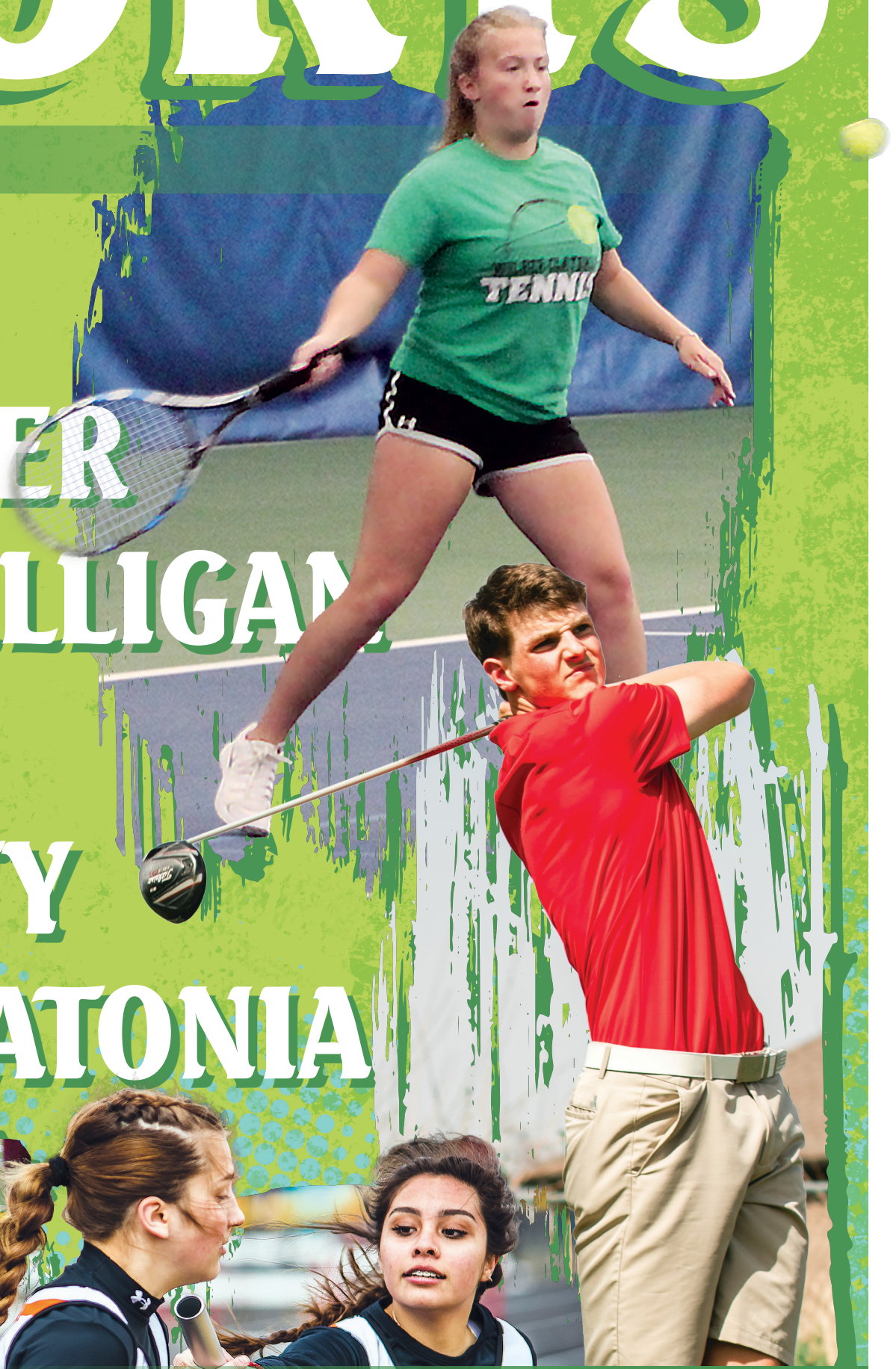


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Students pictured, counterclockwise from top: Amy Kozak, Wilber-Clatonia tennis;  
Jacob Klooz, Friend golf; Mitzu Real and Gabby Theis, Dorchester track;  
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Pictured are the members of the varsity Crete soccer team, from left: (front row) Domonic Betts, Isaac Penate, Wilson Rafael, Isah Sanchez, Edwin Jacinto Tercero, Mario Ramos Bautista and Francisco Ramos Lucas; (second row) Kenson Spence, Danny Lopez Loarca, Alfredo Herrera, Emanuel Chanchavac Matias, Angel Martinez Marquez, Danny Barrientos Vasquez, Elias Raymundo Tercero, Baltazar Adame Lopez, Joshua Morales Leon and Jesse Avalos; and (back row) Juan Tercero Martin, William Bautista, Owen Heath, Osvin Garcia Velasquez, Pascual Ramos Lopez, Carlos Alvarez Flores, Diego Espinoza Mendez, Enzo Giron Padilla, Sergio Morales Garcia and Alex Segura.

**Crete men's soccer**

Coach: Derek Spence  
 Assistant coaches: Jhony Beltran, Jay Johnson, Gilberto Rodriguez, Jorge Paredes (volunteer)

Last season's record: 10-6  
 Seniors on this year's team: On varsity- Edwin Jacinto Tercero, Isaac Penate, Wilson Rafael, Domonic Betts, Isah Sanchez, Mario Ramos Bautista

Returning letter winners: Edwin Jacinto Tercero, Isaac Penate, Isah Sanchez, Enzo Giron, Emanuel Chanchavac Matias, Sergio Morales Garcia, Carlos Alvarez Flores, William Bautista, Owen Heath, Osvin Garcia Velasquez, Diego Espinoza Mendez, Alfredo Herrera, Jesse Avalos, Kenson Spence

Strengths of this year's team: We will be extremely deep this year. We should have the ability to possess the ball during games.

