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Crofton Gears Up For State

Lady Warriors Repeat As C-7 Champions; Wildcat Boys Take Title

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HARTINGTON Neb. – The Crofton girls' track team took a step towards defending its state championship by winning the District C-7 meet in Hartington on Thursday.

"I think it is doable, I really think it's doable," Crofton throwing coach Justin Bossman said on repeating at state. "We've got some pretty good situations with the throws the way they went today."

"Same thing at state happens at this meet, you never know what's going to happen and who will have a good day or a bad day."

Helping the Crofton girls win the district title were Maria Wortmann and Monica Arens, who went 1-2, respectively, in both the discus and shot put.

"I'm excited, at practice we are always nit picking each other and helping each other out," Wortmann said. "We are friends so it's fun."

Wortmann also finished out the day by placing fourth in the 400-meter dash and helping the 4x400 meter relay team to a victory by leading off, while Arens helped the 4x800 relay team to a victory and placing fifth in the 800-meter run. Quinn Wragge won the 800 for Crofton while also participating in the two winning relays. Allison Arens finished first in the 1600-meter run, third in the 3200-meter run, and was part of the relay teams. Kelsey Sanger was the fourth member of the relays and placed second in the 1600. Haley Arens finished second in the 1600 and 3200 meter runs.

Ellie Arduser had a standout day for Laurel-Concord-Coleridge by placing first in both the triple jump and 400, while finishing second in the 100 and 200 missing out on first by one-tenth of a second in each competition. Sadie Petersen also ran well for Laurel-Concord-Coleridge by winning the 3200 and finishing second in the 1600, while Audra Corbit upped her personal best by jumping 5-foot-6 to finish first in the high jump.

On the boys' side, Hartington-Newcastle was able to win the district in its first year in Class C and making it to state.

"We were bumped up to Class C this year," Hartington-Newcastle coach Blair Kalin said. "We were bumped up to C this year, we were third in Class D at state last year."

"Class C is stronger competition for the most part, there's more schools, but I think we will stack up pretty well."

Kalin's son, Griffon, had a great day for the team by finishing first in the 100-meter dash, 300 hurdles, and 4x100 relay.

"The mindset was that I was ranked first in most of my events," Griffon said. "I just wanted to come in and run my race and the outcome would be what I wanted it to."

Andy Schmidt helped Hartington-Newcastle by winning the 200-meter dash and placing second in the 400. Jared Fuelberth was able to win the 400. Fuelberth and Schmidt both were part of the 4x100 along with Cole Schmidt. Brian Santiago won the 1600 and finished second in the 3200.

In both shot put and discus, Beau Schindler of Creighton finished first while Crofton's Tyler Koch was runner up.

Hartington Cedar Catholic was able to win the 4x400 relay with a team of Tristan Steffan, Ty Becker, Luke Burbach, and James Kaiser.

The Nebraska State Meet will be held in Omaha on May 22-23.

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TOP OF PAGE: The Crofton girls' track team poses with their championship trophy after winning Thursday's District C-7 meet in Hartington, Nebraska. Crofton is the defending Class C team champions and one of the top-ranked teams in the state in 2015.

ABOVE: Crofton's Allison Arens, right, high-fives teammate Haley Arens after they finished 1-2, respectively, in the girls' 1600-meter run at Thursday's District C-7 track meet in Hartington, Nebraska.

LEFT: Hartington-Newcastle's Griffon Kalin flies over the hurdle during the finals of the boys' 300-meter hurdles at Thursday's District C-7 track meet in Hartington, Nebraska.

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Summit League Track: USD's Glisar, Huschle And Frank Add Wins On Day 2

MACOMB, Ill.—South Dakota senior Megan Glisar, junior Analisa Huschle and sophomore Tyler Frank grabbed titles on a drizzly day at Hanson Field for the Summit League Outdoor Track and Field Championships. After two days of competition, the Coyote women are in second place with 94 points and the men are third with 48.

South Dakota captured the top spot in both the women's and men's high jump.

Competing in the final Summit League Championship of her career, Glisar captured her fourth league title. She tied her own meet record from two years ago when she cleared 5 feet, 11 ½ inches. Freshman Colette Christensen took seventh at 5-3 ¼.

Frank added to his indoor league title by clearing 6-8 ¾. He made all five bars leading up to his winning height on the first attempt.

