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DAILY DOSE

Daily opinions from the P&D Sports Staff on local and national high school, college and professional sports.



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As I headed north for a family thing Wednesday evening, I got a tweet from one of my media friends asking if Yankton boys' basketball coach Randy Gross had resigned. Thursday, we found out that he had. But as I travelled down I-29, I could only think of one of two in-house candidates that might be the next head coach of the Bucks. At the top of that list was Chris Haynes. While Haynes is just 10 years removed from his own high school days, the coaching greatness he has worked with is a Who's Who of South Dakota basketball. He played for — and spent one year as an assistant for — the great Jim Drake at Winnebago High School. At Dakota Wesleyan, he played for Doug Martin, one of the most respected S.D. college coaches of our time. He coached alongside Mount Marty's Jim Thornton — another stalwart in the S.D. ranks — for two years. That's not even mentioning spending three years

Bucks Post No Easy Task, But Haynes Up For The Job

working with Arlin Likness who, while not known as a great basketball coach, is one of the winningest football coaches in S.D. history. Haynes also brings energy to a program that needs it after a rough 4-18 season. Coaching Yankton boys' basketball is not easy. In my 20 years here I have seen five different coaches come and go, and saw it wear down coaches who came into the job with energy and enthusiasm. The last two long-term coaches, Gross and Mike Mikkelsen, and Likness, who held the varsity post for one year, still have the passion for teaching and coaching young players, but the burden of the "big chair" burned them out. Yankton has been a football town for years, and that won't change any time soon. But it also has a history of great basketball, not great recent history. The Bucks haven't hoisted the trophy since 1978. Gross' senior year, and have not so much as won a first-round game in the state tournament since 1981, one of the longest such streaks in Class AA. Yankton has not played in a state tournament since 2008. Colton Vandersall's senior year. Haynes will have his hands full over the next few years, but the latest past five years have shown me that he is more than up for the job. Here's hoping Bucks fans give him the chance to prove just that.

Spring TOPSoccer Starts April 22

The Yankton Youth Soccer Association will begin its Spring 2012 TOPSoccer season on Sunday, April 22 in the southeast corner of Memorial Park from 3-4 p.m. The season runs for four weeks, weather permitting. TOPSoccer is for players with physical, mental, social and emotional special needs. Volunteers are welcomed. For more information, contact Nancy Saunders at 665-7411.

MMC Alumni Volleyball Tourney April 21

Mount Marty College will host its annual Alumni Volleyball Tournament on Saturday, April 21, starting at 10 a.m. in Laddie E. Cimpr Arena. Teams will play a round robin format to determine placement for the tournament. All money raised will go directly to the volleyball program and all donations are tax-deductible. Winners of the event will receive a commemorative t-shirt. An online registration form can be found at www.mmtc.edu/athletics/volleyball. For questions or more information, contact MMC head volleyball coach Candice Climer at 668-1366 or candice.climer@mtmc.edu.

Runners, Cyclists Asked To Stay Off Trails On April 28

The 2012 Riverrat Run and Bike Event will be using the Meridian Bridge and the trail system in and around Yankton and Lewis & Clark Lake on April 28 for the annual Riverrat Run and Bike. Trail usage will be very heavy between the hours of 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. with runners and bikers competing in the event. Although the trail is not closed to the public on this day, please consider alternate times to use the trail to allow our participants to do their best.

The Riverrat Run/Bike supports Charlie Battery 1/147th, the Yankton Science Olympiad Teams, the YHS Track Club and The Center. The Riverrat Committee thanks you for your consideration and support!

