

# Nebraska Track: Crofton Girls Lead After Day 1



**The Crofton tandem of Haley Arens (middle front) and Allison Arens (middle back) finished 3-4, respectively, in the Class C girls' 3200-meter run on Friday at the Nebraska State Track Meet in Omaha.**

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OMAHA, Neb. – The Crofton girls' track team leads Class C in points after day one Friday of the Nebraska State Meet at Omaha Burke Stadium in Omaha.

Crofton got off to a quick start in the morning by winning the 3200-meter relay. The team, made up of Kelsey Sanger, Allison Arens, Monica Arens, and Quinn Wragge, led the whole way and was able to cruise to a victory.

"It's bittersweet, it's my last state meet, but it doesn't get old winning," team anchor Wragge said.

Meanwhile Crofton's Maria Wortmann was finishing in second in discus with a season best throw of 134-feet, 6 inches.

"I was ranked second com-

ing in and was like, maybe I'll have a chance to win." Wortmann said. "I threw the best I have all year, I'm happy where I placed."

Also earning points for Crofton were Haley Arens and Allison Arens, who finished third and fourth respectively, in the 3200-meter run.

Sadie Peterson of Laurel-Concord-Coleridge came into the 3200 ranked first and finished in seventh.

"It was a tough race, there was some good competition out there," Peterson said. "I just wanted to go out there and run and do my best."

LCC's Ellie Arduser ran well enough to qualify for the 200-meter dash and 400-meter dash finals on Saturday, but missed out on the 100-meter dash final by one-hundredth of a second. Arduser is also competing in the triple jump

on Saturday.

"Missing the 100 is OK, because I like the 200 and 400 better, so as long as I make the finals in those I am fine," Arduser said. "Triple jump I'm hoping I'll do really good because I'm leading the state right now, so I'm hoping I'll jump a 36 again."

On the boys' side Hartington-Newcastle's Griffon Kalin was able to qualify for today's (Saturday) 300-meter hurdles finals.

"It wasn't my best time but I qualified," Kalin said. "It's a tougher competition than last year."

"Pressure is off, at least I made it so I just have to finish it off tomorrow."

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## D: Wynot Girls Take 3200 Relay

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OMAHA, Neb. — When Cortney Arkfeld got the baton with 800 meters remaining in a 3200-meter relay, her team was in sixth place.

Not exactly a position where the Blue Devils were thinking state title.

Arkfeld, one of three sophomores on the 4-person relay, instead rallied Wynot to first place in the Class D two-mile relay on Friday at the Nebraska State Track Meet in Omaha.

Wynot even being in sixth place when Arkfeld got the baton was impressive enough, considering the Blue Devils came in with the 12th-best seed time.

Instead, they clocked a school-record time of 10:07.91.

"I didn't know if I would," Arkfeld said. "I was just aiming to catch up to them."

Wynot's relay began with senior Jenna Heine, who passed the baton to sophomore Holly Lauer, who passed it to sophomore Skylar Arkfeld. By the time Cortney Arkfeld got it, the Blue Devils were understandably nervous.

"I saw she (Skylar) closed the gap and we weren't far behind," Cortney said. "I knew we still had a chance at this."

And that because they had Cortney, one of the state's top Class D middle-distance runners — she later qualified for the 400-meter dash finals with the best prelim time.

"It was nerve-wracking," said Heine, who recovered from a fall in her final 200 meters. "But I trust my teammates."

"I would've been happen with whatever place we got." Even sixth place?

"Sure," Heine said, smiling.

The previous Wynot High School girls' record in the 3200 relay was 10:18, but that was shortly replaced.

"It was amazing," Cortney said. "We didn't think we'd get that."

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## VanDenBerg 10th, Cross 18th At NAIA Meet

GULF SHORES, Ala. – Mount Marty senior Abbey VanDenBerg just missed in her final attempt to earn All-American honors in the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships, placing 10th in the triple jump on Friday.



**VanDenBerg**

VanDenBerg finished at 37-9.5 after fouling on her first two attempts.

