

NEB. PREP VOLLEYBALL

SEPT 2: Two new co-ops make their debut. Laurel-Concord-Coleridge hosts Randolph in a NENAC battle. Niobrara-Verdigre is at a triangular in Osmond.

Events To Watch

SEPT. 16: LHNE at HCC. A tough Mid-State Conf. battle. OCT. 25-29: Lewis & Clark Conference Tour. A 16-team showdown that features several state contenders.

Athletes To Watch

Jade Cunningham, Laurel-Concord-Coleridge: S, two-time All-NENAC; Holly Hegge, Crofton: S, All-NENAC

Nichole Lux, Ponca: OH, All-L&C Conference; Shelia Wiebelhaus, Hartington: OH, All-L&C Conference; Shelby Wieseler, Wynot: S, All-L&C Conference

BLOOMFIELD

COACH: Trisha Buss (2nd year) ASSISTANT: Robbin Beckmann VITALS: Class D1, District D1-8, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Queen Bees finished with a 12-11 record.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Brooke Hopkins (Sr.), Karrah Johnson (Sr.), Kylie Abbenhausen (Jr.), Becca Broders (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Autumn Luger (So.), Kaie Kumm (So.), Saide Wachter (Sr.), Dominique Swanson (So.), Ashley Fiedler (So.), Emmalea Johnson (Jr.)

NEWCOMERS: Kanna Fiedler (Fr.), Lily Nagengast (Fr.), Bobbie Jo Green (Fr.), Lexie Hauger (Fr.), Anna Moles (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Queen Bees lost six players from their team last season due to graduation, but they are headlined by a three-senior team this season in hopes to perform better in the playoffs.

"We have a very strong junior class this season," Buss said. "We have kind of a young team, but very strong leaders who should lead the others to success."

CROFTON

COACH: Monique Stubbs (1st year) ASSISTANT: Laura Morrison VITALS: Class C2, District C2-9

LAST YEAR: The Lady Warriors finished with a 10-11 overall record.

RETURNING LETTERWINNER: Holly Hegge (Sr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Jordan Sanger (Sr.), Nicole Guenther (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: With the senior leadership returning for the Lady Warriors, Crofton might have an improved season from a year ago. "We have high expectations for this season and we have the potential to make this a great year," Stubbs said.

HARTINGTON

COACH: Julie Schreiber (1st year) ASSISTANT: Tonya Heithold VITALS: Class D1, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Hartington Wildcats are looking to improve on last season's mark of 12-16 record.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Nanette Heimes (Sr.), Kassidy Jueden (Sr.), Shelia Wiebelhaus (Sr.), Jenna Potts (Sr.), Courtney Hochstein (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Kristie Jueden (Sr.), Taylor Dybdal (Jr.), Ashley Morten (So.), Michaela Dendinger (So.), Whitney Driver (Jr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Wildcats will have a tough job replacing the starters from last season, but they have a strong senior class headlining the team this season. If can they can replace those spots effectively, they are looking to raise the



CROFTON: Holly Hegge

mark from last season. "Coming into this season we have the experience and depth on the bench," Schreiber said. "We need to stay positive, focus and finish well."

HART. CEDAR CATHOLIC

COACH: Adam Kuntz (1st year) ASSISTANT: Laura Bishop and Emily Scheiffert VITALS: Class C-2

LAST YEAR: The Hartington Cedar Catholic Trojans finished last year 14-14. The squad graduated five players.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kendra Arens (Sr.), Dana Dicks (Sr.), Kendra Lammers (Sr.), Shanna Leise (Sr.), Taylor Miller (Sr.), Tracy Peitz (Sr.), Hannah Schrempf (Sr.), Megan Kaiser (Jr.), Lexi Steffen (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Nancee Dendinger (Sr.), Mollie Schieffer (Sr.), Miranda Becker (Sr.), Briana Becker (Jr.), McKae Pinkelman (Jr.), Emily Schrempf (So.), Katelyn Dicks (So.), Siera Becker (So.), Maggie Steffen (So.), Liz Steffen (So.), Morgan Steffen (So.), Natalie Arens (So.), Erin Hochstein (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Amber Emanuel (Fr.), Bailey Steffen (Fr.), Rachel Duhacheck (Fr.), Shayana

Hoising (Fr.), Molly Becker (Fr.), Reggan Noecker (Fr.), Kallie Leise (Fr.), Karly Noecker (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Trojans have a solid group of seniors and juniors to lead the way for the underclassmen.

