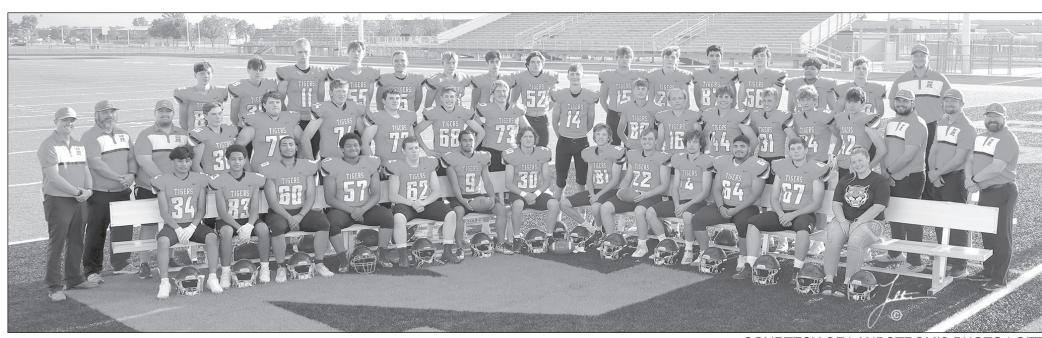






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Front row, from left: Aaron Lucio-Garcia, Leon Waldner, Jemere Carter, Mark Anderson, Domonic Poria, Thackary Hansen, Jonathan Peterson, Logan Leyendecker, Kolby Hofer, Colton McNeil, Daniel Garcia-Tovar, Elliot Hartman and Erianna DeVries. Second row: coach Dru Strand, coach Brice Anderson, Tanner Sporrer, Tyce Huber, Kaiden Adams, Regan Derksen, Jaxon Greenfield, Brycen North, Cordin Caudell, Chase Schuchhardt, Ty Kleinsasser, Copper Bischoff, Jeremy Hofer, Zachary Scheer, Deigo Colon, coach Carson Britzman, coach Clayton Wahlstrom and coach Mike Radke. Back row: James Schultz Jr., Anderson Porisch, Nolan Stahly, Mason Jurgens, Riley Winegar, Shawn Messimore, Charlie Martin, Blake Ellwein, Landon Hulst, Gunner Harris, Brycen Pimental, Oliver Stansfield, Allen Mejia-Garcia, Oakley Anderson and coach Cory Weeks.

## **Huron football**

### BY BENJAMIN CHASE

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — The Huron Tigers Football team made a return to the postseason last vear for the first time since the 2020 season last fall, doubling the win total with four wins after two seasons at 2-7. Coach Dru Strand hopes that the 2024 season can be a step toward future growth for the program.

"Getting those wins last year really put us on the right track with what we are trying to accomplish within the Huron Tiger football program," Strand said. "It is time to compete in games this year where we might be a little bit of the underdog."

He continued, "I thought last year the team did a great job of winning the games we were favored in and competing in most of the other games. We need to now turn the corner and get ourselves back in the middle of the pack by winning some games we might not be the favorite to

get back in the playoffs."

The challenge for Strand will be filling in a team that lost a number of multiple-season starters at skill positions and on the line. He believes that the Tigers have experience in one of the positions it matters most, with starting quarterback Colt McNeil returning. Strand also identified returning running back Thackary Hanson as a major weapon at the running back spot due to his speed.

McNeil returns

throwing for 1,726 yards and 16 touchdowns with 10 interceptions last season as the starting quarterback. Hanson played behind senior Cashton Caudell, who ran for 872 yards and four touchdowns last season. Hanson did gain 109 yards in limited action with one touchdown.

The receiving corps will need to be remade this year after the Tigers' top four receivers in receptions in 2023 graduated. Logan Leyendecker and Jonathan Peterson

are the top returners, with seven receptions and a touchdown apiece last season.

potential height among this year's receiving group is a potential asset, in Strand's eyes. Junior Blake Ellwein (listed at 6'9") and sophomore Anderson Porisch (6'5") give the Tigers two towering targets in the passing game.

Defensively, leading tackler Kolby Hofer returns at

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# Huron volleyball

BY CURT NETTINGA

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — It's not a stretch to say that the 2023 Huron High School volleyball team overachieved. The Tigers had one experienced player returning to the court, there was a new head coach on the sideline and many more questions than answers one year ago.

But the team learned and grew, finishing 14-14 on the season and although the team missed a potential 15th straight trip to the Class AA State tournament, it is the learning and growing part that head coach Josh Lien, off for more than a year to fulfill a commitment to the S.D. National Guard, is seeking to build upon for this year's team.

"There is no doubt," Lien said in discussing the 2024 version of Tiger volleyball, "that the bruises that Ty (last year's coach TyAnn Ulmer) and this team took will benefit us this season."

Several Tigers graduated from that team — Kristina Johnson, Makenzie Siemonsma, Hamtyn Heinz, Sydney Severance, Madison Hershman,

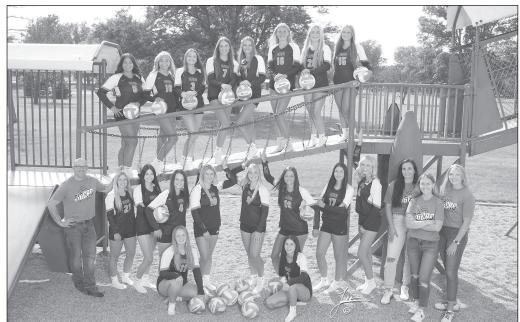
Kelsey Schuchhardt, Ireland Hernnrich and DaJai Claggett — however no loss will be felt more than the departure of Heinz. For the past three seasons, Heinz has been Huron's setter - the team's quarterback on the court - earning All-ESD and All-State honors along the way.

"Losing Hamtyn leaves big shoes to fill, without a doubt," Lien said. "I don't expect anyone to just step in and fill that gap." However, several players did graduate, there is a great deal of experience back for the upcoming season.

Returning starters from last season, senior hitter Samantha Mangmoradeth, junior outside hitter Aly Davis and junior libero Hylton Heinz should pick back up where they left off, with a year of experience and confidence under their belt.

Senior Aurora Dreyer had a great first half of the season last year and will be counted on to step back in as a right side hitter, while sophomore Addyson Knight, a transfer in from James Valley Christian, will contrib-

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Front row, from left: Camden Fuchs and Reagan Bischoff. Second row: coach Josh Lien, Taryn Cass, Kyla Peskey, Jencie Goergen, Aly Davis, Hylton Heinz, Hailey Rogers, Addy Knight, Chloe Carr, Coach Audrey Kopfmann, coach Elizabeth Raml and coach Brittany McClanahan. Back row: Sam Mangmoradeth, Paige Sherron, Ashlyn Grace, Alexis Ziegeldorf, Madalyn Grace, Aurora Dreyer, Kirsten DeGeest and Maddie Jurgens.

# **Huron** golf



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Fron row, from left: coach Kyle Johnson, coach Chris Rozell, David Emmert, Remington Wild, Connor Dragt, Sam Radke, Emrick DeDeyne, Matthew Olson, Jonah Tillman, Judson Gogolin, Kaleb Rashad and Badyn Hicky. Back row: Ben Kleinsasser, Riley Jankord and Jack Bales.

BY MIKE CARROLL

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — A pair of seniors will lead the Huron boys' golf team into the 2024 season.

Seniors Riley Jankord and Jack Bales fill leadership roles for the Tigers as the two golfers with the most varsity experience.

"These two seniors have played for a few years with varsity experience," Huron coach Kyle Johnson said. "I hope that they will be able to share their knowledge with the young golfers that we have coming up."

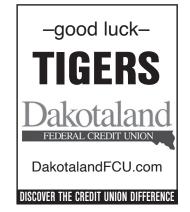
Ben Kleinsasser is the only other senior on the roster for the Tigers. Joining him as players who will be looked upon to fill key roles in the varsity lineup this season will be Jase Bales

and freshman Emrick DeDeyne. "We have many other young golfers who have made significant improvements from last year, as well," Johnson said.

Other upper classman on this year's roster, include juniors Sam Radke and Kaleb Rashaad, along with sophomores Conner Dragt, Matthew Olson and Remington Wipf.

While the start of the season may be a bit rough for the Tigers, Johnson is hoping that the experience gained in the early meets will pay off towards

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## **Huron tennis**

#### BY MIKE CARROLL

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — With five returning starters, including four seniors, the Huron girls' tennis team is looking for good things to happen this season.

The Tigers are coming off a fourth-place finish at the Class A State Tournament and coach Rachel Kary is looking for her team to challenge for a top finish once again at the state tournament.

"We bring a lot of varsity experience to the table this year, so using that to pull out wins in tough matches will certainly be helpful," Kary said. "It is a huge advantage for us."

Huron has a total of 11 seniors on the roster for the 2024 season.

"These ladies are definitely the leaders of the

team," Kary said. Senior Paw Kler Moo won an individual title in

fifth flight singles for the Tigers a year ago and she teamed with sophomore Say Glay to claim a championship at No. 3 doubles.

Moo moves up to fourth flight singles and will team with Glay again in second flight doubles. Glay was second for Huron last season in fourth

flight singles. She will move up to second flight singles this season.

Senior AnneClaire Rubish returns in the No. 1 singles for the Tigers this season. She advanced to

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Front row, from left: Avery Ashbaugh, Idella Meyer, Cadence Kogel, Tess Vlieger, Mya Shee, Say Glay and Blue Law Saw Sah Shee. Second row: Brooke Hunter, Jerika Kinney, Laurelis Feliz Medina, Ann Hoek, AnneClaire Rubish, Madeline Kleinsasser, Paw Kler Moo, Heather Escobar-Reyes, Avelia Colon-Rathjen and Maggie Perry. Third row: coach Rachel Kary, Moo Sher Say, Andreanna Medina, Blut Kue Ler, Jaslynn Horn, Josie Ptak, Paw Bor Wah, Katelin Snyder, and coach Joel Bergeson. Back row: Rose Tun, Paw Eh, Tatum Jones, Hay Nay Tha, Kerri Soto-Torres, Nahomy Reyes, Emmersyn McGillvrey, Hailey Schoenfelder, Katelyn Gibson, Aresia Dah, Ellie Puterbaugh and Ofir Valladares.

## Huron boys' soccer



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Front row, from left: Gabriel Dias Ponte, Christmas Htoo, Daniel Shee, Hei Moo Soe, Andy Morales Martin, Hosea Lay, Alfredo Francisco Madero, Hser Teeh Ler Pywe, Jameson Htoo and Jaxson Andru. Second row: Christopher Dah, Htee Sah Htoo, Da Klow Htoo, Ta Ha Saw, Edu Hernandez, Micah Larson, Tha Cho Gay, Pah Ra Sai, Mister Min, Aung Myit and Ler Hai Moo. Third row: coach Leah Branaugh, Ehnayclay Moo, Johnson Min, Teh Way Soe, Maner Htoo, Ktawn Gaw, Yo Yo, Klee Htoo, Marvin Perez, Emerson Lopez Ramos, Juan Arevalo Morataya and coach Baht Khin. Fourth row: Anthony Molina, Efrain Cuevas Soto, Saw Htoo, Htoo Say Zan, Tobias Soto Ramos, Diego Menjivar Molina, Eric Gutierrez Rodriguez and Gabino Lopez Lopez, Back row: Jim Wah and Brando Coco. Not pictured: Ronaldo Pineda, Eh Ja Beh Win and Lay Mwe Thaw.

