

# Freeman's Schmidt Set For An Explosive Season

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FREEMAN — Brennan Schmidt of Freeman has emerged as one of the best runners in the entire state.

Schmidt is coming off a breakout season that included an individual title in the Class B 400 meter dash. He also anchored the Flyers gold medal winning 4x400 meter relay team. His efforts helped the Flyers finish third in the team standings in Class B.

"It has been really fun to watch Brennan grow," said Flyers head coach Rory Hermesen. "He has gotten taller and stronger every year."

Schmidt opened up the 2015 track season with success. With just three practices to prepare, Schmidt took first place in the 400 meter dash at the Dan Lennon Invitational in Vermillion.

However the early success at the Dan Lennon is just the beginning for Schmidt.

"I am really excited for what is to come this season," said Schmidt. "It is almost bitter-sweet knowing that it is my last season."

Schmidt will be chasing history this season including a 30-year old Freeman school record in the 400 (48.06 seconds).

"We were just three seconds off last year's 4x400 record," said Schmidt. "I would also like to break our school record in the 400."

The Flyers 4x400 team will be seeking another title, as they return three members including the anchor Schmidt.

Schmidt not only pushes himself in practice, but he shows great leadership in encouraging teammates.

"Brennan is the definition of a team player," said

Hermesen. "He actually volunteered to run in the relay last year. That just shows you what type of kid he is."

The future is bright for Schmidt, not only this season, but in upcoming years at the collegiate level. Schmidt signed on to run at the University of South Dakota last fall.

"Brennan has a ton of potential not only this year, but going forward at USD," said Hermesen. "I am excited to see what his future holds."

Hermesen is not the only one that is excited.

"I am really looking forward to what is to come at USD," said Schmidt. "But one step at a time, I am looking forward to this year and what lies ahead of us."

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## S.D. Boys

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### Centerville

COACH: Dan Evans

ASSISTANT: Lee Pederson

VITALS: Class B, Region

5B, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: Four letter-winners graduated from the squad.

RETURNING LETTERWIN-

NERS: Christian Gruschin (Sr., fifth in discus at state), Nick Wixon (Sr., state qualifier in 3200), Tyrell Martz (Jr., eighth in pole vault at state), Trent Sikkink (Sr., throws), Adam Austin (Jr., sprints), Lane Bendent (Jr., sprints), Levi Gruschin (Jr., pole vault, middle distance), Bailey Johnson (Jr., throws), Rory O'Malley (Jr., jumps, sprints)

TOP PROSPECT: Trace Sikkink (Fr., high jump)

### Dakota Valley

COACH: Vince Tucker

ASSISTANTS: Ramsey Fitzsimmons, Tammy Lilly, Brian Braley

VITALS: Class A, Region

4A, Dakota XII Conference

LAST YEAR: Dakota Valley lost three starters from last season, including Jason Lupkes, who placed third in

the discus at state.

TOP PROSPECTS: Cole Bergmann (Fr.), Gage Butler (So.), Brady Dam (Sr.), John Green (So.), Ethan Klasi (Sr.), Trevor Lambert (Jr.), Charlie Long (Jr.), Kaleb Martin (So.), Billy Murray (Sr.), Travis Ohl (Fr.), Ryan Parker (So.), Chris Pollema (Sr.), Sean Rhymer (Sr.), Jacob Wente (Jr.), Marcus Dyrek (Fr.), Tyler Kennedy (Fr.)

### Elk Point-Jefferson

COACH: Justin Clercx

VITALS: Class A, Region

4A, Dakota XII Conference

TOP PROSPECTS: Keegan Mahin (Sr.), John Schuh (Sr.), Mike Murphy (Sr.), Hunter Paulsen (Sr.), Alex Hoffman (Jr.), Connor Henze (Jr.), Cody Davis (Jr.), Jared Hueser (Jr.), Cody Kneip (Jr.), Dylan DeBuhr (So.), Dylan Colt (So.), Alex Wu (So.), Alex Norby (So.), Caleb Hanson (Fr.), Eric Nelson (Fr.), Jacob Reed (Fr.), Hunter Ewing (Fr.), Drew Johnson (Fr.), Nathan Harvey (Fr.), Ethan Marx (Fr.), Preston Fejfar (Fr.)