Holes to fill: Midfield and defense with some new positional starters, but solid so far this year.

Overall outlook: We should make a solid push for postseason play... our goal is to play in the Saturday district final game as well as make it back to state.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Norris in our district should be solid yet again, Lexington will probably be the favorite to repeat as conference champions this year.



Pictured are the members of the junior varsity Crete soccer team, from left: (front row) Dewayne Vicente Vicente, Luis Villanueva Perez and Edgar Mercado Figueroa; (middle row) Carlos Gonzalez Chavez, Josue Perez Vicente, Nathon Barrientos, Alex Martinez Lopez, Byron Rivas Martinez, Emmanuel Valdovinos, Joshua Lopez Garcia, Denis Tercero and Henry Jaimes Jr.; and (back row) David Miranda Orozco, Nelson Ortiz Guiza, Jeremy Diaz Lopez, Fabian Juarez-Guerca, Gaspar Lopez Lucas and Cristhofer Sanchez. Not pictured is Mynor Rafael Lopez.



Pictured are the members of the reserve Crete soccer team, from left: (front row) Alfredo Lucas Fuenes, Miguel Jacinto Bautista, Daniel Perez Felix, Christian Beltran-Lopez, Mario Lopez Ortiz and Ricardo Vicente Vasquez; (middle row) Jesus Guitron-Barrientos, Sebastian Perez Adame, Juan Cardona Mendoza, Luis Mendez Mireles, Gabriel Manjarrez, Javier Loza, Mateo Lopez Lucas, Pascual Ramos Tercero and Juan Domingo Bernabe; and (back row) Alex Domingo Aguilar, Manny Ordaz, Alfredo Garcia Escobar, Pascual Ramirez Garcia, Andres Magana Lopez, Eloy Rosales Arciga and Juan Ramirez Lucas. Not pictured are Guadalupe Lopez, Daniel Jacinto Bautista, Jesus Valdez Campos, Gustavo Ramirez Rafael, Pedro Simone DeLeon, Edgar Tercero Mauricio and Henry Monterroso.

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Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' varsity soccer team, from left: (front row) Hallie Clarke, Karyme Martinez, Sofia Dimas, Ashley Quiroz Mena, Zaylyn Enamorado Morales, Mary Lucas Lucas, Addison Harrifield and Karla Gregorio Burgos; and (back row) Giselle Tellez Sanchez, Jimena Santos Zamora, Abigail Linares, Emily Chavez Mendoza, MaKenzie Perez, Reagan Cain, Jadya Sanchez, Aileen Rueda Amador, Alexa Ramirez, Conleigh Spence and Yedi Zambrano Olivares.

**Crete girls' soccer**

Coach: Yesenia Ramos

Assistant coaches: Rachael Wohl and Angela Bryne

Last season's record: 0-15

Seniors on this year's team: Sofia Dimas, Hallie Clark, Abigail Abbot, Addison Har-

rifield, Ashley Quiroz, Betsy Lastor, Cristina Velesquez, Joselyn Mendez, Karyame Martinez, Mary Lucas, Terah Palmer, Velinda Valdez, Zaylyn Enamorado

Returning letter winners: Sofia Dimas, Hallie Clark, Ashley Quiroz, Mary Lucas,

Mackenzie Perez, Emily Chavez, Abi Linares, Candy Ramos, Alexa Ramirez, Jimena Zamora, Conleigh Spence, Jaydamari Sanchez

Strengths of this year's team: The

work ethic of our entire team has been tremendous this off season. These young ladies have been lifting, training and playing since last May. They are hungry and eager to see results

from all the hard work and effort they have been putting in.

Holes to fill: None.

Overall outlook: We see that we have some very winnable games this season and with all the prep and extra

prep these ladies have put in, we're hoping to see the successful results. We have a goal of a .500 season.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Home opener- Nebraska City, Seward and York.

**Crete girls' soccer**

March 27	host Nebraska City (CHS)	PPD
March 21	at Auburn	4:30p
March 28	host Conestoga (DU)	6:30p
March 30	host Seward (DU)	6:30p
April 1	at Lexington	3p
April 4	host Schuyler (DU)	6:30p
April 6	at Aurora	5p
April 13, 15	at conference	TBA
April 18	at Columbus Lakeview	5p
April 20	at Norris	7:15p
April 22	host Lincoln Northwest (CHS)	10a
April 25	host Northwest (CHS)	4p
April 27	host York (DU)	6:30p
April 29-May 3	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 6	at Substate, TBA	TBA
May 10-16	at State, Omaha	TBA

**Crete boys' soccer**

March 21	host Lincoln Lutheran (DU)	6:30p
March 27	host Nebraska City (DU)	6:30p
March 30	host Seward (CHS)	4p
April 1	host Lexington (DU)	3:15p
April 4	at Schuyler	5p
April 6	at Aurora	5p
April 10	host Beatrice (DU)	6:30p
April 13, 15	at conference	TBA
April 18	at Columbus Lakeview	5p
April 20	host Norris (DU)	6:30p
April 25	host Northwest (DU)	6:30p
April 27	at York	5p
April 29-May 3	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 6	at Substate, TBA	TBA
May 10-16	at State, Omaha	TBA



Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' junior varsity soccer team, from left, (front row) Griselda Vargas Montejo, Melanie Magana De La Rosa, Maricela Lopez Miguel, Brisa Ortiz Juarez, Jackie Castillo Velasquez and Lupe de Leon Adame; (middle row) Stacy Mora, Aileen Garcia, Jazmine Morales Leon, Jazmin Tellez Sanchez, Damaris Tercero-Tercero, Maria Chanchavac Matias, Angelica Ramirez Garcia and Mia Cabrera; and (back row) Diane Jilej, Izzy Lopez Ramirez, Adriana Gomez, Sofia Villaneuva Perez, Kelsey Talkington, Melanie Flores, Grace Clevette, and Aida Velasquez Tercero.

