

S.D. BOYS' TRACK

ALCESTER-HUDSON
COACH: Brian Haak (4th year)
ASSISTANTS: LeeAnn Haisch, Steve Hale, Shannon Hames
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference
LAST YEAR: The Cubs were the region champs in the 4x800 meter relay.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Dilyn Thompson (Jr., 400/800), Keith Berg (Jr., 800/1600), Adam Hughes (Jr., 800), Ty Schoellerman (Jr., 1600/3200)
OTHER RETURNERS: Nathan Johnson (Jr., throws), Dylan Kratochvil

(Jr., throws), Sawyer Jacobsen (So., throws)
NEWCOMERS: Alex Rus (Jr., 400/800), Jesse Beeck (So., 100/200), Tyler Fuchs (So., 400/800)
ASSESSMENT: The Cubs repeated as champs in the 3200 meter relay, but lost Austin Skoglund and Kelly Haisch to graduation from the relay team.
 However, Dilyn Thompson returns and looks to lead a young squad with no seniors on the team. Thompson was also a part of the 3200 meter relay team and also runs the 400 meter dash.
 Juniors Keith Berg, Adam Hughes and Ty Schoellerman are the three other

returning letterwinners.
 Head coach Brian Haak, in his fourth year, hopes the team will be able to run outside before regions, as the wet conditions have forced many meets to be moved to indoor meets.
 Haak said one of the team's strengths is its attitude, and that the team looks to continuously get better.
 "We will look to improve each day and challenge ourselves to achieve at our highest potential," he said.

ANDES CENTRAL
COACH: Cliff Johnson (2nd year)

VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Little Missouri Valley Conference, Fort Randall Conference, South Central Conference
LAST YEAR: The Eagles were led by two-event state champion Cody Snyder, who won the discus and shot put.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Cody Snyder (Sr., throws), Dale Svatos (Sr., throws), Ryan Knudsen (Sr., sprints, jumps), Grant Petrik (Jr., hurdles, jumps), Colter Florey (Jr., jumps, sprints), Tanner Houseman (Jr.,

sprints), Conner Florey (So., mid-distance, jumps), Esteben Rodriguez (So., mid-distance, jumps), Napa Little Owl (So., jumps, distance), Stephan Cournoyer (So., distance)
ALSO RETURNING: Alex Evans (So., sprints), Tony Rainbow (So., distance), Gabe Cournoyer (Fr., sprints), Alex Smith (Fr., sprints, distance)
ASSESSMENT: Andes Central returns 10 letterwinners from last year's squad, highlighted by senior thrower Cody Snyder. A two-time state champion a year ago, Snyder signed to compete in track and field at the University of South Dakota.

"With this being his final year at the high school level, this should be an enjoyable year to watch him compete," coach Johnson said.
 Also back from experience at the state meet are Colter Florey and Grant Petrik, while a group of other seven athletes earned letters last spring.

AVON
COACH: Brad Poppe (6th year)
ASSISTANT: Matt Yost
 S.D. BOYS' TRACK, see Page 10

Off The Beaten Path: Erickson Recalls 2009 State Track Title

BY JEREMY HOECK
 jeremy.hoeck@yankton.net

A year after leading the Gayville-Volin Raiders their first state track title since 1975, Parker Erickson is back for more.
 Erickson, a senior, will anchor a squad that returns a good portion of its athletes from that team championship at last year's S.D. State Class B Track Championships in Rapid City.
 Erickson won individual titles in the 400-meter dash and 800-meter dash, and was also a member of the Raiders' winning 400 and 800 relay squads.
 He spoke with the Press & Dakotan's Jeremy Hoeck before a track practice last week.

1. What's the greatest coach Buffington line you've ever heard?
 He has a lot of old stories, but I think my favorite quote has to be when he was our football coach in eighth grade. And I kind of screwed around a little bit in practice, and he would always tell me, 'Screw around, screw around, pretty soon you won't be around.' Then he'd tell me to run a bit. Then there are good ol' track stories from 1975, but I won't go into that.

