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## ST. VINCENT WILL BE PERFORMING DISNEY'S PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN



St. Vincent Band Director Jerry Litner is beginning his third year at the school and believes the band seems to be getting better every year.

"We've got a lot of young kids, but they're really stepping up and doing a great job," he said. "We've put together our competition field show. It's based on music from Disney's Pirates of the Caribbean, and we're working on perfecting that."

According to Litner, the band will also be participating in several competitions.

"We'll be attending the Jackson Band Festival, which is non-competitive, but it's a good festival for us," he said. "And, of course, we'll be performing at the home football games, as well."

Litner also praised two men who are a big help to him in leading the band — Bill Fisher and Terry Russo.

"Terry is the music director here at the church, and he works the drum line for me," he said. "These guys are just a huge help in putting together what we do. It wouldn't be possible without them. They're my right- and left-hand men. It's too big a job for one person and they're absolutely fantastic."

**ST. VINCENT HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND****DRUM MAJORS:**

*Noah Hager*

**FLUTE:**

*Jenna Unterreiner*

*Sierra Meyer*

*Sadie Martin*

**CLARINET:**

*Sophie Verseman*

*Reagan Meyer*

*Lily Scamell*

**ALTO SAXOPHONE:**

*Olivia Tomlinson*

*Collin Tilley*

**TENOR SAX:**

*Abby Kirn*

**TRUMPET:**

*Jocelyn Leible*

*Carter Hennemann*

*Jacob Meyer*

*Xavier LaRose*

*Bo Burgin*

*Austin Miller*

*Luke Ryan*

**TROMBONE:**

*Caden Hadler*

**BARITONE:**

*Daniel Sauer*

*Taketo Nakayama*

**MALLETS:**

*Emma Mahnken*

*Anna Welker*

**PERCUSSION:**

*Trenten Welker*

*Van Tallent*

**PIANO/SYNTH:**

*Isaac Kirn*

*James Unterreiner*

**ELECTRIC BASS:**

*Stephen Martin*

**SNARE:**

*Reese Zoellner*

*Tristin Anders*

**QUADS:**

*Jace Hennemann*

**BASS DRUM:**

*Ethan Hotop*

*Carter Herman*

*Tyler Hennemann*

**COLOR GUARD:**

*Sybina Nations*

*Brigid Sauer*

*Jocelyn Weibrecht*







*The 2024 St. Vincent Cheerleaders  
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Brigid Sauer, Kennedy Sutterer,  
Sophia Taylor, Sierra Meyer,  
Elle Christisin,  
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# SV CC COACH IS STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF CONSISTENCY



John McClain, starting his second year as cross-country coach at St. Vincent, said his team exceeded his expectations last year.

“I was a little uncertain going in,” he said. “They were a pretty new team and had some pretty low numbers, especially on the boys’ side. “We weren’t sure if they would make state or not. We were down to six runners on the boys’ side.”

The top four teams in the district go to state, and the boys finish in third place and make the cut. Out of 16 teams, St. Vincent was ranked dead last.

Despite that, senior Jackson Unterreiner ranked 15th in the state, and freshman Carter Henneman finished in ninth place.

Looking forward to this season, McClain described the boys’ side of the team as “pretty young” but added that senior Ethan Hotop, who qualified for state last season, “is definitely a talented runner.”

Another standout this season is Noah Hager.

“He has had some injuries — some health issues — so he wasn’t able to run much last year, but we’re hoping he can get back to health this year,” McClain said. “We don’t have any junior boys this year, just two sophomores and four freshmen.

As far as the girls on the team, McClain said they’re every bit as talented as the boys.

“The ladies worked incredibly hard,” he said. We had some more numbers, but still a lot of new faces last year. Again, it was kind of a learning experience, and unfortunately, they finished fifth at district, just one spot shy of qualifying for state. That was definitely a little bit of a heartbreaker for them.”

Two of the women qualified for state on their own.

“The top 30 individuals at districts can still compete at state as individuals,” he said. “Abby Kern, who will be a senior this year, was able to go, as well as Reagan Meyer. They both ran personal bests there. They didn’t quite make the cut for all-state, which is making the top 30 at the state meeting, but they were knocking on the door.”

McClain believes his team will have a successful season if they continue to put an emphasis on consistency.

## SV CC Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/31	at Jackson	9 a.m.
9/5	St. Vincent	TBD
9/14	at Arcadia Valley	10 a.m.
9/25	at Van Buren	5 p.m.
9/30	at Perryville	5 p.m.
10/5	at Notre Dame	9 a.m.
10/19	Conference	TBD
10/23	at Northwest	5 p.m.
11/3	State	TBD

## SV Cross County Roster

NAME	GRADE
Abby Kirn	12
Noah Hager	12
Reese Zoellner	12
Kennedy Sutterer	12
Ethan Hotop	12
Audrey Amschler	12
Reagan Meyer	11
Jocelyn Weibrecht	11
Sybina Nations	11
Noah Winschel	10
Carter Hennemann	14
Bo Burgin	9
Caden Hadler	9
Tristin Anders	9
Anna Welker	9
Luke Ryan	9
Cain Clifton	9
Head Coach: John McClain	
Assistant Coaches:	
Jessica Hennemann, Trenton Heine	

Good Luck to all the 2024 Fall Sports Teams at PHS, SVHS, & Saxony!

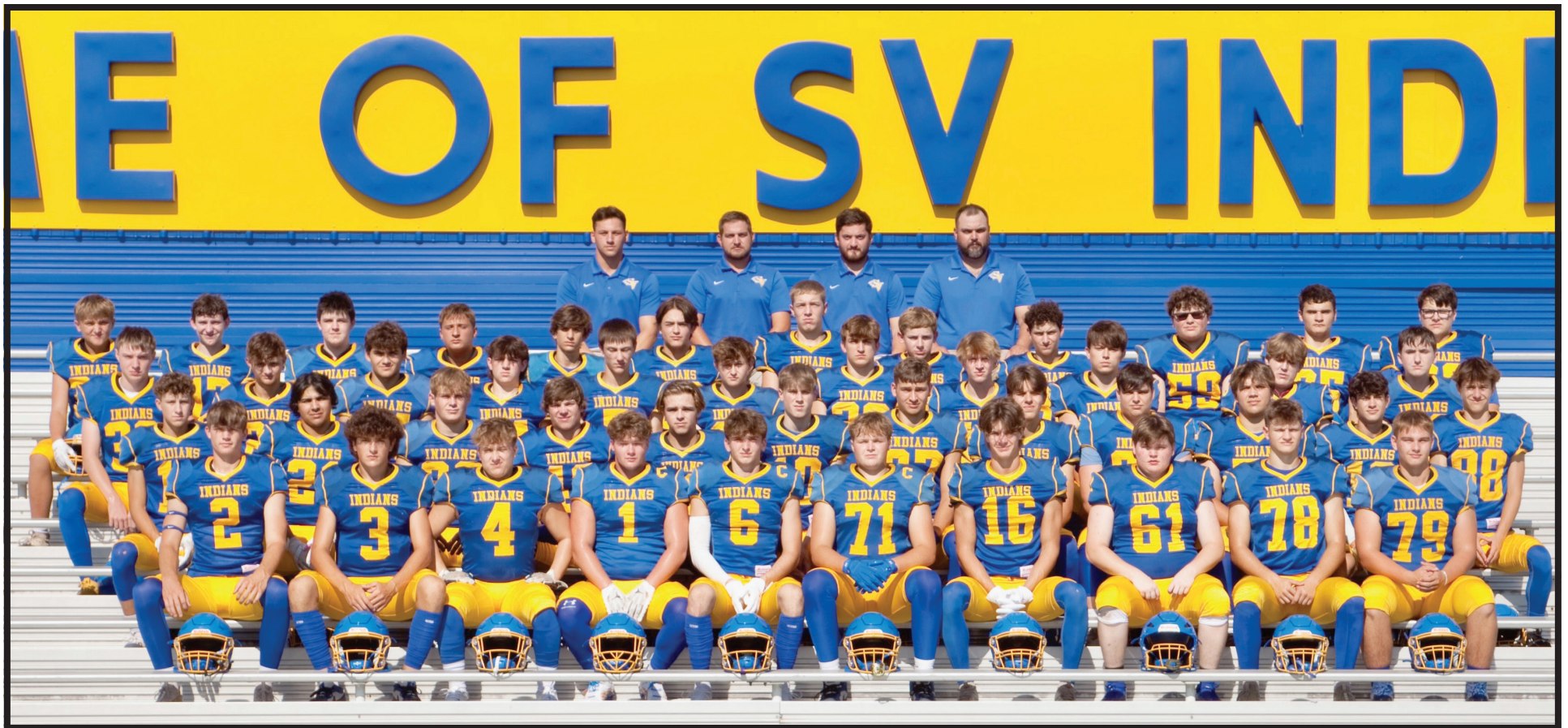
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## SV Football Roster

