

ROCKETS SOAR AT STATE

Smith among top finishers, named to all-state team

by Kyrie Dauenhauer
The 2025 North Dakota Class B Cross Country State Meet took place on Friday, Oct. 24 at Parkhurst Rec Area outside of Jamestown.

The New Rockford-Sheyenne cross country team had a total of six runners competing – Gabe Smith, Liza Steele, Elise Guler, Theodore Hall, Seth Greiner and Auggie Meier.

Ninth grader Gabe Smith led the pack with a top-20 placing, which also earned him All-State honors. Smith ran a time of 17 minutes, 44.6 seconds and placed 20th overall.

Liza Steele was a top placer for the Rockets' girls with a 57th place finish and a time of 22:01.5. Elise Guler competed alongside Steele and placed 85th with a time of 22:34.6.

Theodore Hall ran a personal best time of 21:45.9 and placed 245th. Seth Greiner and Auggie Meier followed behind and placed 266th and 360th, respectively.

Other runners from around the area include athletes from Warwick and Four Winds.

Warwick's lone runner, Anthony Touche, placed 97th overall with a time of 19:51.3.

Four Winds had a total of five runners compete at state, and most of the athletes competed with the NR-S track team in the spring.

Top placer for Four Winds was Anna Young, who placed 145th with a time of 24:27.5. Other placers were Oscar Thompson (204th), Calden Greywater (242nd), Cass Longie (244th) and Aiden Charboneau (300th).



Above: From left to right, Theodore Hall, Auggie Meier, Seth Greiner and Gabe Smith warm up as a team ahead of their state cross country run on October 24.

At right: Gabe Smith on the podium after receiving his plaque for finishing in 20th place at the Class B State Cross Country Meet. Photos by Erik Gjovik.

2025 N.D. XC State Meet Friday, Oct. 24 at Parkhurst Rec Area Varsity Girls	
Liza Steele (57th), 22:01.5;	Elise Guler (85th), 22:34.6
Varsity Boys	
Gabe Smith (20th), 17:44.6;	Theodore Hall (245th), 21:45.9 PR;
Seth Greiner (266th), 22:02.4;	Auggie Meier (360th), 25:03.6



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Jackson Schumacher reaches for the pylon during the Rockets' round one playoff game on Saturday, Oct. 25. Photo by Kyrie Dauenhauer.

TUCKER–

22-0 with 4:08 still left in the first quarter.

What happened next was a near comedic series of events that ended with NR-S/M having scored 30 points in just 26 seconds – no, that's not a typo, the Rockets really scored 30 points in the span of 26 seconds on the game clock.

Despite already having a 22-point lead, Belquist dialed up an onside kick on their next kickoff, which was successfully recovered by the Rockets. The bold decision was rewarded just one play later, as Simon tossed another perfectly thrown deep ball to Grant Engbretson for a 50-yard touchdown.

The Thunder would then muff the ensuing kickoff as the ball slipped through a player's hands and was inadvertently kicked into the end zone, where Jaxon Simon jumped on it and secured a score for the special teams.

Hatton/Northwood now desperately needed an opportunity to possess the ball and respond. Instead, the next kickoff was a hard line drive that bounced off a returner in the front row of their formation, and they could only watch as the Rockets recovered yet again.

Simon completed a debilitating 52-yard touchdown pass to Koy Zieman one play later.

Hatton/Northwood hadn't even had time to digest a 22-point deficit before they found themselves

watching that deficit balloon to 44.

The Rockets' blistering pace of scoring eventually slowed down as the Thunder finally got to possess the football again, but they were hardly done finding the end zone.

Hatton/Northwood only managed a single first down on their third drive of the game, and were forced to punt yet again.

Just four plays later, NR-S/M would score with 52 seconds left in the first quarter courtesy of a 1-yard touchdown pass from Simon to Schumacher, bringing the score to 52-0.

The end result was already a foregone conclusion by the time the second quarter was underway, yet Allmaras and Engbretson would each find the end zone once again before halftime. Hatton/Northwood, meanwhile, managed to get on the board early in the second quarter, but it was far too little, too late.

