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H-M-S BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Qualifying events for state tops H-M-S boys' goals

Keeping everyone fresh, paying attention to details are priorities

BY MIKE PETERSEN

The Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn boys' track and field team has set lofty goals and is working hard to lay a foundation of success for the 2023 season.



JAY EILERS

First-year head coach Jay Eilers is pleased with the Hawks' approach to preparing for the season despite having had few outdoor practice opportunities.

"I'm extremely impressed with how our athletes have handled the weather and their willingness to compete. Their character has allowed us to get better on a daily basis," he said.

Eilers expects the Hawks to fill out a meet lineup. Their strength rests in the sprints and sprint relays which will be led by three seniors.

"We feel very strong with Ethan Diehm, Ryan Borden and Kooper Ebel coming back from very good sprints and relays from a year ago," he said.



Members of the 2023 Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn boys' track and field team are front row, from left to right: Caleb Grotluschen, Jr. Araiza, Ryan Borden, Jonny Ortiz, Camden Ball, Jose Perez-Perez, Josh Cruz, Blaine Finster and Aidan Espeland. Second row: Ryan Grotluschen, Kevin Arambula, Alex Billings, David Wetrich, George Vargas, Bradley Zamudio, Carter Dolphin and Ethan Diehm. Third row: James Gellerman, Jacob Cates, Evan Eilers, Adam Schierholz, Kooper Ebel, Damian Dodge and Bryce Dodge. MIKE PETERSEN/SENTINEL-NEWS

"We look forward to Jr Araiza (junior) or James Gellerman (sophomore) to fill that open position and help us reach our goal of qualifying for state."

H-M-S's 4x100 relay team placed second at the 2022 War Eagle Conference meet and fifth at state. The 4x200 team was 10th overall at state and Diehm placed 10th in the long jump. Qualifying events to compete in Des

Moines is a big part of H-M-S's goals. "Getting back to state is no guarantee but we are going to keep that in the forefront and make sure our kids are fresh when it counts, and work on the small detail things such as starts, hand-offs and creating a competitive mindset. We are competing against ourselves at all times," Eilers observed.

Competing indoors last month at the IATC Indoor Championships and the Dan Lennon Invitational provided chances to observe what the Hawks can do.


"They have given the coaching staff an opportunity to evaluate what we are good at and what we can improve on," Eilers said. "Overall we have stayed

Competing indoors last month at

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S-O BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Generals bring interesting mix to boys' track team

Coach reports work ethic is strong to start season

BY LORI WISER-DYAS

With a mix of experience and youth, there's excitement in the air around Sibley-Ocheyedan's boys' track team. New head coach Mike McCarty boasts seven returning letterwinners among his 27 athletes.



MIKE McCARTY

"Overall, we are a young team, which is exciting, but the experienced runners we have are solid," McCarty said. "I feel we will surprise some of our competition this season."

Senior letterwinner Alejandro Bernal, who competed in last year's state meet,



Members of the 2023 boys' Sibley-Ocheyedan track team pictured front row, from left to right: Phillip Van Westen, Jaxon Pedley, Alejandro Bernal, Javier Martinez, Dylan Top and Jack Hausen. Middle row: Juan Martinez, Kyler Elser, Ben Byers, Alan Mejia, David Poppen, Riley Getzel, Tate Marco, Kayne Julius and Triston Vos. Back row: Gavin Stanton, Dominic Marco, Dawson Kreykes, Cale Reiter, Josue Nicolas, Michael Block, Anthony Santana, Cassidy Henrichs and Cole Dykstra. Not pictured: Dalton Wingate, Parker Loerts, Dawson Beyer and Aidan Beyer. ARLYN PEDLEY/PRESS-NEWS

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H-M-S GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

H-M-S girls focused on doing the little things right

New faces to fill big roles for Hawk girls' track team

BY MIKE PETERSEN

Having graduated a solid core of athletes, Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn will rely on younger athletes to lead the way for the 2023 girls' track and field season.

Hawk coach Kirsten Taylor has a positive attitude about having a less-experienced squad in her second year at H-M-S.

"It's going to take us a few meets to figure out how we are going to effectively fill our meet lineups with the younger group that we have. That's exciting," she said.

Preparing for the upcoming season has been challenging but productive.

