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OMAHA, Neb. — Haley Arens is no stranger to success with Crofton High School. The freshman was a key member of the girls' cross country team that captured its ninth consecutive state title last fall — Arens was the runner-up in Class D.

On Friday morning, however, she stepped on to the big stage for the first time at the Nebraska State Track Meet in Omaha. And as we've been saying for years with these Crofton girls athletes, Arens rose to the occasion, no matter her experience level.

Arens finished third in the Class C 3200-meter run in a time of 11:38.5, sandwiched between seniors. When I asked her later about the race, she smiled and called it "intriguing" — a mature response, I thought.

"It was fun seeing how many people were still in it; there wasn't that one person way out in front," Arens said. "We knew someone else might pull it out."

Haley Arens Shines In First State Track Meet For Crofton

Not only was Arens was third, but her cousin Allison — a senior — finished fourth in a time of 11:38.94. The duo ran next to each other for nearly the entire race, capturing 11 valuable points for Crofton.

"It was nice being right up there with Allison," Haley said. "That was fun being side by side with her."

As the Lady Warriors look for their second straight track championship, they probably didn't need every one of those points, but seeing the Arens duo rise from eight projected points to 11 was no surprise to me — nor was it to anyone who's watched Crofton over the past decade.

The first race of the day was the Class C girls' 3200-meter relay, and of course, Crofton was the state champion — for the third straight year in the event.

I had made the comment earlier in the week that Crofton would win the relay title, no matter where they were projected heading into the meet. With this group of athletes, I'm no longer surprised with what they do.

They always tend to rise to the occasion.

"We're very fortunate to have the girls we do," Allison said.

SCOREBOARD

TRACK & FIELD

NEB. STATE MEET

May 22 at Omaha, Neb.

CLASS C GIRLS

TEAM SCORES (Through 5 of 17 events): Crofton 29, Chase County 13, North Bend Central 12, Twin River 10, Wilber-Clatonia 10, Norfolk Catholic 8, Stanton 8, Sutton 8, Tri County 6, Superior 6, Hartington-Newcastle 5, Nebraska Christian 5, Conestoga 5, Arcadia-Loup City 5, Grand Island Central Catholic 4, Malcolm 4, Doniphan-Trumbull 4, Lincoln Lutheran 4, Cambridge 4, Gordon-Rushville 3, Aquinas Catholic 3, Oakland-Craig 3, Arlington 3, Laurel-Concord-Corlridge 2, Creighton 2, Sandy Creek 2, Southern Valley 1.5, Centennial 1.5, Hastings 1, Cecilia 1, Ravenna 1, Centura 1, Dundy County-Stratton 1.

3200: 1, Anna O'Malley, North Platte St. Patrick's 11:34.23; 2, Braska Patterson, Stanton 11:36.15; 3, Haley Arens, Crofton 11:38.50; 4, Allison Arens, Crofton 11:38.94; 5, Madison Quist, Doniphan-Trumbull 11:39.16; 6, Sheridan Wellnitz, Gordon-Rushville 11:40.57; 7, Sadie Petersen, Laurel-Concord-Corlridge 11:41.18; 8, Madison Lambley, Dundy County-Stratton 11:41.96.

3200 RELAY: 1, Crofton (Kelsey Sanger, Allison Arens, Monica Arens, Quinn Wraggel) 9:37.93; 2, Chase County 9:53.38; 3, Tri County 10:05.11; 4, Conestoga 10:05.23; 5, Lincoln Lutheran 10:05.43; 6, Oakland-Craig 10:07.64; 7, Nebraska Christian 10:07.96; 8, Hastings St. Cecilia 10:11.89.

DISCUS: 1, McKenna Renzy, Wilber-Clatonia 138-2; 2, Maria Wortmann, Crofton 134-3; 3, Samantha Dirkschneider, North Bend Central 130-11; 4, Addison Henry, Arcadia-Loup City 124-8; 5, Emma Benton, Grand Island Central Catholic 123-11; 6, Sabrina Lutjg, Arlington 123-4; 7, Anna Novacek, Sandy Creek 113-2; 8, Sydney Kucera, Ravenna 112-5.