The halftime score was a head-spinning 64-6, and the running-clock mercy rule took effect immediately in the second half.

Going on to score after halftime was Allmaras, who managed to get an impressive pick-6, as well as Malaki Kukowski, who earned a sack in the end zone for a rare safety. Schumacher ultimately scored the final points of the afternoon with a 24-yard touchdown carry.

It was another dominant win for NR-S/M, but this time they did it against a playoff team – a clear

statement to every other team in the playoffs that the defending champs are still the ones to beat.

After the game, Weisenburger said this win was unlike any other they've earned this season, and he reflected on the role his teammate Tucker Faul played in their victory.

"Tucker is a great guy, and through all the stuff that happened he would have wanted us to persevere and get the job done," said Weisenburger. "This was probably the best game we've played all year and I think there's a reason for that. He helped us out in a big way."

Elsewhere in the 9-man football playoffs, Grant Co./Flasher took down No. 8 Divide County 48-13, advancing themselves to the quarterfinals where they'll play NR-S/M in New Rockford on Saturday, Nov. 1 – a rematch of last year's quarterfinal playoff game.

Meanwhile, No. 5 Hankinson took down North Prairie 38-8, and No. 2 LaMoure/Litchville-Marion defeated Four Winds 68-8. No. 3 Linton/HMB also handled business against Lewis & Clark 58-8, and South Border upset No. 6 North Border 43-26.

**9-Man Football Playoffs
First Round
NR-S/M 80, H/N 6
Saturday, Oct. 25
in New Rockford
First Quarter
NR-S/M:** Easton Benz 35-yard pass from Easton Simon (Koy Zie-

man pass from E. Simon for two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Thomas Allmaras 26-yard pass from E. Simon (failed two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Allmaras 1-yard run (Allmaras pass from E. Simon for two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Grant Engbretson 50-yard pass from E. Simon (failed two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Jaxon Simon fumble return (Engbretson run for two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Zieman 52-yard pass from E. Simon (Allmaras run for two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Jackson Schumacher 1-yard pass from E. Simon (Engbretson run for two-point conversion)

Second Quarter

Hatton/Northwood: Aiden Johnson 5-yard pass from Westin Enger (failed two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Allmaras 13-yard pass from E. Simon (failed two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Engbretson 5-yard run (failed two-point conversion)

Third Quarter

NR-S/M: Allmaras 37-yard interception return (failed two-point conversion)

NR-S/M: Malaki Kukowski safety
NR-S/M: Schumacher 24-yard run (Engbretson run for two-point conversion)

Fourth Quarter

No scoring
NR-S/M Individual Stats

Passing: E. Simon 15-for-19, 292 yards, 6 TD, 1 interception; Jax Demester 4-for-6, 51 yards

Rushing: Schumacher 89 yards, 1 TD; Engbretson 39 yards, 1 TD; Alex Knatterud 26 yards; Allmaras 1 yard, 1 TD; Sawyer Huso -3 yards; E. Simon -3 yards; Demester -10 yards

Receiving: Benz 5 receptions, 107 yards, 1 TD; Zieman 4 receptions, 107 yards, 1 TD; Engbretson 2 receptions, 54, 1 TD; Allmaras 4 receptions, 51 yards, 2 TD; Aiden Rodriguez 1 reception, 17 yards; Braylon Alfstad 1 reception, 3 yards; Thaddison Wobbema 1 reception, 3 yards; Schumacher 1 reception, 1 yards, 1 TD

Tackles (unassisted-assisted): Allmaras 5-0, 1 TFL; Layton Jacobson 3-2; Kukowski 3-1, 3 TFL; Demester 2-0, 1 TFL; Knatterud 2-0; Alex Weisenburger 2-1; 2 TFL; Kason Nass 1-0; Schumacher 1-2; Benz 1-1, 1 TFL; Zieman 1-3; Rodriguez 1-0; Alfstad 1-0; Kolton O'Connor 1-2; Chaztin Wobbema 1-0, 1 TFL

