

S.D. Boys' Track

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VITALS: Class B, Region 6B
LAST YEAR: The Pirates won the Region 6B title.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Trace Tjeerdsma (Jr., distance), Chris Jerke (Jr., shot put), Nick Poppe (So., sprints), Jackson Powers (So., mid-distance), Luke VanGerpen (So., discus, mid-distance), Taylor Mudder (Fr., shot put)

ASSESSMENT: Despite losing three contributors from their 2009 Region 6B championship team, the Pirates should have a competitive season.

"We may not have many kids out, but they will work hard and continue to improve daily," Poppe said.

With a small squad on the track, the Pirates key will be to stay healthy.

Juniors Trace Tjeerdsma (distance) and Chris Jerke (shot put) will have to lead the team, due to the lack of seniors on the team.

"We have good attitudes," Poppe said. "We have kids that are not afraid to work hard."

BERESFORD

COACH: Matt Coy (2nd year)
ASSISTANTS: Mikala Zimmerman, Rob Wilson, Pam Conklin, Emily Olson
VITALS: Class A, Region 4, Big Sioux Conference

LAST YEAR: Beresford finished 20th in the Class A state standings at the state meet. Sophomore Kyle McKelvey won the shot put title and sophomore Holden Cotton finished sixth in the high jump. Senior Michael Hoffman qualified in the 800-meter run and is now running for Dakota State University. Junior Tony Greene also qualified for state in the 3200-meter run.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tony Greene (Sr., distance, state qualifier), Seth Swanstrom (Sr., distance), Jesse Horstman (Sr., distance), Travis Larsen (Sr., sprints), Jordan Powell (Sr., sprints), Dillon Anderson (Sr., sprints), Dillon Short (Sr., throws), Jason Salberg (Sr., distance), Kyle McKelvey (Jr., throws, state champ shot put), Holden Cotton (Jr., jumps, sixth high jump), Sebastian Holzman (Jr., distance), Cody Carlson (Jr., sprints), Taylor Jensen (Jr., distance), Madison Landeen (Jr., jumps), Jon Mochel (Jr., distance), Austin Carlson (So., jumps), Jared Truman (So., distance), Hayden Palmer (So., distance), Dan Bogue (So., throws), Alex Upton (So., throws)

NEWCOMERS: Nick Antonson (Fr., hurdles), Sam Wyatt (Fr., hurdles), Patrick Hybertson (Fr., throws), Tanner Knutson (Fr., throws), Craig Fatherlos (Fr., distance), Kristjan Ness (Fr., sprints), Derek Wiebers (8th, throws), Riley Schapp (8th, distance), Eli Orr (8th, jumps), Josh Casperson (8th, throws), Austin Meester (8th, distance)

ASSESSMENT: After finishing 20th in the Class A state meet, the Watchdogs are hoping to build off last season and score some points at the state meet this year.

Head coach Matt Coy expects the jumping events to be the teams' stronger events.

Junior Holden Cotton leads the way in the jumps after finishing sixth at the state meet in the high jump. Junior Kyle McKelvey will also try and repeat as the champion in the shot put.

Coy is also looking for some points from his distance runners.

"We should have some good depth in the distance events as well," he said. "Many of our cross country runners are expecting to build off a strong season."

Senior Tony Greene qualified for the state meet in the 3200-meter run last year and finished eighth in Class A this past cross country season.

Coy said the key to the season will be staying consistent in all of its events.

"If we progress during the year, we hope to improve on last year's conference finish," he said. "We should be able to score points in the throws, jumps, distance events and relays at the state meet."

BON HOMME

COACH: Byron Pudwill (27th year)
ASSISTANTS: Rusty Roland, Troy Goehring, Brady Muth, Marty Koch
VITALS: Class A, Region 5A, Southeast South Dakota Conference,



ANDES CENTRAL: Cody Snyder

LAST YEAR: The Cavaliers finished eighth in the Class A State Meet. Austin Koch finished second in the pole vault, and was part of the 400-meter relay team that finished fifth in state. Bobby Rokusek finished ninth in the shot put. Both of those two, along with Michael Stevens, who was a part of the 400-meter relay team, graduated.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Robbie Jelsma (Sr.), Michael Ruppelt (Sr., jumps, sprints), Nick Pechous (Jr., distance), Brad Rokusek (Jr., throws, sprints), Tad Schuurmans (Jr., jumps, sprints), Chad Sykora (Jr.), Jared Van Winkle (Jr., distance), Charlie Bentzen (So.), Jeff Honner (So.), Travis McDonald (So.), Nate Sutura (So.).

ASSESSMENT: Long-time head coach Byron Pudwill is excited about the upcoming track season and said it should be a really fun year.

