

SPORTS

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Tigers denied outright Lakes season title by Spirit Lake-Okoboji



Spencer senior Robert Gerlock held out for a 10-7 win at No. 5 singles against SLO on May 11. (Photo by CJ Eilers)

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Spencer boys tennis looked to make up a postponed meet at Spirit Lake-Okoboji and continue a Lakes Conference regular season sweep on Monday, May 11, but came up short in a 5-4 loss to force the Tigers to share the title with SLO.

“It was a really tough, disappointing loss tonight in a weird situation,” coach Joe Steele said. “This was the continuation of a meet that started on April 13 which got interrupted by a thunderstorm. Thus, we had to pick up tonight where we left off a month ago. In April, we were fortunate to pull out wins in two out of three doubles matches, but had played ourselves into a hole in singles. In fact, we were behind in three of the four singles matches we had started.”

SLO 5, SPENCER 4
No. 1 Singles — Luke Schneider (SLO) over Colby Sherrod (Spencer) 10-4.
No. 2 Singles — JD Gravert (SLO) over Cole McDanel (Spencer) 10-4.

No. 3 Singles — Charlie Moeller (Spencer) over Pedro Nascimento-Fagundes (SLO) 10-2.
No. 4 Singles — Owen Riphagen (SLO) over Ade Thomas (Spencer) 10-6.
No. 5 Singles — Robert Gerlock (Spencer) over Tucker Nikkel (SLO) 10-7.
No. 6 Singles — Oliver Harris (SLO) over Emmett Ebner (Spencer) 10-5.
No. 1 Doubles — Sherrod/Moeller (SLO) over Schneider/Nascimento-Fagundes (SLO).
No. 2 Doubles — Gravert/Riphagen (SLO) over McDanel/Thomas (Spencer) 10-2.
No. 3 Doubles — Gerlock/Thomas Thomas (Spencer) over Nikkel/Harris (SLO) 11-10 (8-6).

“To their credit, I thought SLO did a great job of carrying out a very good game plan against us, and it was extremely effective,” Steele said. “We had very few answers for their style of play, and they deserved the win.”

Spencer still had to face Estherville Lincoln Central on Thursday before hosting a Class 1A State Singles/Doubles Qualifier on Saturday. The top two singles and two doubles advance to state on May 27-28 in Waterloo.

HIGH SCHOOL SOCCER

Tigers dispatch Knights in fourth-straight shutout

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Class 3A No. 9 Spencer boys soccer extended their current streak to nine wins with a 6-0 home shutout over Unity Christian on Monday, May 11, in their penultimate home game of the regular season.

Camden Mosher wasted no time getting the Tigers on the board with two goals in the first 18 minutes. Nolan McCusker gave Spencer a 3-0 lead going into half-time as he scored in the last few minutes of the first half. Mosher added two more goals in the second half, with Cayden Brewer’s goal sandwiched between.

Spencer had 17 shots on goal. Brewer assisted on two goals. Deegan Grady, Mason Irby, Keegan Musser and Cameron VanDerHeide each had an assist. Parker Engelson had seven saves in goal.

Spencer (10-2-1) concluded their regular season with games at Sioux City North on Thursday and at home against Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley on Friday.



Spencer senior Camden Mosher fires one of his four goals during a 6-0 home win over Unity Christian on Monday, May 11. Mosher has 20 goals on the season, tied with teammate Cayden Brewer. (Photo by Sondra Hookfin)

SIOUX CENTRAL SPORTS

REBELS WIN 8 EVENTS, CLAIM OWN RELAYS TITLE; SECOND IN A WEEK

Sioux Central closed the regular season by rolling to the title in its own Rebel Relays Monday, May 11, in Sioux Rapids.

The Rebels won eight events and scored 174.5 points, winning by 82 points over runner-up Alta-Aurelia. Other team scoring was: GTRA 87, HMS 83, Pocahontas 81, Newell-Fonda 70, Remsen-St. Mary’s 51, West Bend-Mallard 32 and Harris-Lake Park 22.

The Rebels won two of the field events, and both of their entries in each of the fourth events scored points. Michael Buettner won the discus at 150-4 and Derrick Haight was sixth at 107-2. Colin Christians won the high jump at 6-0 and Weston Smith was fourth at 5-2. Hunter Perry was second in the shot put at 41-5 and Kase Glover was fourth at 41-2. Aiden Stemke was sixth in the long jump at 17-10.75 and Camden Van Schepen was eighth at 17-1.25.

Sioux Central won four of the seven relays. Chase Heuton, Max Wittmaack, Jack Christian and Xander Waldstein teamed to win the sprint medley in 1:43.28; Landon Driver, Smith, Noah Garcia and Christians won the 4x800 in 9:09.92; Wittmaack, Perry Spooner, Joseph Wilson and Keaton Hogrefe won the shuttle hurdle relay in 1:06.55; and Heuton, Spooner, Buettner and Christian won the distance medley in 3:48.95. The 4x100 team of Wittmaack, Spooner, Heuton and Glover was second at 46.51; the 4x200 team of Van Shepen, Stemke, Wilson and Glover was third in 1:39.55; and the 4x400 team of Garcia, driver, Waldstein and Stemke was fourth in 3:49.58.

Christian delivered a win on the oval, taking the 800-meter in 2:03.22. Driver was second in that event at 2:16.48.

Locos Wernimont won the 3,200 in 10:26.28, and Taran Moon was eighth in 15:03.46.

