

Tea dominates Tangers 45-0 in football action

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Something has to give tonight when Vermillion and Canton clash at 7 p.m. in the DakotaDome in the VHS homecoming football game.

Neither team has found a way to win a game so far this season, and perhaps, considering the quality of the opposition in this corner of the state, that's not so surprising. The Tangers have lost to West Central, South Sioux City and Tea Area while the C-Hawks have been victims of three other highly-regarded teams – Tri-Valley, Dell Rapids and Dakota Valley.

For the Tangers there will be the advantage of playing to make homecoming memories, but there is also the matter of returning to contention for the postseason playoffs. If the playoffs began today, the Tangers would be on the outside looking in, so a win tonight and next week against Lennox, a team in similar straits, are crucial toward Vermillion's hopes for qualifying for late-October football.

The Tangers played highly-rated Tea Area to a 0-0 first quarter in Tea last Friday, but from the middle of the second quarter on, "we were thoroughly dominated," Coach Gary Culver said after a 45-0 loss. "They are one of the best offensive teams I have seen in some time. They have so many weapons in their skill position players and can strike so quickly."

Culver's ballclub struggled to generate any kind of offense that could keep the ball out of Tea Area's hands. "Going into the game we had felt this was crucial in order to put ourselves in a position to beat them," he said.

The Titans broke through with a 19-point second quarter that included two touchdown runs by quarterback Taylor Roeman and a 61-yard pass from Roeman to Mitchell Nissen. They put the game out of reach with two third-period scores on one-yard plunges by Gunner Ensz and Roeman. Two huge plays in the fourth quarter only served to pad the score. Ensz broke away for a 78-yard scamper to paydirt, and Jordan Fechner did the same from 62 yards away.

The Tangers' problems were reflected in the game's yardage statistics. Tea Area had 18 first downs to Vermillion's two, 333 rushing yards to Vermillion's net total of eight and 203 passing yards to the Tangers' 42.

Tonight's extension of the VHS-Canton rivalry continues a series that goes back some 80 years. "Canton is a veteran football team that has had a rugged schedule in their first three games," Culver said. "It doesn't matter

what the records may be. It is always a hard-fought battle."

VHS	0	0	0	0	---	0
Tea Area ..	0	19	13	14	---	45

2nd quarter:
TAHS: Taylor Roeman 1-yd. run (kick failed), 11:34.
TAHS: Roeman 5-yd. run (pass failed), 8:10.
TAHS: Mitchell Nissen 61-yd. pass from Roeman (Cooper Hansen kick), 5:49.

3rd quarter:
TAHS: Gunner Ensz 1-yd. run (run failed), 9:13.
TAHS: Roeman 1-yd. run (Hansen Kick), 1:49.

4th quarter:
TAHS: Ensz 78-yd. run (Hansen kick), 11:09.
TAHS: Jordan Fechner 62-yd. run (Hansen kick), 5:34.

	VHS	TAHS
First downs	2	18
Rushes-yds.	29-8	39-333
Passing yds.	42	203
Total yds.	50	536
Passes	6-16-0	11-15-1
Punts-avg.	11-36.9	2-45.5
Fumbles-lost	0-0	6-1
Penalties-yds.	4-23	6-50

Rushing: VHS, Tyler Madsen 11-18, Regan Bye 5-8, Brandon Mockler 3-7, Avery Garcia 1-3, Michael Sand 1-(-2), Jack Brown 1-(-8), Kyle Weiss 7-(-18). TAHS, Ensz 8-117, Roeman 12-74, Chase Deckert 9-74, Fechner 1-62, Riley Knutson 5-5, Tanner Fridrich 2-3, Tate Hoff 2-(-2).

Passing: VHS, Weiss 6-14-42, Brown 1-1-0. TAHS, Roeman 11-15-23.

Receiving: VHS, Bye 3-33, Tanner Anderson 3-9. TAHS, Nissen 3-79, Deckert 3-42, Adam Waterman 2-45, Tarin Smallfield 1-17, Knutson 1-10, Ensz 1-10.

Defense (solos-assists-total tackles): VHS, Garcia 4-6-10, Ty Iverson 1-9-10, Thomas Walker 2-7-9, Alex Osborne 4-4-8, Anderson 3-4-7, Nick Jensen 1-5-6, Anthony Leber 1-5-6, Madsen 1-3-4, Sand 1-2-3, Seth Heine 0-2-2, Bye 0-2-2, J.T. Sorensen 0-2-2, Damarius Cheeseman 0-1-1, Brandon Hertz 0-1-1, Adam Winslow 1-0-1. Pass knockdowns: VHS, Anderson 1, Bye 1. Interceptions: VHS, Anderson 1.

