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PERRYVILLE GOLF stresses to play smart rounds

By Justin Hotop
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Perryville golf coach Justin Dreyer has a simple goal for his team this season.

"I hope we are taking the steps to get better everyday," he said.

It's that motto Dreyer will use to bring along a rather inexperienced golf team. Sophomore Chase Richardet is the only returning golfer that saw significant time on the varsity last season however there were several that saw time with the junior varsity. Dreyer said there is also a "good mix" of new golfers.

"I have two new guys that will make an immediate impact on the varsity level, including Rilaynd Graham and Ethan Blythe," Dreyer said. "Rilaynd played as a freshman, but did not compete last year. Both are great athletes that should do well. I probably have three varsity players that I know will be on the varsity right now and a team has six players.

Everything is up in the air right now."

Dreyer hopes to see Ben Hotop, Blayne Flentge, freshman Derek Martin, Nate Moll, and others fill those spots as the team consists of 22 players.

"It's a little bit more than usual and the most we have ever heard," Dreyer said.

Dreyer has been working on chipping and putting as usual, but he has really put an emphasis on playing the course and walking a full nine holes.

"We have done a lot of playing and it can be a big deal if they are not used to it," Dreyer said. "Just playing from the tees to the green is a lot different."

Along with playing golf, Dreyer has focused on playing smart golf.

"We've talked about that more this year than we have in the past," Dreyer said. "A good high school golf shot is 150 yards and straight. We don't have to hit



a driver off the tee box, but hit something that is going to stay in play. We get kids who have never played golf before and we want to teach them to respect the game and play it the right way. I also stress that if you get in trouble and hit it in the rough to try not to get it all back in one shot.

That can be hard to do with high school kids."

Dreyer noted that golf is a tough sport to pick up.

"I've played a lot of golf and I still hit bad shots," Dreyer said. "Just knowing that they won't hit the perfect shot every time is something we talk a lot about."

PERRYVILLE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
3/27	at Windsor Tourn.	8 a.m.	4/19	St. Pius Invitational	9 a.m.
3/29	at North County Tourn.	TBA	4/24	at DeSoto/Herculaneum	3 p.m.
3/30	at Hillsboro	3 p.m.	4/27	Saxony Lutheran	2 p.m.
4/5	St. Vincent	3:30 p.m.	4/28	at Pallo's	4 p.m.
4/12	at Ste. Genevieve Tourn.	9 a.m.	5/3	Conference	9 a.m.
4/13	Festus/Crystal City	2 p.m.	5/8	Districts	TBA
4/17	St. Vincent/St. Pius	3:30 p.m.	5/15	State	TBA

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE				
Ethan Blythe	12	Colton Buerck	10	Wyatt Schremp	10
Blayne Flentge	12	Damon Chandler	10	Chase Richardet	10
Ben Hotop	12	Jake Cissell	10	Kade Baudendistel	9
Lydia Lohmann	12	Blake Hagar	10	Derek Martin	9
Andrew Cooklin	11	Gavin Hemmann	10	Cole Rodewald	9
Rilaynd Graham	11	Logan Hudson	10		
Jacob Otte	11	Trenton Lorenz	10	Head Coach:	
		Nathaniel Moll	10	Justin Dreyer	

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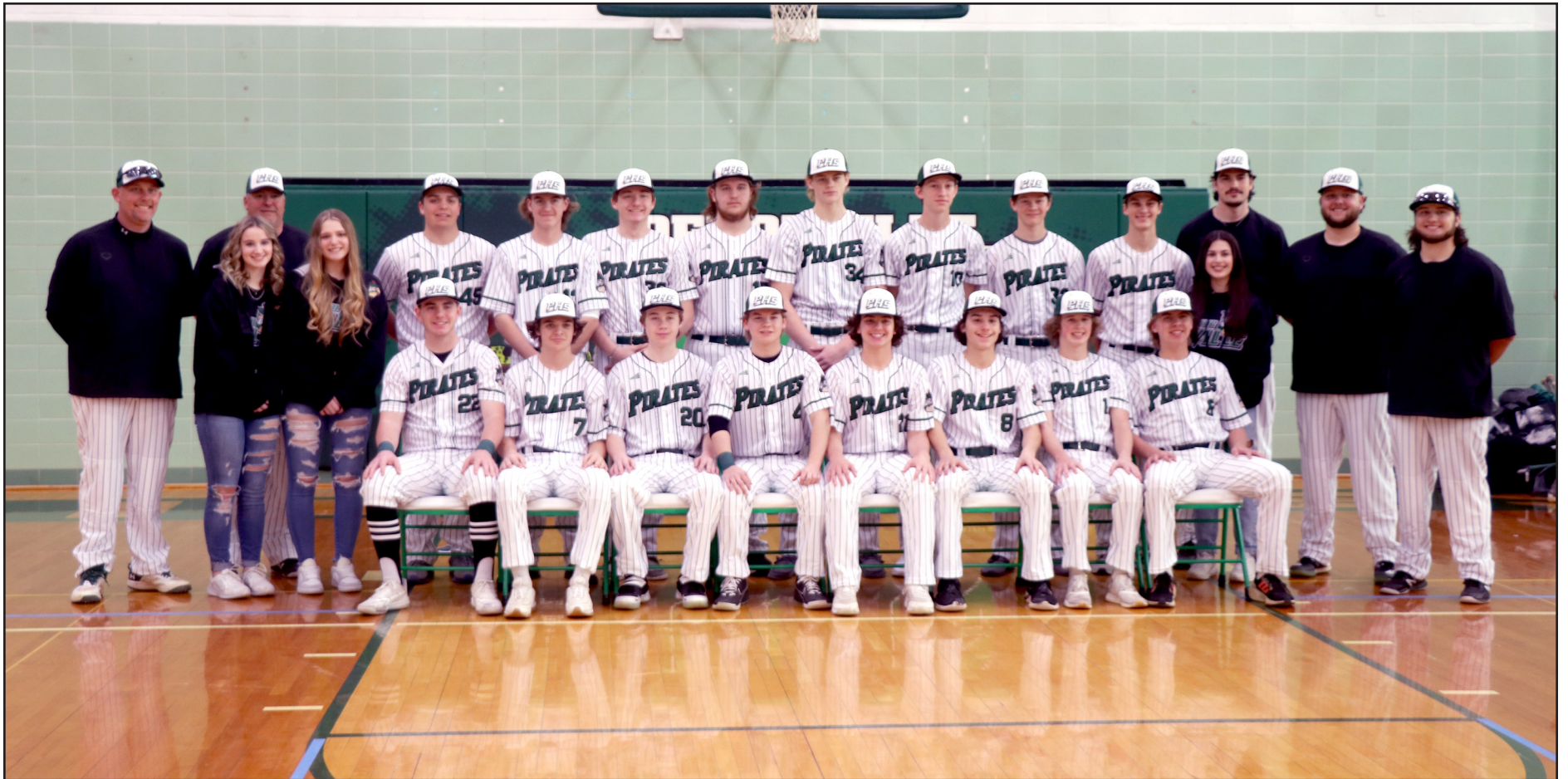
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O'Keefe looks to stabilize PIRATES BASEBALL



