

# S.D. Boys

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Sharpe (Jr., throws, 14th place in discus at state meet), Brody Andrew (So., sprints, 16th place 4x400 at state meet), Easton Buum (Jr., distance), Jax Fickbohm (Jr., sprints), Espyn Klungseth (Jr., distance), Cooper Nelson (Jr., throws), Isaac Boden (Jr., throws), Kohen Schurch (Jr., sprints), Payden Hoffman (So., distance), Hunter Penn (So., distance), Connor Neumayr (So., throws)

## Bon Homme

**COACH:** Dan Bures  
**ASSISTANTS:** Jason Hein, Amy Cooper, Anna Hejne, Sam Pedersen  
**VITALS:** Region 5A, Little Missouri Valley Conference, Southeast South Dakota Conference

**RETURNING:** Landon Bares (Sr., state qualifier), Capin Cooper (Sr., state qualifier), Easton Mudder (Sr., state qualifier), Evan Ulmer (Sr.), Jacob Cuka (Sr.), Brock Kotalik (Sr.), Colton Vlcek (Jr., state qualifier), Luke Guthmiller (So.), Isaiah Crownover (Fr.), Cale Cooper (Fr.)  
**NEWCOMERS:** Ryvr Larson (Fr.), Major Aarsted (Fr.), Caleb Cuka (Fr.), Hunter Sabotka (Fr.), Corbyn Palsma (Fr.), Mason Jolley (Fr.), Ethan Wagner (8th), Owen Bures (8th), Devin Krueger (8th)

## Centerville

**COACH:** John Shubeck  
**ASSISTANTS:** Shelli Eide, Payden Haiar, Kory Muller  
**VITALS:** Region 4B, Great Plains Conference  
**RETURNING:** Covin Wattier (Sr., state qualifier), Miles Eide (Jr., javelin state qualifier), Cole Edberg (Sr.), Alec Austin (So., discus state qualifier), Colter Johnson (So., pole vault state qualifier), Noah Schoenfelder (So.)

## Dakota Valley

**COACH:** Tammy Lilly  
**ASSISTANTS:** Vince Tucker (throws), Ben Blaeser (jumps and hurdles), James Schmit (distance)  
**ROSTER:** Cooper Bernard, Michael Bourne,



**Tavin Schroeder (2520), who placed in both the 1600 and 3200 a year ago, returns for Freeman Academy-Marion.**

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Cole Brown, Jack Brown, Joe Cross, Andrew Ferdig, Drew Ferrell, Jameson Gould, Ethan Hamm, Nick Hanson, Garrett Hanson, Vincent Hoffman, Bennett Jensen, Jamison Kimbell, Isaac Klemme, Cody Kitzing, Preston Konopasek, Orrin Lavaway, Joe Milner, Gunner Montagne, Geoffry Nelson, Prithvi Patthi, Asher Pfeifer, Treston Pulley, Nathan Rathgeber, Cody Schutte, Ethan Seaton, Dylan Shultz, Jackson Shoulders, Jaxon Trosper

## Elk Point-Jefferson

**COACH:** Jake Terry  
**ASSISTANTS:** Jeff Zeller (distance), Alicia Loiland (throws), Courtnee Edelman (jumps)  
**VITALS:** Region 4A, Dakota XII Conference  
**RETURNING:** Dreyden Wagner, Hudson

“Jacob Graves and Lincoln Vannorsdel are our next up and coming hurdlers for the Cougars. Seniors Josh Roth, Devin Saylor, Chance Schoellerman, and Jenner Menezes help provide leadership and experience for the squad. Newcomer Owen Niederbaumer should be an interesting prospect in the 400-meter dash.”

As Luke Campbell’s high school career is coming to an end, he reflected and detailed his love for the sport.

“The thing that I love about track is the people. Every single meet, I’m always talking to somebody and forming new relationships,” said Luke. “The main takeaway that I have from track is the overcoming of hardship. There’s a lot of hard events in track. That requires a strong mentality to push through the pain and the hurt to succeed. I feel like that mentality and mindset can teach you a lot about how to overcome adversity in life.”

Kempft, Thomas Hemmingstad, Hayes Johnson, Gunner Ewing, Ashton Fairbanks, Grayson Girard, Nick Schmitz, Landon Johnsen, Austin Clercx, Beau Schmitz, Tony Tatro, Nathan Saylor, Mason Marx

## Ethan-Parkston

**COACH:** Joe Shepardson  
**ASSISTANTS:** Carrie Oakley, Sarah Fergen, Britany Schoenfelder, Alex Whitesell, Ryan Antaya, Elsa Tapio, Jared Digmann  
**VITALS:** Region 5A, Little Missouri Valley Conference, Southeast South Dakota Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Minotaurs finished as 2023 LMVC Conference Champs, 2nd at the SEDS Conf. meet, 3rd at region meet.

