

S.D. Boys' Track

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Wurtz (7th, shot, discus).

ASSESSMENTS: With only one senior and one junior on the roster, Hurley will look to the younger runners to step up and provide some depth.

IRENE-WAKONDA

COACH: Brent Mutchelknaus (24th year)
ASSISTANTS: Landra Knodel, Kaycee Tjerdema, Bridget Sees

VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Eagles finished third in the Tri-Valley Conference. Junior Tate Schroeder finished sixth in the pole vault in the state meet. Seniors Lane Stockland and Arron Ness along with junior Justin Polley all qualified for the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Justin Polley (Sr., sprints, 100-meter state qualifier), Matt Brue (Sr., throws), Tate Schroeder (Sr., pole vault, 6th at state meet), Chad Peterson (Jr.), Greg Peterson (Jr., sprints, long jump), Scott Davis (So., throws), Sam Kiger (So., discus, high jump), Luke Schroeder (So., pole vault), Dustin Livingston (Fr., pole vault, mid-distance), Dillon Buchanan (Fr., 600/800), Garrett Anderson (8th, hurdles)

OTHER RETURNERS: Ivan Barnett (Jr., 800, long jump), Ethan Kiger (Jr., throws), Cash Murphy (So., 800/1600), Luckas Gustud (Fr., 200/400), Trevor Hanson (Fr., 400, high jump), Chris Heirigs (Fr., pole vault, sprints), Tyler Schmidt (Fr., long jump, sprints), Jake Vollmer (Fr., 800/1600)

ASSESSMENT: With the team strengths being the field events and middle distance runners, long-time Eagles head coach Brent Mutchelknaus is looking to develop some sprinters this year.

One of the sprinters he is looking to develop is senior Justin Polley, who qualified for the state meet last year in the 100-meter dash.

Leading the way in the field events for Irene-Wakonda is senior Tate Schroeder, who finished sixth in the pole vault at the state meet last year.

Mutelchknas said he is hoping to get a few of the middle distance runners qualified for the state meet.

"We have a good group of young mid-distance runners," he said. "It will be interesting to see if they can develop into state qualifiers."

MARION

COACH: Jerry Kippes (25th year)

ASSISTANTS: Dustin Wolforth, Brian Snyders

VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bears finished second in the Cornbelt Conference. Junior Brad Tunge finished fourth in the 100-meter dash, seventh in the 200 dash and was a part of the 800-meter relay which finished second at the state meet. Junior Tyler Lund, sophomore Shayne Becker and freshman Brad Viet also qualified for the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Brad Tunge (Sr., 100/200, relays), Tyler Lund (Sr., relays), Shayne Becker (Jr., relays), Brad Viet (So., relays), Shaun Becker (Fr.)

OTHER RETURNERS: Taylor Koehn (Jr.), Ryan Peterson (Jr.), Steven Schoenwald (Jr.)

NEWCOMERS: Travis Crisman (8th),



MARION: Brad Tunge

Brandon Goossen (8th), Nick Gortmaker (8th), Andrew Grassi (Fr.), Jason Kaufman (8th), Brennan Schmidt (7th), Jordan Tunge (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Bears are looking to build some depth last year after losing some quality contributors from last year's squad.

"We don't have much depth this year," said long-time coach Jerry Kippes. "Newcomers that could help provide some depth this year are junior Taylor Koehn and Ryan Peterson, and freshmen Jorgan Tunge and Andrew Grassi."

The main person back from last year's team is Brad Tunge, who placed in the 100 and 200-meter dash despite being injured.

"Brad was hurt the last month of track," Kippes said. "If he can stay healthy, he should be able to contend for the 100 and 200-meter titles."

Shayne and Shaun Becker will look to lead the Bears in the jumps.

"Shaun is a young kid who can jump really well, but was injured at the end of the year at region time," Kippes said. "Shayne just missed going to state in the high jump as well."

Shayne qualified for the state meet in the Medley Relay, along with sophomore Brad Viet. Viet was also on the 800-meter relay team with Tunge, which finished second at the state meet. Viet contributed to the 1600-meter relay team with senior Tyler Lund as well.

"Tyler was a good leg on our relays last year," Kippes said. "We should be able to run two to three good relays this year."

