

Lincoln Baseball Looks To Returners To Carry The Load



CARDINALS COACH Will Lynde worked with his catchers during an early spring workout this season.

Lincoln was 10-16 last season. They return seven starters from last season. Caden Smallwood (All-Conference and All-District) and Connor Lynde (All-Conference, All-District and All-State) will be their number one and number

two starting pitchers. Kaleb Mundy, Cole Smith, Landon Matthews, Levi Campbell, Camden Everheart, Jaden Kelly, Blake Lyon, Zaden Cole and Eli Worthley will round out the pitching staff. Their power and their defense will come from

Smallwood, Lynde and Campbell. Cole Smith will be their starting catcher. Connor Lynde is battling an injury he sustained in their last basketball game with Sacred Heart. Hopefully, he makes it back this season. Coach Lynde commented,

"Defense and pitching will be our keys and, of course timely hitting. Our schedule is tough and I think it will prepare us for our goal of winning a district championship." We wish them the best.



PITCHING IS A KEY to the Cardinals success this season. Lincoln's Kaleb Mundy got in a bullpen session during a practice earlier this year.



Lady Cardinals Will Need Newcomers To Fill In And Perform At Key Positions

Lincoln was 22-5 last season and conference and district champions.

The team will need to be led by senior All-State shortstop Jenna Vandaveer. She is a four year starter at short and the last holdover from their state championship team in her freshman year. Anyone throwing her out at first on a routine ground ball will need a rocket for an arm. She will need to keep the dugout loose and pumped up.

She will also be joined by returning starters junior outfielder Gracyn Eifert, who can catch almost anything hit to centerfield and sophomores Lexie Dulaban (infield) and

Courtney Stephens (catcher).

Coach Sanders admitted they had some holes to fill.

He went on to say, "Pitching duties will be turned over to the third and youngest Paxton daughter, freshman Braylin Paxton. We can see a mix of both older sisters, Aleah and Cadyn in her pitching and total game, but I'm sure she will carve her own path on the softball field.

Freshman Sydney Spry will also get some innings on the mound giving Paxton some needed rest throughout the season."

Freshman Danika Gillispie could be the surprise of the season.



CADEN SMALLWOOD



CONNOR LYNDE

Cardinals Golf Team Small In Numbers, Large In Desire



The Lincoln High School Golf team is set for another great season of spring golf.

Returning golfers this season are: Matthew Kriesler (Sr.), Walker Beaman (Sr.), Ely Tolliver (Jr.), Bryce Koll (Jr.), Connor Spry (Jr.), Darren

Roberts (Jr.) and rounding off the team is our newest player, Lance Stevenson (Fr.).

Tolliver looks to start out at the number one spot but could get competition before the season is over. The team is coached by

their brand new coach, Lincoln alumni, Buddy Dill.

Districts are important but Lincoln would love to have back the Benton County Cup they lost to Cole Camp last year. The rivalry is there; can they win it? The Cardinals will have

home matches at Triple Creek Golf Course on March 31 and April 28. Both of those will tee-off at 4:00pm.



FINE TUNING HER SWING, Gracyn Eifert takes a few cuts in the cage. Eifert, a junior, will patrol centerfield for the Lady Cardinals this season.



JENNA VANDAVEER



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MATTHEW KREISLER



GRACYN EIFERT