#### BY BENJAMIN CHASE

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — In 2022, the Huron Tigers boys' soccer won the Eastern South Dakota (EŠĎ) Conference title and was ranked #1 for much of the season. Last year, the Tigers finished the year 4-7-3, falling in the first round of the playoffs.

Tigers coach Leah Branaugh says that her squad is consistently competitive, and the goal is to work toward full games of effort to take the next step as

'Huron boys' soccer has always been a competitive program since high school soccer became sanctioned 11 years ago," Branaugh stated. "I do see that trend contending.

She continued, "The boys know they have the ability to beat any team out there if they can put together 80 quality minutes. We have to limit errors and make smart decisions when we have the ball in order to really take it to the next level."

Branaugh's squad will be led by a strong group of returning players. She identifies three seniors who have played on varsity since 8th grade - Ta Ha Saw, Lay Mwe Thaw, and Ronaldo Pineda. Aung Myit is another senior that has been a three-year starter.

"The boys are hard-working and have a love for the game that turns into a strength with their determination to succeed and win," Branaugh discussed. "One challenge will of course be filling the gaps of the seniors we lost last year and the leadership that they provided."

Branaugh also identified one challenge that is fairly unique to Huron. "We always have the challenge of communication," she explained. "We have

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## Huron girls' soccer

### BY BENJAMIN CHASE

OF THE PLAISNMAN HURON — Huron Tigers girls' soccer coach Teresa Peterson is in her second year at the helm

of the program. She says that with each game, the girls are showing improvement in understanding different roles and responsibilities on

identifies

Paw Kyi, and Eh Lu Paw as the captains of the

the field.

Peterson

team. The Tigers have five seniors this year - midfielders Day Lu Paw, Hser Da Say, and Win Ni, defender Naw Paw Tha Lay Htoo, and forward Cadence Kogel.

juniors Yoselyn Yanes,

Sophomores Wai Wai Lin and Aleshka Oyola-Rodriguez and frosh Snow Wah and Allyson Trujillo-Cordova were identified by Peterson as players who are new to varsity and could have an impact for the team this year.

While Huron has had a tough run of late, not recording a goal since Sept. 7, 2021, in a loss to Brookings, Peterson believes the change for the program will have to happen before the varsity level.

"I believe one way (to take the step to competitiveness) is finding a way to build interest in girls' soccer at a younger level and keeping them through middle school and beyond," Peterson

Peterson sees Harrisburg and Rapid City Stevens as the top two team in the state this year.

### Schedule

Aug. 16 at Brandon Valley Aug. 23 vs. Rapid

City Central Aug. 24 vs. Rapid

City Stevens Aug. 27 at Garretson

Sept. 3 at Aberdeen Central Sept. 5 vs. Tea Area Sept. 10 vs. Brookings

Sept. 12 vs. Mitchell Sept. 17 at Yankton Sept. 21 at Sioux Falls

Roosevelt Sept. 24 at O'Gorman

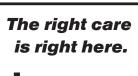
Sept. 26 at Watertown Oct. 1 vs. Pierre

Oct. 3 vs. Harrisburg



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Front row, from left: Lisa Way, Christina Paw, Keylliam Sotomayor-Ramos, Neidy Oxlaj-Alvarado, Alessandra Trujillo-Cordova, Jasmine Htoo, Nadzielli Octavo-Florez, Camilla Candelas-Gonzalez, Iris Dubon, Ohanna South and Gylvanna Esmurria Cruz. Second row: manager Dulce, coach Teresa Peterson, Kimberly Dubon, Kee Ler Paw, Paw Kyi, Win Ni, Day Lu, Da Say, Naw Paw Htoo, Cadence Kogel, Hai Ku Paw and Yoselyn Yanes. Third row: manager Paw Hser, coach Katelyn Duba, Melinda Morales-Chile, Maria Gay, Mi Aie Chan, Shar Pawlay, Wai Wai Lin, Yaziely Sotomayor-Ramos, Araceli Orozco-Castaneda, Juess Say, Baw Law Eh, Sabrina Taw and Lah Poe Soe. Fourth row: K Paw Paw, Paw Wah, Eh Ku Lu Paw, Naw Soe, Aleshka Oyola-Rodriguez, Moo Say and Snow Wah. Back row: Eh Ku Shee, Hser Wah, Allyson Trujillo-Cordova and Poe Lin. Not pictured: Angela Reyes, manager December Lwin, and manager Moo Chri Paw.





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# James Valley Christian soccer

Nickname: Vikings Coach: Jory Wipf Record: 188-92-23 Asst. Coach: Jake Thielbar Conference: NA Region: NA Record last season: 6-7-2 Years coaching at school: 25 Overall coaching Years: 25th (20th

for soccer) Lettermen lost: 7 Lettermen returning: 14

Top returning prospects): Noah Fast-FR. Midfielder; Gavin Waldner-SO. Midfielder; Isaac Wipf- JR. defender; Kolby VanDerWerff- JR. midfielder.

Other returning prospects: Jonah Niederbaumer- FR. Goalkeeper; Cole Anderson- SO. Defender; Luke Miller-SO. Defender; Jayven VanScharrel-SO. midfielder/ goalkeeper; Carson Dorris- 8th midfielder; Skylar Thielbar-8th forward; Keegan Loewen-FR. Midfielder; Keeghann Hood- FR. forward/ goalkeeper; Jonah Miller- 8th grade forward; Natallia Hood- 8th grade defender.

Coaches comments: These kids played a lot last year but we are very young overall and will focus on investing in getting better every day. I expect to see much improvement by the end of the season. We will need some young athletes to be productive on the field and will be looking for some to take on leadership roles.

#### Schedule

Aug. 17 at Sioux Falls Christian Aug. 24 at Vermillion Aug. 30 at Belle Fourche

Aug. 31 at St. Thomas More Sept. 6 at Freeman Academy Sept. 10 at Groton Area

Sept. 14 vs. Rapid City Christian Sept. 17 vs. Freeman Academy

Sept. 20 vs. Hot Springs

Sept. 21 vs. Custer Sept. 24 at West Central

Sept. 26 vs. Groton Area Sept. 29 at Dakota Valley

Oct. 3 vs. Mitchell



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Front row, from left: Mason Anderson, Kasen Ober, Jonah Miller, Skylar Thielbar, Milo Glanzer, Riley Hagen and Natallia Hood. Second row: coach Jory Wipf, Jason Cho, Noah Fast, Keegan Loewen, Jonah Niederbaumer, Keeghann Hood, Carson Dorris, Isaac Fast and coach Jake Thielbar. Back row: Luke Miller, Gian Estrada, Cole Anderson, Jayven VanSharrel, Kolby VanDerWerff, Isaac Wipf and Gavin Waldner. Not pictured: Monty Gross.

# James Valley Christian volleyball



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Front row, from left: Liv Gross, Eliana Van Scharrel, Grace Wipf, Autumn Stahl and Nave Gross. Second row: Kaitlyn Stahl. Back row: coach Becky Wipf, coach Lorena Blom, Morgan Papka, Addie Kleinsasser, Ella Anderson, Charlee Zaijek, and coach Marissa Brondsema.

Nickname: Lady Vikings Coach: Becky Wipf Conference: 281 Region: 2B Years coaching at school: 10

Overall coaching years: 10 Record last year: 15-12 Lettermen lost: 10

Lettermen returning: 0

Returning starters: 0 Coaches comments: We are a very young and inexperienced team. The girls are working hard, learning to play together, and get better at volleyball. They are upbeat and are making good progress. I look forward to seeing our growth from the beginning of the season to the end of the season.

Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois

Sept. 3 vs. Highmore-Harrold Sept. 5 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Sept. 7 at Flandreau Tournament

Sept. 12 at Corsica-Stickney Sept. 16 at Howard

Sept. 21 at Hamlin Tournament

Sept. 24 vs. De Smet Sept. 26 vs. Wolsey-Wessington

Oct. 3 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Forestburg Oct. 8 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rut-

land in Rutland Oct. 15 vs. Estelline/Hendricks Oct. 17 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy

Oct. 22 vs. Wessington Springs Oct. 29 at Andes Central/Dakota Christian

# James Valley Christian cross country

Nicknam: Vikings

Coach: Tom Brantner / Andrea Olson (Assistant)

Conference: 281 Region: 1B

Years coaching at school: 12 Overall coaching years: 12 Lettermen returning: 8

Returning starters: 8 Top returning prospects: Hadasah Olson (7th State); Dax Frandsen (17th at state in 2022, injured last season); Kaden Ober 45th at state.

Coaches comments: We have a young team with lots of potential and we are excited to see what they can do as the season progresses

### Schedule

Aug. 30 at John Collignon Invitational in Madi-

Aug. 31 Andy's Road Race in Huron Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite

Sept. 16 at Webster Invite

Sept. 21 Clyde Cotton Invite in Huron

Sept. 26 at Clark/Willow Lake Invitational in

Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational

Oct. 10 at Ethan/Parkson Meet

Oct. 16 at Region 1B Meet in Webster Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City

Oct. 5 at Action Club Meet in Highmore Oct. 7 at Howard Invite



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Front row, from left: assistant coach Andrea Olson, Giddeon Waldner, Nay Hendrickson, Levi Crandall, Kaden Ober and head coach Tom Brantner. Second row: Joel Olson, Tayne Herrmann and Dax Frandsen. Third row: Elisabeth Hamilton, Hadasah Olson, Micaiah Brantner and Rylin Wipf. Back row: student manager Belle Niederbaumer, Daril Frandsen and Andee Frandsen.



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# De Smet volleyball

Nickname: Lady Bull-

Coach: Vick Dylla Conference: (Dakota Valley Conference) and LCC (Lake Central Conference)

Region: 2B coaching Years school: 5

Overall coaching years: 5

Lettermen lost: 0 Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 6 Top returning prospects: Hazel Luethmers (middle hitter, Junior, 2023 stats: 56 blocks, 28 ace serves, 275 kills, 102 digs); Megan Dylla (setter, Junior, 2023 stats: 27 ace serves, 315 kill assists, 173 digs); Mirra Beck (outside hitter, Senior, 2023 stats: 19 ace serves, 140 kills, 206 digs).

Other returning prospects: Brooke Jennings (OH, Junior); Ivey Schoenfelder (MH, Junior).

Coach's comments: We were an incredibly young team last year with running almost all sophomores with only a couple juniors on the varsity team. These girls have worked hard to get stronger, smarter, and more unified for this season.

Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. Howard Aug. 29 vs. Deubrook

Sept. 3 at Wolsey-Wessington

Sept. 5 at Colman-Sept. 10 vs. Deuel

Sept. 14 at Clark/Willow Lake Tournament in Clark

Sept. 17 vs. Sioux Val-

Sept. 19 vs. Elkton-Lake Benton

Sept. 21 at Iroquois/ Lake Preston Tournament in Lake Preston

Sept. 24 at James Valley Christian

Oct. 1 vs. Clark/Willow Lake in Willow Lake Oct. 3 vs. Estelline/ Hendricks in Estelline

Oct. 8 vs. Iroquois/ Lake Preston in Iroquois Oct. 10 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland

Oct. 15 vs. Hamlin Oct. 17 vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary

Oct. 19 at Tournament Oct. 22 at Castlewood Oct. 29 vs. Arlington

Front row, from left: coach Vicki Dylla, Harper Anderson, Ivey Schoenfelder, Brooke Jennings, Hazel Luethmers, Megan Dylla, Mirra Beck, Alyssa Asleson, Aubree Blue, Audi Currier and assistant coach Alex Wolkow. Back row: Charli McCune, Kody Rowcliffe, Jordyn Gilligan, Kenna Currier, Sophia Gigov, Allie Schaefer, Izy Bendorf, Charlotte Fields, Ava Poppinga, Karlie Stofferahn, Britney Coleman and Bella Ward.

