



Rolfe, Hoffman win three events each to lead Coyote swimming and diving teams against UND

Terry Rolfe and Elizabeth Hoffman won three events each to lead The University of South Dakota swimming and diving teams in their season opener against rival North Dakota Saturday in Vermillion.

Rolfe won three events for the USD men, who fell 145-135 to the Sioux, while Hoffman won three events for the USD women, who fell in the dual 177-125.

The USD men enjoyed a strong 2009-10 debut, winning eight events.

Rolfe (So., Newcastle, WY) won the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 1:59.61, just edging George Philbin of North Dakota by .10 seconds. Rolfe also won the 200 back-

stroke with a time of 2:15.92 and added a win in the 200 IM (2:14.10).

Thad Stoddard (So., Douglas, WY) also had a big day for the USD men, as he won the 100-meter backstroke with a time of 59.30 and added a win in the 100 freestyle (54.02). Also winning two events for USD was Chris Hause (So., Overland Park, KS), who won the 1-meter diving with a score of 2:18.10 and also won the 3-meter diving at 248.50.

Nick Challengren (Fr., Cedar Falls, IA) edged teammate Matt Weyer (So., Taos, NM) to win the 800-meter freestyle. Challengren finished with a time of 9:13.08, while Weyer was at 9:13.12. Weyer was second in the 400 freestyle at 4:26.88.

Bridger Miller (Jr., Upton, WY) was second in the 100 breaststroke at 1:11.46, while Ray Wieser (Jr., Vacaville, CA) was second in the 200 butterfly (2:21.09). Dane Van Arkel (So., Colorado Springs, CO) was second in the 50 freestyle at 24.96. Wieser was also second in the 200 breaststroke at 2:39.37.

In the 200 meter relay, USD was second at 1:50.23.

For the USD women, Hoffman picked up where she left off during her freshman season.

Hoffman (So., Eureka) won the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:10.49 and the 400 freestyle at 4:38.54. Hoffman also added a win in the 200 IM at 2:30.18, topping teammate Sallie Collins for the win.

Collins was at 2:33.40.

USD's 200 freestyle relay won with a time of 1:55.48. That relay consisted of Kaitlyn Jefferson (Fr., Westland, MI), Rita Buschbacher (Jr., Brighton, MI), Danielle Bolin (Sr., Norfolk, NE) and Emily Connelly (Sr., Lincoln, NE).

Kayla Smith (So., Woodbury, MN) was second in the 100 breaststroke at 1:18.33, while Shannon Mocerri (So., South Lyon, MI) was third at 1:20.01. Smith also was third in the 200 breaststroke at 2:57.84.

In the 50 freestyle, Jefferson enjoyed a strong Coyote debut, placing second in the 50 freestyle at 28.29. Jefferson was also third in the 100 freestyle (1:02.12). Jackie

Kahnke (Fr., Shakopee, MN) was third in the 800 freestyle.

Hannah Roetzel (Jr., Newcastle, WY) won the 3-meter diving with an effort of 223.15.

Janine James (So., Cheyenne, WY) led the Coyote divers with a third-place finish with 206.40 points in 1-meter diving, while Katie Hines (Fr., West Des Moines, IA) was third in the 200 backstroke at 2:33.64. USD's 200 medley relay was also third at 2:06.10.

The Coyote teams resume action on Friday, Oct. 23 at the Gillette Invitational hosted by the University of Wyoming. The two-day meet begins Friday at 5 p.m. in Gillette, WY.

Tanagers keep Bulldogs on short leash with 35-0 win Four Tanagers will travel to state cross country meet

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Fans who showed up for football in Madison on a miserable wet and cold evening last Friday had to really want to be there. For those who made the trek from Vermillion, the Tanagers — for the first half at least — made sure their misery was worth it.

Vermillion dominated every aspect of the game, with the possible exception of a couple of kick returns, in rolling to a 35-0 halftime lead. The score stayed right there through a mandated rolling clock throughout the second half but more because of the foul conditions and the grace of Coach Gary Culver and his staff than due to anything Madison could do about it.

By halftime the Tanagers, in winning their second of three conference games and their third in seven overall, had accumulated 276 yards in 38 carries and 13 first downs while the Bulldogs had a minus-25 yards in 12 carries on the ground.

"It's always nice to go on the road and be on the winning side of the ledger, especially against a Big Eight Conference rival," Culver said. "I felt we really put a complete game together in all phases — offense, defense and specialty teams. It was just a really good team effort. Everyone did his job all night long."

Culver singled out his offensive line for a lot of credit in clearing the path for ball carriers who gained 298 total yards — 122 of them by Tanner Mart and 120 more by Kyle Freidel. Six others also carried the mail for Vermillion. The Tanagers' starting O-line was anchored by Scott Iverson at center, Nick Mart and Chase Allen on either side of him, and

Gerrit Heine and Tom Amundson at the tackle slots.