PERRYVILLE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
3/23	at Ste. Genevieve	4:30 p.m.	4/19	at Windsor	4:30 p.m.
3/24	Charleston Tourn.	TBA	4/20	Windsor	4:30 p.m.
3/28	at Grandview	4:30 p.m.	4/24	at Fredericktown	4:30 p.m.
3/30	at Oak Ridge	4:30 p.m.	4/25	Cape Central	4:30 p.m.
3/31	St. Vincent	4:30 p.m.	4/27	Hillsboro	4:30 p.m.
4/5	Festus	4:30 p.m.	4/28	at Hillsboro	4:30 p.m.
4/6	at Festus	4:30 p.m.	5/1	Jefferson R-7	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Chaffee	2 p.m.	5/4	Herculaneum	4:30 p.m.
4/12	DeSoto	4:30 p.m.	5/5	at St. Pius	4 p.m.
4/13	at DeSoto	4:30 p.m.	5/8	at Charleston	2 p.m.
4/15	at Notre Dame	11 a.m.	5/10	Jackson	4:30 p.m.
4/17	at Scott City	4:30 p.m.	5/12	Districts	TBA

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	#	GRADE			
Hunter Elder	17	10			
Ty Peeler	1	10	Eli Dickerson	20	11
Evan Hayden	3	10	Waylon Huber	21	9
Adam Green	4	11	Barrett Wheeler	22	9
Dane Lauck	5	12	Logan Hoehn	33	11
Dalton Fritsche	6	10	Grant Smith	34	11
Camden Britt	7	11	Jon Ward	38	12
Troy O'Keefe	8	10	Caleb Triller	45	11
Carter Blechle	10	10			
Ichigo Chikada	12	9	Head Coach:		
Tyler Jannin	13	11	Donald O'Keefe		

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The Perryville baseball team is young yet again this season, but as new coach Donald O'Keefe said "Nobody really cares,"

The Pirates will have two seniors this year in Dane Lauck and Jon Ward, with a variety of juniors, sophomores, and even some freshmen seeing some playing time this year. But O'Keefe knows teams won't take it easy on them just because they are young.

"People really don't care about that stuff when they play you," he said. "It's a group that is hungry and wants to learn. The good thing about a young team is that you continue to see them grow throughout the year."

Although the team is young, O'Keefe will lean on Lauck on the mound and throughout the year in different situations.

"He is a kid that does everything you ask of him and he loves playing the game," he said

On the mound, the Pirates will lean on Lauck, Troy O'Keefe and Grant Smith. O'Keefe raved about Smith's ability on the mound for this season.

"He's a guy with his velocity that you could see him take over some games against certain opponents," O'Keefe said.

O'Keefe is looking for big years out of players like Adam Green and Logan Hoehn, who was an all-conference player along with O'Keefe and Smith last season. But he is going to focus more on small ball, instead of smashing pitches over the wall this year.

"Our offense is going to be how baseball was created in the 1800s, where you put the ball in play and put pressure on the other team," O'Keefe said. "Last year, we averaged close to 10 strikeouts a game. So you're giving up about half your game to not even putting the ball in play. For us, that's going to be how we play and bunting and baserunning is a heck

of a weapon in high school baseball."

Defensively, O'Keefe believes that his team has some work to do in the field.

"Our conference is not a friendly conference with teams that will make you pay and if we make mistakes that will put pressure on our pitching," O'Keefe said.

Perryville finished last season 4-16, which included losing 16 of its last 18 games. O'Keefe has a different method of gauging team success this season that goes beyond wins and losses.

"I want to see the program stabilize again," he said. "I want us to play hard and when teams play us I don't want them to have a good experience. The wins and losses are for other people to be concerned about. I want to bring Perryville baseball back where it should be."