"We have been working hard on doing the little things right," Taylor noted. "Practicing indoors is not anyone's preferred method of training, so we have been working on quality reps with the space and facilities we have; a lot of basic drills so once we finally get outside, we'll fly."

Senior Emily Mutombo is the top-returning sprinter. She finished eighth in the 100-meter dash at state and was a member of H-M-S's seventh-place sprint medley



KIRSTEN TAYLOR



Members of the 2023 Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn girls' track and field team are front row, from left to right: Alexis Grover, Jocelyn Aboonce, Emily Mutombo, Lexi Croatt and Abigail Otto. Second row: Alyvia Baker, Clara Funk, Evelyn Steffen, Frankie Mohni, Payton Diehm and Natalie McDaniel. Third row: Hannah Tessum, Eliza Tewes, Megan Otto, Moriah Otto, Kamryn Ebel and Pamela Mutombo. MIKE PETERSEN/SENTINEL-NEWS

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S-O GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Talent abounds on small Sibley-Ocheyedan girls' team

State meet experience a plus for Generals

BY LORI WISER-DYAS

Ready to pick up from where they left off a year ago, the Sibley-Ocheyedan girls' track team is more than ready for the season to get underway.



LISA BLOCK

The Generals will lack neither experience nor confidence this year. Coach Lisa Block has 19 athletes and of that number, 13 are returning letterwinners. Included in that number are four who have competed at the state level.

The most decorated is Madison Brouwer, who is the defending confer-

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Members of the 2023 girls' Sibley-Ocheyedan track team pictured front row, from left to right: Keytin Elser, Diana Sufle, Madison Marco, Alayna Wingate, Bria Wasmund, Maricsa Goytia-Valverde and Madison Brouwer. Back row: Emily Vos, Ellie Craig, Becca Woelber, Hadley Crichton, Olivia Hensch, Erika Rosenberg, Justice Pfuhl, Zoe Ackerman, Grace Sayler and Addy Langstraat. Not pictured: Macey Hoekstra and Kaitlyn Bosma. ARLYN PEDLEY/PRESS-NEWS

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H-M-S BOYS' GOLF

Inexperienced Hawk boys working hard to improve

Playing well and with poise is emphasis for 2023 season

BY MIKE PETERSEN

With the loss of three seniors and others who did not return from last year's squad, the Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn boys' golf team is short on numbers for the 2023 season.



MARK JAPENGA

There are just nine players on the roster, with no juniors or freshmen among them. But the cupboard is not completely bare. Top returners include seniors Lucas Kroese and Charlie Conway, and sophomore Jack Mastbergen.

Mastbergen stood 36th and Kroese was 55th in the 2022 War Eagle Conference individual standings, and Conway has some varsity experience as well.

Other team members are seniors Ethan Baker and Caison Kruger, and sophomores Aiden Bush, Slayton McCarter, Blake Meendering and Dominic Tripp.

Despite the lack of returning players, Hawk coach Mark Japenga sees some positives with this year's team.

"We won't be real experienced, but we have some hard working kids that will put in the work to get better," he said.



Members of the 2023 Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn boys' golf team are front row, from left to right: Blake Meendering, Aiden Bush, Slayton McCarter, Dominic Tripp and Jack Mastbergen. Second row: Caison Kruger, Charlie Conway, Ethan Baker and Lucas Kroese. MIKE PETERSEN/SENTINEL-NEWS

Determining who will fill open varsity positions is a work in progress. Japenga, in his fourth year with the program, hopes to settle on a lineup by the second week of April. He is not sure whether H-M-S will have six players consistently competing in meets.

"That remains to be seen at this point," he commented.

It will also be the second week of April before the Hawks can play competitively, as home meets on April 3 and 4 have been

postponed to later in the spring.

Defending WEC champion Akron-Westfield had three sophomores finish among last year's Top 20 individuals, but Japenga feels that Unity Christian might be considered the leading contender for 2023.

H-M-S finished eighth in the conference dual standings in 2022 with a 3-7 record. The Hawks also finished eighth at the WEC tournament. Japenga feels it's too early to tell how they may finish this year.

"We will have a better handle on that af-

ter the first couple of meets," he noted.

H-M-S will move up to Class 2A for postseason competition this year. The Hawks finished sixth at the 1A sectional a year ago.

According to Japenga, points of emphasis and goals for the season are quite similar.

"To play the best we can and stay calm and collected in any and all situations," he observed. "We want to improve as a team and handle stressful situations with grace and poise."