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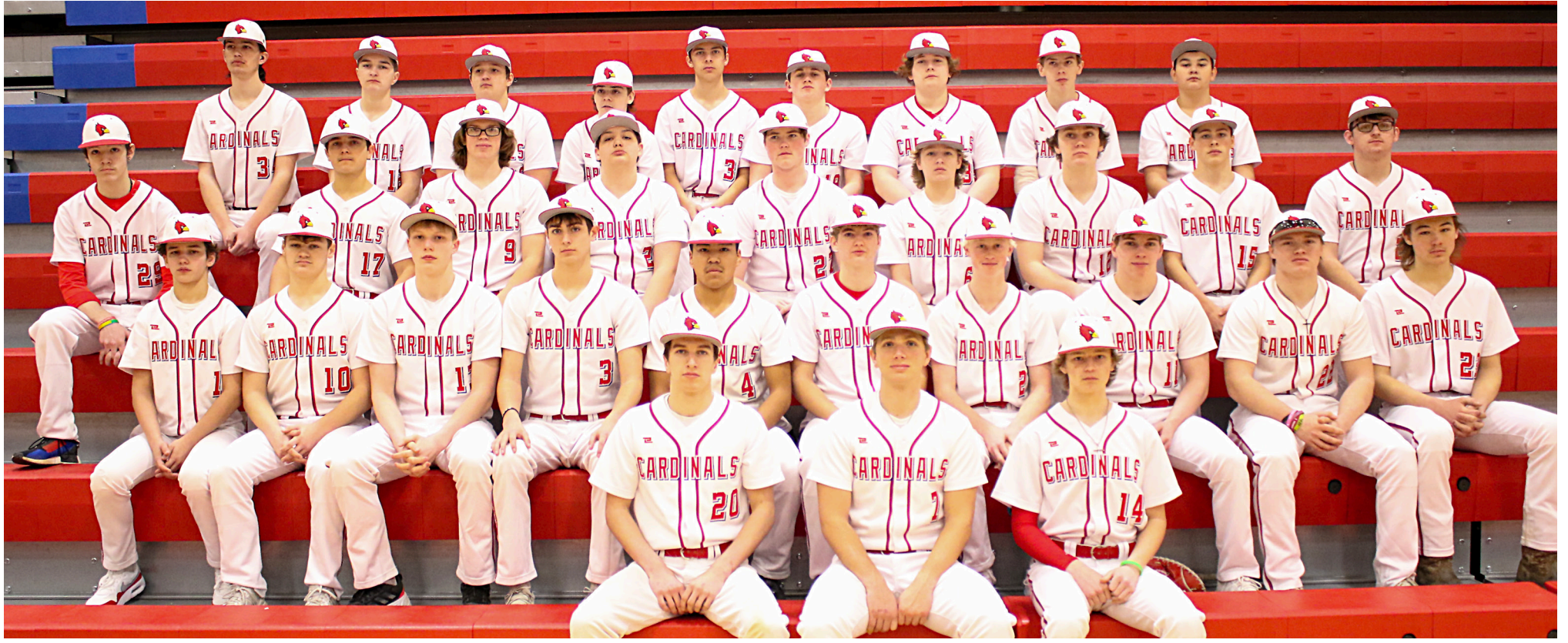
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Pictured are the members of the Crete baseball team, from left: (front row) Conner Lomax, Tadd TeBrink and Maximus Connell; (second row) Patton Svitak, Garrett Rockenbach, Kenner Svitak, Jayden Boyle, Brody Klein, Mason Stone, Carson Kotil, Jeffrey Kuncl, Carter Tews and Cale Burkhardt; (third row) Tristan Heath, Ethan Placzek, Alex Eltze, Gabe Mach, Cole Stutzman, Brett Bosquet, Everett Heath, Triston Lenhoff and Karson Cowan; and (back row) Nick Hollman, Nick Wendt, Zack Connell, Quinn Zegers, Jay Wissenburg, Westin DeLong, Hunter Harrifeld, Tenyson Siske and Kaden Bruns.

**Crete/Milford baseball**

Head Coach: Bryant Rief

Assistants: Justin Nickel, Colton Sales

Last year's record: 8-15

Seniors: Maximus Connell, Mason Crumbliss, Conner Lomax. Tadd TeBrink

Connell, 2B/SS, has made a lot of progress. Crumbliss, P/1B, is known for basketball but has one of the scariest bats around when he can connect. Lomax, C/P, is good behind the plate and can be impressive on the mound. TeBrink, SS/P, batted .450 last season with an on-base percentage of .554 with 16 stolen bases.

Other letter winners/newcomers: Mason

Stone, Jeffrey Kuncl, Carter Tews, Garrett Rockenbach, Everett Heath, Carson Kotil

Preseason assessment of your team: Excited to see where this season takes us. Feel as though we can compete with the best in the state when/if we play our game. There's a lot to prove and a lot of fun to be had. Strongest point of our game will be our defense this year as well as our speed. Some holes to fill but us coaches are confident guys will step up to fill them. Just a matter of who's going to step up to the plate to face the challenges.

Teams to watch in our class: Waverly, Beatrice, Norris, etc.

