

Shepard shares Great West Offensive Player of the Week

USD senior quarterback Noah Shepard has been named the Great West Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Week, the league announced on Sunday. The weekly honor is Shepard's third this season, as he shares the accolade with Cal Poly wide receiver Dominique Johnson this week.

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THIS WEEK IN VERMILLION POOL LEAGUE

By Joe "MOJO" Reiser

Howdy again, folks, another great week of weather has helped the harvest. So, we are going to glean through the games of a week's worth of 9ball results and see how the local pool sharks have fared at the billiard halls.

Here are the standings for week five of the Vermillion Pool League.

- 1) Maya Janes 2 80-45.64 percent.
- 2) Leo's 1 62-38.62 percent.
- 3) Char 2 59-41.59 percent.
- 4) Whimps 29-21.58 percent.
- 5) Char 1 71-54.56.8 percent.
- 6) Eagles 1 41-34.54.7 percent.
- 7) Maya Janes 1 66-59.52.8 percent.
- 8) Eagles 2 65-60.52 percent.
- 9) Varsity 1 61-64.48.8 percent.
- 10) Careys 1 and Leos 4 60-65 percent.
- 12) Leos 2 57-68.45.6 percent.
- 13) Maya Janes 3 and Bunyans 2 56-69.44.8 percent.
- 15) Bunyans 2 55-70.44 percent.
- 16) Varsity 2 33-42.44 percent.
- 17) Leos 3 52-73.41.6 percent.
- 18) Careys 2 12-38.24 percent.

The league takes off the week of Nov. 25, so here is the schedule for December 2. The home team is listed first: Leos 1 vs. Varsity 2; Leos 4 vs. Eagles 2; Maya Janes 3 vs. Careys 2; Bunyans 2 vs. Leos 3; Whimps vs. Bunyans 1; Careys 1 vs. Char 1; Char 2 vs. Maya Janes 2; Maya Janes 1 vs. Leos 2; Eagles 1 vs. Varsity 1.

Seven people dropped the 9ball on the break. These skilled performers were "Blue Barry" Brown, Kase Allison, Gerit Sjolie, Carson Kennedy, Brett Mockler, Dana "DB" Hovalt and Matt Zeman. The latter duo play pool for the Careys 9ballers (the team I shoot for).

The big studs that were "Gold Star" players were Bobby Langner, "Hot Rod" Jensen, Josh Kimlicka, Kurt Kuiper and Dana "DB" Hovalt. The group of players that wound up in the "Bottom of the Barrel" were Danny Doty, Max Payne, Andrew Lesch, Collene Zea and Zac Lacey. Congrats to the hot shooters and sorry to the "o" fers.

Leos 1 made a big move into second place with a dominating win over Careys 2. The trio

of Aaron Baedke, Dave Kezar and Travis "Too Tough" Taggart rode four win nights to a 18-7 victory for the home team. Bobby Langner flexed his pool pipes for a 5-0 win for Careys 2.

The Char 2 defended home turf with a 17-8 win over Maya Janes 3. "Hot Rod" Jensen and Josh Kimlicka were perfect 5-0 sharp shooters for the Charcoal "Grillers." Four of the MJ3 shooters had two wins each. Nate Bork of Maya Janes 2 posted four wins to lead his team to a 16-9 win over Leos 2. Randy Durston, Doug Hanson, Troy Nicks and Brian Lambertz also helped the effort with three wins each. Jami Baedke was a four game winner for Leos "The Duce."

Leos 4, lead by Kurt Kuiper's five wins, won a 15-10 battle with the Bunyan 2 "Bombers." Wade "Blues Man" Hanson knocked off four wins to assist. Eric Hanson was a three game winner for Bunyans 2.

Careys 1 downed the Eagles 2 by a 14-11 score. Dana "DB" Hovalt banged in five wins and a 9ball to ground the Eagles. Justin Snyder and Ben Boskie helped the Careys 1 cause with three wins each. Matt Zeman had a 9ball break to open the match. Dennis Navratt lead the high flyers with three wins.

The presence of Rian Merrigan once again bolstered the shooting of the Varsity Lettermen in a 14-11 besting of the Char 1 Racers. Merrigan's sharp shooting got his team four wins to go along with three wins each by Luke Muhlbauer, Mike Stewart and Greg Sammelson. The Char 1 team was lead by three win nights from "Blue Barry" Brown, "Big Dog" Sommervold and "Husker."

Jerry Sommervold's four wins lead the Eagles 1 to a 14-11 victory over Bunyans 1. Larry Edwards, Ron Johnson and Cliff Deverell pitched in with three wins each for the Birds of Prey. Jamie Erickson lead the Bombers with four wins.

In the closest match of the night, Leo's 3 went on the road to take down Maya Janes 1 in a 13-12 quest for greatness. Cam Nettetadt, Jon Brooks and Kyle Mollet each banged out three wins for Leos 3. Scott Towels collected four wins and Josh Whatmacallhim bagged three wins for MJ1.

Well, that's all I have for this week. Until next time, I would like to take time to wish everyone a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving. Thanks a million. MOJO

USD women's track, field wraps up 'Girls on the Run'

After participating in the national "Girls on the Run" program for the last three months, The University of South Dakota women's track and field team will conclude the course on Saturday with a 5k run/walk at the Yankton-Sioux Trail at 12:30 p.m. in Sioux Falls.