Christians was second in the 1600 in 5:08.81 and Dru Samson was eighth in 6:05.8. Spooner was second in the 110 hurdles in 18.98, and Zeke Zweibohmer was fifth in 22.39. Garcia was third in the 400-meter in 55.37, and Waldstein was sixth in 58.62.

Smith was fifth in the 400 hurdles in 1:08.73, and Hogrefe was seventh in 1:10.96. Glover was seventh in the 100 in 12.46. Van Shepen was eighth in the 200-meter in 27.07.

LADY REBELS WIN THEIR OWN RELAYS

With all of their relays finishing either first or second, Sioux Central racked up 165 points and won its closing regular season meet of the season on its home track Monday, May 11, claiming the Rebel Relays title.

Coach Nathen Anderson said, “Our ladies did a phenomenal job wrapping up the regular season with another win at home, winning by 58 points. I am proud of the girls and how they set the tone for the regular season by winning eight outdoor meets, and the two meets they didn’t win, coming in second when we were not always coming in with a full roster. This is something any program could hang their hat on.”

He added, “We had great performances all around with a few personal records and matching some of our season bests. Our ladies handled the conditions — wind — well and competed to the best of their abilities,

which is what we require of them.”

The Rebels hosted the Class 2A state qualifying meet on Thursday (May 14).

“We are excited for the opportunity to compete on our home track one more time as we gear up for our Region 5 district qualifier at our home track,” Anderson said. “It will take what we did tonight, and then some more, to accomplish the goals that we set for this program early in the season. We are hungry, ready and focused on Thursday.”

First places for the Rebels were by the sprint medley team of Peyton Waldstein, Lily Johnson, Avery Wilson and Marley Madsen in 1:56.77; the 4x800 team of Karina Bloom, Nora Christian, Madsen and Sage Weber in 10:25.69; the 4x400 team of Bloom, Christian, Wilson and Madsen in 4:18.21; the shuttle hurdle team of Kailee Laursen, Madi Wittnaack, Waldstein and Hanna Weier in 1:12.37; Weber in the 3,000-meter in 11:55.16; Bloom in the 800 in 2:32.62; and Waldstein in the 400-meter in 1:05.25.

Placing second were the distance medley team of Reata Ayers, Wilson, Christian and Bloom in 4:37.53; the 4x100 team of Waldstein, Ayers, Wilson and Johnson in 51.79; the 4x200 team of Bella Joenks, Weber, Wittnaack and Ayers in 1:54.26; Johnson in the 100-meter in 13.45; Christian in the 800 in 2:37.22; and Wittnaack in the shot put at 31-4.5.

Weber was third in the 1,500 in 5:28.19. Finishing fourth were Weber in the high jump at 4-8; Allie Chambers in the 3,000 in 15:10.79; Laursen in the shot put at 29-7.5 and in the discus at 80-7. Fiftths were won by Joenks in the 100-meter and Natalie Rusk in the shot put. Laursen was seventh in the 100 hurdles and Weier was eighth.

SIOUX CENTRAL SPORTS

SC BOYS GOLFERS MEET 3 TLC FOES

Sioux Central’s boys golf team met three Twin Lakes Conference foes in a meet at Newell-Fonda last week.

The Rebels shot 190 as a team and trailed the hosts’ 156, East Sac County’s 177 and Manson-NW Webster’s 178.

Boden Bright led Sioux Central with a 41. Carter Smith and Luke Chindlund shot 49 each, and Frikkie Smith and Reid Anderson tied for the fourth counting score at 51.

LEGALS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Budget Amendment

Spencer Municipal Hospital

(Name of Enterprise)

The Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing to

amend the Fiscal Year 2026 budget at Spencer Hospital Maple Conference Room in Lower Level

on 5/28/2026, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. AM The Budget Estimate Summary of proposed revenues

and expenditures is shown below. Copies of the *detailed* proposed budget may be obtained or viewed at the offices of the

City Clerk and Hospital Administration. At the public hearing, any resident or taxpayer may present objections to, or

arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

5/15/2026 Larry Harden, Secretary/Treasurer

	Budget as certified or last amended	Current Amendment	Budget after Current Amended
	2026	2026	2026
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Revenues & Other Financing Sources			
Use of money and property	2,724,893	5,002,105	7,726,998
Charges for services	131,666,255	(609,758)	131,056,497
Miscellaneous	2,790,676	1,026,064	3,816,740
Other Financing Sources	6,118,708	(429,688)	5,689,020
Total Revenues & Financing Sources	143,300,532	4,988,723	148,289,255
Expenditures & Transfers Out		2,929,013	
Expenditures	135,777,476		138,706,489
Transfers Out			0
Total Expenditures & Transfers Out	135,777,476	2,929,013	138,706,489
Excess of Revenues & Other Sources (+) (-) Expenditures & Transfers Out	7,523,056	2,059,710	9,582,766
Beginning Fund Balance	July-25	-	124,990,279
	(month/year)		
Ending Fund Balance	June-26	2,059,710	134,573,045
	(month/year)		

TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE PHILIP J. RATH REVOCABLE TRUST

Dated this 11th day of May, 2026.

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THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR DICKINSON COUNTY

CASE NO. ESPR015436

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL D. ARMS, Deceased

Dated May 11, 2026.

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Russell D. Arms, Deceased, who died on or about March 26, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on April 10, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Russell D. Arms, deceased, bearing date of January 13, 2014, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Rebecca Leckband, Amy Osler, and Jennifer Siemers, nka Jennifer Siemers, were appointed Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and

tion of this notice or the claim shall be forever barred, unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2026.

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creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

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