Sacks: Kukowski 2, Weisenburger 1, C. Wobbema 1

Interceptions: Allmaras 1

Safeties: Kukowski 1

Fumble recoveries: J. Simon 1

Public Notice

NOTICE OF HEARING FOR NEW TRUST COMPANY
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
COUNTY OF BURLEIGH
BEFORE THE
STATE BANKING BOARD
In the Matter of the Application of Trust Company of the Dakotas, Minot, North Dakota, to Organize a New State-Chartered Trust Company to be Located at 320 16th St. NW, Suite 103, Minot, North Dakota.

You are hereby notified that the State Banking Board will hold a public hearing on the application received from Trust Company of the Dakotas, Minot, North Dakota, to organize a new state-chartered trust company to be located at 320 16th St NW, Suite 103, Minot, North Dakota.

You are further notified a public hearing will be held before the State Banking Board in the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance Building at 1600 E Century Ave, Bismarck, North Dakota, on Wednesday, January 7, 2026, at 1:00 PM.

You are further notified that at this hearing, the State Banking Board will consider various factors, including those outlined in Section 6-05-01 of the North Dakota Century Code:

1. Whether the place where such trust company is proposed to be located is in need of a further trust company;

2. Whether the proposed institution is adapted to the filling of such need, and;

3. Whether the proposed incorporators are possessed of such character, integrity, reputation, and financial standing that their connection with the company will be beneficial to the public welfare of the community in which such company is proposed to be established.

You are further notified that written comments may be submitted to the Secretary of the State Banking Board at 1200 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, North Dakota 58504. Written comments must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Additionally, the Board shall hear any reasons advanced by any person appearing at the hearing why such institution should not be permitted to be organized. You may also request a copy of the application at the above referenced address.

Dated this 16th day of October, 2025.

/s/Corey Krebs
Corey Krebs, Secretary
State Banking Board
Published November 3, 2025

REQUEST FOR BIDS LABOR FOR LINER STEEL FINISH – BUS BARN

The New Rockford-Sheyenne School District in New Rockford, North Dakota, requests sealed bids from qualified vendors for the labor to install liner steel to the interior of the bus barn located south of the school in New Rockford, ND.

RFB Specifications

The New Rockford-Sheyenne School District will receive sealed bids until 10:00 AM **Wednesday, November 12th**, at New Rockford-Sheyenne School, 437 1st Ave N, New Rockford, ND 58356 for the labor required to finish the interior of the bus barn with white liner steel. Bids should meet all specifications listed below, and should be marked "Bid – Bus Barn Liner Steel Labor".

Labor Bids

1. Labor to install 1x4 purlins as required

2. All necessary labor to properly install 29 ga white liner steel and trims to all walls and ceiling of 60x72 building with 16' side walls

3. Install attic access to ceiling

Completion of Work
Work must be completed by December 19th, 2025.

Location: New Rockford-Sheyenne School, 437 1st Ave N, New Rockford, ND 58356

Inquiries:

"Questions about this project and bidding process should be directed to Dave Skogen at dave.skogen@k12.nd.us or 701-947-5036.

Submission Requirements

a. All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Bid – Bus Barn Liner Steel Labor". Proposals shall be mailed to Dave Skogen, Business Manager, 437 1st Ave N, New Rockford, ND 58356. Neither fax nor email bids will be accepted. Proposals must be received by the New Rockford-Sheyenne School District at or before 10:00am on Wednesday, November 12th, 2025. Proposals received after the deadline may be disqualified and returned unopened.

b. New Rockford-Sheyenne School District will not be bound to accept the lowest price or any proposal and reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or part any or all proposals.

c. All costs incurred in preparation, presentation or submission of the bid shall be borne solely by the vendor.

d. The vendor shall submit an insurance declarations page showing minimum coverages, license and bonding.

New Rockford-Sheyenne School District #2
437 1st Ave N,
New Rockford ND 58356
701-947-5036

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