

## CLASS B

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itself. We can't control what Wagner and Hot Springs do."

Ask said having eight wrestlers place is huge for his team heading into the second day.

"On paper, they only had us placing five kids, so I'm ecstatic to have eight kids place," he said. "The kind of efforts out of kids like Austin (Ovre), Jesse Peterson, Luke Myrabo and Nick Sehr are the efforts that are keeping it close right now."

Peterson (145), Myrabo (171) and Sehr (125) are Canton's three wrestlers who made it to the second day from the wrestlebacks.

Ask said he is looking for those three to help cause some damage and score some good points in the wrestlebacks yet.

Ovre (285) leads four C-Hawk wrestlers into the semifinals and is joined by undefeated Jeremiah Peterson (130), Logan Dolen (135), Parker Swanson (140) and Jim Doyle (215).

"Four of those guys were expected to be there and it's not always as easy when you are expected," Ask said. "The semifinals are a big round to score points in, and if we keep battling with the same mindset that we have had so far, it's going to be fun."

Wagner does have one advantage heading into Saturday's action. Out of the seven wrestlers the Red Raiders have competing, six of them are in the semifinals.

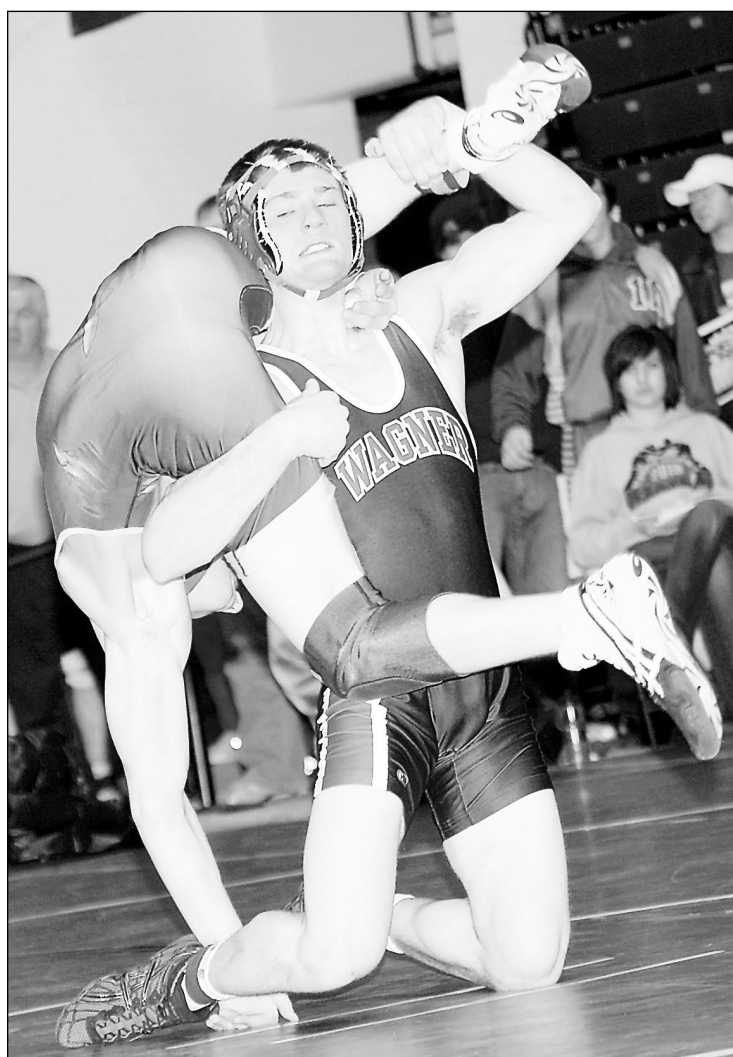
Wagner's lone wrestler outside of the semifinals is Tyler Dion, but the freshman has competed well in his first state tournament Valentine said.

"Tyler has done a good job and responded well; he came into the tournament with the intention of getting on the podium," he said. "Now we just have to make sure he places as high as he can."

The wrestlers in the semifinals for Wagner include David Kocer (112), Alex Kocer (130), Derek Dickerson (135), Mitch Breen (140), Robert Kokesh (160) and Steven Holzbauer (171).

"There are big points that will be put on the board in the semifinals," Valentine said. "There's quite a difference in points when you win or lose. We just need to step it up, exceed expectations and give ourselves a chance to win."

The wrestlers in the semifinals for Hot Springs are Colter Steinments (125), Brady Harkless (145), Jesse Atwood (189) and



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Wagner's Robert Kokesh tries to send Flandreau's Ben Christensen to the mat during their 160-pound opening round match at the South Dakota State Class B Boys' Basketball Tournament Friday at Sioux Falls Arena.

Derrick Walton (285).

