

USD men roll past Mayville in home opener

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The USD men's basketball team came into the game against Mayville State College wanting to put on a show for the crowd in the home opener for the Coyotes.

By the end of the game, USD had done just that, but not without a little trouble at first in the Coyotes 99-67 win over the Comets.

The Coyotes had a 10-point 41-31 lead at halftime, but Mayville State hit two quick three-pointers right away to narrow the lead to 41-37 with 18:45 before USD's defense locked down on the Comets.

"We had a great crowd and the team wanted to show everybody how good we are," USD head coach Dave Boots said. "We were on our heels a bit and I decided to switch to our trapping defense and things started to pick up. We forced some turnovers and took them out of some sets they were trying to run."

Mayville State stayed within five points at 49-44 before the Coyotes went on an 18-7 run to grab a 67-51 lead on rout to the victory.

Junior Mitchell Bouie said the team's play on the defensive end helped feed the offensive play in the second half.

"Coach Boots told us to make the defense our offense, and we did that," Bouie said. "That helped our offense and our shooters started knocking down three's and we started hitting our shots down low."



Coyote guard Louie Krogman (left) drives for the basket past Mayville State's Micah Berge early in the second half of South Dakota's home opener on Friday night. (Photo by David Lias)

Mayville State head coach Justin Johnson said even though his team stayed with USD for a while, foul trouble kept his team from staying in the game.

"We competed for a while, but most of our bigs had four fouls and once we lost them, it was hard to stop their forwards," Johnson said. "Whether it was the touches in the

post they were getting or the offensive rebounds, they overmatched us with the amount of fouls we had and it was too much to overcome."

The Comets had 14 fouls by halftime and finished with 25 fouls total and two players, Alfonso McNeal and Dominic Kringlen, fouled out.

USD started with a 2-0 lead and Mayville State tied the game up at 2-2 and then 4-4, but that's the closest the Comets got as they never had the lead in the game.

USD went on a 7-0 run and built an 11-4 lead, with seven points coming from senior Tyler Cain.

Mayville State kept the game within single digits until sophomore Louie Krogman hit a three-pointer from the left arc to put USD up 22-12 with 9:19 left in the first half.

The Comets responded with a three from Marcus Carson, but the Coyotes quickly grabbed the double-digit lead back and held it for the rest of the half.

Mayville State came into the second half ready to cut into the lead and got back-to-back three's from Carson and Micah Berge and the score was close until freshman Jake Thomas hit a three to put USD up 52-44 and started the Coyotes' 18-7 run.

USD's lead reached 21 points when senior Steve Smith put back an offensive rebound to put the Coyotes up 76-55 with eight minutes left in the game.

Then with 1:19 left, Bouie hit a

lay-up and a free-throw after getting fouled to put the Coyotes up 97-65.

Bouie hit the final shot of the game on a lay-up with 11 seconds left to give the Coyotes the 99-67 win.

USD ended the game with seven players in double figures for points. Boots said the team has a good amount of balance in its offensive rotation.

"Anyone on the team can spark us offensively," Boots said. "They will all get their opportunities."

Cain led the team with 18 points and added eight rebounds and five assists.

Cain said the way the team played helps open up his game.

"We have so many guys that can get it done on offense," Cain said. "I'm just feeding off all the guys and it allows me to have a great night tonight."

Bouie added 16 points and eight rebounds.

"I use my quickness to my advantage and I'm blessed with some good jumping ability," Bouie said.

Smith had 16 points and six rebounds. Krogman tacked on 14 points and three steals. Thomas finished with 12 points, five assists, four steals and four three-pointers.

Senior Roman Gentry had 10 points and five rebounds. Carson led the Comets with 18 points and Aman had a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

Tanager football team members receive awards

By Parker Knox
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Three members of the Vermillion High School football team have earned All-State recognition from the South Dakota Football Coaches Association, and six Tanagers received all-conference honors from the Big 8 Conference.

Local players honored on the SDFBCA All-State team for Class 11A are three VHS seniors - Nick Mart as offensive guard, Kyle Freidel as defensive back and Jordan Robinson as punter.

The Big 8 Conference recognized Nick Mart, Kyle Freidel, Bennett Johnson and Tanner Mart on its all-conference first team and Chris Mart and Chase Allen on its honorable mention list. All six men are seniors.

VHS head coach Gary Culver this week announced the winners of team awards among the 2009 Tanagers, headed by Nick Mart. Considering that he was chosen as the team's outstanding offensive lineman as well as its outstanding linebacker and one of two team captains, it is no surprise that Mart also won the top recognition of all, that of most valuable player.

