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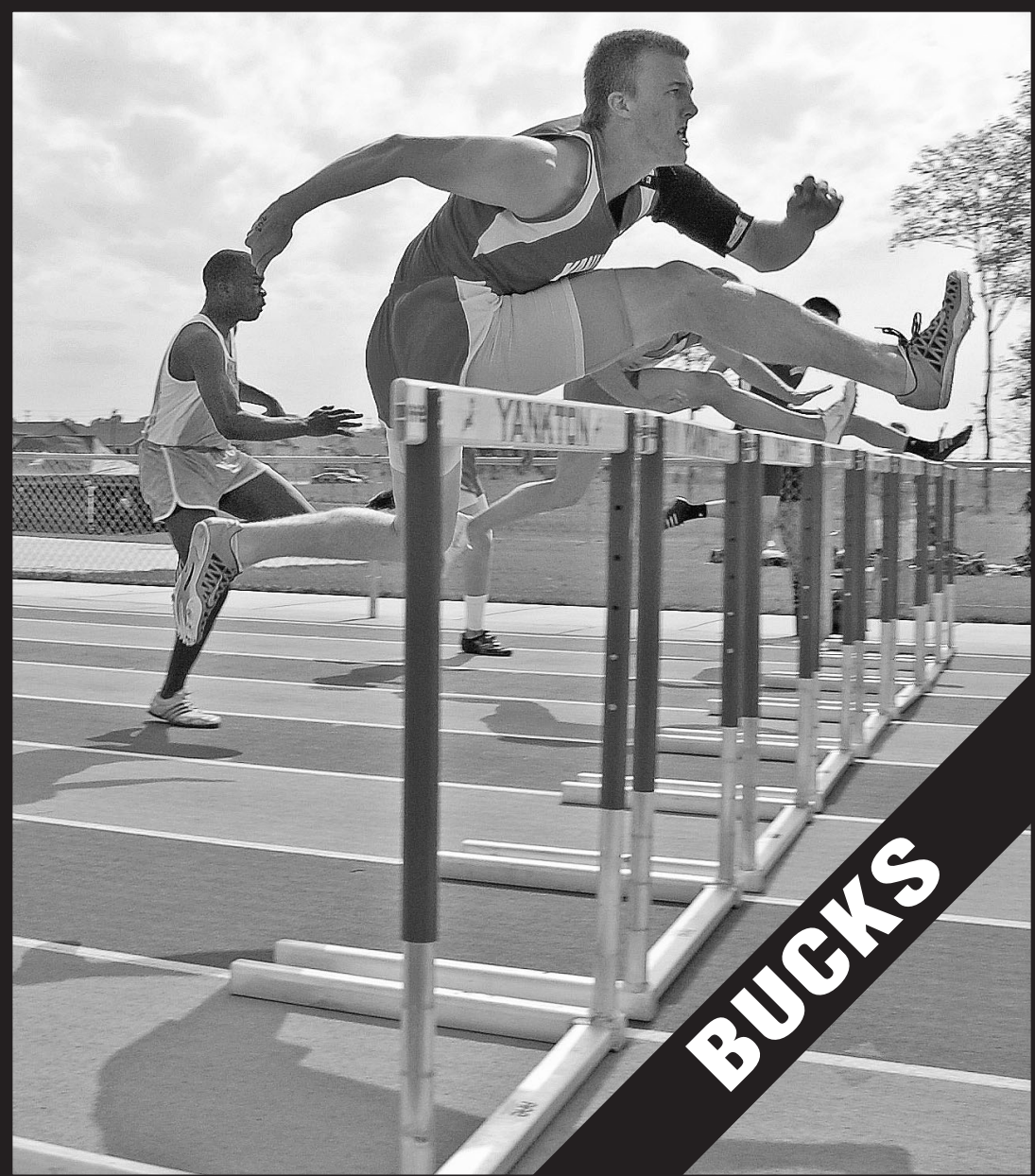
ATHLETES TO WATCH

SENIOR GIRLS
HALEY HINSETH, IRENE-WAKONDA: 2nd in discus, 4th in shot put
DESTINNI GIRTON, PLATTE-GEDES: 1st in high jump
JENNA GROSSENBERG, YANKTON: 3rd in 3200, 8th in 1600
ANNA LELOUX, PARKER: 3rd in discus

LASHAWN MEDICINE HORN, WAGNER: 2nd in high jump
KATELYN KOTALIK, MENNO: tied for 3rd in pole vault
SAMANTHA BLAKE, CENTERVILLE: 5th in discus, 8th in shot put
AMY PRITCHARD, LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE: 7th in long jump, 7th in triple jump

ALISON KLOSTERGAARD, BERESFORD: 5th in triple jump
LEXY SCHENK, IRENE-WAKONDA: 6th in triple jump
JAIME TSCHETTER, FREEMAN ACADEMY: 7th in high jump
ROCHELLE WYNIA, PLATTE-GEDES: 7th in 3200
KYLIE ABBENHAUS, BLOOMFIELD: 8th in shot put

Yankton Squads Look To Improve Their ‘Place’



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As the 2011 South Dakota State Track and Field meet finished up last May at Howard Wood Field, head coach Luke Youmans and the Yankton High School track and field team were in a place they didn't care to be.