**Crete/Milford baseball**

March 16	host Ashland-Greenwood	PPD
March 18	host Quad	CNCL
March 20	host Malcolm	4:30p
March 21	at Norris	4:30p
March 23	at Raymond Central	TBA
March 24-25	at Elkhorn tournament	TBA
March 28	at Lincoln High	4:30p
March 31	at Wahoo tournament	2p
April 1	at Wahoo tournament	11a
April 4	at Beatrice	4:30p
April 6	at Bennington	TBA
April 7	at Lincoln Northwest	noon
April 11	host Central City	4:30p
April 13	at Pender	TBA
April 14	at Fairbury	4:30p
April 15	at Maxwell	1p
April 17	host Seward	4:30p
April 18	host Waverly	4:30p
April 20	at Blair	TBA
April 25	host Nebraska City	4:30p
April 27	host Plattevew	4:30p
May 1	at Hastings	4:30p
May 5-9	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 13-18	at State, Omaha	TBA



Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' reserve soccer team, from left: (front row) Lupita Almanza Lemus, Cristina Velasquez Bautista, Abby Abbott, Terah Palmer, Yaris Reyes Galaviz and Jimena Perez Franco; (middle row) Izzy Lopez Ramirez, Stacy Mora, Jennifer Santoyo Rosales, Stefany Aguirre Cruz, Marelle Lopez, Alexa Torres Aldana, Joselin Lopez Franco and Maria Chanchavac Matias; and (back row) Sofia Villanueva Perez, Maritza Mendez- Perez, Juana Lucas Tercero, Gloria Lopez-Portillo, Sheila Lorenzo Aguilar, Karol Villanueva Cisneros and Glendy Arias Uviedo.

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Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' tennis team, from left: (front row) Sierra Bond, Ansley Kuntz, Caitlynn Boyle, Erandy Rodriguez, Jessica Lopez, Reagan Bessler, Ashaya Steele, Hadley Swiercinsky and Grace Nimely; and (back row) Evannie Sand, Jordyn Adam, Ella Heusinkvett, Lauren Kraus, Sierra Crist, Addison Woods, Dina Mejia Vasquez, Melissa Castillo, Joycelyn Castillo and Barbara O' Donnell.

**Crete girls' tennis**

Coach: Nathan Erickson  
 Seniors: Erandy Rodriguez, Jessica Lopez  
 Alves  
 Returning letterwinners: Reagan Bessler, Sierra Bond, Caitlynn Boyle, Ansley Kuntz,

Hadley Swiercinsky, Sierra Crist  
 Holes to fill: Jordyn Coe (No. 2 singles) and Riley Schmidt (No. 1 singles)  
 Strengths: This is an athletic group. We will have a strong core that makes us competitive in any dual. It will be fun to see us have that kind

of team. I'm impressed with how far along we are already. As a tournament team, some will be overwhelming, but some will be in the middle of the pack. Anyone could have a good day. It will come down to composure. The emphasis will be to have fun and keep things in perspective.

Teams to watch: Elkhorn, Omaha Duchesne, York, Beatrice, Norris, Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Pius X



Pictured are the members of the Crete boys' golf team, from left: (front row) Trace Egge, Aidan McDowell, Brock Heusinkvett, Wyatt Clarke and Reece Vertin; (middle row) Ty Yeager, Colton Fye, Lane Wendelin, Easton Kassing and Cameron Willey; and (back row) Paxton Stone, Toryn Siske, Josiah Harrington and Owen Kennedy. Not pictured are Theo Bohling, Brock Bohling and Owen Hesser.

**Crete boys' golf**

Head coach: Drew Rische  
 Assistants: Coach Tony Siske and Coach Jack Munter  
 Seniors: Brock Heusinkvett  
 Returning Lettermen: Brock Heusinkvett, Wyatt Clarke, Trace Egge and Ty Yeager

The strength of this year's team is going to be our depth and the competition that it creates. We are going to have

10+ kids that have experience playing the game, and the competition to get a varsity or junior varsity spot is going to be of high quality. We are looking forward to seeing how this plays out down the road.

Overall outlook: We are cautiously optimistic this season. Our team is going to be much improved and throughout the season I think we will continue to get better and bet-

ter. The reason why I use the term "cautiously" is because of the high quality teams that we will be playing each week. It's fun playing these meets week in and week out and to have the opportunity of watching so many high quality junior golfers.

Teams to watch: Norris, York, Aurora, Seward and Beatrice

**Crete tennis**

March 23	host Beatrice	4P
March 27	host St. Paul	4P
March 31	at York Invite	10a
April 1	at Ralston Invite	8:30a
April 4	host Waverly	4P
April 6	at GI Central Catholic Invite	10a
April 12	at Ralston	3P
April 17	host Lincoln Southeast	4P
April 19	at Elkhorn North Invite	TBA
April 20	at Lincoln Northwest	4P
April 24	host Norris	4P
April 28	at Lincoln Northeast	4P
April 29	host Crete Invite (DU)	8a
May 2	at Lincoln Christian Invite	9a
May 4	at York	4P
May 11	at Nebraska City	4P
May 18-19	at State, Lincoln	TBA

**Crete golf**

March 24	at Seward Invite	10a
March 30	at Seward triangular	4P
April 6	at Norris Invite	9a
April 13	at York Invite	9a
April 17	at Fairbury	4P
April 20	at Fairbury Invite	9a
April 24	at Beatrice Invite	9a
April 28	host Crete Invite	9a
May 1	at Fairbury triangular	4P
May 5	at conference	TBA
May 9	at Waverly Invite	9a
May 15-16	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 23-24	at State, Gering	TBA

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**Crete girls' track and field**

Coach: Alyssa Baber  
 Assistant coaches: KiLee Griffin, Alan Vera-la, Karmen Tomek, Justin Castellanos  
 Seniors on this year's team: Samantha Escobar Barrerra, Alexa Kraus, Caydence Kuss, Grace Sawtelle, Maggie Wohl  
 Returning letter winners: Alexa Kraus, Caydence Kuss, Maggie Wohl, Jenna Andindi, Lauren Maly, Le Nelson, Marin Rasgorshek, Lesli Kratochvil, Trinity McMillan, Adysen Ziemann  
 Strengths of this year's team: The team is very coachable and hardworking.



