

Defending Champion Roth Highlights Class B Entries

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Fifteen area schools will be represented in the Class B portion of the South Dakota State Track and Field Championships, scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Rapid City.

The entries include 13 girls and 10 boys who will be competing in individual events in which she or he medaled in 2011, led by returning state champion Cailey Roth of Freeman in the 800-meter run. Six of those individuals return in two events in which he or she medaled last year: Centerville's Kieran O'Malley (4th in triple jump, 6th in long jump) and Samantha Blake (5th in discus, 8th in shot put), Roth (also seventh in 1600), Irene-Wakonda's Haley Hinseth (2nd in discus, 4th in shot put), Marion's Brady Viet (5th in 200, 8th in 400) and Parker's Duane Jongeling (3rd in 1600 and 3200).

Here is a look at area Class B schools represented at state and their entries. Schools are listed in alphabetical order.

Alcester-Hudson

The Alcester-Hudson girls will take two individual qualifiers and one relay to Rapid City, led by three-event qualifier Jessica Wegh. The junior is entered in the 100, 200 and 400.

Senior Brittani Liston is entered in both the high jump and triple jump. The Cubs are also entered in the medley relay.

The Cubs will take one boy to Rapid City, senior Ty Schoellerman in the 800 and 1600.

Andes Central

The Eagles will take four girls and three boys to state, with all three boys — all seniors — qualified in multiple events.

Connor Florey is entered in the 110-meter hurdles and the long and triple jumps. Stephan Cournoyer will compete in the 800 and 1600. Esteben Rodriguez is entered in the 100 and the long jump.

Junior Kellie Winckler is a three-event qualifier on the girls' side, entered in the high, long and triple jumps. Junior Sierra Svatos and freshman Payton Johansson are also entered in the high jump. Freshman Brooke Deurmier is entered in the triple jump.

Both Svatos and Florey are returning state medal winners. Svatos tied for fourth in the high jump, while Florey finished sixth in the long jump.

Avon

The Avon boys will take four relays and two individual qualifiers to state. The Pirates are entered in the 400, 800, 1600 and medley relays.

Senior Luke Van Gerpen is qualified in the discus. Junior Jonah Sturgeon is qualified in the 200-meter dash.

Avon also has eighth grader Heidi Cap entered in the girls' 800-meter run.

Centerville

The Centerville Tornados will take three girls and one boy to Rapid City, led by two returning state placemen on the girls' side.

Senior Samantha Blake will compete in the shot put and discus, after placing in both events a year ago. She placed fifth in the discus and eighth in the shot put last season.

Junior Kieran O'Malley is entered in the long and triple jumps. She placed fourth in the triple jump and sixth in the long jump last year. She also earned a tie for fourth in the high jump at last year's state meet.

Also for the Centerville girls, senior Nicole Steadman is entered in the pole vault.

Sophomore Seamus O'Malley will compete in the boys' high jump for the Tornados.

Freeman

Cailey Roth will defend her state championship in the 800-meter run this year, one of three individual events for the freshman. Roth will also compete in the 1600, where she finished seventh last year, and in the 400.

The Flyer girls also have freshman Shelby Jensen qualified in the 800 and eighth grader Rebecca Eberts qualified in the 3200, as well as entries in the 1600 and medley relays.

The Freeman boys are led by freshman Brennan Schmidt, who is entered in the 200 and 400. The Flyers also have Andrew Munkvold in the pole vault, Grant Preheim in the triple jump and an entry in the medley relay.

Freeman Academy

Senior Jaime Tschetter, who placed seventh in the high jump a



Freeman's Cailey Roth (146) reacts to winning the Class B girls' 800-meter run at last year's South Dakota State Track and Field Championships. Roth returns to defend that title, and will also compete in the 400 and 1600 at this year's meet. The meet begins Friday in Rapid City.

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year ago, will look to improve on that effort this year.

For the Bobcat, junior James DeJarnette is qualified in the 300 hurdles.

Gayville-Volin

A young-raider girls' squad will take three individual qualifiers and two relays to state.

Eighth grader Genevieve Clark is qualified in both the 1600 and 3200. Seventh grader Laura Nelson is also qualified in the 3200 for the Raiders. Gayville-Volin also has relays in the 3200 and medley relays.

For the GV boys, junior John Guy is qualified in shot put and discus, while junior D.J. Hawthorne is qualified in the long jump.