**RETURNING:** Evan Bartelt (Sr., 3rd medley, 8th 4x400 relay, 1600, 3200 state qualifier), Brody Boettcher (Sr.), Luke Bormann (Sr.), Maddux Brissette (Sr., 4x100 state qualifier), David Brock (Sr., 4x800 state qualifier), Drake Gustafson (Sr.), Gage Hohn (Sr., 4th in high jump at state meet, 8th 4x400 relay, 4x800 state qualifier), Brayden Jervik (Sr.), Will Jodozi (Sr.), Riley Koch (Sr.), Connor Prunty (Sr., 6th on 4x200 team, 4x100 state qualifier), Derrian Stamp (Sr.), Breckin Culbert (Jr.), Hunter Dean (Jr., 4x800 state qualifier), James Deckert (Jr., 4th in long jump at state, 6th place 4x200, 3rd place medley, triple jump state qualifier), Kolter Kramer (Jr., 7th 400 dash at state, 6th 4x200, 8th 4x400, 3rd medley), Elliott Leischner (Jr.), Gabe Neugebauer (Jr.), Jaxson Scheetz (Jr.), Josiah Tapio (Jr.), Zachary Van Zee (Jr.), Jayden Digmann (So., 4x800 state qualifier), Zachary McCully (So.), Gabe Tate (So.), Parker Taylor (So.), Levi Weber (So.), Cayden Willis (So.), Brycen Bruening (Fr.), Quayden Culbert (Fr.), Mark Deckert (Fr., 4x100 state qualifier), Mason Jervik (Fr.), Carson Johnson (Fr.), Reco Muilenburg (Fr.), Aiden Overby (Fr.), Coltyn Raymond (Fr.), Joaquin Rodriguez (Fr.), Gavin Weber (Fr.), Parker Sanderson (8th, 4x100 state qualifier)

## Freeman

**COACH:** Michael Freeman  
**ASSISTANT:** Jenny Peters  
**RETURNING:** Rocky Ammann (Sr., sprints, pole vault, state qualifier pole vault, 400-800 relay, long jump), Jorgen Baer (Sr., pole vault state qualifier, triple jump state qualifier), Chris Aasen (Jr., sprint), Tate Sorensen (So., sprint, 400 dash state qualifier, 400-800 medley relay), Luke Peters (So., sprint, state qualifier 400-800 medley relay), Cameron Rollag (So., discus, shot put), RJ Arnold (Fr., shot put, discus), Owen Andersen (Fr., distance)

**NEWCOMERS:** Ricky Salis (So., shot put, discus), Brayden Mangel (8th, distance), Luke Miller (8th, distance), Lane McCune (8th, distance), Axle Schultz (8th, sprints, discus)

## Freeman Academy-Marion

**COACH:** Suzanne Koerner  
**ASSISTANTS:** Billy Beseman, Jerico Shape  
**VITALS:** Region 5B, Great Plains Conference  
**LAST YEAR:** The Bearcats finished 13th at the state meet.  
**ROSTER:** Brandon Arana (7th), Domani Butler (Fr.), Brayden Carda (8th), Sam Clark (Sr.), Aaron Davis (Fr.), Jackson Donlan (So.), Ben Clark (Fr.), Justin Escobar (Fr.), Taylor Goodwin (So.), Jax Kaufman (8th), Ahston Kesteloot (Jr.), David Ilunga (So.), AJ Miller (8th), Finley McConniel (Jr.), Armando Miller (So.), Hunter Nankivel (Fr.), Liam Ortman (Sr.), Afouh Njinge (So.), Keaton Preheim (Jr., 6th in 100, 8th in 200), Derek Escobar (8th), Hayden Schmidt (So.), Kolter Schmidt (8th), Tavin Schroeder (Sr., 3rd in 1600, 2nd in 3200), Dominic Sperling (Jr.), Titus Sperling (So.), Caden Tieszen (Fr.), Rylen Tommeraus (8th), Wyatt Yusella (7th), Austin Waldner (Fr.), Karter Weber (So.), Simon Wiersema (Fr.)

## Gayville-Volin

**COACH:** Jeremiah Dibley  
**ASSISTANTS:** Ronette Karstens, Anna Lucas, Chuck Dibley, Dakota Bodden, Rebecca Lohse  
**VITALS:** Region 4B  
**ROSTER:** Boyt Hoxeng (Jr.), Spencer Karstens (Jr.), Will Pirak (Jr.), Nate Selchert (So.), Carter Barron (So.), Wyatt Mehlhaf (So.), Will Fairley (So.), Preston Karstens (So.), Hunter Wuebben (So., state qualifier in long jump and high jump), Hunter Kruger (So.), Philip Dibley (Fr.), Kolby Severson (Fr.), Caleb Wieger (Fr.), Issac Kruger (8th), Wyatt Fairley (8th), Cael Hauger (8th), Kaden Lohse (8th), Tyler Olson (8th), Westin Mehlhaf (7th)

## Irene-Wakonda

**COACH:** Brent Mutchelknaus  
**ASSISTANTS:** Stephanie Ganschow, Lexie Larsen, Landra Knodel  
**RETURNING:** Ben Girard (Sr., sprinter, state qualifier), Sam Hansen (Sr., distance, state qualifier), Brody Van Beek (Sr., throws), Jen Hansen (Jr., 800, state qualifier), Max Pollman (Jr., throws), Noah Hansen (So., jumps), Brody Johnke (So., pole vault, state qualifier)  
**NEWCOMERS:** Cayden Ganschow (Fr.,

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# Campbell

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“Whenever I lose sight or I don’t perform as well as I would’ve liked, I focus on the future,” Luke said. “I congratulate the winner and say to myself, ‘I will get them next time.’ I always think of the next opportunity. I don’t focus on what I did wrong or what could have happened. I focus on taking the next step until I get where I want to be.”

With Luke Campbell being a senior, how will the track team look after he walks the stage at graduation? Coach Hansen already has his eyes set on what the Cougars will look like next year.

“Yes, we have some good young runners that will definitely help out and should continue our tradition here at VH,” said Hansen.

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