NAME	#	GR.
Cruz Reitzel	1	12
Jacob Seabaugh	2	12
Nick Buchheit	3	12
Eli Abernathy	4	12
Adam Brickhaus	5	10
Clayton Gremaud	6	12
Brecken Reiss	8	9
Kellen Pitts	10	11
Gage Barnes	11	11
Carter Herman	13	10
Jack Seabaugh	14	11
Andrew Schumer	15	10
John Schwartz	16	12
Braxton Lauder	17	9
Case Huber	18	10
Kale Meyer	19	11
Wyatt Winkler	20	11

Derek Garza	21	11
Quinton Doza	22	10
Jake Christisen	25	11
Drew Tarrillion	30	11
Layton Cheaney	32	9
Jack Emmendorfer	33	9
Trence Unterreiner	41	9
Carson House	43	11
Van Talent	48	9
Jacob Meyer	51	11
Gavin Hotop	55	10
Alex Ponder	59	9
Logan Hayden	61	12
Avery Brown	62	9
Wylie Rosenquist	63	9
Wyatt Rosenquist	64	10
Daniel Sauer	65	9
Elliott Wibbenmeyer	66	11

Nolan Brown	69	11
Noah Pecaut	70	9
Boston Tarrillion	71	12
Ethan Finger	73	9
Mason Naeger	76	9
James Unterreiner	78	12
Austin Sleyster	79	12
84 Gus Unterreiner		Junior

87 Max Wheeler	Junior
88 Andrew Hotop	Junior
Head Coach –	Tim Schumer
Assistant Coaches –	
Garrett Leible, Kirk Hadler,	
Dusty Cissell, Trent Elder,	
Matt Schmidt, Tyler Unterreiner,	
Derek Triller	

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# SV FOOTBALL NOT LIVING IN THE PAST DESPITE STATE TITLE RUN

Beginning his seventh year as St. Vincent's head football coach, Tim Schummer doesn't have much to complain about last season.

"Last year, we finished with a 9-4 record," he said. "We lost in the state semifinals to Marionville, and they went on to win the state championship. We had a really good year. We won our conference for the second year in a row and had a lot of fun."

And while the team graduated six players, 17 starters are returning this fall. Still, Schummer isn't necessarily expecting another state championship to be in the cards.

"Last year was last year," he said. "We've got to move on and get ready to take on the new season. Nothing that happened last year is going to help us in any game this year as far as the score goes. So, we've just got to make sure that we're focused and ready to go for game time."

Despite losing six seniors last year, Schummer is confident the team has some strong players to take their place. One of those players is senior Cruz Reitzel.

"He's our starting running back," he said.

"He had a phenomenal year last year. I think he broke our school record for touchdowns in a season. So that's a big one to have back. I'm very excited to have him. On the defensive side of the ball, we've got a lot. Carson House is returning. He got injured at the end of the season last year, but he was a starter for us as a sophomore and was our second-leading tackler up until he got hurt in the ninth game of the year. So, it'll be fun to get him back on the field. John Schwartz is another kid who had a phenomenal year last year. That'll be exciting to see him play, but I'd say, for the most part, just getting the team back together, getting them all out there and seeing them perform will be exciting."

Schummer knows that no matter how well your team did the previous year, you never know how things will turn out when you start a new season.

"You've got to take it one game at a time," he said. "So, just focus on what we need to do right now, and eventually, it'll take care of itself."

## SV Football Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/30	St. Genevieve	7 p.m.
9/6	at Valle Catholic	7 p.m.
9/13	Perryville	7 p.m.
9/20	Herculaneum	7 p.m.
9/27	at Hayti	7 p.m.
10/4	Bayless	7 p.m.
10/11	Cuba	7:30 p.m.
10/18	at Grandview	7 p.m.
10/25	Jefferson	7 p.m.



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# SV GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM HAS NO SHORTAGE OF TALENT IN 2024



The SV girls' volleyball team finished a game under 500 during last season's play-offs. While the team won district, it suffered a heartbreaking loss in a sectional round to the Advance Hornets, proving that a third time isn't always the charm.

Despite losing a half-dozen seniors at the end of last season, Coach Darren Verseman has a solid team made up of seven seniors, nine juniors, seven sophomores and seven freshmen for the 2024 season.

One of the team's returning players is Allison Bierk, who made all-district and all-conference last year.

"She led our team in a bunch of statistical categories and was our team MVP," Verseman said. "We're really excited about what she's going to do this year, especially the way she's been playing all summer."

"Then, there's Brigid Sauer, who is also a senior. She's a middle hitter for us. She was banged up during last year's playoffs,

so she didn't get a lot of post-season recognition that she might have. She's a five-foot-11-inch middle, and having tall girls is something that St. Vincent hasn't had a lot of historically."

Another outstanding senior that Verseman says "bloomed in full-flower" is Alaina Cates.

She's the other middle," he said. "She's a junior now. She played as a sophomore and did really good work for us last year. I expect her to be really good again this year."

Verseman is also looking forward to senior Haley Emmendorfer's return after she suffered a knee injury, but he doesn't expect her to get back out on the court until October. She was an all-conference and all-district center for the team last year.

"Clara Clifton got the call up last year for the district from JV to varsity as a middle when Brigid went down, and she really excelled," he said. "I wasn't sure how she would do against varsity competition, but

she didn't shy away at all.

"Another outside hitter is a new girl to the school, Kate Rubel. She'll be our main outside, and she also has a ton of game, too. She'll probably play six rotations as well. Her twin sister, Bree, will stand in as one of our setters, and that's not giving her the credit she deserves because she could probably

play just about any position we have on the court."

Verseman looks forward to this season because the girls have worked hard all summer.

"I'll tell you what, it's tough to make people sit down because we have girls who can play."

## Good Luck!

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"I wish all  
local athletes  
a very successful  
Fall Sports  
Season!"



