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The Luverne track and field team took 21 athletes to the 2023 MSHSL State Track and Field Class A Championships in Albertville. Pictured are (front, from left) Jady Hart, Isabella Oye, Jenna DeBates, Elizabeth Wagner, (middle) Jocelyn Hart, Sarah Stegenga, Cassi Chesley, Tiana Lais, Augusta Papik, Ella Schmuck, Reina John, (back) Owen Janiszkeski, DJ Rock, Dylan Ommen, Carsen Toftland, Zach Terrio, Darius Dolo, Lucky Dara, Ryan Fick, Camden Janiszkeski and Sage Viessman.

LHS Track & Field

Luverne traveled to the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships in Albertville Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

Twenty-one Cardinals qualified for state competition and walked away with 13 Top 12 finishes at the state track and field competition.

Senior DJ Rock took first place in the pole vault with a winning height of 14 feet.

Senior Jady Hart placed first in the discus throw with a toss of 131 feet even, and she placed fourth in the shot put with a throw of 39-7 1/4.

Jocelyn Hart finished second in the shot put

with a distance of 40-9 3/4, and she placed fourth in the discus with a toss of 121-11.

Junior Jenna DeBates placed fourth in the 3200-meter run with a time of 11:11.51.

The Luverne boys' 4-by-400-meter relay, run by senior Camden Janiszkeski, sophomore Owen Janiszkeski, senior Carsen Toftland and junior Ryan Fick, placed fourth with a time of 8:04.13.

The girls' 4-by-400-meter relay team made of of junior Jenna DeBates, senior Tiana Lais, junior Cassi Chesley and senior Elizabeth Wagner placed seventh with a time of 9:52.56.

Sophomore Owen Janiszkeski placed seventh in the boys' 3200-meter run with a time of 9:45.49.

Senior Elizabeth Wagner placed eighth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 47.06.

Sophomore Lucky Dara finished ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 52.03.

Senior Camden Janiszkeski took 10th place in the 3200-meter run with a time of 9:47.53.

Sophomore Augusta Papik finished in 12th place in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.88.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Track Team

Boys

Seniors

Camden Janiszkeski
DJ Rock

Juniors

Ryan Fick
Zach Terrio
Gavin DeBeer
Issac DeBates

Sophomores

Sage Viessman
Elijah Woodley
Lucky Dara
Ashton Hood
Coulter Thone
Dylan Ommen

Eighth-Grader

Coy Thone

Girls

Seniors

Ekizabeth Wagner
Tiana Lais
Jocelyn Hart
Jady Hart
Isabella Oye

Juniors

Jenna DeBates
Mekena Nelson
Sarah Stegenga
Cassi Chesley

Sophomores

Maria Rops
Augusta Papik

Freshmen

Ella Schmuck
Anna Banck

Eighth-Grader

Reinha John

Girls Team

True Team Champs
Big South Team Champs
State True Team Champs
Section 3A Sub-Section Champs
Section 3A Champs
MSHSL Fourth Place State Track

Boys Team

True Team Champs
Big South Team Champs
State True team Fifth Place
Section 3A Sub-Section Champs
Section 3A Second Place
MSHSL 15th Place State Track



Greg Hoogeveen photo

LHS senior girls' track members took first place at Section 3A Sub-Section South in Pipestone May 25. They are (from left) Issabella Oye, Gracie Ingebretsen, Elizabeth Wagner, Jocelyn Hart, Jady Hart, Tiana Lais and (not pictured) Josie Anderson.



Greg Hoogeveen photo

LHS senior boys' track members took first place at Section 3A Sub-Section South in Pipestone May 25. Pictured are (from left) DJ Rock, Camden Janiszkeski, Carsen Toftland and (not pictured) Micah Anderson and Anyuon Atem.



Greg Hooegeven photo
H-BC track members that led this year's team are (front, from left) Brayden Metzger, Beau Bakken, Cooper Gehrke, Eli Taubert, James VandenBosch, (back) Larissa Steinhoff, Brynn Rauk, Layla Deelstra, Abbie Harris, Bailey Spykerboer, Brynn Bakken and Emma Deelstra.

H-BC Track & Field

Hills-Beaver Creek traveled to the 2023 Minnesota State High School Track & Field Class A Championships in Albertville Thursday, June 8, and Friday, June 9.

H-BC eighth-grader Brynn Bakken represented the Patriots at the state meet.

Bakken qualified in three events and took home three medals at the end of competition.

She took third place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 12.52 seconds, and she achieved a personal record time in the prelims at 12.44.

In the 200-meter dash Bakken placed



H-BC Patriot Brynn Bakken earned three state medals this year. She took third in the 100 meter with a PR of 12.44. She was sixth in the 200 meter with a PR of 25.72 and took ninth in the triple jump at 34'10.25".

sixth with a time of 25.88 and registered personal best time in the prelims of 25.72.

In her third event, the triple jump, Bakken placed ninth with a jump of 34-10 1/4.

