirt freshman defensive end Andrew Van Ginkel - whose production wowed coaches throughout the spring - batted down a Saeger pass at the line and recorded an interception.

The Coyotes moved junior Jet Moreland from linebacker to safety, and he capitalized with one the



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South Dakota wide receiver Paul Anderson, right, tries to haul in a pass while Adam Harris defends during Saturday's spring game at the DakotaDome.

defense's four interceptions.

"There's a lot of hype and a lot of energy, and the young guys want to get out there and make the coaches proud," said senior defensive back Adam Juhl, who had two interceptions.

A number of the playmakers on defense didn't see the field Saturday, including senior

linebackers Keyen Lage and Ryan Hillier. But as Glenn pointed out, none of the injuries to guys who sat out should be long-term.

"I don't think any of our injuries are bad enough that we'll hold a kid out for fall," he said. "We've got some time now to get on the mend and get ready for September."

"We need to have

everybody healthy, I know that."

And if they're not ready, the Coyotes have at least developed some depth, according to Juhl.

"They've really bought in, and you can see there's a new feeling around here," he said. "They see that spots are open and that they could have the opportunity to take those spots."

Vermillion Boys Tennis Falls To Yankton 1-8

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The Vermillion tennis team dropped a home match 1-8 to Yankton Tuesday afternoon.

Despite the loss, head coach Betsy Hughes was pleased with the efforts put forth by the team.

"I was really happy with the way the guys played," Hughes said. "They came out really strong and tough. You could really see the improvement

they've made over the season."

The win came out of the number six singles by David Wang by beating Ethan Klemish of Yankton 6-1, 6-1.

The Tanagers were missing the number one spot in singles held by Jacob Ford.

Avery Mollet stepped into the number one spot for doubles where he teamed up with Sam Craig. The pair fell 1-6, 3-6.

"He played really well at the number one spot," Hughes said.

The match was followed by a

fundraiser for the team at Main Street Pub. The entire Yankton bus, 15 players and all the coaches and managers, attended the fundraiser to support the Vermillion tennis program.

"It was also full of community members," Hughes said. "We're thankful for the support."

Next, the Tanagers travel to Brookings High School on Saturday to take on Brookings and Milbank, and then travel to Mitchell on Monday.



THOMAS HATZENBUHLER / FOR THE PLAIN TALK

Vermillion High School's David Wang serves the ball while competing with teammate Daniel Robinson in the number three doubles during the Tangers meet with Yankton Tuesday afternoon. Wang posted to only Tanagers point of the match in the number six singles spot.

Girls Golf Swings For Second

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The Vermillion High School girls golf team was back at home Tuesday hosting the Vermillion Invitational at The Bluff's Golf Course.

The Tanagers took advantage of being at home, swinging to second place in a field of ten teams with a score of 345, just behind Canton who placed first with a score of 339. It was the final home matches for the team this season.

"I think on the front we (have an advantage) because in practices that's where we play, but when we

play the back nine holes it's just like playing a different course," said junior Kayla Stammer. "I feel like we're almost in the same boat as everyone else."

Stammer had the top score for the Tanagers, seventh overall, with an 82. Kyliegh Moran finished with 86, Emily Schmitz 87 and Kate Brockvelt 90 to round out the team's top four. Audry Miiler and Allison Odens both scored a 94.

"I told my teammates that I felt like something weird was going to happen, like it wasn't going to be a good day, but it actually turned out really well," Stam-

mer said. "I didn't start out really well, but as we went on I progressed and I got a lot better. I feel like a lot of that may have been due to the weather and the group I was playing with. It was a lot of fun just playing with them."

Stammer also credited her score to well executed shots onto the green, that allowed for one or two putts into the hole.

The Tanagers compete next in the Dakota XII meet scheduled for May 4 at the Madison Golf and Country Club in Madison, with the Region 2A meet the following week at Bakkers Crossing.

Local Sports News

T&F: Barrett Named Summit League

Athlete Of The Week

ELMHURST, Ill.—South Dakota junior Kelsey Barrett has been named the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Athlete of the Week for the period ended April 26, as released by the league office on Tuesday.

Barrett picks up her first career Athlete of the Week honor after capturing the 10,000-meter title at the Drake Relays. The Britton, S.D., native dropped more than three minutes off her personal best when she clocked 34 minutes, 54.45 seconds. Her time ranks second in the Summit League this season and second in all-time school history.

Waller Named Assistant Sports Information Director

At South Dakota

Waller named assistant sports information director at South Dakota University of South Dakota alumna Britni Waller, who competed four years as a cross country and track and field athlete for the Coyotes, has been named assistant sports information director in the athletics department.

Waller has spent two years working in the sports information department. She served an internship in the summer of 2013, was a student worker throughout the 2013-14 academic year and served this past year as a graduate assistant.

Neb., and attended Lincoln East High School. She earned her bachelor's degree in contemporary media and journalism in 2014. She will complete her master's degree in kinesiology and sport science with an emphasis in sport management in August.

Softball Takes Two USD 7-9, UND 0-4

GRAND FORKS, N.D.—Rachel Cue pitched a four-hit shutout in game one, Megan Green had three RBIs and pitched a complete game in game two and South Dakota took two from North Dakota Tuesday at Apollo Sports Complex. Scores were 7-0 and 9-4.

Cue (9-12) allowed one hit through five innings and four singles in all while striking out five. The reigning Summit League Pitcher of the Week has permitted one earned run in five appearances since April 17. She has totaled 24 innings in that span for an ERA of 0.29.

Catcher Allie Daly was 3-for-5 and had three RBIs. She leads the Summit League with 51 RBIs and has hit safely in 12 consecutive games.

Green (1-1), a freshman from Rapid City, S.D., earned her first collegiate win in the circle and belted her first collegiate home run at the plate in game two. Green finished 2-for-4 at the dish in her first at bats since April 11.

South Dakota returns home for its final regular season games. The Coyotes host Kansas City in a double-header Thursday and begin a three-game series with South Dakota State Saturday. All games will be played at Nygaard Field.

SB: Western Illinois 6, South Dakota 3

MACOMB, Ill.—Western Illinois took advantage of three consecutive South Dakota miscues during a five-run third inning and held on to beat South Dakota 6-3 Sunday in the final game of a three-game series at McKee Stadium.

South Dakota (19-23-1, 10-4 Summit) lost in Summit play for the first time in eight games and saw its title hopes fade. The Coyotes enter the final week 2.5 games behind North Dakota State and one game ahead of IUPUI in the Summit League standings. NDSU and IUPUI square off next weekend in Fargo while South Dakota hosts South Dakota State.

The Coyotes scored twice in the top of the first inning, but gave one back in the bottom half. Western Illinois (16-20, 6-9) tied the game at 2-2 in the third on a base hit by Tierney Bottino that scored Marshall. Western Illinois added four more runs and took a 6-2 lead.

Taylor Steinfeldt's RBI double in the sixth inning scored Katie Cochran for the final run of the day. Kirkpatrick worked through the heart of South Dakota's order in the seventh to earn the win.



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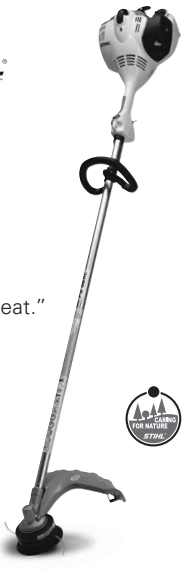
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