"We have made quick adjustments to a new coach," Kuntz said. "We also have to get many touches on defense to keep the ball in play."

"All we need is a strong work ethic, self-motivation and great leadership," she added.

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE

COACH: Patti Cunningham (18th year) ASSISTANT: Shelley Groene VITALS: Class C2, District C2-8, Northeast Nebraska Activities Conference

LAST YEAR: Laurel-Concord saw major success last season in a three-way tie for first place in the NENAC, but suffered a first round loss in sub-districts. This is the first year of their co-op with Coleridge.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jade Cunningham (Jr.), Mandy Nelson (Jr.), Amy Pritchard (Jr.), Lexi White (Jr.), Audrey Kastrup (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Haley Hefmen (Sr.), Bethany Barelman (Sr.), Morgan Arduser (Sr.), Dani Huss (Jr.), Hannah Burbach (So.)

ASSESSMENT: LCC should be back on track looking for another conference championship, as they return multiple girls from last season's team. They are also looking for the co-op players from Coleridge that are listed as also returning to help them fill positions left by players from last season.

"We are experience, focused, athletic and will to work hard," Cunningham said. "To a successful season we need to have ball control and quality serving."

NEWCASTLE

COACH: Robin Mohr (17th year) ASSISTANT: Jennifer Tanderup VITALS: Class D2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Raiders had an up-and-down season last year finishing with a 6-12 record and lost in sub-districts. The team also lost two starters from last season, including Taylor Pollard, who was named all-conference and second all-state.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kelti Kneifl (Sr.), Hanna Conrad (Sr.), Sarah Lewon (Sr.), Devin Jacobs (So.), Alex Olsen (Sr.), Alison Davey (Sr.), Lauren Metzger (So.), Shelia Sorenson (Sr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Emily Schmidt (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Brook McCluskey (Fr.), Marti Carlson (Fr.), Brittney Bruenins (Fr.), Kylee White (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Raiders seem to have a solid roster up and down on paper, but they are going to have to perform to their potential to make a run at sub-districts.

"We have quickness and defense as our team strengths this season," Mohr said. "We need to bond as a team if we are going to win a lot of

games this year."

NIORARA-VERDIGRE

COACH: Kandi Eisenhauer ASSISTANTS: Pat Svec, Tara Hopping VITALS: Class D, Niobrara Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: This will be the first year that Niobrara and Verdigre will be co-oping as one team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Briana Hamilton (Sr.), Caroline Cook (Sr.), Tessa Ives (So.), Marissa Stark (Sr.), Crystal Coutts (Jr.), Tanesha Sutta (Jr.), Mackenzie Rettig (So.), Kayla Grim (Jr.), Jenna Rifee (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Jade Salmen (So.), Shelby McCordle (So.)

NEWCOMER: McKayla Eisenhauer (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Niobrara-Verdigre Cougars might have a strong first season as the two teams try to put together a team with each player pushing the others for a spot on the team.

"We have 29 girls making each other earn their position on the team," Eisenhauer said. "We will have a combination of the girls from schools working hard for a spot."

PONCA

COACH: Meagan Pieper (1st year) ASSISTANT: Deb Krause VITALS: Class C2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Ponca Indians finished the season with a 9-15 record. They are looking to replace two seniors from last year's team, including Telisha Mari, who was named to the All-L&C team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Karah Krampfer (Sr.), Nichole Lux (Sr.), Cari Jo Hughes (Jr.), Megan Rager (Jr.), Stacy O'Neill (Jr.), Megan Pollard (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Nelli Logue (Jr.), Krystal Richards (So.)