## De Smet football

Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Kimball/White Lake in Kimball Aug. 30 vs. Garretson

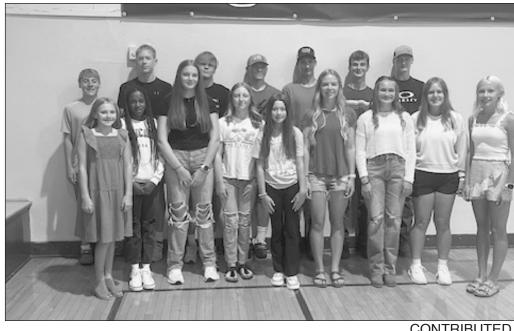
Sept. 6 at Hanson

Sept. 13 vs. Elkton-Lake Benton

Sept. 27 vs. Florence/Henry in Henry

Oct. 4 vs. Hamlin Oct. 11 vs. Great Plains Lutheran Oct. 18 vs. Estelline/Hendricks in Estelline

## De Smet cross country



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Front row, from left: Cambria Gross, Alaina Albrecht, Jaidynn Geidd, Arabel Aughenbaugh, Addy Schaeffer, Bella Wilkinson, Adalyn Gross, Savannah Larson and Gemma Luethmers. Back row: Jo Botkin, Noah Luethmers, Kaleb Johnson, Owen Anderson, Donovan Sandven, Chase Temme and Gabe Aughenbaugh.

Nickname: Bulldogs Coach: Cory Haugen Conference: DVC, LCC Region: 2B Years coaching at school: 5 Overall coaching years: 7 Lettermen lost: 4 Lettermen returning: 11

Top returning prospects: Chase Temme 11 (23rd LCC and 24th DVC and 99th at STATE); Gabriel Aughenbagh 10 (24th LCC and 27th DVC); Jo Botkin 10 (22nd LCC and 21st DVC and 22nd region); Bella Wilkinson 9 (16th @ Don Ray Invite and MCCM Invite); Adalyn Gross 10 (10th LCC, 4th DVC, 42nd at STATE).

Other returning prospects: Noah Luethmers 10, Owen Anderson 10, Gemma Luethmers 8.

Coach's comment: Eager to start another year of running. We have a great core of young runners returning for the men, with Chase Temme being the lone returner from state. He will set the example and tone for the rest of the guys. I look forward to a big year for the men as a team. Addy Gross is

a 2 time state runner so she will set the tone for the girls side with some younger girls following her (Gemma Luethmers and Bella Wilkinson are names to watch). The girls are young but eager to be running so it will make for a fun year!

Schedule

Sept. 3 at McCook Central/Montrose Invite Sept. 12 De Smet Booster Invite

Sept. 16 at Arlington Invitational Sept. 23 at Deuel Invite Sept. 28 at Castlewood Invite

Oct. 7 at Lake Central Conference Meet in Clear Lake

Oct. 2 at Colman-Egan Invite

Oct. 9 at Dakota Valley Conference Meet in Arlington

Oct. 16 at Region 2B Meet in Ar-

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City

## **VOLLEYBALL:**

ute as a front row player right off the bat, as will 6-foot junior Chloe Carr, as she returns to play after being out with injury last season.

Jencie Goergen, a junior, will be the setter for Lien, facilitating his offense as the season begins, but the coach is open to trying a different approach if it will benefit his team. "Jencie has the most reps and the most comfort with our hitters," Lien said. "For many years, Huron has employed a one-setter offense, what we call a 6-1 set, but we have been playing around with maybe using a 5-2, adding freshman setter Reagan Bischoff to the mix, if it will help us defensively, particularly at the net."

Attacking is one thing, but Huron's trademark has been tough as nails defense. Lead by Hylton Heinz from her libero position, an interchangeable group including seniors Madelyn Grace, Madison Jurgens and Kirsten De-Geest, along with juniors Hailey Rogers and Taryn Cass are all in the 5-3 to 5-5 height area as defensive specialists.

"Those girls are all kind of plug-and-play and we will probably need play from many of them as the season progresses," Lien said.

Front liners Paige Sherron

(senior) junior Kyla Peskey and sophomore Camdyn Fuchs will bolster a strong front line and push for playing time this season

"We are asking the girls this season to build on our three covenants," Lien said - "Dedication, Grit and Gratitude."

"We have some experience, certainly, but our job as coaches is to determine what we can do to make our players better. Better passers, better defenders. Just

One of the ways Lien expects to make a difference is helping players keep an even keel. "We think of it as Green Light and Red Light," Lien explained. "Things are going great, balls are hitting the floor, everything is dandy and a player has a Green Light approach. But then if something goes wrong, that light starts to

Lien said it is his job to recognize those potential Red Light moments, and catch them from becoming worse. "I need to help keep mistakes from snowballing and becoming bigger."

He said the team had an outstanding summer at camps and tournaments, including facing some top competition in Harrisburg. "You have heard the adage

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that 'Iron sharpens iron' right?" he asked. "Well, we faced some iron this summer and we will benefit from that as we go along. We grew a great deal this sum-

In the ESD, Lien said that Harrisburg is really the team to beat. The "other" Tigers in the ESD capped a perfect season with a AA championship last year and lost nobody from that squad.

Lien is assisted by Audrey Kopfmann, Brittany McClanahan and Lizzy Raml.

Schedule

Aug. 27 at Tea Area Aug. 31 Huron Invitational Sept. 7 vs. Aberdeen Central Sept. 10 at Watertown Sept. 16 vs. Yankton

Sept. 19 at Harrisburg Sept. 24 at Aberdeen Central Sept. 26 vs. Brookings Oct. 1 v.s. Sioux Falls Washing-

Oct. 3 at Sioux Falls Lincoln

Oct. 8 vs. Pierre Oct. 12 at Rapid City Central Oct. 15 at Sioux Falls Roosevelt

Oct. 17 vs. Sioux Falls Jefferson Oct. 22 at Pierre Oct. 29 vs. Mitchell

Nov. 5 vs. O'Gorman Nov. 7 at Brandon Valley

## **FOOTBALL:**

linebacker. Peterson and sophomore defensive back Mason Jurgens return after strong seasons last year. Strand states that he hopes to utilize speed on defense to force turnovers and bring

Beyond replacing excellent graduating players, the Tigers will face what Strand identifies as "the toughest starting schedule we have ever had in Huron since I have been here." The coach identified Yankton, Pierre, and Tea Area as the top teams in 11AA, and those are the first three games on the schedule for the Tigers.

"It will give us a

good test to see what

various blitz packages.

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steps we have to make each week for the first weeks to know what we have to work on to stay competitive," Strand explained. "It will be very important that we come out of those games injury-free and compete in each

Schedule

Aug. 30 at Yankton Sept. 6 at Pierre Sept. 13 vs. Tea Area Sept. 20 vs. Sturgis Sept. 27 at Spearfish Oct. 4 vs. Douglas Oct. 11 at Aberdeen Oct. 18 vs. Mitchell

Oct. 24 vs. Brookings





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## **Hitchcock-Tulare football**

Nickname: Patriots Coach: Tom Salmen Years coaching at school: Coaching record: Record last year: 5-5 Lettermen lost: 5 Lettermen returning: 7 Returning starters: 7

Top returning prospects: Payton Chasing Hawk (senior, WR, 582 yards, 6 TD); Mikael Nelson (senior, C/DE, 36 tackles); Blaze Binger (senior, SL/OL, 107 yards 3 TD, 48 tackles, 4 sacks); Patrick Maynard (sophomore, TE, 300 yards, 6 TD); Dalton Rathjen (sophomore, G/NG, 39 tackles, 5 sacks); Preston Wipf (junior, TE/G/DT, 18 tackles, 3 sacks); Devin Enander (sophomore, WR).

Other returning prospects: Morgon Bottum (junior); Derek Johnson (sophomore); Aiden Frankenstein (sophomore); Max Gilbert (sophomore); Tucker Gilbert (freshman); Aiden Morehouse (junior); Riley Johnson (freshman), Reese Kuestermeyer (freshman).

Coach's comments: The key is coming together as a team, which means being able to trust your teammates to do their jobs while you are doing yours. My team is a great group of young men willing and ready to work hard, athletic and mobile.

Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Corsica-Stickney in Hitchcock

Aug. 29 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois Sept. 7 at Northwestern

Sept. 13 at Sully Buttes

Sept. 27 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Hitchcock

Oct. 4 vs. Ipswich in Tulare

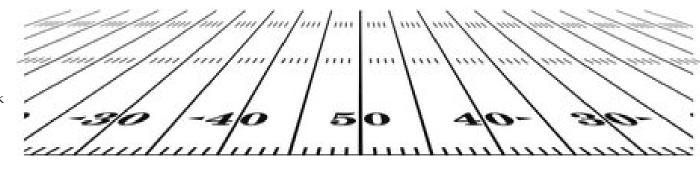
Oct. 11 vs. Faulkton Area in Tulare

Oct. 18 at Arlington



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Front row, from left: Riley Johnson, Gentry Puffer, Payton Chasing Hawk, Mikael Nielson, Blaze Binger, David Bixler and Hudson Hansen. Second row: coach Tom Salmen, Tucker Gilbert, Max Gilbert, Devin Enander, Patrick Maynard, Aiden Frankenstein, Dalton Rathjen, Reese Kuestermeyer, coach Mike Puffer and coach Garrett Schmidt. Back row: Aiden Morehouse, Neil Salmen, Preston Wipf, Morgon Bottum, **Derek Johnson and Tristan Nowell.** 



## Hitchcock-Tulare volleyball



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Front row, from left: Ella Johnson, Katelyn Schroeder, Isabel Gilbert and Emma Schneider. Second row: Laina Puffer, Olivia Knox, Avarie Estey and Cambree Hoekman. Third row: Emmerie Arthurs, Gracyn Bixler and Sienna Stoner. Back row: Keilee Schone, Cora Hofer, Rylee Knock, Regan Lutter, Tess Bixler, Rebecca Huizenga, Olivia Fasching and Lila Jo Johnson.

Nickname: Lady Patriots Coach: Jordan Ópp Conference: 281 Conference Region: Region 1B Years coaching at school: 19 Overall coaching years: 19 Coaching record: 290-225 Record last year: 24-8 Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 9 Returning starters: 7

Top returning prospects: Katelyn Schroeder (OH, Senior, 311/332 Serving with 38 Aces, 4.2 kills per set, 4.6 digs per set, 33 Total Blocks); Ella Johnson (OH, Senior, 362/410 Serving with 64 Aces, 2.3 kills per set, 2.4 digs per set); Isabel Gilbert (MH, Senior, 190/195 Serving with 18 Aces, 1.3 kills per set, 62 total Blocks); Rebecca Huizenga (MH, Junior, 2.1 kills per set, 43 Total Blocks); Lila Johnson (S/RH, Sophomore, 219/249 Serving with 30 Aces, 0.8 kills per set, 7.8 Assists/ set, 2.6 digs per set); Gracyn Bixler (S, Junior, 335/372 Serving with 33 Aces, 1.2 Assists per set, 2.0 digs per set); Cambree Hoekman (L, Junior, 237/260 Serving with 14 Aces 4.3 digs per set).

