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PUBLISHER'S NOTE

From the football fields to golf courses, swimming pools and tennis courts, our local high school student-athletes are turning in some amazing performances and creating memories for a lifetime.

While participation in high school sports may be down in some areas and in some sports, the young men and women in our area are busy expanding their high school experience by taking part in high school athletics.

While the victories and records set are fun, the heart-beat of high school athletics is giving student-athletes the opportunity to compete and challenge themselves. High school sports offers so many more benefits including learning to work together as a team, learning how to handle adversity and giving young people an opportunity to establish life-long friendships.

High school athletics also provides a great opportunity for a local community to come together and support its young people.

With the fall sports season in full swing and postseason action just around the corner, take some time out and head over to your local high school to support our young athletes. They appreciate your support and you will enjoy the experience.



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Leister, Wolfe To Play Key Roles For Alma Volleyball

John Raffel Sports Scene

Alyssa Leister is in her junior season as a member of Alma's volleyball attack.

"Last year went pretty good, actually," she said. "We struggled a little bit at the beginning of the season. But we evolved into a much better team by the end of the season."

Leister was first-team all-conference last year. In the back row, she's a setter and a hitter in the front row.

Leister said she met some expectations last season.

"I still think I could have progressed a little bit," she said. "That's what I'll focus on for this

season."

Leister spent a lot of summer work to get ready for 2019.

"I've been wanting to get better on my setting for my hitters," Leister said.

She likes the Panthers' 2019 prospects.

"We should have a pretty good season," Leister said. "Freeland will have a good team. You have to be able to pass and serve. We have to get our serves in too."

Leister is also an active basketball and softball player, but mentions volleyball as among her favorite sports.

Paige Wolfe is in her second varsity

season for Alma.

"At the beginning of the season, it was rough for me, but toward the end, I got a lot better and more confident, Wolfe, a setter, said. "I became more confident in what I was doing. I accepted myself and my teammates. Whatever hitter I'm setting to wants the set at a different place."

Wolfe found summer work to be very helpful for the Panthers.

"I think everything is going to be better this year," Wolfe said. "She'll also do some serving and hitting for the Panthers

"I feel I'm a pretty good server sometimes," she said. "I spot serve."

As a senior, Wolfe expects to be a leader for Alma.

"We're going to be younger team this year, but I think it will come together," she said.



Alma's Alyssa Leister (Left) and Paige Wolfe.

Alma Volleyball Set To Have Plenty Of Depth

John Raffel Sports Scene

Taylor Cleveland is a Alma volleyball senior, who said she had a lot of fun last year and hopes to have even more this season.

"Everything went really good last year," she said. "We had a lot of fun."

Cleveland was a defensive spe-

cialist and left back.

"I have a strong serve receive and I play good defense. Serve receive is so important. The first pass is what matters most."

It was a busy summer for Cleveland and her teammates.

"We're going to have a good offense," she said. "We have two returning setters."

She will also be doing some serving.

"It's getting better every game" Cleveland said.

Another key player for Alma will be Paige Seeley who will be a senior outside hitter. I feel I hit pretty well. We're a younger team but we have a lot of returners."

Alyssa Beechler is junior in her second season. She played all of last season.

"It took a few practices and a match for me to feel comfortable," Beechler said.

She's a rightside hitter.



Left to right - Taylor Cleveland (1); Paige Seeley (15); Alyssa Beechler (6).

"I feel I'm a good blocker," she said. "I have the strongest hitter to block."

The team "can go pretty far," Beechler said. "We have a strong team."

Ithaca Setter Commits To Northwood

John Raffel Sports Scene

MacKelle Thompson is in her fourth year of varsity volleyball and is on pace to be having a standout senior season at Ithaca.

She has also verbally committed to Northwood University.

"Each season we've gotten better overall," said Thompson, a three-time all-conference player, who

said 2018 was her best year.

She's been a setter since she was 8 years old. Whomever her first coach was put her at setter.

"I like the fact I'm like the quarterback of the team," Thompson said. "You have to be vocal and let your setters know what you have to do. We're very close as a team."

She's also a solid server and occasionally jumps serve.

Mady Snyder is another key player for Ithaca. She's a junior this season and played in her first varsity year in 2018.

"I thought it went really well," she said. "I really liked playing with everyone. The hitting, passing and serves (are a challenge from varsity)."

Snyder was a rightside player last year.

"I think I'm moving to leftside this year," she said. "It depends on where you're at.

"I usually have a float serve which moves more than a regular serve."

Last year, "I thought we did pretty good as a team," Snyder said. "We are very young this year. If we work together as a team we'll be good."



MacKelle Thompson

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Breckenridge Volleyball Sparked By Seniors

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Senior Bre Sumner is looking for her third year with Breckenridge volleyball to be her best one.

"Last year was definitely my best year," she said. "I feel I definitely improved from my sophomore year when I was among the youngest girls on the team. We lost six seniors from last year's team. We're going



to be young. It's going to be a challenge."

Sumner is a middle blocker and hitter.

"Blocking is one of better parts of the game," she said. "You want to get up high and over the net. I feel I'm very effective. A big block can determine how the game goes. My hitting has also really improved this year. I'm hoping to place the ball and that's a big thing."

Grace Staley is hoping her senior season for Breckenridge volleyball will be a successful comeback one.

She tore her meniscus last year and later broke her ankle in two separate mishaps and missed the whole season. She was able to play basketball and

run track, but is relishing her chance to return to the volleyball court.

"It was kind of frustrating," Staley said.

But now she's at 100 percent to play front row for Breckenridge.

"I hit it really hard," she said. Summer volleyball was really important for Staley to learn more about her teammates and what they like to do and don't like to do.

Staley will be among Breckenridge's top servers and a true ace.

"I'm a pretty good server," she said. "I serve hard."

As for the team this year, "I think we'll be good," Staley said.

"We have a lot of talent."

Teammate Sage Bleiler agrees. She's a senior and last year in volleyball was her first varsity season.

"I loved the transition," she said. "The coach was very helpful on varsity. She plays right-side hitter and also back row."

"I hit pretty well and I can pass pretty well," she said.

The team, Bleiler said, "is looking pretty good. We have some new people who came to Breckenridge and they're pretty decent."

Breckenridge had an extensive summer volleyball.

"All the time it helped with everything, my serving, my passing my hitting," she said.



Grace Staley



Sage Bleiler

Breckenridge Ready To Give Volleyball Team Major Boost

John Raffel Sports Scene

Alexa Aldrich and Kennedy Hidanek are set to have huge volleyball seasons for Breckenridge this year.

Aldrich is a senior hitter for the Huskies.

"My strengths are hitting the spots I need," she said. "It's my

second year. I hope to improve a lot. Last year was a very good season. Our team did very well last year and I'm hoping we can do even better this year.

"The strength of the team is I think we'll have a very good bond this year. I play wherever coach wants me to go."

Consistency will be critical, Aldrich said.

Hidanek agrees.

"I think we're going to have a strong team this year," she said. "We have a lot of good people coming up. I think together, we're going to be pretty unstoppable this year."

Hidanek is an outside hitter.

"I'm a good hitter," she said. "I'm a good passer. I can pretty much play anywhere."



Breckenridge's Kennedy Hidanek (left) & Alexa Aldrich (right).

Corunna Senior Nominated For Miss Volleyball

John Raffel Sports Scene

It's not always someone gets to coach a Miss Volleyball candidate.

But Corunna coach Kari Carnell is looking forward to the opportunity this season.

Corunna senior Elizabeth Norris is looking forward to the opportunity this season and is also a Miss Volleyball nominee.

"A team goal would be to get far into the state tournament," Norris said. "Last year we got to the Final Four. It'd be cool to return to the Final Four."

Norris was first-team all-conference and all-state last year.

"I think Elizabeth's season is going well so far," Carnell said. "She is leading our team in aces (33), kills (165), blocks (37) and assists

(95). She is an extremely hard worker. She is always very smart. She knows the game and is very smart about how she scores points. She can see the court on the other side at all times and reads plays well. She is good at multiple positions and is a six rotations player so she can make an impact in the game at any time.

"She has improved since last year. Coming off club season where she is her team's main setter has been beneficial to her as a player. She has always been a setter at the club level and now she gets the opportunity to fill that role in high school as well."

Carnell has had some cherish moments with Norris

"One of my most memorable moments with the athlete is honestly just sharing in the memories we have created over the past three

years," Carnell said. "Winning districts for the first time in school history and then repeating the next two years after that has been such a fun memory that her and I will always have."

"Volleyball playing wise one of my favorite memories was against Kingsley in the quarterfinal last year and the other team's strategy was to attack at her in the back row and she literally dug every single ball they hit. She was locked into her position and was so focused it helped propel us on defense and we never looked back."

Carnell is expecting plenty from Norris.

"I expect her to keep stepping up to the plate and helping to lead our team," Carnell said. "She knows that it takes an entire team to make things happen in the win column so I expect her to

keep getting better and helping those around her improve as well. Elizabeth plays club volleyball for Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy so she is always playing volleyball. She runs track and field and high jumps."

Norris will play volleyball at the University of North Dakota.

"I like the people out there and the community," she said.

On being nominated for Miss Volleyball, "it's super cool," Norris said. "I feel really honored to be recognized by the coaches and the volleyball community in Michigan."

Norris has helped the team get off to a solid start.

"We are 11-3-3 and we are undefeated in league play up to this point," Carnell said.



