

NEBRASKA BOYS' BASKETBALL

Randolph Looks To Defend D1 Crown; Cedar Catholic Aims For Return Trip To State After A Year Away

Allen

COACH: Nick Carmyn
ASSISTANT: Drew

Diediker

VITALS: Class D1, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: Allen had a 2-18 record and lost three letterwinners.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Brandon Apts (Sr., 5-11, P), Austin Kluz (Sr., 6-3, P), Wade Connot (Sr., 5-11, G), Austin Crom (Jr., 6-0, G), S.T. O'Keefe (Jr., 6-0, G), Chase Johnson (So., 5-5, G)

TOP PROSPECTS: Jake Williams (Fr., 6-0, P), Bud Kneifl (Fr., 5-11, P), Levi Woodward (Fr., 5-6, G), and Blake McCorkindale (Fr., 5-7, G)

Bloomfield

COACH: Gary Eisenhauer
ASSISTANT: Matt Kuchar

VITALS: Class D1, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bees went 12-10, losing to eventual champion state champion Randolph in sub-districts.

TOP PROSPECTS: Quinn O'Brien (Sr., 5-10, G), Cody Beckmann (Sr., 5-10, G), Conner Wilson (Sr., 6-0, F), Eric Abbenhaus (Sr., 6-0, F), Aaron Millikan (Sr., 6-1, F), Nate Hingst (Jr., 6-0, G), Tyler Holz (Jr., 5-10, G), Cole Fiedler (Jr., 5-8, G), McGwire Mackeprang (So., 6-2, F), Cole Bruns (So., 6-3, C), Wilson Wagner (So., 6-0, G/F)

Creighton

COACH: Ryon Nielson

ASSISTANTS: Tyler Fuchtmann, Alan Oltjenbruns, Dylan Walton

VITALS: Class D1, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bulldogs, 16-6, lost in sub-districts to Hartington Cedar Catholic. They lost five letterwinners from that team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Austin Diedrichsen (Jr., 6-0, PG, 12 ppg, 3 apg, 3 spg, All-Conference), Reid Liska (Sr., 6-0, G, 12 ppg, 3.5 spg, 2 apg, All-Conference), Beau Schindler (Sr., 6-4, F, 8 ppg, 6 rpg, 1 bpg), Lane Walton (Jr., 6-1, F, 6 ppg, 6 rpg), Brandon Borgmann (Jr., 6-2, G, 3.5 ppg, 1.2 apg)

TOP PROSPECTS: Taylor Carstens (Sr., 6-6, F), Brook Baller (Jr., 6-0, F), Shane Asher (Jr., 6-1, C), Sam Morrill (So., 5-11, F), Ryan Neumann (So., 5-11, G), Joshua Borgmann (Jr., 6-0, G/F)

Crofton

COACH: Todd Strom

ASSISTANTS: Tom Allen, John Connot

VITALS: Class C2, Mid-State Conference

LAST YEAR: The Warriors went 14-10

RETURNING STARTERS: Tyler Koch (Sr., 6-1, F), Brock Mueller (Sr., 6-1, F, All-Conference)

TOP PROSPECTS: Lathan Maibaum (Sr., 5-10, G), Anthony Mota Morales (Sr.), Colton Foxhoven (Sr.), Joey Tramp (Jr., 6-2, F), Justin Mueller (Jr.), Grant Wragge (So., 5-9, G), Tanner Crosley (So., 6-0, F), Noah McFarland (So., 5-10, G), Josh Allen (So.), Jaxon Guenther (So.), Justis Hoffart (So.), Dylan Potts (So.), Jake Neuhalfen (So.), Conner Braunsroth (So.), Chase Zimmerman (So.), Colby Lange (Fr.), Noah Lancaster (Fr.)