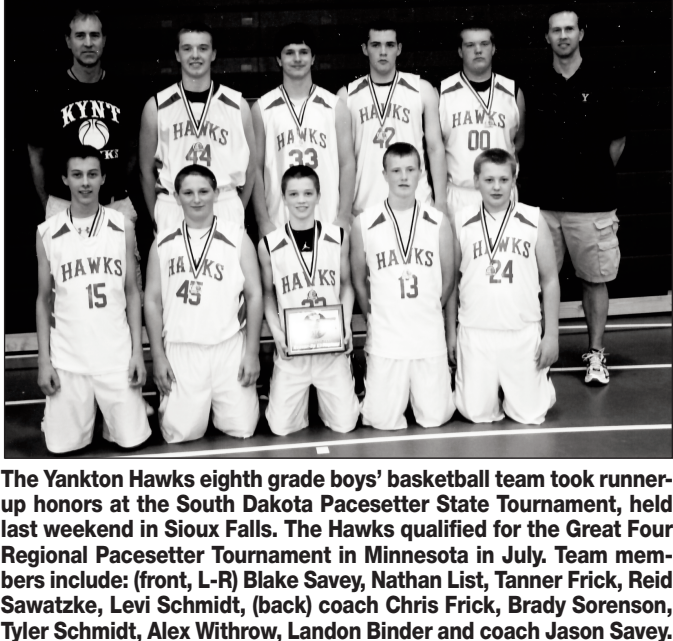
Nebraska Signs Junior-College All-American Biggs

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Junior-college All-American and Nebraska native Deverell Biggs has signed a letter of intent to play basketball for the Cornhuskers. Biggs is an Omaha Central graduate and the first in-state player to sign with the Huskers since 2001. New coach Tim Miles called Thursday an "exciting day" for the program and said he hopes Biggs is the first of many homegrown players to wear the scarlet and cream.

The Yankton Heat fifth grade boys' basketball team won their division championship at the South Dakota Pacesetter State Tournament, held last weekend in Sioux Falls.

Sioux Falls. This qualifies the Heat for the Great Four Regional Pacesetter Tournament in Minnesota in August. Team members include: (front, L-R) Miles Carda, Cole Sawatzke, Michael Frick, Owen Feser, (back) Nick Kurtenbach, Ethan Wisn, Rex Ryken and Jack Raab. The Heat are coached by Brian Carda and Jim Sawatzke.

Yankton Boys' Basketball Teams Take First, Second At Pacesetter Tournament



The Yankton Hawks eighth grade boys' basketball team took runner-up honors at the South Dakota Pacesetter State Tournament, held last weekend in Sioux Falls. The Hawks qualified for the Great Four Regional Pacesetter Tournament in Minnesota in July. Team members include: (front, L-R) Blake Savey, Nathan List, Tanner Frick, Reid Sawatzke, Levi Schmidt, (back) coach Chris Frick, Brady Sorenson, Tyler Schmitt, Alex Withrow, Landon Binder and coach Jason Savey.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOC. EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Boston	37	26	.587	—
y-New York	33	29	.532	3 1/2
y-Orlando	32	30	.516	4
New Jersey	22	41	.349	15
Toronto	22	41	.349	15

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	45	17	.726	—
y-Atlanta	37	25	.597	8
y-Charlotte	36	26	.578	9
Washington	18	48	.258	29
Charlotte	7	54	.115	37 1/2

Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Indiana	47	16	.746	—
y-Chicago	41	22	.651	6
Milwaukee	29	33	.468	17 1/2
Detroit	28	34	.450	18
Cleveland	20	41	.328	26

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	45	16	.738	—
y-Memphis	37	25	.597	8 1/2
y-Dallas	35	28	.556	11
Houston	32	31	.508	14
New Orleans	20	43	.317	26

Northwest Division	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Oklahoma City	45	17	.726	—
Utah	34	28	.548	12
Denver	33	30	.524	12 1/2
Portland	28	34	.450	18
Minnesota	26	38	.406	20

Pacific Division	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	40	23	.635	—
x-L.A. Clippers	39	23	.629	1/2
Phoenix	32	30	.516	7 1/2
Golden State	22	39	.361	17
Sacramento	20	42	.323	19 1/2
x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division				