Elizabeth Norris of Corunna, a Miss Volleyball candidate.

St. Louis Standout Ready To Be A Setter

John Raffel Sports Scene

St. Louis expects to have another competitive Tri Valley Conference volleyball team with players like Madeline Greenup playing no small role in that anticipation. This marks her fourth year of varsity volleyball for the Sharks.

The Sharks won the TVC West in 2018.

Greenup was libero last season and will be a setter this year.

"We worked out a lot during the summer," Greenup said. "We went to Mount Pleasant scrimmages. We also had open gyms. I talked to my coach all the time and she helps on

the little things."

Greenup also considers herself to be an effective server and she keeps it in play while being a good spotter. It's basically a float serv.

"I'm excited about this team," Greenup said. "We have a lot of potential."

Greenup, a senior at St. Louis High School, reached 1,000 career digs on Sept. 17, 2019, in her home game against Clare. Digs are passes after the opponents' attack.

This is Greenup's fourth year as a member of the varsity volleyball team.



Madeline Greenup

Seniors Spark Vestaburg Volleyball Attack

John Raffel Sports Scene

Vestaburg's volleyball team hopes to be a true force this season in the Mid-State Activities Association Conference.

Lauryn Dailey is a senior for the Wolverines and said things last

season "went all right. We had a couple of tough spots. We're a very good serving team and we have a lot of returners."

Dailey is the main setter for Vestaburg. She became a setter two seasons ago. Once the coach asked her to assume those duties, Dailey

decided she was open to the idea.

"You have to work on it every day," she said. "Every hitter likes the ball in different places."

Dailey expects Vestaburg to be a strong hitting team.

Another key senior is Brianna

Zinn in her second varsity season. She's a middle hitter.

"I'm able to put it in good spots," she said. "That's a strength of my hitting."

Zinn expects strong teams in the MSAC to include Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart.



Lauryn Dailey

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St. Johns Setter Optimistic With Senior Season

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St. Johns volleyball senior Ashley Miller has been playing the sport since the third grade and is ready to make her last prep season her best.

It's her third varsity season.

"Last year was pretty good, better than the year before," Miller said. "I'm feeling

this year will be the year. I feel we can win a lot. We have a lot of strong seniors this year coming back and they played club."

She's also a life-long setter.

"My mom is a setter and I learned from her," Miller said. "Hands and footwork are important. You have to be fast and focus on our hands. I like being able to

tough the ball each time. You have to be able to react fast."

She's also a strong server and usually netted plenty of aces during club volleyball.

"I don't really miss a lot of serves," Miller said. "You put it in a good spot. I'm a float server and float serves are harder to receive."



Ashley Miller

Merrill Volleyball Team Looking To Be Strong Again

John Raffel Sports Scene

It was a fabulous season last year for coach Ann Wiley and the Merrill volleyball team.

This season remains up in the air.

Merrill won conference and district titles and lost in the regional final in the fifth set. The final record was 42-7-5. Merrill also won tournaments at MLS, Breckenridge, Perry and Ithaca.

Merrill has a key group of six returning seniors:

Ashtyn Hescott, senior, middle hitter, four-year varsity player, All-State player, 1st team All-conference player.

Libby Fischer, senior, middle hitter, three-year varsity player, All regional player. First team all-conference player

Zoe Fleming - senior setter, four-year varsity player, All-regional player, 1st team All-conference player

Maggie Debeau, senior, right-side hitter, two-year varsity player, second team all-conference player

Josie Miller, senior, outside Hitter, three-year varsity player, all-conference honorable mention

Megan Geitman, senior libero, three-year varsity player, All-conference honorable mention

One junior is returning with Laney Wiley, junior outside hitter, second-year varsity player second team all-conference player.

New players to the varsity are sophomore Ruby Schwalm, defensive specialist; and juniors Lauren Wale, a defensive specialist and junior Emma Hesse,

right-side hitter.

"Our first goal is to win the conference title," Wiley said. "Second goal is to continue to improve and compete for tournament wins throughout the season. The third goal is to have as much success as we can in the post-season tournament.

"These girls have played together for several years and work well together. We should be a contender for the MSAC conference title. Other teams to especially look out for is Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart, consistently the powerhouse of the league and Carson City will also be strong this year."

Okemos

Jamie Ianni is coaching an Okemos varsity volleyball team which was 21-14 overall last season and was 10-2 in the CAAC Blue for second place.

Top returner included senior setter Natalie Thom, a 5-foot-8 four-year varsity player who is a returning starter and all-CAAC

performer, who was an AAU National Player of the tournament 17s club.



Other key players are senior libero Abbey Kummel, senior libero Bella Minette and sophomore outside hitter Bethany Hartman.

Other contributors are expected to be freshman outside hitter Taylor Stephens, senior rightside hitter Megan Hetrick, senior middle blocker Charlotte Cox and junior right side hitter Chloe Krumm.

Ashley

Lindsey Ackels is coaching an Ashley volleyball team, in her first year.

Mackenzie Jelinek is a senior and all-around player ready to help the Bears. Ashley Gavenda is a senior all-around player. Isabelle Krenek is a senior middle hitter. Kellie Brown is another senior all-around player.

"We want to become a unified team that strives to have a successful season," Ackels said. "We'll have determination and communication."

Gavenda, Ackels said, a fourth-year varsity player, "is successful and a very great leader on and off the court, disciplined, accountable patient, and aggressive when needed. Each year she develops stronger, as an athlete but is a good player mentally and physically."



Ionia Senior Makes Critical Move To Libero

John Raffel Sports Scene

Taylor Kirby continues to get the job done for Ionia's volleyball team.

Lisa Gettys is coach for an Ionia team which last season had an overall record 21-10-4, League 6-4, and finished third in CAAC White.

"Senior Taylor Kirby who was voted MVP last year for her ability to play in any position will be wearing the libero shirt this year," Gettys said.

Kirby is on varsity her third year.

"Originally, I was an outside hitter, and then I was a right side hitter," Kirby, in her first year as libero, said. "It's definitely different. I've struggled with jumping high which is what you need to be a good hitter. Last year, I got the opportunity to play all-around and I and my coach realized I was good at passing. Then the coach

decided to put me at libero. I play wherever she tells me to play. So far, so good."

The key to being effective in that position, Kirby said, "is definitely reading where the ball is going to go, especially when the middle hitter is hitting. You need to read which way the ball is going to go, reading where the tip is and being quick on your feet."

As a server, "I try to hit hard and low," Kirby said.

A key graduate is All-League setter, Tori Wolcott, who graduated and has been picked up by the GRCC Raiders. Tori put up 2,081 assists in the 2018 season that were attacked, 649 of them ended in a kill. She also has tough serves (scoring 59 aces), was great defensively (with 192 digs and 23 blocks) and was an offensive threat on the net, scoring 108 kills.

Coach Gettys: "Ionia will be strong at the net with four key re-

turning senior hitters. Sid Casillas and Anna Brown, both with previous league awards, are returning and hungry for a title to finish out their high career. Casillas will remain in the middle, at only 5-8, her vertical towers over most opponents. A four-year varsity player, Brown will be hitting outside this year along with senior Myah Barna, both with strong hits and serves. Senior Abby Christensen, also with a great swing and much experience will play right this year.

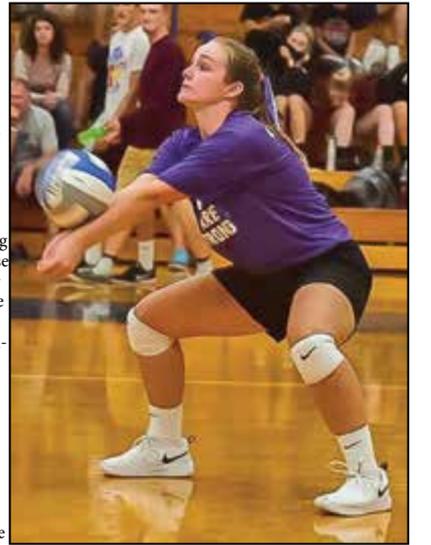
"We also have some exciting newcomers to the squad. Sophomore setter Kassi Casillas may be young, but she is a very strong setter and also has great defensive skills and serves. Sophomore Danicka Fyan will be the second MB and is a threat at the net. Sophomores Paige Castillo, Grace Marie Martinez and junior Makayla Castle are all strong defensive specialists.

"Since taking over as varsity

coach in 2016, we have been working hard to improve our win/loss record each year. This year, we believe, is the year that we have the ability to bring home a title. These girls are ready for the challenge. The team is cohesive, works well together and has great communication."

"So far, so good," Kirby said after the Bulldogs got off to an 8-1 start. "We're playing well and I'm excited for the season."

Kirby also plays basketball and tennis, and she said basketball is her best sport.



Taylor Kirby passes the ball in recent action for Ionia.

New Coach Brings New Hopes For CC-C Volleyball

John Raffel Sports Scene

Carson City-Crystal volleyball coach Brenda Taeter is a new coach with a team that has high expectations.

"Last year's team was high on seniors which got to play all year," she said. "So the juniors sat the bench. They're this year's seniors. They didn't see much playing time. But we have some tough teams. I have a good feeling they're OK in all around and by mid-October, we'll be more on the winning side.

"We're pretty solid in hitting. I've got three players that excel

in the hitting game (CC Havens, Grace Tyler and Hanna Taeter). Those are the key three players right now. They're all hitters and setters. We're OK on serving."