Irene-Wakonda

The Eagles will take a bus load of athletes to Rapid City, with 12 boys and nine girls competing in a total of 27 events.

The Irene-Wakonda boys return five medal winners from a year ago, led by the dual of junior Dustin Livingston (2nd) and sophomore Garrett Anderson (8th) in the pole vault. Both are back in that event, as is senior Luke Schroeder for the Eagles. Anderson and Livingston are also qualified in both the 110 and 300 hurdles.

Irene-Wakonda also returns two place winning throwers, as seniors Sam Kiger (6th in discus) and Scott Davis (8th in shot put) are both back in those events. Also back is junior Jake Vollmer, who placed seventh in the 3200 a year ago.

The Eagle boys are also entered in the 400, 800, 1600 and 3200 relays.

"It's going to be a busy track meet for a lot of kids," said Irene-Wakonda head coach Brent Mutchelknaus. "We have several with four events, and most of our kids are in at least two."

Mutelchknas said that some of the toughest competition the Eagles will have at state will be from other teams in Region 4B.

"We were in a tough region," he said. "There are five boys' teams that are in the mix: Canistota, Bridgewater-Energy, Viborg-Hurley, Parker and us. All of us have a nich that should do fairly well at state."

The Irene-Wakonda girls are led by senior thrower Haley Hinseth, who placed second in discus and fourth in shot put a year ago. Freshman Lauren Sokolowski is back after finishing fourth in the 100 hurdles, adding the 300 hurdles to her events list. Senior Lexy Schenk, who placed sixth in the triple jump, is back in that event as well as the 200-meter dash.

Also for the Eagles, senior Pearl Gaidelis will compete in the pole vault and the 100, sophomore Rainey Brewer-Nysven and freshman Taylor Lyso will compete in pole vault, and eighth

grader Andrea Sokolowski will compete in the high jump. Irene-Wakonda is also qualified in the 400 and 800 relays.

"In the four-by-one and four-by-two, we have three seniors — Lexy Schenk, Pearl Gaidelis and Morgan Lee — that have been at state since they were freshmen. Haley has gone for four years in the discus, a couple in the shot," Mutchelknaus said. "They have that experience, good leadership."

Mutelchknas expects the Eagle girls also to be in contention, but will have a tough task to overcome the top two teams.

"I think we can make a run," he said. "But when you look at the entries, Oldham-Ramona-Rutland and Ipswich are pretty deep. Gettysburg and a couple other teams are pretty strong as well."

But the veteran Irene-Wakonda coach feels both the boys and girls have the chance to make some waves.

"If we compete the way we can, at the end of the state meet we could be right there," Mutchelknaus said. "We have the potential for a lot of top places individually and a team plaque as well."

Marion

Senior sprint standout Brady Viet will look to add to his state meet resume with entries in all three sprint races, the 100, 200 and 400. Viet placed fifth in the 200 and eighth in the 400 a year ago.

Also entered for the Bears is junior Ashley Rosenwald-Muller, who will compete in the girls' 200-meter dash.

Menno

Senior Katelyn Kotalik will look to build on her third place tie in the pole vault as she competes in that event one last time at the state meet level. Menno also has sophomore Christina Herrboldt qualified in that event.

Senior Mary Jo Mettler is qualified in both throwing events for the Wolves, set to compete in the shot put and discus. Menno is also qualified in the 3200 and medley relays.

The Menno boys will send a pair of vaulters to state, senior Ben Fischer and sophomore Tyrell Bertsch. Fischer placed seventh in that event last year.

Parker

The Pheasants will take eight entries on eight side, with three returning medal winners headed to state.

The Parker girls are led by senior Anna Leloux, who finished third in the discus, and junior Tessa Weeldreyer, who placed fourth in the 400. Leloux is back in the discus competition, while Weeldreyer has moved to the 200.

Freshman Brittany Olson will compete in the 200 and 400 for the Parker girls. Senior Taylor Nugteren is qualified in the 100

hurdles. Parker is also entered in the 400, 800 and 1600 relays.

The Parker boys are anchored by returning double-medal winner Duane Jongeling. The junior placed third in both the 1600 and 3200, and is entered in both events.

The Pheasants also have sophomore Tristen Erickson entered in the 200 and high jump, and sophomore Michael Olson in the 800 run. Parker will also compete in the 800, 3200 and medley relays.