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S-O BOYS' GOLF

Optimism is high for Sibley-Ocheyedan boys' golfers

BY LORI WISER-DYAS

With four returning letterwinners among a group of 13 athletes, 2023 could be a big season for the Sibley-Ocheyedan boys' golf team.



MATT VERMEER

Returning to lead the team are Sam Schnepf, who earned first team All-Siouxland honors a year ago, Conner Beltman, Regan Crichton and Dawson Renner.

According to coach Matt Vermeer, the quartet is clearly one of the Generals' strong points this spring.

"We have some varsity level experience and a desire to improve," he said.

Mother Nature, however, is not being helpful. Late season snowfall had kept the course closed, thus limiting what the team can work on in practice.

Acknowledging his concerns, Vermeer said the team knows what it



Members of the 2023 Sibley-Ocheyedan boys' golf team pictured front row, from left to right: Jon Hout, Conner Beltman, Keegan De Zeeuw, Regan Crichton, Jaylen Vos, Dawson Renner and Sam Chambers. Back row: Evan Beltman, Alex Bosma, Carter Vos, Ben Poppen, Aiden De Zeeuw and Eric Kleinwolterink. ARLYN PEDLEY/PRESS-NEWS

needs to do to climb the ranks in the Siouxland Conference.

"With team golf, we need four good scores for a competitive team score," he said. "We had multiple meets last year where some of our team members scored well but we had difficulty putting four good scores together to estab-

lish a competitive team score."

Improvement is the goal for this year's team.

"We want to improve on our individual and team scores from last year," Vermeer said. "We also want to be as competitive as possible within the conference."

A year ago the team finished eighth in the league with 25 points.

"At this point, it is hard to determine where we will finish in the league," Vermeer admitted. "However, I would say we have the possibility of competing for the middle of the pack in the conference."

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H-M-S GIRLS' GOLF

Consistency is a priority for H-M-S girls' golf team

Higher finishes in WEC and regional play are goals for season

BY MIKE PETERSEN

At the end of the 2022 season, H-M-S girls' golf coach Cheryl Kroese commented that she had "high expectations" for the program in the future. Nothing appears to have changed her attitude as the Hawks gear up for the upcoming season.



CHERYL KROESE

Four experienced players return from last year's squad. Senior Elise Haack qualified for the 2022 War Eagle Conference first team and junior Kinsey Schirmer was second team all-conference. Also returning are senior Morgan Grooters and sophomore Gracie Knobloch, who both competed at the varsity level a year ago, along with senior Abby Kunzman.

Other team members are junior Kya Christopherson, sophomore Jordan Wallenburg and freshman Kaylee Walker.

"I'm excited that we have the experi-

ence returning that we do," said Kroese, who returns for her third season.

Determining a varsity lineup will be the least of Kroese's concerns for the season.

"With all of the returning players and a limited number of golfers, this won't be an issue," she said.

What has been an issue is being able to practice outdoors. As of late March, Kroese was unsure when the Hawks could practice on the course at Sanborn.

"Right now, that doesn't look great. The first match [with Gehlen Catholic] is supposed to be April 3. That's not looking real promising at this time," she noted.

In fact, that meet and the April 4 date with Hinton have already been postponed.

Whenever the Hawks get on the course, Kroese will be looking for consistency.

"We've been talking a lot about making sure we work to play consistent night-to-night," she said. "We lost several matches last season where if we manage the course well and don't allow one to become compounded into several strokes, we win the match."

Last year's War Eagle Conference champion may also be this year's title favorite.

"[Remsen] St. Mary's was solid last

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Members of the 2023 Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn girls' golf team are front row, from left to right: Kinsey Schirmer, Morgan Grooters, Elise Haack and Abby Kunzman. Second row: Jordan Wallenburg, Gracie Knobloch, Kya Christopherson and Kaylee Walker. MIKE PETERSEN/SENTINEL-NEWS



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Van Engen is only golfer with varsity experience on young Generals' team

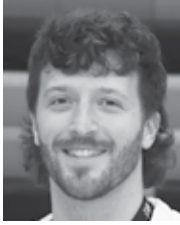
BY LORI WISER-DYAS

With one returning letterwinner, this spring will be a rebuilding year for Sibley-Ocheyedan's girls' golf squad.