Taeter is a parent who stepped up to coach after last year's mentor resigned.

"They go up to a camp to Ferris every summer," Taeter said. "We did some scrimmages at Saranac this year. Previous years they did scrimmages in Ionia. I do have girls that play AAU. A lot of them play AAU in the offseason."



The Eagle volleyball team is looking for plenty of high moments this season.

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Veteran Core Has Frankenmuth Volleyball Off To Strong Start

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

Led by a talented core of seniors, the Frankenmuth volleyball team is off to a strong start this season.

"We have a solid group of seniors," said veteran Frankenmuth coach Shelley Conrad. "This should be the strongest team in my three years of coaching here."

Senior outside hitter Brooklin Karwat, a four-year varsity player, is one of the leaders of the team. Senior setter Jordan Conrad, coach Conrad's daughter, is also a key to the team and is

team also has a real good team chemistry and that is a big help."

Palmer and Merkiel are leaders of a strong Eagle defense.

Frankenmuth opened the season with a winning record through mid-September. Among the highlights was winning the Silver division at the Birch Run tournament. Conrad, who earned all-conference honors as a setter last season, paced the offense with 91 assists and six aces at the tournament. Karwat led the team with 31 kills along with 44 digs and six aces. Merkiel led the team in digs with 59 with Rummel adding 49 digs.

"I'm excited about this team," Rummel said. "We have a lot of returning players and we've add-



Frankenmuth veterans Chelsea Merkiel (4), Courtney Palmer (3), Jordyn Conrad (7) and Danielle Rummel (9) are part of a large and talented senior class.

ed some good, young players to the team.

Kerkau added 20 kills with Bronner totaling 13 kills at the Birch Run tournament.

Freeland Volleyball Team Building Off Last Year's Success

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

The Freeland volleyball team turned in some impressive accomplishments last season. With a large group of veterans back from that squad, the Falcons are primed for even more success this season.

A total of nine veterans return for Freeland this season. Those players were part of a Falcon squad that won both a conference title and a district championship before falling to Corunna in the regional tournament.

"The nine players we have returning are all seniors and they have all played together for a long time," said Freeland coach Penny Cook. "It really helps to know how each other plays and

what they do on the court."

Senior Caitlin Pistro heads up the list of returning veterans. A talented all-around player who earned all-state honors last year, Pistro has committed to Saginaw Valley State to continue her academic and volleyball career.

"We play Caitlin anywhere we want," Cook said. "This is her third year on the varsity. We can put her at outside hitter and we also use her as a defensive specialist."

Pistro has totaled over 100 kills through mid-September and also leads the Falcons in digs.

Fellow seniors Elli Howard, Mady Rappley, Kadyn Blanchard and Caroline Talaga bring more athleticism and talent to the floor.

"They are just some great athletes," Cook said. "Kadyn has several offers to play basketball in college and Cat has offers to pitch in college. On any given day any one of these players can lead us."

Howard, an outside hitter, is second on the team in kills this season while Rappley brings versatility with her ability to play either middle hitter or right-side hitter.

Leiya Rybicki, Grace Walker, Madelyn Snider and Allison Reams add more senior leadership and offer strong defensive skills and setting ability.

"We have some great athletes this year and it is fun to work with players like that," Cook said.

Freeland hit the ground running this season was it opened by winning 12 of its first 14



Kadyn Blanchard (4), Caroline Talaga (8), Mady Rappley (9), Elli Howard (3) and Caitlin Pistro (1) are among the large group of seniors returning for Freeland this season.

matches.

"Winning regional is our number one goal," Talaga said. "We didn't lose very many seniors and we have a good team this year. I'm excited about the season. We have good players all over the place on this team."

Swan Valley Volleyball Team Looking To Take The Next Step This Season

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

After falling just short of some major goals last season, the Swan Valley volleyball team is on a mission to close the deal this year.

Swan Valley tied for second place in the Tri-Valley Conference last season. The Vikings also reached the district finals where they fell short to Freeland. With a large group of veterans back from last year's squad, the Vikings are working for a league title this season and a big state tournament run.

Leading the way for Swan Valley is a talented senior class that brings plenty of experience to the floor.

"We have been playing together since the eighth grade," said Swan Valley middle hitter Rachel DuRussel. "We have great team chemistry. We have a close-knit team and we're looking forward to a good season."

Swan Valley features a new coach this season in Sarah Gyger. Gyger brings plenty of coaching experience to the bench this season.

Along with DuRussel, the Vikings bring back senior hitter/setter Bridget Raedy, senior outside hitter Natalie Kuhn and senior backrow hitter Anna Dornseifer. Junior outside hitter Rachel Joslyn brings more experience and skill to the floor.

With a total of seven returning players, including five senior returners, Swan Valley is banking on experience to play a key role.

"We all work well together," Dornseifer said. "We pick each other up when we are down."

While the Vikings face a difficult schedule this season, the squad is prepared for the challenge.



Natalie Kuhn (5), Anna Dornseifer (7), Bridget Raedy (1), Rachel DuRussel (16) and Rachel Joslyn (2) are part of a large group of veterans returning for Swan Valley volleyball this season.

"It will be tough," Raedy said, "but we have a good team and we are ready for it."

Bloom, Lamey Off To Impressive Starts For Ithaca

John Raffel Sports Scene

It's looking like another promising season for Ithaca's boys and girls cross country teams.

The Yellowjacket girls made a statement early with a second-place finish in the 33-team Michigan State Spartan Invitational.

Last season, the Ithaca boys were 12th in the state. Braxton Lamey, a junior, is the top runner back from that team along with senior Kegan Handy.

The Yellowjacket girls were 14th in the state last season and were led by Lani Bloom who was sixth (19:04.1) along with Abi Whitford, who was 41st (20:20.8).

Ithaca coach Gene LeBron has been very impressed with Bloom, who had a personal record on Sept. 18 with a time of 18:38.3 at the Shepherd Bluejay Invitational. She won the MSU Invitational in 19:23.92. She has so far finished first in five meets and second in two others.

At Michigan State, Bloom finished more than 22 seconds ahead of her closest competitor and they had 127 points compared to 105 for Pewamo-Westphalia. LeBron is excited to see what she'll be able to do at the state meet.

The same applies to Whitford, who is a senior. She has a season record of 20:01.1 at the Shepherd Blue Jay Invitational and was 41st at the state meet. She was 39th as freshman. She still has not topped her personal record of 19:22.7 in 2017 as a freshman.

LeBron likes how Lamey has taken charge for the Jackets. He was 39th at the state meet last season and took 14th in the NXR Midwest Regional championships. He notched his PR at the Shepherd Blue Jay Invitational in 16:16.1 this season.

He also won the White Division of the MSU Sparta Invitational in 17:04. Freshman Parks Allen has been the No. 2 runner. He was a 17:16.1 at the Yellow Jacket Invitational.



Ithaca's Braxton Lamey (left) & Lani Bloom (right).

Breckeridge Runners Looking To Make Their Move

John Raffel Sports Scene

Breckeridge's boys cross country team has been showing impressive progress this season.

It's Kurt Gulick' third season as coach.

"The boys team has only been beaten by two teams after four meets," Gulick said. "Those two teams are both D3 powerhouses of Pewamo-Westphalia and Saugatuck. We moved up a division at the Holly Invite to race

Saugatuck and a team in our region Unioville-Sebewaing.

"It may look like the boys have been on a steam roll to start the season off so far, but we have had a lot of things 'backstage' not go in our favor. Gaining one of our runners back who was injured has helped the stress level decline some, but we still have those certain things that are crushing us."

Mason Sumner, a sophomore, has been leading the way for Breckeridge, and won the first MSAC jamboree at

Coleman on Sept. 18 with a 16:36.84. Colttion Vine was fourth (17:18.59) and Colton Chovanc eighth (18:28.77).

The Breckenridge boys won the jamboree with a 32, followed by Mount Pleasant Sacred Heart with 51, Carson City-Crystal with 56, Montabella with 93 and Coleman with 148. All of the Huskies are back from the 2019 team, which was fourth in the state. Sacred Heart was second in the state last season.

"Improvement is hard to tell this point of the season," Gulick said. "I have done some digging and the first four meets of the season have been faster this year compared to last year though. We're still in heavy training mode so the next month will tell me more about how they are improving.



Breckenridge's cross country team continues to win trophies.

"They keep practice interesting because they are a bunch of clowns. They make me laugh every single day.

They are also very hard workers. A coach can't ask for anything better than to work hard day in and day out."

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Defending State Runner-Up DeWitt Hoping For Encore

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Ron Womboldt is coaching a DeWitt girls cross country team, which last season was second in the Division 2 state meet.

DeWitt runners Ashley Shipps and Sofia Perez were the team's top two runners from the state runner-up team who graduated.

Returning from that team were Kaitlyn Hyne (19:10.8), Elsa Rusthoven (19:21.8) and Grace Hungerford (20:53.2).

"I think we exceeded our expectations last year and for two reasons," Womboldt said. "We finished behind a very good Petoskey team at the state finals. We ran very strong. I knew it was going to be an uphill

battle but we did what we needed to do. We ran strong enough to take runner-up. We really exceeded our expectations. Two weeks before the regionals, we won the Grater Lansing meet with 42 schools with some really tough competition."

The finish to the season was one a coach could only dream of but DeWitt fulfilled that dream.