Kyle Freidel was named outstanding offensive back and outstanding receiver. Chris Mart was honored as most improved player, Bennett Johnson as outstanding defensive back, Chase Allen and Will Mart as outstanding defensive linemen, Niko Cruz as outstanding specialty teams player and Earl Kiertzner as the other captain.

Thirty-five Tanagers lettered this fall, including a class of 14 seniors who will leave huge holes to be filled in all phases of the game. Four of them--Nick Mart, Tanner Mart, Kyle Frei-

del and Jordan Robinson--lettered for the fourth year.

Lettering for the third season were seniors Chris Mart, Chase Allen, Gerrit Heine, Bennett Johnson, Tom Amundson, Earl Kiertzner and Will Schaffer. Nick Anglin earned his second letter, and Brian Hanson and Niko Cruz lettered for the first time.

Eleven juniors qualified for letters this fall, all of them for the second time in their high school careers. Those lettermen are Tyler Husby, Scott Iverson, Andrew McCann, Dexter Mehlhaf, Marquis Knight, Carson Sullivan, Blaine Hubert, Alex Larson, Ben Kozak, Joey Mueller and Cody Olson.

Sophomore Will Mart earned his second Tanager letter. Sophomores becoming lettermen for the first time each were Stetson Kastengren, Dan Goeden, D'Andre Fore, Brenden Raizola, Clint Hubert, Paul May, Riley Vlasman, Nathan Garrett and Todd Schaffer.

Season Statistics

The 2009 Tanagers, who defeated Lennox, Canton and Madison while losing to South Sioux City, St. Thomas More, Dell Rapids, Harrisburg, West Central and Dakota Valley, topped their opponents in two team statistical categories.

Despite returning punts two to three times more than their opposition, the Tanager return men gained 195 yards to the opponents' 121. Vermillion also had 1,023 in punt yardage in 32 punts while opponents had 762 yards in 22 punts.

Vermillion almost held its own in yards gained on the ground. Opponents rushed 382 times for 1,654, an average of 183.8 yards per game, while the Tanagers weren't far back at 1,551 yards in 327 rushing attempts, an average of 172.3 yards per game on the ground.

Opponents completed 45 of 84 passes for 671 yards, an average of 74.4 yards per game through the air, and VHS completed 33 of 73 attempts for 482 yards, or 53.5 yards per contest.

In total offense Vermillion ran 400 plays for 2,033 yards, or 225.9 per game, and the opponents ran 466 plays for 2,324 yards, or 258.2 yards per game.

Opponents had 126 first downs to the Tanagers' 96 and lost 10 of 12 fumbles to Vermillion's five lost out of nine miscues.

There was a difference of only three yards in total penalty yards between VHS and the opponents. Kickoff return yardage was 571 for the opponents off 29 returns and 433 for the Tanagers in 26 attempts.

Vermillion was outscored 174-139 but had 17 rushing touchdowns to the opponents' 18. The other teams, however, scored seven passing TDs to the Tanagers' one. Vermillion also scored eight extra-point kicks, three two-point conversions, three field goals, one safety and one touchdown on a punt return.

Starting quarterback Earl Kiertzner completed 45 percent of his 71 passes for an average of 15.1 yards per completion. Kyle Freidel and Bennett Johnson were No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in pass receiving yardage, Freidel with 224 yards in 13 catches and Johnson with 123 yards in 10 receptions.

In rushing Freidel was the runaway individual leader with 722 yards in 121 carries, averaging 6.0 yards per rush. Tanner Mart gained 286 yards in 62 attempts, Jordan Robinson 211 yards in 38 tries, Bennett Johnson 180 yards in 42 carries and Kiertzner 78 yards in 37 attempts.

Robinson averaged 45.6 yards per kickoff, attempting

23 of them. Will Mart averaged 44.7 yards per kickoff, attempting seven. In kickoff returns Johnson ran back 12 for 225 yards, averaging 18.8 yards per return, and Freidel returned 10 for 135 yards, averaging 13.5. Freidel was the top punt returner, bringing back 10 punts for 165 yards.

Freidel was the individual scoring leader with 64 points on 10 touchdowns and two two-point conversions. Robinson accounted for 34 points on three TDs, 7 extra-point kicks and three field goals.

On the defensive side of the line of scrimmage, Nick Mart with 63 solos and 17 assists led the way in total tackles with 80. Tyler Husby was next with 39 solos and 11 assists for 50. Will Mart had a total of 44, Chris Mart 39, Tanner Mart 38, and Johnson 37.