Huschle, the 2012 Newcomer of the Championship, has been battling injuries since her freshman campaign. She grabbed her first Summit League title since 2012 when she long jumped 19-11 ½. Huschle also qualified for the finals with the fastest preliminary time in the 200 meters (24.27) and second-fastest time in the 100 meters (11.86).

Also scoring in the long jump were freshman Shanice Cannigan and sophomore Emily Brigham. Cannigan leaped 18-5 ¾ for fourth and Brigham reached 18-2 ½ for seventh.

Senior Josh Petersen leaped more than a foot past his career best to finish runner-up in the long jump. Petersen recorded a mark of 23-0 ½. Also adding points in the long jump were freshman Taylor Anderson with a career best jump of 21-9 ½ for fifth place and junior Connor Fitzsimmons (Yankton) with a season best 21-8 ¾ for seventh. Also in the long jump, South Dakota State's J.J. Hejna (Yankton) finished fourth with a season-best mark of 22-1.

The Coyotes also had a pair of all-league shot put throws. Senior Cody Snyder (Lake Andes) placed third with a toss of 56-6 ¾. Sophomore Danielle Waldner also took third when she threw the shot 49-0 ¾.

Junior Isaac Allen took seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 9:25.09.

Freshman Garrett Anderson added a seventh-place finish in the decathlon for two points.

South Dakota qualified 22 individuals to today's (Friday) finals. These include Cannigan (100 hurdles, 14.79; 400 hurdles, 1:01.82), senior Molly Ervin (100 hurdles, 14.89), sophomore Ashley Thompson (100 hurdles, 14.93), senior Erik Hill (110 hurdles, 14.51; 400 hurdles, 53.73), sophomore Hank Lentsch (110 hurdles, 15.61), freshman Tomas Kamenik (110 hurdles, 15.70), freshman

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Golf: South Dakota Men 11th After Day One At NCAA Regional

BREMERTON, Wash.—South Dakota men's golf sits in 11th place following the first round of the NCAA Bremerton Regional held at the Gold Mountain Golf Course. Rounds two and three are Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Sophomore Cody Seal shot an even par of 72, which puts him in a 10-person tie for 22nd place to lead the Coyotes. Seal's only bogey on the third hole was cancelled out by a birdie in the seventh, while the remaining 16 holes were at par.

Junior Jordan Rykal finished the day at 1-over-par to tie for

32nd place.

Freshman Cole Peterson birdied three of his first four holes, but bogeyed three others to finish the first nine at an even par. Peterson ended the day 3-over-par, which tied for 41st.

University of Alabama at Birmingham leads the team race by one with a score of 280. The Coyotes will need to move into one of the top-five team spots to advance to the NCAA Championships.

Round two begins at 10:20 a.m. (CT). Senior Samuel Mathew will be the first Coyote to tee off at 10:55 a.m.

Freeman Standout Signs With Mount Marty College Softball

Madysen Pravecek, a 5-6 pitcher and outfielder from Freeman, will attend Mount Marty College and play softball for the Lancers, the institution announced on Thursday.

Pravecek posted a 2.34 earned run average, recording 52 strikeouts this past summer for the South Dakota Flash. She also batted .265 on the season as the Sioux Falls-based team won a state title. The Flash also won the Bloomington Bash and placed third in the Ringneck Tournament.

"After watching her during a try-out session, we felt that she would be a great addition to our softball family," said MMC head coach Al-



Pravecek

The daughter of Ken and Mindee Birnstiehl and Dennie and Jennifer Pravecek, she will be a radiologic technology major at MMC. In addition to her softball award Pravecek will be receiving an Academic Honors Scholarship and a vocal award.

bert Fernandez. "She is a great person and has a strong support system from her family. Mady is a great student and will fit well with our team and the Mount Marty College community."

Ainsworth Sweeps C-8 Titles; Cougars Score 12, Six Points

WEST HOLT, Neb. – Ainsworth swept the team titles, and by large margins on both sides, at Thursday's District C-8 track meet in West Holt.

Ainsworth won the girls' division with 124 points, well in front of West Holt (80). Niobrara-Verdigre, which scored six points, was the only area team.

For Ainsworth, Logan Clark won the 1600-meter run (6:00.6) and 3200-meter run (12:44.4), while teammate Laura Peters also won two events, the 100 hurdles (16.1) and 300 hurdles (47.6).

On the boys' side, Ainsworth was first with 165 total points, well ahead of West Holt (121). For the champion Bulldogs, Holden Smith

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