SV Volleyball Roster

NAME	GR.		
Allison Bierk	12	Aubrey Emmendorfer	10
Kaitlyn Buerck	12	Addison Gremaud	10
Haley Emmendorfer	12	Ava Gremaud	10
Allie Patrick	12	Grace Jenneman	10
Mallory Patrick	12	Paige Leible	10
Brigid Sauer	12	Anistyn Ponder	10
Samantha Taylor	12	Sophie Verseman	10
Alaina Cates	11	Kinley Boxdorfer	9
Kennedy Cissell	11	Madison Gremaud	9
Clara Clifton	11	Brynn Renner	9
Lauren Light	11	Morgan Schnurbusch	9
Lucy McKinney	11	Sara Unterreiner	9
Gabrielle Rubel	11	Olivia Winkler	9
Katherine Rubel	11	Elle Christisen	9
Callie Schnurbusch	11	Head Coach – Darren Verseman	
Payton Unterreiner	11	Assistant Coaches –	
		Amber Scholl, Kassidy Schumer	

SV Volleyball Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/31	Visitation Tournament	TBA
9/4	Kelly	7 p.m.
9/10	at Saxony Lutheran	7:30 p.m.
9/11	North County	6:30 p.m.
9/13-14	at Dig 4 Life Tournament	TBA
9/17	at Crystal City	7 p.m.
9/18	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.
9/19	Jefferson	7 p.m.
9/23	at Valle Catholic	7 p.m.
9/25	Advance	6:30 p.m.
9/26	Grandview	7 p.m.
9/30	at Ste. Genevieve	7 p.m.
10/1	Herculaneum	7 p.m.
10/5	Perryville Tournament	TBA
10/7	at Woodland	7 p.m.
10/9	Meadow Heights	6:45 p.m.
10/15	Perryville	7:30 p.m.
10/16	at Leopold	7 p.m.

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# SAXONY CROSS-COUNTRY COACH BELIEVES FOCUS MAKES THE DIFFERENCE



Over the past 12 months, Saxony’s cross-country team has undergone a number of positive changes.

“Last year, we added numbers,” said Max Weiser, who became the school’s cross-country coach in 2019. “The year before, we had really low numbers, but last year we had our biggest boys’ team since I’ve been coach, and we had two girls qualify for state, and one got all-state,” “We were a growing team last year. We only graduated one, so this should be a big year for us. We’ve got five senior boys and two senior girls, so we’re looking for this year to be a really big one.

“On the boys’ side, I think this year, with our experience, we have a chance as a team to qualify for state if we can get top four in districts. Out of our leaders right now, we have

Mark Richey and Nick Chambless. They both ran under 20 last year, and they’ve put in a lot this summer. Seth Mueller, a senior, has been big for us as well. But we have, I think, about eight guys that should be under 20, and we have a couple hoping to get down close to sub-18.

Weiser said he was impressed with the team’s effort during training over the summer.

“We had a pretty solid group,” he said. “Again, the two I mentioned — Mark and Seth, and a lot of others on the guys’ side have been really consistent this summer. And so, I think we’re way ahead of where we were. A lot of them participated in the July 5k that HealthPoint puts on, and they were already pretty close to their times that they ended with last year.

“We’ve got five healthy girls right now, and I have a sixth one that I think, once she comes back — she has a bit of a foot problem — she’ll be a contributor as well. We had two seniors that both made it to state this year, and Myra Roth made all-state last year for the first time. Faith Dreyer made it to state. I think she was a little intimidated by the size of the state meet, but I think this year she’ll have that experience. I think she’s going to look at getting all-state this year as well.”

Weiser believes there’s a reason for his team’s recent success.

“I think that this team has grown well together,” he said. “The guys are really close, and the girls are really close, but they also support each other. This year it just seems like the team’s more focused than we were last year.”

Saxony CC Schedule					
DATE	LOCATION	TIME	9/24	Oak Ridge	5:30 p.m.
8/31	at Jackson Invitational	9 a.m.	10/5	at Notre Dame	10 a.m.
9/7	at Dexter	4:30 p.m.	10/10	at Woodland	4 p.m.
9/14	at Arcadia Valley Meet	9:15 a.m.	10/19	at Farmington Invitational	10 a.m.
9/19	Lutheran North	4 p.m.	10/22	at Heartland Conference	4 p.m.

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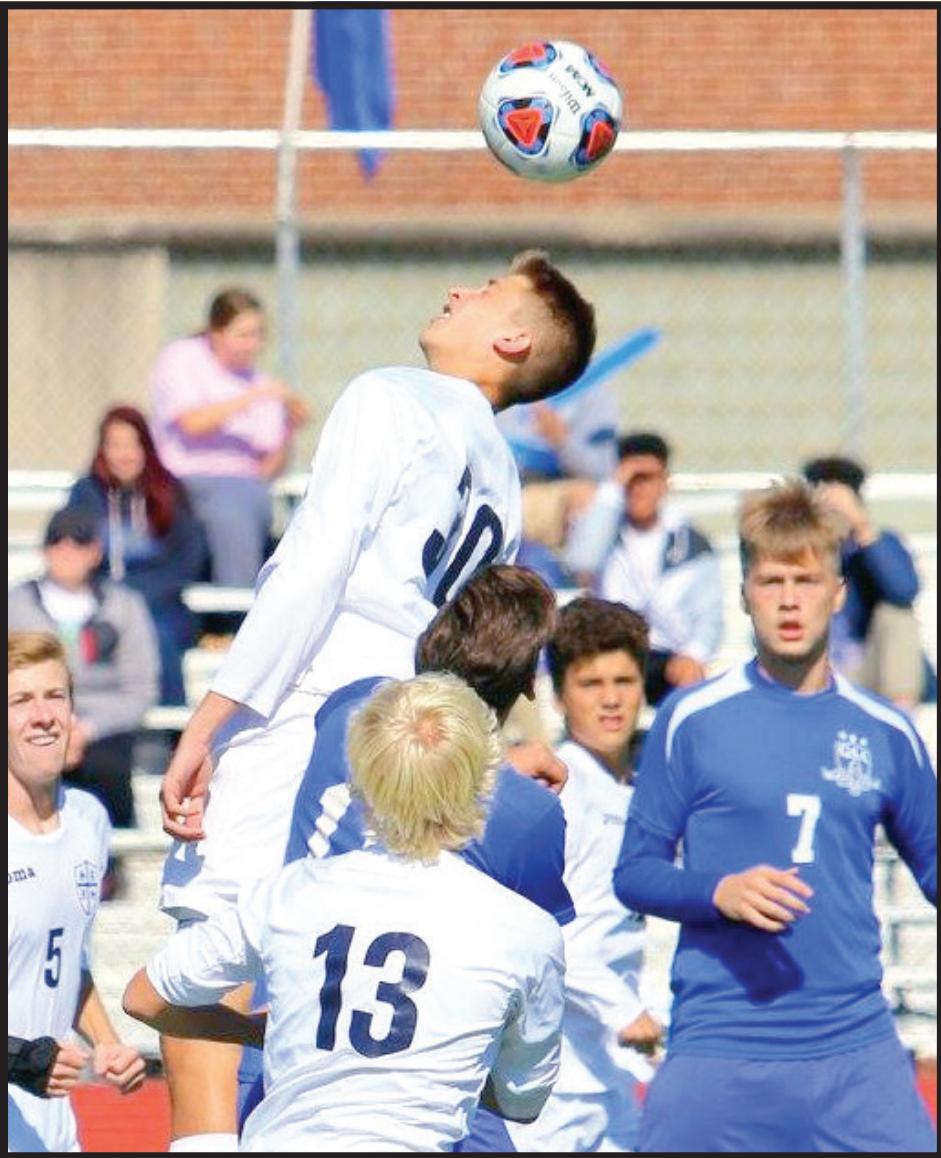
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Saxony Cross County Roster		
NAME	GRADE	
Boys		Noah Meyr 10
Boys		Jacob Schupp 10
Matthew Chambless	12	Evan Ward 10
Gabriel Hendon	12	Girls
Matthew Hitt	12	Faith Dreyer 12
Jonas Hohenadel	12	Myra Roth 12
Seth Mueller	12	Alle McKee 11
Sebastion Uhorskai	12	Adalyn Brandhorst 10
Mark Richey	11	Eva Williamson 9
Maksim Mayhew	11	Gretchen Wolfe 9
Nicolas Chambless	10	