### Ethan-Parkston

COACH: Shawn Spurrell

ASSISTANTS: Leslie Ry-

lance, Alisha Spurrell, Katrina Hustler, Buck Timmins, Eric Asienbrey.



Ethan-Parkston's Weslee Dvorak

VITALS: Region 5A, Little Missouri Valley and Southeast South Dakota Conferences.

TOP PROSPECTS: Wes Dvorak (Sr., second at state for long jump and 110 hurdles), Barth Poisson (Sr.), Seth Newton (Sr.), Tanner Stirling (Sr.), Nick Zolnowsky (Sr.), Jake DeLange (Jr.), Camden Myers (Jr., fourth in high jump), David Voorhees (Jr., sprints and hurdles), AJ Zolnowsky (Jr.), Tulsa Janish (So.), Spencer Maeschen

(So.), Jonah Murtha (So.), Tyler VanRoekel (So.), Trenton Christensen (Fr.), Eric Fuerness (Fr.), Tanner Hohn (Fr.), Jarred Ketchum (Fr.), Tucker Murtha (Fr.), Ashton Odegard (Fr.), Abiah Plastow (Fr.), Garrett Clendening (8th), Jacob Dickens (8th), Jacob Dundas (8th), Boyd Hanselman (8th), Austen Hoffman (8th), Myles Howard (8th), Hunter Muilenburg (8th), Sean Sloan (8th), Jake Storm (8th), Evan Weeman (8th), Austin Bartelt (7th),

Nathan Boettcher (7th), Carson Brower (7th), Braden Bruening (7th), Matthew Freeman (7th), Braydon Hurley (7th), Rylan Leischner (7th), Cordell Murtha (7th), Coleten Shedeed (7th), Cole VanZee (7th).

### Freeman

COACH: Rory Hermesen

ASSISTANTS: Curt Sage,

Chris Maske, Kristi Sage.

VITALS: Region 5B, Corn-

belt Conference.

LAST YEAR: Freeman graduated four athletes last year.

RETURNING LETTER

WINNERS: Brennan Schmidt (Sr.), Cole Paulson (Sr.), Cody Roth (Sr.), Thomas Kaufman (Sr.), Dalton Bodewitz (Fr.), Jaiden Brady (Fr.), Charles Harberts (Fr.), Bryce Dan-nenbring (Fr.), Eric Fuhrmann (Fr.).

### Freeman Academy

COACH: Suzanne Koerner

ASSISTANT: Daniel Hag-

gerty

VITALS: Region 5B, Tri

Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: Freeman Academy graduated Cole Hofer and Gabriel Eisenbeis from their 2014 squad.

RETURNING LETTER

WINNERS: Ryan Haggerty (Jr.), Dane Allison (So.), Jesse Balzer (So.), Derian Voigt (So.), Stephen Waltner (Fr.), Brennan Haggerty (Fr.), Thaniel Schroeder (Fr.).

TOP PROSPECTS: Orlando Bizamaza (Jr.), Ian Hofer (Jr.), Thaniel Schroder (8th).

### Gayville-Volin

COACH: Larry Buffington

ASSISTANTS: Jeremiah

Dibley, Matt Malloy, Gene

Bormann, Tom Rice

VITALS: Region 5B, Tri-

Valley Conference

RETURNING LETTERWIN-

NERS: Brandon VanOsdel (Sr., sprints, 800), Frank Cutts (So., throws), Bradley Emmick (So., throws), Chandler Lee (So., pole vault, sprints, hurdles), Billy Leggett (So., jumps, sprints), Chase Petrick (So., pole vault, jumps, hurdles), Grant Rice (So., throws), Brook VanOsdel (So., jumps, sprints),

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**Freeman Track & Field**

March 24.....	Dan Lennon (Vermillion).....	noon
April 9.....	Turner County Relays (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 14.....	McCook Central-Montrose Inv. (Salem).....	4 p.m.
April 16.....	Menno Relays.....	9:30 a.m.
April 21.....	South Dakota/Nebraska Challenge (Tyndall).....	2 p.m.
April 23.....	Flyer Inv. (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
May 1-2.....	Howard Wood Dakota Relays (Sioux Falls).....	TBD
May 5.....	Don Diede Relays (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
May 9.....	Parker Booster Club Meet.....	10 a.m.
May 14.....	Combelt Conf. (Menno).....	1 p.m.
May 21.....	Region 5B (Gayville).....	10 a.m.
May 29-30.....	State Meet (Rapid City).....	TBD