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PERRYVILLE TRACK brings in talented group



PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE										
Breanna White	12	Dimitrius Cordova	10	Ellie Gerler	10	Olivia Iffert	9	Ayden Turbyville	9		
Harley Clifton	12	Katie Farrow	11	Grant Hotop	10	Morgan Hahs	10	Allison Peeler	9	Rodney Rauh	9
Hunter Hill	12	Owen Bohnert	11	Bair Hopkins	10	Gwyn Newbrough	10	Gretchen Triller	9	Marcus Smith	9
Ethan Huber	12	Bennett Broeking	11	Preston Johnson	10	Clara Schumer	10	Clayton Bauwens	9	Cayden Skidmore	9
Caden Litterst	12	Mason Cochran	11	Porter Johnson	10	Grace Zoellner	10	Noah Buchheit	9		
Tyler Rhyne	12	Aden Garris	11	Xavier Pfaff	10	Katie Baggott	9	Micah Brown	9	Coaches:	
Robert Ussery	12	Jacob Jones	11	Dominic Seiler	10	Olivia Bierk	9	Ben Huber	9	Tyson Brown	
Cameron Young	12	Ezekiel Pyland	11	Austin Wolk	10	Eloise Bollinger	9	Brayden Klassen	9	and	
Tegan Bishop	12	Garrett Roth	11	Rosezetta Boydston	10	Allyson Burns	9	Kayd Luckey	9	Brent Broeking	
Samantha Geile	12	Mason Zoellner	11	Katie Broeking	10	Casey Call	9	Wes Pfaff	9		
Hallee Wengert	12	Teddy Beegle	10	Taylor Ebersohl	10	Makayla Iffert	9	Logan Pingel	9		

The Perryville track team should be very successful this year as they return a lot of athletes who are primed for big seasons.

Senior Tegan Bishop returns for her final season as she looks to improve on her 800-meter time that helped her get to start last season. Bishop finished 14th overall in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:32.76 at the Class 4 state meet in Jefferson City. However, Bishop ran 2:21.28 at the sectional meet to set the school record. Bishop also reached sectionals in the 3,200 meter run.

“She has really improved and another year under her belt in cross country should help her,” Perryville coach Tyson Brown said. “The 800 meter is not really considered distance running, but Tegan should excel in that event again, along with any other event she attempts.”

Brown is also looking for senior Hallie Wengert to do well in the sprints as well.

“She had a tough time with injuries last year, but she should have a good chance to make a run at the state meet,” Brown said.

Breanna White should also do well in several throwing events.

The Pirates boast 22 seniors and juniors on this year’s squad, but a majority of the athletes are younger. Brown is looking for several of the underclassmen to perform well, especially in the distance events.

Those include twin brothers Preston and Porter Johnson, along with Clayton Bauwens and Micah Brown who all ran cross country in the fall coming back for the spring as well as older athletes Mason Zoellner and Zeke Pyland.

“They are leading the way in terms of leadership from the seniors,” Brown said.

On the girls side, Brown noted that the team is a little short in terms of distance runners, but he did point out a few to watch out for, including Gwyn Newbrough, freshmen Makayla and Olivia Iffert, and Katie Baggot, who

each ran cross country.

On the boys sprints side, Tyler Rhyne and Caden Litterest made it to state in 2021 as part of the 4x100 relay team. Rhyne and Litterest will be joined by the likes of Cameron Young and Robert Ussery in the sprint relays.

Brown is excited for the season to get rolling.

“The kids are working hard and that’s all you can ask for,” Brown said.

ST. VINCENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
3/25	at Festus Invit.	TBA
3/31	Old Settlement Invit.	4 p.m.
4/4	Perryville Invit.	2 p.m.
4/14	Farmington Invit.	2 p.m.
4/21	Taylor W. Invit.	3:30 p.m.
4/26	JCAA Tourn.	4 p.m.
5/3	Thrower’s Meet	4 p.m.
5/5	at Hillsboro	2:30 p.m.
5/13	Districts	TBA

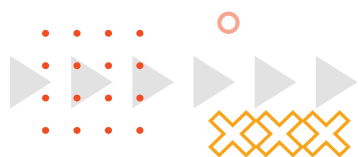


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PIRATES SOCCER to repeat the success from 2022



By Justin Hotop
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The Perryville girls soccer team is looking to have sort of a repeat season this year.

The Pirates reached the Class 2 final four last season and they hope to have another successful season.

If and when they do that they hope to be fueled by their disappointment from one year ago that saw the team finish in fourth place and not score a single goal in two games at state.

PERRYVILLE SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	4/18	North County	5 p.m.
3/23	at St. Louis Patriettes	5 p.m.	4/20	at Festus	5 p.m.
3/27	Farmington	5 p.m.	4/25	at Sikeston	5 p.m.
3/29	Fox	5 p.m.	4/27	at Windsor	5 p.m.
3/30	Fredericktown	5 p.m.	4/29	St. Vincent	10 a.m.
4/3	at Cape Central	5 p.m.	5/2	at Notre Dame	5 p.m.
4/5	at St. Pius	5 p.m.	5/4	Hillsboro	5 p.m.
4/14	Hannibal Tourn.	TBA	5/9	at Saxony Lutheran	4 p.m.
4/17	DeSoto	5 p.m.	5/13	Districts	TBA

PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	#	GRADE		
Jewel Riney	1	10	Ashlyn Rodewald	12 12
Kyla Schnurbusch	2	12	Ashlynd Yamnitz	19 11
Ava Ernst	3	9	Delainey Kaempfe	20 11
Ana Moll	4	11	Carlie Holdman	22 12
Cloey Richardet	5	11	Alyssa King	25 12
Rachel Riney	6	12	Brooklyn Moll	0 11
Caroline Gremaud	9	10	Emily Sticht	00 10
Brynn Wibbenmeyer	10	9		
Reese Behrle	11	9	Head Coach Jerry Fulton	

"I think if you ask any of the girls they will tell you that they were not satisfied with the way the season ended," Perryville coach Jerry Fulton said. "I think that has helped them focus on this year and what we need to do."