# SAXONY SOCCER COACH KNOWS TEAM UNITY MAKES A SUCCESSFUL SEASON



## Saxony Boys Soccer Roster

NAME	GRADE		
Jack Ozark	11	Nick Chambless	10
Colton Cissell	10	Owen Bucheit	12
Weston Jeter	11	Clark Jones	10
Jonathan Pfeiffer	12	Bryce Meyer	10
Brayden Moore	12	Kaden Kelly	10
Evan Ochs	10	Addison Verseman	10
Henry Klaus	10	Jasten Pickel	10
Maksim Mayhew	11	Holden Huber	10
Baylor Wilson	11	Ben Pangiomogan	10
Noah Kim	12	Brecker Dillow	9
Jackson Wilson	12	Kobe Meyer	9

Starting his 11th season as boys' soccer coach at Saxony, Chris Crawford described last year's season as "decent" and admitted that with only one senior on the roster, the team was "pretty young."

"We struggled through some ups and downs early in the season, but you kind of expect that out of a young team," he said. "We ended up upsetting Perryville in the first round of districts last year and lost to Afton. We had a good season, probably a little better than what most people would have expected out of us, but we played well."

According to Crawford, he focused the team's summer training on fundamentals.

"The way that we're passing — passing to the correct foot, making sure that we're setting our teammates up for success by not putting them in poor positions based on how we're passing and just trying to get them to understand the way that we play and the way we want to do things."

Setting his sights on the upcoming season, Crawford believes the team has some outstanding players.

"This year, we have some seniors who are all going to contribute in a variety of ways. Jonathan Pfeiffer will be a center back for us, and he's a really exciting player. We had to move him out of a spot where he was

more of an attacking player into a defensive spot just for the team's needs. Then we have Jackson Wilson, who will be in the midfield and up top for us. He's a real technical player. Owen Buckeit will be in goal. It's his second year playing, but he grew by leaps and bounds over last year.

"Brayden Moore has scored a ton of really big goals for our program. Noah Kim will be on the outside as an outside back. He just keeps getting better and better every year. He's worked his way into a starting role. That's our seniors, and then we've got some younger guys that were freshmen last year that played a lot of minutes that we're looking forward to developing a little bit more. We've got a lot of guys that we're looking towards."

And what's Crawford's outlook for the upcoming season?

"We always try to make our schedule relatively tough, and this year is no exception," he said. "We're going to expect to be playing our best soccer at the end of the year like we did last year. We're going to focus on the team. It takes 11, not just one or two or nine. It has to be all 11, and everybody has to be brought in and on the same page. If we can do that, we'll be fine. If not, it's going to be tough for us."

## Saxony Boys Soccer Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/24	at North County Jamboree	TBA
9/7	Ritenour	10 a.m.
9/10	Fredericktown	4 p.m.
9/12	St. Pius X	4 p.m.
9/17	at Notre Dame	5 p.m.
9/23	Sikeston	4 p.m.
9/26	Farmington	4 p.m.
9/30	at Kennett	5 p.m.
10/1	St. Mary's South Side	4 p.m.
10/7	at Central (Cape)	5 p.m.
10/10	at Perryville	5 p.m.
10/15	at Poplar Bluff	5:30 p.m.
10/17	at Jackson	6:30 p.m.
10/22	North County	4 p.m.
10/24	Bayless	4 p.m.
10/29	Kennett	4 p.m.
10/31	at Lutheran St. Charles	4:30 p.m.



# SAXONY SOFTBALL COACH EXPECTS TEAM WILL FACE TOUGH SEASON — AS ALWAYS

Coming off last year's winning season, long-time Saxony softball coach Mark Lewis hopes for another great year for the team.

"We had an excellent year," he said. "We play in an extremely tough conference in our tough district, and each year it's very competitive. Between Kelly, Chaffee, Neelyville and St. Pius, it's just a very good district. I think it will be the same this year — extremely strong. Chaffee won the district and went on to finish second in the state of Missouri. They had a very strong club last year. Each year, it seems like we have our hands full, and so do the other teams."

The Crusaders will be starting their season with a doubleheader Aug. 31.

"We're doing a three-team combination," Lewis said. "We play Herculaneum at 10 o'clock, and then Herculaneum plays Twin Rivers at noon. Then we turn around and play Twin Rivers at 2 o'clock. All those games are at Saxony, but that's the first for us."

The team lost three seniors at the end of the season but is starting with seven this year — all experienced players Lewis intends to use to their full potential.

"Maddie Preusser is my third baseman," he said. "She had an excellent season — first-team all-district and first-team all-region. I look for her to have a strong season. Our shortstop, Shyanne Weibrect, is another senior who's a strong player."

Other seniors that Lewis thinks will have a strong year are pitcher Lilly Roth and center fielder Bekkah Vunck.

Asked what his expectations are for the season, Lewis said, "My goal is always the same every year — to get the best out of what I've got in front of me. If that's a state championship, that's great. If it's for wins,



it might be that. I have no idea right now. I don't really know how far we'll go given that we're in such a strong district. You could lose in the district championship game, and you might be the second-best team in the state of Missouri."

Lewis said he also wants to teach the girls important life lessons through the game of softball.

"I enjoy that aspect of it," he said. "My goal every year is to get them to play to the best of their ability, teaching them about softball, teaching them about life in general and teaching them leadership skills that they need later on in life."

## Saxony Softball Roster

NAME	GRADE		
Alivia Miget	12	Reagan Ponder	11
Maddie Preusser	12	Aria McWilliams	10
Kennedy Lewis	12	Emma Leible	9
Shyanne Weibrect	12	Brooklyn Lewis	9
Bekkah Vunck	12	Kessly Scholl	9
Lilly Roth	12	Adrianna Boland	9
Myra Roth	12	Ansley Palish	9
Jenna Unterriner	11	Jordan David	9
Bridget Wilson	11	Braelyn Kight	9

## Saxony Softball Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
8/31	Herculaneum	10 a.m.	9/19	at Kelly	4:30 p.m.
8/31	Twin Rivers	2 p.m.	9/23	at Neelyville	4:30 p.m.
9/3	at St. Pius X	4:30 p.m.	9/25	at Herculaneum	4:30 p.m.
9/5	Fredericktown	4:30 p.m.	9/30	at East Carter	4:30 p.m.
9/10	Central	4:30 p.m.	10/1	Perryville	4:30 p.m.
9/11	Sikeston	4:30 p.m.	10/2	Jefferson	4:30 p.m.
9/12	Chaffee	4:30 p.m.	10/4	North County	4:30 p.m.
9/17	at Fredericktown	4:30 p.m.	10/9	at Central (Cape)	4:30 p.m.
			10/10	DeSoto	4:30 p.m.