Kaisha Van Engen is the lone returning letterwinner from last year's team, which finished seventh in the league with 31 points.

"I have one returning letterwinner as well as six new golfers who have either played golf very little or not at all," head coach A. J. Whalen said.

While the team may lack varsity level experience, there is no lack of chemistry among the group.



A.J. WHALEN

"One of our strengths is that we will have a group who gets along well and enjoys the sport," said Whalen

The reality for the Generals is their lack of experience. However, Whalen is looking forward to the challenge.

"It's a fun challenge as a coach to teach a game I am very passionate about," he said.

At this point, Whalen does not expect to field a complete team, at least during the opening weeks of the season.

"Kaisha will be my only varsity golfer until we have some reps at the junior varsity level," he said.

His long-term goal, however, is to have three to four varsity competitors by the end of the season. Four scores are required for a complete team. Without those, the Generals will focus on individual improvement.



Members of the 2023 girls' Sibley-Ocheyedan golf team pictured front row, from left to right: Natalie Wollmuth, Rylie Boer, Kaisha Van Engen and Tania Martinez. Back row: Jorryn Julius, Kyliegh Wollmuth, Alexa Mejia Martinez and Ella Bruxvoort. ARLYN PEDLEY/PRESS-NEWS

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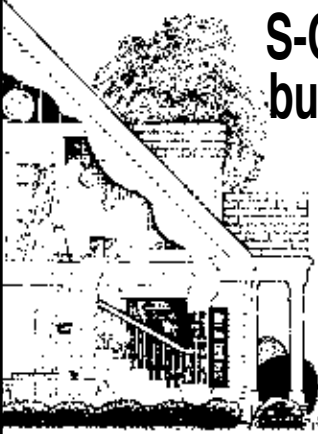
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healthy and that is always a positive.”

The outdoor meet schedule is the same as in past years and will provide competitive opportunities to build depth.

“Keeping our kids fresh as the season progresses will be a major emphasis,” Eilers noted. “Early on we are going to challenge our athletes to be in as many events as possible and make

sure there is a role for everyone on the team.”

Eilers credits the team focus of the H-M-S track and field coaches with making his transition to head coach a smooth one.

“We have a great staff and we all work together,” Eilers said. “[Assistant] Jim Thomas has been an anchor for H-M-S and his willingness to work with all of our kids in a positive way creates a foundation for our team. I only know how to be me, and we’re going to continue to work hard and have fun in the process.”

H-M-S girls

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relay team. Also back from that relay is junior Abby Otto. They were also members of two relays that finished first at the War Eagle Conference meet.

Taylor anticipates H-M-S will fill more field events. Mutombo was long jump champion at the conference meet, and there could be more depth among the throwers, led by sophomore Eliza Tewes.

Among those competing in the middle and long-distance races will be juniors Lexi Croatt and Jocelyn Abonce, and sophomore Kamryn Ebel.

“I am excited to see where we put everyone in the relays, as there are a lot of new faces out there this season,” Taylor said. “We have a nice class of freshmen who are willing to step up and try new events. We love that as coaches.”

The Hawks recently competed in the Dan Lennon Invitational at Vermillion, S.D. Competing indoors offers advantages

to the participants.

“Indoor meets are additional opportunities for our athletes to compete that they wouldn’t otherwise get,” Taylor noted. “Any chance to compete is beneficial to our athletes’ competitive spirit.”

The 2023 outdoor schedule is similar to past years and Taylor feels it will help prepare the Hawks to succeed against quality competition.

“Our schedule gives our team the opportunity to compete against athletes not only in the War Eagle Conference but also against some of the best in the state. Our girls rise when they face great competitors on a weekly basis,” she said.

Taylor feels the Hawks will reach their goals for the season, including qualifying events for the state meet where they will compete in Class 2A this year.

“We always want to see improvements throughout the season; hitting season and personal bests at the right times. Times will go down and marks will go up as our athletes trust the process,” she noted. “Even though we moved up a class, I have no doubt we will have some state qualifiers.”

2023 H-M-S SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

TRACK
Head Coaches: Kirsten Taylor, Jay Eilers
Assistant Coaches: Patricia Zimmermann, Jim Thomas
 Saturday, April 15: Sioux City Relays, Sioux City, 8 a.m.
 Friday, April 21: H-M-S Relays (G/B), Hartley, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 24: Okoboji (G/B), Milford, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 27: North Union (G/B), Armstrong, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 1: War Eagle Conference (G/B), Paullina, 4 p.m.
 Thursday, May 4: South O'Brien (G/B), Paullina, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 8, Sioux Central (G/B), Sioux Rapids, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, May 11: State Qualifying Meet (G/B), TBA, 4 p.m.