Robbie Jelsma and Michael Ruppelt are the lone seniors on the team.

Pudwill said the young team will need to continue to improve and build off last year's experience.

"Our field events should be pretty good," he said. "The relays, hurdlers and distance people have all worked hard during the off-season."

CENTERVILLE

COACH: Dan Evans (22nd year)
ASSISTANT: Kory Muller
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Tornados won the Tri-Valley Conference. Centerville loses three seniors from last year — Adam Myott won the 3200-meter run at state, Lee Hanson placed third in the 800-meter run at state and Josh Collins finished fifth in the shot put at state. Also, the Tornados' 400-meter relay team qualified for the state meet and Dakota Collins finished eighth at the state in the pole vault.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jacob Anderson (Sr., shot, distance), Cory Cunningham (Sr., pole vault, relays), Chase Crely (Sr., 800), David Diercks (Sr., shot), Jack Foley (Sr., jumps, relays), Shelby Hybertson (Sr., pole vault), Kevin Jeitz (Sr., sprints), Jeremy Nelson (Sr., shot, distance), Richard Buecher (Jr., hurdles), Brian King (Jr., discus), Britt Ostrom (Jr., shot), Dan Smit (Jr., 400, 200, relays), Dakota Collins (So., pole vault), Travis Oleson (So., 1600, 3200), Justin Poppenga (So., sprints), Etha Kahn (So., discus), Peter Voog (So., hurdles)

NEWCOMERS: Luke Abbas (Fr., sprints), Logan Hunter (Fr., sprints), Seamus O'Malley (8th, distance)

ASSESSMENT: The Tornados will have to fill the holes that three talented seniors from last year left.

But Jack Foley, Cory Cunningham and Dan Smit return from the state qualifying 400-meter relay team and Dakota Collins finished eighth in the pole vault at the state meet.

The Tornados will also look to

defend their Tri-Valley Conference title, which they have won for the last five years.

Long-time head coach Dan Evans said that will be a hard task considering last year's state champ Gayville-Volin is in the same conference, as is Irene-Wakonda and Viborg, who Evans says are two of the top teams.

DAKOTA VALLEY

COACH: Vince Tucker (2nd year)
ASSISTANTS: Erin Schlee, Tammy Lilly, Shelly Richou
VITALS: Class A, Region 4A, Big Sioux Conference

LAST YEAR: The Panthers won the Region 4A meet and went on to finish third at the state meet. Gone from that team is Brad Farwell, who finished second in the 110-meter hurdles, fourth in the 300 hurdles and sixth in the pole vault. Also, senior Brad DeVries finished fourth in the discus. Junior Matt Green finished second in the 400-meter dash and fourth in the 200 dash at state. The Panthers' 800-meter relay team finished fifth at state and the 400 relay finished seventh.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Matt Green (Sr., sprints), Matt Lupkes (Jr., sprints), Taylor White (Jr., sprints), Zach Sexton (Jr., sprints), Joe Pham (Jr., distance), Scott Dykstra (Jr., distance), Evan Hendricks (Jr., sprints), Dan Keppen (So., distance), Brock Bergmann (So., sprints), Adam Brand (Sr., distance), Colton Matousek (Jr., throws), Shawn Kerr (So., sprints, pole vault), Jacob Vogts (So., sprints, pole vault)

OTHER RETURNERS: Cameron Carter (Sr., sprints), Nick Spiegler (Sr., distance), Joey Felmeier (Sr., hurdles), Dante Lewis (Jr., sprints), Alex Scavrede (Sr., distance), Landon Johnson (Jr., sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Brody Beach (Fr., sprints), Tanner Lambert (Fr., throws), Taylor Lambert (Fr., throws), Collins Chalup (Fr., sprints), Andrew Reiff (Fr., hurdles), Colton Mahler (Fr., hurdles), Dylan Sawyer (Fr., sprints), Austin Lewis (Fr., throws), Devon Lewis (Fr., sprints), Nick Buckley (Fr., throws), Wade Treloar (Fr., distance), Spencer McAdoo (Fr., distance)

ASSESSMENT: Despite losing three key contributors to last year's third place team, including Brad Farwell, who placed in three events, the Panthers return four runners who all contributed at the state meet.

"Experience is a strength of ours this year because we have some people coming back," coach Vince Tucker said.

"We are looking to do better than our third place finish from last year."

The team will be led by Matt Green, who finished in the top four in both the 200 and 400-meter dash. Green was also part of the 800-meter relay team that finished fifth at state, and the other three runners — juniors Matt Lupkes, Taylor White and Zach Sexton — are all back.