Earlier in the day, MMC sophomore Allison Cross placed 18th in the shot put with a toss of 42-7.5.

## Dendinger Second In D2 Discus

ALLEN-DALE, Mich. – Wayne State's Michaela Dendinger set a school-record of 178-3 in the discus to finish second in the event at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track and Field Championships on Friday.



**Dendinger**

Dendinger, a sophomore from Coleridge, Nebraska, who prepped at Hartington, was ranked fifth entering finals. It marks her first-ever All-American honor.

The Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference swept the top three marks, as Winona State's Alissa Rausch won at 181-2 and Wayne State's Sara Wells finished third at 175-6, which was the school record for about an hour.

Both Dendinger and Wells will compete in the shot put today (Saturday) at 10:15 a.m.

## Tennis | S.D. State Boys Tourn.

# Bucks 7th Entering Final Day

SIOUX FALLS – Yankton's Paul Fanta advanced to the flight four singles semifinals with a 6-3, 6-0 victory over Aberdeen Roncalli's Luke Lingor on Friday at the South Dakota State Boys' Tennis Tournament on Friday in Sioux Falls.

Sparked by Fanta's play, Yankton held on to seventh place entering the final day of the tournament. The Bucks sit 18.5 points behind Aberdeen Central for sixth, and lead eighth place Brandon Valley by 49 points.

Sioux Falls Lincoln leads with 494 points, followed by Mitchell (466) and O'Gorman (446).

"Paul played very well. He was aggressive and got to the net early," said Yankton head coach Matt Termansen. "He just took the Roncalli kid out of the match."

Fanta, the fourth seed, now faces top-seeded Wil McDowell of Sioux Falls O'Gorman. They have not met this season, as the Yankton-O'Gorman dual was rained out.

"McDowell is an eighth grader who hits good strokes, but he's tiny," Termansen said. "Hopefully Paul can get to the net early."

Yankton's flight two singles duo of Fanta and Jason Shindler will play for third place after beating Sioux Falls Washington 7-6 (7-3), 6-0 in the quarterfinals before falling to Sioux Falls Lincoln 7-6 (7-1), 6-3 in the semifinals. The Bucks will face Mitchell one last time after splitting with the Eastern South Dakota Conference rival during the regular season.

Shindler went 3-0 on Friday to advance to the consolation finals at flight two singles, beating Logan Aukes of Sioux Falls Christian (10-1), D'Kota Segrist of Rapid City Central (10-7) and Adam Zimmerman of Aberdeen Central (11-10, 7-5 tiebreaker). Shindler will face Matt Gauger of Watertown in the consolation final.

"The match against Zimmerman was one of the matches of the tournament.

There were a lot of quality points, and Jason pulled it out in the tiebreaker," Termansen said. "He's super pumped about that."

Yankton will also play for a consolation title at flight three doubles, as Ethan Klimisch and Nathan List beat Brookings 10-2 and Pierre 11-10 (7-5) to earn a matchup with Madison.

"They had lost to both of those teams earlier in the season," Termansen said. "They were due – they had lost a lot of tiebreakers during the season, and they beat Pierre in a tiebreaker."

At flight one singles, Luke Rockne was eliminated with a 2-6, 6-2, (10-7) loss to Rapid City Stevens' Chuck Tang and a 10-6 loss to Washington's Nathaniel Ackert.

"Luke took him to a super-tiebreaker, got it to 7-7 and lost a few at the end," Termansen said. "That's probably the best he's ever played. He's finishing his singles career on a high note."

At flight three singles, Hunter Rockne was eliminated with a 7-5, 6-4 loss to Lincoln's Austin Noldner and a 10-6 loss to Washington's Cole Benson.

Luke and Hunter Rockne saw their flight one doubles season end with losses to Lincoln (6-2, 6-4) and O'Gorman (10-3) on Friday.

