

NEB. BOYS' GOLF

CREIGHTON

COACH: Welden Zepf (12th year)
ASSISTANT: Pat Wintz
VITALS: Class C, District C-3, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Andre Largen (Jr.), Holden Wetzler (Jr.), Ryan Mitteis (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Logan Pierce (So.), Zac Sorensen (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: Even though Creighton doesn't have a senior on the roster, the Bulldogs still have three letter winners returning from last year and will look to use last year's experience to benefit the team.

CROFTON

COACH: Gregg Baily
ASSISTANT: Allan Arens
VITALS: Class C, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference
LAST YEAR: The Warriors were led by Christian Nohr, who won the District Championship and medaled in the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Christian Nohr (Jr.), Lance Koch (Sr.), John Kohles (Jr.), Josh Crawford (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Brandon Hegge (Fr.), Wesdon Wortman (Fr.), Austin Steffen (Jr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Warriors have four returning letterwinners and leading by experience they should be able to get back to the district championship and make more noise in the state tournament.

"We have an exceptionally tough district at Norfolk," coach Baily said. "We have good athletes that are trying to improve so maybe we can surprise more teams."

HARTINGTON

COACH: Ken Kneiff (14th year)
VITALS: Class D, District 2, Lewis and Clark Conference
LAST YEAR: Even though the Wildcats have a young and inexperienced team, head coach Ken Kneiff said the kids have a nice enthusiasm for the game and are very coachable.
ASSESSMENT: "This group has been waiting for their chance," he said. "It should be fun to see how much progress they can make this year."
 Kneiff said his team will have to work on the little things throughout the year.
 "I think we need to work hard on our short game and keeping our penalty shots down," he said. "If we can do that, we have a chance to really improve as the season goes on."

HART. CEDAR CATHOLIC

COACH: Michael Johnson (12th year)
VITALS: Class C-2, Mid-State Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Brett Klug (Sr.), Cody Klug (Sr.), Nick Lauer (Sr.), Jason Wintz (Jr.), Kyle Klug (So.), Seth Howell (So.), Josh Anderson (So.)
ALSO RETURNING: Travis Arens (Sr.), Nathan Leise (Sr.), Kevin Wintz (Sr.), Tanner Hagge (Sr.), Trent Bottfolsen (Jr.), Tyler Leise (Jr.), Alex Heithold (So.), Zach Kathol (So.), Chance Becker (Fr.), Derrick Klug (Fr.), Andrew Waltner (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Trojans only lost one senior from last year, so they are looking to bring experience to the table. They will also need to consistently improve on a daily basis.
 "This district will again be very competitive," coach Johnson said. "We will have to play solid golf in order to qualify for the state tournament."

LAUREL-CONCORD

COACH: Brian Kaiser (3rd year)
VITALS: Class C
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kyle Koester (Sr.), Derek Colwell (Sr.), Jason Miller (Sr.), Mike Olesen (Jr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Billy Leapley (Jr.), Sean Leapley (So.)
ASSESSMENT: The Bears have a



CEDAR CATHOLIC: Nick Lauer

strong senior heavy roster. This will be a good thing for Laurel-Concord, because of experience and they should help motivate the other starters on the team.

NIORRARA

COACH: Marilyn Janovec
VITALS: Class D-2
RETURNERS: Alex Sternberg, Michael Kotrous, Josh Kemp, Alan Ruda.
NEWCOMERS: Jacob Bathke, Wyatt Reynolds
ASSESSMENT: Niobrara has four returning experienced players and will have to do some hardwork, dedication and smart decision.
 "I hope it warms up and dries off," coach Janovec said. "Tough competition, but anything is possible."