Other returning prospects: Cora Hofer (RH, Junior); Emma Schnieder (OH, Senior); Olivia Knox (DS, Sophomore- 72/83 Serving with 11 Aces); Emmerie Arthurs (DS- Sophomore-1.5 digs per set); Avarie Estey (DS- Junior); Regan Lutter (RS- Junior); Sienna Stoner (DS- Junior).

With all our starters returning, we are

Coach's comments: We are looking forward to getting the season started.

set up to have a great season. The girls have been working extremely hard all summer. A couple of areas that we must improve in are our serve/ receive and team defense. If we can improve those two parts of our game, our offense will be great as we have a great front line that can hit a variety of shots. We have high goals for this coming season, if we keep our focus and keep working hard, we are hoping to get back into the SoDak 16 match and hopefully make the State Tournament in November!

Schedule

Sept. 3 vs. Redfield in Tulare Sept. 5 vs. James Valley Christian in Hitchcock

Sept. 7 at Redhawks Tournament in Estelline Sept. 12 vs. Wolsey-Wessington in

Hitchcock Sept. 14 at Clark/Willow Lake

Tournament in Clark Sept. 17 vs. Aberdeen Christian in

Sept. 19 vs. Highmore-Harrold in

itchcock Sept. 24 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston

in Hitchcock

Oct. 1 at Sunshine Bible Academy

Oct. 8 at Warner

Oct. 10 at Miller

Oct. 16 at Castlewood

Oct. 17 vs. Ipswich in Tulare Oct. 22 vs. Sanborn Central/Woon-

socket in Forestburg

Oct. 25 vs. Sully Buttes in Tulare

Oct. 29 at Wessington Springs

# Hitchcock-Tulare cross country

Nickname: Patriots Coach: Sara McNeil Conference: 281 Region: 1B Years coaching at school: 14 Overall coaching years: 15 Lettermen lost: 2 Top returning prospects: Addy Ih-

Other returning prospects: Mat-

thew Salmen and Gavin Schneider, Breckan Estey, Brodie Boomsma. Coach's comments: We are a young

team, but most have experience with cross country. Most of our runners are only out for cross country (not dual sport athletes), so that will give us more time to focus on form and building our endurance. Most of all, Coach Boomsma and I want our runners to have a positive experience and learn to love running and cross country.

Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite Sept. 16 at Webster Invite Sept. 25 at Lakeside Invitational in Faulkton

Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational Oct. 5 at Action Club Meet in High-

Oct. 16 at Region 1B Meet in Web-

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City





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Front row, from left: Josie Wiebe, Brecken Estey, Gavin Schneider, Seth Smith and Addy Ihnen. Back row: coach Sara McNeil, Brodie Boomsma, manager Gracie Decker, Carson Miles, Matthew Salmen and coach Amanda Boomsma.







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## Miller volleyball

Nickname: Rustlers Coach: Linda DeBoer Conference: Big Dakota Conference and Central South Dakota Conference

Region: 6A

Years coaching at school: 32

Overall coaching years: 34

Coaching record: 724-259-2

Record last year: 29-8 Lettermen lost: 5

Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 5 Top returning prospects: Aleah Schlechter (RH, 12); Jolie Palmer (L, 11, 60-plus digs last year, Class A all-state, State A all-tournament team, career- 1000-plus digs); Paige Werdel (11, OH); Gracen Werdel (11,

MH). Other returning prospects: Olivia Resel (12, setter).

MH); Kate Lichty (11,

Coach's comments: The Rustlers are looking to push a quicker offense this season and use the experience of returning lettermen to go far in the post-season again this

year and make it back to the state A tourney.

Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. Kimball/ White Lake in White

Aug. 29 vs. Winner Aug. 31 vs. Sioux Falls Lutheran

Sept. 3 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli Sept. 5 vs. Sully Buttes

Sept. 10 at Warner Sept. 14 vs. Potter County in Hoven

Sept. 19 vs. Faulkton

Sept. 24 at Redfield Sept. 28 Central South Conference Dakota Tournament in Miller

Oct. 1 at Chamberlain Oct. 3 at Parkston Oct. 8 vs. Mt. Vernon/ Plankinton in Plankin-

Oct. 10 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare

Oct. 15 vs. Platte-Geddes Oct. 19 Miller Invita-

tional Oct. 21 vs. Wolsey-

Wessington Oct. 25 at Ethan

Oct. 29 vs. Highmore-Harrold



Front row, from left: Briley Resel, Avery Pugh, Haylie Rieck, Jessa Resel, Jordyn Pugh, Autumn Flor, Bailey Brueggeman, Brylee Wallman and Taytum Gortmaker. Second row: Mohrgan Werdel, Maddie Rogers, Gracen Werdel, Aleah Schlechter, Ashlynn Otto, Jolie Palmer and Adeline Mutschelknaus. Back row: Abby Boomsma, Charlee Jensen, Paige Werdel, Faith Baumberger, Madelyn Moorhouse, Kaihlyn Anderberg, Emma Pugh, Olivia Resel, Olivia Nye and Hailey Werdel. Not pictured: Kate Lichty.









## Miller cross country



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Front row, from left: Hans Otteson, Mia Jones, Kynslee Mushitz, Wyatt Moser, Easton VanDerWerff, Graham Munger, Jake Werdel, Morah Swartzendruber and Lauryn Stevens. Second row: Lucas Runge, Brystal Wallman, Lillian Bowar, Rhett Munger, Gabby Werdel, Allie Gortmaker, Joey Swartzendruber, Nora VanZee and Blake Hofer. Back row: Blaten Werdel, Olivia Odden, Quinn Hurd, Owen Kahler, Kimberly Sievers, Madeline Nye, Jaymin VanDerWerff, Pierce Baumberger, Isaiah Gortmaker and Alexander VanZee.

Nickname: Rustlers

Head Coach – Tom McGough

Assistant Coaches – Hannah Caffee, Jennie Caffee Conferences – Big Dakota & Central Conference Region – 4A

Years Coaching Cross Country at Miller – 43 years – Cross Country – 39 years

Overall Years Coaching - 50 years

Lettermen lost: 1

Returning Athletes – Girls: Madeline Nye (state qualifier), Gabby Werdel (state qualifier), Allie Gortmaker, Lillian Bower, Joey Swartzendruber, Brystal Wallman, Quinn Hurd, Morah Swartzendruber,

Boys: Pierce Baumberger (Class A Top All-State, Top 25 All-Classes All-State), Isaiah Gortmaker (state qualifier), Jaymin VanDerWerff (state qualifier); Alexander VanZee, Blayten Werdel, Owen Kahler, Easton VanDerWerff, Wyatt Moser,

Newcomers - Girls: Lauryn Stevens, Mia Jones, Olivia Odden, Kynslee Mushitz, Nora VanZee, Kimberly Sievers; Boys: Jake Werdel, Blake Hofer, Hans Otteson, Graham Munger, Rhett Munger, Lucas Runge

Coach's Comments – Each year brings renewed excitement and anticipation. This season we have a host of newcomers who joined our program. They, along with our returning athletes, provides a setting of renewed expectation.

## Miller/Highmore-Harrold football

Nickname: Rustlers Coach: Michael Barnaud Years Coaching at School: 1 Overall Coaching Years: 8 Last Year record: 2-6 Lettermen lost: 7

Lettermen returning: 21 Returning Starters: 6 offense 5

Top Returning Prospects: Isaak Hunter (Jr, WR); Colby Kolda (Sr.-Running Back, LB); Caleb Roth (WR, S); Marshall Conkey (OL,DL); Derik Brueggeman (QB).

Coach's comments: Our goal is to improve week-by-week to be the best version of ourselves by the end of the season. We believe that our destiny is in our own hands and try to block out external factors we have no control over. We hope our work translates to have an excellent 2024 season.

### Schedule

Aug. 30 at Hot Springs Sept. 6 vs. Mobridge-Pollock Sept. 13 at Chamberlain Sept. 20 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli

Sept. 27 at Winner Oct. 4 vs. Woonsocket/

Springs/Sanborn Wessington Central in Forestburg

Oct. 11 vs. Mt. Vernon/ Plankinton

Oct. 18 vs. Wagner

## Schedule

Aug. 31 at Mitchell Invite Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite

Sept. 6 at Augustana Twilight Meet Sept. 12 at De Smet Booster Invite

Sept. 14 at Ipswich Meet

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Sept. 14 Huron Double Dual

Sept. 21 at Aberdeen Invite

Sept. 23 vs. Brandon Valley

(Watertown, Brookings)

Watertown

Sept. 19 at Big Dakota Conference Meet in Cham-

Sept. 25 at Lakeside Invitational in Faulkton Sept. 30 Miller Invitational

Oct. 5 at Action Club Meet in Highmore

Oct. 17 at Region 4A Meet in Chamberlain Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City

## **TENNIS:**

the fifth-place semifinals at state a year ago.

Senior Ann Hoek was fourth for Huron in No. 3 singles last season. She occupies the same spot this season.

Rubish and Hoek will combine to play No. 1 doubles for the Tigers this season. Rubish teamed with Lizzy Heinen to finish third in No. 1 doubles last season.

The other senior returning to the starting lineup for Huron is Madeline Kleinsasser, who was fourth last year at No. 6. She moves up to play No. 5 singles this season and will team with freshman Idella Meyer in No. 3 doubles.

"They all placed at state last year," Kary said of the team leaders. "We have placed fourth at state the last two years and I look forward to a strong finish again this year."

Moo moves up to fill the No. 2 singles spot this season for the Tigers, while Meyer will occupy the No. 6 singles spot.

With a senior-dominate roster this season, Kary is thankful to have a good numbers of players on the roster to fill in when the time comes.

"We have a strong group of 9th, 10th and 11th graders on the team this year," Kary said. "They all played very well in our challenge matches at the beginning of the season and will have the opportunity to play in some matches throughout the season.

"All of these girls will need to step up this season with four varsity players graduating," she said.

Sioux Falls Christian is the defending Class A champion. The Chargers will be one of the favorites to win it all again, according to Kary.

"Sioux Falls Christian and Rapid City Christian will be some tough competition for us at state, but I think we will be right in there for another top 4 finish," she said.

The 2024 Class A State Tournament is scheduled for Oct. 7-8 in Rapid City.

### Schedule

Aug. 13 at Aberdeen Roncalli Triangular

Aug. 16 at Harrisburg Double Dual Aug. 17 at Pierre Triangular

Aug. 20 at Sioux Falls Christian Triangular Aug. 22 vs. Rapid City

Christian Aug. 23-24 at Madison Invi-

tational Aug. 31 at Brookings Invite Sept. 5 at Madison Double Dual

Sept. 30 at Eastern South Dakota Conference Meet in

Oct. 1 at Eastern South Dakota Conference Meet in Watertown

Oct. 7-8 at State Meet in Rapid City



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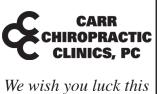


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# Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/ Sanborn Central football

Nickname: hawks

Michael Coach: Schmitz

Conference: SESD Years coaching at school: 1

coaching Overall years: 22

Record last year: 7-1 Lettermen lost: 4

Lettermen returning: Returning starters: 10

Top returning prospects: QB Holden Havlik (6′3/215 SR); WR Ryder Michalek (6'3/180 SR); TE Colby Flowers (6'4/180 JR); RB Tyson Eddy (5'10/175 SR); LB Bryce Larson (6'0/190 SR); DL Caleb Kneen (5'10/185 SR); LB Payton Uecker (5'11/175 SR).