Lupkes, White and Sexton were also part of the 400-meter relay team that finished seventh at state.

Tucker said he is excited for the challenges that the new season will bring.

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON

COACH: John Wayne Kalda (1st year)
ASSISTANTS: Jodi Zeller, Toni Hall, Justin Clercx
VITALS: Class A, Region 4A, Big Sioux Conference

LAST YEAR: The Huskies Medley Relay team finished four at the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyler Broekmeier (Sr., sprints, jumps, state qualifier), Adam Trudeau (Sr., sprints, state qualifier), Drake Zeller (Jr., field events), Josh Curry (Jr., hurdles), Scott Shanks (Jr., sprints)

OTHER RETURNERS: Wyatt Chicoine (Jr.), Kyle Barnes (Jr.), Jordan Flynn (Jr.), John Hasenbank (So.), Tyler Koupal (So.), Dustin Wagner (Fr.), Billy Wiseman (Jr.), Jackson Yates (Jr.)

ASSESSMENT: First-year head coach John Wayne Kalda is looking for his young squad to build off the strong season of the school's other sports.

"We have a lot of athletes coming off of a very positive football, basketball and wrestling seasons," he said. If they can learn to take that mentality and apply it to track and field, they will see a lot of success this year."

The Huskies only have two seniors back this year — Tyler Broekmeier and Adam Trudeau — but both are state qualifiers from last year.

Kalda said some of the younger athletes will have to step up this year. "Some of the young men will have to take on some vital roles in the program," he said. "With a little leadership, we could have a very good season."

ETHAN-PARKSTON

COACH: Craig Bruening (2nd year)
ASSISTANTS: Rob VanLackeen, Shawn Spurrell, Nicole Lingemann
VITALS: Class A, Region 5A, Little Missouri Valley Conference, Southeast

South Dakota Conference

LAST YEAR: Ethan-Parkston finished 12th at the state meet. Alex Muntelefering was named last year's Class A MVP and is now running at the University of Oklahoma. He won the title in 800 and 1600-meter run.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jordan Conner (Jr., sprints), Matt Tuttle (Sr., throws), Taylor Schoenfelder (Jr., sprints), Payton Manson (So., sprints), Dave Schoenfish (So., distance), Jesse Kotlinek (So., distance), Chase McBrayer (So., sprints), Cody McBrayer (So., sprints), Ryan Hanks (So., sprints), Zach Hoeffner (Jr., mid-distance), Anthony Huber (Fr., throws), Henry Wegehaupt (Fr., mid-distance), Derek Wolf (Sr., sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Keegan Heisinger (Jr.), Justin Grossdier (Jr.)

ASSESSMENT: With a young roster this year, head coach Craig Bruening said it's a rebuilding year for the Trojans.

"We don't have a lot of older kids out," he said. "If the young kids stick with it, they could be pretty good when they get older."

FREEMAN

COACH: Rory Hermens (17th year)
ASSISTANTS: Aimee Mors, Chris Maske, Janel Oltman
VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The Flyers finished fourth in the conference meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Spencer Becker (Sr., sprints), Briar Peterson (Sr., sprints), Tanner Uecker (Sr., sprints), Colter Hendrix (Jr., throws), Tyson Lager (Jr., sprints), Trey Waltner (Jr., hurdles), Sheldon Moysis (So., sprints), Slad Mutchelknaus (So., distance), Bryce Saylor (So., sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Garrett Anderson (Fr.), Sydney Baker (Fr.), Caleb Lung (Fr.), Andrew Munkvold (Fr.), Jordan Rinehart (Fr.), Dustin Saerie (Fr.), Terrance Ulmer (Fr.), Seth York (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: After losing only one letterwinner, the Flyers will look to combine a big freshman class with the experience returning this year.

FREEMAN ACADEMY

COACH: Suzanne Koerner
ASSISTANTS: Craig Miller, Dennis Lehrman
VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bobcats finished sixth at the state Class B track meet. Senior Lucas Butkus was the state champion in the 100-meter dash and senior Jordan Ortman was the state champion in the triple jump.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Richard Friesen (Sr., hurdles, mid-distance), Aaron Tschetter (Sr., hurdles, sprints), Andre Eisenbies (Jr., distance), Will Chao (Jr., sprints)

OTHER RETURNERS: Carl Lehmann (Sr., distance), Jeffrey Preheim (Jr., sprints), Zachary Graber (Jr., mid-distance)

NEWCOMERS: Clint Basselman (Jr., jumps, mid-distance), Caleb Epp (Jr.,

sprints), Joe Chao (Jr., sprints), Ben Brockmueller (Fr., distance), Noah Yoder (Fr., sprints), Chris Miller (Fr., sprints, jumps), Matthew Graber (Fr., mid-distance), Ben Carlson (Fr., throws)

ASSESSMENT: After losing two state title winners, head coach Suzanne Koerner said it's a rebuilding year for the Bobcats.