Other individual statistics not already mentioned: Passing: Husby 1 of 2 for -1 yards. Rushing: Preston Ellenbolt 4-20, Mehlhaf 4-14, Husby 8-17, Kozak 8-25, Raizola 1-0, McCann 1(-2). Receiving: Chris Mart 3-61, Ellenbolt 2-12, Robinson 1-33, Kozak 1-10, Husby 1-9, Olson 1-11, Mehlhaf 1(-1). Kickoff returns: McCann 2-19, Chris Mart 1-16, Kozak 1-12, Robinson 1-17. Punt returns: Johnson 5-27. Fumble recoveries: Chris Mart 3, Freidel 2, Will Mart 1, Kozak 1, Hubert 1, Mehlhaf 1, Vlasman 1.

Interception returns: Freidel 2-27. Scoring: Tanner Mart 18, Johnson 14, Kiertzner 6, Alex Robertson 1, team 2.

Tackles (solos-assists-totals): Allen 16-9-25, Freidel 19-6-25, Mehlhaf 16-7-23, Knight 20-3-23, Hansen 13-5-18, Robinson 11-3-14, Anglin 8-5-13, B. Hubert 7-5-12, Sullivan 7-4-11, Cruz 7-3-10, Ellenbolt 7-0-7, Raizola 4-3-7, Kozak 5-1-6, Olson 3-2-5, McCann 1-3-4, Iverson 1-2-3, C. Hubert 3-0-3, Mueller 2-1-3, Wilson 2-0-2, Amundson 1-0-1, Fore 1-0-1, Vlasman 0-1-1, Heine 1-0-1, W. Schaffer 0-1-1.

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Winter does not discourage seniors

On Nov. 17, a turn out of 14 seniors was rather remarkable for this time of year. Temperatures in the upper 40s made for a pleasant day of golf.

Winners in the two-person match play were the duo of Rex Huska and Ken Beringer, plus the two-some of Dick

Burbach and Bob Lund.

In the three-man match play, the victors were Pat Boyle, Dick Kellogg and Dave Zimmer. Boyle made a 20-foot putt on #7 for his team. Although in a losing effort, Vern Holter dropped a 24-foot birdie putt on #3.

Seniors continue to play golf into the winter months as long as conditions remain playable.

LEAGUE BOWLING

Bantam Prep League November 15, 2009			Ladies National League November 17, 2009		
Team Name	Won	Lost	Team Name	Won	Lost
Bowling Girls	12.5	7.5	Lamie's Cleaning	191.5	135.5
Super Strikers	12.0	8.0	Whimp's	171.0	158.0
The Lucky Strikers	11.0	9.0	Market Street	170.0	158.0
Bowling Buddies	10.5	9.5	Pace's	162.0	168.0
Turkey Hunters	10.0	10.0	Team BK	159.5	166.5
Team 4	10.0	10.0	Aramark	129.0	198.0
Bowling Queens	9.0	11.0	High Scr. Game-Team	Score	Score
Team 8	4.0	8.0	Super Strikers	486	440
High Scr. Game-Team	Score	Score	Team 3	440	567
Super Strikers	486	440	The Lucky Strikers	437	560
Team 3	440	567	High Scr. Game Boys	Score	Score
The Lucky Strikers	437	560	Logan Peterson	151	148
High Scr. Game Boys	Score	Score	Sam Craig	147	184
Logan Peterson	151	148	High Scr. Game Girls	Score	Score
Sam Craig	147	184	Sharrie Stammer	141	170
High Scr. Game Girls	Score	Score	Kayla Stammer	138	162
Sharrie Stammer	141	170	Kathie Herrera	101	161
Kayla Stammer	138	162	High Scr. Series-Team	Score	Score
Kathie Herrera	101	161	Super Strikers	1367	1621
High Scr. Series-Team	Score	Score	The Lucky Strikers	1236	1534
Super Strikers	1367	1621	Team 3	1136	1527
The Lucky Strikers	1236	1534	High Scr. Series Boys	Score	Score
Team 3	1136	1527	Ryan Brunick	363	504
High Scr. Series Boys	Score	Score	Braiden Tucker	360	486
Ryan Brunick	363	504	Jacob Peterson	457	465
Braiden Tucker	360	486	High Scr. Series Girls	Score	Score
Jacob Peterson	457	465	Linda Manning	441	441
High Scr. Series Girls	Score	Score	Kayla Stammer	372	424
Linda Manning	441	441			
Kayla Stammer	372	424			

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