

# VHS tennis results at state girls tournament

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Valerie Robinson was the most successful of Vermillion's players at the state girls tennis tournament in Sioux Falls last weekend.

Robinson, after a first-round bye, lost her opening match but won the next three straight over opponents from Mitchell, Sioux Falls Lincoln and Pierre to reach the consolation championship match. There she lost to Titz of Watertown, 10-4.

In No. 1 doubles play Robinson teamed up with Claire Jones as usual. After a first-round bye they defeated a Brandon Valley team, 6-2, 6-2, but lost to an Aberdeen Roncalli team next, then lost to an Aberdeen Central duo in a match that determined who would advance to play in the fifth-place match.

Jones at No. 1 singles won her opening match over Lynch of Madison, 6-3, 6-1, but lost to Roosevelt and Mitchell opponents in her next two trips on to the court.

Vermillion's Nos. 3 through 6 singles players all lost two straight matches in singles and doubles play.

Vermillion results:

**Singles**

1. Claire Jones def. Lynch, Madison, 6-3, 6-1; lost to Kortan, Roosevelt, 6-1, 6-2; bye; lost to Hegg, Mitchell, 10-6.
2. Valerie Robinson bye; lost to Strohfus, Aberdeen Central, 6-4, 6-2; def. Wells, Mitchell, 10-8; def. Schmidt, Lincoln, 10-2; def. Wollman, Pierre, 10-3; lost to Titz, Watertown, 10-4 in consolation championship match.
3. Abby Weiss lost to Henderson, Yankton, 6-1, 6-4; lost to Johnson, Lincoln, 10-7.
4. Libby Sykes lost to Gauger, Watertown, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Gill, Yankton, 10-2.
5. Shelby Glover lost to Heinert, Washington, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Peck, Aberdeen Central, 10-1.
6. Rose Steinmeyer bye; lost to Salkowski, Rapid City Stevens, 6-0, 6-0; lost to Collins, Rapid City Central, 10-0.

**Doubles**

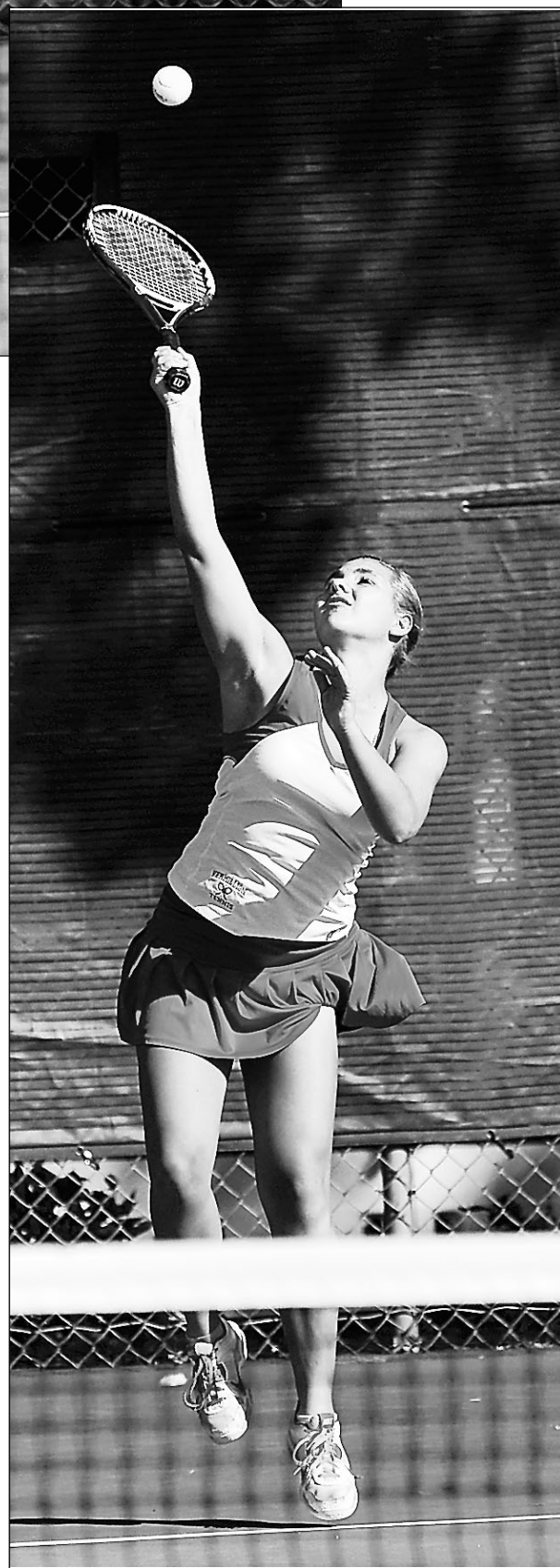
1. Jones/Robinson bye; def. Buse/Naasz, Brandon Valley, 6-2, 6-2; lost to Gunderson/Deiter, Aberdeen Roncalli, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; lost to Brenden/Hansen, Aberdeen Central, 10-1.
2. Weiss/Sykes bye; lost to Strohfus/Peck, Aberdeen Central, 6-0, 6-1.
3. Glover/Steinmeyer lost to Biersbach/Biersbach, Milbank, 6-0, 6-1; lost to Billion/Brower, O'Gorman, 10-0.