Pictured are the members of the Crete girls' track team, from left: (front row) Caydence Kuss, Alexa Kraus, Maggie Wohl, Grace Sawtelle and Samantha Escobar; (second row) Lauren Eggerling, Lauren Maly, Jenna Andindi, Stephanie DonJuan Mendoza and Rael Ortiz; (third row) Rylee Sommer, Lesli Kratochvil, Trinity McMillan, Ady Ziemann and Alexa Wackel; and (back row) Savannah Lowery, Addison Meinke, Kacey Dunaway, Hadley Brollini, Colette Andelt, Camry Draeger and Savannah Gosch.

**Crete track & field**

March	18	at Doane University	10a
March	25	at Fairbury Invite	9:30a
March	30	at Norris Invite	10a
April	6	at Waverly Invite	10a
April	13	at Syracuse Invite	10a
April	22	at York Invite	10a
<b>April</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>host Crete Invite</b>	<b>10a</b>
May	2	at conference, Schuyler	9:30a
May	9	at Districts, Waverly	TBA
May	17-18	at State, Omaha Burke	TBA



Pictured are the members of the Crete boys' track team, from left: (front row) Alejandro Blanco, Kenny Le, Michael Willey, Austin Krumme, Miguel Alarcon, Antonio Ortiz and Ethan Sturgeon; (second row) Garrett Dittmer, Quinlan Vondra, Connor Krumme, Jedi Kracl, Cesar Linares, Owen Faltin, Leo Adame-Lopez and Jordy Alvarez Morales; (third row) David Perez, Carter Pezney, Landon Fye, Julian Mendez, Tyler Ward, Barrett Eggerling and Reece Martin; and (back row) Vladimir Lopez, Logan Bessler, Enrique Rodriguez, Alexander Cuevas, Alexis Mora, Maddox Henderson and Trinidad Sanchez.



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**Wilber-Clatonia girls' tennis**

Head coach: Kurt Kiesel

The team has four seniors. Two are returning players, Amy Kozak and Aleksa Chambers, and the other two are Alayna Steffensmeier and exchange student Elli Bengtsson.

Amy and Aleksa are the only returning players/letterwinners.

Outlook: I think attitude will be our strength this year. We are young and inexperienced, but the girls are willing and working hard to learn.



Members of the Wilber-Clatonia girls' tennis team for 2023 are, from left: (front row) Aleksa Chambers, Amy Kozak, Harley Bloom and Sarina Lavilay; and (back row) Channer Koeppel, Aubrey Ninneman, Alayna Steffensmeier, Elli Bengtsson, Jocelyn Hoover and Karelia Brown. Not pictured are Lillian Korbel, Ashley Milla-Lujan and Bella Orr, student manager.

**Wilber-Clatonia tennis**

March	23	at Grand Island Central Catholic	10a
<b>March</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>host Hastings St. Cecilia</b>	<b>4P</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>host Beatrice</b>	<b>4P</b>
April	8	at Ralston Invite	8:30a
April	11	at Crete	4P
April	17	at Lincoln North Star	9a
April	27	at Hastings Invite	10a
April	29	at Hastings St. Cecilia Invite	9a
April	30	at Hastings St. Cecilia Invite	9a
<b>May</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>host Nebraska City</b>	<b>2:30P</b>
May	19-20	at State, Lincoln	TBA

*Good luck to all the athletes competing in sports this spring season.*

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The 2023 Wilber-Clatonia boys' track team includes, from left: (first row) Jorge Vazquez, Zander Baker, Carter Skleba, Gavin Vlcan, Gavin Hormandi, Ashton Pulliam, Tyson Kreshel, Deagen Hoover, Josue Vargas and Grant Kuhlmann; (second row) Evan Odvody, Kenneth Guerra, Cooper Palmer, Ty Kuhlmann, Stone Thelen, Graysen Vlcan, Aidan Zajicek, Cash Keslar, Caden Parham, Jacob Williams and Hayden Woerner; (third row) Beau Odvody, Henry Prokop, Trevin Jurgens, Jameson Conway, Jose Trejo, Garrett Nohavec, Payton Brady, Aiden Wright, Allen Roger and Josiah Lamere; and (fourth row) Grant Eschiti, Caleb Panning, Roberto Torres, Tristan Pearce, Angel Nataras, Elijah Hamilton, Caleb Klabenes, Kyle Pedersen, Ryan Nicholson and Ernesto Orozco. Roman Peloso and Lexand Baker are not pictured.



The Wilber-Clatonia girls' track team for 2023 includes, from left: (first row) Natalie Chrans, Emily Rhodes, Lauren Kuhlmann, Madison Vogel, Shaylee Keslar, Morgan Watson, Carly Rains, Jera Schuerman and Breanna Spilker; (second row) Star Thelen, Addie Combs, Jaylin Miller, Brittany Tores, Claire Watson, Shali McCright and Tatiana Meza; and (third row) Anina Saner, Steph Zajicek, Alexa Landeros, Jessica Martinez, Lena Eschiti and Delaney Mazza. Kiley Kotas and Kira Jonas are not pictured.

