

S. Dakota Boys' Golf

REGION TOURNAMENTS

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 B: May 24-25 at Central Valley GC, Hartford

Alcester-Hudson

HEAD COACHES: Bill Koenig, Sally Thompson
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Cubs finished off last season with a fourth place finish in the conference and sending two golfers to the state meet. The two golfers that qualified for the state meet were Nathan Johnson and Damian Schouten.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Nathan Johnson (Sr.), Tyler Kjosje (Sr.), DJ Schouten (Sr.), Travis Terpstra (Sr.), Tyler Fuchs (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: Alcester-Hudson lost one golfer from last season in state qualifier Damian Schouten, but the Cubs should find some success this season with having a strong group of letterwinners returning.

"Our boys team should be strong this season," Koenig said. "We would like to qualify our boys team for the state B meet."

Andes Central

HEAD COACH: Tom Cooney (8th year)
ASSISTANT: Randy Winckler
VITALS: Class B, Region 4B

LAST YEAR: The team only had one state qualifier, Ryan Cooney. Cooney was a four time state qualifier and the boys must now play without him.

NEWCOMERS: Joe Evans (Fr.), Darby Svatos (Fr.), Aaron Swanson (Fr.), J.J. Cooney (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The team has no returning players from last season, so the start of the year will be rocky. With such young players and no previous high school experience, it will be difficult for them to have a successful season.

"We are looking to gain some experience for the future," Cooney said. "We are trying to build our program with young kids."

Avon

HEAD COACH: Jay Weber (10th year)
ASSISTANT: Jeff Wepking
VITALS: Class B

LAST YEAR: The team lost Marshall Cihak who finished fourth at the state tournament.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Troy Kopp (Sr.), Jordan Johnson (Sr.), Dennis DeJong (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team will have returning players that will provide them with needed experience. Losing Cihak will be a challenge as someone will need to step up and fill



FREEMAN: Sophomore Arron Lickteig is the top returning state finisher from the area after placing 16th at state in 2010. He finished second in the state as an eighth grader in 2009.

his role.

Bon Homme

HEAD COACH: Lawrence Namminga, Jr. (3rd year)
ASSISTANT: Mike Duffek
VITALS: Class B, Region 4

LAST YEAR: The team qualified two golfers for the state meet and lost one of them, Bradley Cihak.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Ian Dunham (Sr.), Cayler Benson (Sr.), Lincoln Stoebner (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Loren Pinkelman (Sr.), Tanner Hajek (So.), Les Jelsma (So.), Zach Schwartz (So.), Keifer Fitch (Fr.), Billow Minow (Fr.)

NEWCOMERS: Christian Griffith (So.), Tucker Peschl (So.), Michael Merkwan (Fr.), Tyson Salzman (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team has only one player with state tournament experience, so it will take a lot of practice for the other players to be competitive in the region. "We need to find a fourth golfer that is willing to put in the extra time to prove himself

as a varsity player," Namminga said.

Freeman

HEAD COACH: Ryan Mors (4th year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: Arron Lickteig was a strong competitor on the team as he was the conference champion and placed at the state meet. The team didn't lose any players to graduation.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kyle Koerner (Sr.), Arron Lickteig (So.), Kahler Koerner (So.), Derek Scherschlight (So.), Kurt Weber (So.), Zach Sohler (Fr.), Travis Schnabel (8th)

NEWCOMERS: Tanner Rupp (7th), Dillon Stamer (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The team will need to get some good practice in and the younger players will have to step up so Lickteig has a strong supporting cast.

"With the unpredictable spring weather in South Dakota, a key to

having a successful season will depend a lot on how much practice we actually get on the driving range, practice green and course itself," Mors said.

Gayville-Volin

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

LAST YEAR: The team had two state qualifiers and lost one due to graduation — Nick Huber.

Letterwinner Trevor Taggart also graduated from the team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Ben Sonichsen (Sr.), Trevor Huber (Sr.), Stephen Bergeson (Fr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Dillon Pokorney (Sr.), Alex Taggart (Fr.)

NEWCOMERS: Gage Placek (Sr.), Justin Nelson (Sr.), Gunnar Camp (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team has a few returners that will lead the team with experience. The younger players will need some time to adjust to

the level of play.

"I am looking forward to a new season and hoping that we can return our senior leader, Ben Sonichsen, to the state meet and have others qualify so we can compete as a team," Haenfler said.

Irene-Wakonda

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

KEY PROSPECTS: Ethan Kiger (Sr.), Jaron Sorenson (Sr.), Michael Peterson (Sr.), Cody Schenk (So.), Preston Larson (Fr.), Justin Ostrem (Fr.), Braxton Erwin (Fr.), Jordan Jergumen (Fr.), Mike Hanson (Fr.), Landon Larsen (7th)

ASSESSMENT: In coach Bonte's first year, she inherits a young squad with lots of potential. Kiger and Sorenson will provide leadership all season.

"These kids have been working very hard and I feel that the season will go great," Bonte said. "I think our Eagles' progress will continue to grow."

Marion

HEAD COACH: Bruce Hansen (17th year)
ASSISTANT: Ben Irlbeck
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The boys were the conference champions and earned fourth at the conference tournament. Braden Schmidt was the only state qualifier.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Braden Schmidt (Sr.), Tyler VanderZee (Sr.), Shane Becker (Sr.), Brennan Schmidt (8th)

ALSO RETURNING: Joey Pessia (Fr.), Lincoln Langrock (8th), Carson Gross (8th), Bryce Konda (8th), Michael Crabtree (8th)

NEWCOMERS: Nick Pessia (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The team has a lot of young players that lack experience so the seniors will need to set an example of what is expected.

"We have a very good chance to qualify several people for the state meet," Hansen said.

