

SD volleyball tops Western Illinois, 3-1

MACOMB, Ill. – The South Dakota volleyball team was in sync on Friday night to start the Summit League season with a four set win over Western Illinois (21-25, 25-19, 25-23, 25-21).

Kim Bulaga (Crystal Lake, IL) led a group of three Coyotes with double digit digs, while Kendall Kritenbrink (Gretna, NE) and Amber Aschoff (Ankeny, IA) led South Dakota (7-5, 1-0) offensively with 18 kills and 12 kills respectively.

"It was a real quality team effort," USD head coach Matt Houk. "We did a lot of little things well. Even in set one when we lost we battled back to grab momentum for game two."

"Individually, Kim had a really nice game. She came back from not playing the last few weeks and stepped into a new role as libero and recorded 15 digs to lead the team."

Outside of Bulaga's defensive work, Tori Kroll (Germantown, WI) recorded 13 digs and Riley Haug (Gretna, NE) added 10 digs to the defensive effort. Kroll also continued to set players up on the offensive end with 42 assists.

Kritenbrink recorded double digit kills for the eighth time in nine games she's played in this year. She's averaged 16.2 kills over the last five matches. Aschoff has reached double digit kills in 10 of South Dakota 12 matches. Natalie Walseth (Inver Grove Heights, MN) contributed both offensively and defensively

with nine kills and five block assists.

The Coyotes led a couple of times in the first set with their biggest lead at five early on at 8-3. Western Illinois (5-6, 0-1) came back by scoring nine of the next 11 points to lead 12-10. The two sides tied five times before the Leathernecks went on a four-point run to open a 21-17 lead. The two sides traded points from then on to give Western Illinois the first set.

Set two was all South Dakota as the Coyotes never trailed and tied only at 4-4. Kritenbrink had six kills, two blocks and an ace in the set, while Walseth had three kills and a pair of blocks assists. After Western Illinois pulled with one at 11-10, the Coyotes used a 12-6 run to break away with the set.

Western Illinois couldn't hang on to leads in the final two sets. WIU led a majority of set three, but couldn't build on a 17-12 lead. South Dakota turned the tables on an 11-2 run to take a 23-19 lead, and although the Leathernecks fought back to tie at 23, the Coyotes scored the final two points to take a 2-1 set lead.

Again the Leathernecks lead for most of set four, but the Coyotes fought back from four points down to tie the set at 15. South Dakota then used four kills and four Western Illinois errors to spark a 10-6 run to end the match.

Unbeaten Tanager soccer squad ranked No. 1



Vermillion's Nathan Samudzi drives the ball past several Harrisburg defenders to score the Tanager's first goal in their game with the Tigers last Tuesday in Cotton Park.

(Photo by David Lias)

By Parker Knox
Sportswriter

Vermillion's boys soccer team ranks No. 1 in the state in Class "A" club soccer this week.

The Tanagers won a 2-1 decision last Tuesday over Harrisburg, the second-ranked team, at Cotton Park to preserve their perfect record.

The unbeaten Tanagers take their 6-0-0 record and top power-points average to the Black Hills this weekend. On Friday they play at Sturgis, whose current 5-2 record ranks the Scoopers third in the state with losses only to Custer and

Lead-Deadwood.

The Tanager boys will then play Tea Area at the Yankton Trail fields in Sioux Falls at 6 p.m. Tuesday before closing the regular season at home at 1 p.m. Sept. 29 against Chamberlain.

Meanwhile, the Tanager girls failed to score a goal in a pair of contests last week, losing to Harrisburg 6-0 and to West Central 5-0. The VHS girls are 1-6 overall and 0-6 in power-points games. They will also go west this weekend for two games – at Sturgis Friday and at Belle Fourche Saturday – to end their regular season.

Vermillion cross country hosts tough competition

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Vermillion's boys varsity team, top to bottom, ran their best races of the season last Friday on the hometown Don Baker course as the Tanagers hosted some tough competition for the Vermillion Invitational.

Sioux City Bishop Heelan won team titles in boys' and girls' divisions. The Heelan boys had 16 points, Ethan-Parkston 31, South Sioux City 41, VHS 55 and West Sioux 102. On the girls' side Heelan had 13, South Sioux City 37 and Vermillion 41.