Scotland

With 11 girls' entries and six boys' entries, the Highlanders will take a solid contingent out west.

Led by senior Haley Brunke, who placed eighth in the 3200 a year ago, Scotland will take nine individual events and two relays to state. The Highlanders also have two double-qualifiers in junior Christina Mogck (100, 200) and freshman Carley Skorepa (shot put, discus).

Also entered for the Scotland girls are senior Jaymie Barrett in the high jump, sophomore Morgan Frey in the 200, freshman Kayla Fischer in the long jump and freshman Jessica Thum in the 100 hurdles. Scotland also has entries in the 400 and 800 relays.

For the Scotland boys, junior Garrett Kotalik and freshman Dan Stibral are each entered in two events. Kotalik in the 200 and 400, and Stibral in the discus and shot put. The Highlanders also have senior Ryan Auch in the 100, as well as an entry in the 800 relay.

Tripp-Delmont-Armour

TDA freshman Hannah Just, who placed seventh in the 400 and eighth in the 200 a year ago, is not back in either of those events, but is qualified in the 100-meter dash. She will also run on both Nighthawk relays, the 1600 and medley relays.

The Nighthawk boys have two individual qualifiers and two relays headed west. Senior Drake Johnson is entered in the 400. Senior Zach Kriz is qualified in the shot put. TDA is also entered in the 1600 and 3200 relays.

Viborg-Hurley

After having just one placeman in Class A a year ago, Viborg-Hurley is hoping to post a few more points in its return to Class B.

The lone medalwinner for the Cougars last season was Tyler Gerdes, who placed seventh in the triple jump. The junior is back in that event, as well as in the long jump.

Other double-qualifiers for Viborg-Hurley include senior Dennis DeNeui and junior Trevor Jacobson, each in the 100 and 200, and senior Matt Jensen in the 200 and long jump. The Cougars also have junior Seth Engen in the 1600 and

Eight Area Girls', Seven Boys' Teams Represented In Class A

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SPEARFISH — Eight girls and seven area boys' teams will compete in the Class A portion of the South Dakota State Track and Field Championships, which begin today (Friday) in Spearfish and continue Saturday in Rapid City.

The first day of the Class A meet will be held at Lyle Hare Stadium in Spearfish, with action beginning today at 9:30 a.m. All three classes will then combine for Saturday's final round at O'Hara Stadium in Rapid City, starting at 9 a.m.

Here is a look at area entries, with teams listed in alphabetical order.

GIRLS

Beresford

The Watchdogs will send six athletes to the state meet, with potentially three likely to make the awards stand.

Alison Klostergaard qualified in four events, highlighted by a fourth-best mark in the triple jump (35-2). She will also compete in the long jump (16-9), 100 hurdles and 300 hurdles.

"The race she's probably most confident in right now is the 100 hurdles, she's really done well with that lately," coach Scott Ebert said. "She's had some triple jumps in the 35's that were scratched, so hopefully all those things can come together for her."

Ashley Ostrem comes in with the state's second-best mark in the discus (136-8), while Hannah Mckelvey is seeded third in the shot put (40-1.25).

"We tell Hannah all the time that everybody has a good day, but it's those who can continually duplicate those," Ebert said. "If she can get close to that 40 mark, she stands a very good chance at a really high finish."

On Ostrem, Ebert said, "She haven't been too many meets where she hasn't won the discus."

Also making the trip west for the Watchdogs will be Ashlynn Atwood in the 3200-meter run, and Molly Kennedy and Morgan Klostergaard in the high jump.

Kennedy has battled back from a torn ACL and a stress fracture in her foot, both in basketball season, to re-qualify for the high jump. As a sophomore, she took second at the state meet.

"Her first meet out this year she qualified at 4-11," Ebert said. "She hasn't gone over that, but now would be a good time."

Ebert also said Atwood, a seventh-grader, is a "sleeper" to crack the top 10 in the 3200 — an event she comes in seeded No. 18.

Bon Homme

The Cavaliers will be represented by 11 athletes in eight events, including a pair of relays.

Anna Heusinkveld is seeded eighth in the 100-meter dash (12.5) and 13th in the 200 (26.7). Caitlin McLouth will run in the 100 hurdles and also qualified in the triple jump (33-8.25).

Breanna Souhrada will compete in the shot put and discus.

The Cavaliers also qualified its 3200 and sprint medley relays.

Dakota Valley

A total of 12 athletes will compete at the state meet, with three coming in with top-8 qualifying marks or times.

