

# Nebraska Boys' Track

## DISTRICT MEETS

**DISTRICT C-4, May 12 at Oakland:** Ponca  
**DISTRICT C-5, May 12 at Wisner:** Hartington, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge, Randolph  
**DISTRICT C-6, May 12 at Atkinson:** Creighton, Crofton

**DISTRICT D-3, May 11 at Pierce:** Allen, Bloomfield, Newcastle, Santee, Wausa, Wynot  
**DISTRICT D-6, May 11 at Bassett:** Niobrara-Verdigre

## STATE MEET

May 20-21 at Omaha Burke High School Stadium, Omaha Nebraska

### Bloomfield

**HEAD COACH:** Duane Wilken (37th year)  
**ASSISTANTS:** Kris Schmeckpeper, Jim Dooley  
**VITALS:** Class D, Lewis & Clark Conference

**LAST YEAR:** Austin Hamm took a third place win for the Bees in the 3200 meter run, he also qualified for the 1600 meter run.

**TOP PROSPECTS:** Austin Hamm (Jr.), Chet Beckmann (So.), Dalton Cunningham (So.), Max David (So.), Brett Hopkins (Sr.), Justin Jindra (Sr.), Evan Koertje (So.), Dominic Lammers (So.), Nick Nagengast (So.), Silas Olfjenbruns (Jr.), Tanner Schumacher (Sr.), Dylan Wilson (Jr.), Alec Wilson (So.), Ty Alexander (So.), Dakota Burgerhoff (So.)

**ASSESSMENT:** The Bees have a quality group returning this season and Hamm will be looking to improve his placement in the state meet.

"The boys have one of the largest group in recent memory with 26 athletes," Wilken said. "I believe that we can be very competitive in most meets this season."

### Creighton

**HEAD COACH:** Ryan Nilson (2nd year)  
**ASSISTANTS:** Layne Pahl, Jeff Jensen, Ian Ruppolt  
**VITALS:** Class C, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference

**LAST YEAR:** The Bulldogs finished last season with a fourth place finish in the conference.

**TOP PROSPECTS:** Austin Baldwin (Sr.), Russ Volquardsen (Sr.), Kyle Berglund (Sr.), Cody Fitch (Jr.), Brock Hamilton (Jr.), Phillip Prather (Jr.), Greg Meyer (Jr.), Cole Thomas (So.), Bronson Pahl (So.), Ryan Volquardsen (So.), Levi Nielsen (So.), Kory Wagner (Fr.), Gordon Davidson (Fr.), Brian Bendana (Fr.), Seth Wilmes (Fr.), Lane Prather (Fr.), Mitchell Borgmann (Fr.)

**ASSESSMENT:** Creighton will look for some players to step up and take on the leadership roles. Once



**BLOOMFIELD:** Junior Austin Hamm (left) finished third in Class D in the 3200 and was a state qualifier in the 1600 last season.



**HARTINGTON:** Senior Neil Kramer (right) was a three-event placemaker in Class D last year, placing third in both hurdle events and sixth in the high jump. The Wildcats move back into Class C this year, but return several athletes from the squad that finished eighth in the state a year ago.

that is found, the Bulldogs should find themselves in a comfortable position throughout the rest of the season.

### Crofton

**HEAD COACH:** Rod Hegge  
**VITALS:** Class C, District C-2  
**LAST YEAR:** There were three Warriors that qualified for the state

meet including Dalton Gobel in the 400 meter run, pole vault and hurdles, Trent Arens in the 1600 and 3200 meter run and Geoff Kleinschmit in the long run. All three of those state qualifiers return in hopes for another trip this season.

**RETURNING QUALIFIERS:** Dalton Gobel (Sr.), Trent Arens (Sr.), Geoff Kleinschmit (Sr.)

**ALSO RETURNING:** Jon Kleinschmit (Sr.), Deryk Wortmann (Sr.), Nathan Hoffman (Jr.), Calan List (Jr.), Tom Peitz (Jr.), Logan Schieffer (Jr.), Travis Allvin (So.), Korey Boelter (So.), Mathew Guenther (So.), Ben Hegge (So.), Justin Janssen (So.), Taylor Johnson (So.), Dakota Miller (So.), Adam Spady (So.), Brady Steffen (So.),

Derek VanHeek (So.), Dustin Whipple (So.), Jared Allen (Fr.), Drew Eskins (Fr.), Jake Guenther (Fr.), Alex Janssen (Fr.), Eric Kleinschmit (Fr.), Luke Kleinschmit (Fr.), Corbin Wavrunek (Fr.), Austin Woodckman (Fr.), Evan Woodckman (Fr.)

**ASSESSMENT:** Crofton has a deep team coming into this season. The Warriors have the five seniors leaders that should help out the

sophomores and freshmen that are on the team. Hegge thinks that a couple school records could be broken by the three returning state qualifiers.

### Hartington

**HEAD COACH:** Blair Kalin  
**VITALS:** Class C, Lewis and Clark Conference

**LAST YEAR:** The Wildcats finished second in the conference meet and would later take eighth at the state Class D meet.

**TOP PROSPECTS:** Bryan Dunn (Sr.), Cody Fischer (Sr.), Neil Kramer (Sr.), Nathan McPhillips (Sr.), Chad Miller (Sr.), Aaron Wiechelmann (Sr.), Josh Nelson (Jr.), Andrew Lorenz (Jr.), Eric Derickson (So.), Taylor Fischer (So.), Alec Fuelberth (So.), Ross Hegge (So.), Adam Hochstein (So.), Justin Krause (So.), Brandon Mainquist (So.), Nick Miller (So.), Reece Pedersen (So.), Zech Thoene (So.), Travis Burbach (Fr.), Ty Dybdal (Fr.), Kyle Fischer (Fr.), Riley Haug (Fr.), Joe Noecker (Fr.), Pat Wortmann (Fr.)