"As an athlete, I don't think there could be a better community service program to be involved in because Girls on the Run gives you the opportunity to not only help young girls learn to embrace who they are, but also allows you to help them learn healthy habits through running activities," said Alexa Duling, who is a sophomore sprinter on

USD's squad.

A group of 10 Coyote student-athletes have helped educate and prepare local Vermillion girls for a lifetime of self-respect and healthy living. The group has met twice a week since Sept. 8 to partake in the character development program that teaches social and personal skills. The USD women's track and field team has been assisting by leading activities and acting as mentors for the youth. Each session concludes with an exercise segment, either running or walking, and now the season will end with the final goal of Saturday's event. Participating and completing the

sessions and the final 5k run/walk gives the girls a sense of pride and accomplishment.

"Spending several hours a week with third through fifth graders, who are constantly full of energy, laughter and hugs, has reminded me the importance of keepings the values Girls on the Run teaches in my life," Duling said. "I have really enjoyed watching the girls grow, develop and learn to celebrate their strengths.

Girls on the Run in Vermillion is an extension of Girls on the Run Sioux Falls, which is led by the Sioux Falls YWCA.

Former Coyote Stamer signs contract with Cleveland

Josh Stamer, a former standout on The University of South Dakota football team, has signed a free-agent contract with the Cleveland Browns.

Stamer, a veteran linebacker, signed the contract last Wednesday. Injuries have hit the Browns' linebacking corps hard, as D'Qwell Jackson and Eric Barton have both been lost with season-ending injuries. Stamer's addition will provide veteran experience to that group.

Stamer was released by the Tennessee Titans on Sept. 5 after spending the 2008 season with the Titans. He has appeared in 86 games in his seven-year NFL career, with five of those seasons being spent with the Buffalo Bills.

Stamer was a two-time All-North Central Conference pick at USD and holds both bachelor and master's degrees from USD. Stamer is one of two former Coyotes in the NFL currently, joining Stefan Logan, a kick returner for the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Browns will face the Steelers in Cleveland on Dec. 10.

USD men's basketball signs three for 2010-11 season

South Dakota head coach Dave Boots announced on Friday, Nov. 13, that three recruits have signed a National Letter of Intent to join the Coyote men's basketball squad. Steve Tecker of Brule, WI, Trevor Gruis of Ellsworth, MN, and Jared Bartling of Sioux Falls will begin their South Dakota career during the 2010-11 academic year.

"This class will bring us size and athleticism," Boots said. "Trevor and Jared are very athletic at 6-9 and both play hard. Steve is a strong and athletic wing who does a lot of things for a team. All of them will fill some needs that we will have for next year."

South Dakota will have two scholarships left for the late signing period in April. Below are biographies for USD's Fall 2009 signees.

Steve Tecker - Guard - Brule, WI

A 6-foot-5 guard, Steve Tecker led Northwestern High School to a school-record 25-1 overall record and an appearance in the state semifinals as a junior in 2008-09. He was a unanimous selection to the Division 2 all-state team by the Wisconsin Coaches Association after averaging 21.4 points, 6.6 rebounds and 2.2 steals during the season.

Tecker also earned third-team all-state honors from the Associated Press, while the Duluth Tribune named him its player of the year. He was selected to the first-team all-area by the Eau Claire Leader and Superior

Telegram and is currently ranked the No. 6 player in the state of Wisconsin by Wisports.net. As a sophomore, Tecker averaged over 17 points to earn first-team all-conference honors while helping Northwestern to a 15-6 record.

During his freshman year, the team notched a 20-4 record behind an average of 15 points from Tecker and made the regional finals. He also earned first-team all-conference accolades. A three-year varsity starter, Tecker has scored 1,188 points and collected 584 rebounds in his prep career for Coach Dan Cowley. He is the son of Johnny and Deanna Tecker.

Tecker on USD: "I really liked the players and coaches at South Dakota. I think I could be able to come in there and play some minutes and contribute to the team right away, and I always wanted to play in Division I, so USD

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Seniors still out on the links

On Nov. 10, a strong turn out of 19 players came to play match play golf.

The team with the best score of 34 was Allen Clem, Cal Peterson and Ken Beringer. Peterson dropped a 14-foot birdie putt on #11, while Clem made the other birdie for their team on #12 as he sank a 10-foot birdie putt.

The next best score was a 36 turned in by Pat Boyle, Elmer Mount and Vern Holter. Boyle had the honor of playing the entire 18th hole by using his shot every time and ended up with a birdie for his team.

There was another 36 carded by Ross King, Dave Zimmer and Gene Iverson. Iverson led his team to victory by watching a 30-foot birdie putt drop on #10.

Senior golf continues as long as weather permits.

College Sporting News honors Shepard

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LEAGUE BOWLING

Ladies National League		November 10, 2009		
Team Name	Won	Lost		
Lama's Cleaning	175.0	123.0	Darlis Labahn	180
Whimp's	168.0	131.0	Linda Manning	174
Market Street	152.0	146.0	Mary Mock	169
Team BK	147.0	150.0	Dawna Andersen	165
Pace's	135.0	165.0		
Aramark	117.0	180.0		
High Scr. Game-Team	Score	High Scr. Series	Score	
Pace's	620	Sandy Marker	490	
Aramark	616	Linda Manning	453	
Whimp's	544	Marilynne Kaiser	452	
High Scr. Game	Score	Darlis Labahn	433	
Sandy Marker	196	Mary Mock	427	

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