Other returning prospects: Rylan Grassel (OL/DL, SR); McCoy Shulz (TE, JR); Robbie Hine (OL/DL, SR).

Coach's comments:

lot of fun to coach and work with. If we keep up the energy and intensity, we should have a very good year. These kids play hard and play as a team.

### Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan in Bridgewater

Aug. 30 vs. Lead-Deadwood Wessington Springs

Sept. 13 vs. Webster Area in Wessington

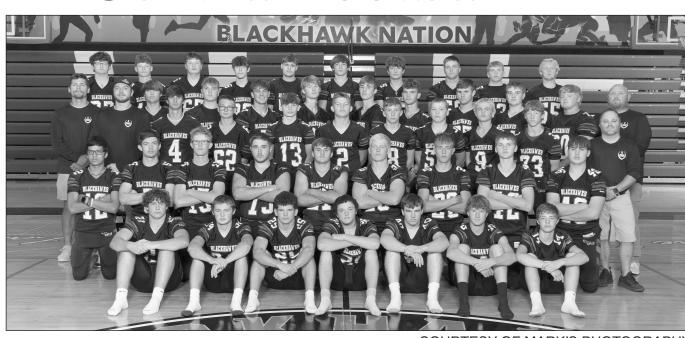
Sept. 20 at Winner Sept. 27 at Wagner Oct. 4 vs. Miller/

Forestburg Oct. 11 vs. Chamberlain in Forestburg

Oct. 18 vs. Mt. Ver-

Highmore-Harrold

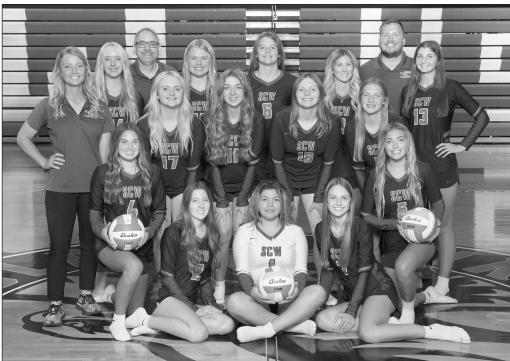
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Front row, from left: Payton Uecker, Riley Kneen, Hayes Havlik, Damien Knippling, Nathan Gaikowski, Rylan Eggleston and Kohen Mebius. Second row: Richard Cardona, Karter Mebius, Luke Larson, Hunter Fenske, Tyson Eddy, Bryce Larson, Carson Finn, Ethan Amick and Brett Miller. Third row: assistant coach Garrett Larson, Sam Poncelow, Dylan Raterman, Dawson Larson, Wesley Molnar, Haiden Boschee, Hayes Christensen, Nolan Schaller, Ledoux Bracha and assistant coach Rickey Nelsen. Ffourth row: assistant coach Eriq Swiftwater, McCoy Schulz, Grady Gran, Holden Havlik, Branden Flowers, Colby Flowers, Ryder Michalek, Kade Olinger, Jasper Gran, Rylan Grassel and head coach Michael Schmitz. Back row: Clay Moody, Teagen Eggleston, Tanse Moody, Trisdon Larson, Logan Potrament, Grant Edwards, Tyson Kokesh, Robbie Hine, Nelson Terkildsen and Caleb Kneen.

# Sanborn Cent/Woonsocket volleyball



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Front row, from left: Summer Beekman, Addy Baruth, Tatiana Roberts, Kali Hofer and Whitney Hagman. Second row: coach Bailey Deinert, Jalyn Grassel, Tori Hoffman, Kaylie Robinson and Cami Edwards. Back row: Kenzie Babeen very good as the girls compete ruth, coach Rick Olsen, Addison Bartholow, Liz Boschee, Makenzie Schley, coach Jordan VonEye and Alexa Goertz.

Nickname: Lady Blackhawks Coach: Rick Olsen Conference: 281 Conference Region: 3B

Years coaching at school: 27 years (15 years- Volleyball)

Overall coaching years: 36 years Coaching record: 229-150 Record last year: 12-16 Lettermen lost: 4

Lettermen returning: 8 Returning starters: 4

Top returning prospects: MaKenzie Schley (Sr. Setter/RH); Kali Hofer (Jr. Setter/RH); Kenzie Baruth (Jr. OH); Liz Boschee (Jr. OH); Kaylie Robinson (Sr. OH); Alexa Goertz (Sr. MH); Addison Bartholow (Soph. OH).

Other returning prospects: Abby Baruth (Jr. Setter); Tatiana Roberts (Sr. DS); Whitney Hagman (Sr. Setter); Cami Edwards (Jr. OH/MH).

Coach's comments: I feel that we have the potential to be a very good team that will come and compete night after night. The couple of practices that we have had so far have and our team.

Aug. 27 at Hanston Early Bird Tournament

Aug. 29 at Hanson Early Bird Tour-

Sept. 3 vs. Hanson in Forestburg Sept. 5 vs. Ethan in Forestburg

Sept. 10 at Corsica-Stickney Sept. 12 at Parkston Sept. 14 at Wolsey-Wessington

Tournament Sept. 17 vs. Wessingotn Springs in

Woonsocket Sept. 21 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland in Forestburg

Sept. 24 at Wolsey-Wessington Oct. 1 at Highmore-Harrold

Oct. 3 vs. James Valley Christian in Forestburg

Oct. 8 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Woonsocket

Oct. 10 vs. Tripp-Delmont/Armour in Armour

Oct. 14 at Howard

Oct. 15 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Forestburg

Oct. 17 vs. Kimball/White Lake in

Oct. 22 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in For-

Oct. 25 at Bridgewater-Emery

Oct. 29 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton in Mt. Vernon

# Sanborn Cent/Woonsocket cross country

Nickname: Blackhawks Coach: Shelley Schlicht Conference: 281 Region: 3B Lettermen lost: 3

Other returning prospects: Emilie Lindgren (senior); Mathias Lindgren (8th grader). Coach's comments: We are

very young this year, but we

have some runners who are will to work hard to make themselves

Schedule

Aug. 31 at Mitchell Invite Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite Sept. 12 at De Smet Booster In-

Sept. 18 at Mt. Vernon/

Sept. 23 at Dell Rapids Invite Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational Oct. 2 at Colman-Egan Invite Oct. 7 at Howard Invite

Oct. 16 at Region 3B Meet in Scotland

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid

## **GOLF:**

the end of the season.

"I believe the key for our team this year is going to be consistency and developing our skills," he

Lessons learned throughout the season should help Huron by the time the Eastern South Dakota Conference and Class AA State Tournaments roll around.

The ESD Tournament is scheduled for Sept. 30 at Moccasin Creek Country Club in Aberdeen, while the state tournament is scheduled will be Oct. 7-8 at Cattail Crossing Golf Course in

"At ESD and state we hope to compete with the other teams this year," Johnson said. "I believe we

will be able to bring a competitive team that will be looking to learn from these tournaments.

"I also hope for state we are able to qualify 2-4 players," he said. "In recent years it has become harder to qualify with the scoring average that the golfers must have."

Watertown is the defending Class AA champion and Johnson is looking for the Arrows to be one of the top contenders for a state title again this year.

"I think some of the top contenders will be a lot of the same as in previous years," he said. "Watertown will be back defending their state title and O'Gorman always has a competitive team."

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Huron opened the season on Aug. 19 at the Brandon Valley Invitational.

### Schedule

Aug. 19 at Brandon Valley In-

Aug. 27 at Pierre Invite Aug. 29 Huron Invitational Sept. 3 at Aberdeen Central In-

Sept. 13 at Yankton Invite Sept. 16 at Brookings Invite Sept. 20 at Mitchell Invite Sept. 24 at Watertown Invite

Sept. 30 at Eastern South Dakota Conference Meet in Abe-

Oct. 7-8 at State Meet in Watertown

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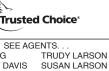
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# Wessington Springs volleyball

Nickname: Lady Spartans Coach: Tricia Messmer and Carmen Weber

Conference: 281 Region: 2B Years coaching at school: 2 Overall coaching years: 2 Record last year: 17-14 Lettermen lost: 6 Lettermen returning: 5

Returning starters: 1 Top returning prospects: Ashlyn

Weber (senior, OH); Mariah Messmer (senior, S). Other returning prospects: Remi

Roduner (junior, L) Coach's comments: We only have

a couple players returning this year that had any varsity playing time last year. But, we have some young girls with a lot of talent and potential.

Schedule

Aug. 27 at Hanson Early Bird Tour-

Aug. 29 at Hanson Early Bird Tour-

Sept. 3 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois

Sept. 12 vs. Howard

Christian Tournament

Sept. 17 vs. Sanborn Central/ Woonsocket in Woonsocket

Sept. 19 at Crow Creek

Sept. 23 vs. Tripp-Delmont/Armour in Armour Sept. 26 vs. Lower Brule

Oct. 1 at Corsica-Stickney Oct. 3 at Bridgewater-Emery Oct. 10 vs. Highmore-Harrold Oct. 15 at Sunshine Bible Academy Oct. 17 at Wolsey-Wessington

Oct. 19 at Andes Central.Dakota

Oct. 22 at James Valley Christian Oct. 25 vs. Kimball/White Lake Oct. 29 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare

Front row, from left: Abby Yost, Swayze Dunsmore, Kenzie Kolousek, Sydney Richardson, Logan Mohling, Remi Roduner and Brook Mohling. Back row: Taylor Braun, Jewel Mcgeough, Morgan Mentele, Brooklyn Caffee, Mariah Messmer, Ashlyn Weber, Raygen Teveldal, Bailey Yost, Kaitlyn Braun and Kendall Kollousek.

# Wessington Springs cross country



CONTRIBUTED

From left: Ranick Fjerstad, Ella Kolousek, Alexis Roesler and Masynn Mebius.

## **Sunshine Bible** Academy volleyball

Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. Faulkton Area Sept. 6 at Aberdeen Christian Sept. 10 at Highmore-Harrold

Sept. 12 vs. Ipswich

Sept. 14 at Wolsey-Wessingotn Tournament

Sept. 17 at Crow Creek Sept. 24 vs. Lower Brule Sept. 26 at Sully Buttes

Sept. 28 at Central South Dakota Conference

Tournament in Miller

Oct. 1 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare Oct. 8 vs. Sanborn Central/Woonsocket in Woon-

socket Oct. 10 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston Oct. 15 vs. Wessington Springs

Oct. 17 at James Valley Christian Oct. 22 at Wolsey-Wessington Oct. 28 vs. Leola/Frederick Area

Overall coaching years: 22 Lettermen lost: girls-1 Lettermen returning: Girls -3 Returning starters: Boys-1 Coach's comments: Our team might be small in numbers, but

Nickname: Spartans

Conference: 281

Region: 4B

Coach: Becky Bell-Krueger

Years coaching at school: 22

they have big goals. The girls will build off last year's experience of running at state. On the boys' side, Ranick is determined to go out strong by qualifying for state again, his senior year.