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia 103, Cleveland 87
Chicago 100, Charlotte 68
Washington 121, Milwaukee 112
Atlanta 116, Detroit 84
Miami 96, Toronto 72
New York 104, New Jersey 95
Memphis 103, New Orleans 91
Boston 102, Orlando 98
Dallas 117, Houston 110
L.A. Clippers 104, Denver 98
San Antonio 127, Sacramento 102
Utah 112, Portland 91
Oklahoma City 103, Phoenix 97
L.A. Lakers 98, Golden State 87

Thursday's Games

Indiana 118, Milwaukee 109
Minnesota 91, Detroit 100
New Orleans 105, Houston 99, OT
Miami 83, Chicago 72
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

Friday's Games

Boston at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
New York at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Golden State at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Las Vegas at Phoenix, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Indiana, 6 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Houston, 7 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

HOKEY

NHL PLAYOFFS

Monday, April 16
NY Rangers 1, Ottawa 0
Boston 4, Washington 3
St. Louis 4, San Jose 3, St. Louis leads series 2-1

Tuesday, April 17
Pittsburgh 4, New Jersey 3
Nashville 3, Detroit 1, Nashville leads series 3-1

Wednesday, April 18
Ottawa 3, NY Rangers 2, OT, series tied 2-2
Pittsburgh 10, Philadelphia 3, Philadelphia leads series 3-1
Vancouver 3, Los Angeles 1, Los Angeles leads series 3-1

Thursday, April 19
New Jersey 4, Boston 1, series tied 2-2
Washington 2, Arizona 1
Phoenix 3, Chicago 2, OT, Phoenix leads series 2-1
St. Louis at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, April 20

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, April 20

BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL
Bon Homme at Vermillion
HAWKS, CLUB JV S.F. Roosevelt at Yankton (DH, 5 p.m.)

GOLF, BOYS' Avon-Scotland Inv. at Avon (Andes Central, Avon, Freeman Academy, Irene-Wakonda, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont, Viborg-Hurley, 9:30 a.m.); Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Parker, 10 a.m.)

GOLF, GIRLS' Yankton Inv. (YHS, 10 a.m.); Avon-Scotland Inv. at Scotland (Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Freeman Academy, Irene-Wakonda, Platte-Geddes, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont, Viborg-Hurley, Wagner, 9:30 a.m.); Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Parker, 10 a.m.)

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Concordia at MMC (DH, 4 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan. (USD); Mt. SAC Relays at Walnut, Calif. (USD)

Saturday, April 21
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Hastings at MMC (DH, 1 p.m., KVV7-KAM)
BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Yankton at Brandon Valley (11 a.m.); Parkston at Beresford

BASEBALL, CLUB JV Yankton at Mitchell (DH, 2 p.m.)

St. Louis 11, Cincinnati 1
Colorado 8, San Diego 4
San Francisco 1, Philadelphia 0, 11 innings

Thursday's Games
Miami 5, Chicago Cubs 3
L.A. Dodgers 4, Milwaukee 3
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 3
Houston 11, Washington 4
Atlanta at Arizona, 9:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Diego, 10:05 p.m.

Friday's Games
Cincinnati (Bailey 0-2) at Chicago Cubs (Volstad 0-1), 1:20 p.m.
Baltimore 5, Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 6, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 1
Detroit 4, Kansas City 8
Oakland 6, L.A. Angels 0
Seattle 4, Cleveland 1