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# SAXONY VOLLEYBALL TEAM'S STRONG SENIORS, JUNIORS TAKING THE LEAD



## Saxony Volleyball Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
9/5	Advance	6 p.m.
9/7	West Plains	TBA
9/9	at Dexter	5:30 p.m.
9/10	St. Vincent	5 p.m.
9/12	at Sikeson	5 p.m.
9/13-14	Dig for Life	TBA
9/16	at Central (Park Hills)	4:30 p.m.
9/17	at Woodland	5:30 p.m.
9/19	Valle Catholic	5 p.m.
9/23	Oak Ridge	5:30 p.m.
9/24	Ste. Genevieve	4:30 p.m.
9/26	at Central (Cape)	4:30 p.m.
9/30	Jackson	4:30 p.m.
10/3	SEMO Conference Tourney	TBA
10/4	at Arcadia Valley	5:30 p.m.
10/7	Leopold	5 p.m.
10/10	at Notre Dame (Cape)	5 p.m.
10/12	Jackson Varsity Tourney	TBA
10/14	Kennett	5 p.m.
10/15	at Poplar Bluff	5 p.m.
10/17	Scott City	5 p.m.
10/22	Portageville	5 p.m.

Saxony’s girls’ volleyball team had a successful season last year. The Crusaders beat Notre Dame in districts, won the district championship and then beat Valle in sectionals but lost to Ursuline Academy in the quarterfinals.

“If we would have won, we would have been in the final four,” said Stephanie Brown, beginning her third year as varsity coach.

Saxony starts the season with four seniors and 11 juniors, all of whom Brown said will contribute to the success of the new season.

“I’m still looking forward to this year,” she said. “Even though we lost the eight seniors, I still think that we have the potential to be very, very good this year.

Rather than focusing on individual players, Brown prefers to take a more holistic approach.

“My big thing is that we are a team, and yes, you need players that are going to lead, and I think my seniors are going to do a good job of leading,” she said. “But as far as players that are going to carry us and hold us down, I mean, my setter’s a returning starter, and my libero is, and those girls will contrib-

ute big, but it’s going to take a team effort for us to be successful.”

Brown is very happy with the talent and tenacity her players showed during summer practice.

“We had a great, great time during the summer,” she said. “We did a lot of work. We had some stations and workouts during practice. We just did things a little bit differently this summer than we have in the past. We tried to incorporate more of that this summer than we have in the past. We used our contact days, and it went well.

Looking ahead to this season, Brown believes her team is going to do quite well.

“Obviously, we’d like to keep the winning tradition alive here,” she said. “We’ve won districts four years in a row. We’d like to make it a fifth. Hopefully, we’ll be able to get past that quarterfinal match and be able to make it to the Final Four. I’m really excited about the year with a new group of girls. It’s going to be fun watching how they progress because they’ve worked very, very hard all summer. I’m looking forward to seeing how they can do on the court.”

## Saxony Volleyball Roster

NAME	GRADE	Evie Ford	11
Isabel Brown	12	Madelyn Head	11
Adalina Deckerd	12	Ryleigh Manche	11
Camille Richey	12	Tali Renshaw	11
Ashley Summers	12	Lydsi Terrell	11
Lauren Birk	11	Kinley Couch	9
Casey Call	11	Kendall McDowell	9

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# JV FOOTBALL IS COMING TO SAXONY LUTHERAN THIS SEASON

OJ Turner is no stranger to football in the area. He was a star defensive player for Cape Central High School before parlaying that success into a career as a linebacker at Southeast Missouri State University in the early 2000s. He went on to play professionally in St. Louis in the Arena Football League.

Now he is the first football coach in the history of Saxony Lutheran.

This will be Turner's first coaching job at the high school level, but not his only coaching experience. Turner has been involved as a coach for various youth sports programs in the Cape Girardeau area. He developed the Junior Tigers for four years and has learned the system used by Cape Central head coach Kent Gibbs.

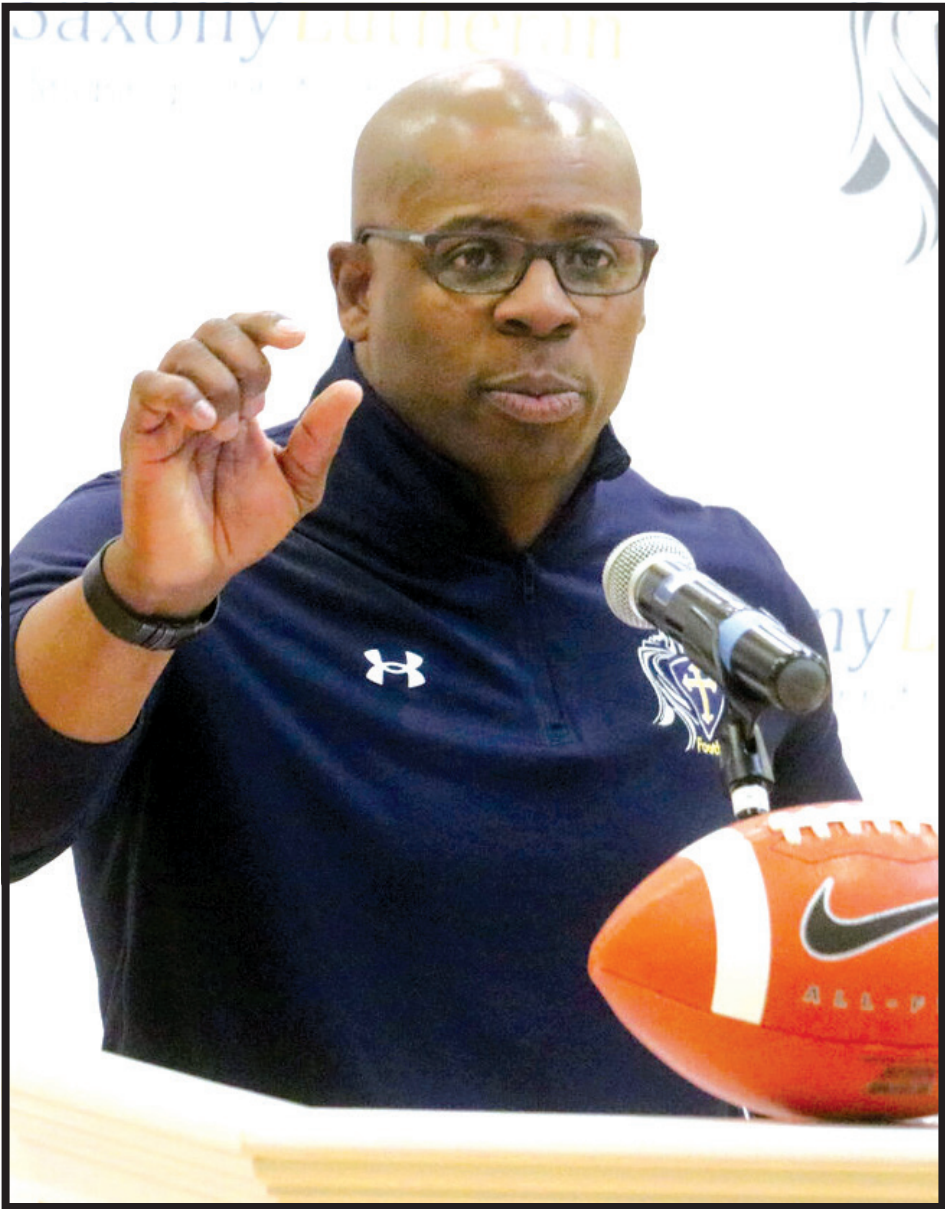
Now that he has his own program, Turner has some ideas on how to build the Saxony Lutheran program from the ground up. One of his most important goals is to build a culture for the program.

