

Girls Golf Readies For Regions

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Vermillion girls golf team will head to the Region 2A meet on a high note, after a strong showing at the Dakota XII girls golf meet Monday at Madison Country Club.

The Tanagers placed third in the 10 team field with a score of 386. The Madison Bulldogs led the day in team scores with 363 and Sioux Falls Christian came in second at 378.

Kayla Stammer had the top Tanager score at 92 strokes, placing sixth overall, followed by Kyleigh Moran with 94 and Kate Brockevelt at 99. Emily Schmidt shot a 101 to round out the top four individual scores for Vermillion. Allison Odens and Audry Miller both finished shooting a 105.

Dakota Valley's Mary High shot the top score of the day posting a round of 82.

Next, Vermillion travels to the Region 2A meet at Bakkers Crossing Golf Course in Sioux Falls on May 11 before finishing the

season at the State Class A Tournament back in Madison May 18-19.

Overall Team Results: 1. Madison (M) 363 2. Sioux Falls Christian (SFC) 378 3. Vermillion (V) 386 4. Canton (C) 387 5. Dakota Valley (DV) 397 6. West Central (WC) 408 7. Lennox (L) 419 8. Elk Point-Jefferson (EPJ) 434 9. Beresford (B) 436 10. Dell Rapids (DR) 462.

Top 20 Individual Scores: 1. Mary High, DV 82; 2. Anna Perrenoud, SFC 84; 3. Taylor Bird, M 84; 4. Sydney Gustaf, M 86; 5. Kate Wynja, SFC 87; 6. Kayla Stammer, V 92; 7. Makenna Krysl, DV 93; 8. Janell Healy, WC 93; 9. Alexa From, WC 93; 10. Kennedy Fossum, C 94; 11. Megan Hinker, L 94; 12. Kyleigh Moran, V 94; 13. Samantha Langford, M 94; 14. Taylor Watkins, B 95; 15. Kacie Jacobsen, C 95; 16. Brooke Ehlers, C 96; 17. Tori Johnson, EPJ 97; 18. Hanna North, EPJ 98; 19. Sadie Jensen, B 98; 20. Kate Brockevelt, V 99.

USD Golf Headed For Regional Championships

BY JEREMY HOECK
For The Press and Dakotan

Before making the short drive to the airport for a flight home, coach Nick Hovden gathered his golfers together in a California hotel room early Monday morning.

The Coyotes had a vested interest in the NCAA Division I men's golf selection show.

A day earlier, Hovden's group captured its first Summit League championship in a comeback effort, earning the program a berth in the NCAA Regional Championship - its first regional appearance since 2003 and first at the D-1 level.

"It really hasn't hit yet," Hovden said by phone Monday night, as he was driving back into Vermillion.

As they watched the selection show on the Golf Channel, the Coyotes learned they will be one of 14 schools competing in the Bremerton, Washington, regional on May 14-16.

"It was surreal to see the University of South Dakota up there with all those big schools," Hovden said. Much like the USD

women's basketball witnessed during its NCAA Tournament selection show a year ago, the golfers saw "South Dakota" appear on the screen next to some of the nation's prestigious schools - with the likes of South Carolina, Washington, USC, Baylor, Iowa State and Michigan.

Such company might have meant pressure for the Coyotes, but instead, they're relishing the opportunity, Hovden said.

It was a similar mindset the previous three days for USD at the Summit League tournament in Lompoc, California.

The Coyotes entered the third and final day of action Sunday 11 shots behind leader Oral Roberts and two shots behind second-place Oral Roberts. Eleven shots in one day. That wasn't exactly a position where the Coyotes could be thinking championship, unless everything went their way.

"We did a great job executing our game plan which was to stay patient," Hovden said. "All we wanted to do was put ourselves in

position to make a move that last day."

The Coyotes shot a tournament-best 292 on Sunday and made the full comeback by edging Oral Roberts by three strokes (909 to 912) for the title.

Samuel Matthew, a two-time first team All-League selection, finished third for USD, while teammates Cody Seal (fifth), Matthew Swanson (tie-ninth) and Jordan Rykal (tie-17th)

"They stayed mentally tough, and they worked their butts off," Hovden said. "It was fun to watch all that hard work pay off."

At the NCAA regional, the Coyotes will be golfing alongside four top-20 teams, including South Carolina (No. 7), Washington (No. 14), USC (No. 16) and Baylor (No. 17). The other teams include UAB, TCU, Iowa State, Sam Houston State, Michigan, UC Davis, VCU, Pepperdine and Cleveland State.

The top five teams and the next five individual golfers not among those teams will advance to the NCAA Championship on May 29-June 3 in Bradenton, Florida.

Marathons Fulfill Love Of Travel

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Most people consider it an accomplishment to complete one marathon, but the Vermillion school district's business manager Sheila Beermann has her eye on 100.

"I'm at 77 marathons and I hope to get to 100 by the end of next year," Beermann said. "I started with one or two or three a year and now I run about 15-20 a year. I run one about every three weeks."

Beermann has been running since she was a child and started marathons after her own children grew up and moved away. It helps combine her love of traveling and her love of running.

"I love to run, I love to travel so I can put the two together," she said. "I love people. I just love meeting people and what their makeup is. But I think more, I love the challenge to see how far I can take myself, how far I can push myself."

Beermann has run a marathon in each of the 50 states and has even run three in three days starting in Maine then New Hampshire and ending in Rhode Island.

"You're just exhausted at the end, but you've pushed yourself to the limit," she said.

Now, Beermann is looking to complete all the major marathons.