**ASSESSMENT:** After a top-10 finish at state a year ago, the Wildcats will take their crack in the Class C ranks. But judging from the experience they bring back, there should be no hiccups in 2011.

Kramer owns the school record in both hurdle events and the high jump, and figures to have one of the strongest seasons in the state. Chad Miller returns after qualifying for state in the 100, 200 and pole vault, while Adam Hochstein was third in the state in the 1600-meter run.

"Our jumpers and sprinters should be strong events for us," Kalin said. "We have experience back in both events. We will need to improve our marks in the throwing areas."

Calling this "the deepest team we have had at Hartington," Kalin and his Wildcats naturally have high hopes this spring.

"We hope to finish in the top two of our conference meet and in the top two at the district meet," Kalin said. "If we work hard and keep a positive attitude, we can accomplish quite a bit this year."

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## S.D. Class AA Track Qualifying Marks

**NOTE:** Each School Qualifies In All Relays; Fields Limited To 24 Qualifiers, With A Minimum Of 16 Qualifiers

	Auto.		Prov.			Auto.		Prov.	
	HAND	FAT	HAND	FAT		HAND	FAT	HAND	FAT
100 METERS	12.5	12.74	13.2	13.38	100 METERS	11.1	11.25	11.6	11.82
200 METERS	26.6	26.81	28.0	28.16	200 METERS	22.9	23.07	24.1	24.23
400 METERS	1:00.2	1:00.35	1:03.2	1:03.37	400 METERS	51.5	51.73	54.1	54.32
800 METERS	2:20.9	2:21.10	2:28.0	2:28.16	800 METERS	1:59.0	1:59.23	2:05.0	2:05.20
1600 METERS	5:15.6	5:15.77	5:31.4	5:31.56	1600 METERS	4:30.4	4:30.62	4:44.0	4:44.16
3200 METERS	11:32.7	11:32.90	12:07.4	12:07.55	3200 METERS	9:54.0	9:54.16	10:23.7	10:23.87
100 HURDLES	15.6	15.79	16.4	16.58	110 HURDLES	15.5	15.72	16.3	16.51
300 HURDLES	48.4	48.57	50.8	51.00	300 HURDLES	41.3	41.46	43.3	43.54
SHOT PUT	37-1		34-4		SHOT PUT	49-7		47-1	
DISCUS	118-11		111-5		DISCUS	144-3		137-0	
HIGH JUMP	4-11		4-9		HIGH JUMP	6-1		5-9	
LONG JUMP	16-9		15-5		LONG JUMP	20-9		19-8	
TRIPLE JUMP	34-7		32-7		TRIPLE JUMP	42-3		40-1	
POLE VAULT	10-0		9-6		POLE VAULT	13-0		12-3	

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Class A, where next season they move down to Class B, but the two programs combined expect success this season.

**TOP PROSPECTS:** Stephen Lee (Sr.), Aaron Sherard (Sr.), Cory Jacobsen (Sr.), David Carino (Sr.), Matt Jensen (Jr.), Tyler Johnson (Jr.), Dennis DeNeui (Jr.), Ryne Kludt (Jr.), Christian Kelly (Jr.), Andrew Hora (So.), Tyler Novak (So.), Alex Stack (So.), Adrian Stack (So.), Seth Engen (So.), Trevor Jacobsen (So.), Tyler Gerdes (So.), Lane Van Hull (Fr.), Dylan Kludt (Fr.)

**ASSESSMENT:** The fall and winter sports for Viborg-Hurley have seen success — most recently with a second place finish at the State "A" Basketball Tournament in Rapid City and will hopefully continue on through the spring.

"It will be an adjustment for us competing in Class A, but we haven't changed our schedule very much," Nyhaug said.

### Wagner

**COACH:** John Tyler (9th year)

**ASSISTANTS:** Matt Slaba, Jason Knebel, Joe Kafka, Chad Peters  
**VITALS:** Class A, Region 5, LMVC Conference

**LAST YEAR:** The team tied for third at state but will have to find replacements for the seniors that graduated.

**TOP PROSPECTS:** John Sully (Sr.), Matthew Andersh (Sr.), Andrew Stands (Sr.), Casey Barnett (Sr.), Brett Kuca (Sr.), Brennen Hilzendeger (Sr.), Andrew Krcil (Sr.), Solomon St. Pierre (Sr.), Jack Robinson (Jr.), Trent Greger (Jr.), Vance Kirtan (Jr.), Jeff Miller (Jr.), Joe Mattis (So.), Will Hollman (So.), Sage Zepher (So.), Tyler Dion (So.), Spencer Peters (So.), Tyler Provost (So.), Brett McAdaragh (So.), Kody Jakopak (So.), George Langdeaux (So.), Chris Kuca (Fr.), Noah St. Pierre (Fr.), Dylan Brunsing (Fr.), David Kantner (Fr.), Brady Soulek (Fr.), Nick Dion (Fr.)

**ASSESSMENT:** The team has a lot of upperclassmen with a few years of experience that will help them be successful this season. There is a lot of depth on the roster.

"It should be a fun year where we get to see a lot of our younger athletes get into the mix and improve," Tyler said.

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