**Boys' & Girls' Golf**

April 2.....	Southeast S.D. Small-School (Fox Run, Yankton).....	9 a.m.
April 7.....	Parker Inv. (ParMar GC).....	9 a.m.
April 8.....	Combelt Conf. (Valley View, Freeman).....	9 a.m.
April 15.....	Gayville-Volin Inv. (Hillcrest, Yankton).....	10 a.m.
April 24.....	Bridgewater-Emery Inv. (Valley View, Freeman).....	9 a.m.
April 29.....	McCook Central-Montrose Inv. (Salem).....	8:30 a.m.
May 1.....	Avon (boys in Tyndall)/Springfield (girls) Inv.....	10 a.m.
May 4.....	Pre-Region 3B (Yankton).....	8 a.m.
May 7.....	Tri-Valley Conf. (Yankton).....	9 a.m.
May 11.....	Region 3B (Yankton).....	TBD
May 18-19.....	State B Meet (Yankton).....	TBD

**Freeman Academy Track & Field**

March 24.....	Dan Lennon (Vermillion).....	noon
March 31.....	Lounsbery Early Bird (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 7.....	Scotland Inv.....	2:30 p.m.
April 9.....	Turner County Relays (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 14.....	Menno Relays.....	1 p.m.
April 21.....	Tri-State Inv. (Gayville).....	3 p.m.
April 23.....	Flyer Inv. (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
April 30.....	Env Ptak Relays (Menno).....	3:30 p.m.
May 1-2.....	Howard Wood Dakota Relays (Sioux Falls).....	TBD
May 5.....	Don Diede Relays (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
May 12.....	Tri-Valley Conf. (Gayville).....	1 p.m.
May 21.....	Region 5B (Gayville).....	10 a.m.
May 29-30.....	State Meet (Rapid City).....	TBD

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April 15.....	Gayville-Volin Inv. (Hillcrest, Yankton).....	10 a.m.
April 21.....	Baltic Inv. (Rennet).....	9 a.m.
April 24.....	Irene-Wakonda Inv. (Glenridge GC).....	10 a.m.
April 27.....	Freeman Academy Inv. (Valley View GC).....	2 p.m.
April 30.....	Alcester-Hudson Inv. (Valley View GC).....	10 a.m.
May 7.....	Tri-Valley Conf. (Yankton).....	9 a.m.
May 11.....	Region 3B (Yankton).....	TBD
May 18-19.....	State B Meet (Yankton).....	TBD

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March 31.....	Lounsbery Early Bird (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 9.....	Turner County Relays (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 14.....	Rotary Relays (Centerville).....	1 p.m.
April 16.....	Menno Relays.....	9:30 a.m.
April 17.....	Avon Inv.....	4:30 p.m.
April 21.....	South Dakota-Nebraska Challenge (Tyndall).....	2 p.m.
April 23.....	Flyer Inv. (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
May 1-2.....	Howard Wood Dakota Relays (Sioux Falls).....	TBD
May 5.....	Don Diede Relays (Freeman).....	1 p.m.
May 9.....	Parker Booster Club Meet.....	10 a.m.
May 12.....	Tri-Valley Conf. (Gayville).....	1 p.m.
May 21.....	Region 5B (Gayville).....	10 a.m.
May 29-30.....	State Meet (Rapid City).....	TBD

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April 15.....	Gayville-Volin Inv. (Hillcrest, Yankton).....	10 a.m.
April 21.....	Baltic Inv. (Rennet).....	9 a.m.
April 24.....	Irene-Wakonda Inv. (Glenridge GC).....	10 a.m.
April 30.....	Alcester-Hudson Inv. (Valley View GC).....	10 a.m.
May 4.....	Pre-Region 3B (Yankton).....	TBD
May 7.....	Tri-Valley Conf. (Yankton).....	9 a.m.
May 11.....	Region 3B (Yankton).....	TBD
May 18-19.....	State B Meet (Yankton).....	TBD

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