GOLF
Girls' Coach: Cheryl Kroese
Boys' Coach: Mark Japenga
 Thursday, April 13: South O'Brien (G/B), Primghar, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 17: West Sioux (G/B),

Sanborn, 4:30 p.m.
 Tuesday, April 18: Gehlen Catholic (G/B), Sanborn, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 20: Trinity Christian (B), Hull, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 24: Hinton (G/B), Sanborn, 4:30 p.m.
 Thursday, April 27: Unity Christian (G/B), Sanborn, 4:30 p.m.
 Friday, April 28: Sioux Central (B), Sioux Rapids, 4 p.m.; (G), Sanborn, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 1: War Eagle Conference (B), Sioux Center, 10 a.m.
 Tuesday, May 2: War Eagle Conference (G), Sioux Center, 10 a.m.
 Thursday, May 4: Harris-Lake Park, MMCRU (G/B), Marcus, 4:30 p.m.
 Monday, May 8: Akron-Westfield (G/B), Akron, 4:30 p.m.
 Wednesday, May 10: Sectional Meet (B), TBD.
 Friday, May 12: Regional First Round (G), TBD.
 Monday, May 15: District Meet (B), TBD.
 Wednesday, May 17: Regional Second Round (G), TBD.



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S-O boys

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leads a strong group of distance runners. David Poppen, also a returning letterwinner, and Ben Byers, who put together a strong cross country season, join Bernal.

The middle distance corps is led by letterwinners Cale Reiter and Cole Dykstra, who are setting the pace with the group. Dawson Kreykes has been a pleasant surprise, according to the coach. Anthony

Santana and Gavi Stanton have also been making nice strides.

“We have a strong group of sprint and middle distance runners,” said McCarty. “Sprint guys to watch will be Javier Martinez, Dylan Top, Riley Getzel, Jack Hausen, Reiter, Dominic Marco, Kreykes and Tate Marco. These guys will be fun to watch and will be able to step up and deliver for the team.”

The Generals have depth in the field events, too. Alan Mejia, Cassidy Henrichs, Kyler Elser, Juan Martinez, Josue Nicolas, Michael Block and Aiden Beyer

will be competing for the shot put slots. The coach indicated discus throwers will also be found in the group. Weather, however, has made it difficult to get outside to throw as well as jump.

McCarty said the team also hopes to fill the long jump and high jump slots. Top and Getzel are expected to handle the long jump chores while D. Marco is giving the high jump a try.

The coach said it is far too early to predict how his team will fare this season, but with the help of assistant coaches Ryan Wiersma, Kerry Krogman, Tyler Ziemann

and Ali Poepe, he sees his athletes continuing to improve.

“The most encouraging aspect of the season so far has been the work ethic of the team. We have several young men who are on the team to become better athletes and improve their performance in other sports,” said McCarty. “This type of dedication gives us a solid foundation and I feel is an exciting beginning of a culture change. I hope the growth and success we have this year will continue to spark increased participation in all sports here at Sibley-Ocheyedan.”

S-O girls

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ence champion in the 400 meters, 800 meters, 1500 meters and a member of the champion 4x400 relay team. Last year she also qualified for state in those events, where she finished third in the 800 and second in the 1500.

Madison Marco finished second in the Siouxland Conference a year ago in the 3000 meters. She qualified for state a year ago in the 1500, 3000 and

4x400. She finished ninth in the 1500 and 10th in the 3000.

Alayna Wingate was the runner-up in the conference 400-meter race, the event in which she placed 10th at state. She also qualified in the 100-meter hurdles, 400-meter hurdles and the 4x400.

Olivia Hensch also has state experience as a member of the 4x400 relay.

“Our returning state qualifiers and the experience of our upperclassmen is always a benefit to set the tone for meets and practices,” Block said.

As for her team, the coach said she has “a great group” of middle sprint

and distance runners but acknowledged the team is “training to have some great short sprints.”

“Our team has great strength in overcoming challenges, though, and making the adjustments they need to get better,” she said.

One of those challenges has been the availability of the track.