2. Who's your funniest teammate?
 That'd have to be Trevor Jensen. He can do pretty good impressions of people like Arnold (Schwarzenegger) and stuff. It's pretty funny.

3. What was your 'welcome to high school' moment?
 In football, we had to play Irene-Wakonda my freshman year and we weren't very good. And I (the quarterback) came off a roll, and I get smoked by Adam Polley, and he was a pretty good athlete back then. I remember that, because I couldn't breathe for about 20 minutes.

4. What stands out the most about last year's state track title?
 Just how everyone stepped up and performed at their greatest. Kevin Kellum was hurting a



GAYVILLE-VOLIN: Parker Erickson

little bit, and came out and won the 200. I don't think I've seen Buff that happy ever in my life. It was an all-around good experience. They're not used to winning around here, I guess (smiles).

5. How can Gayville-Volin repeat in 2010?
 Hopefully, I'll win a couple events. And I think Trevor Jensen can do well in the shot put and discus, and I think Tyler Kasuske can step up.

6. OK, be honest, who's the better runner, you or your sister Emma (now at USD)?
 Well, I think I'm best. But if it

goes past 800 meters, I'll let her just win that race. I have no desire to go any farther than that. She has more determination than I do, but I think I can beat her.

7. Anxious to play football at USD?
 I'm very excited. I've talked to (USD coach) Ed (Meierkort) a couple times, he's telling me about it. Excited to see my new

teammates and to see what Division I football is like. Going to places like Minnesota will be awesome. It'll be an awesome experience hopefully.

Get To Know Parker Erickson

Born
 March 16, 1991 in Yankton

Must See TV Shows
 Sportscenter, definitely

Hobby Of Choice
 Football and basketball, basically anything sports

Favorite Meal
 Steak and mashed potatoes

Favorite Class
 I don't want to say shop; I'd get in trouble. Let's say math, College Algebra

I'd Pay Money To Spend A Day With...
 LeBron James. Just to see how his life is; I bet it's pretty sweet

One Thing I'd Say To President Obama...
 I'm a Republican, so I bet it wouldn't be very nice. Not that I'd ever get the chance (laughs)

PROMO AUTO PARTS
Sturdevant's
AUTO PARTS
 Serving the area for 80 years!
 1509 E. Hwy. 50
 Yankton, SD
605-665-3693
 sturdevants.com

PRCBuild
 301 E. 3rd
 Yankton
 665-7423
 www.unitedbuildingcenters.com

PREMIUM BEST TRANSPORT
 1501 Wek Road
 Yankton, SD 57078
 605-665-9202

Autumn Winds
 ASSISTED LIVING
 When You're Here You're Home.
 2903 Douglas • 2905 Douglas
 Yankton, SD • 605-665-7255
 www.autumnwindsyankton.com

BONANZA
Steakhouse
 N. Hwy. 81, Yankton
 665-6394
 HOURS:
 Sun.-Thurs. 11am-9pm
 Fri. & Sat. 11am-10pm

FIRST CHIROPRACTIC CENTER
FIRST FITNESS
 Dr. Sheila Fitzgerald
 Dr. Jim Fitzgerald
 Dr. Tom Stotz
 Dr. TJ Stotz
 (605)665-8073 • (605)665-6643
 2509 Fox Run Parkway, Yankton • www.firstchiropracticcenter.com

PONTIAC DRIVING EXCITEMENT. **GMC TRUCKS**
Yankton Motor Company
 "Your New Pontiac-GMC Truck Dealer"
 665-3751
 3400 E. Hwy. 50 • Yankton
 www.yanktonmotorcompany.com or www.yankton.cc

M.T. & R.C. SMITH INSURANCE
 Serving the Area Since 1949
 Home, Auto, Business, Life, Bonds
 204 W. 4th
 Yankton, SD
 665-3611

List Electric
 Providing you with the service you expect, and the quality you deserve
 Residential, Commercial & Farmstead Wiring
 601 W. 15th, Yankton
668-9430