Culver described Tanner Mart and Freidel as "a good one-two punch." During the first half when the game was decided, those two were gaining anywhere from seven to 10 yards in almost every carry as the Tanagers steadily and impressively moved down the field in their first four time-consuming possessions.

The coach also gave quarterback Earl Kiertzner an audible pat on the back for controlling the machine, especially considered the slippery-ball, poor-traction conditions.

The Vermillion defense gave Madison absolutely nothing in the first half, and by game's end the Bulldogs still had only 16 ground yards and 72 passing yards. The heart of the VHS defensive line included Blaine Hubert and Will Mart at starting tackles and Chris Mart and Allen at the ends. Dexter Mehlfaf, Tanner and Nick Mart and Tyler Husby were the starting linebackers with Bennett Johnson and Jordan Robinson at the corners and Freidel at free safety.

A host of other players saw action in the second half as Culver called off the dogs with the game already out of Madison's reach. Twenty different Tanagers got credit for tackles.

A 67-yard return of the opening kickoff set up Madison in great shape at the Vermillion 37, but the defense went quickly to work and stopped the Bulldogs with zero yardage on four downs. Then began the Tanagers' first workman-like drive. An 18-yard scamper by Chris Mart and another 18-yard gain by Freidel were the big plays on a dominating drive that ended with Freidel crossing over from the 6-yard line.

After another three-and-out

by the defense, the offense staged a punishing 49-yard possession with Freidel again converting on the TD, this time from the 7.

The defense gave the offense field possession at the Madison 39 on the third possession, and on this night that was so easy it was almost unfair. Freidel got the call from the 8-yard line in scoring his third TD.

A snap over the punter's head and into the end zone gave VHS a safety for a 22-0 lead. On the next possession VHS rolled again with Freidel getting his fourth TD from the 12.

The Tanagers had to work harder on their fifth possession, getting the ball at their own 19. But 74 yards later, Tanner Mart scored the 7 with 44 seconds left in the half.

Believe it or not, the Tanagers had another chance to score in the half, recovering a Madison fumble at the 7 with seven seconds left, but Culver wouldn't allow it to happen, already leading by 35-0.

There was no scoring in the second half. The Bulldogs' one good chance to dent the scoreboard came in the last minute when they reached the 9-yard line and called a timeout to plot strategy for a final play. Brian Hansen made the tackle short of the goal line to preserve the well-deserved shutout.

The regular season ended last night (Thursday) against West Central at Hartford as the Tanagers faced the challenge of playing the state's top-ranked 11A ballclub. By Saturday playoff pairings will be announced, and the first-round games will be played Tuesday. Fans will be able to find the playoff matchups by accessing www.sdhsaa.org.

Whenever the Tanagers play their final game, it will be

the last for an outstanding collection of 15 senior athletes, including Nick Mart, Will Schaffer, Freidel, Kiertzner, Johnson, Chris Mart, Robinson, Allen, Tanner Mart, Hansen, Amundson, Heine, Nick Anglin, Chris Wilson and Niko Cruz.

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Madison 0 0 0 0 --- 0

1st quarter:

VHS: Kyle Freidel 6-yd. run (run failed), 7:04.
VHS: Freidel 7-yd. run (Freidel run), 3:26.

2nd quarter:

VHS: Freidel 8-yd. run (kick failed), 8:39.
VHS: Safety (Madison QB tackled in end zone), 6:43.
VHS: Freidel 12-yd. run (Alex Robertson kick), 5:56.
VHS: Tanner Mart 7-yd. run (kick blocked), :07.

	VHS	Madison
First downs	18	6
Rushes-yds.	50-298	21-16
Passing yds.	0	72
Total yds.	298	88
Passes	0-0-0	6-15-0
Punts-avg.	2-27.0	1-26.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-yds.	4-27	63-25

Rushing: VHS, Tanner Mart 17-122, Freidel 15-120, Ben Kozak 7-23, Earl Kiertzner 1-14, Tyler Husby 4-12, Dexter Mehlfaf 3-9, Brenden Raizola 1-0, Andy McCann 1-(-2), MHS, Derek Mogek 3-20, Chris Shafer 91-13, Cam Shafer 1-6, Mitch Gehrels 1-(-1), Laker Thompson 1-(-10), Matt DeBilzan 6-(-12).
Passing: MHS, DeBilzan 6-7-13, Chris Shafer 0-1-0.
Receiving: MHS, Cam Shafer 2-33, Marcial Solis 2-25, Mitch Benson 2-14.
Tackles (solos-assists-total): VHS, Nick Mart 4-1-5, Will Mart 1-3-4, Chase Allen 1-3-4, Carson Sullivan 1-3-4, Blaine Hubert 3-0-3, Bennett Johnson 2-1-3, Andy McCann 0-2-2, Husby 1-1-2, Brian Hansen 1-1-2, Freidel 1-1-2, Cody Olson 1-1-2, Tanner Mart 0-1-1, Gerret Heine 1-0-1, Niko Cruz 1-0-1, Joey Mueller 1-0-1, Marquis Knight 1-0-1, Raizola 0-1-1, Nick Anglin 0-1-1, Mehlfaf 0-1-1, Chris Mart 0-1-1.