"I've done New York, Boston and Chicago, so the other three majors are the London, Berlin and Tokyo," she said.

Most recently, Beermann completed the London Marathon on April 26.

"London was awesome," Beermann said. "I took the tour (of London) the day before so I got to see a lot of the places that I ran by on Sunday. It was supposed to rain, it didn't rain. It was really cool."

She was one of about 40,000 runners to participate in the marathon that chooses it's runners on a lottery system.

"It's one of the hardest (marathons), besides Boston, for United States people to get into," Beermann said. "You can apply and apply and apply and very seldom do you get picked."

For Boston, runners need to qualify by running another marathon in under a certain amount of time. The times vary based on age and gender. Beermann has qualified twice in her age group by running a sub four-hour marathon.

Beermann said her most memorable



COURTESY PHOTO
Sheila Beermann holding up her medal after completing the London Marathon on April 26. Beermann has completed 77 marathons and is looking to reach 100 by the end of the year.

marathon was the second time she ran in Boston because she had the opportunity to join Team Hoyt.

"I ran it with Team Hoyt and it was their 30th (Boston Marathon)," Beermann said. "That was one of my slowest because we actually walk them in. It was so hot, it was 91 degrees."

Team Hoyt is a father-son duo with son, Rick, a quadriplegic, pushed by father, Dick, in a wheelchair. The pair has run over 1,000 races together including over 30 Boston Marathons. The Hoyts ran their last Boston Marathon together in 2014.

But, Beermann doesn't set her sights on speed. She runs marathons for the experience and the opportunities to travel to new places.

"I'm looking more for travel," Beermann said. "The people that you meet when you travel for marathon are awesome. They're all different ages, different intent. I stop and take pictures on the way, I don't go for speed I go for the journey."

Fewer marathons are scheduled during the summer months, but Beermann has races scheduled during the summer in Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. She also just ran in the Lincoln Marathon this past weekend in Lincoln, Nebraska.

"It has been an awesome journey," she said. "And part of it, is just to see how tough you can be and finish a marathon."

Greysox Lose Two In Lennox

FOR THE PLAIN TALK

The Vermillion Greysox travelled to Lennox last weekend for the first annual Lennox Charity Tournament where they square off against two teams never seen before in the ten short years of Greysox baseball.

Saturday, the Greys took on the Humboldt Gamecocks and Sunday they hosted the Lesterville Broncos.

Vermillion would give up a total of eight walks and six hits to Humboldt on Saturday and lose the first game 5-3.

Tyler Johnson led the Greysox at the plate going 2-3. Colin Bertram, Grant Lueders and newcomer Jay Thaler all added a hit. The Greysox only managed those five hits in the game and were unable to get timely hits and runs when they needed.

The game was tied 3-3 going into the top of the seventh, but the Gamecocks were able to plate two runs in the top part of the seventh to take the lead 5-3. Humboldt sealed the game by not letting Vermillion get a run, or even a hit, in the final frame.

Garret Harms started on the hill, going the first three innings and only allowing one run on one hit.

In game two in Lennox, Vermillion was bested by the Lesterville Broncos of the South Central League 9-6 in a scheduled seven-inning game.

The Greys jumped ahead in the bottom of the first scoring three runs and capitalizing on three Bronco errors, but would see their early lead slip away in the top of the second. An error for the greys and a few walks and hits for Lesterville gave the Broncos nine runs in the top part of the inning.

The Greys would try to chip away late in the game, but came up short. Jon Merrigan, Mike Moran, Jayce Huska, Grant Lueders and Ethan James each had a hit apiece. Levi Mahrt was credited for the loss, going only one a two thirds innings.

Next up for the Greysox is another non-league game versus the Yankton Tappers Thursday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Yankton. On Sunday, May 10 the Greysox travel to Crofton for a 7:00 p.m. start.

Tennis Swings For Success

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Down two varsity players, Vermillion's tennis team was still able to secure victories over Milbank and Brookings Saturday. They followed that with five wins in Mitchell on Monday.

On Saturday, the Tanagers faced off with host Brookings and Milbank where Ryan Styles won both his singles matches at singles beating Milbank's Sam Jarman 6-2, 3-6, 10-8 and Brookings Dalton Rittershaus 6-3, 2-6, 10-5.

Sam Craig won his match against Milbank's Ryan Schreuers 6-1, 7-6, 7-2.

Avery Mollett stepped into the No. 6 singles spot against Milbank and finished 5-7, 5-7.

Mollett and Craig paired up to win the No. 3 doubles match against Brookings 3-6, 6-4, 10-8.

Due to the absent players, the Tanagers forfeited four matches during the day and fell to both teams 2-7.

On Monday, the Tanagers traveled to Mitchell with take

on Mitchell and Pierre and saw three wins at singles and two at doubles.

Jacob Ford beat Pierre's Jake Rysdon at the No. 1 singles spot 10-2. Meanwhile, Styles and David Wang won their respective matches in tie breakers against Mitchell 10-10; Styles going 7-2 and Wang 7-4 to capture the victories.

Ford and Craig teamed up at the No. 1 doubles to beat Mitchell 10-5 and Pierre 10-8.

The Tanagers fell 3-6 against Mitchell and 2-7 against Pierre.

"The Vermillion team looks good and will hit the state tournament at the right time for playing their best of the season," said head coach Betsy Hughes. "Overall, we have gone from matches last year where we lost 0-9, to this year where we have won as a team twice and we have several wins at singles and doubles each match."

Vermillion's final home match of the season is set for Friday where they host Sioux City East starting at 4 p.m. at the University of South Dakota Tennis courts.

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