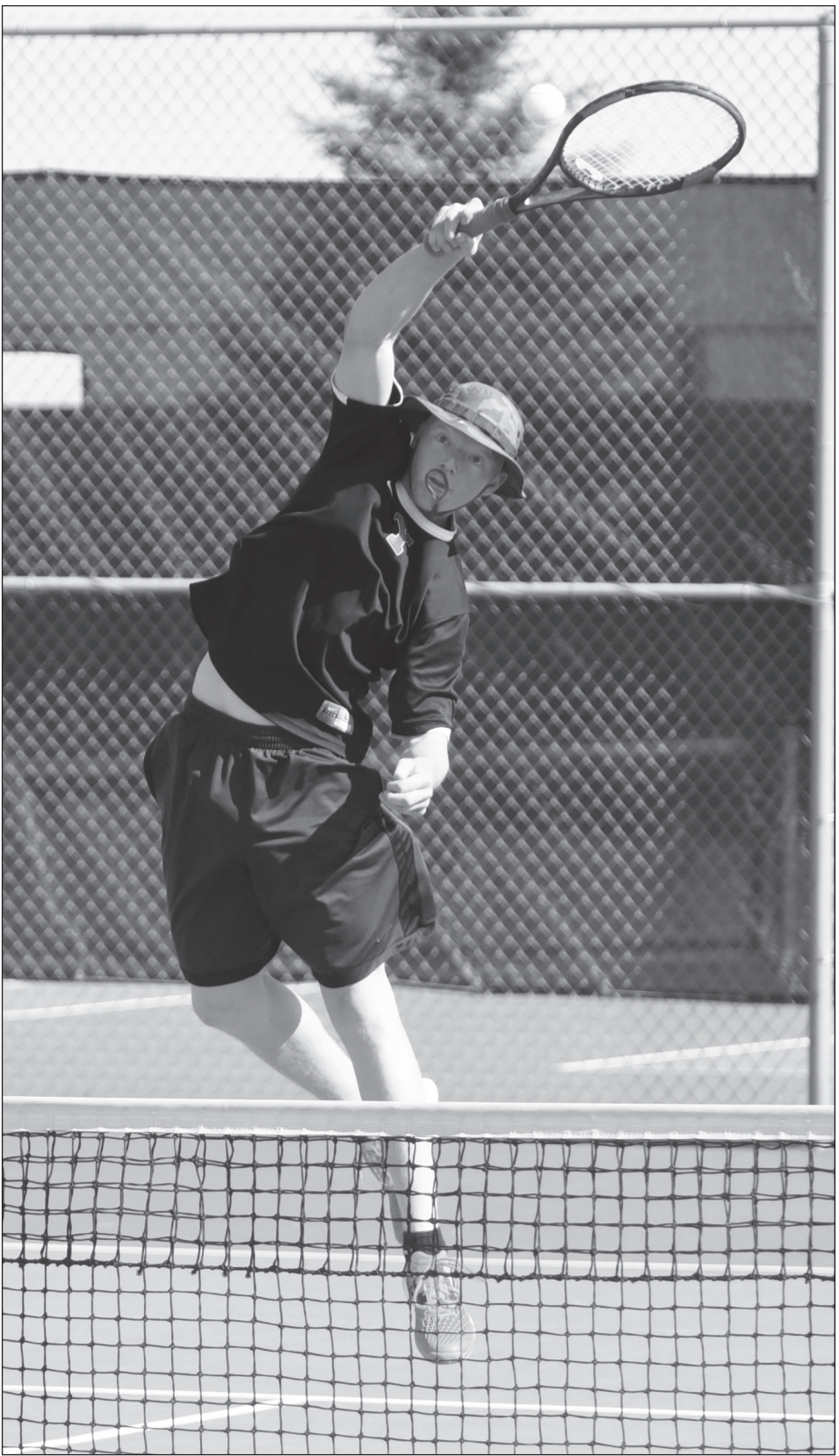
At flight five, Nathan List beat Milbank's Matt Lenards 10-2 before dropping a 10-7 decision to Roncalli's Austin Kokales in the consolation quarterfinals.