"You look at Coach Gibbs at Cape Central, Coach [Ryan] Nesbitt at Jackson and even Coach [Tom] Matukewicz at SEMO, they have all done a great job of creating a culture within their program, and we want to be able to do the same thing," Turner said.

Saxony Lutheran's football program is starting with this year's junior varsity team. A varsity squad will follow in 2025.

Turner made sure to temper his expectations for the upcoming seasons as the team and program get off the ground, especially when comparing it to annual powers like Jackson and Cape Central.

"You're walking among monsters here," Turner said. "We need to make sure that we have reasonable goals. I'm not a loser, and I wouldn't have taken this on if I didn't feel like we couldn't have success here. The main goal is to create good husbands and fathers, and football is a by-product of that."



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## Saxony Football Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
9/3	at Doniphan	6 p.m.
9/9	at Potosi	6 p.m.
9/16	at Ste. Genevieve	6 p.m.
9/23	at Ballard Memorial HS	6 p.m.
9/30	at St. Vincent	6 p.m.
10/7	at Charleston	6 p.m.
10/21	at Kelly	6 p.m.



# PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY/JR. VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



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# PHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM MADE STRONGER BY COMMITMENT, PREPARATION

PHS Cross-Country Coach Shadrick Shafer is feeling pretty good about this season, with most of last year's team returning this year, along with several freshmen and a couple of upperclassmen, as well.

"We traditionally have been pretty young here for a while," Shafer said. "We usually have one, two or three seniors. On my boys' side, we've got three returning seniors; on the girls' side, I've got a couple of seniors coming back, and we've got a whole bunch of juniors. We're very heavy on the junior side this year."

According to Shafer, he's expecting good results from his team this season.

"Bair Hopkins really came alive last summer as a junior and started pushing himself," he said. Bair ended up setting the fastest time of the season. I think he ran at 16.51 in the district last year. He's been pushing himself in the top group of varsity boys all summer long. We actually have to slow him down a little bit on some of his long runs. He just going a little too fast all the time.

The Johnson boys, Porter and Preston, are looking really good. Micah Brown, too. He's a junior, and his dad is Tyson Brown, my assistant coach. Micah's been just working his tail off all summer long. I mean, that guy never backs off. He runs so precisely. He never runs a tenth of a mile shy of what's on the docket for the day. He's always going all the way through. He does a really good job."

Asked what he's emphasizing with the team this year, Shafer said, "This year's theme — we started having a theme a few years ago — is commitment. Don't mess around. Look at and know that your race is



in October. As much preparation you can do now makes you less susceptible to injury. Don't miss out on the opportunity now to be ready for what's coming down the line. We broke all kinds of records last year. They won more meets than we won the previous six years combined.

"They've really got a great shot this year, but it's not something you can take for granted — that, hey, we're fast, and we're going to come out and race fast. We are surrounded by fantastically talented teams all around us — some of them right across town. And then you have Jackson, Ste. Genevieve, DeSoto, Hillsboro and Festus. That's a lot of talent! So, the opportunity is there to do great things, but we don't want to miss out on that by failing to prepare and push ourselves further this year than we ever have before."

## PHS Cross County Roster

NAME	GRADE		
Cale Austin	9	Lucas Fritsche	11
Colton O'Keefe	9	Alexa Hagan	11
Lucy Blythe	10	Olivia Iffert	11
Levi Pyland	10	Rodney Rauh	11
Miley Reed	10	Brandon Roth	11
Anna Rehagen	10	Marcas Smith	11
Aiden Unverferth	10	Ayden Turbyville	11
Lucy Wibbenmeyer	10	Bair Hopkins	12
Katie Baggett	11	Porter Johnson	12
Clayton Bauwens	11	Preston Johnson	12
Eloise Bollinger	11	Josephine Lohmann	12
Micah Brown	11	Gwynivere Newbrough	12

## PHS CC Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
9/10	Multi-Team Event	3:30 p.m.
9/16	Multi-Team Event	3:30 p.m.
9/24	Cecil County Meet	3:30 p.m.
9/30	Multi-Team Event	3:30 p.m.
10/8	Susquehanna Division	TBA
10/22	UCBAC Cross Country	TBA



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# PERRYVILLE PIRATES COACH HAS HIGH EXPECTATIONS

## PHS Football Roster

NAME	#	GR.			
Barrett Wheeler	1	11	Devin Clifton	51	12
Chase Richardet	2	12	Derek Martin	52	11
Christopher Linhorst	3	12	Kyle Deweese	53	11
Mason Ehlers	3	12	Kaden Lane	54	9
Kayd Luckey	5	11	Wesley Pfaff	55	11
Gavin Hemmann	6	12	Eli Hemingway	56	12
Elijah Cook	7	11	Shelby Gile	57	9
Jacob King	8	9	Korbin Rollet	58	10
Wesley Baggett	9	9	Konner Lohmann	59	10
Xzyavier Wilson	10	9	Elias Barker	60	9
Dominic Seiler	11	12	Jay Ingles	63	9
Cole Lane	15	12	Lane Wilson	64	11
Ashton Mitchell	18	9	Ben Huber	65	11
Nickolas Kramer	21	12	Hunter Sanders	67	11
Evan Hayden	22	12	Juan Ajanel	68	12
Brayden Klassen	24	11	Cabren Kim	69	10
Drew Leuckel	25	11	Dreyton Garris	70	10
Aarron Wideman	26	10	Sergio Mendoza	71	12
Cyler Myers	28	10	Hunter Elder	73	12
Destyn Morgan	29	9	Alex Hayden	74	11
Cooper Cattoor	30	9	Gunner Britt	75	11
Dawson Wolk	32	10	Adrian Mendoza	76	9
Cole Stephens	33	9	Carson Dobbs	77	9
Brett Bohnert	34	12	Peyton Hudson	78	9
Caydon Skidmore	36	11	Trentyon Skidmore	80	9
Kaleb Huber	44	12	Jeffrey Redecker	84	12
Wyatt Schremp	45	12	Joshua Wagner	88	11
Zachary Seyer	47	9	Gregary Bartusch	99	12

Perryville football Coach Brent Roth thinks he might have had higher expectations for his team last year than they could produce.

“We beat all the teams that we were supposed to beat, but we were never able to beat a team that we weren’t supposed to beat. So, we kind of did what we needed to do, but we didn’t exactly excel. This year, we’ve got to find a way to win the tough games. We did a good job of taking care of business when we were supposed to, but we’ve got to find a way to get over the hump.”

Roth expects that may happen this year because his team performed so well over the summer.

“We had about 50 guys every day at our practices and pretty good attendance in the weight room,” he said. “We were doing stuff almost every day this summer, and guys came out, showed up and worked hard. We did more stuff in June this summer. We got into our full pads a little quicker this summer and then we were able to back it off a little bit in July. From a coaching standpoint, I feel like we’re a little ahead of the game. We could play a game tonight if we had to.”