The Pirates return all but one senior from last year's squad. However, the one senior, Anna Gremaud, was an All-State defender for Perryville last season.

"You can't fully replace someone like Anna," Fulton said. "We will do our best and have a plan to fill Anna's role from last year defensively. You will see some girls playing in different positions than they did last year. If we can quickly figure that out, we will be fine."

While the defensive side of the ball is changed somewhat, the offense, Fulton said should be better this year than last. Perryville returns leading goal scorers Kyla Schnurbusch (24 goals, 15 assists), Carlie Holdman (18 goals) and Rachel Riney (9 goals, 15 assists).

"I think we will score more this year than we did last season," Fulton said. "The girls are more used to the system

and I think they are understanding what they need to do attack the net. I think last year we may have turned back in an effort to possess the ball."

Perryville has changed its schedule a little as they added a tournament in Hannibal and left the Noon Optimist Tournament in Cape Girardeau to start the year.

"We got out of the local tournaments and will see teams that we never would have played in the regular season," Fulton said. "It should prepare us for the postseason. Last year I don't know if we expected what happened and if we played better teams now it won't be a shock if we get there."

Despite the lofty expectations based on the team coming back, Fulton is not looking too far ahead.

"You can't do anything unless you win districts first," he said. "The first goal will be to win conference and then districts and see what we can do from there."



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NEW SAXONY GOLF COACH, team learning together this season

By Justin Hotop
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Saxony Lutheran golf coach Scotty Miget has been working up to this point for much of his life.

Miget enters his first year at the helm of the Crusaders golf program and is excited to get going.

"I don't know how this season is going to turn out and I don't know what the other teams have, but I can't wait to get going," he said. "This is going to be a learning experience for myself and the team and I think we are going to learn a lot from each other this year."

Saxony will have just two seniors in Michael Hasz and Paul Kaufmann, with three juniors and two sophomores and two freshmen. Hasz finished 55th in last year's Class 1 state meet and he was the only participant who made it past districts. Despite the small and young team, Miget feels that it is a good group.

"I have 12 kids on the team and they are all motivated to play and see what they can do," Miget said. "They are excited to learn, but they are just young. Michael is incredible and I look for his younger brother Thomas to

do some great things as well this year."

Miget believes that the short game is the most important aspect of golf, especially at the high school level.

"I just try to get the kids out on the course and around the greens and work on their shots," Miget said. "We talk about the course management and putting different clubs in their hand and talking about different options when it comes to certain shots on the course. All the kids can hit good shots; it's about putting those shots to use in a round. The key is limiting the bad shots."

Miget tries to reinforce the motto, "play what you got" every day.

"Basically that means that if I have a slice in my shot, then you're going to have adjust and maybe play into that slice and aim the ball to play into that slice so that it goes where you want it to," Miget said. "A lot of the kids will try to fix it, but the better route would be to play into it. The kids aren't going to figure out a shot or the game in one round or one tee box. So play what you have or how you're feeling that day."

SAXONY LUTHERAN SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
3/23	Saxony/Poplar Bluff	4/17 Jackson Invit.
3/29	Saxony Quad	4/19 Kennett Quad
4/3	Notre Dame Tourn.	4/26 at Dexter
4/5	Farmington Tourn.	4/27 at Perryville
4/12	Ste. Genevieve Tourn.	5/1 SEMO Conference

SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE				
Michael Hasz	12	Marvin Nash Jr.	10	Matthew McKee	9
Paul Kaufmann	12	Thomas Hasz	10	Allee McKee	9
Austin Buerck	11	Alex Buerck	9		
Jack Buerck	11	Adiel Melchior	9	Head Coach	
Wesley Kiehne	10	Jack Ozark	9	Scotty Miget	



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SAXONY BASEBALL contemplates unproven pitching this season



By Justin Hotop
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The Saxony Lutheran baseball team has been successful over the past five years, and coach Paul Sander believes this year should be no different.

"I think we will have a solid lineup and some guys moving up from the JV that should compete and give us a competitive season. How high we go is a little hard to predict, but we have potential," Sander said.

Saxony returns five senior starters, including Lucas Koenig, who will move into a first base and pitcher role, along with Aaron Eubanks. Drew Hahs will be the ace of the Saxony staff and play third base when not on the mound, along with Carson Birk who will be the starting catcher for the second straight year. Jace Boland will move to shortstop after playing second base last year.

"We have a good mix of returners and new guys who can fill the missing spots," Sander said.

Sander will look to juniors outfielder Nolan Hale to fill an outfield spot, as well as David Weinhold and junior infielder Reid Bengston who are all first year varsity players.

Junior Blake Gaebler played about half of the games last season and will spend time in the outfield this season.

Brayden Moore is the only sophomore in the full-time varsity lineup and will play centerfield.

"He's come along really quick-

ly," Sander said. "He has basically all the tools to be a good high school player."

While the lineup is pretty definite for Sander, the pitching is something that will be worked on the fly. After Hahs, Sander says much of the other pitching is "unknown."

After Drew Hahs, most of our other pitching is unproven," Sander said. "It's not that they haven't pitched before, it's just that they haven't pitched at the varsity level. It's a question mark. How good will the guys after Drew Hahs be? The numbers are good with six or seven guys to choose from. But who will step up and fill those innings."

While the pitching is unproven, the offense is not.

"We have always had the ability to score runs, the question is can the pitching come along quickly enough that to help the offense so that we don't have to score 10 runs a game," Sander said.

Sander added about six games to the schedule this season in an attempt to combat the constant rain that the spring seasons can bring.

