

Crofton Teams Ready For State Meet Run

Cross Country: Lady Warriors Seek Seventh Straight Title

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KEARNEY, Neb. — With their top five runners returning from a team that cruised to a sixth consecutive Class D title a year ago, the Crofton Lady Warriors look to add to their impressive trophy case when they compete in the Nebraska State Cross Country Championships today (Friday) in Kearney.

Crofton boasts two of the top three returning runners in the field, seniors Danielle Riesberg and Tiffany Tramp. Aquinas Catholic senior Marissa DeWispelare, last year's state champion, is the other.

Riesberg finished fourth last year, adding to a resume that includes a ninth place finish in 2010 and a seventh place finish in 2009. She comes in off a victory in the District D-4 meet last week.

"Dani led us all season and is really running strong," said Crofton head coach Jayne Arens. "She's finished first in every meet except the Augustana Twilight and the Augustana Meet of Champions, and she's medaled in every race since her

freshman year."

Tramp was sixth last year, adding to a third place finish in 2010 and a tenth place finish in 2009. She has battled through health issues for part of the season, and was Crofton's fifth runner at districts.

"Tiffany has struggled through injuries, but she's looking good," Arens said. "She'll be fun to watch at state. She does very good with the hills."

Also return from last season's state meet roster are senior Abigaile Braun, and sophomores Kendy Kube and Vanessa McFarland. Kube finished 15th a year ago.

"Abbi's consistently been our sixth runner, but she's right up there with our fourth runner," Arens said. "Each race those two (sophomores) surprise me. If they keep their momentum going, they'll be right up there in the upper pack."

An addition to the varsity six this year is sophomore Quinn Wragge, a transfer who has blossomed in her first year competing in cross country.

"She's been an outstanding runner," Arens said. "She's followed along with

Dani and Tiffany all season."

The Lady Warrior depth extends well beyond its top six, Arens noted.

"Keeley Hagge will be our alternate for state. Without her, Jazmin Wubben, Samantha Guenther and the other JV runners each pushing each other, we're not as strong," Arens said. "Next year they'll be right up there."

The Crofton boys finished sixth a year ago, and return all six runners for another shot at some hardware.

"The boys were a little disappointed last year," Arens noted. "They've worked hard throughout the year to get better. All of them have cut time throughout the season, and they're running closer together."

Crofton's top-four of junior Drew Eskins, sophomore Cole Steffen and seniors Henry Goeden and Mathew Guenther were separated by just 47 seconds at districts.

"Running close is the key for them to do well," Arens said. "Drew and Cole have



P&D FILE PHOTO

The Crofton girls, led by senior Danielle Riesberg, left, set the early pace in the District D-4 Cross Country Meet on Oct. 11. Crofton looks for its seventh consecutive Class D title as it travels to Kearney for the Nebraska State Meet today (Friday). Crofton also qualified its boys' team, which returns all six runners from a squad that finished sixth a year ago.

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Lynx Upend Bucks For ESD Title

Yankton Finishes Regular Season At 6-3, Will Be Home For Playoff Game To Open Post-Season

FROM P&D STAFF REPORTS

BRANDON — The rain, wind and cold did not deter Brandon Valley's Chase Marso-led passing attack as the Lynx overwhelmed Yankton on their way to a 42-0 victory and Eastern South Dakota Conference title on Thursday night in Brandon.

Marso, who eclipsed 2000 passing yards on the season early in the first quarter, threw three throwing strikes, two to fellow senior Matt Vandenberg.

While the Lynx had Yankton's defense spread out with their crop of wide receivers, they fed a steady diet of carries to running back Tony Tripp, who scored twice in the first half on a pair of short runs.

After seemingly grabbing large chunks of yardage on every offensive play early on, Brandon Valley jumped out to a 21-0 first-quarter lead.

Just as Yankton found a bit of rhythm on offense, Vandenberg stepped in front of a Michael Rucker pass intended to Bucks sophomore Levi Davis and returned the interception 60 yards for a 27-0 Lynx edge.