To be that confident about his team means he’s got some players he knows he can count on when it counts.

“Last year, I think we had five seniors,” he said. “We lost our quarterback, two offensive linemen, and a couple of guys on defense, so we didn’t lose a whole lot. Then we have guys coming back this year like Chase Richardet and Dominic Seiler, who were both really good receivers for us. I think they both ended

up with about 500 yards last year. We’ve got Barrett Wheeler returning at running back and Brett Bohnert is back there as well. Both of those guys are pretty talented.

“We’ve got three of our offensive linemen back with Ben Huber at left tackle, Derek Martin at left guard and Alex Hayden at right guard. Kaleb Huber was our defensive player of the year, and Drew Leuckel was also a really good player for us. Honestly, there are a lot of guys on defense that I could name. I think our defense is pretty well-rounded. We’ve got talent all over the field, so I’m excited about the defense side of the ball, for sure.

Roth then offered his take on the upcoming season.

“Everyone is trying to find that fine line between being overconfident and setting your goals high,” he said. “We have the ability to beat every single team on our schedule. We’re going to try to win every single game, but things don’t always go the way you plan them. But we’re going to try to win every single game. “That’s our mindset this year.”



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DATE	LOCATION	TIME
8/29	Fredericktown	7 p.m.
9/6	at DeSoto	7 p.m.
9/13	St. Vincent	7 p.m.
9/20	at Bayless	7 p.m.
9/27	Grandview	7 p.m.
10/4	at Jefferson	7 p.m.
10/11	at Marquette Catholic	7 p.m.
10/19	Herculaneum	1 p.m.
10/25	Cuba	7 p.m.



# PIRATES SOCCER TEAM LOOKING STRONG IF PLAYERS CAN AVOID INJURIES



## PHS Boys Soccer Roster

NAME	GRADE		
Treyton Barnett	11	Justen Geile	10
Kade Baudendistel	11	Ty Peeler	12
Carter Blechle	12	Dezmen Hampson	10
Waylon Huber	11	Trey Lukefahr	9
Landen Nuyt	12	Riley Martens	9
Vincent Schaaf	11	Andres Mendez-Mattingly	9
Karston Schilli	11	Juan Tzita-Perez	9
Dexter Strattman	11	Derek Riney	9
Bryan Bohnert	11	Preston Cooper	9
Bobby Jenkins	11	Gabe Santora	9
Taylor Shrum	12	Carter Taylor	9
Aiden Wendel	11	Jeron Kleinschmidt	9
Jace Oster	11	Ethan Pohlman	9
Lane Yamnitz	10	Tristen Dobbelare	9
Lucas Wright	11		
James Kleinschmidt	10		

## PHS Boys Soccer Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME			
9/3	Notre Dame	4:30 p.m.	9/26	at Jackson	5 p.m.
9/10	Windsor	4:30 p.m.	10/1	at Clayton	4:15 p.m.
9/11	at North County	5 p.m.	10/7	at St. Pius X	4 p.m.
9/13-14	Hannibal Pirate		10/8	Sikeston	5 p.m.
	Tourney	TBA	10/10	Saxony Lutheran	5 p.m.
9/17	at Festus	5 p.m.	10/17	DeSoto	4:30 p.m.
9/19	Hillsboro	4:30 p.m.	10/21	Fredericktown	5 p.m.
			10/24	Central (Cape)	5 p.m.

Despite injuries, the PHS boys' soccer team had a pretty good season last year but lost in the first round of districts. This year, they hope their luck will improve.

"We didn't go as far as we'd like to, but it seemed like last year we were injury-prone," said Coach Jerry Fulton. "We had 10 seniors, so we really expected some good things, but you've got to have 10 healthy ones. Our starting keeper got hurt in the first game of the year and missed six or seven games. When he came back, he got hurt in the district game about 10 minutes in. I never thought I'd need three goalkeepers, but I played down to the third goalkeeper last year. Hopefully, that doesn't happen this year."

According to Fulton, there are a lot of players on the roster who are ready to make their mark on the field.

"We have several returning players," Fulton said. We don't have a lot of seniors this year. I think we have three, but we're loaded with juniors. Some of these guys played a sub-in situation last year, so these guys are hungry to get their chance to show what they can do in their junior and senior years. I think this year's team will make a positive difference because of their camaraderie."

Fulton discussed some of the returning players he believes will make a mark for themselves this season.

We have Carter Blechle and Treyton Barnett up top, and I think we're going to see a lot of goals from those two gentlemen," he said. There'll be some other people that can tribute, but I think they'll be two up top. Waylon Huber, our keeper, is always a solid keeper as long as he stays healthy. He's very technical and has good agility. Waylon is not

real tall, but he makes up for that with art and skills.

Our midfield, Karston Schilli, is a guy who can play almost any position on the team. He's really looking good this year, along with a couple more juniors like Dexter Strattman and Kade Baudendistel. I mean it just looks like we're going to be, you know, sitting pretty good. We've got Bryan Bohnert coming back as center back, and he's been reinforced with Ty Peeler. It looks like we're going to be fairly solid in most positions."

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# NEW COACHING STAFF BRINGS ‘SOFTBALL IQ’ TO THE PHS GIRLS’ SOFTBALL TEAM

Last year wasn't the best for the PHS girls' softball team. Under the leadership of a new coaching staff, the Lady Pirates won only three games.

"It was a rough year," said Assistant Coach Amanda Halpin. Last year was an orientation and evaluation process for us. We were getting the girls used to the new system, getting them used to us and building relationships. We learned a lot, and we improved a bunch. It was a successful year for me because the girls never gave up. They kept working hard and improved over time, which will hopefully start showing better results this year."

Halpin said the orientation period proved to be a valuable one that influenced the coaches' direction for the team this year.

"We concentrated on hitting mechanics this year, playing a little bit faster now that we have a better basic fundamental base underneath us. The third thing we're working on is softball IQ, teaching the girls to understand the game, no matter the situation. We didn't have a very high softball IQ last year, and we're working to improve that again this year.

Asked if the coaching staff had picked out any players the coaches felt would do well this year, Halpin said, "I don't like naming individuals," she said. "I feel that tears the team apart. I'd rather just say, 'Hey, we're going to need nine girls working hard — or 26 girls — working hard in order to be successful. We really push the 'we factor.' We don't want anybody standing out because as good as one person is, they need their teammates to be successful.

While the team struggled last year, Halpin is confident things are turning around for the better.

"The senior class is strong in leadership, and most of them played quite a bit last year, so most of them will be starting. I'm really looking for my senior class to be the role models for the freshmen that we need them to be this year. So far, they have done a great job of leading this team in a positive way."