"We have three remaining girls from that team," Womboldt said. "Of the top seven, we have three freshmen. We're going to be fairly decent. We should be right at the top of the CAAC Blue Decision with Okemos and Holt. We're going to be competitive. I'm hoping our freshmen can learn how to run a 5K. I think we're going to be in good shape."



DeWitt was runners-up in the state last season.



Potterville Senior Bids For Another All-State Season

John Raffel Sports Scene

Potterville coach cross country coach Dan Brunk has plenty of talent this season.

"For the ladies team we have a returning Division 4 all-stater, 1st team all-CMAC, and all-area athlete Caleigh Winters," Brunk said. "Our 2018 ladies qualified for the Division 4 state finals a year ago, but with the loss of a couple key runners due to graduation they'll have their work cut out for them in Division 3 this year."

"Our guys have some key athletes returning from our regional championship team from 2018 including all-state, all-conference, and 2018 regional champion Zach Wright. Jordan Reynolds (all-CMAC) and Carson Brunk (all-CMAC), as well as Joel Carlson and Mitchell Yarger are returning for a challenging Division 3 season. It appears

the "ranking powers" predict us fifth in our region, but we hope to improve on that to a possible trip to MIS (for the state finals) in November. Both teams have had a good summer of conditioning and are ready to start the racing season."

Winters is on her fourth varsity and senior season.

Her personal record of 19:40 came last season. She's

hoping to get as close to 19 flat as possible. Entering October, her best has been a 20:02.6.

"My strengths are getting out fast and trying to keep up with the lead runner. The last mile and half mile, I try to give it everything I have," Winters said. "After cross country season last year, I placed third in my age group in the AAU nationals."

She also runs distances in track, but said it's hard to indicate if track or cross country are her best sport.



Freeland's Whitney Farrell.

Freeland Girls Expect Strong Season From Whitney Farrell

John Raffel Sports Scene

Freeland has many talented runners on its girls cross country team, including Whitney Farrell.

Farrell is a second-year varsity runner in her sophomore season.

"Whitney was our No. 2 runner on our regional championship team last season," coach George Drown said. "Her personal best time of 19:21 put her sixth on our school's top 10 record board. She is a competitor. She loves

to win. Whitney enters every race with the intent to beat as many other runners as she can.

"Whitney is coming off of a good summer. She's put in more miles than her freshmen summer and we are hopeful that it will transition into a successful fall. Whitney has not only increased her mileage, but increased the quality of those miles she has put in."

Farrell last season was first team all-conference, first team all-TVC, first

team all-Saginaw County, and first team all region.

"We did real good for having a very young team," Farrell said. "We made it to state and won our region. I definitely did better than I thought I would."

Her personal record was 19:21 at Harbor Beach.

"For the team, I hope we do the same as we did last year," she said. "I want to break 19. I need to bond with Kiera Hansen, another runner on our team."

"I expect Whitney to continue to improve in the same areas she excelled in last season," Drown said. "Whitney is also a great basketball player. She was able to balance basketball and cross-country obligations all sum-

mer. She did a great job handling both. She and Kiera made a powerful 1-2 punch for our girls team."

Farrell indicated her race strategy is to use Hansen to help her through the first mile.

"I try to keep the same pace during the whole race," Farrell said.

Farrell also plays basketball.

"As a freshman Whitney played on the junior varsity team and was moved up to the varsity squad for the playoff push which took them all the way to the state championship game," Drown said. "Whitney is very coachable. She works hard and is a positive role model for the rest of her teammates."

MLS Cross Country Teams Pursue Higher Heights

John Raffel Sports Scene

Michigan Lutheran Seminary cross country coach Seth LeBair has high hopes for another strong cross country season.

"Last year our girls team qualified for the state meet with a second-place finish in our region," LeBair said. "It was great to see the girls focus on this goal throughout the season. We also had two girls that finished in the top 15 at regionals (Katy Jones and Maddy Misner). Our guys team improved throughout the season. Sophomore Sam Korthals finished ninth in our region and qualified for the state meet.

Our girls team lost quite a

bit. Katy Jones, Maddy Misner, Rebecca Rivera and Liz Waldo all ran for our varsity team last year. The guys team also lost key contributors in Carson Solomon, Matt Emmendorfer, Conor Kopp and Evan Korthals. Carson and Matt both were consistently in our top five.

"This year our guys team returns four guys that ran a lot of varsity of races. Junior Sam Korthals was our MVP last season and earned second team all-conference. Seniors Dan Buth and Elijah Stiefel (honorable mention all conference) were almost always in our top five. We also have sophomore John Richards returning. We have a few returners that will have to step up as well as five new freshman on the guys team."

Senior Celina Walker is key

returnee for the girls.

"She has been a fixture on the varsity the past few years," LeBair said. "Sophomore Madison Martin made some huge strides last year and ended up being our fifth runner on our state qualifying team. Junior Paige Schultz is also back after cracking the varsity team for part of the year. Freshman Autumn Wakefield has shown a lot of potential but this is her first year running cross country."

"I'm hoping that both teams can be near the middle of the conference but that's going to be tough with teams like Ithaca, St. Louis, Bullock Creek and Hemlock. Most of the teams in our conference are in Division 3 so we get some good competition before we get to region-

als. Last year our girls finished fifth in our conference but were able to get second at the regional meet."

LeBair has been happy with turnouts.

"Our team has had great numbers the past seven to eight years," LeBair said. "Last year we had 38 kids on the team from a school of about 190. We should be in the low 30's this year and that gives us pretty good depth. The team has been really close the past few years and that makes the season enjoyable."

"We have a lot of holes to fill from last year's seniors but that's true with a lot of teams. It's really hard



to tell what to expect from our new runners because they come from so many different places. Almost all of our new runners don't even really know what cross country is until they get to MLS. We don't run excessively long distances at practice because most of our runners aren't ready for that. It's always great to see the improvements throughout the season."

Bay City Western Senior 'Has A Good Running Resume'

John Raffel Sports Scene

Mike Nesbitt will be coaching Bay City Western's cross country team this season and likes the potential of Ashlyn Nagel.

"Especially the latter part of her season from regional to state meet last year, she was running very well," Nesbitt said.

Nagel dropped her time significantly late in the season, Nesbitt said.

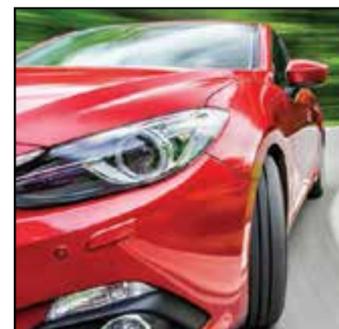
"It was 19:01.0 early in the season," Nesbitt said. "It went down to a personal record of 18:02.0 at the regional. She was 18:06.6 at the state meet to take sixth in Division 1.

So fast this season, Nagel's best time is 18:59.

"Last year, she was a regional champion and we're hoping she can repeat that," Nesbitt said.

"Hopefully she can be our (SVL) league champion. She wasn't last year. She was third. Those seniors have graduated. Hopefully a top five or to 10 state finish. He likes to go out fast and set a hard pace."

Nagel was also on the Bay City Western 3,200-meter relay which was state champion. "She was the second leg of that," Nesbitt said. "She definitely has a good running resume."



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Ionia Runners Hope To Be League Contenders

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Sports Scene

Ionia cross country coach Brian Powell and co-coach Lisa Wandell expect to have another competitive boys and girls squad in the Capital Area Activities Conference White Conference. "Our boys competed well, finishing second in the CAAC white and fifth at the D2 regionals," Powell said of last season. "Seven boys earned all-league or honorable mention all-league honors. Zakk Hensley was an individual state meet qualifier." Key athletes that graduated from last season's team were Nick Brown (captain, all-league), Tyler Esch (captain), Colin Listerman (all-league), Josh Trierweiler and Riley Frisbie.

"These boys went through two

coaching changes during their careers and persevered, providing outstanding leadership to a very young team," Powell said. Key runners are Hensley, Heath LaPointe (10), Josiah Magley (10), Riley Husted (10) and Wyatt Montgomery (10).

"Zakk will need to provide senior leadership to a talented, but young group of guys," Powell said. "The youngsters have already shown in both cross country and track that they are capable of big things. Zakk, Heath, Josiah and Riley are returning all-league runners and will need to take another step forward for us to reach our goals.

"We have been working to gain ground on Lansing Catholic who has won the league several years in a row

and has been a state power. We think we are in position to challenge them and are excited to start racing. We also expect to be in the hunt to qualify as a team for the D2 state finals. We have solid depth and can be a pretty tight pack. Since we are so young, we need to continue to develop our racing strategy skills and attention to detail.

"Lansing Catholic remains the favorite until someone proves they can beat them. Charlotte should be good as well. We think we have prepared well to be able to challenge for



the championship. We are excited to get the season started and see how much improvement we have made over the last 12 months. It should be a great year for cross country in mid-Michigan."

Saranac Volleyball Senior 'A Solid All-Around Player'

John Raffel
Sports Scene

Saranac started out the season at 9-2-2 and among the reasons coach Amy McElvain's volleyball team is having success has been the play of Lauren DesJarden.

DesJarden is a senior who had been on the varsity three seasons.

Lauren is a solid all-around player," McElvain said. "She is consistent in her serving, serve receiving, defense and attacking. Her kills per set average is 3.4, digs per set is 2.5 and she is our strongest serve receiver. Her serving percentage is 91.2 percent.