Thursday's Games
Baltimore 5, Chicago White Sox 3
N.Y. Yankees 7, Minnesota 6
Texas 10, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 9, Toronto 4
Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Nova 2-0) at Boston (Buchholz 1-0), 2:15 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 2-0) at Detroit (Porcello 1-0), 6:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Hendricks 0-0) at Tampa Bay (Moore 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Drabek 2-0) at Kansas City (Hochsaver 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 3:05 p.m. (Williams 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Gomes 1-0) at Oakland (Godfrey 0-2), 9:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Sale 1-1) at Seattle (Noesi 1-1), 9:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Yanks at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 3:05 p.m.
Texas at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 6:10 p.m.
Toronto at Tampa Bay, 6:10 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, 8:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Oakland, 8:05 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Kas at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Tampa Bay, 12:40 p.m.
Toronto at Kansas City, 1:10 p.m.
Baltimore at L.A. Angels, 2:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Chicago, 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Seattle, 3:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 6:05 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
MLB—Busted Baseball
Jacksonville-SJ and St. Louis RHP Jose Pasen (Balavia-NYP) 50 games each for testing positive for performance-enhancing substances in violation of the minor league drug prevention and treatment program.

American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with Eric Aybar on a four-year contract through 2016.

Central Division
TAMPA BAY RAYS—Claimed 1B-OF Brandon Allen off waivers from Oakland. Transferred C Robinson Chirinos from the 15- to the 60-day DL.

National League
CLEMSON—Named James Johnson men's assistant basketball coach.

Carolina League
CAROLINA MUDCATS—Announced RHP Kyle Petter was assigned to the team from Lake County (MWL).

South Atlantic League
KANNAPOLIS INTIMIDATORS—Added INF Ross Wilson from Winston-Salem (Carolina). Sent INF Kyle Evesland to Winston-Salem.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS—Announced C

BASEBALL, CLUB 9TH-10TH

at S.F. Lincoln (DH, 1 p.m.)
GOLF, BOYS' Mid-State Inv. at Norfolk (Hartington Cedar Catholic, 9 a.m.); Osmond Inv. at Rolling Hills GC (Crofton, Hartington, Hartington Cedar Catholic, Nibbrava-Vergde, Ponca, Randolph, 9:30 a.m.)

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S North Dakota at USD (DH, 2 p.m.)

TRACK & FIELD, COLLEGE OUT-DOOR Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan. (USD); Long Beach State Inv. (USD); Red Raider Open at Orange City (MMC)

TRIP & FIELD, PREP Chamberlain Relays (Platte-Geddes), Jim Flaxey Relays at Tyndall (Andes Central, Avon, Bon Homme, Centerville, Irene-Wakonda, Marly, Menno, Scotland, Tripp-Delmont-Armour, Wagner, 9 a.m.); Jesse James Inv. at Garretson (Alcester-Hudson, Marion, Parker, 9:30 a.m.); Niagara Valley Conf. at Alkinston (Nibrava-Vergde, Santee, 9:30 a.m.); Wausa Inv. at Pierce (Bloomfield, Hartington, Newcastle, Wausa, 10 a.m.)

Sunday, April 22
BASEBALL, COLLEGE Nebraska Wesleyan at MMC (DH, 1 p.m.)

BASEBALL, CLUB HIGH SCHOOL Bedford at Wagner, Mount Vernon at Bon Homme

SOFTBALL, WOMEN'S Midland at MMC (DH, 2 p.m.)

Mike Rivera was signed by Boston (AL) and assigned to Pawtucket (LL). Signed C Josh Johnson.

Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS—Signed LHP Matt Chico.

Frontier League
ROCKFORD RIVERHAWKS—Signed C Eliot Hagberg.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS—Signed RHP Robby Donovan, RHP Jamaal Hollis, and LHP Cameron Roth.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS—Signed C Chris Anderson, C Marco Davallio, and OF James Simmons.

North American League
ABILENE PRAIRIE DOGS—Traded SS Arnold Ponce to Maui.

SAN ANGELO COLTS—Acquired OF J.J. Sherrill from Maui. Traded RHP Billy Petrick to Abilene.

FOOTBALL
BALTIMORE RAVENS—Signed QB Curtis Painter to a one-year contract.

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HOKEY
NHL—\$100,000 for public comments critical of the officiating in their April 17 game against Phoenix.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Assigned F Cody Eakin to the Hershey (AHL).

WINNIPEG JETS—Assigned F Mark Scheffelt to St. John's (AHL).

AMERICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE
PEORIA RIVERMEN—Assigned F Chris Bruton and D David Shields to Alaska (ECHL).

PROVIDENCE BRUINS—Announced Boston (NHL) recalled D Andrew Bodnaruk, F Kevan Miller, D David Warsofsky, F Carter Camper, F Craig Cunningham, F Josh Hennessy, F Lane MacDermid, F Max Sauve, F Ryan Spooner and F Trent Whitfield.

SOCER
Major League Soccer
MLS—Suspended New York D Rafa Marquez for three games and San Jose MF Marvin Chavez for one game and fined them an undisclosed amount for separate actions disregarding the safety of an opponent during a match on April 14.

COLLEGE
NCAA—Levelled penalties against Kean University for lack of institutional control over its athletics department. The sanctions included four years' probation for all teams and a postseason ban next season for women's basketball.

CLEMSON—Named James Johnson men's assistant basketball coach.

MARQUETTE—Named Tyler Summitt women's assistant basketball coach.

MEREDITH—Named Lauren Scott women's lacrosse coach.

NORTHERN IOWA—Named Kyle Green men's assistant basketball coach.

SMU—Named Larry Brown men's basketball coach.

ST. FRANCIS (PA.)—Named Bob Kimmel men's basketball coach.

UNLV—Named Michael Coll women's soccer coach.

Cedar Girls Win Tom Martin Memorial

Takes Boys' Title

PIERCE, Neb. — Hartington Cedar Catholic beat out a tough field to capture the girls' team track title at the Tom Martin Memorial Bluejay Invitational, held Thursday in Pierce, Neb.

Cedar Catholic won four events to finish first with 128 total points. Norfolk Catholic edged Crofton 115-111 for second place.

The Lady Trojans, who won the 3200 relay (10:22.7), got individual titles from Lexi Steffen in the triple jump (34-8), Savannah McGhee in the 100 dash (12.9) and Katelyn Dicks in the 300 hurdles (48.1).

Crofton had three athletes win two events, keyed again by a dominance of the long distance runs. Danielle Riesberg won the 200 (26.4) and 400 (62.1), while Allison Arens was first in the 800 (2:36.2) and 3200 (12:45.0). They each ran a leg in the winning 1600 relay (4:20.7).

Also for the Lady Warriors, Maria Wortmann won individual titles in the discus (125-6.5) and shot put (37-9).

Pierce rolled up 184 total points to win the boys' title, well in front of Battle Creek (120) and Crofton (79). Hartington Cedar Catholic also competed, finishing fifth at 41.

For Crofton, Alex Janssen finished first in the 1600-meter run (4:56.2) and 3200 run (10:56.5). He also ran a leg in the winning 3200 relay (8:57.6). Also for the Warriors, Tom Peitz was first in the shot put (53.3).

Cedar Catholic's Logan Weinandt won the discus with a

toss of 160-7.

BOYS' DIVISION
TEAM SCORES: Hartington Cedar Catholic 128, Norfolk Catholic 115, Crofton 111, Pierce 97, Plainview 46, Wayne 13, Battle Creek 9

100: 1, Savannah McGhee, Cedar Catholic 12.9; 2, Rachel Wieser, Norfolk Catholic 12.9; 3, Jacob Bretschneider, Pierce 13.4; 4, Alii Walter, Cedar Catholic 13.4; 5, D.J. Hart, Plainview 13.4; 6, Allison Koehlmoo, Pierce 13.4

200: 1, Danielle Riesberg, Crofton 26.4; 2, Rachel Wieser, Norfolk Catholic 27.4; 3, Jacob Bretschneider, Pierce 27.5; 4, Alii Walter, Cedar Catholic 27.8; 5, Rachelle Tucker, Pierce 28.1; 6, Allison Koehlmoo, Pierce 28.2