Hartington-Newcastle

COACH: Nick Hasselhorst

VITALS: Class C2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Hartington Wildcats finished with a record of 10-11. This is the first year of the new co-op.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Derek Jueden (Sr., 5-9,



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G, 11 ppg, 2 rpg, All-Conference), Kolby Jueden (Sr., 6-0, G, 9 ppg, 4.5 rpg), Tanner Fischer (Sr., 6-3, F, 10 ppg, 8 rpg, All-Conference), Chris Pavlik (Sr., 5-9, G, 2 ppg, 1 rpg), Ethan Morten (Jr., 6-0, G, 5 ppg, 3 rpg), Jared Fuelberth (Jr., 5-9, G, 4 ppg, 2 rpg)

TOP PROSPECTS: Dayne Morten (So., 5-9, G), Andy Schmidt (So., 5-10, G), Cael Sudbeck (So., 5-10, G), Cole Schmidt (Fr., 6-0, F), Wyatt Blatchford (Jr., 6-2, F), Avery Chrastil (Fr., 5-10, F)

Hartington Cedar Catholic

COACH: Matt Steffen
ASSISTANTS: Rick Kuehn, Mark Gubbels

VITALS: Class C2, Mid-State Conference

LAST YEAR: The Trojans, 18-7, were defeated by Ainsworth in the district final.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: James Kaiser (Sr., 5-11, G, 21 PPG, 5 RPG, two time All-State), Ty Becker (Sr., 6-5, F, 4 PPG, 7 RPG), Ryan Becker (Sr., 6-0, G, 2 PPG, 2 RPG), Jared Wiebelhaus (Sr., 5-9, G, 4 PPG, 2 RPG), Ben Steffen (Sr., 5-11, G)

TOP PROSPECTS: Shane Hamilton (Sr., 6-2, G), Stephen Hillis (So., 6-2, C), Sean Kathol (So., 5-10, G)

Laurel-Concord- Coleridge

COACH: Todd Erwin

ASSISTANT: Shannon Benson

VITALS: Class C2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Bears went 2-19 and graduated three players.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Jackson Methany (Sr., 6-1), Colton Jansen (Sr., 5-10), Bradley Steffen (Sr., 5-9), Dominic Anderson (Jr., 5-10), Jordan Jansen (Jr., 6-0), Brant Eddie (Jr., 6-0), Dillan Wolfgram (Jr., 6-1), Jayden Reiferrath (So., 6-4)

TOP PROSPECTS: Isaac Hanson (Jr., 5-8), Malik Knox (Jr., 5-8), Aaron Haahr (Jr., 5-6), Ethan Gubbels (Jr., 6-0), Cody Wilson (So., 5-9), Trey Erwin (So., 5-4), Mason Forsberg (So., 6-2), D.J. Spahr (So., 5-10), Logan Hansen (Fr., 5-0), Charlie Stanley (Fr., 5-10), Garrett Taylor (Fr., 5-10)

Niobrara-Verdigre

COACH: Todd Runnels

ASSISTANTS: Pat Svec, Rick Eisenhauer

VITALS: Class C2, Sub-District C2-8, Niobrara Valley Conference

LAST YEAR: The Cougars went 15-9 and graduated two All-Conference players from that team.

TOP PROSPECTS: Steven LaPointe (Sr., 5-10, G, All-Conference, 10.5 ppg, 4.2 apg, 2.6 spg), Trenton Guenther (Sr., 6-0, G, 6.6 pp, 2.5 rpg), Jacob Johnson (Sr., 6-3, F, 5.3 ppg, 4.9 rpg), Cade Kalkowski (Jr., 6-3, C, 6.1 ppg, 5.5 rpg)

NEWCOMERS: Cauy Drobny (So., 6-3, C), Nate Sandoz (So., 6-1, F), Jacob Tuttle

(So., 6-1, G), Dillon Ives (So., 6-0, G), Jace Fritz (So., G/F)

Ponca

COACH: Adam Poulosky
VITALS: Class C2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Indians were 7-16.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Michael Walsh (Sr., 6-1, G, 2 PPG), Alex Rickett (Sr., 6-2, F), Hunter Schweers (So., 6-2, F), Jack Charlson (So., 6-2, C)

TOP PROSPECTS: Jake Masin (Sr., 6-2, F), Jordan Markworth (Sr., 6-0 F), Justin Carmona (Sr., 6-0, F), Andrew Lamprecht (So., 5-9, G), Derek Touney (So., 6-0, F), Logan Kingsbury (Fr., 6-0, G)

Randolph

COACH: Mark Anderson

ASSISTANTS: Jim Hixon

VITALS: Class D1, Sub-District D1-6, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: Randolph had a 23-4 record, while capturing the Class D1 state championship. They lost five letterwinners from that team.