Alec DeVries of Bishop Heelan was the boys' champion with a 16:57 time in the 5K race. Nathan Ford continued to lead the Tanager boys by example with a fourth-place 18:13. Jacob Ford, Colin Olson and Matthew Hirsch placed 16th, 17th and 18th, respectively, in times of 20:11, 20:21 and 20:34. Logan Peterson was 20th in 21:10 and Joe Swanson 24th in 21:32.

Vermillion's Madisen Lavin earned second place in the girls varsity 4K in 16:39 behind Heelan's champion, Lindsay Joyce, at 16:04. Madisen Martinez was 16th in 18:28, Britney Sweeney 21st in 19:38, Jade Fostvedt 27th in 20:46, Tiana Blacketa 28th in 21:13 and Morgan Hower 31st in 21:43.

In the mixed 4K race for junior varsity runners, Will Donahoe was 16th among the boys in 20:35. Tanager girls' times included Caitlen Britten, eighth in 21:34; Alexis Reich, 10th in 22:21; Ashley Sorensen, 14th in 24:12; Heidi Osterberg, 19th in 24:55, and Chelsea Gilbertson, 20th in 28:02.

The weather continued to be cool, beautiful and perfect for running Monday at the Alcester-Hudson meet where Nathan Ford again was high in the standings. Parker's Duane Jongeling was the predictable champion in 15:51. Ford's time was 17:02.

Jacob Ford ran one of the best races of his career, according to Coach Kelly

Fischbach, in placing 18th in 18:09. Colin Olson was 30th in 19:14, Logan Peterson 33rd in 19:21 and Matthew Hirsch 37th in 19:28.

"We had some young kids really step up and run well," Fischbach said, "and we need them to continue to do that to be successful."

Madisen Lavin also earned Vermillion a third by running 16:05 in the girls varsity event. Canton's Halie McMMain was the winner in 15:25. Other Tanager times were Madison Martinez in 17:44 for 24th place, Britney Sweeney 19:36 for 37th, Jade Fostvedt 20:17 for 41st and Morgan Hower 21:32 for 43rd.

In the JV girls race Caitlin Britten placed 30th in 17:34, Heidi Osterberg 25th in 20:12 and Chelsea Gilbertson 36th in 21:06. Will Donahue placed 41st in the boys JV race in 21:06.

Tanager runners will be at the Lennox Invitational next Friday, Sept. 28, for their next competition.

Coyotes wrap up play at Drake

Des Moines, IA—Eight members of South Dakota's tennis team combined to win 15 matches at the Drake Fall Invitational held at Roger Knapp Tennis Center Friday through Sunday. It was the second of four events the Coyotes are scheduled to compete in this fall.

Eight Division I teams competed at the Invitational which included six flights of singles play and three flights of doubles play. The host Bulldogs won four of the six singles flights and swept the doubles titles.

"I was happy to see our team compete hard in a tough tournament," said USD coach Malcolm Gilreath. "The fall season provides us a great opportunity to work on things and improve. We are looking forward to next weekend's Kansas Invitational."

Coyote first-year Maria Tortosa Benabeu and junior Maddy Warder earned three wins each for the Coyotes. Both advanced to the consolation finals of their singles flights. Tortosa Benabeu then teamed with Veronika Makashov to advance to the semifinal round of "C" doubles flight. Tortosa Benabeu and Makashov improved to 3-1 as a doubles tandem this fall.

USD runner Jeff Mettler named Summit League Athlete of the Week

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South Dakota men's cross country runner Jeff Mettler (Eureka) earned Athlete of the Week honors from the Summit League after placing fifth out of 308 at the Woody Greeno Invitational in Lincoln last Saturday.

The junior set a school course record of 24:58 in the eight kilometer Pioneer Park course. He also set the fastest league time this season and lead the Coyotes to a third place team finish at the meet. He holds the top-two times in

USD history at that meet. Mettler, an all-Summit League runner last season, won the Creighton/Omaha Invitational at Chili Greens earlier this season. He set a school course record at that meet with a time of 26:39.

"Jeff has been working extremely hard over the last year and had his best summer of training," coach Dan Fitzsimmons said. "With a rich running tradition in this conference, we are very happy he received this honor."

This is Mettler's first career Summit League Athlete of the Week honor.

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