"Lauren has a calm and quiet demeanor which helps with her

steady consistent play. Lauren has played in the off-seasons striving to always get better. Lauren and our setter are running more plays, she is more integrated in our serve receive rotations, so she can receive more, and she is working on hitting sharper angles."

The Saranac coach has seen significant improvement with DesJarden.

"Lauren is more vocal on the court this year," McElvain said. "She is consistently looking for holes and telling the other hitters where the open spots are. Lauren made first team All-Region this past year, second team all-conference in the CMAC last year,

honorable mention the year before and has been one of the team Captains for the last two years.

"I expect Lauren to increase her vocal presence on the court, and I expect Lauren to continue to be a leader and take charge. Lauren has played club volleyball in the off seasons since starting volleyball. Lauren used to play travel soccer until her sophomore year. We don't have school sponsored soccer at Saranac, so she was unable to continue."

McElvain has been impressed with DesJarden's devotion to the sport."

Lauren started volleyball in seventh grade and sat out the first two weeks because she was unsure if she really liked it," McElvain said. "She has evolved from this shy, quiet and scared-to-try new things person into a competitive and key player for Saranac."



Lauren DesJarden is a Saranac volleyball senior who has been on the varsity three seasons.

Alma Boys Soccer Team Showing Impressive Improvement

John Raffel
Sports Scene

Alma's boys soccer team headed into October with a record of slightly over .500, and is confident of a strong postseason.

One of the reasons is the presence of Joe Setterlund, a senior in his fourth year of varsity soccer.

"We over-performed for my freshman year," he said. "We weren't expected to go far that year but made it a round into districts. Our team has been very young for quite a few years, but now we have six seniors."

Setterlund has been a midfielder and forward. "I am the captain and I set up

goals," he said. The focus is on assists and he said the key to being successful in that role is "having good vision and having accurate passes. I'd say in the box is probably my best shot."

Setterlund had around 15 goals as a junior.

Beating Shepherd is always a key goal for Setterlund and his teammates.

"We have some great players on offense and defense," he said.

Junior midfielder Cole Lemerand is also expected to have a huge season for the Panthers. He's had two varsity seasons under his belt.

"I'm there to give people

passes on top and help them to score," Lemerand said. "I can pass the ball well."

As a team, "we'll be very competitive this year," he said. "We'll be ready."

Lemerand also plays basketball.

"Personally, I like basketball more but I think I'm better in soccer," he said.

Ryan Thompson is a junior centermid for Alma.

"I have to keep the defenders in line and talk to everybody," he said, adding "Alma should be a strong defensive team

"I want to talk a lot more and be louder with my voice," he said.



Alma's Cole Lemerand (left) & Joe Setterlund (right).

Midland High Soccer Expects Banner Season

John Raffel
Sports Scene

Coach Rodrigo Barassi has been coaching the Midland High School Chemicals for many years and is expecting another successful season in 2019.

Among the standout players is Zach Streich.

"He is our leading scorer as a junior and senior," Streich said. "In fact since his sophomore year, he has totaled 50-plus goals and assists in three seasons and we have six-plus games left. He also plays basketball and was a starter in his varsity team as a junior, and made varsity as a sophomore.

He is a naturally gifted player."

Streich has been put together some memorable moments for Midland.

"Last year he took a corner kick against crosstown rival team Dow and his brother Nate Streich scored the tying goal with five minutes left in the game," Barassi said. "Mind you, MHS was playing the match a player down most of the game due to a red card much earlier in the game."

Midland is 8-2-1.

"This season MHS is coming back to fight for the championship of the league," Barassi said. "This team is very talented and



works well as a unit.

We are meeting each goal we set out to accomplish thus far. Starting the season 7-1-1 is a good start. The team is moderately young. We have a great young foundation to continue to build.

"MHS went through a dip in the roster. 2016 was our lowest when we finished seventh out of 11 teams in the SVL. The following year, 2017, we improved but it was still a low accomplishment with a fourth-place finish. 2018 we climbed to third

place out of seven teams as SVL split into north and south. This season we are fighting for first place."

"Along with Streich, senior Ty Passalacqua is a holding mid, and a defender. He has a great view of the field," Barassi said.

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Okemos Setter Having Steady Season

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Natalie Thom is a senior volleyball setter from Okemos High School, who is ready for a memorable final season.

Okemos is coming off a solid CAAC Blue season. In Thom's freshman year, she was honorable mention all conference. Her sophomore year, she was All-Region and

all-conference. As a junior, she was All-Region, all conference, AAU All-star, and AAU MVP.

"My club team my junior year (Legacy Volleyball Club 17-National) also won the 17 and under club division so that was a huge highlight of my junior year," Thom said.

This marks her fourth varsity season.

Being able to compete against arch-rival DeWitt in the CAAC Blue has been a highlight for Thom and Okemos.

Thom said she's always been a setter since club volleyball.

"It was coach's decision," she said. "I was originally a libero. At first I wanted to stay at libero and my coach talked me into it. I love the position and wouldn't want to play anything else. I like that I'm able to affect every ball that comes over the net and be involved in every play. I also like being a leader and being able to run that side of the court."

Communication is critical in

being an effective setter, Thom said

"You need to know each individual player you are playing with," Thom said. "You're involved in every point."

Thomas said the team is young and uses a lot of freshmen and has played tough competition.

"Our goal right now is to help our freshmen get ready for the end of the season when it matters the most," she said

Thom has narrowed her college home for volleyball down to two choices with one of those being the University of Rhode Island. She also runs track.



Okemos' Natalie Thom.

Undefeated: Lansing Catholic Soccer Off To 9-0-2 Start

John Raffel Sports Scene

Lansing Catholic's boys soccer team means business this season. The Cougars, under Coach Gustavo Flores, have started out 9-0-2. The only two ties have been with Holt and Haslett.

"Since we lost 11 players

last year, it was going to be, I thought, a rebuilding year," Flores said. "The boys have come together and understand what we're trying to do as a team, so it's been quite successful. They realize they are not playing for individual reasons. The team is bigger than individuals. That's why it's been successful.

Lansing Catholic went to the regional semifinals.

This team's potential, Flores said, "depends on how well we do. We can come out with anybody if we have our heads on straight and work together. In the next couple of weeks, if we can get that mentality strong and eliminate mistakes for an entire game, we should be able

to see success. We'll see our rivals in the districts so anything is possible."

Kion Noonan is a standout forward for LC while Sam Gonzalez is a senior forward and senior midfielder Luke Thiel are also standouts.

Team unity remains the key all season, as far as Flores is concerned.



Holt Soccer Team Showing Immense Progress

John Raffel Sports Scene

John Connor is Holt's assistant boys varsity soccer coach and has been a coach for 18 seasons. This year's Holt team has started out 7-1-2.

"So far we have shown well," Connor said. "We have one loss to date, to Okemos, on a penalty kick. We've scored 35 goals and

surrendered five. So far we are on track for our expectations to compete for a league and compete with the best teams in the state.

Beating East Lansing, the No. 2 team in the state in Division 2, was a highlight.

"We made it to the regional final last season," Connor said. "We're continuing to compete for a league title and having one loss to date.

"We are very similar to last year's squad but I feel we have more depth."

Zac Kelly, junior goalkeeper, has a 0.5 goals against average. Senior forward Ken Dagadu has seven goals and seven assists. Junior forward Caleb Schray has eight goals.

Sophomore midfield/forward Guershom Sylvain has four goals and six assists.

Goaltending has been a strength for Holt's soccer team.



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Mason, golf

The Mason golf team turned in a big effort as it placed second at the Mason Jamboree. Bella Heathman and Catie Sowers both carded rounds of 44 while Grace Whipple carded a 46, Kate Benson a 48 and Abby Ferburg a 53.



Fulton-Middleton, football

The Fulton-Middleton football team celebrated Homecoming in a big way with a 47-18 win against Saranac. Fulton-Middleton improved to 2-3 with the win, with the three losses coming against teams with a combined record of 12-0 this season.



Gladwin, cross country

The Gladwin cross-country team turned in a big effort as it placed second at the Cedar Bend invitational. Junior Wilson Bragg led the way for Gladwin as he placed third overall while senior Jerod Guoan placed fourth, freshman Ethan Edgar 11th and sophomore Josh O'Henley 19th



Brady Hessbrook, Ithaca, football

Ithaca junior quarterback Brady Hessbrook has bounced back from injury in a big way this season. Through the first four games of the season, Hessbrook has passed for 398 yards and five touchdowns and has rushed for 464 yards and four scores.



Ionia, volleyball

The Ionia volleyball team celebrated its Purple Cancer Awareness game by defeating Lansing Sexton. Sidney Casillas, Danika Fyan and Anna Brown totaled eight kills apiece and Myah Barnes added seven kills as Ionia improved to 14-3-1 for the season. Kassidy Casillas led the team with 29 assists.

Haslett, soccer

Senior night was extra special for the Haslett soccer team as the Vikings defeated Williamston 3-0. Haslett goalkeeper Brooks Boersma recorded the shutout while the offense was paced by Drew Archambault, Brandon Dixon and Olisa Mbelu.



Camden Schuchaskie, Grand Ledge, soccer

A junior forward for Grand Ledge, Camden Schuchaskie is one of the most dangerous offensive players in mid-Michigan. Schuchaskie has produced numerous multi-goal games including a four-goal game against Eaton Rapids and three-goal games against Mason and Waverly.