LEFT: Claire Jones.

BELOW: Valerie Robinson.

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# Injury-plagued Tanager football squad defeated by Harrisburg 44-6

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While most schools have another game next week, for the Vermillion Tanagers the football regular season will end tonight when they trek to Madison for a 7 p.m. kickoff.

Vermillion stands at 2-5 after a 44-6 loss at home to Harrisburg last Friday. Madison is 1-5 following the Bulldogs' first victory of the year, a 49-0 triumph over Lennox. Earlier the Bulldogs had faced a dynamite quintet of teams and lost substantially to all of them---49-0 to Harrisburg, 40-7 to West Central, 51-7 to Sisseton, 28-7 to Dell Rapids and 46-23 to Milbank.

Madison's win and Vermillion's loss last week established tonight's game as much more important than it might have been originally. "This looks to be a must-win game for us as we will most likely need to get a victory to secure a playoff bid," Coach Gary Culver said earlier this week. "If we do win, then we have a bye week to heal up before the playoffs start."

And the Vermillion team has a considerable amount of healing to get done. The Tanagers were missing four starters going into the Harrisburg game and lost three more as the game wore on.

"Take nothing away from the Tigers," Culver said. "They have an excellent football team, but we were certainly operating short-handed in this one."

The Tanagers, who also defeated Lennox as well as Tea Area, survived a scoreless first quarter against Harrisburg and even took a 6-0 lead early in the second period when Kyle Weiss connected with Nate Garrett on a touchdown pass play covering 19 yards.

But by the time halftime arrived, the Tigers had scored four times and led comfortably, 24-6. They went

on to score twice more in the third period and once in the final stanza.

"I thought we played pretty well through the first quarter and a half, but Harrisburg showed their quick-strike capabilities in the late stages of the first half," Culver noted. "They simply won the war of attrition as the game progressed."

Thomas Hudson, who carried 22 times for 158 yards, had touchdown runs of four and five yards, and he passed to Kory Wheeler for a 10-yard TD. Andrew McCuen passed for two scores, a 32-yarder to Wheeler and a 36-yarder to Jarren Saxon. Cameron Andela had a seven-yard TD scamper, and Brandon Miller, who carried 19 times for 111 yards, scored on a one-yard TD play.

Mitch Brown carried 24 times and gained 76 yards in the process for the Tanagers. D'Andre Fore, who had missed the previous week's Dakota Valley game entirely, returned for limited action, carrying seven times for 69 yards. Avery Garcia's 10 tackles led the Vermillion defensive effort.

Following next week's open date on the Tanager schedule, their playoff opener, should they qualify, will take place Tuesday, Oct. 25, on the road.

Honored at last week's Senior Night game were the Tanagers who will depart via graduation, including Nate Garrett, D'Andre Fore, Tedd Schaffer, Will Mart, Paul May, Dan Goeden, Stetson Kastengren and Riley Vlasman.

**Harrisburg 0 24 13 7 --- 44**

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**1st quarter:**

VHS: Nate Garrett 19-yd. pass from Kyle Weiss (run failed), 11:54.

HHS: Cameron Andela 7-yd. run (kick failed), 8:14.

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# Tanager VB will be on home court this week

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The fourth and fifth matches in a long six-game homestand stretching through most of October will keep Vermillion's volleyballers on their home court next week.

The Tanagers will host Beresford on Tuesday and Dakota Valley next Friday as the season begins to wind down.

Last week Vermillion began the home stretch with a 3-1 triumph over Madison. The Tanagers won 25-23 and 25-17 to take a commanding 2-0 lead. Madison responded with a 25-19 win, but Vermillion finished it off with a 25-17 win in the fourth set.

Coach Lenni Billberg's club got serious contributions from many sources, including Lizzy Bye with 12 kills and 16 digs. Katie Herrera posted eight kills, and Kylie Fischbach had 18 set assists, seven kills and six digs.

Emily McClelland answered the bell with 29 digs and two ace serves. Sami Girard contributed 13 set assists and 13 digs while Beth Szymonski had 10 digs, six kills and two ace serves.

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