LONG JUMP: 1, Sara Czarnick, Twin River 16-8.75; 2, Delaney Lemkau, Sutton 16-2.5; 3, Jayna Hoins, Superior 16-1.5; 4, Camarie Straman, Hartington-Newcastle 16-0.75; 5, Alea Shaner, Cambridge 15-11.75; 6, Kinsey Koski, Aquinas Catholic 15-10.25; 7, Rebecca Espartero, Creighton 15-8.25; 8, Madison Myers, Centura 15-7.

POLE VAULT: 1, Katherine Montgomery, North Platte St. Patrick's 11-0; 2, Courtney Schindler, Norfolk Catholic 11-0; 3, Cassidy Wiala, North Bend Central 10-8; 4, Josie Peterson, Chase County 10-5; 5, Courtney Sandell, Centennial 10-6; 6, Hope Baldwin, Nebraska Christian 10-0; 7, Abigail Eden, Southern Valley, Hannah Towns, Centennial 9-6.

TEAM SCORES (Through 5 of 17 events): Ainsworth 24, Sandy Creek 14, Bishop Neumann 13, Aquinas Catholic 13, Thayer Central 12, Centennial 9, Cross County 8, Sutton 8, Stanton 8, Norfolk Catholic 8, Wisner-Pilger 8, West Holt 7, Johnson County Central 6, Elmwood-Murdock 6, Chase County 6, Wilber-Clatonia 6, Omaha Christian Academy 5, Dundy County-Stratton 5, Fillmore Central 5, Nebraska Christian 5, Blue Hill 4, Cambridge 4, Southern Valley 3, Shelby-Rising City 2, Tri County 2, Oakland-Craig 1, Ravenna 1, Hartington-Newcastle 1, North Platte St. Patrick's 1.

3200: 1, Brady Delmont, Ainsworth 9:54.20; 2, Kelly Cliffords, Cross County 9:58.86; 3, Trevor 9:59.11; 4, Samuel Sander, Murdock 10:00.47; 4, Samuel Sander, Johnson County Central 10:01.14; 5, Jace Kranau, Blue Hill 10:05.70; 6, Elijah Frasher, Aquinas Catholic 10:06.68; 7, Wyatt Kowalski, Tri-County 10:07.26; 8, Brian Stanton, Hartington-Newcastle 10:07.81.

3200 RELAY: 1, Ainsworth (Hunter Martin, Joshua Finley, Austin Harthorn, Brady Delmont) 8:08.11; 2, Wisner-Pilger 8:11.41; 3, Wilber-Clatonia 8:12.16; 4, Nebraska Christian 8:15.09; 5, Thayer Central 8:17.03; 6, Sutton 8:18.42; 7, Fillmore Central 8:19.12; 8, West Holt 8:25.12.

HIGH JUMP: 1, Jordan Fujian, Bishop Neumann 6-8; 2, Austin Becker, Norfolk Catholic 6-6; 3, Travis Luhrs, Chase County 6-5; 4, Phalen Sanford, Dundy County-Stratton 6-3; 5, Tracie Gardiner, Sandy Creek 6-3; 6, Jeremiah Perkins, Southern Valley 6-3; 7, Stephen Yamber, Centennial 6-2; 8, Joshua Bauer, Ravenna; Cameron Kiner, Oakland-Craig 6-0.

SHOT PUT: 1, Kenton Kobza, Aquinas Catholic 54-0.5; 2, Blake Huisman, Stanton 53-7.25; 3, Tanner Barth, Centennial 52-9.5; 4, Garrett Clark, Sutton 52-12.5; 5, Benjamin Allen, Ainsworth 50-7.5; 6, Jarrod Heinrichs, Fillmore Central 50-6.5; 7, Ethan Sumner, Shelby-Rising City 48-9; 8, Ryan Teten, Johnson County Central 48-11.25.