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Four Vermillion cross-country athletes earned the opportunity to compete in the state meet when they placed in the top 20 of their respective races at the regional meet in Beresford last week.

Running at the state event in Rapid City Saturday will be freshman Blair Gilkyson and senior Sophie Nehlich-Arobbia in the girls' race and juniors Alex Card and Robert Osterberg in the boys' race. It is the first time at the state meet for all of them except Gilkyson, who qualified last year as an eighth grader.

"These kids ran excellent races, and all had personal best times," Coach Kelly Fischbach said. "It was a great day time-wise for all of our runners as most of them had their best times of the year. I am very proud of all of our kids."

Gilkyson finished third in the girls' varsity 4K race in a time of 15:36.94. Nehlich-Arobbia placed 13th in 15:52.01.

Card placed eighth in 17:33.37 in the boys' 5K varsity event while Osterberg was 19th in 17:58.88.

On the down side Fischbach said she was "heartbroken for Ashley Brunick, who has battled injury all

season. She gave her all, and we tried to get her to step off the course to protect herself, but she was determined to finish. That determination is what makes her successful, but I really feel for her."

Morgan Hower, who qualified for state last season, placed 33rd in 17:00.54, Jade Postvedt was 46th in 17:54.07, Jackie Hulse finished 52nd in 18:05.53 and Brunick was 60th in 19:31.56.

Other VHS placings in the boys' varsity race were Nathan Ford, 33rd in 18:37.49; Jason Rasmussen, 45th in 20:09.12; Matthew Hirsch, 46th in 20:11.07 and Seth Miller, 47th in 20:13.53.

As a team Vermillion was sixth in both boys' and girls' standings. Lennox won the boys' team title, and West Central, with four runners among the top 10, won the girls' title.

Vermillion had these JV girls placings: Jonna Lynch 13th, Jana Bye 14th, Cassie Donahoe 24th, Ashley Sorensen 26th, Britney Sweeney 28th and Caitlin Britten 46th. In the boys' JV race Micah Rarick had a strong third-place finish, followed by Ryon Fischbach 12th, Colin Olson 18th, Derek Iverson 25th, Kevin Helenurm 26th and Joe Swanson 35th.

USD Cross Country squads fare well at Chili Pepper Festival

Running against nationally-ranked teams at one of the biggest meets of the year, the South Dakota cross country teams fought cold and muddy conditions to claim respectable finishes at the Chili Pepper Festival in Fayetteville, AR, on Saturday. The USD men claimed 17th, while women were 18th. Both squads beat several reputable Division I foes, including Wyoming and LSU.

Senior Rob Gregoire (Wakonda) ran 32:17 over the 10k course to finish 94th overall and lead the Coyote men to a team finish one place higher than defending Great West champions Texas Pan-American. Gregoire was followed closely by freshman Ethan Marquardt (Albert Lea, MN) in 32:23 for 101st. Junior Andrew Duba (Sioux Falls) crossed the line in 117th with a 32:37 and freshman Kiko Mendoza (Eagle Butte) ran 32:50 for 133rd to group USD's top four that was separated by just 33 seconds. Senior Sean Fitzsimmons (Yankton) finished in 33:29 for 162nd, freshman Andy Coy (Hill City) was two places back with a 33:34 and sophomore Nick Beare (Sioux Falls) rounded out USD's top seven with a 33:49 for 173rd. A total of 29 teams

and 243 individuals competed in the men's race.

The USD women also ran well, even without the services of senior Ramsey Fitzsimmons (Yankton) who was ill. Freshman Sigornie Pfeifferle (Grand Island, NE) stepped up to finish the 6k race in 22:53 for 78th place and pace the Coyote women. Junior Sarah Wickman (Iowa City, IA) and freshman Carol Miller (Mead, NE) worked together to

run 23:10 (101st) and 23:19 (110th), respectively. Sophomore Abigail Duling (Gregory) posted a 23:49 for 153rd, while freshman Ali Gress (Papillion, NE) crossed the line in 24:17 for 180th. Sophomore Kelsey Robish (Huron) and junior Tianna Hurtado (Loveland, CO) rounded out USD's top seven in 24:23 (184th) and 24:54 (201st), respectively. A total of 34 teams and 267 individuals competed in the

women's race.

South Dakota wraps up its season at the Great West Conference Championships on Oct. 31 in Newark, NJ. A full preview of the event will be released before the meet.

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