RETURNING LETTERWINNERS: Logan Nordhues (So., 6-3, F, 7 PPG, 4 RPG) Seth Lackas (Sr., 6-4, C), Landyn Anderson (Jr., 6-4, G), Denton Kuhl (Jr., 6-0, F), Connor Bloomquist (Jr., 6-1, G)

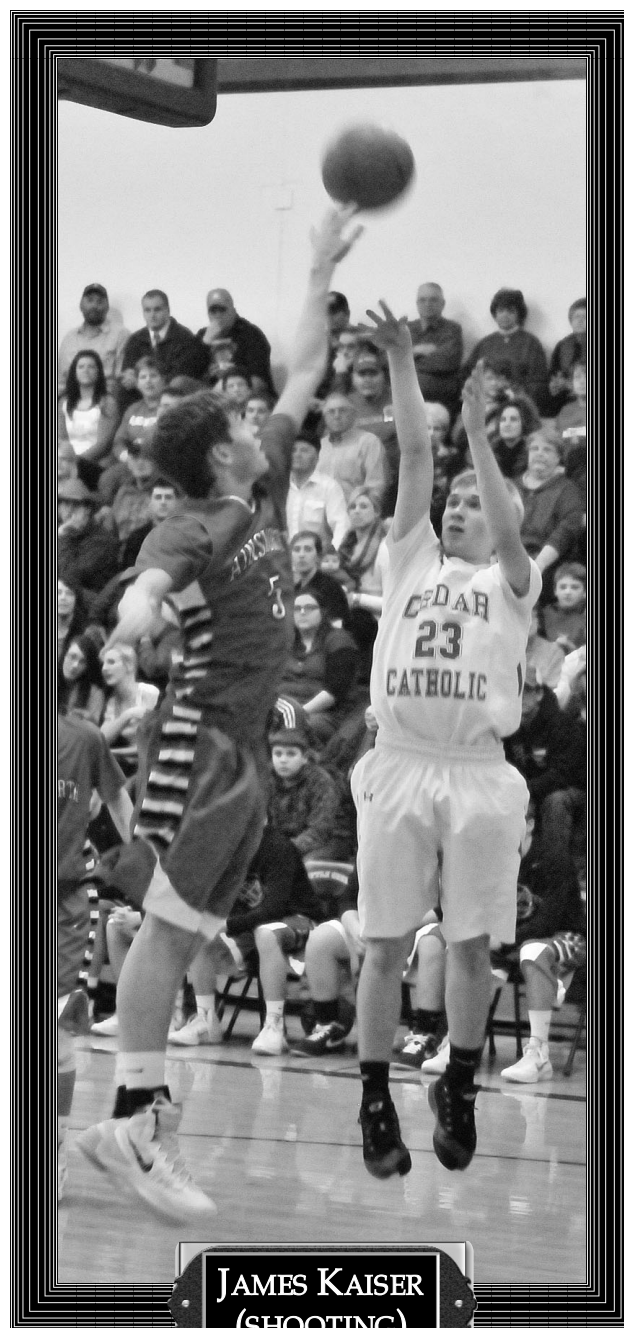
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COACH: Tylor Fincher

ASSISTANT: Brandon Kirby

VITALS: Class D2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Vikings, 18-6, lost in the sub-districts.



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(SHOOTING)**

They graduated all five starters and two other letterwinners.

TOP PROSPECTS: Jordan Burns (Sr., 6-0, G), Austin Hegge (Sr., 6-2, G/F), Kyle Kleinschmit (Sr., 6-3, G), Ryan Kumm (Jr., 6-0, G/F), Aidan Kleinschmit (Jr., 5-11, G)

NEWCOMERS: Nick Story (Sr., 6-2, G/F), Gaige Hegge (So., 6-0, G/F), Travis Gillilan (Jr., 5-9, G), Austin Gillilan (Jr., 5-11, G/F), John Rosberg (Fr., 5-7, G)

district final. Gone from that team are six varsity players.

RETURNING STARTERS:

Austin Lange (Jr., 6-2, F), Kyle Boeckman (Sr., 6-2, F)

TOP PROSPECTS: Cody Stratman (Jr., 5-10, G), Tristan Wieseler (Sr., 5-11, G), Trevor Gartner (Jr., 5-10, G), Jalen Wieseler (So., 5-10, G), George Hite (Sr., 5-10, G), Jordan DeBlauw (Sr., 5-11, F), Dawson Sudbeck (So., 5-9, G), Jarrett Bruening (Jr., 6-0, F), Justin Lange (Fr., 6-0, F), Cole Schumacher (So., 5-9, G), Justin Koch (So., 5-9, G), Ethan Lange (Fr., 6-2, C), Kevin Bruening (Fr., 6-2, C), Ryan Koch (Fr., 5-9, G), Wes Noecker (Fr., 5-9, G), Ben Hite (Fr., 5-9, G), Lucas Thingstead (Fr., 5-9, G), Cody Linder (So., 6-2, C)

