

S. Dakota Girls' Golf

REGION TOURNAMENTS
REGION 2A, May 16, The Bluffs, Vermillion: Beresford, Dakota Valley, Elk Point-Jefferson, Vermillion
REGION 3A, May 16, Pierre: Parkston, Wagner
REGION 3B, May 16, Elmwood GC, Sioux Falls:

Alcester-Hudson, Centerville, Freeman, Freeman Academy, Gayville-Volin, Irene-Wakonda, Marion, Parker, Viborg-Hurley
REGION 4B, May 13, Lakeview GC, Mitchell: Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont

STATE TOURNAMENTS
Class A: May 24-25 at The Bluffs, Vermillion

Class B: May 24-25 at Elmwood GC, Sioux Falls

Alcester-Hudson

HEAD COACHES: Bill Koenig, Sally Thompson
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Tri-Valley Conference
LAST YEAR: The Cubs finished off last season in third place in the conference qualified Leah Rommereim to the state meet. Rommereim found some success at the state meet taking home a 67th place.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kelby Van Wyk (Sr.), Janye McKee (Jr.), Christine Hakl (Jr.), **Kassie Van Wyk (Fr.)**
ASSESSMENT: The Cubs lost their only state qualifier from last season, but are hoping with the one senior and two juniors a state meet is in their sights. The depth of Alcester-Hudson might play a factor when the conference meet rolls around.
 "The girls team is rebuilding, but there is promise on the way as the junior high has good numbers," Thompson said. "We would like to qualify two girls to the state meet."

Andes Central

HEAD COACH: Tom Cooney (8th year)
ASSISTANT: Randy Winckler
VITALS: Class B, Region 4
LAST YEAR: The team finished second in Region 4 and earned sixth at the state meet. They lost Janie Konyek and Cheyenne Long who were both members of teams that placed in state for many years.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jenna Winckler (Sr.), Kellie Winckler (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Krista Winckler (So.)
ASSESSMENT: With two strong returning players that have experience not only playing in state tournaments but also placing in them, the team should be successful. Their short games will need work and will be the key to lowering scores.

Avon

HEAD COACH: Jay Weber (10th year)
ASSISTANT: Jeff Wepking
VITALS: Class B, Region 4
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Allyson Roth (So.), Arianna Oorlog (Fr.), Mallory Cihak (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: It looks to be a rebuilding season for the Lady Pirates as their roster is rounded out by one sophomore and two



ANDES CENTRAL: Senior Kellie Winckler, who tied for 9th in Class B in 2010

freshmen. It will be a challenge starting out the season, but should gain some experience throughout the season.

Bon Homme

HEAD COACH: Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (3rd year)

ASSISTANT: Mike Duffek
VITALS: Class B, Region 4
LAST YEAR: The team qualified one golfer for the state meet.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Gina Ludens (Sr.), Jozie Einrem (Sr.), Whitney Boese (Sr.), Brittany Cihak (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Kassie Boese (Fr.), Megan Burbach (Fr.), Samantha Crews (Fr.), Shania Denton (Fr.), Christine Pinkelman (Fr.), Tajia Schemp (Fr.), Brenda Walloch (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The team is very divided between upper and lower classmen. The seniors will need to lead the team as the younger players gain experience at the varsity level. "We need an individual dedication to improvement and a team approach for tournament play," Namminga said. "We are in a very competitive region so we will have to play well to have our golfers place consistently."

Dakota Valley

HEAD COACH: Paula Wilson
VITALS: Class A, Region 2, Big Sioux Conference
LAST YEAR: The Panthers experienced another solid season last year and take three losses coming into this season with Holly Goeden, Lindsey Ellis and Katie Barbie all graduating.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Shyler Funck (So.), Alyssa Hunt (Jr.), Annie Long (So.), Abby Shmitt (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Kendra Wendeshausen (Fr.), Randy Rogers (7th), Mary High (7th), Surya Vijaysankar (8th)

ASSESSMENT: Dakota Valley has a young team coming into this season, but the front four golfers should provide some good leadership for the newcomers. It will be important for the Panthers to play as a team through the season to get over a couple learning curves.