Kylie Martin has the shot-put qualifying mark in the fifth best (38-7), while eighth-grader Sara Bohan is seeded sixth in the 300 hurdles (47.8) and eighth in the 100 hurdles (15.5).

Ellie Bohan will compete in three events, the 100 dash, 100 hurdles and long jump. Madison Gray qualified in the 800, Morganne Pfaffle qualified in the 300 hurdles and Brookanne Pfaffle will compete in the pole vault.

The Panthers will also run in the 400 and 3200 relays.

Elk Point-Jefferson

Six Huskies will head west this weekend, including four on the medley relay.

Eighth-grader Josie Hereen is seeded 10th in the 3200 (12:12.0) and 16th in the 1600 (5:33.4).

Caitlin Davis is seeded 19th in the long jump (16-4), and the Huskies also qualified their medley relay contingent.

Ethan-Parkston

The Trojans will send one athlete to the state meet, sophomore Katie Murtha in the 300-meter hurdles. She is seeded 23rd out of 24 qualifiers.

Platte-Geddes

Defending state champion Des-tinni Gerding will look to repeat in the girls' high jump, as she comes in with the third-best mark at 5-3.

Rochelle Wynia has the 19th best time in the 1600 (5:34.3) and seeded 14th in the 3200 (12:13.2). Eighth-grader Aubrey Rabenberg will compete in the 400-meter dash.

The Black Panthers will also run in the 3200 and sprint medley relays.

Vermillion

Among the 10 athletes headed west for Vermillion, one comes in to the state meet with the bulls-eye on her back.

Mackenzie Huber leads Class A in the pole vault at 9-4, just one inch in front of Belle Fourche's Lily Walker. Huber has seen nearly a full foot increase in her personal best from last season, coach Lenni Billberg said.

"We've had some very good vaults at 10 feet, now we just have to hit the right wind and the right plant," Billberg said. "What's really amazing is that her first vault wasn't until late April (in Yankton), so for her to start like that is quite remarkable."

Val Moos is seeded fourth in the 100 hurdles (15.1) and 14th in the 300 hurdles (48.6).

"We're really excited for her, she's getting better and better each week. She's ready for a breakthrough," Billberg said. "She's a little more rested this time for the 300 hurdles, and right now in Class A there are some really good hurdlers."

Elizabeth Szymanski has a solid chance of making the awards stand in both throwing events. She has the state's third-best mark in the discus (131-6) and eighth-best mark in the shot put (37-4.5).

"Beth has been such a successful thrower her whole career; very consistent," Billberg said. "We're just waiting for that big day in the shot put, like with what we see at practice. She's one of the smallest kids out there, but she can really throw it."

Stacy Hirsch also qualified in the discus.

Vermillion will also run in the 1600 and sprint medley relays.

"We have some relays that could break out," Billberg said. "Those girls, that's their only event, so they can focus just with that and with fresh legs. We'll be rested, so I think we'll run our best times of the year."

Wagner

Field events could again prove to be successful for the Red Raiders at the state meet.

LaShawn Medicine Horn leads Class A in the high jump at 5-4, one inch in front of three other athletes.

Sydney Breen is seeded fourth in the pole vault (9-0), while teammate Megan Kocer will also compete in the event.

Also for the Red Raiders, Promise Mace qualified at No. 24 in the 100 and Kim Koupal at No. 13 in the 800. Wagner will also run in the 800 relay.

BOYS

Beresford

Austin Carlson could very well find himself on the awards stand, depending on how he does in the triple jump at state. The senior is seeded seventh in the event, with a qualifying mark of 42-5.

The Watchdogs will be represented by Dalton Jones, who qualified in the 100 and 200 dashes. Jared Truman will also run in the 200.

Beresford will send its 400-meter relay squad out west, as well.

Bon Homme

Field events were again a strength for the Cavaliers this season, and the boys' team will be represented by 14 athletes at state.

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Memorial Day Deadlines

The Yankton Daily Press & Dakotan will be closed Monday, May 28th, for the Memorial Day holiday.

The following deadlines will apply:

- Out On The Town — Wednesday, May 23
- Tuesday, May 29 newspaper — 5 p.m., Wednesday, May 23
- Wednesday, May 30 newspaper — 5 p.m., Thursday, May 24
- Thursday, May 31 newspaper — 5 p.m., Friday, May 25

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