Hot Springs is familiar with Wagner in this type of situation, since the Bison knocked off the Red Raiders earlier in the year in the Class B duals.

But unlike the duals, the state championship focuses on what the individuals score than what the team scores.

Bon Homme is faring well in the state tournament and has scored 42 points after sending just five wrestlers to Sioux Falls.

The Cavaliers have four wrestlers still alive, with all of them in the semifinals.

At 119, Bon Homme's Jay Kriz will battle against Lance Merrick, Alcester-Hudson's lone wrestler left, for a chance at the state title.

Dylan Stoeber will try and hand Jeremiah Peterson his first loss of the year at 130 pounds, which won't be easy considering Peterson is coming off a first period pin and a 19-2 technical fall.

Nathan Kloucek will battle with Howard's Dan Noonan at 145 pounds and Joey Sykora will face Dallas Jungworth of Redfield/Dolan.

Elk Point-Jefferson has two

points to lead the Hartington Cedar Catholic Trojans past Laurel-Concord 66-52 in the Sub-District C2-7 championship game, played Thursday night in Wayne, Neb.

Kevin Wintz added 15 points and five rebounds for HCC, which led 29-26 at halftime and 49-35 after three quarters.

In the loss for the Bears, Johnny Saunders scored 17 points, while Ezra Schantz posted a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Bryan Pippitt added seven points.

Cedar Catholic advances to District C2-4 action and will play Burwell in Battle Creek, Neb. on Monday at 7 p.m. A win by the

Trojans sends them to state.

LAUREL-CONCORD.....18 28 35 52

HARTINGTON CEDAR CATHOLIC.....14 29 49 66

## GWC

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dash, long jump, shot put and high jump portions of the heptathlon.

"We knew if we want to win, we'll really need all the points we can get," said Owens, who sits in fourth place after four events in the heptathlon, with the final three events set for today.

"We did four events we usually don't do," he added. "So when it came time to vault, I got tired a little quicker."

The junior from Pierre would later fight through any struggles to claim the pole vault title with a jump of 15-feet-1. Willard, a sophomore from Belle Fourche, finished third at 14-feet-1, while Braley no-heighted.

"We couldn't be prouder of those three guys for stepping up and doing that for their team," USD men's coach Dave Gottsleben said. "The heptathlon is certainly a tough event, with seven different things over the two days."

Also claiming an individual title for the USD men on the first day was senior Rob Gregoire, who won the 3,000-meter run in 8:34.82.

Gregoire, a cross country standout for the last four years, beat a field that included Houston Baptist's Daniel Martinez, who came in with the top time in the league.

"I guess I didn't have a time in mind," Gregoire said. "We didn't want to hang back and take it slow, but it was a pretty fast pace. It went great I guess; can't really complain."

The individual title capped off a comeback for the former Irene-Wakonda standout, who earned a total of one point in three events at last year's Great West indoor meet — also held in Vermillion.

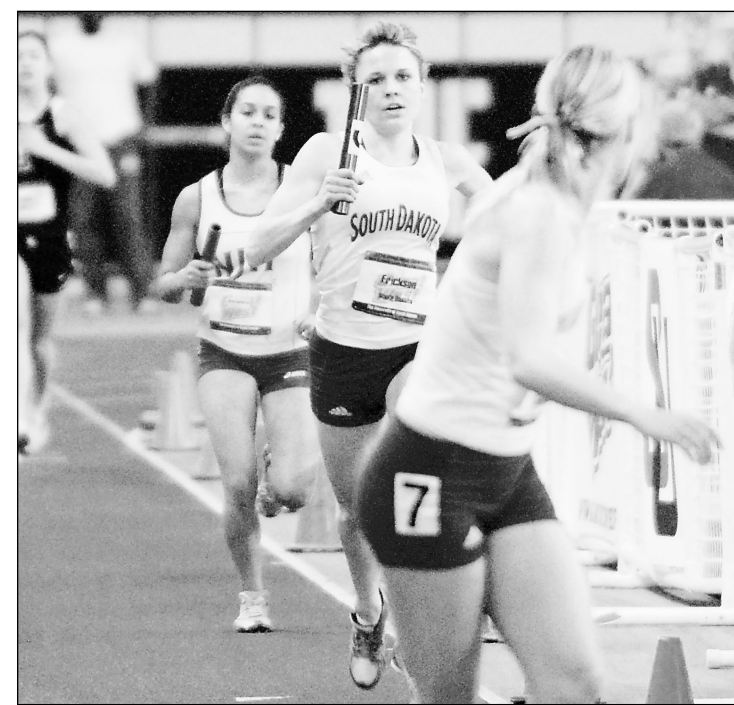
"Winning the 3,000 (Friday) was phenomenal for him," Gottsleben said. "He struggled last year, and I know that really frustrated him and motivated him for this year."