Tripp, who ran for 153 yards on 20 carries, notched his second score of the game as the first half wound down. An early third-quarter pass from Marso to junior A.J. Garrow gave Brandon their eventual final 42-0 lead.

Marso finished the game 9-15 passing with 166 yards. At that point, the teams traded punts and turnovers as numerous backups saw second-half action in the adverse conditions.

Marso finishes the regular season with 23 touchdown passes.

With the victory, Brandon Valley finishes the season 9-0, the only undefeated 11AA team besides top-ranked Washington, and will have a first-round bye on Tuesday.

It is a solid improvement over last year's Lynx squad that ended the regular season 6-3 before losing a 38-37 second-round playoff battle against eventual state-champion Roosevelt.

Yankton completes their regular season with a 6-3 record (6-1 ESD) for the second year in a row.

Davis led the Bucks with 100 yards rushing on 15 carries, but Yankton was plagued by turnovers and an inconsistent offense, a recurring theme in their three losses this season.

Brandon Valley won the total yardage battle 312-186. Yankton also suffered a trio of key injuries in the loss. Seniors Troy Hunhoff, Evan Schroeder and James Hisek all left the game in the first half and did not return.

First-round playoff seedings will be announced today



MELISSA SUE GERRITS / SIOUX FALLS ARGUS LEADER

Brandon Valley Lynx' Luke Hyronimus brings down Yankton Bucks' Michael Rucker during their Eastern South Dakota Conference football game on Thursday in Brandon. The Lynx won 42-0 to finish the regular season 9-0 and clinch the outright ESD title.

ALCS: Tigers Complete Sweep Of N.Y. Yankees

DETROIT (AP) — Prince Fielder waved his arms frantically, gleefully calling off his teammates while the crowd at Comerica Park roared.

From the moment the big first baseman signed his massive contract in January, an entire city had been waiting for a chance to celebrate like this. After another dazzling effort by Detroit's starting pitchers and another soaring home run by Miguel Cabrera, Fielder caught the final out to send the Tigers to the World Series — with a sweep of the New York Yankees, no less.

"There's still along way to go but this is an awesome feeling," Fielder said.

Max Scherzer capped a stupendous stretch for Detroit's rotation, and the Tigers won their second pennant in seven years by beating the Yankees 8-1 Thursday for a four-game sweep of the AL championship series.

Cabrera and Jhonny Peralta hit two-run homers in a four-run fourth inning against CC Sabathia, who was unable to prevent the Yankees from getting swept in a postseason series for the first time in 32 years.

"Yeah, we did it," Cabrera said. "It's an unbelievable feeling. ... Four more wins, guys. Four more wins."

Scherzer took a no-hit bid into the sixth against a starting lineup that was again without Alex Rodriguez, who flew out with two on in the sixth as a pinch hitter.

Austin Jackson added a solo shot in the seventh for Detroit, and Peralta hit another homer an inning later.

CARDINALS 8, GIANTS 3: ST. LOUIS (AP) — Adam Wainwright threw seven innings of four-hit ball and the St. Louis Cardinals roughed up Tim Lincecum and the San Francisco Giants in an 8-1 rout Thursday night that gave them a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Matt Holliday, Jon Jay and Yadier Molina had two RBIs apiece to lead a 12-hit outburst by a team that batted just .198 through the first three games of the series.

The defending champion Cardinals can wrap up their second straight trip to the World Series as a wild card with a victory at home Friday night in Game 5. Lance Lynn faces Giants lefty Barry Zito.

Lincecum was a bust in his first postseason start since the World Series clincher over Texas in 2010, giving up four runs in 4 2-3 innings.

Viborg-Hurley Powers Past Irene-Wakonda For TVC Crown



JEREMY HOECK/P&D

Irene-Wakonda quarterback Dustin Livingston, center, is hit by Viborg-Hurley defender Tyler Gerdes, 23, as he throws a pass to a running back during their game Thursday night in Irene.

