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**Rylan Pratt, 32, had 19 rushing yards and Mitchell Sand, 54, led the team with eight tackles in Vermillion High School footballs 29-14 loss to Tea Area in Tea last Friday night.**

# Tanagers Downed By Titans

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Logan Peterson's two touchdowns were not enough for the Vermillion High School football team last Friday night when the Tanagers traveled to Tea Area and fell to the Titans 29-14.

"I thought we did a lot of good things on offense, but we need to finish drives," said head coach Andy Homan. "On defensive there is still a lot of work that needs to be addressed."

Tea scored two touchdowns on their first two drives of the game. Titans quarterback Peyton Conrad ran into the endzone on a 34-yard carry, and on the next possession, Conrad found Evan Munkvold for a 30-yard touchdown pass. Both conversions were not good and the score was held at 12-0 for the end of the quarter.

Tea added another in the second quarter from a six yard carry by Logan Hoon and an extra point by Kade Stearns to hold a 19-0 lead at half time.

The Tanagers put up some points in the third with a minute and a half left in the quarter. Vermillion quarterback Carter Kratz led the Tanagers down the field from the Titans 20 yard line when Matt Ouellette came in a quarterback to finish the drive. Ouellette

found Peterson, who ran the ball into the end zone for a 42-yard touchdown pass.

Tea answered on the next drive on a 13-yard pass from Conrad to Adam Heien and an extra point by Stearns, who added a field goal with about two minutes to play in the game.

Vermillion wouldn't go down without a fight and managed another touchdown with under a minute to play. Peterson scored on an 11 yard run from a hand off and Noah Walker carried the ball three yards for the two-point conversion.

"The offense is coming along and we are proving yards, but we still need to put up more touchdowns in the first half and stop waiting to do it in the second half," Homan said. "We are looking to learn from our mistakes and fix what can be fixed. We will keep fighting and getting better each day."

Vermillion put up 327 total yards with 179 rushing and 148 receiving. Carter Kratz threw for 81 yards with eight complete passes on 16 attempts. Ouellette for four-for-four with 67 yards. Peterson had 127 total yards, 80 receiving and 47 rushing. Walker rushed for 87.

Jon Rosales led the team in tackles with 7.5 and Mitchell Sand had 5.5.  
 On Friday, the Tanagers travel to Sioux Falls to take on the 5-1 Chargers of Sioux Falls Christian before returning home on Oct. 16 to play Lennox. Kickoff Friday is at 7 p.m.

## VHS Golf Ties For 10<sup>th</sup> At States

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The team champion for the 2015 Class A boys' golf is the team from Aberdeen Roncalli. Aberdeen Roncalli held off all competitors for two days as they shot a day one score of 330, good enough for the lead on day one, and then followed up on Tuesday with another 330 to win the title by 10 strokes over second place Parkston's 670. The next three teams in the top five were Sissestoen (683), Dell Rapids (684) and Madison's 687 was good enough for 5th place.

The medalist for the 2015 State golf match was Aberdeen Roncalli's Gabe Heller. Heller posted a two day score of 152 to lead the field on both days. Jacob Lee of Parkston was the medalist runner up. Lee posted scores of 77 and 78 to finish only three strokes behind Heller.

The Vermillion Tanagers were in seventh place after day one shooting a team score of 350. Their second day score of 360 placed the Tanagers in a tie for 10th place with the Tea Area Titans, both teams shooting a 710.

For the Tanagers, Paul Schwasinger led Vermillion both days of the tournament posting an 83 day one and followed up on Tuesday with an 87. Schwasinger's two day score of 170 placed him in a four-way tie for 19th.

Junior Cooper Williams' posted a two day total of 174 placing him in a tie for 26th place. Senior Cole Anderson was four strokes behind Williams and finished in 42nd place for the tournament.

Freshman Ryne Whisler shot identical scores on both days posting a 94 on each day. Whisler finished the tournament in a tie for 67th place. After a season best performance in the Region Meet, senior Sam Craig had a rough tournament and also posted the same score on both days of 95. Craig finished 75th in the tournament.

"Our goal is to win at state golf or at least finish with some hardware," said Vermillion coach Kirk Hogen. "This year we fell a little short. I'm proud of the guys and feel that we have a good nucleus back for next year."

Finishing out the remaining teams at the tournament saw Spearfish in sixth (692), Lead-Deadwood in seventh (692), Chamberlain in eighth (707), Canton in ninth (708), Tea Area and Vermillion tied for tenth (710), St. Thomas Moore in twelfth spot (719), Custer in thirteenth (728), Sioux Falls Christian in fourteenth (729), Sioux Valley fifteenth at 738 and Moberidge-Pollock with a team score of 808.