VAST starts winter season



Pictured is VAST member Kyleigh Moran swimming the breaststroke at the Yankton Charity Invite, held last June.

(Courtesy photo)

The Vermillion Area Swim Team is back in the pool for the winter season. VAST looks to build on the great summer season where they finished ninth at the South Dakota State Championships.

All new swimmers receive a two-week free trial prior to fully joining the team. There are no try-outs or cuts as all swimmers can swim on the team. Ages are 5 and up and prior swim

lessons are encouraged. New swimmers should be able to swim one length of the pool.

If your swimmer would like to join VAST, please contact the head coach at: vastcoach@yahoo.com. For more information on the team, please visit the team's website: www.vastsd.com.

VHS volleyball begins homestand Tuesday

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Vermillion's volleyball girls begin a three-match homestand Tuesday when Tea Area comes to the VHS gym for a dual.

The Tangers will also be at home the following week against Wagner and West Central before hitting the road for most of October for six straight out-of-town matches.

Coach Lenni Billberg's girls played in five matches at the Luverne Invitational on Saturday, winning one, losing two and playing to a draw in the other two. The Tangers' win came over Edgerton by game scores of 25-15 and 28-26.

Vermillion lost to Blue Earth 15-25 and 21-25. The Tangers split with Pipestone, losing 18-25 but winning 28-26 and did the same with host Luverne, winning 26-24 and

losing 15-25. Each match in the tournament was held to only two games, regardless of their outcome.

Last week the Tangers scored a 3-1 win over Bon Homme after losing the first game 17-25. The Tangers rebounded with wins by 29-27, 25-20 and 25-23 to complete the victory. Katie Herrera had nine kills, six digs, four blocks and five service aces. Josie Huber contributed six kills, six aces, 10 digs and two blocked shots. Megan Olson had 11 digs with six kills, Mackenzie Huber 15 digs, Mariah Larson 29 set assists and Steph Erwin six kills and three blocks.

Vermillion dropped a 3-0 decision to Tri-Valley on game scores of 20-25, 22-25 and 16-25. Mackenzie Huber was credited with seven kills and 10 digs, Larson 15 set assists and eight digs, Josie Huber four aces and six digs, Sarah Hughes-Berheim 13 digs, Megan Olson seven digs and Erwin four kills.

VHS girls soccer hosts West Central Saturday

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A Saturday girls match against West Central at 1 p.m. at Cotton Park is the only home action for Vermillion High soccer teams this weekend.

The girls, who are still looking for their first win of the season that counts in power-point standings, lost

to West Central just last week by a 4-0 score. The Tanager girls have been outscored 17-2 in counter games after winning their season-opening non-counter contest.

Meanwhile, the Tanager boys continue to score goals as if there is no tomorrow. On a weekend trip to the Black Hills they pummeled

Hot Springs 11-1 and shut out Lead-Deadwood 12-0 to remain undefeated in five contests. Vermillion has outscored opponents by a 42-2 count.

The next boys' games will again be in the Black Hills on Sept. 21-22 at Sturgis and Douglas. At the same time the girls will be playing at Sturgis and Belle Fourche.

Coyotes unable to hold early lead, fall to Green Bay

After falling behind early, Green Bay took advantage of a couple of nice crosses and a deep shot from Emily Friedl to net three goals and defeat the University of South Dakota 3-1.

Once again the Coyotes (1-5-1) jumped out to a quick lead but were unable to maintain it. In the 11th minute a through ball from Lauren Bennett (Walton, KY) gave Jenny Teslow (Sioux Falls) a one-on-one opportunity against Katy Pilarzyk, the Green Bay goalkeeper. Teslow's shot to the far post beat Pilarzyk and gave USD a 1-0 advantage.

It didn't take long for the Phoenix (3-4) to tie things up as 11 minutes later Emily Friedl put in a shot from 15 yards out. Friedl was assisted by Megan Braatz.

Green Bay took the lead for good at the 67:56 mark when Hekla Palmadottir found Hannah Kernen on a cross for the Phoenix' second goal. Kernen placed the header just past the outstretched arms of diving South Dakota keeper Abby Lindsay (Plymouth, MN). Lindsay made three saves on the day.

Heidi Hartmann added an insurance goal for the Phoenix.

The Coyotes will travel to Illinois to face Loyola Chicago Friday. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

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