“Honestly, I tell our athletes we can only control what we can control,” she said. “Our school has provided us with a great weight room with great equipment, along with our gym to get stronger and faster. We still make it outside

and use our town roads to run. Where there’s a will, there’s a way. We’ve had three indoor meets early on this season, which have provided opportunities to get on a track.”

Block had high hopes for the 2023 season.

“I’m always positively optimistic about the season; in fact, every meet that comes our way,” she said. “I think our athletes feel the same way. Every meet is another chance to see what we can do. The girls are very anxious about competing though they enjoy putting practices to use.”

2023 SIBLEY-OCHEYEDAN SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

TRACK

Girls’ Coach: Lisa Block

Boys’ Coach: Mike McCarty

Thursday, April 13: Sioux Center (G/B), Sioux Center, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 17: Sheldon (G), Sheldon, 4:30 p.m.; Unity Christian (B), Orange City, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 21: Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn (G/B), Hartley, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24: Okoboji (G/B), Milford, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, April 28: Boyden-Hull (G/B), Hull, 4:30 p.m. Drake Relays, Des Moines, TBD.

Monday, May 1: Sibley-Ocheyedan, (G/B), Sibley, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 4: Siouxland Conference (G/B), Inwood, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 11: State Qualifying Meet (G/B), TBA, 4 p.m.

GOLF

Girls’ Coach: A.J. Whalen

Boys’ Coach: Matt Vermeer

Monday, April 17: Boyden-Hull (V B), Hull, 4:30 p.m.; Okoboji (V G), Arnolds Park, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 18: MOC-Floyd Valley (V B), Orange City, 4:30 p.m.; Central Lyon (V G), Rock Rapids, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20: West Lyon (V B), Larchwood, 4:30 p.m.; George-Little Rock (V G), George, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 24: Sheldon (V B), Sheldon, 4:30 p.m.; West Lyon (V G), Larchwood, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 25: Central Lyon (V B), Rock Rapids, 4:30 p.m.; S-O (V G), Sibley, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 27: Rock Valley (V B), Rock Valley, 4:30 p.m.; Sioux Center (V G), Sioux Center, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 29: Okoboji Invitational (V B), Arnolds Park, 9 a.m.

Monday, May 1: George-Little Rock (V B), George, 4:30 p.m.; MOC-Floyd Valley (JV B), Orange City, 4:30 p.m.; S-O Invitational (V G), Sibley, 3 p.m.

Wednesday, May 3: S-O (V B), Sibley, 11 a.m.; Rock Valley (V G), Rock Valley,

11 a.m.

Thursday, May 4: Sioux Center (V B), Sioux Center, 2:30 p.m.; Boyden-Hull (V G), Hull, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 8: Okoboji (V B), Arnolds Park, 4:30 p.m.; Sheldon (G), Sheldon, 4:30 p.m.

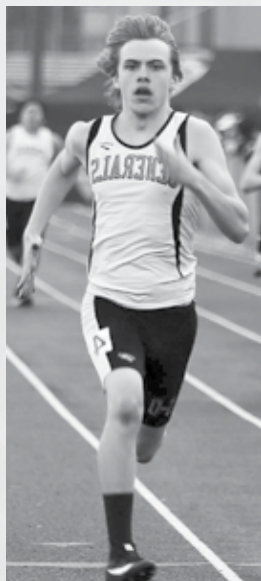
Tuesday, May 9: MOC-Floyd Valley (V G), Orange City, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 10: Sectionals (B), TBD.

Friday, May 12: Regional First Round (G), TBD.

Monday, May 15: Districts (B), TBD.

Wednesday, May 17: Regional Finals (G), TBD.



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H-M-S golf

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season and lost their top golfer, but I'm sure they will be strong again this year," Kroese said. "Gehlen Catholic has some nice returning players, as well as South O'Brien."

The Hawks had a 3-6 dual record and finished seventh at the WEC tournament. Higher finishes are possible this spring.

"I think we fit in well with the top con-

tenders in the conference," Kroese commented. "I think this group of young ladies is determined and I'm excited to see what we do this season."

Among the Hawks' season goals is to finish higher than sixth at the regional meet.

"I'd like to see us finish in the Top 3 at conference and would love to see us be more competitive when it comes to regionals this year," Kroese noted. "With the group of young ladies we have in the lineup, I'm confident that can happen."

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