## South Dakota Tops Preseason Favorites Denver

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The University of South Dakota soccer team finally got the offensive breakthrough it wanted.

And it also happened to come in a conference game against the preseason favorite.

Spurred by two goals from Corey Strang and a handful of other good looks at the net, the Coyotes defeated Denver 4-1 in Sunday afternoon's Summit League game in Vermillion.

Just about everything went right for the Coyotes (3-9, 1-1), who had been shut out in six games this season.

"We haven't had this feeling in a while," said Strang, a junior from Temecula, California. "For me personally, and for the team, it's hard to describe it."

Not only did the Coyotes score their most goals in a conference game since 2009, they beat a struggling Denver (0-9-1, 0-1) squad that was picked to win the league.

More than that, though, USD was simply looking to rebound from consecutive games where it didn't score — including last Friday's league opener.

"It's been frustrating the last few games, because we could tell we weren't doing something majorly wrong, but something still wasn't right," head coach Mandy Green said.

On Sunday, there was plenty to cheer about. Of their 12 shots, more than half came on clear looks at the goal — the Coyotes had a shot hit the post, one sail right over the top and a couple more go just wide.

"We've had this potential for a while, we just had to show it out here," said sophomore Courtney Baker, who scored USD's first goal.

With the game tied 1-1 at halftime, the Coyotes broke through in the second half. Strang scored in the 61st minute and then in the 67th minute, and senior Brenna Bills added another goal in the 86th minute.

By that point, the Coyotes were in control of the Pioneers, the reigning league tournament runner-up.

"This is a great win for us," Green said. "Hopefully this gets us back on track."

While it was certainly a signature win, she said the Coyotes also realize they have six Summit League games remaining — they are at North Dakota State next Sunday.

"Hopefully this is a reversal of fortunes," Green said.

Previous seasons saw the Coyotes pile on the goals in non-conference play, but struggle to score in conference games. Last year USD scored nine of its 33 goals in eight Summit League games.

## XC Competes In Lennox

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Gayville-Volin's Laura Nelson ran to another victory in the girls' varsity division, and Derick Peters of West Central took first for the boys' varsity at the Lennox Invite cross country meet at Lenkota Golf Course in Lennox last Friday.

Peters cruised to the top spot through the 5k course in 16:21, a full 31 seconds ahead of second place Evan Fick of Garretton, who ran the course in 16:52. Caleb De Weerd of Sioux Falls Christian took third place at 16:57.

Vermillion's Justin Sorenson placed 17th out of the 76 runners for a time of 17:55 and the Tanagers top finish of the day.

"Justin ran his best time of the season," said Vermillion head coach Kelly Fishback.

Cordell Sweeny (19:36), Landon Smith (19:44), Tate Neilson (20:22), Nate Bohnsack (20:29) and Riley Palensky (20:36) all competed for Vermillion.

The boys' team averaged a time of 19:24 putting the Tanagers in eighth place out of nine teams.

For the girls', Rachel Brady and Taryn Whisler finished in the middle of the field at 30th and 31st respectively for the best Tanager times in the varsity division. Brady ran a 22:07 while Whisler clocked in at 22:11.

"Rachel Brady makes a big difference when she is healthy, so we look forward to having her the rest of our season," Fishback said.

Nelson grabbed first place in the girls' race with a time of 19:13. Maisey Bainbridge of Lennox placed second with 19:23 and Josey Heeren of Elk Point-Jefferson came in just behind at 19:23 for third.

Melissa Mikkelson (23:46), Sadie Peterson (24:18), Kate Develder (24:53) and Kaitlin Killian (24:56) all finished the race for Vermillion.

As a team, the girls' took 10th place out of 11 with an average time of 23:06.

Tanager front runner Maddie Lavin did not finish last Friday's race in Lennox, but Fishback is expecting to have her back at full strength for Thursday's Dakota XII conference meet in Beresford.

"We will get tough workouts in Monday and Tuesday then an easy day Wednesday, so that we have fresh legs for Thursday's Dakota 12 conference meet," she said.

Hannah Gruhn represented Vermillion in the girls' junior varsity 4k race and finished 25th out of 51 runners with a time of 19:42.

Nick Doty took home a medal in the boys' junior varsity race with a 14th place finish and a time of 15:55. Yang Xu was not far behind at 16:25. Devin O'Neill finished at 17:18 and Adri Blue came in at 17:56.

The Tanagers will compete in the Dakota XII Conference meet Thursday in Beresford. Check online at www.plaintalk.net, or in next Friday's print edition, for results.



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**Rachel Brady, front, and Taryn Whisler, back, at the finish of the 5k race in the girls' varsity division at the Lennox Invite at the Lenkota Golf Course in Lennox last Friday.**

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