Yankton's Ethan Klimisch was eliminated by Spearfish's Bryce Thorman 10-5 in the second round of consolation play.

Vermillion finished the tournament in 18th with 38 points after earning three victories in consolation singles action on Friday.

At flight three singles, Ryan Styles beat Roosevelt's Isaac Schweitzer and Brandon Valley's Mason Blue, each by 11-9 decisions, before falling to Brookings' Dalton Rittershaus 10-7 in the

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**Yankton's Paul Fanta leaps to return a shot during his flight four singles quarterfinal with Luke Lingor of Aberdeen Roncalli on Friday at the South Dakota State Boys' Tennis Tournament in Sioux Falls.**

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# Track & Field: Six From MMC Named All-America Scholar Athletes

Six student-athletes, including two competing in the NAIA Outdoor Track and Field Championships this weekend, were honored as All-America Scholar Athletes by the NAIA. The announcement was made on Friday.

Seniors Ryan Oye (Luverne, Minnesota), Josh Monson (Bryant), Logan Ulmer (Yankton) and Neil Hohenthanner (Yankton) were each honored on the men's side. Monson will compete in



**Hegge**



**VanDenBerg**



**Monson**



**Ulmer**



**Oye**

the marathon today.

On the women's side, seniors Abbey VanDenBerg (Sioux Falls) and Holly Hegge (Crofton, Nebraska) were honored. VanDenBerg competed in the triple jump at the NAIA meet on Friday.

Also honored were Briar Cliff's Desi Beckmann, a junior from Yankton; Dordt's

Lillie Koerner, a senior from Freeman; and Morningside's Elizabeth Kube, a junior from Crofton, Nebraska.

To be honored a student-athlete must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, and must have achieved a junior academic status.

## Golf: Amundson, Loecker Honored

Mount Marty College juniors Kelly Amundson and Luke Loecker was named an All-America Scholar-Athlete for golf by the NAIA, announced earlier this month.

Amundson, of Vermillion, tied for 14th in the Great Plains Athletic Conference women's golf tournament, helping the Lancers to a school-record second place finish.

Loecker, of O'Neill, Neb., played the final three rounds of the GPAC men's tournament, posting a three-round score of 254.



**Loecker**



**Amundson**

Also honored for men's golf was Alex O'Neill of Ponca, Neb., a senior at Morningside. To be honored a student-athlete must maintain a 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale, and must have achieved a junior academic status.

# P&D Leader Board: Area Athletes Raise Bar During Stretch Run

This is the *Press & Dakotan* Leader Board for the 2015 season. To qualify, an area athlete must post the mark at a varsity meet.

This will be the final leader board until after the S.D. state meet. Day 1 results from Nebraska are NOT included.

NOTES: I-posted indoors; R-current record; S-posted at post-season meet; C-Converted from fully-automatic timing

All-time marks are in bold, with the year they were achieved.

Boys Division	
100-METER DASH	
Chris Fischer, Yankton, 1994.....	10.44
Brendan Bares, Bon Homme.....	10.8
S-Brennan Schmidt, Freeman.....	10.8
S-Austin Hegge, Wausa.....	10.9
Osmar Pacheco, Yankton.....	11.0
Ryan Sternhagen, Yankton.....	11.0
Chase Kortan, Bon Homme.....	11.1
Cole Paulson, Freeman.....	11.2
Brady Dab, Dakota Valley.....	11.3
Griffon Kalin, Hartington-Newcastle.....	11.3
C-Lee Rose, Yankton.....	11.3
Hunter Young, Bon Homme.....	11.3
200-METER DASH	
Chris Fischer, Yankton, 1994.....	21.30
S-Brennan Schmidt, Freeman.....	22.0
C-Austin Hegge, Wausa.....	22.1
C-Ryan Sternhagen, Yankton.....	22.4
Brendan Bares, Bon Homme.....	22.6
Chase Kortan, Bon Homme.....	22.7
Brook Baller, Creighton.....	22.9
Mason Strahl, Yankton.....	23.2