RANDOLPH

COACH: Kim Romohr (8th year)
ASSISTANT: Rob Engle
VITALS: Class D, Northeast Nebraska Athletic Conference
LAST YEAR: The Cardinals finished fifth in District C-2 this year.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jacob Backer (Sr.), Matt Graham (Sr.), Daniel Kyles (Sr.), Brad Thies (Sr.), Adam Tunink (Sr.), Danny Wessel (Sr.)
OTHER RETURNERS: Mitch Camin (Jr.), James Eye (Jr.), Anthony Thies (Sr.)
NEWCOMERS: Eric Isom (Jr.), Luke Korth (Jr.), Brenden Sweeney (Fr.), Nathan Tunink (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: With a deep roster, head coach Kim Romohr thinks her team could be a contender.
 "Our team has six seniors who have played together not only during the season, but also most of the summers," Romohr said.
 Romohr said the team will have to maintain its composure to do well this year.
 "A golfer can't ruin his round because of one ruined hole; patience is a virtue," Romohr said. "Each member needs to have complete confidence in his swing and himself."

VERDIGRE

COACH: Patrick Svec
VITALS: Class D, Niobrara Valley Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNER: Dillon Barta (Sr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Blaine Stoual (Sr.), Garrett Jones (Sr.), Spencer Frederick (Sr.), Alex Oehlen (Jr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Hawks aren't lacking in the experience department, but their depth might become an issue.
 "Our lone returning letterwinner will be an asset to our other golfers," coach Svec said. "We're going to have fun and see how much we can improve during the course of the season."

S.D. GIRLS' GOLF

ALCESTER-HUDSON

COACH: Bill Koenig (6th year)
ASSISTANT: Sally Thompson
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B, Tri-Valley Conference
LAST YEAR: The Cubs placed first in the conference and Julia Brown placed 20th at the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Leah Rommerheim (Sr.), Kelby Van Wyk (Jr.), Jamye McKee (So.)
ALSO RETURNING: Carmen Berns (Sr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Cubs lost Julia Brown, but they should have a strong team with Rommerheim being a state qualifier.
 "We need to improve our scoring by four to five strokes per nine holes," Koenig said.

ANDES CENTRAL

COACH: Tom Cooney (8th year)
ASSISTANT: Mark Otten
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B
LAST YEAR: The Eagles were Region 4B champions, with Jenna Winckler placing fourth in the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Cheyenne Long (Sr.), Janie Konyek (Sr.), Jenna Winckler (Jr.), Kellie Winckler (Fr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Megan Herold (Sr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Eagles would be able to make another run at the Region 4B championship. They hadn't lost anyone from the previous season and experience is needed to repeat.
 "Consistency is the most important area we will be working on," Cooney said. "Our kids want to get better and more consistent with their whole game each week."

AVON

COACH: Jay Weber (10th year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Cheyenne Zimmerman (Jr.)
NEWCOMERS: Ariana Oorlog (8th), Alyson Roth (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: With three golfers on the roster, the Pirates will look to build on the experience they will gain this year.

BERESFORD

COACH: Jerry Carda (5th year)
VITALS: Class A, Region 2A, Big Sioux Conference
LAST YEAR: The Watchdogs qualified Lisa Zweifel for state.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jessica Christensen (So.), Natalee Muhlentkott (Fr.), Maggie Vander Laan (Fr.)
NEWCOMERS: Ashley Amber (Sr.), Ishaya Wainscoat (Jr.), Mataya Wainscoat (8th), Taylor Watkins (7th)
ASSESSMENT: The Watchdogs have a young team, since losing three starters from last season.
 "We are young and inexperienced," Carda said.

BON HOMME

COACH: Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (2nd year)



ANDES CENTRAL: Jenna Winckler

ASSISTANT: Mike Duffek
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Gina Ludens (Jr.), Whitney Boese (Jr.), Jozie Einren (Jr.), Michaela Miller (Jr.)
NEWCOMER: Brittany Chihak (So.)
ASSESSMENT: The Cavaliers haven't lost anyone from last year so they should have enough experience to compete for the Region 4B championship.
 "We were transferred into a very competitive Region," Namminga, Jr. said. "That will make s work hard to return to state."