MENNO

COACH: Ken Bruckner (19th year)

ASSISTANTS: Cindee Evenson, Karissa Wilcoxson, Megan Smidt

VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The Wolves qualified five runners for the Class B state track meet, led by sophomore Tyler Handel, who was the state champ in the pole vault. Sophomore Robert Schoenfish also qualified in the pole vault and finished ninth.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyler Block

(Sr., throws), Trevor Bertsch (Sr., distance), Spencer Neuharth (Sr., distance), Macon Oplinger (Sr., jumps, hurdles), Tyler Handel (Jr., pole vault, sprints, state champ in pole vault), Robert Schoenfish (Jr., pole vault, mid-distance, ninth in state in pole vault), Ben Fischer (So., pole vault, mid-distance)

NEWCOMERS: Tyrell Bertsch (8th, pole vault, mid-distance), Dylan Lehr (8th, pole vault, jumps, sprints), Tyler Cwach (Jr., sprints, mid-distance)

ASSESSMENT: With two state qualifiers in the pole vault, including the state champion with junior Tyler Handel, returning from last year's squad, long-time coach Ken Bruckner said he feels like the event will be a strength for the team this year.

"We hope to have three 11-foot pole vaulters," he said.

Bruckner also added that the Wolves should be strong in the jumps with senior Macon Oplinger leading the way.

Even though numbers are down for the Wolves this year after losing a few quality participants to graduation, Bruckner said the team has to get past that.

"We must work on the quality of our team and not dwell on the numbers," he said. "If we work hard, we will be able to see results."

Bruckner said the good thing about the team is the kids who are out, want to be on the team.

"Everybody has to practice hard to prepare themselves for the competition," he said. "If some of our younger kids come around, we might even be able to get a relay into state."

PARKER

COACH: Roger Deutsch (24th year)

ASSISTANT: Derrek Sattler

VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Big East Conference

LAST YEAR: The Pheasants were led by sophomore Ian Collins, who finished sixth in the 800-meter run. Senior Jay Overgard also qualified for the state meet, along with junior Derek Christensen, sophomores Alex Koller and Mark Olson and freshman Tyson Lemke.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Derek Christensen (Sr., distance, state qualifier), Ian Collins (Jr., sprints, distance, sixth in 800-meter run), Alex Koller (Jr., sprints, state qualifier), Mark Olson (Jr., sprints, state qualifier), Tyson Lemke (So., sprints, state qualifier), Matt Mielke (So., distance), Seth Olson (So., distance), Duane Jongeling (Fr., distance)

ALSO RETURNING: Lee Berens (Sr., throws, sprints), Ryan Preheim (Jr., sprints), Josh Pauley (Jr., sprints), Trevor Miller (So., distance), Cedric Hay (So., jumps, sprints), Tyler Matthias (So., sprints), Blake Reynolds (Fr., jumps/sprints), Ethan Strand (Fr., sprints)

NEWCOMERS: Seth Dykstra (Fr., sprints), Jordan Weterin (Fr., mid-distance), Karter Lingen (Fr., jumps, sprints), Steven Carr (Fr., sprints)

ASSESSMENT: The Pheasants have a deep roster as they move down from Class A to Class B this year, which long-time head coach Roger Deutsch said will only push the team.

"With 20 young men out for track this year, it should make us more competitive because we will have one another fighting for spots in the relays and also in the open events," he said.

Deutsch said he thinks his team should be strong in the sprints and distance races, and is also looking forward to the relays.

"We should be able to put together some very competitive relays," he said.

Deutsch said he is hoping that some of the young guys will help out the team in the field events.

"We will need to work with the younger runners and field event people to see where they can help us the most," he said.

Junior Ian Collins is the top returner from last year after posting a sixth place finish in the 800-meter run at the Class A state meet.

SCOTLAND

COACH: Gary Pepper (35th year)

ASSISTANTS: Mary Ellen Luikens, Ryan Bruns, Seth Merrin

VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Little Missouri Valley Conference, Southeast South Dakota Conference, Great Plains Conference

LAST YEAR: Senior Jason Vaith finish fifth in the 110-meter hurdles and eighth in the 300-meter hurdles. Senior Kellyn Neth also qualified for the state meet in the shot put.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Spencer Bloch (Jr., throws), Connor Grosz (Jr., mid-distance), Jesse Pechous (Jr., distance), Nick Serje (Sr., discus), Tony Ridgeway (Jr., distance), Ryan Auch (So., sprints), Tim Sternhagen (So., hurdles)

ALSO RETURNING: Jacob Weindenbach (Jr., distance), Kyle Gall (So., throws), J.T. Kass (So., sprints), Dalton Mogck (So., throws)

NEWCOMERS: Jared Kloucek (Fr., throws), Lane Geimar (Jr., throws), Zach Conrad (Jr., mid-distance)

ASSESSMENT: With no seniors on the roster, long-time Highlanders coach Gary Pepper is looking for others to step up for leadership.

"It's a rebuilding year, and we will be looking for leadership from our juniors and sophomores," he said. "We will look to find the right combinations for relays."