"Last year, was one of the worst I can remember for rain and it became a scheduling nightmare," Sander said. "We put more games on the schedule so if we do get rained out we don't have to put such a priority on rescheduling, we can just move on to the next one. The only problem is if we didn't get rained out then some of these pitchers are going to step up."

SAXONY LUTHERAN SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
4/18	at Oran	4:30 p.m.			
3/23	Crystal City	4:30 p.m.	4/19	Oak Ridge	4:30 p.m.
3/24	at Valle Catholic	3:45 p.m.	4/20	at Clearwater	4:30 p.m.
3/27	at St. Pius	4 p.m.	4/21	Caruthersville	4:30 p.m.
3/28	East Prairie	4:30 p.m.	4/25	at Bell City	4:30 p.m.
3/29	at Kelly	4:30 p.m.	4/27	Advance	6 p.m.
3/31	Bloomfield	4:30 p.m.	5/2	Woodland	4:30 p.m.
4/4	Scott County Central	4:30 p.m.	5/4	Delta	4:30 p.m.
4/5	at Risco	4:30 p.m.	5/5	St. Vincent	4:30 p.m.
4/10	at Ellington	4:30 p.m.	5/6	at Charleston	11 a.m.
4/11	East Carter	4:30 p.m.	5/9	Puxico	4:30 p.m.
4/14	at Chaffee	4:30 p.m.	5/10	at Malden	4:30 p.m.

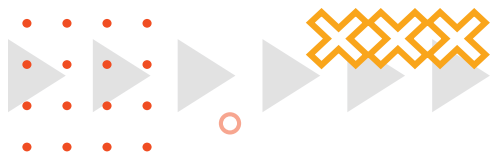
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SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	#	GRADE			
Mason Landewee	16	11			
Carson Birk	1	12			
Drew Hahs	3	12			
Owen Tarry	5	11			
David Weinhold	9	11			
Blake Gaebler	11	11			
Aaron Eubanks	15	12			
Mason Landewee	16	11			
Jace Boland	18	12			
Nolan Hale	22	11			
Reid Bengston	32	11			
Brayden Moore	36	10			
Head Coach: Paul Sander					



SAXONY TRACK has numbers with big potential

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The Saxony Lutheran track team has the numbers to be very good this year if things work out for them this season. Saxony track coach Max Wieser has approximately 50 kids in the program with more joining every day.

"I have some kids doing multiple sports so I don't think I'll have 50 all at once, but it is the most we have had at Saxony in a long time, maybe ever," he said. "We graduated 8-9 seniors last year with most of them girls and I really thought we would be smaller number-wise, especially on the girls. But we have had good returning numbers and a freshman class."

Wieser is impressed with the sheer number and believes it helps his team tremendously.

"It opens everything up to new possibilities with kids who might try new events," he said. "There is quite a bit

of talent in there as well, so we have the numbers and athletes with some potential."

Wieser has his eyes on Ashley Summers in the shot put, as well as Addi Thomason in the discus, and Rebekkah Yunck in the javelin, who made it to sectionals in the event. Myra Roth, who was the top cross country runner for the Crusaders in the fall returns. Jesse Schupp is looking to improve in the distance events as well.

"All those girls have improved in all those throws and it's rare that we have athletes in all the throws," Wieser said.

On the boys side, Landon Ochs returns, and Wieser is hoping to see big things from him this season. Ochs made it to state in the high jump and Ochs will try the long jump as well. Ochs finished 15th overall in the high jump (5-8.25).

"Landon has put a lot of time in the weight room and

the experience he gained at state should help as well," Wieser said.

Wieser is also looking for his running teams to do quite well, because they did not graduate any seniors from those events. Saxony had a fifth place 4x400 and 4x800 team and that whole crew is back.

The Crusaders will also have five pole vaulters, after

having just one last season.

Wieser is excited to get the season started and to see what all the athletes can do in a Saxony uniform.

"I was nervous coming into the season," he said. "When you lose two All-State athletes in multiple events on the girls side, how do you replace that? I'm really excited for the returners, but also

the first time track athletes."

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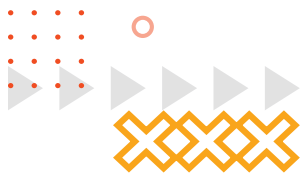
SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE		
Reid Bengtson	11	Bronson Windeknecht	2
Ethan Best	10	Aaron Zoellner	12
Ethan Bohnert	10	Joseph Zoellner	11
Matthew Chambless	10	Lauren Birk	9
Micah Dehne	10	Annabelle Brandhorst	10
Gabriel Hendon	10	Jayden Buerck	12
Matthew Hitt	10	Mia Chapman	12
Weston Jeter	9	Timora Criddle	10
Wesley Kiehne	10	Eden Dehne	12
Maksim Mayhew	9	Lauren Deprow	10
Holt Meyer	11	Evie Ford	9
Jonathan Meyr	12	Abigail Haley	10
Seth Mueller	10	Madelyn Head	9
Landon Ochs	12	Margaret Hillin	10
Hanssell Varela	11	Berkley Inman	11
Josiah Paisley	9	Jihu Kang	12
Mark Richey	9	Madeline Kiehne	12
Max Richey	12	Alleena Koenig	9
Zachary Robinson	12	Madison Landgraf	9
Jesse Schupp	11	Kennedy Lewis	10
Bryce Thompson	12	Caroline Lohmeier	12

SAXONY LUTHERAN SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
3/25	Festus Invit.	
3/28	Dexter Open	
3/30	Woodland Open	
4/1	Jackson Invit.	
4/5	Johnny Merrick Invit.	
4/6	Cape Pentathlon	
4/15	Cape Central Invit.	
4/18	Scott City Open	
4/25	Saxony Open	
4/29	Conference	
5/ 3	Ste. Genevieve Throws	
5/6	Districts	





SAXONY SOCCER to rely on young, experienced players this year



By Justin Hotop
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On paper, it may seem like the Saxony girls soccer team is young. The Crusaders return just two seniors to a team that went 8-14 last season. However that is not the case for the Crusaders.