Schedule

Sept. 3 at McCook Central/ Montrose Invite

Sept. 19 at Big Dakota Confer-

ence Meet in Chamberlain Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational Oct. 7 at Howard Invite Oct. 16 at Region 4B Meet in

Gettysburg Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid

## **Sunshine Bible Academy** cross country

Nickname: Crusaders Coach: Greg Peder-

Conferences: 281 and Central South Dakota

Region: 4B Years coaching at school: 42

Overall coaching Years: 31 - Cross Country, 41 - Track

Lettermen lost: 1 boy Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 4 Top returning prospects: Jimmy Burma (12th - 4th @ Reg 4B in 2023 - Best time of 18:27); Reagan Sandness (8th -11th @ Reg 4B in 2023 -Best time of 19:04); Josh Wilken (11th - 25th @ Reg 4B in 2023 - Best time of 20:02); Owan Watson (12th - 29th @ Reg 4B in 2023 - Best time of 23:21).

Other prospects: Abby Hinman (12th); Daraby Boersma (11th);

Stiegelmeier Josiah (10th).

Coach's comments: We look to improve throughout the season and to run our best times at the CSD Conference, Region 4B and State B meets. As of now, our boys' varsity team will be 2 seniors, a junior, a sophomore and an 8th grader.

Schedule

Sept. 5 at Redfield In-

Sept. 14 at Ipswich Meet

Sept. 21 at Battler Invitational in Gettysburg Sept. 25 at Lakeside Invitational in Faulkton Sept. 30 at Miller Invi-

Oct. 5 at Action Club

Meet in Highmore Oct. 16 at Region 4B

Meet in Gettysburg Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City



Front row, from left: Jaxon Hall, Kooper Sarchet, Cadence Hamburger and Annabella Sandness. Back row: Reagan Sandness, Josh Wilken, Owen Watson, Josiah Stiegelmeier and Daraby Boersma. Not pictured: Jimmy Burma and Abby Hinman.

## **Sunshine Bible Academy football**

Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Arlington

Aug. 30 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland in Rutland

Sept. 6 at Colome Sept. 13 vs. Burke

Sept. 20 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston in Iroquois

Sept. 27 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Oct. 4 vs. Corsica-Stickney Oct. 18 vs. Sully Buttes



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# Wolsey-Wessington football

Nickname: Warbirds Coach: Hayden

Hooks Conference: Missouri

Valley Years coaching at school: 10

Overall coaching years: 10

Coaching record: 10-9 Record last yeare: 4-5 Lettermen lost: 4

Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 9 Top returning prospects: Moshe Richmond ( WR/LB, Senior); Caleb

Richmond (QB/DB, Junior); Peyton Rainford (RB/DB, Senior); Isaiah Sabalier (Oline/Dline, Senior); Colin Hughes (TE/LB, Senior).

Other returning pros-Cooper Timm Sophmore); (LB/RB, Ryder Jensen (OLine/ DLine, Sophmore); Ke-

Zomer (Oline/ LB, Senior); Ashton Hill (DB/WR, Senior),

Coach's comments: With a large senior class we will lean on them for leadership and stability throughout the season. This is a group who have stuck together and worked hard in the offseason for a successful 2024 season.

#### Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Estelline/ Hendricks

Aug. 30 at Deubrook

Castle-

Sept. 20 at Platte-Geddes

Sept. 27 vs. Gregory Oct. 4 vs. Bon Hom-

Oct. 11 at Parkston Oct. 18 vs. Kimball/ White Lake in Kimball



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group and look to be

competitive in our con-

Schedule Aug. 27 at Arlington

Sept. 3 vs. De Smet

Sept. 12 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Sept. 14 vs. Langford Sept. 19 at Aberdeen

Sept. 24 vs. Sanborn

Sept. 26 at James Val-

Sept. 28 at Central

Sept. 30 vs. Iroquois/

Oct. 12 at Potter

Oct. 15 at Highmore-

Oct. 17 vs. Wessington

Oct. 22 vs. Sunshine

Oct. 28 vs. Redfield

Oct. 21 at Miller

Bible Academy

County Tournament in

Oct. 7 at Warner

Tournamentin

South Dakota Confer-

Central/Woonsocket

29 at North-

ference and region.

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Gettysburg

Harrold

Springs

**Wolsey-Wessington** 

cross country

Schedule

Aug. 31 at Andy's Road Race in Huron

Sept. 18 at Mt. Vernon/Plankinton Invite Sept. 25 at Lakeside Invitational in Faulkton

Oct. 16 at Region 4B Meet in Gettysburg

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City

Front row, from left: Demone Odom, Camille Rearick and Kyler Boomsma. Second row: Peyton Rainford, Isaiah Sabalier, Damien Dorris, Colin Hughes, Moshe Richmond, Keaton Zomer, Harley Roberts and Ashton Hill. Third row: Treyvon Lobster, Clay Kahre, Sawyer Nelson, Caleb Richmond, Larz Tvedt and coach Hayden Hooks. Back row: Ethan Kahre, Ryder Jensen, Troy Hughes, Cooper Timm and

Coach: Lindy Uttecht

Conference: 281 and

Coaching record: 159-

Record last year: 30-6

Returning starters: 4

pects: Samara Clemente (MH, 12, 8 kpm, 2 bpm);

Shae Uttecht (L, 10, 19

dpm, 97% serving); Ta-

tum Luce (MH, 12, 7

kpm, 2 bpm, 88% serv-

ing); Kendal Uttecht (S,

11, 16 apm, 11 dpm, 98%

Other returning pros-

ects: Roxy Glanzer,

(OH, 12); Rachel Booms-

man (RH, 12); Timber

Haeder (OH, 11); Maria

Nelson (OH, 10); Mar-

(MH/OH, 10).

Schmidt-Boomsma

Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite

Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational

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Coach's comments:

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Top returning pros-

Lettermen lost: 5 Lettermen returning:

coaching at

coaching

Region: 2B

Years

Overall

school: 22

years: 24

serving).

## Wolsey-Wessington volleyball Nickname: Lady Warback a very experienced



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Front row, from left: Summer Gondzar, Annie Allerdings, Lily Toupal, Kenley Miedema, Raya Toupal, Taryn Rainford and Ianah Feist. Second row: Savannah Vonen, Mia Washechek, Josie Ness, Abigail Huntsinger, Skye Tschetter, Eastlyn Burton, Danika Peterson, Riley Eichstadt, Tyla Schmidt-Boomsma, Shae Uttecht and Kendal Uttecht. Third row: Riley French, Kaydence Sievers, Juliana Lind, Taylor Eichstadt, Irelyn Salisbury, Reece Krutzfeldt, Lily Hoverson, Marley Schmidt-Boomsma and Tatum Luce. Back row: Mya Flemming, Preslie Jensen, Kylee Rose, Samara Clemente, Riyli Peterson, Maria Nelson, Roxy Glanzer, Rachel Boomsma and Timber Haeder.

# Wolsey-Wessington cheer

Nickname: Warbirds Brandee Kelsey & Kylie Martin Years coaching school: 5

Lettermen lost: 1 Lettermen returning:

Schedule

Sept. 5 at Mitchell Invitational

Sept. 7 at Pierre Invitational

Sept. 10 at Parkston

Invitational Sept. 17 at Huron In-

vitational Sept. 23 at Wagner In-

vitational Oct. 14 at Faulkton

Invitational



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#### Front row, from left: Hannah Hiles, Allison Hulst, Taryn Rainford, Lily Hoverson and manager Annie Allerdings. Second row: Rachel Boomsma, Shae Uttecht, Macy Washechek, Amanah Woodruff, Tatum Luce, coach Brandee Oct. 25 at State Meet Kelsey and coach Kylie Martin. Back row: Raya Toupal, Carson Walters and in North Sioux City

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# Redfield volleyball

Nickname: Pheasants Coach: Joel Osborn Conference: NEC Region: 1A

Years coaching school: 19

Overall coaching years: 27

Top returning prospects: Brooklyn Rische (senior, DS); Kinley Smith (junior, MH); Hayden Gall (junior, S); Cecilia Suchor (junior, OH); Jerica Ratigan (junior, MH/OH); Karlie Brabant (junior, RS/S); Charli Jungwirth (sophomore, OH); Kendyl Siebrecht (sophomore, DS/OH); Layla Hardie (sophomore, S); Brynn Giblin (sophomore, MH); Addy Rice (sophomore, DS/OH).

Coach's comments: We still are pretty young, but looking forward to these young ladies giving their best effort for every ball that is hit on our side. I'm excited to see use compete and how much we can grow.

Schedule Aug. 27 vs. Florence/

Henry Aug. 29 vs. Aberdeen

Roncalli Sept. 3 vs. Hitchcock-

Tulare in Tulare Sept. 5 vs. Deuel

Sept. 10 vs. Leola/ Frederick Area

Sept. 12 at Sisseton Sept. 14 at Clark/ Willow Lake Tournament in Clark

Sept. 17 vs. Mt. Vernon/Plankinton Sept. 19 at Britton-

Hecla Sept. 24 vs. Miller

Sept. 26 vs. Milbank Oct. 1 at Northwest-

Oct. 3 at Hamlin Oct. 10 vs. Clark/

Willow Lake Oct. 15 at Warner

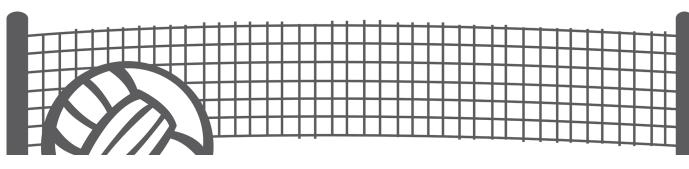
Oct. 17 vs. Webster Oct. 19 Redfield Invi-

tational Oct. 25 at Groton

Oct. 28 at Wolsey-

Wessington Oct. 29 at Tiospa Zina

Front row, from left: Victoria Herrera, Miley Fountain, Peyton O'Daniel, Kendyl Siebrecht and Mady Morrissette. Second row: Kayleigh Disbrow, Katryn Evans, Hannah Schlechter, Karlie Brabant, Brooklyn Rische, Jessie Ratigan, Ashlee Stroud, MaKayla Schulz, Josie DeYoung, Grace Lemmer and Miley Fey. Back row: Jerica Ratigan, Hayden Gall, Kinley Smith, Addy Rice, Layla Hardie, Gracie Boothe, Octavia Paulsen, Cecilia Suchor, Adriana Bagola, Charli Jungwirth, and Brynn Giblin.



# Redfield cross country



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Front row, from left: Marcus Fugman, Saige Jungwirth, Ava McMahan, Harper Schade, DJ Bucholz, Carson Peterson and Scylas Schulz. Back row: Emma Fugman, Jadie Turner, Aniston Whitley, Tory Betten, Aly Gruenwald, Willow Ronneberg, Payton Moore and Maddon Odland. Not pictured: Lydia Jungwirth and coach Kearra Elkins.

Nickname: Pheasants Coach: Kearra Elkins Conference: NEC Region: 1A

Years coaching at school:1 Overall coaching years:1

Season highlights: lots of new runners with a lot of potential

Lettermen lost: 0 Lettermen returning: 3

Top returning prospects: Payton Moore state qualifier.

Other returning prospects: Carson Peterson, Jadie Tuner.