Elk Point-Jefferson

HEAD COACH: Lee Clark (4th year)
VITALS: Class A, Big Sioux Conference
LAST YEAR: The Huskies had two golfers bring home state medals as Kelsey Leif placed 19th and Cassie Hilbrands finished in 23rd.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Morgan Heuser (Jr.), Ashlee Stepp (Jr.), Liz Schuh (Sr.), Colby Irwin (Jr.), Kelsey Leif (Sr.), Cassie Hilbrands (Sr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Abbey Langstraat (Sr.), Camille Fowler (Jr.), Katie Zeller (So.), Anna Chicoine (So.), Hannah Stone (Fr.), Hannah North (8th), Olivia Gross (8th)

NEWCOMERS: Kelsey Abbey (So.), Nicole (So.), Tori Johnson (7th), Morgan Flynn (7th)
ASSESSMENT: The Huskies had a good amount of returners this season and have their two state qualifiers back for a second time around.
 "Our goal is to have our team make it to the state tournament," Clark said. "All have the potential to be state qualifiers."

Freeman

HEAD COACH: Ryan Mors (4th year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Cornbelt Conference
LAST YEAR: The girls team finished as conference champions and Courtney Lickteig finished as the individual conference champ and also placed at the state meet. The team lost one senior from last season.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Courtney Lickteig (Sr.), Shelby Bauer (So.), Alison Bodewitz (8th), Megan Egan (8th)
NEWCOMERS: Miranda Egan (Fr.), Ashley Schumacher (7th), Christa Peterson (7th), Ashley Skinner (7th)
ASSESSMENT: It is a young team, but they have Lickteig in the leadership role to help the younger girls develop their skills.
 "We are looking forward to building on the past seasons with Lickteig," Mors said.

Gayville-Volin

HEAD COACH: Jeff Haenfler (3rd year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Raiders had two golfers qualify for the state tournament in Kelsey and Taylor Anderson. Both graduated.
RETURNER: Rachel Pokorney (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: Because Gayville-Volin only has one golfer on the roster, it is going to be a tough road in big meets. However, it should give Pokorney some important practice time to try to make the state tournament.

Irene-Wakonda

HEAD COACH: Brooke Bonte (1st year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Tri-Valley Conference
KEY PROSPECTS: Andrea McManus

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NEB. GOLF

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last season after placing fourth at the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Christian Nohr (Sr.), John Kohles (Sr.), Austin Steffen (Sr.), Josh Crawford (Jr.), Brandon Hegge (So.), Wesdon Wortman (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Tim Evans (Sr.), Preston Evans (So.), Brett Bollich (So.), Sawyer Poore (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team has quite a few returning players that have state experience. The younger players will need to follow their lead and work hard to be successful this season.

"We will have good competition for the five starters in varsity," Baily said. "It'll be a tough district tournament with a lot of state teams in our district."

Hartington

HEAD COACH: Ken Kneiff (15th year)
VITALS: Class D, District D-3, Lewis & Clark Conference
LAST YEAR: The Wildcats ended last season in fourth place in the region and made good strides for the Hartington program. They hope to build from where they left off.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Zach Hamilton (Sr.), Aaron Hamilton (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Alex Heithold (Jr.), Trey Morten (Fr.), Ethan Steiner (Fr.)
ASSESSMENT: The Wildcats have a two returning starters and have a host of newcomers. Hartington lost two starters so the returners will have to step up to that leadership challenge.
 "We need to be very efficient in the short game," Nilson said. "We also need to keep our penalty strokes to a minimum."

Hartington Cedar Catholic

HEAD COACH: Michael Johnson (13th year)
VITALS: Class C, Mid-State Conference
LAST YEAR: The Trojans has lost three important pieces from the last couple season in Nick Lauer, Cody Klug and Brett Klug. As Cedar Catholic enters this season their depth will play a factor in their success this season.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyler Leise (Sr.), Jason Wintz (Sr.), Josh Anderson (Jr.), Seth Howell (Jr.), Kyle Klug (Jr.)

OTHER RETURNERS: Zach Kathol (Jr.), Eric Kruse (Jr.), Chance Becker (So.), Steve Herbolzheimer



HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC: Junior Kyle Klug is the top returner for Trojans team that placed 5th at State C in 2010.

(So.), Derrick Klug (So.), Andrew Walter (So.), Jared Burbach (Fr.), Dalton Lammers (Fr.), Grant Howell (Fr.), Logan Schumacher (Fr.), Jacob Wiedenfeld (Fr.), Ross Wintz (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: Cedar Catholic should see a quality season as Kyle Klug will take the top spot on the varsity team. The Trojans have 17 golfers out this season and the depth of the team should put them into contention at the end of the year.

"I really like our underclassmen this year," Johnson said. "Several of them have tremendous talent and could find themselves in the mix for varsity."

Laurel-Concord-Coleridge

HEAD COACH: Brian Kaiser
VITALS: Class C, Northeast

Nebraska Activities Conference
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Nate Granquist (So.), Shawn McCoy (So.), Nathan Schmitt (So.)