NEWCOMER: Beth Finnegan (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Indians are looking to get back to another solid season and it appears that they have a good mix for seniors and juniors on the team this season, so it should make for another quality year.

"This team will have a lot of depth and several positions allowing a lot of options and flexibility against different opponents," Pieper said. "We need to become more vocal and working together as a team."

RANDOLPH

COACH: Tara Hillman (3rd year) ASSISTANT: Mary Miller VITALS: Class D1, Sub-District D1-5

LAST YEAR: The Randolph Cardinals finished with a 7-16 record.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jaleen Albers (Sr.), Kati LaGas (Sr.), Lacey Thies (Sr.), Cassidy Bargstadt (Sr.), Emily Svitak (Sr.), Kirsten Fink (So.), Lesley Haselhorst (Sr.)

SD S.D. PREP BOYS' GOLF

AUG. 26: S.F. Christian Inv. All six area teams will converge on Bakker Crossing. SEPT. 17: Husky Inv. at Elk Point. Final big test before

Events To Watch

Regions SEPT. 20: Big Sioux Conference at North Sioux City. Some of state's top golfers head to Two Rivers.

Athletes To Watch

Eliot Bacon, Dakota Valley: Tied for 19th at state Zach McDonald, Vermillion: State Qualifier, top returner for Tanagers

Jason Strand, Beresford: State Qualifier Taylor White, Dakota Valley: '09 Class A individual champion



DAKOTA VALLEY: Taylor White

BERESFORD

COACH: Jim Sorensen VITALS: Class A, Big Sioux Conference

LAST YEAR: The Watchdogs are coming into this season returning five letterwinners from last year, while only losing one senior to graduation.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Kevin Hyronimus (Sr.), Taylor Jensen (Sr.), Jason Strand (Jr.), Nick Antonson (So.), Kory Diefundorf (Fr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Tanner Knutson (Fr.), Lee Stusi (Fr.)

NEWCOMER: Dan Freiberg (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Watchdogs are looking to have another strong season this year with those five returning starters. With the mix of the freshman that will also be returning, they should have another solid season.

"We are experienced coming into this season," Sorensen said. "For a successful season we need

hardwork out of the boys and to become more consistent."

DAKOTA VALLEY

COACH: Paula Wilson (15th year) VITALS: Class A, Region 2

LAST YEAR: The Panthers had another solid season last year bring back five letterwinners from last year's team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Taylor White (Sr.), Eliot Bacon (Sr.), Peyton Sanders (Fr.), Ben Williams (Fr.), Keegan Johnson (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Thomas High (Fr.), Taylor Mennenga (Sr.), Trevor Vilhauer (Jr.), J.P. Peterson (Jr.), Jake Oakley (7th), Jacob Wente (7th), Ryan Owens (7th)

ASSESSMENT: The Panthers have another quality team lead by Taylor White, who was the Class A state champion last season and they are

hoping that they get into full form early to make a run at a team state title.

"This team works really well together," Wilson said. "Having a returning varsity team will be a big plus for us this season."

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON

COACH: Lee Clark (4th year) VITALS: Class A, Big Sioux Conference

LAST YEAR: The Huskies only lost one of their players from last season in Steven Gross, but are looking to have another quality season in Class A.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Conner Penfield (Jr.), Mike Wurtz (Jr.), Sam Viereck (So.), Jarod Mau (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Huskies are looking to their juniors took take the lead this season and help build confidence for the rest of the team.

"We have a young team this season, but they

have committed attitudes to better their play," Clark said.