Standing off to the side as other teams collected hardware.

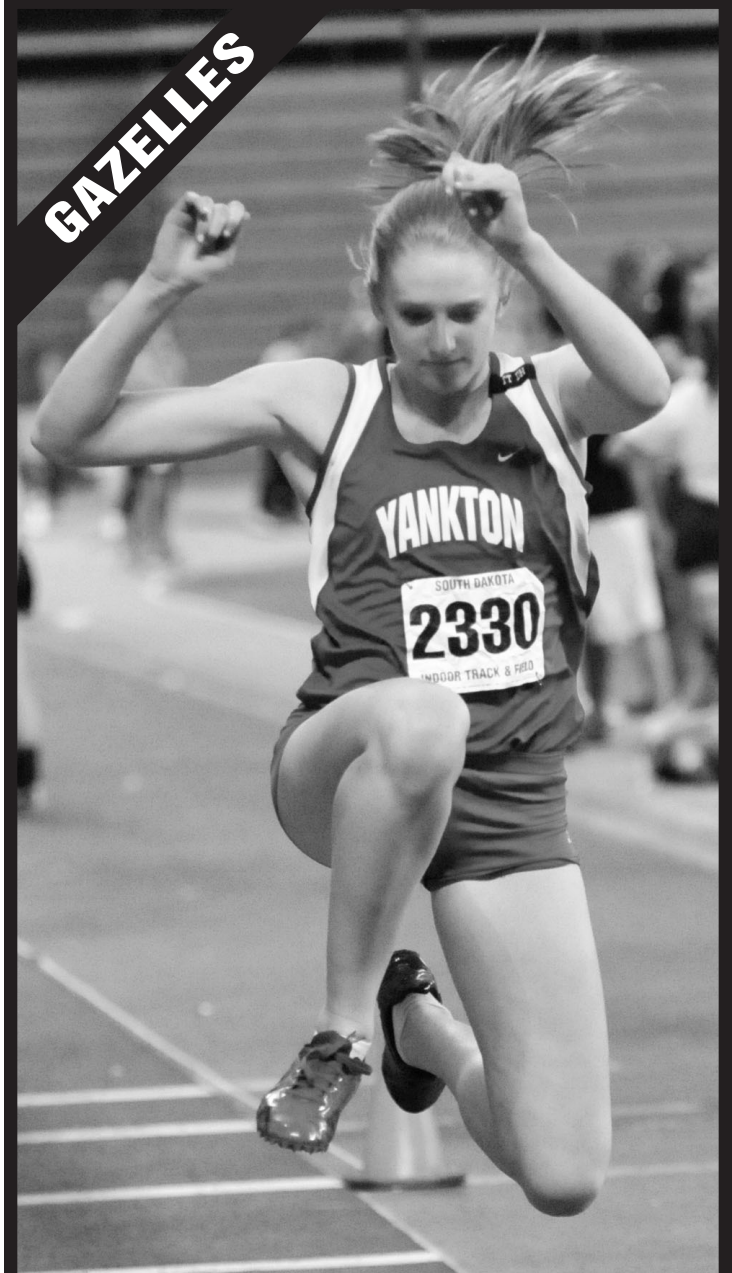
With 10 returning state placewinners — nine of which were from last season — and a host of young talent, the Yankton Bucks and Gazelles hope to replace that feeling with the joy of finishing at or near the top.

Yankton opened the 2012 track and field season on March 20 looking to get back in the top four of Class AA after the boys' team finished 10th and the girls' team finished 11th a year ago.

"We weren't thrilled with how things went last year. That place off the podium is not a place we want to be in," Youmans said. "We challenged our kids that they need to make it back on the podium.

The Bucks and Gazelles open at the Bob Prince Indoor, the first of two indoor meets in a surprisingly mild spring.

"I can't count the times I've had to catch myself to keep from gloating about how nice this spring has been," Youmans said. "It doesn't seem like it would be a



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SD Boys

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LAST YEAR: The Eagles finished 17th in the state tournament after winning the TVC and finishing second in the region.

Jared Sorenson graduated from that squad

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Mike Peterson (Sr., state qualifier), Jordan Jorgensen (So.), Justin Ostrem (So.)

TOP PROSPECTS: Clayton Rupp (So.), Braxton Erwin (So.), Hunter Schroeder (8th), Landon Larsen (8th)

Marion

COACH: Bruce Hansen (19th year)

VITALS: Region 3B, Cornbelt Conference

LAST YEAR: The boys' team finished fourth at the Conference meet and Braden Schmidt, who graduated after last season, qualified for the state tournament.