"We have several individuals with some state meet experience, and a new group of freshmen boys to begin to rebuild a team around," she said. "We have to stay motivated with small success and gain experience."

GAYVILLE-VOLIN

COACH: Larry Buffington (2nd year)
ASSISTANTS: Jeremiah Dibley
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Raiders took home the Class B state title. Junior Parker Erickson won the title in both the 400 and 800-meter run and was the co-outstanding athlete of the state meet. Senior Kevin Kellum won the 200-meter run and junior Trever Jensen finished second in the shot put.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Parker Erickson (Sr., 400/800), Trever Jensen (Sr., throws, sprints), Tyler Kasuske (Jr., state qualifier, distance, relays), Kaleb Christopherson (Jr., throws), Jace Bennett (Jr., throws, relays), Luke Buffington (So., state qualifier, throws, distance, relays), Jack Huether (8th, sstate qualifier prints, relays)

OTHER RETURNERS: Brandon Lee (So., jumps, sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Alex Wolthoy (So.), Matthew Mellegaard (So.), Ross Goeden (So., sprints), Cole Rupp (Fr., distance), John Guy (Fr., throws), Zane Jensen (Fr., throws), Zach Engen (Fr., sprints, throws), DJ Hawthorne (Fr.), Alec Barta (7th, distance)

ASSESSMENT: Head coach Larry Buffington said the key to his team's year will be the development of the team's young athletes and a team attitude.

The three athletes from last year who saw a good amount of action — Parker Erickson, Trever Jensen and Tyler Kasuske — will look to lead the team this year.

"We return quality athletes in Erickson, Jensen and Kasuske," Buffington said. "They need to lead a large group of young athletes in a positive way in order for us to remain successful."

HURLEY

INTERIM COACH: Arlyn Wohleber
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyler Fisher (Sr., high jump, sprints), Eric Schoolmeester (Jr., mid-distance), Brian Dangel (100/200), Tyler Gerdes (Fr., long jump, sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Rusten Anderson (7th, long jump, hurdles, 400/800), Logan Brown (7th, shot, discus), Austin

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Avon Pirates Track & Field Schedule

Date	Name	Location
3/30/10	Armentrout Invitational	Armour
4/6/10	Parkston Early Bird	Parkston
4/13/10	Wagner Relays	Wagner
4/17/10	Avon Invitational	Avon
4/24/10	Jim Fleavars Relays	Tyndall
4/27/10	Great Plains Conference	TBA
4/30/10	Howard Wood	Sioux Falls
5/1/10	O'Gorman Invitational	Sioux Falls
5/4/10	LMVC	Parkston
5/8/10	Trojan Relays	Parkston
5/11/10	Ft. Randall	Armour
5/20/10	Region Meet	Avon
5/28/10	State Meet	Sioux Falls

Golf Schedule

Date	Name	Location
4/1/10	Varsity Golf (possible)	Yankton - Fox Run
4/6/10	Varsity Golf (possible)	Yankton - Fox Run
4/9/10	Varsity Golf (possible)	Mt. Vernon Invite - Lakeview
4/9/10	Varsity Golf	Freeman Invite
4/12/10	Varsity Golf (possible)	Mt. Vernon Invite - Lakeview
4/16/10	Varsity Golf	B • Burke - G • Gregory
4/23/10	Varsity Golf	G • Scotland - B • Avon
4/30/10	Varsity Golf	G • Pickstown - B • Platte
5/3/10	Varsity Golf	Freeman
5/7/10	Varsity Golf	G • Avon - B • Springfield
5/10/10	Pre Regions	Lakeview
5/14/10	Regions	Lakeview
5/24-25/10	State Golf Tournament	Aberdeen

Hurley Track & Field Schedule

4/6/10	Turner County Relays	Centerville
4/13/10	Rotary Relays	Centerville
4/15/10	Menno Invitational	Freeman
4/17/10	Avon Invitational	
4/27/10-7/10	Tri-Valley Conference	Centerville
5/4/10	Don Diede	Freeman
5/11/10	Tri Valley Conference	Centerville
5/20/10	Region Track Meet	Centerville

Golf Schedule

4/20/10	Irene	
4/23/10	Garretson	
4/26/10	JV	Freeman
5/3/10	JV Golf	Irene
5/2/10	Renner	
5/6/10	Yankton	
5/10/10	Region Golf	Sioux Falls