While, Saxony will depend heavily on Anna Mueller and Ava Perry this season, they have 16 players on the roster who have seen significant playing time in the past.

"We have two seniors, but a lot of juniors and sophomores who have

SAXONY LUTHERAN SCHEDULE					
DATE	LOCATION	TIME	4/19	Poplar Bluff	4 p.m.
3/23	SEMO Classic	TBA	4/20	St. Pius	4 p.m.
3/28	Jackson	4 p.m.	4/24	at St. Vincent	5 p.m.
3/30	at Sikeston	5 p.m.	4/26	Kelly	4 p.m.
3/31	Parkway Central	4 p.m.	4/28	Christian Tourn.	TBA
4/4	at St. Louis Christian	5 p.m.	5/1	at North County	6 p.m.
4/5	Marion	4 p.m.	5/5	Cape Central	4 p.m.
4/12	Notre Dame	4 p.m.	5/9	Perryville	4 p.m.
4/14	Fralish Cup	TBA	5/13	Districts	TBA

SAXONY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER			
NAME	#	GRADE	
Clara Brune	11	11	
Paige Seibel	00	11	Anna Mueller 12 12
Tegan Barnett	0	9	Katie Swain 13 11
Faith Dreyer	1	10	Amelia Wilson 14 10
Camille Richey	2	10	Isabel Brown 15 10
Kylie Peters	3	11	Ava Perry 16 12
Adalina Deckerd	5	10	Maggie Hillen 17 10
Mallory Kohlfeld	6	11	Sophie DeBrower18 9
Payton Meier	7	11	Annie Adams 21 11
Lyla Craft	8	10	Grace Ozark 99 11
Abigail Haley	9	10	Head Coach:
Maci Hollis	10	11	Chris Crawford

played a lot of minutes for us, We have some juniors who will be starting for the third year." Saxony coach Chris Crawford said. "We are much more seasoned than most team who have so few seniors."

While that is a good thing for almost every team, Crawford understands that sometimes it can lead to complacency.

"If you're doing the same thing for three or four years in practice that can be a little boring," Crawford said. "We have changed up everything in practice when it comes to drills. We want to learn the same things, but go about it in a new and different way."

Crawford hopes that the experience will show itself on the defensive end with the likes of Mueller, Payton Meier,

Mallory Kohlfeld, Maci Hollis and others.

"If there is anything that travels in soccer it should be the defense," Crawford said. "We didn't graduate anything from our back six players and two returning goalies. We should have a really salty defense. But we preach that we play defense with all 11 players."

The offense should be led by Camille Richey, Clara Brune, Faith Dreyer and Katie Swain. Crawford does not predict anyone to have great numbers, but instead have several players who can put the ball in the back of the net.

"Offense isn't always consistent, and while we expect to put the ball in the back of the net, that isn't always the case," Crawford said. "We have im-

proved in that area, but it's something that you just don't know until you start playing. I don't expect us to have a 30-goal scorer, but I have several players who can do some damage and it makes us harder to prepare for."

Crawford has added teams to the schedule such as Parkway Central that should prepare his girls for the postseason and other tough matchups.

"Our SEMO Conference teams are always tough and we play the best teams in the area already like St. Vincent and Perryville," Crawford said.

Crawford is excited to see what his team can do.

"It should be a great season," Crawford said "I have full confidence in this team."

Good Luck!



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SV GOLF brings in big, but youthful group

By Justin Hotop
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The St. Vincent golf team is a huge, but young group. The Indians boast a golf team of nearly 25 players, which is bigger than they have had in the past. However, the team is young.

"It's bigger than we had last year," Schumer said. "We have a very big freshman class. I would say that about half of our team is freshman. We lost one senior and brought in one dozen freshmen."

That one senior the Indians lost was Noah Anderson, who qualified for state in three of his four years on the team.

"Noah was a good number one golfer for us and a steady presence on the team," Schumer said. "We called him the captain because he was the only senior on the team. However, we bring back a majority of the team."

Those golfers include junior Payton Strattman, who went to state the past two seasons. Junior Garrett Brickhaus also will return, who narrowly missed the state tournament one year ago. St. Vincent boasts eight seniors with Camron Mitchell, Will Brown, and Kannon Leible playing since their freshman years. Mason Light and Ross Hlavek are both in their second

seasons with the team and they played a little varsity last season.

"We probably have about 8-9 guys that we will rotate in those six varsity spots to get them some experience," Schumer said.

Schumer has been focusing much of the time on the golfer's short game and putting in practice so far.

"I try to have them not hit the driver as much as they can," Schumer said. "At the end of the day, they are going to spend a lot of their time around the green and that's where your strokes and really stack up if you're missing short putts than if you can drive it off the tee."

Schumer has also stressed the mental side of the game.

"The most important shot is the next one," he said. "It's a mental game and much different than a majority of high school sports. As a coach I can't do much once the meet starts, but it's about getting them prepared for the different situations."

Schumer is excited for the season.

"We have three or four home matches, which is nice because last year we had about two," Schumer said. "I'm just waiting for it to warm up and feel like spring."