Al Money, Midland, football

Quarterback Al Money was dropping dimes in Midland's 49-6 win against Bay City Western. Money completed 12-of-14 passes for 260 yards and six touchdowns and ran for a touchdown as he played a part in all of the scoring for the Chemics.



Eston Miles, Williamston, football

Williamston senior defensive lineman Eston Miles has proven to be an obstacle for opposing defenses this season. The Western Michigan University recruit has totaled 34 tackles along with nine tackles for loss and three quarterback sacks.

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Trio Of Area Football Teams Ranked Number-One In The State

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene Ithaca Offense In High Gear As Yellowjackets Tops In D6

Led by an offense that is putting up some big numbers, the Ithaca football team is the top-ranked team in the state in Division 6.

With standout junior quarterback Brady Hessbrook leading the way, the Ithaca offense is putting up 33 points per game. A dual-threat quarterback,

Hessbrook has passed for over 400 yards and has also rushed for over 400 yards. Junior receivers Derek Draher and Zach Poff are a pair of big-play targets in the passing game.

Senior running back Brayden Shaw provides Ithaca with a threat at running back.

While Ithaca has been scoring points in bunches, the Yellowjacket defense has proven to be solid. The Ithaca defense has a pair of shutouts to its credit and is allowing just 11

points per game.

Sophomore defensive back Chad Pratt and Poff both have two pass interceptions this season as they lead the pass defense. Draher leads the Yellowjackets in tackles with 60 while Haden Avery, Tony Bellinger, Johnny Crawford, Chanc McCormack, Brayden McMullen, Chance Risner and Shaw have also been key contributors to the defense.

Portland Among The Elite In The State In Division 5

After reaching the Division 5 state championship game last year, the Portland Raiders are building momentum to make another run at Ford Field.

Portland opened the season with four straight wins including a huge 29-27 win over DeWitt in week two.

A strong defense and a balanced offense are the strong points of this year's squad. On offense, Portland has several options in the running game including Haden Getchell, Gavin McGregor, Blake Meyers, Paton Russel, Jordan Selby and quarterback Owen Russell. Russell also keeps opposing defenses honest with his passing skills. Trent Meyers and David Svanda have been among the leading receivers for the Raiders.

The Portland defense is led by linebacker Carson Frewen, Kobe Kazamaer, Brody Smith, Jace Gillette, Paton Russel, Chris Teachout and McGregor. A defensive back, McGregor came up with a pair of interceptions in the win against DeWitt.

Midland Football Team Tops The Polls In Division 2

The Midland football team started the season on a roll and has continued to build momentum.

After starting the season with a big 28-20 win against Traverse City West, the Chemics have been scoring points in bunches. Midland's offense is putting up 38.3 points per game.



With a versatile offense putting up big numbers, Ithaca is ranked first in the state in Division 6.



A strong ground game has helped Mt. Pleasant to a top-ten ranking in Division 3.

Midland features a balanced offense led by strong-armed quarterback Al Money and running back Drew Johnson. Money passed for 780 yards and 14 touchdowns during Midland's first four games of the season. Bryce Albrecht, Eli Gordon and Tommy Johnstone provide Money with some reliable targets to throw to in the passing game.

Johnson keeps opposing offenses honest as he has rushed for 352 yards and five touchdowns.

Mt. Pleasant Among The Tops In The State In Division 3

After reaching the district finals last season, the Mt. Pleasant football team is showing signs of another big season this fall. Ranked sixth in the state in Division 3, Mt. Pleasant has opened this season with five straight wins.

A mix of efficient offense and a rugged defense is the key to success

for the Oilers. Offensively, senior quarterback Cooper Phillips is leading a unit that is averaging 40 points per game. Senior running back Zach Mogg heads up the ground game while Tyler Huenemann and Carter Nostrant are a pair of reliable pass catchers.

The Oiler defense is allowing 7.6 points per game with two shutouts to its credit. A total team effort is the strength of the defense with production coming from several players including Griffin Brookins, Mark Goenner, Demetri Griffin, Taylor Luke, Jamie Martinez, Josh Schell, Malachi Wilson and Huenemann.

New Lothrop Working On Defending D7 State Championship

If early results are any indication, the New Lothrop football team is not about to give up the Division 7 state title without a battle.

Undefeated and ranked number one in Division 7, the Hornets boast an explosive offense that has put up 40 or more points in all four of its wins and eclipsed 50 points twice. The highlight win of the early season for the Hornets was a 42-21 win against conference-rival Montrose that is ranked seventh in the state in Division 6.

Mason Making Its Move In Division 3

The Mason Bulldogs are making their move in Division 3 this season. Off to a 5-0 start this season, the Bulldogs are ranked ninth in the state in D3.

Offensively, the Bulldogs are rolling with an offense that can put points on the board via the run or pass. Quarterback Chance Strickland and wide receiver Jedian Acevedo have been a prolific combination in the passing game while Michael McGuire is providing plenty of impact plays in the ground game.

Defense Leading The Way For State-Ranked Pewamo-Westphalia

While the offense is putting up some impressive numbers, defense is the story this season for the Pewamo-Westphalia football team.

Ranked second in the state in Division 7, Pewamo-Westphalia is paced by a defense that did not allow a single point in the first four games of the season. That included a 14-0 shutout of defending Division 8 state champion Reading.

While the Pirate defense has been near perfect this season, the Pirate offense is also putting up impressive numbers. Pewamo-Westphalia is averaging 43 points per game.

Defense Has Michigan Lutheran Seminary Near The Top In D8

Michigan Lutheran Seminary has long been known for having potent offenses. This season, thanks to a stingy defense, the Cardinals have flown to near the top of the Division 8 state poll.

The Cardinals opened the season with four straight wins. Three of those wins came with the MLS defense pitching a shutout. The lone points MLS has allowed this season came in a 35-7 win against Saginaw Nouvel, ranked seventh in the state, in week three.

The Cardinals have a swarming,

attacking defense with defenders like Aaron Alcorn, Joshua Bannick, Cole Broekhuizen, Jacob Clarke, Ethan Mayeda, Reagan Moore, Solomon O'Brien and Nathan Seafert leading the way.

Michigan Lutheran Seminary also features a potent offense led by dual-threat quarterback Max Nordlie along with running backs Heyden Heyn and Eli Slanger.

Breckenridge Building Momentum In Division 8

After reaching the Division 8 state championship game last season, the Breckenridge Huskies are putting together a strong encore.

After opening the season with a tough loss against an undefeated Beaverton squad, Breckenridge is back to its winning ways. Quarterback Luke Saunders opened the season passing for 666 yards and nine touchdowns in helping the Huskies average 36.5 points per game.

Defensively, Breckenridge is allowing just six points per game and has posted a pair of shutouts. Garrett Fitzgerald has totaled over 40 tackles during the first four games while Saunders has four interceptions from his defensive back position. The Huskie defense has also had big efforts from Landin Aldrich, Peyton Huntoon, Spencer Rameriez, Charlie Steinhaus and Cameren Valliere.



A big win over rival DeWitt has helped Portland move into the top ten in the state in Division 5.

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Versatile Player Boosts St. Patrick Attack

John Raffel Sports Scene

Portland St. Patrick lost to Onekama in the 8-player football state semifinal last year but hopes to go all the way this year. They have a chance with players like Jeff Davlin, in his fourth varsity season.

"Jeff has been an outstanding leader," St. Patrick coach Pat Russman said. "He is our center, plays defensive end and is our place kicker."

Russman has no fumbled snaps at center and proved to be very solid blocker.

Defensively, he has 14 tackles in two games plus one fumble recovery. He also scored five points placekicking PATs.

"His faith and leadership through action and character," have been keys to Davlin's success "Jeff does a great job of goal setting and sharing his goals with the team," Russman said. "This leads to making the whole team better. He has become a strong center and is very difficult to block on defense. He has improved his defensive line play dramatically from last year. He has continued to be a very solid offensive lineman and placekicker."

There have many memorable moments involving Davlin.

"Most memorable was going to Marquette in Jeff's sophomore year," Russman said. "He was our starting center in the state finals game. He led the Rosary all the way up to Marquette."

"I expect the work and character that Jeff puts into everyday to lead to a fun season. I also expect him to set the school field goal record this season. Jeff was able to visit Fatima in the offseason with his family. He also was a leader in the summer workouts. Jeff brings a good balance of what a great student-athlete should be."

Davlin is also on the St. Patrick track team.

"Jeff has an amazing way about him that brings clarity and fun to all his teammates," Russman said. "Jeff enjoys playing the game and that is infectious to others. The team is 4-0. We are working to get better each week and are very excited to be playing football at a high level."



Jeff Davlin

Cole Hopes To Lead Morrice To Another State Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

Morrice expects to be a contender in the 8-player football state championship race, especially with very talented players on the roster, including Shane Cole.

Coach Kendall Crockett points out Cole has been on varsity three years.

"He has had a strong summer in the weight room," Crockett said. "He was named captain by his teammates and is two interceptions away from breaking a long standing school record. He has tremendous jumping ability and a great nose for the football. He can run with any top receiver and step up

in run support. He is a great leader both on and off the field and is a very coachable player.

"He has really been our lockdown corner now for two years. He continues to improve his craft but has always been very good. He has improved with his on field leadership. In our semi-final game vs. Colon last season, breaking from halftime, Shane received the kickoff and ran it back for a touchdown which gave us the momentum we needed to move on to the championship game. In the championship game (against Pickford) he gave up six inches to a taller Nick Edington and shut him down in the pass game."