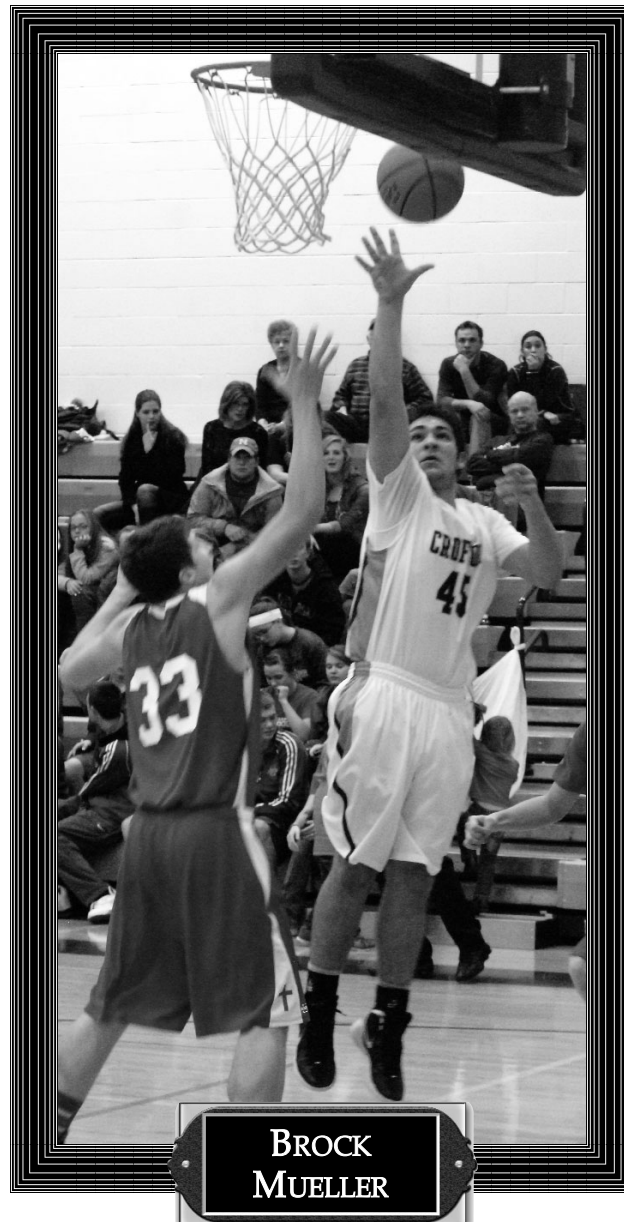
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COACH: Lee Heimes

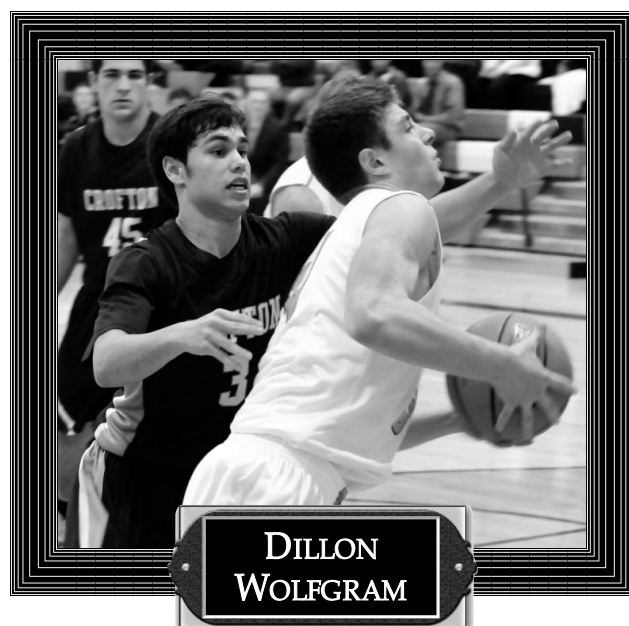
ASSISTANT: Steve Heimes

VITALS: Class D2, Lewis and Clark Conference

LAST YEAR: The Blue Devils went 20-6, losing in the



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