ST. VINCENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	
4/17	at St. Pius/Perryville	TBA	
3/28	at Festus/Jefferson	TBA	4/19 at St. Pius Invit. TBA
3/29	at North County Invit.	TBA	4/24 at Crystal City/Hillsboro TBA
4/5	at Perryville	TBA	5/3 JCAA Conference TBA
4/12	at Ste. Genevieve Invit.	9p.m.	5/4 Districts TBA
4/13	at DeSoto/Jefferson	TBA	5/15 State TBA
4/14	at Windsor/Herculaneum	TBA	

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE			
Grant Abernathy	12	Isaac Kirn	9	Drake Rellergert 9
Jenna Abernathy	9	Sam Koishor	9	Artemisa Rickels 12
Gage Barnes	9	Jake Layton	9	Payton Strattman 11
Max Brewer	9	Kannon Leible	12	Simon Unterreiner 12
Garrett Brickhaus	11	Mason Light	9	Collin Wheeler 10
Alexis Brown	11	Drew Lukefahr	9	Elliot Wibbenmeyer 9
Will Brown	12	Kale Meyer	9	
Ross Hlavek	12	Kelby Meyer	9	Head Coach:
Logan Hornberger	11	Camron Mitchell	12	Tim Schumer

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SV BASEBALL brings back deep roster season



ST. VINCENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	4/18	at Oak Ridge	4:30 p.m.
3/24	at Grandview	4:30 p.m.	4/20	at St. Pius	4 p.m.
3/27	Crystal City	4:30 p.m.	4/24	Chester	4:30 p.m.
3/29	Valle Catholic	4:30 p.m.	4/25	Kelly	4:30 p.m.
3/31	at Perryville	4:30 p.m.	4/27	Jefferson R-7	4:30 p.m.
4/6	Scott City	4:30 p.m.	5/1	at Chester	4:30 p.m.
4/10	Chaffee	4:30 p.m.	5/3	at Meadow Heights	4:30 p.m.
4/11	at Herculaneum	4:30 p.m.	5/5	at Saxony Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
4/13	Oak Ridge Tourn.	TBA	5/8	at Leopold	4:30 p.m.

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The St. Vincent baseball team is hoping to pick up right where it left off last season.

The Indians lost three seniors from the team that reached the district championship game, before eventually falling to Crystal City, but St. Vincent returns the core of the team.

"We have a lot of key pieces coming back from last year's team," St. Vincent coach Corey Sauer said. "We lost about 30-35 innings on the mound, and two solid middle of the lineup bats. That leaves a bit of a void. However, expectations are high. I don't see any reason why we can't be in contention within our district."

Sauer's hopes are high because he returns Blake Monier, who was the ace of the Indians' staff. The senior went 6-1 with a 2.45 earned run average with 36 strikeouts and 10 walks last season and was a first team all-conference player. Also back is Liam Krauss, who Sauer sees as a comparable pitcher to Monier in terms of innings and effectiveness.

"Blake and Liam are probably 1A and 1B on the mound for us," he said.

Sauer will also deploy Grant Abernathy, Trevor Moonier, and other seniors to throw for the Indians.

On offense, the Indians return

Christian Schaaf (infield), Kaden Kassel (outfield), and Trevor Moonier (utility) who made the all-conference second team.

Schaaf led the Indians with a .395 average, with three doubles, 10 runs scored and 10 RBI. Kassel hit .326 with 12 runs scored and five RBI last season. Moonier led the team in several categories including runs scored (18), stolen bases (14) and home runs (2). Moonier hit the only home runs for St. Vincent this season. Krauss led the team in walks (18) to go with his 14 runs scored and six RBI. Sauer believes Schaaf and Trevor Moonier will see a lot of time in the middle of the lineup to fill that void.

Our lineup is fairly deep," Sauer said. "A lot of our lineup is returning. Of course, we will have some new faces out there with some younger kids getting some time out there that didn't get a whole lot of innings last year. It's a hard-working group."

While the offense is deeper, Sauer still goes by the motto of pitching and defense.

"That's been my thinking since I became head coach," Sauer said. "Our strong suit is going to be on the pitching side and letting the defense work. Defensively we should be very strong. There isn't a team on our schedule that we can't compete with."

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	#	GRADE	Gus Unterreiner	14	9
Simon Barber	1	11	Connor Roth	15	9
Trevor Moonier	4	12	Austin Sleyster	16	10
Blake Monier	6	12	Jacob Seabaugh	21	10
Jack Patrick	8	10	Nick Buccheit	25	10
Tyler Hennemann	9	9	Liam Krauss	28	12
Andrew Hotop	10	9	Grant Abernathy	30	12
Trenten Welker	12	9	Christian Schaaf	31	11
Kaden Kassel	13	12	Head Coach: Corey Sauer		



SV TRACK looks to be more versatile this season



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St. Vincent track coach Angie Hudson is amped for the season. The coach feels like her team is more versatile this season, which means that more athletes can compete in more events.

“We have a lot of exciting things going on,” she said. “We are going to have a couple more kids in some new events this year that we haven’t been able to do before. We have Reese Zoellner doing the pole vault, Brigid Sauer is running hurdles for us, several athletes doing long and triple jump, and it looks like we are going to do some more relay teams. We hope to get a new more kids to state this year.”

Last season, Jackson Unterreiner took ninth in the 1,600-meter at the Class 1 state meet, just missing out on an all-state medal by one spot. Unterreiner finished with a time of 4:48.52, which shaved 10 seconds off his personal best.

The 4x200 relay team (Ethan Leible, Jackson Unterreiner Ethan Buerck, and Gabriel Anders finished 13th overall in the preliminary race with a time of 1:39.58 and the 4x400 relay team

(Ethan Leible, Clayton Gremaud, Dane Kline, and Trenton Heine finished 14th overall in the preliminaries as well with a time of 3:48.25, and did not qualify for the event final.