Parker

HEAD COACH: Dave Fuller (25th year)
ASSISTANT: Jason Hohn
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Big East Conference

LAST YEAR: Parker earned a fourth place finish in the conference last season. The team lost only one



PARKER: Senior Ryan Preheim is one of four returning letterwinners for the Pheasants.

player, junior Nate Rasmussen, from last year's roster.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Ryan Preheim (Sr.), Trace Jensen (Sr.), Patrick Gillespie (So.), Logan Sanner (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Dan Roa (So.), Jake Anderson (Fr.), Peyton Jensen (8th), Jayden Hertel (8th)

NEWCOMERS: Cedric Hay (Sr.), Zach Knock (So.), Cody Bussel (8th), Dylan Nagelstad (7th)

ASSESSMENT: After falling short of qualifying for the state tournament last season, the team will be ready to work hard and learn from their mistakes.

"We need to keep getting better as the season goes along," Fuller said. "Our boys should be very competitive and looking for a better showing at state."

Scotland

HEAD COACH: Turk Peterka (6th year)
VITALS: Class B, Region 4

RETURNING PLAYERS: Trevor Larson, Dalton Mogck, Jared Diede, Seth Ireland

TOP PROSPECTS: Grant Winkler, Kyle Cosman, Nick Settje

ASSESSMENT: The Highlanders' golf program is young, with not a single golfer with more than a year of high school experience, but have good numbers. Scotland has 30 kids out for golf between their boys and girls, giving them a chance for in-

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(Sr.), Melissa Hessman (Sr.), Alex Nelson (Sr.), Maggie Kribell (So.), Ashleigh Schroeder (Fr.), Sydney Nielsen (Fr.), MaKayla Mohr (Fr.), Ashley Oien (Fr.), Shayanne Sorenson (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Eagles sent four girls to the state tournament last year, and three of those return for 2011. Kribell, Hessman and Nielsen will all look for a repeat performance.

"I think the keys to a successful season are practice, practice, practice," Bonte said. "I also think that where most of our players should be shaving strokes should be on or around the green."

Marion

HEAD COACH: Bruce Hansen (17th year)
ASSISTANT: Ben Irlbeck
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The team didn't place in conference or qualify any players for state. It also didn't lose any letterwinners.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Stephanie Hair (Sr.), Abby Schoenwald (Sr.), Cassie Engbrecht (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Kolleen Matthies (Sr.), Katherine Luke (So.), Alycia Kayser (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team will need to stay focused and continue to work on their fundamentals to improve from last season's finish. "We need to stay focused on



MARION: Soph Cassie Engbrecht is one of three returning letterwinners for the Bears.

what we want to accomplish and work hard to get it," Hansen said.

Parker

HEAD COACH: Dave Fuller (25th year)
ASSISTANT: Jason Hohn
VITALS: Class B, Region 3, Big East Conference

LAST YEAR: There weren't enough girls to make a team at the

beginning of the season, but those who joined late showed signs of improvement.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Emily Hanten (Sr.), Micalanne Hanten (So.), Kayla Preheim (Fr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Alycia Pesicka (Sr.)

NEWCOMER: Allison Sanner (8th)

ASSESSMENT: The team still lacks depth with only five girls on the team, but those that are returning should have enough experience to have some success.

"With new golfers joining and last year's returning players, we hope to be competitive," Fuller said.

Parkston

HEAD COACH: Eric Norden (5th year)
VITALS: Class A, Region 3

LAST YEAR: The Trojans had another solid year by finishing first in their region and left one stroke behind Vermillion to take second place at the state meet.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Samantha Bialas (Sr.),

Mariah Mogck (Sr.), Jordan Bormann (So.), Taylor Bormann (So.), McKenzie Weidenbach (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Heather Kollmann (Sr.), Logan Wagner (So.), Devin Kurtz (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Sydney Bormann (7th), Sydney Weber (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The team has a balance between golfers with experience and newcomers who will improve throughout the season.

"Our team should be a solid group of individuals for this upcoming season," Norden said. "We are hoping for a good season and expect there to be some good competition in Class A this year."

Scotland

HEAD COACH: Turk Peterka (6th year)
ASSISTANT: Jan Fiscoel
VITALS: Class B, Region 4

TOP PROSPECTS: Lacey Bietz, Sydney Schmitz, Audrey Gall, Jessica Thum, Linsey Raker, Brooke Pravacek

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than a year of high school experience, but have good numbers. Scotland has 30 kids out for golf between their boys and girls, giving them a chance for in-team competition to fill the four varsity spots.

Tripp-Delmont

HEAD COACH: Matthew Termansen
VITALS: Class B, Region 4

LAST YEAR: The team lost senior Kaitlyn Roth as she placed in the top 15 at the state meet and is now currently playing golf at Mount Marty College.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Macey Fuerst (Sr.), Morgan Polreis (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Rachel Soulek (Sr.), Payton Schaefer (8th)

NEWCOMER: Julie Gilley (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The team has a few upperclassmen and returners that have experience playing at the high school level.

"We have the ability to learn and enjoy the game of golf," Termansen said. "We need to keep practicing hard."

Wagner

HEAD COACH: Jim Jaeger (13th year)
ASSISTANT: Chas Welch
VITALS: Class A, Region 3

LAST YEAR: The team finished in second place in Region 3 and lost two seniors.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Talia Peters (Sr.), Jacqueline Juffer (Sr.), Courtney Hanson (Sr.), Tristen Scherr (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Allison Cimpr (Fr.), Kathleen Juffer (Fr.), Saydae Bures (Fr.)

NEWCOMERS: Aierl Santos (Sr.), Xavier Sully (Fr.), Michaela Novak (Fr.), Alyssia Thompson (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The team has a majority of underclassmen that will need to practice hard to improve and be competitive at meets.

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