PARKSTON

COACH: Tyler Hockett VITALS: Class A, Region 5

LAST YEAR: The Parkston Trojans saw two of their golfers qualify for the state tournament. Gone from that team is four-time state qualifier Beau Betread.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Sterling Kinneberg (Jr.), Blake Proehl (Sr.), Ty Kinneberg (8th), Jake Weber (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Trojans have an eighth grader returning with state golf experience and he is hoping to continue that going into this season and help push the upper classmen to do the same.

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PARKSTON

COACH: Rachel Freidel (4th year) ASSISTANTS: Abbie Hobbick, Sue Hoefner VITALS: Class A, Region 5

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LAST YEAR: The Parkston Trojans had an even season last year with a 14-14 finish. The team might be taking a tough hit losing 10 seniors, two of which, Emma Murtha and Sam Weber, will both be playing at Dakota State University.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jenna Reiser (Sr.), Molly Murtha (Sr.), Marie Malloy (Jr.), Kayla Fanning (Sr.), Callie Zirpel (Jr.)

ALSO RETURNING: Sade Dvorak (Sr.), Krystal Freidel (So.), Jamie Konrad (Jr.), Melea Hoeffner (Jr.), Krista Radke (So.), Tanna Nolz (Jr.), Lindsey Boehmer (Jr.), Olivia Wermers (So.), Rebecca Sommer (Jr.)

NEWCOMERS: Miranda Letcher (So.), Kaitlyn Berg (So.), Laura Weiss (Fr.), Baliee Tiede (Fr.), Abbie Metchenberg (Fr.), Megan Dundas (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: Despite losing 10 players to graduation, Parkston still looks pretty deep in their lineup. They are hoping to get back to their winning ways starting the season off on a high note.

"We will have to have girl to step up to be leaders this season," Freidel said. "We have some returning starters but

will have some spots to fill."

SCOTLAND

COACH: Katie Brooks (2nd year) ASSISTANT: Kristyn Warnke VITALS: Class B, Region 6

LAST YEAR: The Lady Highlanders went 7-24. They lost three key seniors that were vital to their success last season.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Amber-Dawn Edwards (Jr.), Chelsea Raker (Jr.), Ashley Alvey (Sr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Lady Highlanders are going to need to rely on the experience of previous to get back to their winning ways.

"We have hard workers on the team and our girls are very determined," Brooks said. "One that we are hoping for this season is that we become more consistent on offense."

VIBORG-HURLEY

COACH: Lori Dressen (9th year) ASSISTANT: Kerry Rislov VITALS: Class A, District 7, Region 4, Tri-Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: This will be the first year that Viborg and Hurley will co-op as a single team.

ASSESSMENT: The Cougars boast talent from a pair of quality Class B programs from last year. While the team will be in Class A this year, the combined forces have plenty of talent to compete. The key will be getting the athletes to mesh on the court

WAGNER

COACH: Amy Tyler (7th year) ASSISTANT: Stacey Knebel VITALS: Class A, Region 5A

LAST YEAR: For the second straight season, the Red Raiders bounced back from a loss to Class B power Northwestern on the opening weekend of the season to run the table the rest of the way and win the Class A title. Gone from that 24-1 team are six regulars, including Class A Miss Volleyball, Jillanne Doorn, who is playing in Irvine, Calif. Also gone are all-state setter Keaya Weber, all-conference player Jenny Eggers and Kami Hoeke, and regulars Courtney Kril and Brooke Weber.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Talia Peter (Sr.), Devon Brecke (Jr.), Alexa Cimpl (Jr.), Breanna Cuka (Jr.), LaShawn Medicine Horn (Jr.), Sydney Breen (So.)

ALSO RETURNING: Jessa Doorn

(So.), Nicole Weber (So.)

NEWCOMERS: Delanyie Dickerson (Fr.), Alex Dvorak (Fr.), Gina Soukup (Fr.)

ASSESSMENT: The Red Raiders lost a lot of key components to their success last year and are going to have to rely on the returning players with varsity experience to step up and be team leaders.

"We will need to continue to work hard," Tyler said. "A few girls are going to have to step up to lead the team with the loss of last year's seniors."

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