It's a new season, but the same Shane

Cole.

"I expect him to continue to work hard and improve his leadership ability," Crockett said. "Shane made over 90 percent of the workouts over the course of the summer. He is a genuine young man who has worked hard for what he is earning. As we say "the only thing you deserve is what you earn" and he has done just that.

Morrice was 13-0 last season with an 8-player Division 1 state championship.

Cole played a key role with the title team and hopes to play a key part with another championship squad. Morrice has started off the season at 4-0.



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Beal City Football Team Rebounding In A Big Way This Season

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

It may be the middle of the football season, but the Beal City Aggies are doing a great job of rebounding.

A year after missing the playoffs for a second consecutive season, Beal City is experiencing a big rebound season. The Aggies reeled off four straight wins to start the new season.

Defense has been a big part of Beal City's success this season as the Aggies have posted a pair of shutouts and allowed just 15 total points in the first four games.

A strong team chemistry is also playing a big role in Beal City's success.

"Our team strength is being together as a team," said Beal City coach Brad Gross. "The kids all like each other and get along. We are working on being consistent and having fun."

Led by a strong group of seniors, Beal City is also getting contributions from several juniors and sophomores.

Seniors Seth Schafer (te/lb), Chase Smith (ol/dl), Logan Chilman, Jack Schafer (qb/db), Trey Small (rb/db), Easton Yuncker (rb/lb) and Talon Neath (te/de) head up

the senior class. Juniors Ben Matthews, TJ Maxon, Ethan Locke (ol/lb) and Jake Gross are also making contributions along with sophomore running back Wade Wilson.

With the momentum building from a strong start, the Aggies are looking to finish the season strong.

"We expect to compete for a conference title and make a run at the playoffs," Gross said. "We have a strong conference with two new faces in Roscommon and Houghton Lake."

Beal City opened the conference season with a 21-8 win against Houghton Lake in week two.



Beal City and running back Wade Wilson picked up a big win against defending league champion Lake City.

Fulton Coach Predicts Team Will Be A Contender

John Raffel Sports Scene

Coach Holly Malek has a strong Fulton volleyball team ready to make a move in the Central Michigan Athletic Conference this season.

Malek's team last year was first in the Silver Bracket at the Weberville Tournament.

Key players gone include Lyndsi Wolfe.

"She was a phenomenal middle hitter," Malek said. "She was our go to hitter and a very strong leader on the court. She will be greatly missed."

Also gone is Brittany Barrus, the team's main setter.

"Brittany was a great server for us and worked hard as a setter with real nice hands," Malek said. "It's going to be hard to replace her natural talent as a setter. She earned

CMAC Honorable Mention and a Leadership Award."

Morgan Warnke was one of the team's main outside hitters.

Key returnees include Mia Canfield a senior setter outside hitter.

"This is Mia's 4th year on our varsity team," Malek said. "I have very high expectations that she will lead us on the court. She is going to be setting for us and also hitting on the strong side. She's a strong all-around athlete that could play literally any position."

Raye Eberhard, is a junior outside hitter.

"This is Raye's second year on our varsity team," Malek said. She stepped up for us last year as a sophomore and did a superb job helping us out on the weak side. I expect her to be a big leader on the court. She will likely be our best server.



Emily Avery is a senior middle hitter.

"This is Emily's second year on our varsity team," Malek said. "I am expecting Emily to help fill the void left by Lyndsi Wolfe. She should be a strong presence for us hitting and blocking in the middle."

"I expect our team to work

together toward our goals. I'm hoping we can compete in the CMAC again this year and finish in the top half. It would be great if we could come out winning our district. This is a bit of a rebuilding year for us as we lost nine players and only returned three. I feel as though we can still have a very successful season."

Serving will be a strength, she indicated.

"I believe we will be a good serving team," Malek said. "We have a couple of experienced setters who are also going to be strong hitters for us in the back row. Our juniors are coming in with a lot of success in their past, so I'm hoping it carries over into this season as well."

Area Swimmers And Divers Start New Season With Strong Performances

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

Okemos Girls Swimmers And Divers Start The New Season With Strong Wins

The Okemos girls swimming and diving team has started the season in strong fashion.

The Okemos swimmers and divers made a big statement when they won the Comstock Relays. Okemos totaled 207 points to take first place while DeWitt placed second with 198 points. The championship at Comstock was the first since Okemos won the title in 2013.

Okemos added a conference win when it traveled to Jackson and defeated the host Vikings 75-53. Faye McInerney led Okemos as she took first in both the 200 and 500 freestyle. Rachel Merrill won the 50 freestyle, Esther Woolcock took first in the 100 freestyle, Emilia Morris won the 200 IM and Taylor Wesley won the 200 breaststroke.

Grand Ledge Among The Top Division 1 Teams In The State

Grand Ledge is flexing its muscles as one of the top Division 1 teams in mid-Michigan. The Comets, who are ranked among the honorable mention in the Division 1 state rankings, placed third at the DeWitt Invitational.

Senior Lola Mull, who has committed to swim in college at Northwestern University, led the way for Grand Ledge as she took first in both the 500 freestyle and the 200 IM. Danielle

Ries placed second in the 100 butterfly while Olivia Vanderlaan took third in the 100 freestyle and third in the 100 backstroke and Alyssa Rainsberger placed third in the 200 freestyle.

Midland Dow Among The Best In The State In D2

The Midland Dow swimming and diving team is again a force to be reckoned with in Division 2 this season. Featuring plenty of balance, Dow is ranked sixth in the state in Division 2.

Dow is coming off a big season that saw the Chargers win the Saginaw Valley League championship for a 13th straight season. Dow also won the Tri-City championship and placed eighth at the Division 2 state finals. With a solid core of swimmers to build around, Dow is eyeing another big season.

"We want to stay healthy and have fun," said Dow coach Chilly Smith. "We look forward to defending our titles at Tri Cities and the Saginaw Valley championship. At the state level we look to improve on our finish from last year."

Claire Newman is one of the team leaders. Newman was named the swimmer of the year in Division 2 last season as she won state titles in both the 50 and 100 freestyle. Sasha Konovalenko is a returning all-state swimmer in the 100 backstroke. Anna Jensen is a returning senior and captain who swims the butterfly, backstroke and sprint free style. Ella Roberson is also a standout to watch. The Dow swimmers flexed their

muscles in a 150-23 early-season win against Bay City Central. Claire Newman led the way for Dow winning the 200 IM and 500 free. Also picking up wins for the Chargers were Ashlynn Barnard (200 free), Sophia Sower (50 free), Audrey Xu (100 fly), Ella Roberson (100 back) and Lauren Burgard (100 breaststroke). In the diving competition, Dow freshman Emily Krzciok made an impressive debut setting a new school record with 253.65 points to win the diving event.

"Our number one goal is to have fun and stay healthy," Smith said. "If this happens, we hope to have great swims at the state finals. We hope to have a state team of 10 girls."

DeWitt Swimmers Ranked In Honorable Mention In Division 2

DeWitt swimmers and divers are starting the season with some strong efforts. Ranked among the honorable-mention in Division 2, DeWitt placed fourth at the DeWitt Invitational it hosted.

Junior diver Elise Snyder was one of the leaders for the Panthers as she placed first. Junior standout Jordyn Shippis won both the 200 free and the 100 butterfly. Sophomore Allison Flannery took first in the 100 backstroke.

Ionia Swim Team Building On Last Season's Success

After placing third in the conference last season, the Ionia swim team is poised to continue the improvement this season.

"We have a larger team than in recent years so I expect we will remain competitive," said Ionia coach Amy Fuller. "We will be able to have entries in every event this year and our strength will be our versatility."

The Bulldogs have a strong core of swimmers with good versatility.

"Courtney Lepien, our captain, brings leadership and versatility to the pool," Fuller said. "Calah Holman brings versatility and strength and Brynn Lepien brings energy and speed. Madeline McGee is a new swimmer



The Okemos swim team opened the season by winning the Comstock Relays.



The Ionia swim team is looking to build on last year's third-place finish in the league.

on the team with experience. Jillian Swinehart is new to the team and will be one of our divers."

McGee displayed her skills at the Mason Invitational as she took first place in the 100 freestyle.

Holt Swims To Victory At Mason Invitational

A total team effort proved to be key for the Holt swimming team as the Rams won the Mason Invitational.

Lindsay Richards led the way for Holt as she won both the 100 breaststroke and the 200 IM. Maggie Hoerner won the 200 free and placed second

in the 50 free. Megan McKinney won the diving competition. Marissa Mongeau took second in the 100 free and third in the 100 backstroke while Sara Pawluk placed second in diving.

Alma Swimmers Show Promise In Early Competition

The Alma swim team displayed plenty of potential as it placed second at the SCC Quad in Battle Creek.

Abby Taylor was a double-winner for Alma as she took first in both the 50 and 100 free. Claire Hubble placed second in the 200 free with Olivia Robinson placing second in the 500 free.

The DeWitt swim team is ranked in the honorable-mention in the state in Division 2.

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Four-Year Dow Tennis Senior Having Banner Season

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Midland Dow varsity tennis coach Terry Schwartzkopf has a song in his mind for this season, led by four-year varsity senior Saketh Kamara.

"Saketh is having another monster year," Schwartzkopf said. "He is undefeated and has a great chance at

Saketh Kamara's overall career at this point is 129-5 with 37-3 in doubles and 92-2 in singles.

the No. 1 seed for states. His overall career at this point is 129-5 with 37-3 in doubles and 92-2 in singles. Three of those losses came in the state finals. Saketh has a great mental game, a desire for success, and the ability to adapt his game in order to expose the weaknesses of his opponent.