Pepper said the team's strength will be in the throws and hurdles.

TRIPP-DELMONT-ARMOUR

COACH: Ron Weber (2nd year)

ASSISTANT: Mark Gemar

VITALS: Class B, Region 6B, Little Missouri Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: Sophomore Tyler Payer finished fourth in the long jump at the state meet and ninth in the triple jump. The Nighthawks' 800-meter relay team and Medley Relay team also qualified for the state meet. Senior Wade Wright finished second in the 1600-meter run at the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyler Payer (Jr., jumps, sprints, fourth in the long jump, ninth in the triple jump at the state meet), Tyler Doty (Sr., sprints, qualified for state), Reece Weber (So., throws), Zach Kriz (So., throws)

ALSO RETURNING: Adam Lau (8th, sprints, mid-distance), Chris Cap (So., distance, mid-distance)

NEWCOMER: Trevor Payer (Fr., jumps, sprints)

ASSESSMENT: Despite low numbers this year, head coach Ron Weber said his team should be a strong contributor in the jumps and the sprint relays.

Junior Tyler Payer is one of the reasons Weber expects the Nighthawks to be solid competitors in the jumps, since he finished fourth in the state meet in the long jump and ninth in the triple jump.

VIBORG

COACH: John Nyhaug (21st year)

ASSISTANTS: Connie Nyhaug, Wendy Christiansen

VITALS: Class B, Region 4B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Vikings qualified for the Class B state meet in the Medley Relay.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kevin Danielsen (Sr., 200/400/800, state qualifier), Cory Jacobsen (Jr., 200/400, state qualifier), Brandon DeVries (Jr., throws), Stephen Lee (Jr., jumps, 400/800), Matt Jensen (So., sprints, state qualifier), Ryne Kludt (So., jumps/sprints), Seth Engen (Fr., distance), Trevor Jacobsen (Fr., sprints, state qualifier), Brayden Meyers (Fr., mid-distance), Tyler Novak (Fr., sprints), Alex Stack (Fr., throws), Adrian Stack (Fr., throws)

ALSO RETURNING: Stephen Rogers (Jr., mid-distance), Dylan Kludt (8th, 400/800), Lane Van Hull (8th, 200/400), Allen Johansen (Fr., throws)

NEWCOMERS: David Carino (Sr.), Lane Meyers (7th), Dakota Flint (7th), Wesley Jensen (7th), Lane Kroppenske (7th, throws), Trevor Jensen (7th, sprints)

ASSESSMENT: The Vikings are looking to build on last year after losing only two letterwinners from last year's team.

Long-time Vikings coach John Nyhaug said the sprint relays and the sprints will be the team strengths this year.

Senior Kevin Danielsen, junior Cory Jacobsen, sophomore Matt Jensen and freshman Trevor Jacobsen were a part of Viborg's state qualifying Medley Relay team.

Nyhaug said the team will have to stay healthy, especially with Jensen coming back from an injury.

All in all, Nyhaug is looking forward to the season.

"We have some outstanding athletes that have had a lot of success," he said. "We will use that competitive spirit to lead our track team."

WAGNER

COACH: John Tyler (8th year)

ASSISTANTS: Jason Knebel, Matt Slaba, Joe Kafka

VITALS: Class A, Region 5A, Southeast South Dakota Conference, Little Missouri Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: Three Wagner athletes placed at the State Class A meet in Rapid City, including Tait Johannsen (discus), Mitch Breen (pole vault) and Brandon McAdaragh (3200).

TOP PROSPECTS: Mitch Breen (Sr.), Matthew Fleming (Sr.), Steven Fleming (Sr.), Dackery Geiman (Sr.), Trevor Greger (Sr.), Tait Johannsen (Sr.), Alen Kocer (Sr.), Robert Kokesh (Sr.), Brandon McAdaragh (Sr.), Matthew Andersh (Jr.), Casey Barnett (Jr.), Brennan Hilzendege (Jr.), Andrew Krill (Jr.), Brett Kuca (Jr.), Ryan Leasure (Jr.), Solomon St. Pierre (Jr.), Andrew Stands and Looks Back (Jr.), Jordan Cuka (So.), Levi Geiman (So.), Trent Greger (So.), Tyler Krill (So.), Dillon Lhotak (So.), Jack Robinson (So.), Tyler Dion (Fr.), Will Hollmann (Fr.), Kody Jakopak (Fr.), Kyle Jakopak (Fr.), George Langdeaux (Fr.), Noah Leines (Fr.), Brett McAdaragh (Fr.), Clifford O'Connor (Fr.), Spencer Peters (Fr.), Sage Zepher (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: Though Wagner graduated a number of athletes last year, the Red Raiders bring back a veteran squad that boasts nine seniors and eight juniors.