**Wilber-Clatonia boys' track**

Head coach: Lynn Jurgens

Assistant coaches: Ryan Fuerhoff, Hayden O'Toole, Emily Roehr, Jenna Schuerman, Ken Furstenau

Seniors: Tyson Kreshel, Ashton Pulliam, Deagen Hoover, Josue Vargas, Zander Baker, Gavyn Hormandi

Returning letterwinners: Tyson Kreshel, Ashton Pulliam, Deagen Hoover, Kenneth Guerra, Ja-

cob Williams, Carter Skleba, Cooper Palmer, Jorge Vazquez, Gavin Vlcan

Outlook: Field events should be the

strength of our team. We will struggle some with the running events to score points.

We have great numbers which is great,

but are very limited on our high-end kids that you need to score points every meet.

Teams to watch: Freeman, Tri County, Thayer Central

**Wilber-Clatonia girls' track**

Coach: Ken Furstenau

Seniors: Morgan Watson, Carly Rains,

Shaylee Keslar

Outlook: We will have three seniors on this year's team. Morgan Watson will return as one of the

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**Wilber-Clatonia track & field**

March	17	at Doane University	10a
March	24	at Louisville Quad	3:30p
<b>March</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>host Wilber-Clatonia Invite</b>	<b>2p</b>
April	5	at Malcolm Invite	10a
April	11	at Milford Invite	2p
April	18	at Dan Tesar Invite, Tri County	10a
April	24	at Conestoga Invite	9:30a
April	29	at conference, Sutton	10a
May	5	at Johnson County Central Invite	9a
May	11	at Districts, Thayer Cenral	TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha	TBA

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**Tri County track and field**

Coach: Ryan Clark  
 Assistant coaches: Reese Hennerberg, Kris Kowalski, Bodie Moeller, Sean Roberts, Annie Bice  
 Seniors on this year's team: Colton Bales, Camdon Cline, Carter Holtmeier, Taylor Koch, Jackson McNiff, Karli Scherling, Carter Siems, Skye Washburn

Returning letter winners: Sophomores – Ashlynn Brown, Pierce Damrow, Harley Dike, Rylan Ebbers, Ben Holsing, Ethan Jobman, Addison Paxton, Ashton Schwisow, Aubrey Siems, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand

Juniors – Evelyn Baker, Ella Clark, Abbie Drewes, Tayden Gronemeyer, Dusty Kapke, Lucas Lewandowski, Ellie Peters, Matt Scheele, Jonah Schwab, Reagan Schwisow, McKenzie Smith, Kenzie Strein, Cassidy Thavanet, Kaden Van Winkle, Cael Washburn, Catrina Washburn

Seniors – Colton Bales, Camdon Cline, Carter Holtmeier, Taylor Koch, Jackson McNiff, Karli Scherling, Carter Siems, Skye Washburn

Strengths of this year's team: Middle



The 2023 Tri County boys' track team includes, from left: (first row) Camdon Cline, Carter Siems and Carter Holtmeier; (second row) Riley Kopf, Macoy Wollenburg, Drew Siems, Ethan Rosenthal, Henry Kapke, Keyton Reck, Ben McNiff, Brayden Ebbers and Evan Quackenbush; (third row) Rylan Ebbers, Kaden VanWinkle, Ben Holsing, Colton Placek, Cooper Stokebrand, Sean Chase, Cole Spahr, Ethan Jobman and Kenton Sowards; and (fourth row) Pierce Damrow, Dusy Kapke, Cameron Reynolds, Cael Washburn, Tayden Gronemeyer and Matt Scheele. Jackson McNiff and Lucas Lewandowski are not pictured.



Members of the 2023 Tri County girls' track team are, from left: (first row) Taylor Koch, Skye Washburn, Karli Scherling, Abbie Drewes, Isabelle Peters and Addison Paxton; (second row) Harley Dike, Aubrey Siems, Kenzie Strein, Kenzie Scherling, Ella Clark, Meila Gronemeyer, Kennadee VanWinkle and Miley Garrison; and (third row) Reagan Schwisow, Addison Ambrose, Cassidy Thavanet, Ellie Peters, Catrina Washburn, Ashlynn Brown, Lucy Morrissey and Ashton Schwisow. Mackenzie Smith and Evelyn Baker are not pictured.

distance

Holes to fill from last season: Our upperclassmen have put in a great deal of

off season work. If we can find a few more pieces, we'll be in good shape.

Overall outlook: We

look to repeat as girls' indoor and outdoor conference champions and to regain the top spot in the conference

with our boys' program.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Our district is chal-

lenging. We'll see how the season plays out.

**Tri County track & field**

March	17	at Doane University	1p
March	22	at Pioneer Conference, Doane	9:30a
March	28	at Wilber-Clatonia Invite	2p
April	3	at Johnson County Central Invite	9:30a
April	11	at Pawnee City Invite	9:30a
April	18	host Dan Tesar Invite	10a
April	22	at MUDECAS, Freeman	9a
April	29	host Pioneer Conference	9a
May	2	at Freeman Invite	9a
May	11	at Districts, Thayer Central	TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha	TBA

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The 2023 Friend High track team includes, from left: (first row) Riley Conner, Reagan Bartley, Ella Archer, Keila Ricanbaw, Ashley Braun, Lilly Ellison and Vincent Warner; (second row) Will Vyhnaek, Lorenzo Vespignani, Christian Conley, Josiah Ocegüera, Mason Vossler, Mark Milton and Mason Semler; and (third row) Jacob Weber, Hunter Svehla, Preston Knollenberg, Spencer Eberspacher, Zach Vossler and Brecken Schluter. Caleb Black and Babe Weber are not pictured.