DAKOTA VALLEY

COACH: Paula Wilson
VITALS: Class A, Region 2A
LAST YEAR: The Panthers won the Big Sioux Conference last year, took second in the Region and sixth in the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Holly Goeden (Sr.), Lindsey Ellis (Sr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Gina Nauman (Jr.), Alyssa Hunt (So.), Shylter Funk (Fr.), Katie Barbee (Fr.), Abby Schmidt (Fr.), Annie Long (Fr.), Allie Oakley (Fr.), Darian Meyer (Fr.), Suyra Vijayasankar (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Panthers had lost a great senior from last year Nicole Funk, who is now golfing for USD. Dakota Valley should do well with their returning players and get back to the Big Sioux Championship and state.
 "There are some new names on our team," Wilson said. "But, I expect

great things this year."

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON

COACH: Lee Clark
VITALS: Class A, Region 2A, Big Sioux Conference
LAST YEAR: The Huskies had qualified two golfers to the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kelsey Leif (Jr.), Cassie Hilbrands (Jr.), Liz Schuh (Jr.), Ashlee Stepp (So.), Morgan Huser (So.)
ALSO RETURNING: Alyssa Raker (Jr.), Camille Fowler (So.)
NEWCOMER: Colby Irwin (So.)
ASSESSMENT: The Huskies are looking to build upon the experience from last year and make some noise in the Big Sioux Conference.
 "Our goal as a team is to make it to state," Clark said. "We will need our three-five golfers to score well for the team to be competitive."

FREEMAN

COACH: Ryan Mors (3rd year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B, Cornbelt Conference
LAST YEAR: The Flyers placed first in the Cornbelt Conference.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Courtney Lickteig (Jr.), Shelby Bauer (Fr.)
NEWCOMERS: Hillary Stern (Sr.), Megan Egan (7th), Alison Bodewitz (7th)
ASSESSMENT: The Flyers have experience, but lose two starters from

last year.
 "With the unpredictable spring weather in South Dakota, a key to having a successful season will depend a lot on how much practice time we actually get," Mors said.

GAYVILLE-VOLIN

COACH: Jeff Haenfler (2nd year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B
LAST YEAR: The Raiders had two girls qualify for the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kelsey Anderson (Sr.), Taylor Anderson (Jr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Rachel Pokorney (8th)
NEWCOMER: Natalie Harkness (So.)
ASSESSMENT: The Raiders didn't lose any seniors this year, so they should be able to build off of last season.
 "We will count on our senior and juniors to lead our team," coach Haenfler said. "I hope that our underclassmen will step up."

HURLEY

COACH: Erik Sommervold
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B
RETURNING LETTERWINNER: Ariel Pastian (Sr.)
ASSESSMENT: With only one golfer on the roster, Pastian will look to qualify for the state meet individually.

IRENE-WAKONDA

COACH: Mike King (3rd year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B, Tri-Valley Conference
LAST YEAR: The Eagles placed fourth in the Tri-Valley Conference Meet and qualified three players to the state tournament.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Maggie Kriebel (Fr.), Melissa Hessman (So.), Andrea McManus (Jr.), Alex Nelson (So.), Kersten Hansen (Sr.)
ALSO RETURNING: Mercedes Kotalik (Jr.), Sydney Nielsen (8th)
ASSESSMENT: The Eagles bring back two state qualifiers from last year and are looking to compete in the Tri-Valley Conference again.
 "Depth to push each other on the girls team," King said.

MARION

COACH: Bruce Irbeck (16th year)
ASSISTANT: Ben Irbeck
VITALS: Class B, Region 3B, Cornbelt Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kollien Matthies (Jr.), Stephanie Hair (So.), Abby Schoenwald (So.), Cassie Engbrecht (Fr.)
NEWCOMERS: Renae VanderZee (8th), Alycia Kayser (8th), Rachel Husman (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Bears didn't lose any seniors this season and should make a splash in the Cornbelt Conference.
 "We are young," Irbeck said. "With continued experience, we could have a very good chance to qualify several people for state."