Weslee Dvorak, Ethan-Parkston.....	23.3
C-Lee Rose, Yankton.....	23.3
400-METER DASH	
Brennan Schmidt, Freeman, 2015.....	48.1
R-Brennan Schmidt, Freeman.....	48.1
Lee Rose, Yankton.....	50.1
Ryan Sternhagen, Yankton.....	51.0
SC-Jon Rosales, Vermillion.....	51.8
Logan Hansen, Viborg-Hurley.....	51.9
S-Michael Maas, Andes Cent.JDC.....	51.9
S-Tate Wagner, Platte-Geddes.....	51.9
C-Brook Baller, Creighton.....	52.0
C-Connor Wilson, Bloomfield.....	52.0
800-METER RUN	
Alex Munterfering, Ethan-Parkston, 2009.....	1:52.46
Brennan Schmidt, Freeman.....	2:00.1
Logan Hansen, Viborg-Hurley.....	2:01.4
C-Logan Peterson, Vermillion.....	2:03.0
S-Ty Becker, Cedar Catholic.....	2:04.8
S-Tanner Fischer, Hartington-Newcastle.....	2:05.0
SC-Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jefferson.....	2:06.1
SC-Tristan Steffen, Cedar Catholic.....	2:06.4
C-Nick Story, Wausa.....	2:06.5
1600-METER RUN	

Alex Munterfering, Ethan-Parkston, 2009.....	4:17.59
Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jefferson.....	4:40.0
C-Brian Santiago, Hartington-New.....	4:44.1
Samuel Jensen, Alcester-Hudson.....	4:44.4
C-Noah Noecker, Cedar Catholic.....	4:44.7
Layne Meyers, Viborg-Hurley.....	4:45.7
Ryan Haggerty, Freeman Academy.....	4:45.9
C-Nick Wixson, Centerville.....	4:46.5
S-Alex Daum, Platte-Geddes.....	4:48.4
3200-METER RUN	
Matt Althoff, Yankton, 1993.....	9:19.41
C-Hunter Paulsen, Elk Point-Jeff.....	9:58.2
S-Aaron Haahr, Laurel-Con.-Col.....	10:13.4
S-Brian Santiago, Hartington-New.....	10:13.9
C-Jaden Janssen, Crofton.....	10:14.0
C-Alec Alwood, Bensford.....	10:19.0
C-Andrew Peitz, Yankton.....	10:35.9
Zach Pettit, Platte-Geddes.....	10:36.1
SC-Charlie Long, Dakota Valley.....	10:38.2
110-METER HURDLES	
Josh Hofer, Freeman, 1998/Wes Dvorak, Ethan-Parkston, 2015.....	14.5
Wes Dvorak, Ethan-Parkston.....	14.5
(TIES LB RECORD: Josh Hofer, Freeman, 1998)	

Charlie Stephenson, Yankton.....	15.5
S-Cole Paulson, Freeman.....	15.7
Kordell Buyck, Parker.....	16.0
S-C.J. Lee, Gayville-Volin.....	16.1
S-Kyle Kleinschmitt, Wausa.....	16.4
Devin Millen, Bon Homme.....	16.4
S-Matt Nelson, Irene-Wakonda.....	16.4
400-METER HURDLES	
Alan Fischer, Menno, 1999.....	38.99
C-Weslee Dvorak, Ethan-Parkston.....	39.1
Charlie Stephenson, Yankton.....	40.8
C-Griffon Kalin, Hartington-Newcastle.....	41.0
Brian Boese, Allen.....	42.0
C-Tim Cross, Yankton.....	42.0
Cole Paulson, Freeman.....	42.0
Kyle Kleinschmitt, Wausa.....	42.2
Jared Fuelberth, Hartington-Newcastle.....	42.8
400-METER RELAY	
Yankton, 2015.....	43.0
RC-Yankton.....	43.0
(LB RECORD: Old Mark 43.1, Yankton, 1996)	
C-Bon Homme.....	43.7

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