TOP PROSPECTS: Sean Leapley (Jr.), Tyler Schurman (Jr.), Cody Wood (Jr.), Gabe Abts (So.), Hannah Burbach (So.), Zach Hoffart

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(So.), Michel Leapley (So.), Nicole Benson (Fr.), Calvin Casey (Fr.), Brendan Groene (Fr.), Drew Lunz (Fr.), Jany McCoy (Fr.), Logan McCoy (Fr.), Lathan Ohlrich (Fr.), Cory Peterson (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Bears return three golfers from a squad that finished 12th in their district a year ago, and hope to continue building with their young squad. The team has no seniors this season, and should have the opportunity to grow their games in the coming seasons.

Niobrara-Verdigre

HEAD COACH: Marilyn Janovec (4th year)
ASSISTANT: Pat Svec
VITALS: Class D, Niobrara Valley Conference (NVC)
LAST YEAR: The team placed third at the NVC tournament at the end of the season and lost just one player from the roster.
RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Michael Kotrous (Sr.), Alan Ruda (Jr.), Josh Kemp (Jr.), Wyatt Reynolds (So.)
NEWCOMERS: Coy Reynolds (So.), Nick Castillo (Fr.), Kade Mariano (Fr.), Hayden Liska (Fr.), Kai Liska (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: As the lone senior, Kotrous will have to step up and lead the team. Janovec said the players will need to practice like they compete and hopes for good weather.

Randolph

HEAD COACH: Kim Romohr (9th year)
VITALS: Class C, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference

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LAST YEAR: The team took first place in the conference and qualified for the state tournament for the first time, but the entire varsity squad graduated last year.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Mitch Camin (Sr.), Eric Isom (Sr.), Luke Korth (Sr.), Anthony Thies (Jr.), Nathan Tunink (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Luke Andrew (Fr.), Austin Gubbels (Fr.), Leo Haselhorst (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: This will be a tough year of rebuilding after losing all members from the varsity squad last season.

"We have to play strategic golf early as we work on our rhythm," Romohr said. "We must eliminate wasted strokes and penalties."

Santee

HEAD COACH: Mike Zimmerman (7th year)
VITALS: Class D-2, Niobrara Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: Tyral Denney and Weylyn Washington posted their best scores of the season but fell short of qualifying for the state tournament.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Tyral Denney (So.), Weylyn Washington (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Monique Sherrdan (Sr.), Shaun Gilman (Jr.), Braxton Taylor (So.), Nic White (Fr.), Dave Henry (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: It is a young team, but the sophomore class has some standout players. The team will need to be dedicated to working hard to continue to improve.

"We are young and inexperienced, but this should be the best team we have had," Zimmerman said.

Vermillion Baseball
2011 Season Schedule

March 20	Sioux City Bancrofts	Sioux City	2 p.m. (DH)
March 25	Dakota Valley	North Sioux City	5 p.m.
March 27	Beresford	Prentis Park	1 p.m.
April 1	Dakota Valley	North Sioux City	5 p.m.
April 6	Beresford	Beresford	5:30 p.m.
April 8	Yankton	Prentis Park	5 p.m.
April 10	Bon Homme	Prentis Park	5 p.m.
April 11	Parkston	Prentis Park	4:30 p.m.
April 13	Yankton	Yankton	5 p.m.
April 17	Lennox	Lennox	2 p.m.
April 20	Canton	Canton	5:30 p.m.
April 25	Lennox	Prentis Park	6 p.m.
April 28	Wagner-Avon	Wagner	6 p.m.
April 30	Bon Homme	Tabor	6 p.m.
May 1	Wessington Springs/Mount Vernon/Ethan/Hanson/Woonsocket	Mount Vernon	4 p.m. (DH)
May 3	Dakota Valley	Prentis Park	5 p.m.
May 8	Corsica-Stickney-Armour-Plankinton	Prentis Park	1:30 p.m.

VERMILLION

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turned their throwers into pitchers.

"We certainly have the numbers," he said. "We have the kids that have the mentality to be able to throw strikes and have a gameplan. "Rather than having guys on the mound just throwing."

Vermillion has a tough district and region to win in as they face Beresford, Dakota Valley and Bon Homme. Gault feels like the Tanagers play in one of the most talented regions in the state.

"It is one of those things that Beresford is probably the favorite," he said. "Just like any other high school athletic anything could happen."

"Hopefully with the extra experience we can get over that hump."

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