## Friend track & field

March	22	at Doane University	8:30a
<b>March</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>host Turkey Creek Relays</b>	<b>10a</b>
April	3	at Meridian Invite, Friend	10a
April	12	at Dëshler Invite	10a
<b>April</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>host Friend Invite</b>	<b>10a</b>
April	24	at McCool Junction Invite	9:15a
April	29	at conference, Tri County	9a
May	10	at Districts, Pawnee City	TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha	TBA

### Friend track and field

Coaches: Jim Pfeiffer, Lori Klooz and John Clouse

Returning letterwinners: Breckan Schluter - JR; Jacob Weber - JR; Mason Vossler - So; Reagan Bartley - So

Strengths: There is a solid core of returning student-athletes as well as a good number of

new upperclassmen as well as a big freshmen class

Holes to fill: We will be able this year to fill more events competitively as our numbers are better than last year.

Outlook: We are excited for the upcoming track season as coaches as we have a number of kids who are really excited for the season.



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The 2023 Friend golf team includes, from left: (front row) Abbie Milton and Shelby Lawver; and (back row) Zach Spohn, Jacob Klooz, Chase Paulsen and Dayton Kramer.

**Friend boys' golf**

Coach: Brian Arp  
 Returning letter winners: Jacob Klooz, Dayton Kremer, Chase Paulsen, Zach Spohn  
 Strengths of this year's team: We bring back some guys that can get around the course well. Jacob Kooz is a state medalist. And something that is positive is all our kids that played major time are no longer freshman.  
 Holes to fill from last season: JB Drake and Christian Weber.

Overall outlook: I think if we can get some of our guys golfing just a little bit better than last year we would have a real shot at qualifying as a team. This group works hard and will do what it takes to take strokes off their game.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Franklin, Lawrence-Nelson, Shelton.

**Friend golf**

March 29	at Syracuse Invite	9:30a
<b>April 4</b>	<b>host Friend Quad</b>	<b>4P</b>
<b>April 5</b>	<b>host Friend Invite</b>	<b>9:30a</b>
April 12	at Milford Invite	9:30a
April 19	at David City Invite	9:30a
April 24	at Southern	4P
April 26	at Palmyra Invite	9a
May 2	at Sutton Invite	9a
May 8	at Fillmore Central	4P
May 9	at Franklin Invite	9a
May 10	at Thayer Central Invite	9:30a
May 15-16	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 23-24	at State	TBA

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The 2023 Exeter-Milligan boys' golf team includes, from left: (kneeling) Jonah Geiger, Draven Payne, Brett Kallhoff and Neal Scott; and (standing) Coach Matt Nicholas, Jayden Capek, Aidan Vavra, Mikey Bartu and Carter Milton.

**Exeter-Milligan boys' golf**

Coach: Matt Nicholas  
 Returning letter winners: Carter Milton  
 Strengths of this year's team: Four returning varsity players and five newcomers should make for some great competition in practice.  
 Holes to fill from last season: None  
 Overall outlook: I have seen some good scoring during practice early this year, and I expect to see growth throughout the season. I think that come district time, we should be competitive.

**Exeter-Milligan golf**

March	29	at Syracuse Invite	9:30a
April	4	at Friend Quad	4p
April	5	at Friend Invite	9:30a
April	11	at Fillmore Central Invite	10a
April	13	at Red Cloud Invite	9a
April	18	at Sandy Creek Invite	9:30a
April	28	at Arlington Invite	9a
May	2	at Sutton Invite	9a
May	5	at York May Classic	9a
May	8	at Crossroads Conference	9a
May	15-16	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May	23-24	at State	TBA

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- Eagle – two under par
- Birdie – one under par
- Par – the score a golfer should shoot on a given hole
- Bogie – one over par
- Double bogie – two over par

**Track and field events**

- |                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Track</b>              | <b>Field</b>  |
| 100-meter dash            | Long jump     |
| 200-meter dash            | Triple jump   |
| 400-meter dash            | High jump     |
| 800-meter run             | Pole vault    |
| 1,600-meter run           | Shot put      |
| 3,200-meter run           | Discus        |
| 100-meter hurdles (girls) | <b>Relays</b> |
| 110-meter hurdles (boys)  | 4x100-meter   |
| 300-meter hurdles         | 4x400-meter   |
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**Exeter-Milligan track and field**

Head Coach: Brian Murphy

Assistant coaches: Lisa Kanode, Madalynn Fousek, Trevor Luzum

**Girls**

Seniors on this year's team: Jozie Kanode and Olivea Swanson

Returning letter winners: Jozie Kanode, Olivea Swanson, Savana Krupicka, Lily Jeffries, Kierra Papik

Strengths of this year's team: The team this year has a very good attitude and there is a lot of talent on the team with the letterwinners, returning state meet medalists, Kanode (pole vault) and Krupicka (triple jump).

Holes to fill from last season: We have lost several talented athletes from last year's team. However, we have a nice mix of athletes who can fill the holes and will score points on the track and in the field events.

Overall outlook: If we perform up to our abilities, we will be very competitive in the team race at meets, which may surprise some people.



Exeter-Milligan boys track team members include, from left: (kneeling) Jase Luzum, Tucker Svec, Logan Krupicka and Avery Nichols; and (standing) Tyler Due, Troy Kallhoff, Cade Kresak, Daysan Staskal, Marcus Krupicka, Andrew Vavra and Dravin Birkes. Carver Kanode is not pictured.

It will be exciting to see the development throughout the season.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Both our conference and district are strong as usual with several strong track and field teams.

**Boys**

Seniors on this year's team: Cade Kresak, Marcus Krupicka, Daysan Staskal

Returning letter winners: Cade Kresak, Marcus Krupicka, Daysan Staskal, Dra-

vin Birkes, Tyler Due, Troy Kallhoff

Strengths of this year's team: Tyler Due is the only returning state meet participant, qualifying in the pole vault. There is talent

on the team that can be developed as the season goes.