TRIPLE JUMP: 1, Brendan Lipovsky, Sandy Creek 45-9; 2, Simon Wiedel, Thayer Central 44-5.5; 3, Bo Jensen, West Holt 44-4.5; 4, Armand Robinson, Omaha Christian Academy 44-3.75; 5, Zack Moore, Cambridge 44-0.75; 6, Reid Jurgensmeier, Bishop Neumann 43-8; 7, Stephen Yamber, Centennial 43-8; 8, Bryce Byrn, North Platte St. Patrick's 43-4.75.

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Turning It On



JEREMY HOECK/P&D
Hartington Cedar Catholic's James Kaiser rounds a corner in the Class C boys' 3200-meter relay on Friday at the Nebraska State Track Meet in Omaha.

3rd Round—(1) Erik Rossing, SFL, def. (8) Rahul Giri, SFR, 6-0; 6-0; (4) Eric Marquette, ABC, def. (5) Seth Schamens, WTN, 6-0; 6-4; (3) Austin Bauer, SFO, def. (6) Ben Anderson, RCS, 6-4; 6-1; (2) Brenden Lehr, MIT, def. (7) Carter Huber, SFW, 6-0; 6-0.

5th place semifinals—Schamens, WTN, def. Giri, SFR, 10-3; Huber, SFW, def. Anderson, RCS, 11-9.

Flight 5

3rd Round—(1) Michael Yousef, SFO, def. (8) Jackson Ellis, RCS, 7-6(2); 6-3; (4) Tony Shafer, SFW, def. (5) Parker Monson, ABC, 6-3; 7-6(5); (3) Jacob Dahme, MIT, def. (11) Joel Kocer, BV, 6-2; 6-0; (2) Dylan Wald, SFL, def. (10) Colton Hellwig, ABR, 6-2; 6-0.

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DOUBLES

Flight 1

3rd Round—(1) K. Dobbs/S. Dobbs, SFL, def. (8) L. Rookne/H. Rookne, YAN, 6-2; 6-4; (4) J. Cersosimo/A. Hegg, MIT, def. (5) S. Heckmann/J. Moran, SFO, 6-0; 6-2; (3) C. Tang/T. Schultz, RCS, def. (6) J. Margolis/A. Zimmerman, ABR, 6-1; 6-1; (2) M. Ackert/E. Hartwig, SFW, def. (7) B. Trevelyan/N. Mutschelknaus, BV, 6-3; 6-2.

Semifinals—Dobbs/Dobbs, SFL, def. Cersosimo/Hegg, MIT, 6-4; 7-6(9-7); Ackert/Hartwig, SFW, def. Tang/Schultz, RCS, 7-5; 6-0.

Semifinals—Heckmann/Moran, SFO, def. Rookne/Rookne, YAN, 10-3; Trevelyan/Mutschelknaus, BV, def. Margolis/Zimmerman, ABC, 10-7.

Flight 2

3rd Round—(1) B. Brown/K. Nelson, MIT, def. (8) D. Prissell/M. Hollan, ABC, 7-6(4); 6-4; (4) C. Damgaard/W. McDowell, SFO, def. (5) C. Dwyer/J. Guymon, RCS, 4-6; 6-3; 11-9; (3) J. Shindler/P. Fanta, YAN, def. (6) A. Hartwig/C. Benson, SFW, 7-6(3); 6-0; (2) A. Noldner/A. Choudhry, SFL, def. (10) M. Graff/J. Jager, MAD, 6-2; 6-0.

Semifinals—Damgaard/McDowell, SFO, def. Brown/Nelson, YAN, 10-3; 7-6(11); Noldner/Choudhry, SFL, def. Shindler/Fanta, YAN, 7-6(11); 6-3.