Another highlight for the Coyote men on Friday was the performance of Steve Nelson and Kyle Wheeler in the weight throw.

Nelson, a redshirt from the USD football team, recorded a personal best of 52-feet-2.75 for second place, while Wheeler, also a football player, finished sixth at 49-feet-8.25.

"When I came out for the preliminaries, I wasn't satisfied," Nelson said. "I knew I just had to get through to the finals. And once we got there, the energy just really picked up."

On the women's side, Yankton native Ramsey Fitzsimmons — the



JAMES D. CIMBUREK/P&D

South Dakota's Emma Erickson finishes her 800-meter leg and prepares to hand off to Ramsey Fitzsimmons during the women's distance medley relay at the Great West Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships Friday at the DakotaDome in Vermillion.

reigning Great West Indoor Female Athlete of the Year — was a part of two wins for the Coyotes on Friday.

The senior first anchored the winning distance medley relay squad, which defended its title at 12:10.32. She later cruised to a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter run, with a time of 9:58.11.

"I'm definitely happy that I won, but in a conference meet, it's all about team points," she said after the race. "Once I got in front, I could relax just a little bit."

Though Fitzsimmons was nearly 10 seconds off her league meet record and eight seconds off her season best, she coasted to a second-straight 3,000 title.

"It was another big day for her, without question," USD women's coach Lucky Huber said. "She'll have another busy day (today), with the 800, mile and 5K, so we'll really look to her."

"How Ramsey goes could determine how we go."

Also winning titles for USD on Friday were Crystal Schiernbeck in the pentathlon, with a personal best of 3,182 points, and Kenna Wolter in the long jump (19-feet-0.5).

Yet, the biggest non-first place highlight for the Coyote women came in the weight throw — an event that garnered 23 points for USD.

Danielle Dornbusch improved her career-best throw by over three feet to finish second with a toss of 53-feet-0.25, behind Utah Valley's Becky Reeves. Also for the

Coyotes, Erica Krull was third, Kate Wellensick was fourth and Darci Youngstrom finished fifth.

"It was an amazing day for us in that area," Huber said. "Those are huge points for us, especially because Utah Valley was first and sixth. We need to beat them whenever we can."

"I couldn't be prouder of those girls."

Though each USD squad is looking to defend its indoor title from last year, both coaches said they realize the road to a repeat will be challenging.

"There's a lot of points still out there," Huber said. "I really think we could score in the rest of the events, but it's on the kids now. We just need to step it up a little bit."

In events still to be decided, the USD women own the top four seeding marks in the pole vault and the top three marks in the triple jump.

For the Coyote men, three sprinters advanced to the 60-meter dash finals, while a number of other athletes advanced to the finals.

"Utah Valley looks strong on the men's side, and I'd say they're the odds-on favorites right now," Gottsleben said. "But our kids are in a great position. Who knows what could happen."

Day two action begins at 9 a.m. today (Saturday) with the remaining three events in the heptathlon. Individual events get underway at 9:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is set for 1:15 p.m.

## BOYS

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added six points and seven rebounds.

The Patriots begin District 2B action next Tuesday in Aberdeen.

HITCHCOCK-TULARE (19-1).....20 38 63 75

SUNSHINE BIBLE (8-12).....3 18 28 38

**Thursday**  
**C2-7: Cedar Catholic 66,**  
**Laurel-Concord 52**

WAYNE, Neb. — Cody Klug and Andrew Moser each scored 17

## Yankton Girls Open State With Victory

RAPID CITY — Kendra Nelsen's goal in the second period proved to be the game-winner as the Yankton Miracle blanked Pierre 1-0 in the opening round of the S.D. State junior varsity girls' hockey tournament Friday in Rapid City.

The game was scoreless after the first period. But at the 13:13 mark of the second period, Nelsen scored on an assist from Annelise Curran and Alysha Watzel.

There was then no scoring in the third period.

Yankton held a 17-15 edge in shots on goal. Miracle goalie Kirsten Monaghan recorded 15 saves.

### Boys: Brookings 9, Yankton 0

WATERTOWN — A pair of four-goal periods sent Brookings past the Yankton Miracle 9-0 in the opening round of the S.D. State Bantam 'C' youth hockey tournament Friday.

The host Rangers got a hat trick by Dylan Rittershaus, who had five total points. Tanner Todd added two goals, while Luke Stratmoen, Garret Rounds, Joe Sullivan and Chris Schneider each scored.

Brookings pulled ahead 4-0 after the first period, and later led 5-0 after two periods. The Rangers then added four more goals to break the game open in the third period.

In the loss for the Miracle, goalie Kyler Schultz-Johnson recorded 45 saves.

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