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Tanager Golf Rolls Past EPJ

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The Vermillion boy's golf team hosted Elk-Point Jefferson in a dual match last Tuesday at the Vermillion Bluffs Golf course. "The wind was a factor no doubt today," said Vermillion coach Kirk Hogen. "We didn't shoot as well as I was hoping for as a team, but we had some good individual scores."

One of those scores was Cooper Williams' 40, earning him Medalist honors for the match. "I shot pretty well for the conditions," said Williams. "We still left some strokes out on the course and we just can't do that as we head into conference next week."

The Tanagers finished ahead of the visiting EP-J Pointers by a score of 176 to 207. Since there were not enough competitors to field a junior varsity team for Elk Point-Jefferson, no junior varsity competition was held.

Because of scheduling conflicts and other events, Elk Point-Jefferson was only able to bring six golfers to compete in the dual. Since Vermillion had plans to compete golfers in both levels of

competition, varsity and junior varsity, everyone's score for Vermillion was eligible for team scoring.

Eighth grader Sam Ward took advantage of this opportunity to compete for a varsity score and he didn't let the wind effect his game as he posted a 47 to move into one of the top four scores needed to produce the team score of 176. Ward's 47 also saw him finish the match in fourth place.

Other Tanager golfers in the Elk Point-Jefferson dual were Cole Anderson (45- tie for 3rd), Hunter Lavin (49 - tie for 5th), Paul Schwasinger (50 - 6th Place), Sam Craig (52 - 7th place), Devin Anderson (56 -tie for 8th) and Josh Berns finished with a 65 go for a tie for tenth. Other Tanagers competing were Billy Radigan (66), Brady Martinez (68) and Cody Mattes (69).

Elk Point-Jefferson team scoring consisted of Connor Henze (45), Caden Stabe (49), Timmy Mingo (56) and Adam Bradshaw (57).

The next action for the Tanagers will be on September 21 as they travel to Dell Rapids to compete in the Dakota 12 Conference golf tournament.



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Cooper Williams sinks his birdie put on hole 5 at the Vermillion Bluffs Golf Course. In the dual Match Vermillion topped Elk-Point Jefferson by a score of 176-207.

BUMP, SET, KILL



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Sophomore Haleigh Melstad bump sets the ball in Vermillion High School's volleyball match against Madison Monday night in Vermillion.

Bulldogs Hold Serve Over Tanagers

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The Vermillion High School Volleyball team was swept by visitors Madison (25-16, 25-16, 15-16) Monday night in three sets.

"We served aggressive but I feel like we missed serves in crucial parts of the game and we needed to keep them in bounds," said head coach Gabi Jarchow. "They didn't really play with energy tonight and I think that was kind of a factor in how Madison responded to us."

Vermillion took an early five point lead in the first set at 6-1, but Madison tied it 7-7. Madison then held the lead throughout the entirety of the match and each set went in favor of the Bulldogs 25-16.

"I feel like if they could have gotten excited we maybe could have gotten in their heads a little bit, but that all just comes with them having the confidence and know that they're good players," Jarchow said.

Kylee Retzlaff and Amanda Finnegan each had two aces.

"We served aggressive at them, which is what I've been asking the girls to do, be aggressive with their serving," Jarchow

said. "We're going to keep working on our serving and getting teams out of system like they did several times."

Haleigh Melstad and Finnegan recorded three kills. Kyleigh Moran had nine assists and Emily Bye had 13 digs.

Last Saturday Vermillion traveled to Luverne, Minnesota for a tournament where the Tanagers went 0-4 against high schools from Minnesota. Though the team went winless in the four games, Jarchow was pleased with the team's performance.

"The girls played really good. They did have energy at the tournament which was good and I think it was just seeing those different teams," she said. "Minnesota has some tougher teams, but it's good to play them and just get the experience with them."

This weekend, Vermillion travels to Bon Homme for another tournament on Saturday where they could see a rematch of last week's loss to Bon Homme High School.

"We played Bon Homme last week and they threw a lot at us and we have potential to play them again and hopefully get revenge on them and show them that we are a good team and that we can play with them," Jarchow said.

USD Holds Off UC Davis 27-17

DAVIS, Calif. (AP) — Trevor Bouma rushed for a career-high 186 yards and two touchdowns to lead the Coyotes to a 27-17 win over UC Davis on Saturday.

The win by the Coyotes was their first outdoor win on the road since beating Minnesota in 2010. They were beaten 34-0 by Kansas State in last week's season-opener.

Bouma led a ground game for USD (1-1) that churned out 240 yards, while the Coyotes defense held the Aggies to just 60 yards.

Bouma scored on runs of 10 and 63 yards as USD beat the Aggies (0-2) for the third time in four years. His long run changed momentum after UC Davis had scored the previous two touchdowns to cut its deficit to 20-17.

"They took turns doing things they needed to do. The defense would rise up then the offense would make a play," USD coach Joe Glenn said. "Then Trevor Bouma put a nail in them. Boy, what a run that was."

USD's defense sacked UC Davis quarterback Ben Scott five times for 41 yards. Scott had most of the Aggies' offense, completing 21 of 39 passes for 240 yards. He was picked off three times and UC Davis also lost a fumble.

Aggies receiver Chris Martin caught five passes for 127 yards and a score.



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USD's Trevor Bouma breaks off for a big run in last Saturday's game at UC Davis. He and teammate Miles Bergner were named Missouri Valley Football Conference Players of the Week for the period ended Sept. 13. The Coyotes captured the first win the young season 27-17 and move on to face Drake this Saturday for their first home game of the season.

USD quarterback Ryan Saeger was efficient. He completed 12 of 22 passes for 137 yards.

Bouma was also USD's leading receiver with three catches for 48 yards.

Brady Stuart kicked a 40-yard field goal to give UC Davis a 3-0 lead that lasted just over three minutes before the Coyotes answered.

Ryan Saeger threw an 8-yard TD pass to Eric Shufford with 6:15 left in the first quarter and Bouma ran 10 yards for a score with 10:29

left in the half.

Field goals of 30 and 45 yards by Miles Bergner gave South Dakota a 20-3 halftime lead.

But the suddenly mistake-prone Coyotes helped the Aggies score 14 points in a span of 1:52 of the third quarter to get back in the game.

UC Davis used a Shufford fumble on his own 26 to set up Manusamoa Luuga's 2-yard TD run with 8:49 left in the quarter.

Luuga led UC Davis with

30 yards on 10 carries.

The drive appeared to stall when UC Davis failed to convert a third down, but USD's Tyson Graham was called for a personal foul to extend the drive.

USD's next drive ended after an offensive pass interference call and the Aggies responded with a 75-yard Scott-to-Martin TD pass.

"We've got to clean some things up," Glenn said. "I'm a little disappointed we had some great plays called back. We've got to clean it up."

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