The senior trio of Mitch Breen, Tait Johannsen and Brandon McAdaragh will make another run at a state qualifying standard, while a number of other athletes will look to contribute.

"We were hit by graduation, but we should be able to rebound with a team that is full of seniors that are hungry," coach Tyler said. "I look for us to once again be very competitive during the season."

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GIRLS	A		B		BOYS	A		B	
	HAND	FAT	HAND	FAT		HAND	FAT	HAND	FAT
100 METERS	12.9	13.07	12.9	13.12	100 METERS	11.2	11.41	11.3	11.51
200 METERS	26.8	27.02	27.4	27.59	200 METERS	23.3	23.48	23.5	23.72
400 METERS	1:01.4	1:01.63	1:02.0	1:02.21	400 METERS	51.6	51.80	52.4	52.60
800 METERS	2:27.8	2:28.02	2:30.7	2:30.91	800 METERS	2:02.7	2:02.94	2:04.7	2:04.89
1600 METERS	5:35.3	5:35.54	5:37.8	5:38.00	1600 METERS	4:36.9	4:37.05	4:45.0	4:45.17
3200 METERS	12:17.0	12:17.20	12:33.3	12:33.46	3200 METERS	10:16.2	10:16.36	10:33.9	10:34.12
100 HURDLES	15.9	16.10	16.4	16.64	110 HURDLES	15.7	15.91	16.0	16.23
300 HURDLES	48.8	48.99	49.5	49.67	300 HURDLES	42.4	42.63	42.9	43.06
400 RELAY	52.4	52.57	53.1	53.31	400 RELAY	45.3	45.53	46.0	46.23
800 RELAY	1:50.3	1:50.53	1:51.5	1:51.66	800 RELAY	1:34.1	1:34.28	1:36.0	1:36.18
1600 RELAY	4:16.2	4:16.35	4:17.9	4:18.12	1600 RELAY	3:33.8	3:34.04	3:38.3	3:38.49
3200 RELAY	10:14.1	10:14.28	10:23.2	10:23.44	3200 RELAY	8:33.1	8:33.30	8:39.2	8:39.35
MEDLEY RELAY	4:32.2	4:32.40	4:35.9	4:35.54	MEDLEY RELAY	3:49.0	3:49.20	3:52.8	3:52.97
SHOT PUT		36-3		35-8	SHOT PUT		50-11		46-6
DISCUS		115-1		110-0	DISCUS		151-2		137-2
HIGH JUMP		5-0		4-10	HIGH JUMP		6-1		5-11
LONG JUMP		16-2		15-11	LONG JUMP		20-8		20-3
TRIPLE JUMP		34-3		33-4	TRIPLE JUMP		42-1		40-8
POLE VAULT		8-9		8-3	POLE VAULT		11-6		11-3

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Scotland Highlanders Track Schedule

3/30/10	Dan Lennon	USD- Vermillion
4/6/10	Parkston Early Bird Inv.	Parkston
4/13/10	Wagner Inv.	Wagner
4/17/10	Avon Inv.	Avon
4/20/10	SP-NE Challenge	Tyndall
4/24/10	Flevarés Relays	Tyndall
4/27/10	Great Plains Conference	Bonesteel
4/30 - 5/1/10	Howard Wood	Sioux Falls
5/1/10	Andes Central Inv.	Lake Andes
5/4/10	LMVC Conference	Parkston
5/8/10	Parkston Inv.	Parkston
5/11/10	SESU Conference	Wagner
5/20/10	Region 5B	Avon
5/28-29/10	State "B" Meet	Sioux Falls

Golf Schedule

4/6/10	Freeman Academy Invite	Valley View - Freeman
4/9/10	Freeman Invite	Valley View - Freeman
4/12/10	Mt. Vernon Invite	Lakeview - Mitchell
4/16/10	Burke-Gregory Invite	G - Gregory/B - Burke
4/23/10	Scotland-Avon Invite	G - Scotland/B - Avon
4/30/10	Platte - Wagner Invite	G - Pickstown/B - Platte
5/3/10	Freeman Invite	Valley View - Freeman
5/7/10	Avon-Bon Homme Invite	G - Tyndall/B - Springfield
5/10/10	Pre-Region	Lakeview - Mitchell
5/13/10	SESUS	Fox Run - Yankton
5/14/10	Region	Lakeview - Mitchell
5/24-25/10	State	Aberdeen

G - Lee Park/B - Moccasin Creek