TOP PROSPECTS: Carson Gross (Fr.), Simon Wuertz (8th), Coleman Matthies (8th), Caleb Chedster (7th), Landon Lange-rock (7th), Josh Crabtree (7th)

Platte-Geddes

COACH: Jody Gittings (3rd year)

VITALS: Region 4B

LAST YEAR: PG placed second as a team in the region tournament and 13th at state. Austin Plooster graduated from that squad.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Trey DeHaan (Sr., state qualifier), Tate Van Zee (Jr., state qualifier), Connor Kuipers (Jr., state qualifier), Cody Qualm (So.)

TOP PROSPECTS: Colten Plooster (8th), Richard Sternberg (Jr.), Turner Antonsen (Jr.), Jon

Hoeksma (Sr.), Cody Steffel (So.), Nate Spawns (Fr.), Jayden Van Zee (Fr.), Brooks Koopal (So.), Jake Johnson (So.), Chandler Standy (Fr.), Ty Burkett (8th), Ethan Kirsch (7th), Kade Johnson (7th)

Scotland

COACH: Turk Peterka

VITALS: Region 4B

LAST YEAR: Scotland had one individual qualify for state a year ago, Trevor Larson, who graduated.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Dalton Mogck (Sr.), Seth Ireland (So.), Kyle Cosman (Sr.), Jared Diede (Jr.)

TOP PROSPECTS: James Hlavac (Fr.), Tanner Iwan (8th), Logan Winckler (Jr.), Levi Geiman (Sr.), Logan Fischer (8th), Anthony Radcliffe (7th)

Tripp-Delmont

COACH: Matthew Termansen (2nd year)

VITALS: Region 4B

LAST YEAR: Tripp-Delmont had no golfers letter or qualify for the state tournament.

TOP PROSPECTS: Austin Bitterman (Fr.), Nicholas Mora (8th), Logan Fechner (7th), Noah Schae-fers (7th).

Viborg-Hurley

COACH: Deb Anderson (8th year)

VITALS: Region 3B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: One golfer, Robert Jensen, attended the state golf tournament for the Cougars.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Robert Jensen (Fr.), Cody Thompson (8th), Collin Sherard (Jr.)

TOP PROSPECTS: Brian Dangel (Fr.), Lucas Jacobson (Fr.), Justin Stoltenburg (So.), Dylan Jensen (8th), Logan Slack (7th).

Bloomfield

COACH: Duane Wilken (38th year)

ASSISTANTS: Kirk Hamm, Robin Beckmann

VITALS: District D-3, Lewis & Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Queen Bees were district champions and tied for 17th place at state.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kylie Abbenhaus (Sr., 8th at state in shot put), Becca Broders (Sr., state qualifier in 400 relay, 100 hurdles), Dominique Swanson (Jr., 8th at state in pole vault), Ashley Fiedler (Jr., middle distance), Lexie Hauger (So., jumps), Autumn Luger (So., state qualifier in 100 and 300 hurdles, 400 relay), Lily Nagengast (distance)

TOP PROSPECTS: Anna Moles (So., middle distance), Jackie Young (So., pole vault)

Creighton

COACH: Ryan Nilson (3rd year)

VITALS: District C-7, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference

TOP PROSPECTS: Natalie Nielsen (middle distance, hurdles, high jump), Jessica Gragert (pole vault, hurdles), Becca Eggerling (hurdles, jumps), Sarah Smith (throws), Sarah Erb (throws), Emily Sorensen (middle distance, high jump), Jocelyn Sukup (sprints, jumps, pole vault), Allison Morrill (distance), Chasity Wilmes (1600, long jump), Kyli Mosley (throws), Anna Fanta (throws), Tiffany Patrick (distance), Emily Boyle (middle distance, pole vault), Maddi Oltjenbruns (throws), Shelby McManigal (long jump), Hannah Zimmerer (throws), Kash-mir Schmitt (sprints), Abbey Schwindt

Crofton

COACH: Rod Hegge

ASSISTANTS: Gail Peterson, Justin Bossman

VITALS: Class C, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference

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TOP PROSPECTS: Elizabeth Kube (Sr.), Bridget Arens (Jr.), Whitney Miller (Jr.), Olivia Monaghan (Jr.), Danielle Riesberg (Jr., 6th in 400 at state), Taylor Tammen (Jr.), Tiffany Tramp (Jr.), Jessica Wubben (Jr.), Alex Allen (So.), Kaylee Hoffman (So.), Sam Hoffman (So.), Amy Mueller (So.), Julie Zavadiil (So.), Allison Arens (Fr.), Molly Bossman (Fr.), Sam Guenther (Fr.), Kendy Kube (Fr.), Vanessa McFarland (Fr.), Morgan Schenkel (Fr.), Abby Steffen (Fr.), Lily Steffen (Fr.), Maria Wortmann (Fr.), Maria Zavadiil (Fr.)

Hartington

COACH: Laura Noecker (20th year)

ASSISTANTS: Jerry Bult, Mandy Hochstein

VITALS: District D-3, Lewis and Clark Conference

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