Coach's comments: We have a very young team this year with over half of the team being middle schoolers, we are hoping to get as many runners to state out in Rapid City as possible in

### Schedule

Sept. 5 Redfield Invite Sept. 14 at Milbank Invite

Sept. 19 at Aberdeen Roncalli Invite

Sept. 22 at Deuel Invite Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational

Oct. 15 at Region 1A Meet in Web-

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City



# Redfield golf

Coach: Bradley Cihak Region: 3A

Years coaching at school: 4

Years coaching over-

Lettermen lost: 4 Lettermen returning:

Top returning ath-

letes: Micah Zastrow Coach's comments: We are going into this season with little varsity experience but are excited to be adding a few athletes who will be duel sporting this season. We hope to be able to grow throughout the season to be able to compete when we get to

regions. We have good

Nickname: Pheasants young numbers out, with 8 high schoolers and 10 Junior high kids. Schedule

Aug. 19 at Sioux Valley Invite

Aug. 22 at Milbank

Invitational Aug. 27 at Northeast Conference Meet in in

Hankinson

Sept. 3 at Hub City Invitational in Aberdeen Sept. 12 at Groton In-

Sept. 17 Pheasant Invite

Sept. 23 at Pre-Region Meet in Mitchell

Sept. 30 at Region Meet in Mitchell

Oct. 7-8 at State Meet in Hartford

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Front row, from left: Hudson Rische, Christian Peterson, Logan Jessen, Carson Peterson and Briar Maher. Back row: Creighton Bowar, Grady Hulscher, Micah Zastrow, Jaxan Rude and Hudson Binger.



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## Redfield football

Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Leola/Frederick Area in Leola Aug. 30 vs. Kimball/White Lake Sept. 6 vs. Britton-Hecla Sept. 13 vs. Stanley County

Sept. 20 vs. Waubay/Summit in Waubay Sept. 27 at Hamlin Oct. 4 at Warner Oct. 11 vs. Florence/Henry



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# Iroquois/Lake Preston football

Nickname: Sharks Coach: Jalen Kaufman

Coaching record: 2-16 Record last year: 0-8 Lettermen lost: 3

Lettermen returning:

Returning starters: 7 Top returning prospects: Ryne Greene (senior, OL/DL); Daunte Glanzer (senior, TE/ DE); Peyton Hope (junior, WR/DB); Rexton Blue (junior, OL/ DE); Ben Curd (junior, RB/LB); Rayson Timm (junior, C/DL); Lucas Peskev (sophomore, RB/DB); Tade Menzel (sophomore, WR/DB); Rowdy Scheel (sophomore, LB).

Other returning prospects: Brycen Blue WR/DB); (freshman, Noah Vig (freshman, OL/DL); Ervin Cooper (freshman, WR/DB); Carter Arbeiter (fresh-

TE/LB); Zack Perkins (sophomore, OL/DL); Aiden Query (sophomore, WR/Db); Keaton Neuharth (junior, OL/DL).

Coach's comments: We need to do the small things right and play fundamental football. We also need to stay healthy.

#### Schedule

Aug. 23 at Wilmot Aug. 29 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Iroquois Sept. 6 at Canistota

Sept. 20 vs. Sunshine Bible Academy in Iro-

Sept. 27 vs. Dell Rapids Ŝt. Mary in Lake Preston Oct. 4 at Arlington

Oct. 11 vs. Oldham-Ramona-Rutland Rutland Oct. 18 vs. Colman-

Egan in Lake Preston

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Front row, from left: Keaton Neuharth, Tade Menzel, Rowdy Scheel, Ben Curd, Rexton Blue, Aiden Query and Noah Vig. Back row: Andrew Gednalske, Peyton Hope, Ryne Greene, Ervin Carter, Daunte Glanzer, Owen Wienk, Rayson Timm, Lucas Peskey, Brycen Blue and Carter Arbeiter.

# Iroquois/Lake Preston volleyball



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Front row, from left: coach Heidi Stroud, Kara Camin, Madisen Steffensen and coach Jacelyn Bankston. Back row: Natalie Cundy, Brityn Davies, Amelia Holland, Kera Dubro, Chenoa Harris, Trinity Pirlet, Jozlyn Cottingham and Hadlee Holt.

# Iroquois/Lake Preston cross country

Nickname: Sharks Coach: Chris Shaffer Steve Carlson Conference: 281 DVC Years coaching at school: 2 Overall coaching years: 10 Lettermen lost: 2 Lettermen returning: 1 Returning starters: 1

Top returning prospects: Case Carl-

Coaches comments: We lack numbers, but the one returning runner we have is going to be outstanding.

Schedule

Sept. 3 at McCook Central/Montrose Invite

Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite

Sept. 14 at Don Ray Invitational at

Sept. 16 are Arlington Invitational Sept. 26 at Clark/Willow Lake Invi-

tational in Clark Oct. 2 at Colman-Egan Invite Oct. 9 at Dakota Valley Conference

Meet in Arlington Oct. 16 at Region 2B Meet in Ar-

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City



**Case Carlson** 

Head coach: Heidi Stroud

Jacelyn Assistants: Bankston & Tricia Mc-

Conference: 281 and

Region: 2B Lettermen lost: 3

Returning starters: 2

Top returning prospects: Hadlee Holt, Kera

Other prospects: Jozlyn Cottingham - Libero; Amelia Holland - RH; Chenoa Harris - OH; Natalie Cundy - MH; Trinity Pirlet - S; Brityn Davies - S; Madisen Steffensen - DS; Kara Camin - MH.

Coach's comments: After losing 3 starters from last season, we will be looking to rebuild. The girls work hard and put in their time on the court for the game they love. We are a scrappy team this year and are going to be fun to watch.

### Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. James Valley Christian in Iroquois

Sept. 3 vs. Wessington Springs in Iroquois Sept. 5 at Arlington

Sept. 12 at Castlewood Sept. 17 at Deubrook

Sept. 19 vs. Colman-

Egan in Lake Preston Sept. 21 Iroquois/ Lake Preston Tournament in Lake Preston

Sept. 24 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock Sept. 26 vs. Highmore-Harrold in Iroquois

Sept. 30 at Wolsey-Wessington

Oct. 3 vs. Dell Rapids St. Mary in Lake Preston Oct. 8 vs. De Smet in Iroquois

Oct. 10 at Sunshine Bible Academy

Oct. 14 vs. Elkton-Lake Benton in Elkton Oct. 15 vs. Sanborn

Central/Woonsocket in Forestburg Oct. 19 at Arlington

Tournament Oct. 22 at Estelline/

endricks

Oct. 29 vs. Oldham-

Ramona-Rutland in Rut-

## **Iroquois/Lake Preston** cheer

Schedule

Sept. 7 at Dell Rapids St. Mary Invite Sept. 10 at Dell Rapids Invite Sept. 28 at Harrisburg Invite

Oct. 12 at Elkon-Lake Benton Invite Oct. 21 Iroquos/Lake Preston Invite in Lake

Oct. 25 at State Tournament in North Sioux City



## **BOYS:**

players from nine different countries on our team and different levels of communication abilities."

Saw and junior Christopher Dah are the captains of the team this year, and Branaugh states that the team is blessed with several other players who lead by example and are not as vocal.

Four freshman were identified by their coach as being ready to step into a varsity role this year, including Mister Min, Yo Yo, Klee Htoo, and Htee Sah Htoo. They will be assisted in that transition with Baht Khin, a 2020 graduate of Huron and one of the better players that has come through the Tiger program.

"Baht is in his first season as an assistant coach," Branaugh explained. "He has college playing experience and he is someone many of the players are familiar with. He still actively plays soccer with some of the Karen teams in town."

She continued, "As a coach, he has brought some new ideas about formations and helping the players see where the mistakes are that they are making and takes the time to talk about decision-making on the field. The players listen to him and know he's got a lot to offer in terms of soccer and as a coach."

Even with that growth, Branaugh sees that staying on top in AA soccer could be a challenge - for good reasons.

"Boys' AA soccer really has progressed into a great division of teams. There isn't as large of a gap between the top and bottom teams any more,7 Branaugh said. "I think this has only helped as soccer continues to grow in our state.

We do have some new teams on our schedule this year that I'm excited to see where we stack against them."

Branaugh identified Sioux Falls Christian as a new team in AA along with Tea Area. New to the Tigers' schedule will be Sioux Falls Roosevelt as well as Rapid City Stevens and Rapid City Central.

## Schedule

Aug. 16 at Brandon Valley Aug. 23 vs. Rapid City Central

Aug. 24 vs. Rapid City Ste-

### From page 3B

Aug. 27 vs. Sioux Falls Christian

Sept. 3 at Aberdeen Central Sept. 5 vs. Tea Area Sept. 10 vs. Brookings

Sept. 12 vs. Mitchell Sept. 17 at Yankton Sept. 21 at Sioux Falls Roo-

Sept. 24 at O'Gorman Sept. 26 at Watertown Oct. 1 vs. Pierre

Oct. 3 vs. Harrisburg

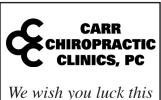


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# Highmore-Harrold volleyball

Nickname: Pirates Coach: Shelby Hyde Conference: 281, CSDC Region: 6 Years coaching at school: 5 Overall coaching years: 5 Coaching record: 73-64 Record last year: 13-17 Lettermen lost: 4 Lettermen returning: 5 Returning starters: 4

Top returning prospects: Brooklyn Baloun (Setter, Senior, 285/304 serves 93.8% Serving with 29 Aces, 291 Digs, 40 Kills, 509 assists).

Other returning prospects: Addison McDonnell (MH, Junior, 290/308 serves 94.2% serving with 28 Aces, 176 Kills, 13 Blocks, 24 Assists, 88 Digs); Jada Baloun (OH/MH, Freshman, 135/152 serves 88.8% Serving with 23 Aces, 95 kills, 13 Blocks, 84 Digs); Morgan McCloud (Libero, Senior, 320 Digs).

Coach's comments: Our team is young this year and primarily made up of Sophomores and Freshmen. We will be leaning on our 4 upperclassmen to help navigate the growing pains and are looking forward to gaining experience as the season progresses.

Schedule

Aug. 27 vs. Ipswich Sept. 3 at James Valley Christian Sept. 5 vs. Lower Brule Sept. 10 vs. Sunshine Bible Acad-

Sept. 14 at Philip Tournament Sept. 17 vs. Potter County Sept. 19 vs. Hitchcock-Tulare in Hitchcock

Sept. 26 vs. Iroquois/Lake Preston

Sept. 28 at Central South Dakota Conference Tournament in Miller Oct. 1 vs. Sanborn Central/Woon-

Oct. 5 at 281 Conference Tourna-

ment in Wessington Springs

Oct. 8 vs. Sully Buttes

Oct. 10 at Wessington Springs Oct. 15 vs. Wolsey-Wessington

Oct. 17 at Herreid/Selby Area

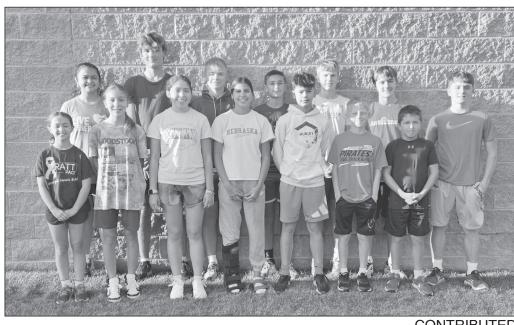
Oct. 21 vs. Crow Creek Oct. 22 at Lyman

Oct. 25 vs. Štanley County Oct. 29 at Miller



Front row, from left: Destiny McCauley, Courtney Schuette, Shaelee Parrish, Morgan McCloud and Rebecca Milbrandt. Back row: Callie Chavez, Addison McDonnell, Jada Baloun, Brooklyn Baloun, Avery McCloud, Lainee Ping, Emma Ferens, Avril Fletcher and Carly Stephenson.