IRENE — On a night ideally suited for his running abilities, Tyler Gerdes rushed for 358 yards and five touchdowns as Viborg-Hurley thrashed Irene-Wakonda 56-6 in Thursday night's regular season football finale.

Gerdes, who carried the ball 16 times, had touchdown runs of 67, 60, 30, 46 and 58 yards. Trevor Jacobsen added 116 yards and two touchdowns on the ground.

The Cougars (6-2), ranked No. 4 in Class 9B, also got 14 tackles on defense from Gerdes and 12 from Andrew Hora.

Irene-Wakonda (6-2) got its only touchdown on a 34-yard run by Dustin Livingston in the first quarter. Livingston rushed for 79 yards in the loss.

Cody Geuther led the defense with seven tackles and a fumble recovery.

Both teams are expected to host a first-round playoff game next Tuesday.

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| VIBORG-HURLEY (6-2) | 22 | 22 | 6 | 6 | 56 |
| IRENE-WAKONDA (6-2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |

Bon Homme 28, Elk Point-Jefferson 12

TYNDALL — Ross Kortan led the Bon Homme Cavaliers in a win against the Elk Point-Jefferson Huskies in Thursday night action 28-12 in Tyndall.

Kortan rushed for a total of 87 yards, scoring the Cavaliers final touchdown in the fourth quarter on an 85 yard run. Sawyer Fridrich rushed for 66 yards with a touchdown in the third quarter on a 24 yard pass from Dakota Boddien. Scott Weiseler and Alec Webber each had 10 tackles

for the night.

No stats were reported for Elk Point-Jefferson.

Playoff pairings will be announced later today (Friday). First round action will start next Tuesday.

Centerville 22, Alcester-Hudson 16

CENTERVILLE — With 89 yards rushing, Seamus O'Malley lead the Centerville Tornadoes in a victory against the Alcester-Hudson Cubs Thursday night 22-16 in Centerville.

Josh DeRaad had 12 carries and rushed for 79 yards and two touchdowns, and Luke Abbas had 18 carries with 70 yards rushing and one touchdown as well as 17 tackles. Logan Hunter had 55 yards receiving and 14 tacks.

For the Cubs, Colin Walth had 22 carries and 85 yards rushing with two touchdowns, and Eric Barnes rushed for 76 yards.

Playoff pairings will be announced later today (Friday).

Crofton 27, West Holt 0

CROFTON, Neb. — Justin Janssen rushed for 179 yards and three touchdowns Thursday night to lead Crofton in a win against West Holt 27-0 in Crofton.

Alex Janssen rushed for a total of 81 yards and one touchdown for the Warriors (7-1). Adam Spady led the defense with seven tackles.

No stats were reported for West Holt (6-2).

Playoff pairings will be announced

Saturday.

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| WEST HOLT (6-2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| CROFTON (7-1) | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 27 |

Parker 34, Gayville-Volin 0

PARKER — The Parker Pheasants defeated the Gayville-Volin Raiders by the score of 34-0 in South Dakota high school football action.

The Pheasants totaled 268 yards of offense. Blake Reynolds had 147 yards on 21 carries and three touchdowns. Seth Dykstra contributed 87 yards and two rushing touchdowns. Reid Joffer recorded seven tackles on the night. Alec Dagle also contributed six tackles.

The Raiders rounded up 80 yards of total offense on the night. Alec Barta had 21 rushes for 29 yards. John Guy led the on the defensive side of the ball with 11 tackles.

Parker finishes the regular season with a 6-2 record. Gayville-Volin drops to 1-7 on the year. Pairings for the playoffs will be announced later today (Friday).

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| PARKER (6-2) | 8 | 14 | 6 | 6 | 34 |
| GAYVILLE-VOLIN (1-7) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

South Central 40, Andes Central 14

BOONESTEEL — South Central came back from a 6-0 defecet to defeat Andes Central by the score of 40-14.

Turner Serr of South Central added up 204 rushing yards on 24 carries with five touchdowns.

Garrett Bruns also contributed 182 yards and a touchdown for South Central.