Hudson is looking for Gremaud to continue having success in the running events as well as senior Aiden and Elizabeth Blessing on high jump. Sophia Martin also reached the sectional round in the 3,200 meter event.

“We had some of the school records matched last year and I’m really excited to see what they can do this year,” Hudson said. “They have been working really in practice and I think they can really do it this year. Their high jumps have really improved. But the triple jump is still really new to them.”

Hudson is looking for Kline to return and excel in the relays and short distance events, as well as Gabby Gremaud in the distance events as well.

“We’ve got about 6-8 seniors that are coming back to us that I think can do some great things this year,” Hudson said.

Along with athletes like Unterreiner, Gremaud, and the Blessings, Hudson

believes that her team can get some throwers to state as well. Claire Otte reached the sectional round in the shot put.

“Jacob Schremp has really improved and Claire Otte was right on the cusp of state and he’s been throwing since she was a freshman. Logan Hayden has also been making strides in the throwing events.”

Hudson is excited for the year.

“I can’t wait to see what these athletes can do,” she said.

ST. VINCENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
3/28	at Jefferson R-7	TBA
3/31	at Old Settlement Invit.	TBA
4/4	at Perryville Invit.	TBA
4/5	Kelly Johnny Merrick Invit.	TBA
4/20	Eva Hinshaw Invit.	TBA
4/26	JCAA Conference meet	TBA
5/6	Districts	TBA

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	GRADE	Derek Garza	9	Jace Hennemann	10	Claire Otte	12	Kennedy Sutterer	10	Payton Unterreiner	9
Aiden Blessing	12	Clayton Gremaud	10	Ethan Hotop	10	Braden Pech	11	Sophia Taylor	9	Reese Zoellner	10
Elizabeth Blessing	12	Gabby Gremaud	12	Abby Kirn	10	Cruz Reitzel	10	Jame Unterreiner	10		
Ethan Buerck	12	Noah Hager	10	Ben Kirn	12	Brigid Sauer	10	Jackson Unterreiner	11	Head Coach	
Lydia Clements	11	Logan Hayden	10	Dan Kline	12	Jacob Schremp	11	Jenna Unterreiner	9	Angela Hudson	



SV GIRLS to rely on youth movement this season



By Justin Hotop
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St. Vincent girls soccer coach Todd Strattman is trying to figure things out before the start of the season.

The Indians finished 13-10-1 last season after falling to Notre Dame-St. Louis in the championship game. But they will have to reload quickly to get back to that same sort of success.

The Indians graduated seven seniors (six starters) from that team and will rely on three seniors and three juniors, along with a majority of underclassmen to fill those voids.

Strattman believes that the youthful players can be an asset for his team this season.

"The freshman and

ST. VINCENT SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
3/23	SEMO Soccer Classic	TBA
3/27	at Hillsboro	5 p.m.
3/28	Fredericktown	5 p.m.
3/30	at Farmington	5 p.m.
4/3	Windsor Tourn.	TBA
4/10	Windsor	5 p.m.
4/11	Notre Dame	5 p.m.
4/17	at Poplar Bluff	5:30 p.m.
4/18	Festus	5 p.m.
4/24	Saxony Lutheran	5 p.m.
4/26	at Villa Duchesne	4 p.m.
4/29	Perryville	10 a.m.
5/3	DeSoto	5 p.m.
5/10	at St. Pius	5 p.m.
5/13	Districts	TBA

ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL ROSTER

NAME	#	GRADE			
Brea Leible	1	9	Abigail Schilling	30	10
Macy Lukefahr	3	12	Callie Schnurbusch	32	9
Jocelyn Leible	6	10	Sybina Nations	33	9
Cailyn Prost	10	11	Rylee Robinson	34	9
Addi Schnurbusch	12	11	Lana Adams	36	9
Mallory Patrick	15	10	Lauren Light	37	9
Allie Strattman	16	12	Kamille Graham	39	12
Faith Kell	17	11	Sadie Cissell	41	9
Kaitlyn Buerck	18	10	Kennedy Cissell	42	9
Allie Patrick	20	10	Reagab Meyer	43	9
Haley Emmendorfer	23	10	Jocelyn Weibrecht	44	9
Clara Clifton	29	9	Head Coach Todd Strattman		

sophomore classes are very talented and they can definitely help us if I can put them in the right spots," he said. "It should also bode well for the future of St. Vincent soccer."

Gone are the Indians' leading scorer Reese Barber and top defender Anna Schwartz and former goalkeeper Addison Cates.

"We are still learning who we are going to play and who's going to play side by side and with each other. It may take a few games to figure out, but I think we can still have a solid year," Strattman said.

Strattman will rely on defenders Macy Lukefahr and Kamille Graham to lead the backline, while Cailyn Prost and Allie Strattman will anchor the midfield and feed the ball to young forwards like freshmen Lana Adams and Rylee Robinson, Faith Kell and Haley Emmendorfer. Sadie Cissell also scored a pair of goals in the Indians re-

cent jamboree.

"Cailyn and Allie will feed our fast forwards and hopefully they can put the ball into the net on a consistent basis," Strattman said. "That's the plan right now."

To replace Cates, the Indians will go with sophomore Jocelyn Leible, who Strattman has been impressed with early on this season.

"She's very long and plays big in the net," he said. "She's been working really hard and really wants to play out there. She needs some experience, but it's a good sign when you have a player who wants to be in the net."

The Indians are once again in Class 3, District 1 with the likes of Cape Central, Windsor, Farmington, and Notre Dame-St. Louis.

"It's going to be tough again this year," Strattman said. "So we are going to need to grow up quickly and come

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