Holes to fill from last season: As a team, we need to become more consistent in all the events.

Overall outlook: I anticipate a lot of growth from the athletes in individual events this season. With almost half the team freshmen, the upperclassmen will

need to play an important leadership role.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Both our conference and district are very competitive.



Exeter-Milligan girls' track team members for 2023 are, from left: (seated) Olivea Swanson, Jozie Kanode and Savana Krupicka; and (standing) Kierra Papik, Alivia Luzum, Lily Jeffries, Kiley Oldehoeft, Kaydence Haase, Kmila Benitez and Selah Petersen.

**Exeter-Milligan track & field**

March	16	at Doane University	10a
March	22	at McCool Junction Triangular	1p
March	28	at Turkey Creek Relays, Friend	10a
April	3	at Meridian Invite, Friend	10a
April	11	at Heartland Invite	10a
<b>April</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>host EM Invite</b>	<b>9:30a</b>
April	25	at Shelby Invite	10a
April	29	at conference, Osceola	9a
<b>May</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>host Paul Underwood Classic</b>	<b>10a</b>
May	10	at Districts, Pawnee City	TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha	TBA

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The Dorchester track team for 2023 includes, from left: (first row Quinn Kasl, Isabella Cornejo, Micaela Loarca, Mitzu Real Cruz, Ariana Tellez and Atley Zoubek; (second row) Gabby Theis, Kayli Carey, Madison Theis, Amber Kotas, Bailey Theis, Baylor Behrens and Stephanie Korinek; (third row) Chase Tachovsky, Fernando Perez, Jacob Hatfield, Adrian Alcaide and Andy Drake; and (fourth row) Victor Lopez, Jacob Cerny, Garrett Tachovsky, Owen Vyhnaek and Marcos Gonzalez. Not pictured are Addison Lehr, Hailey Schweitzer and Elvis Lopez.

**Dorchester track and field**

Coaches' names: Brian Rut and Brandon Bruha

Years head coaching: 8 years and 5 years  
Assistants: Corey Bird, Allison Skala

Seniors: Jacob Cerny, Fernando Perez, Garrett Tachovsky

Additional returners: Juniors: Jacob Hatfield, Marcos Gonzalez, Addison Lehr, Amber Kotas, Stephanie Korinek, Madison Theis, Mitzu Real, Hailey Schweitzer, Kayli Carey, Quinn Kasl, Victor Alegria, Andy Drake

Sophomores: Owen Vyhnaek, Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Isabella Cornejo, Gabby Theis, Ariana Tellez

New athletes: Freshmen: Chase Tachovsky, Micaela Loarca, Bailey Theis, Elvis Lopez, Adrian Alcaide

Strengths of this year's team: With most of

last year's team returning, we are looking for great things to happen this year and are excited to see their growth throughout the season. They have shown the dedication, work ethic and consistency to compete at a high level. Our athletes are putting in the time doing the little things to help them improve their speed and agility, which in turn will help them in their individual and team events.

Holes to fill from last year: We will be looking for some individuals to step up and fill the leadership roles that we lost from last years team. Jacob, Fernando and Garrett are the seniors this year, and we will be looking for them to be that positive influence and leaders for the rest of the team. Keeping everyone healthy is one of top priorities so we can have our athletes competing at their top level at each meet.

**Dorchester track & field**

March	16	at Doane University	1p
March	21	at Thayer Central Invite	11a
March	28	at Turkey Creek Relays, Friend	10a
April	3	at Meridian Invite, Friend	10a
April	13	at Deshler Invite	10a
April	18	at Friend Invite	10a
April	24	at McCool Junction	9a
April	29	at conference, Osceola	9a
May	4	at McCool Junction	9:30a
May	10	at Districts, Pawnee City	TBA
May	19-20	at State, Omaha	TBA

**Wilber-Clatonia track**

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top sprinters in the area and the conference. Her primary focus will be on the 100 and the 200 but if asked she will move up and run a leg on our 1,600 meter relay. Morgan is a versatile athlete with tons of potential. If she can stay healthy this year she could have a huge year for us.

Carly Rains is our second senior and her main focus will be on the hurdle races and she is adding the pole vault to her resume this year. She is a good athlete and is looking to once again return to state in the hurdles. She had a

tough year last year battling back from shin surgery, but by all accounts she appears to be healthy and ready to go this year.

Shaylee Keslar is our third senior and will focus on the sprints. Shaylee works hard and has great leadership skills. She will be a valuable asset to this team in whatever role she is asked to fill.

We should also be strong again in the throws. But losing state qualifier Aspen Oliver to graduation and senior Emily Ehlers to an injury will be hard holes to fill. Jera Schuerman continues to be one of

the top discus throwers in the state and junior Kiley Kotas has worked hard in the off-season to put herself in position to improve her marks from last year in both the shot and the discus. And junior Kira Jonas will also help us out in the shot put. We have a good group of young throwers that will look to improve as the season goes on.

Junior Lena Eschitti could also have a potentially big year. She has had two good weeks of practice and will be an integral member of both of our relays as well as in the jumps. Tatiana Meza who came on strong at the end of last year

in the 400 looks to continue her improvement as well. Brianna Spilker will help in the middle distance and the jumps and Jessica Martinez and Delaney Mazza will look to improve their times in the both the 1600 and 3200 from last year. And last, but

certainly not least Jera Schuerman could help us in multiple places throughout the season. She is a versatile athlete who can compete almost anywhere on the track and will score points for us in the 800 and the discus at each meet.

Overall we will be

strong where we were strong last year in both the throws and the sprints. I think our hurdlers could surprise some people and I think we have the potential to put three pretty good relay teams on the track at each meet.

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