

# SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS' WRESTLING

## AC-DC

(Andes Central-Dakota Christian)

**COACH:** Gordon Hooks

**VITALS:** Region 3B

**RETURNING:** Carlin Hopkins (Sr., 5-9, 144, 6th at Regions), Steven Nielsen (Fr., 5-6, 150), Exavian Aungie (Fr., 5-8, 120)

## Beresford/Alcester-Hudson

**COACH:** Brandon Chesnut

**ASSISTANTS:** Phil Serck, Michael Schurch, Tim Farley, Megan Klentz

**VITALS:** Region 2A, Big East Conference

**LAST SEASON:** The Rams finished 12-8; 4th place Region 2A; 12th State A.

**RETURNING:** Robert Watkins (Sr., 165, State Qualifier), Jensen Christensen (Sr., 157, State Qualifier), Isaac Boden (Jr., 157), Evan Brown (Jr., 175), Owen Serck (So., 106), Kasen Voss (So., 138), Taten Twedt (So., 215), Riley Hanner (Fr., 113), Tate Lyle (Fr., 126), Evan Dressen (Fr., 132), Ben Seeley (Fr., 126), Kanin Klentz (Fr., 132), Dexton Miller (8th, 120, State Qualifier), Caden Schurch (8th, 150), Bennett Farley (8th, 113), Corbin Boom (8th, 144)

**NEWCOMERS:** Sebastian Castillo (7th, 106), Rayne Wickre (7th, 106), Evan Swets (7th, 113), Karzen Sommervold (7th, 132), Kolton Overhusler (8th, 106), Darnell Vermeersch (Sr., 144), Connor Neumayr (10th, 285), Seth Kjose (Fr., 138), Landry Sims (8th, 126), Chris Schoellerman (8th, 106)

## Bon Homme-Avon

**COACH:** Darren Kriz

**ASSISTANTS:** Alex Caba, Nathan Kloucek, Jim Kocer, Dommonick Pechous, Shane Sutura

**VITALS:** Region 3B

**ROSTER:** Alex Adler (Fr.), Weston Bierema (8th), Michael Branaugh (8th), Jaden Bult (8th), Jackson Caba (Sr.), Calvin Caba (Fr.), Isaiah Crownover (Fr.), Caleb Cuka (Fr.), Luke Guthmiller (So.), Jackson Kaul (Jr.), Brock Kotalik (Sr.), Ryvr Larson (Fr.), Payten



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Vermillion junior Rollie French, facing, is a returning state qualifier for the Tangers.

Nielsen (So.), Corbin Palsma (Fr.), Randall Powers (So.), Cody Sassaman (Jr.), Carter Smith (Fr.), Shayne Tjeerdsma (8th), Tyler Tjeerdsma (8th), Kolton Vlcek (Jr.), Caden Zomer (So.)

(8th, 120, State Qualifier), Bennett Lukken (So., 157), Braedy Sievers (So., 113), Cooper

## Dakota Valley

**COACH:** Grayson Pirner

**ASSISTANTS:** Caleb Deist, Blake Perryman

**VITALS:** Region 2A, Dakota XII Conference

**LAST SEASON:** The Panthers finished 5-15.

**RETURNING:** Jackson Boonstra (Jr., 144, 5th at State Tournament), Cameron Curry

Braun in the Region 3B championship match. And there were three other losses to Braun during the season.

Bumping up in weight class might give Lhotak a chance to see some different competitors.

"I've been wrestling a lot of the same guys for a lot of years. I'm glad to switch it up," Lhotak said. "You get a feel for each other and it's harder to score for both of you. Maybe you get a little rivalry going, which is kind of fun."

Lhotak, who picked Northern State over Dakota Wesleyan, Sioux Falls and Southwest Minnesota State, looks to continue to have fun while providing leadership for the Red Raiders.

"I'd say being a leader is pretty natural," Lhotak said. "I like working with people. My dad does guiding of pheasant hunters. I've done a few groups myself. That definitely helps me."

Bernard (So., 215), Noah Hede (Sr., 177), Samson Do (So., 190)

**NEWCOMERS:** Tanner Boonstra (8th, 132), Landen Adams (8th, 126), Bryce Perryman (8th, 165)

## Elk Point-Jefferson

**COACH:** Tyler Nolz

**ASSISTANTS:** Seth Fischer, Peyton Johnson, Danny Hutcheson

**VITALS:** Region 2B, Dakota XII Conference

**LAST SEASON:** The Huskies finished 10-5; State Dual Qualifier, 3rd place Region 2B, 13th State B.

**RETURNING:** Grayson Jacob (Sr., 190, State Qualifier), Gunner Ewing (Jr., 165), Hayes Johnson (Jr., 157), Owen Rigg (So., 132), Keaton Hinds (So., 10), Caleb Heuertz (Fr., 175), Brody VanRoekel (Fr., 120, State Qualifier), Levi Hanson (Fr., 126), Luke Swatek (8th, 126, State Qualifier), Trey VanderWeerd (8th, 138)

**NEWCOMERS:** Bode Fennel (8th), Beckett Fennel (8th), Addison Peterson (8th), Austin Bata (7th), Ryker Johnson (7th), Kamryn Dice (7th), RJ Chicoine (11th)

## KWLPG

Kimball/White-Lake/Platte-Geddes

**COACH:** Thomas Konchne

**ASSISTANTS:** Craig Nightingale, Bruce

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# Lhotak

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pressing forward and doing the extra stuff." Lhotak said his competitive mindset doesn't allow him to slow down.

"I keep in mind that other guys are working hard," Lhotak said. "I've got to work harder than them."

All that effort resulted in a state championship last season against a familiar foe in the final of Gavin Braun from Kimball/White Lake/Platte-Geddes. The two faced each other eight times in a two-year span. Lhotak's 3-1 decision over Braun in the 120 pound Class B championship match was his third win of the season against Braun.

As a sophomore, Lhotak lost a 2-1 decision to Braun in the 106 pound championship match. That came after a 3-2 setback to

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