## **Highmore-Harrold cross country**



Front row, from left: Maya Webb, Kyannah Berry, Jaylynn Knox, Autumn Fallis, Davian Knox, Karsten McPeak and Conner Parrish. Back row: Elle Stagg, Jordan Erfman, Aidan Ferens, Jayden Erfman, Brooks McPeak, Jonah Webb, and Carter Webb.

Nickname: Pirates Coach: Brian D. Marso Conference: 281 & CSDC

Region: 4B

Years coaching at school: 16th Year Overall coaching years: 19 years, 3 years in Harrold and 16 in Highmore Lettermen lost: 2

Lettermen returning: 7

Top returning prospects: Girl: Junior - Autumn Fallis (6th last year state meet and 281 Conference Champion). Boys – Freshman – Brooks Mc-Peak (32nd last year state meet); Junior – Jordan Erfman (41st last year state meet).

Other returning prospects: Boys: Senior - Aiden Ferens and Junior - Jo-

Coach's comments: The future is definitely looking bright. The boys' team will be very competitive this

Schedule

Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite Sept. 14 at Ipswich Meet

Sept. 19 at Big Dakota Conference Meet in Chamberlain

Sept. 21 at Battler Invitational in Gettysburg

Sept. 25 at Lakeside Invitational in Faulkton

Sept. 30 at Miller Invitational Oct. 5 Action Club Meet in High-

Oct. 16 at Region 4B Meet in Get-

tysburg

Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City



# Clark/Willow Lake cross country

Nickname: Cyclones Coach: Tammie Paulson/ Alicia

Turnquist Conference: NEC

Region: 1

Years coaching at school: 10 years Overall coaching years: 10 years Lettermen lost: 4

Lettermen returning: 10

ishing team at State A)

Returning starters: 10 Top returning prospects: Kamryn Nesheim (finished 11th at State).

Other returning prospects: Cadence Bochek, Hadley Gjerde, Emma Bochek (Members of the 7th place fin-

Coach's comments: We are returning with a strong Girls Team. We have high hopes of bringing home hardware this year. We are in the process of rebuilding our Boys Team with a few new runners joining us this year. We also have a few new girl runners that will add much to the girls team as the season goes progresses.

Schedule

Sept. 5 at Redfield Invite Sept. 12 at De Smet Booster Invite

Sept. 14 at Don Ray Invitational at Deubrook

Sept. 16 at Webster Invite Sept. 19 at Aberdeen Roncalli Invi-

Sept. 23 at Deuel Invite Sept. 26 Clark/Willow Lake Invita-

tional in Clark Oct. 7 at Region 1A Meet in Webster Oct. 26 at State Meet in Rapid City



Schedule

Tournament

Willow Lake

Willow Lake

Roncalli

ley in Willow Lake

Aug. 27 at Castle-

Aug. 29 vs. Sioux Val-

Sept. 7 at Flandreau

Sept. 12 vs. Webster

Sept. 17 at Florence/

Sept. 19 at Groton

Sept. 26 vs. Deuel in

Oct. 1 vs. De Smet in

Oct. 3 at Aberdeen

Sept. 5 at Milbank

Sept. 10 at Wilmot



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Oct. 29 vs. Hamlin in

Willow Lake

Clark/Willow Lake

Front row, from left: Rylee Pickrel, Faith Roehrich, Sena Gjerde, Waylon Fitzgerald and Aksel Gjerde. Second row: Nevaeh Reitz, Katelynn Merkel, Kamryn Nesheim, Jenny Bevers, Emma Bochek, Cadence Bochek and Hadley Gjerde. Back row: coach Alicia Turnquist, Oliver Reitz, Logan Seefeldt, Ayden Peterson, Alex Reil, Waylan Olson, Will Hovde and coach Tammie Paulson.

# Clark/Willow Lake Clark/Willow Lake Volleyball

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Schedule

Aug. 23 vs. Aberdeen Roncalli in Clark Sept. 6 at Sisseton

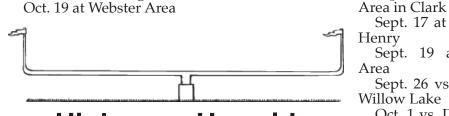
Sept. 13 vs. Sioux Valley in Clark Sept. 20 at Parker

Sept. 27 vs. Groton Area in Clark

Oct. 4 vs. Deuel in Clark

Oct. 11 at Mobridge-Pollock

Oct. 19 at Webster Area



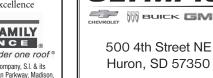
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Front row, from left: Kara Harvey, Rylee Airheart and Stokley Palmer. Second Front row, from left: Eh Dah Paw, Rylee Alves, Kara Harvey, Aye Aye Aung,

## Huron cheer and dance

#### BY BENJAMIN CHASE

OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON — The 2023 cheer and dance season was the first for new coaches Whitney Easton, who leads the dance, and Whitney Reimer, who heads the cheer team. The two coaches state that they have found their rhythm working together and balance one another out very well.

Four seniors lead this year's Huron cheer and dance squads. Jillian Reno, Emma DeJong, Maria Wilson, and Aye Aye Aung are noted by their coaches for positive

energy and excellent leadership and role modeling for younger members of the pro-

According to the coaches, they've put "significant effort into building a team culture where young athletes genuinely enjoy being part of our program.'

They cite focusing on team morale in order to grow interest, and they've seen already a large jump in numbers for this year's roster, with 20 athletes out for cheer after having between 14-16 out the last three seasons. The hope for both coaches is that the increased numbers are a sign that the community is viewing cheer and dance as something to be excited about each year.

This year's routines in dance will feature a "modern and edgy jazz routine" and a high-energy hip hop routine, according to Easton. In cheer, the routine adds flexibility to adapt the routine as the season goes on.

The coaches identify the metro schools in Sioux Falls as the top teams in the state, explaining that many of those teams have athletes who train year-round through club programs. At the same time, they enjoy competing against smaller schools who often show routines that aren't utilized by larger schools, giving different views on style and approach.

The Huron Invite will be on Saturday, Sept. 21 this year and state cheer and dance will be held in Brandon on October 23.

#### Schedule

Aug. 31 at Aberdeen Central Invitational

Sept. 5 at Mitchell Invita-

Sept. 7 at Pierre Invitation-

Sept. 17 Huron Invitational Sept. 21 at Brookings Invi-

tational Sept. 24 at Brandon Valley

Invitational Oct. 10 at Watertown Invitational

Oc. 17 at Eastern South Dakota Conference Meet in

Brandon Oct. 26 at State Meet in

Rapid City

# **Huron cross country**

#### BY CURT NETTINGA OF THE PLAINSMAN

HURON – For Huron High School cross coun-

try head coach Angie Thomas, greeting her teams this fall has become a numbers game. On one hand, a total of only 11 girls are out and running this

season, in grades six through 12. But of those 11, five of them ran at last year's State Cross Country meet in Sioux Her boys' team, how-

ever, fielded 24 runners for the start of fall practice in mid-August, solid numbers for a program plagued in the past by too few runners to field a team at times.

Four of those athletes ran in Sioux Falls, one got injured and didn't finish the race and all finished 120th or further back in the pack.

So, what's a coach to do?

"We had pretty good participation this summer in our running program," Thomas said of her group that met several times a week since June. "We did a timed two-mile run at the end of June and another at the end of July, when our time with the kids comes to an end. Then we did another last week, when practice started, just to see if they had worked the last two weeks."

It turned out that the August times surpassed times earned in July, which were in turn better than June. But the proof will come this fall, on cross country courses across the state, with this year's state meet slated for the Hart Ranch Golf Course south of Rapid City.

Girls

Josie Vlieger, a junior, leads a small, but talented group of girls' for this year's Tiger run-

ners. She led the team with a 76th place finish at state and Thomas said her two-mile time showed she has put in the work this summer.

She'll be joined by senior Hannah Schoenfelder, who Thomas would like to see bounce back to her form of 2-3 years earlier, while a pair of sophomores - Lily Meyer (84th at state) and Nora Pester, (104th) will seek to move up in the standings and help Huron toward a smaller point

A pair of freshman are poised to make their way into contention for varsity meets as the season progresses. Reva McGaugh (123rd) will likely run JV to start the year, but Thomas expects her to be part of the varsity package for later-season meets.

Lily Swanson comes to the Tigers after finishing 23rd in the Class B portion of the state meet, while running for James Valley Christian, as the JVC team earned a fifth-place finish as a

"Lily has shown herself to be a strong runner this summer, Thomas said.

Three seventh-graders; Olivia Hoff, Nagalee McGaugh and Harper Spilde are putting in the time and miles to lay a foundation for future success, as are sixthgraders Florey Brier and Parker Addisen. All will find extensive use in JV meets as they hone their style.

Brandon Valley ran away with the team title last year in Class AA, placing all five of their scorers in the top-20 at the state meet. Four of those five runners return, so the Lynx would have to be considered the favorites for this fall as well. Class AA



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Front row, from left: Ira Sarvis, Natalee McGaugh, Nolen Marcus and Corbin Fuchs. Second row: Ryan Florey, TJ Lien, Hannah Schoenfelder, Alec Pester, Angelo Medina and Max Radke. Third row: Colt Penske, Henry Kruse, Lily Meyer, Josie Vlieger and Joshua Olivo. Fourth row: coach Angie Thomas, coach Julie King and Reva McGaugh. Fifth row: Lily Swanson, Teagan Lien, Nora Pester, James Weir, Emerson Sarvis and Sebastian Olivo. Back row: Tucker Lien, Harper Spilde, Luke Vlieger, Charleston Wachter, Olivia Hoff, Sawyer Storm, Hayze Goertz, Davynn Maldonado-Muniz, coach Courtney Clarke and coach Kent Vlieger.

is blessed with youth, however, with only four of the top 25 runners from last year departed, so it could be whoever is the best on the day of the state meet who comes out on top.

Boys A quartet of seniors will head the runners for Thomas when the boys' racers toe the starting line. TJ Lien led Huron last year, but saw a nagging injury flare up during the ESD meet, and intensify at the state meet, forcing him to drop out. Classmate Angelo Medina finished 120th for Huron, while Ryan Florey and Alec Pester will be seeking to qualify for

this year's state meet. Sophomore Teagan Lien led the returning Tiger finishers last year, in 120th place, while classmate James Weir finished 124th. These underclassmen, with fellow sophomores Joshua Olivo, Emerson Sarvis, and Sebastian Olivo, will put pressure on the upper classmen

for slots on the varsity. Eighth-graders Corbin Fuches, Hayze Goetz and Ira Sarvis lead a deep contingent of middle school runners. All six of the boys who started cross county last fall as sixth graders - Tucker Lien, Wachter, Charleston Dayvinn Maldonado-

Muniz, Luke Vlieger, Sawyer Storm and Nolen Marcus – returned for another go at the demanding sport.

And three sixth graders; Logan Goehner, Oakley Korkow and Leo Sarvis, are signed up to did their toes in to the waters of cross country.

Rapid City Stevens edged Yankton for the state title last fall, but both school lost their top performers to graduation. Looking at last year's standings for returners shows that the boys' cross country title could be a real dogfight, with a slight edge going to Sturgis in the team Schedule

Aug. 30 at John Coli-

gnon Invitational in Madison Aug. 31 Andy's Road

Sept. 6 at Augustana Twilight Meet

Sept. 12 at Sahli/Salmi Invitational in Aberdeen

Sept. 21 Clyde Cotton Invite in Huron

Sept. 26 at Brookings Russ Strande Invite Oct. 3 at Watoma In-

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