## PHS Softball Roster

NAME	GRADE	Brink, Maddison	11	Cowell, Lillian	9
Gremaud, Caroline	12	Triller, Gretchen	11	Robles, Ava	9
Ebersohl, Taylor	12	Schweiss, Jocelyn	11	Pingel, Braelynne	9
Johnson, Alexandria	12	Lohmann, Norah	11	Pingel, Brooklynne	9
Seabaugh, Marley	12	Peeler, Alyson	11	Wall, Mallory	9
Schumer, Clara	12	Richardet, Madyson	11	Difani, Olivia	9
Williams, Kara	12	Gremaud, Madeleine	10		
Wengert, Rhylee	12	Kishbaugh, Kylie	9		

## PHS Softball Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	9/23	at Fredericktown	4:30 p.m.
8/27	Softball Jamboree	TBA	9/24	North County	4:30 p.m.
9/3	East Carter	5 p.m.	9/27-28	Windsor Tourney	TBA
9/3	at Central (Cape)	7 p.m.	9/30	Festus	4:30 p.m.
9/7	at Chaffee Varsity Tourney	TBA	10/1	at Saxony Lutheran	4:30 p.m.
9/10	at Sikeston	4:30 p.m.	10/3	at DeSoto	4:30 p.m.
9/12	Hillsboro	4:30 p.m.	10/8	at Windsor	4:30 p.m.
9/16	Kelly	4:30 p.m.	10/9	Notre Dame	4:30 p.m.
9/17	at Herculanenum	4:30 p.m.	10/10	at Farmington	4:30 p.m.
9/19	at Jefferson	4:30 p.m.	10/14	Chaffee	4:30 p.m.



# PHS GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL TEAM HOPES TO OPEN THE SEASON STRONG LIKE LAST YEAR



Coach Elizabeth Meyr is proud to say that the PHS girls' volleyball team had a great season last year.

"Last year, we started out strong," she said. "We won the Woodland Tournament. Then we had about five injured players throughout the entire season, mostly upperclassmen, so we ended the season with five freshmen on the varsity team. One of our main seniors told her ACL half-way through the season, so that was a little tough on the team.

Looking ahead to the new season, Meyr said, "We are returning everyone who finished the season besides one player who was our libero. So, we're looking to beat last year's record and hopefully start out with a good showing at the Woodland Tournament again this year.

When asked who the team standouts are this season, Meyr said, "I think that, as a whole, we have a really good group of girls. We're still really young, but we have a good core group. Everyone gets along, and everyone's focusing on teamwork this year, so I'd hate to say one player or the other is a standout.

"We have a few players who are playing their third season. We're looking forward to one of our setters, Allyson Burns playing her third season, along with Jewel Riney and Maria Mattingly. This will also be varsity starter Ellie Gerler's third season. Last year, she played with two pins in her thumb, and this year, she's recovering from an injury on her other hand. She'll be able to touch the ball for the first time at our first game, besides her 14 practices."

According to Meyr, many of the girls on the team started out young but are now seniors.

"We still have a pretty young team as a whole," she said. "The girls I coached my very first year in the eighth grade are now seniors. I'm pretty excited about starting out with them in the eighth grade and then watching them end the season. It will be a pretty awesome moment. We also have a new person on our coaching staff. Her name is Trinity Riny. So currently our high school program is coached completely by volleyball alumni from the school.

## PHS Volleyball Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	9/24	at Hillsboro	7 p.m.
9/3-6	at Woodland Tourney	TBA	10/2	North County	6:30 p.m.
9/5	at Central (Cape)	7 p.m.	10/5	Perryville Tourney	TBA
9/9	Herculaneum	7 p.m.	10/7	at Valle Catholic	7:30 p.m.
9/10	Leopold	7 p.m.	10/9	at Northwest	7 p.m.
9/14	at North County Tourney	TBA	10/14	at Central (Park Hills)	6:30 p.m.
9/16	at Notre Dame	7 p.m.	10/15	St. Vincent	7:30 p.m.
9/17	Windsor	7 p.m.	10/17	Festus	7 p.m.
9/19	at DeSoto	7 p.m.	10/21	Dexter	TBA
9/23	Jefferson	7 p.m.			

## PHS Volleyball Roster

NAME	#	GRADE	Manuela Robinson	13	10
Maria Mattingly	2	12	Sunny Carroll	17	10
Charli Gerler	3	9	Lexi Schemel	22	10
Jewel Riney	4	12	Ellie Gerler	23	12
Elise Lauck	5	12	Allyson Burns	33	11
Lydia Schimpert	6	11	Paige Berkbigler	34	10
Reese Behrle	11	11			

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# PHS BAND TAKING A JOURNEY TO THE NORTHERN LIGHTS IN 2024

Beginning his 13th year as the band director at Perryville High School, Jerry Childers said the band, made up of 78 instrumentalists and color guard, has been hard at work since the beginning of summer.

"We started up our band camp in late July — two weeks of band camp for our entire band and two-and-a-half with our percussion and color guard," he said. "That's when our work begins as we cover all of the basics of marching and how to play an instrument on the inside and outside the building in preparation for a performance."

The band is currently working on a program titled "Aurora" that takes listeners on a journey to the Northern Lights. Describing the program, its creator, Luke McMillan, said, "This production captures the beauty of these natural phenomena. It's a celebration of the breathtaking spectacle that nature paints above us, leaving you in awe of the world's natural wonders."

The program will feature songs that include "In the Air Tonight" by Phil Collins, "Rewrite the Stars" from The Greatest Showman, as well as original music by McMillan.

The band will also participate in several marching competitions as in previous years.

"We'll be going to Farmington and one called "Music on the Merrimack" that they hold at Fox High School in Arnold," Childers said. "We'll also be going to the Sikeston Marching Competition and Ste. Genevieve Marching Invitational."

With all the hard work necessary for the band to perform at its very best, Childers is always glad when his students get a little extra recognition.

"They definitely deserve it," he said.



## PERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND

### THE DIRECTORS ARE:

**JERRY CHILDERS**

- Band Director

**JACOB BAGOT**

- Band Director

**RACHEL LIKERT**

- Colorguard Director

### FLUTE:

*Rosemarie Baker*

*Isabella Brewer*

*Allison Cowell*

*Laura Dunn*

*Taylor Ebersohl*

*Kristina Kishbaugh*

*Abigail Lambert*

*Natalie Lohmann*

*Sophie Michael*

*Alyson Peeler*

*Adam Perea*

### CLARINET:

*Kiersta Boyett*

*Kathryn Broeking\**

*Artis Dickerson*

*Nathan Geringer*

*Ava Robles*

*Hazel Mudge*

*Addalyn Weibrecht*

*Kiersta Boyett*

*Ella Hemmingway*

*Chris Linhorst*

*Taylor Racca*

*Aleah Terry*

*Claire Zahner*

### SAXOPHONE:

*Blake Bodendieck*

*Sofia Buerck*

*Chloe Cox*

*Taylor Cox*

*Anthony Del Rosario*

*Cara Fulmer*

*Ben Lappe*

*Dylan McClain*

### TRUMPET:

*Lucas Neal*

*Jade Reed*

*Gabe Santora*

*Ziva Thurman*

*Gretchen Triller\**

*Ayden Turbeyville*

### MELLO:

*Emily Baker*

*Kara Hotop*

*Landon Hudson*

*Trenton Lorenz\**

### BARITONE:

*Camryn Heim*

*Case Miesner*

### TROMBONE:

*Preston Cooper*

*Brylee Friedman*

*Savannah Kemp*

*Millie Zahner*

### SOUSAPHONE:

*Cecillia Spencer-Hayes*

*Grady Warren*

### DRUMLINE:

*Alexa Hagan*

*Olivia Iffert*

*Logan Krauss*

*Riley Martens*

*Wes Pfaff\**

*Derek Riney*

*Lynlea Seabaugh*

### FRONT ENSEMBLE:

*Alex Courtois*

*John Darin*

*William Davis*

*Quade Overbey*

*Rodney Rauh*

*Dominic Roberts*

*Ayla Schuler\**

*Brian Stortz*

### DRUM MAJOR:

*Hallie Figge*

*Makayla Iffert*

### COLORGUARD:

*Abigayle Barton*

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