L&S ELECTRIC
Harry Lane
 Electrical Contractor
 1600 E. 39th St., Yankton
 •Commercial •Residential •Farm Wiring
 •Prompt Service •Quality Work
 •Competitive Prices
 New Construction or Remodeling
 Home: 665-6612 • Mobile: 661-1040

KFC
TACO BELL
 2504 Fox Run Parkway
 665-4433

sapa:
 Shaping the future
 2500 Alumax Road
 Yankton
 605-665-6063

SHEBOYGAN SAUSAGE COMPANY
 Naturally Good Sausage
 America's tradition since 1923
Cimpl Meats
 1000 Cattle Dr., Yankton, SD
 (605) 665-1665

Lewis & Clark Orthopedic and Sports Therapy
 "For the Athlete in All of Us"
 Matt Dvorak, PT • Karl Gall, PTA
 Michelle Tieszen, PT • Matt Dewald, DPT
 Amanda Adamson, DPT
605-260-0918
 www.lewisandclarkspecialty.com
 2703 Fox Run Parkway Suite 100 • Yankton, SD
 (One block north of Lewis and Clark Specialty Hospital)

Yankton High School

Track & Field Schedule			Boys Tennis Schedule		
Date	Name	Location	Date	Name	Location
3/23/10	Bob Prince Indoor Meet	USD - Dakota Dome	4/3/10	Vermillion/SCN	Yankton
3/29/10	Dan Lennon Invite	USD - Dakota Dome	4/6/10	SFR/BV	Sioux Falls
4/6/10	SC East/SF Washington/Brookings	Yankton	4/13/10	SCN	Yankton
4/10/10	Brandon Valley Invite	Brandon	4/17/10	Madison/RCS	Madison
4/13/10	Mitchell/Brandon Valley	Mitchell	4/20/10	SFW	Sioux Falls
4/17/10	Sioux City Relays	Sioux City, Iowa	4/22/10	SFW	Sioux City
4/20/10	SF Washington/SF O'orman/Brandon Valley	Brandon	4/27/10	Vermillion	Vermillion
4/26/10	SF Lincoln	Yankton	4/29/10	SCB	Sioux City
4/30/10	SF O'orman Invite	SFO'orman	5/1/10	Madison/Mitchell/Watertown	Madison
4/30/10	Howard Wood Dakota Relays	Sioux Falls	5/4/10	SFL	Yankton
5/1/10	Howard Wood Dakota Relays	Sioux Falls	5/6/10	Vermillion	Yankton
5/6/10	1st Dakota Relays	Yankton	5/8/10	Aberdeen/Brookings/Huron	Brookings
5/15/10	ESP Conference	Pierre	5/10/10	SFO	Yankton
5/20/10	Last Chance Meet	Brandon Valley	5/11/10	BV/Mitchell	Yankton
5/28/10	State	Br. Valley/Stoux Falls	5/14/10	ESP Tournament	Yankton
5/29/10	State	Sioux Falls	5/20/10	State Tournament	Rapid City
			5/21/10	State Tournament	Rapid City
			5/22/10	State Tournament	Rapid City

Girls Golf Schedule		
Date	Name	Location
4/5/10	Brandon Valley	Yankton
4/8/10	SF Washington/Mitchell	Yankton
4/13/10	SF O'orman	SF O'orman
4/20/10	Mitchell/SF Lincoln	Mitchell
4/23/10	Yankton Invite	Yankton - Hillcrest Course
4/30/10	Mitchell Invite	Mitchell
5/3/10	Lennox	Lennox
5/3/10	Sioux Falls Golf Invite	Sioux Falls - Willow Run
5/8/10	ESP Conference	Huron
5/14/10	Vermillion	Vermillion
5/17/10	Great 8 Tourney	Brandon Valley
5/24/10	State	Spearfish
5/25/2010	State	Spearfish

GO BUCKS AND GAZELLES!