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GOLF

HILLCREST GOLF & CC

2-MAN BEST BALL LEAGUE

MAY 21 RESULTS: Jim Tramp-Jack Gregg 63, Todd Chance-Michael Pietila 64, Sean Zimmerman-James Henderson 65, Dan Megard-Jeff Larson 65, Bill Berry-Gail Gubbels 66, Scott Hillman-Denny Fokken 67, James Grotenhuis-Dave Ewald 67, Steve Slowe-Stony Rutjes 68, John Hagemann-Heath Larson 68, Roger Thompson-John Ehret 69, Roger Brandt-Dan Lammers 70, Ryan Elwood-Warren Muller 70, Aaron Ness-Jim Fitzgerald 70, Joe Vig-Pat King 71, Dan Eisenbraun-Todd Van Narsen 211, Tony Erickson-Robert Haar 214, Ryan Pierce-Devin Anderson 72.

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MAY 21 MEN'S DAY EVENT

FIRST: Jerry Clough, Rod Grossenbrun, Ken Bertsch, Greg Adamson 162.

SECOND: Todd Chance, Bob Haar, Kevin O'Brien, John Thiemann 170.

THIRD: Dan Orton, Joe Vig, Jeff Dayhuff, Steve Weiland 171.

SECOND FLIGHT

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THIRD: Hank Petersen, Bob Kellen, Gary Heine, John Hagemann 169.

MAY 21 MEN'S IN. SKINS

GROSS: No. 4, Denny Fokken 3; No. 5, Scott Hiltunen 3; No. 6, Hiltunen 3.

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YANKTON PARKS & REC

WOMEN'S TOURN.
CHAMPIONSHIP: Dahlin Drywall def. Pain Train 63-55

NBA CONFERENCE FINALS

Wednesday, May 20
Cleveland 97, Atlanta 89

Thursday, May 21
Golden State 99, Houston 98, Golden State leads series 2-0

Friday, May 22
Cleveland 94, Atlanta 82, Cleveland leads series 2-0

Saturday, May 23
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.

Sunday, May 24
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, May 25
Golden State at Houston, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26
Atlanta at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL CONFERENCE FINALS

Wednesday, May 20
Tampa Bay 8, N.Y. Rangers 5, OT

Thursday, May 21
Anaheim 2, Chicago 1, Anaheim leads series 2-1

Friday, May 22
N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 1, series tied 2-2

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Anaheim at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 24
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers 7 p.m.

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Chicago at Anaheim, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, May 26
N.Y. Rangers at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

Tampa Bay 24 19 558

New York 20 20 524 1 1/2

Baltimore 19 20 487 3

Boston 19 23 452 4 1/2

Toronto 19 25 432 5 1/2

Central Division

Kansas City 26 14 650

Detroit 26 17 605 1 1/2

Minnesota 23 18 561 3 1/2

Chicago 19 20 487 6 1/2

Cleveland 18 23 439 8 1/2

West Division

Houston 27 14 628

Los Angeles 22 20 524 4 1/2

Seattle 19 22 463 7

Texas 19 23 452 7 1/2

Oakland 14 20 318 13 1/2

Thursday's Games

Baltimore 5, Seattle 4

Detroit 6, Houston 5, 11 innings

Toronto 8, L.A. Angels 4

Tampa Bay 3, Oakland 0

Texas 3, Boston 1

Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 2

Friday's Games

Seattle 10, N.Y. Yankees 9

Texas 4, Toronto 3

Detroit 6, Houston 2

Baltimore 8, Miami 5

Cleveland 7, Cincinnati 3

L.A. Angels 12, Boston 5

Tampa Bay 5, Oakland 2

Chicago White Sox 3, Minnesota 2

St. Louis at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Texas (Marlins 2-5), 12:05 p.m.

Seattle (Paxton 2-2) at Toronto (Buehrle 5-3), 12:07 p.m.

Houston (McCutters 0-0) at Detroit (Lobstein 3-4), 3:08 p.m.

Cincinnati (DeSafiani 2-4) at Cleveland (Kluber 1-5), 3:10 p.m.

Toronto 8, L.A. Angels 4

White Sox (Sale 3-1), 3:10 p.m.

Oakland (Graveman 1-2) at Tampa Bay (Karns 3-1), 3:10 p.m.

Baltimore (M.Wright 1