400: 1, Danielle Riesberg, Crofton 1:02.1; 2, Joelle Heng, Norfolk Catholic 1:04.2; 3, Rachelle Tucker, Pierce 1:05.0; 4, Alisha White, Pierce; Siera Becker, Cedar Catholic 1:06.6; 5, Bridget Arens, Crofton 1:07.7

800: 1, Allison Arens, Crofton 2:36.2; 2, Siera Becker, Cedar Catholic; Bridget Arens, Crofton 2:38.5; 4, Narelle Naeye, Wayne 2:39.4; 5, Bailey Steffen, Cedar Catholic 2:41.7; 6, Elzabeth Kube, Crofton 2:44

1600: 1, Tiffany Tramp, Crofton 5:58.9; 2, Nicole Aschoff, Norfolk Catholic 6:04.2; 3, Rachel Loewer, Cedar Catholic 6:05.0; 4, Elizabeth Kube, Crofton 6:26.3; 5, Megan Aschoff, Norfolk Catholic 6:42.0; 6, Mady Rosekland, Battle Creek 6:51.3

3200: 1, Allison Arens, Crofton 12:45.0; 2, Rachel Loewer, Cedar Catholic 12:47.2; 3, Tiffany Tramp, Crofton 12:50.4; 4, Nicole Aschoff, Norfolk Catholic 12:59.2; 5, Shannon Unsel, Pierce 13:15.6; 6, Megan Aschoff, Norfolk Catholic 14:19.4

100 HURDLES: 1, Katie Atkins, Pierce 15.5; 2, Jessica Giraud, Norfolk Catholic 16.2; 3, Paige Anderson, Plainview 16.6; 4, Katelyn Dicks, Cedar Catholic 17.0; 5, Madeline Jenkins, Pierce 17.1; 6, Bailey Barnes, Norfolk Catholic 17.4

300 HURDLES: 1, Katelyn Dicks, Cedar Catholic 48.1; 2, Katie Atkins, Pierce 50.4; 3, Bailey Barnes, Norfolk Catholic 51.6; 4, Amber Leise, Cedar Catholic 52.2; 5, Jessica Giraud, Norfolk Catholic 52.4; 6, Lynne Borgmann, Norfolk Catholic 53.1

400 RELAY: 1, Norfolk Catholic (Abbey Clayton, Bridget Arens, Morgan Molack, Rachel Wieser) 52.7; 2, Pierce 52.9; 3, Cedar Catholic 53.0; 4, Crofton 53.0; 5, Plainview 53.5; 6, Wayne 58.5

1600 RELAY: 1, Crofton (Morgan Schenkel, Allison Arens, Danielle Riesberg, Bridget Arens) 4:20.7; 2, Cedar Catholic 4:21.3; 3, Norfolk Catholic 4:24.1; 4, Pierce 4:43.3; 5, Plainview 4:43.7; 6, Wayne 4:50.4

3200 RELAY: 1, Cedar Catholic (Katelyn Dicks, Emily Schremp, McKae Pirkelmann, Siera Becker) 10:22.7; 2, Crofton 10:28.3; 3, Norfolk Catholic 10:44.0; 4, Wayne 11:50.3; 5, Pierce 11:55.1

500Y RELAY: 1, Crofton (Cedar Catholic 5:04.0; 2, Cedar Catholic 5:05.3; 3, Plainview 5:21.4

400 WEIGHT RELAY: Norfolk Catholic (Geena Pierce, Myla Grae, Alle Kelliog, Nicole Ramekars) 1:01.0; 2, Pierce 1:02.0; 3, Pierce 1:03.0; 4, Pierce 1:04.0; 5, Wayne 1:05.0

DISCUS: 1, Maria Wortmann, Crofton 125-6.5; 2, Genia Pierce, Norfolk Catholic 101-10.3; 3, Liz Steffen, Cedar Catholic 92-7.6; 4, Shelby Daux, Battle Creek 93-10.5; 5, Bailey Bentjen, Wayne 90-6; 6, Lauren Gilliland, Wayne 88.25