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Neb. Boys' Track

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VERDIGRE

COACH: Cassandra Sonder (3rd year)
ASSISTANTS: Stacy Ludwig, Dana Konopasek
VITALS: Class D, Niobrara Valley Conference
LAST YEAR: The Hawks finished sixth in the MVC.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jared Dather (Sr.), Lonnie Filip (Sr.), Justin Riley (Sr.), Jared Hrbek (Jr.), Justin Jacot (Jr.), Camden Liska (Jr.)
NEWCOMERS: Russ Hirschman (Sr.), Nathan Hrbek (Sr.), Jordan Larsen (Jr.), Justin Dather (Fr.), Collin Konopasek (Fr.), Kai Liska (Fr.), Owen Pavelka (Fr.), Kyle Sokol (Fr.), Jacob Pavlik (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Hawks have lost some experience, but they should be able to overcome this with some outstanding performances by the current seniors.
 "Like most years we need to stay healthy and experience few injuries," Sonder said. "A successful season depends on the individual athletes

improving and striving for better performances."

WAUSA

COACH: Greg Conn (24th year)
ASSISTANT: Tyler Fincher
VITALS: Class D, Lewis & Clark Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jared Gillian (Sr., mid-distance), Steve Ortmeier (Sr., hurdles), Nick DeBlizan (Sr., throws), Jesse Lange (Sr., hurdles), Aaron Kleinschmit (Sr., hurdles), Kyle Schumacher (Jr., mid-distance), Nate Stony (So., distance).
NEWCOMERS: Jon Molina (So., sprints), Matt Wamberg (So., mid-distance), Marcus Claussen (Fr., throws, mid-distance), Ried Friedrich (Fr., mid-distance), Gavin Friedrich (Fr., distance), Adam Kleinschmit (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Vikings have a veteran group returning and will be led by their distance and middle distance runners.
 Long-time head coach Grey Conn said the team will have to play to its strengths this year, and work in the younger runners.
 "We have to score consistently in our strength areas, and then become consistent in scoring with our

young athletes," he said. "I am very excited to see how our young kids get out and establish themselves."

WYNOT

COACH: Lee Helmes (3rd year)
ASSISTANT: Amy Kathol
VITALS: Class D, Lewis and Clark Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Ryan Boeckman (Sr.), Chad Boeckman (Jr.), Jimmy Thoen (Sr.), Michael Wieseler (Jr.), Kyle Gartner (Jr.)
NEWCOMERS: Randin Rawlings (Fr.), Heath Schmidt (Fr.), Kyle Bruening (Fr.), John DeBlauw (Fr.), Chris Schmidt (So.)
ASSESSMENT: The Blue Devils might have enough experience this year

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Date	Name	Location
3/19/10	Wayne State Indoor Meet	Wayne
3/30/10	Cedar Catholic Invite	Hartington
4/6/10	Hartington Invite	Hartington
4/13/10	Crofton Invite	Hartington
4/20/10	Hartington Invite	Hartington
5/1/10	Conference Meet	Hartington
5/6/10	Winside Invite	Laurel
5/12/10	District Meet	Pierce
5/21-22	State Track Meet	

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Andes Central Track & Field Schedule

Date	Event	Location
3/30/10	Dan Lennon	Vermillion
4/13/10	Red Raider Invite	Wagner
4/17/10	Avon	Avon
4/20/10	Corsica	Corsica
4/22/10	Kimball	Kimball
4/24/10	Jim Fievares Relays	Tyndall
5/1/10	Andes Central Invite	Lake Andes
5/4/10	LMVC	Parkston
5/14/10	Winner QB	Winner
5/20/10	Region 6B	

Golf Schedule

4/1/10	Yankton
4/6/10	Yankton
4/9/10	Freeman
4/12/10	Mt. Vernon
4/16/10	Burke/G Gregory
4/23/10	B Avon/G Scotland
4/30/10	B Platte/G Pickstown
5/3/10	Freeman
5/7/10	B Avon/G Springfield
5/10/10	Mitchell
5/14/10	Mitchell
5/24-25/10	Aberdeen