"His biggest improvement is his

leadership. He has really taken this young team under his wing and worked hard to help them adapt to high school sports. I just know he refuses to lose. Singles, doubles, or life in general. As for anything else...what happens in tennis stays in tennis. I would love to see him finally achieve his dream of an individual state championship. Thus far it is the only tournament he has not won and he is dedicated to earning that title."

Schwartzkopf has had fun coaching Kamara.

"I'm proud to be able to count

him as one of my own," Schwartzkopf said. "In four years he has done everything ever asked of him. I will miss him tremendously at the conclusion of the season."

Dow is 16-3-2 and ranked in the top 10.

"We were really raw at the beginning of the year," Schwartzkopf said. "We have lots of talent and little experience in the positions they were asked to play. We have already shown an immense amount of growth and I am excited to see how the season ends."

Okemos Eyes Another State Title

John Raffel Sports Scene

Okemos' tennis team will be hoping for a third straight state title this season and appears to have the talent to do it.

Chris Silker is coaching this year's squad. Okemos was 23-1 for first place CAAC Blue, regional champions, and D2 state champions. Okemos lost its top 3 players that could have returned this season in Ozan Colak, Josh Portnoy and Benjamin Letzer.

"All three of these players are pursuing tennis at the highest levels," Silker said. "We wish them the best. This leaves Okemos with a lot to prove with a young team and many new to varsity players for this season. With the decision to opt up to Division 1 this team is very excited to see what it is capable of in the top tier of competition.

"Even though we lost some incredible talent, we return a strong and driven team that intends to still be a big part of the discussion for a state title at Division 1 in Midland at the state final."

Rohan Shah enters the 2019 season with a record of 55-0. Druv Talluri enters with a record of 57-0. Silker begins his 10th season as coach with a record of 140-39-14.

Shrey Patel is at No. 1 singles. He was all-state last year as was Rohan Shah at No 2 singles.

Druv Talluri and Siddhart Nagisetty are at No. 1 doubles and Abhi Shukul and Diego Casagnade will be at No. 2 doubles. They were all-conference picks last season.

At No. 3 singles will be George Fan who is new to the area from



Okemos won the state title last season.

Alabama, but is a top-rated player. Yooncho Cho is at No. 4 singles and has made huge strides as a player from last year Silker said.

Holt, Dewitt, East Lansing, Grand Ledge and Lansing Waverly will challenge Okemos in the league.

St. Johns Boys Tennis Team Expects Another Solid Season

John Raffel Sports Scene

Josh Gove is hoping for another strong season as boys tennis coach at St. Johns.

"Winning the tournament that we hosted as well as winning the Fowlerville Invitational and the Pinckney Invitational," were highlights Gove cited from 2018. "Advancing to the state finals for the second straight year. I graduated nine of my top 12 players. They were a phenomenal group of young men who always exhibited exceptional character and worked harder than any athletes I have coached so far in my career.

"Their attitudes, work ethic, and coachability will be greatly missed. Jack Pope (2 singles) Bobby Goerge (3 singles) Nate Wenzlick (4 singles) Jack Thalison and Alex George (1 doubles) Wes Cressman (2 doubles) Noah

Rumney (3 doubles) Alex Pervine and Eric Jackson (4 doubles) Captains Bobby, Wes, Jack, and Alex were wonderful leaders and role models for the program."

But 2019 is showing promise.

"We have a very evenly skilled team and everyone will contribute, and all but three are brand new to the varsity level even though they are seniors," Gove said. Key players this year will be Alex Owen, 10th grade, 1 singles;

Jake Lasceski and Austin George, 10th, 1 doubles; Alex Pung and Oliver Glinke, 12th, 2 doubles. I have high expectations for them because I believe they can achieve a lot. I believe we will be top 2 or 3 in our conference and regional and hopefully return to the state finals.

"Our strength this year will be our depth as there is no big drop off. I also believe that the new varsity players will bring match confidence and experience after coming off of an undefeated JV season last year. We need to continue to work on our mental game and our physical fitness and endurance."

Gove is confident his team can be a factor in the conference

"In the CAAC Red I believe Haslett to be the top team and then it will

be very competitive with ourselves, Mason, Fowlerville, and Williamston. Lansing Eastern is also in the conference," Gove said.

Ovid-Elsie

Ovid-Elsie tennis coach Ed Tyler sees a lot of improvement for his team this season. Ovid-Elsie competes in the Mid-Michigan Activities Conference.

"We had three seeded players at regionals and our overall record was 2-9-2 and league record was 1-3," Tyler said. "We had some amazing players and they will be missed. They all contributed in their own ways to the team. This year we have eight returning players and two new players."

The returning players are the following:

Seniors - Eian Bushard, Mason



Spieß, Skyler Brown Vidalia Wenzlick and Greg Rademacher; Juniors - Tristan Densmore; Sophomores - Caleb Hall, Gavin Densmore

Newcomers - Sophomore Madison Manchester and Freshmen Justice Moore.

"We expect to have a better winning season and a better record from last year," Tyler said. "This is the second year of our new conference and last year Chesaning won the conference and I see them being this year's favorite to win as well."

Area Golfers Gearing Up At Run At Top Spot In State Tournament

Greg Chrapek Sports Scene

Okemos Golfers Off To Sizzling Start This Season

Ranked fourth in the state in Division 1, the Okemos girls golf team is turning in some impressive performances this season.

Okemos claimed a pair of impressive wins as it won both the Okemos and the Holt invitationals. Okemos also placed second at the Redwing and the Mason invitationals.

Allison Cui is leading the way for Okemos and has stamped herself as one of the premier golfers in the state. Cui captured medalist honors at both Holt and Okemos and placed second at the Redwing and Mason tournaments. Cui carded rounds of 70 at Mason, Okemos and the Redwing tournaments.

Savera Rajendra Nicolucci is also off to a strong start for Okemos. Nicolucci placed third with a 76 at Holt and tied for fourth at Okemos. Rhea Shenoy and Angela

Mothersell have also posted top-10 finishes at tournaments this season while Abbey Kummel has turned in some solid rounds for a deep Okemos team.

DeWitt Golfers Ranked In The Top Ten In The State In Division 2

The DeWitt golf team is off to a strong start this season. Ranked sixth in the state in Division 2, the Panthers have turned in some strong performances highlighted by a second-place finish at the Holt Invitational and a fourth-place finish at the Redwing Invitational.

DeWitt is paced by the one-two combination of Olivia Brya and Kaitlyn Lawver. Brya placed in the top-ten individually at both Holt and the Redwing invitationals while Lawver placed in the top ten at the Okemos Invitational.

Haslett Golf Team Turning In Strong Efforts This Season

The Haslett golf team is showing plenty of promise in the early stages of the season.

Haslett captured the Portland Invitational early this season and built on the effort with top-five finishes at Okemos, Mason and the Redwing invitationals.

Sydney Dausman fired a 72 and Olivia Stoll carded a 74 to lead Haslett at Portland. The duo also placed in the top three at Okemos and in the top ten at the Redwing invitational.

East Lansing Golfers To Challenge In Division 2

Ranked eighth in the state in Division 2, the East Lansing golf team is proving to be a team to watch when the post-season tournament begins.

The Trojans placed third at the Holt Invitational and also finished in the top five at both Okemos and the Redwing Invitational.

Ella Miller, Madi Miller, Mary Kate Swords and Holly O'Neill have provided the team with solid rounds all season. Ella Miller carded an 84 as she tied for 10th at the Redwing Invitational.



The Haslett golf team has turned in a number of impressive efforts this season including winning the championship at the Portland Invitational.

St. Johns Golfers Look To Continue Legacy Of Success

The St. Johns golf team has been on a roll the past several years. Last year was a strong season for the Redwings. Along with qualifying for the state finals for a fifth straight year, St. Johns won the league title and completed a first-ever, undefeated dual season.

Senior Tuesday Lewis, a four-year starter, returns to lead the squad. The conference medalist last season, Lewis has started the season strong with top-five finishes at the Holt and Lady Tullymore invitationals and top-ten finishes at Okemos, Mason and the Redwing invites.

Junior Teagan Sanders is also being looked to for consistent efforts.

"I expect us to be in contention for the league title," said St. Johns coach Rick Schultz, "and for a top-three finish at our regional in hopes to make it to another state final."

Team chemistry is a strong point for this year's squad.

"We have good team comradery,"

Schultz said. "The girls do a great job of communicating and making everyone feel important."

Alma Golf Team To Lean On Experienced Nucleus This Season

With five veterans returning, the Alma golf team is going to rely on experience to be a key to success this season.

The Panthers were a young team last season as they did not graduate a single senior. This year, Alma is led by senior Anna Munger. A skilled golfer, Munger earned second-team, all-conference honors last season. Munger is joined on the roster by fellow seniors Nila Leonard, Isabel Roe and Emma Shauer along with junior Haylee Mayes. Alma also has a quartet of freshmen looking to contribute including McCailan Betts, Kendall Blake, Mallory Edwards and Abigail Treacy.

"Being that we have five returners, I am hoping for a strong finish for us this year," said Alma coach Steve Kettler. "Our strong point is our experience but we also need to be more consistent."

The DeWitt golf team is ranked sixth in the state in Division 2 this season.

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