2023 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Track Team

Boys Team

Seniors
Eli Taubert
Brayden Metzger

Juniors
Cooper Gahrke
Riley Tatge

Sophomores
James VandenBosch
Blake Leenderts
Beau Bakken
Jackson Gacke

Eighth-Grader
Micah Bush
Mason Shaffner

Girls Team

Juniors
Brynn Rauk
Layla Deelstra
Larissa Steinhoff

Sophomores
Bailey Spykerboer

Freshmen
Abigail Wysong
Ally Birger

Eighth-Grader
Brynn Bakken
Hailey Moser
Ava Steinhoff

Girls Team

2023 True Team Seventh Place
2023 Section 3A Tenth Place

Boys Team

2023 True Team Eighth Place
2023 Section 3A 20th Place



Greg Hooegeven photo
H-BC senior Brayden Metzger competes in the discus throw at the Luverne track and field meet April 25.



Greg Hooegeven photo
The H-BC girls' 4x200 team placed 18th at the Howard Wood Relays May 5. Members of the team are (left) Brynn Bakken, Layla Deelstra, Brynn Rauk and Abigail Harris.

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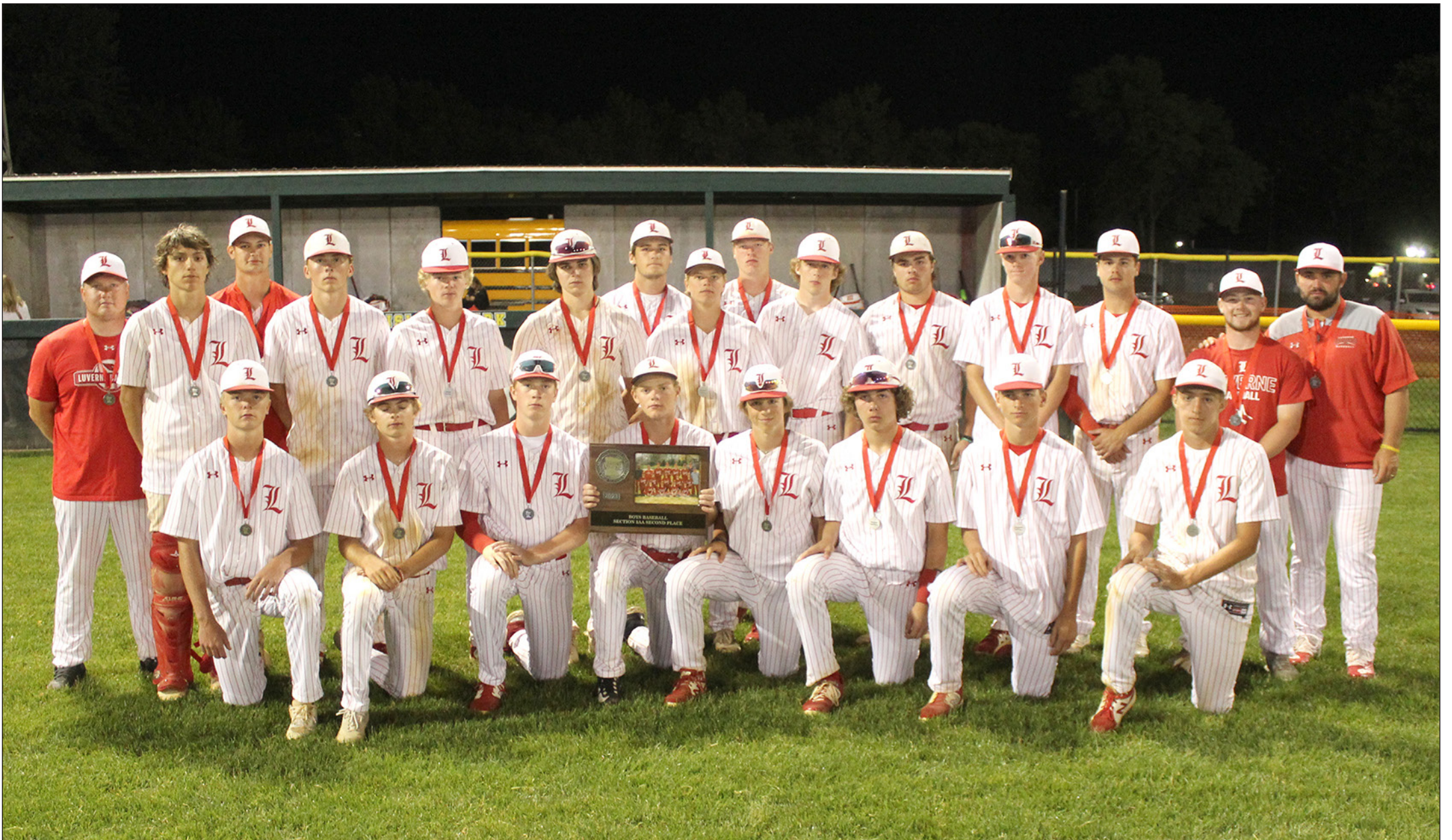
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The LHS baseball team finished its 2023 season June 8 in Windom as the Section 3AA runner-up. Team members include (front row, from left) Josh Hansen, Marcus Vortherms, Jaydon Johnson, Kai Buss, Blake Sauer, Landyn Lais, Jaxon Lais, Carter Sehr, (back) assistant coach Derek Elbers, Landon Ahrendt, assistant coach Jake Haugen, Zach DeBoer, Elliot Domagala, Jacob Stroh, Conner Connell, Alex Schlosser, Layke Miller, Patrick Kroski, Will Serie, Trevor DeBates, Riley Sneller, assistant coach Mark Sterrett and head coach Phil Paquette.

LHS Baseball

The Luverne Cardinal baseball team was 13-3-3 for the season and 11-1 in the conference.

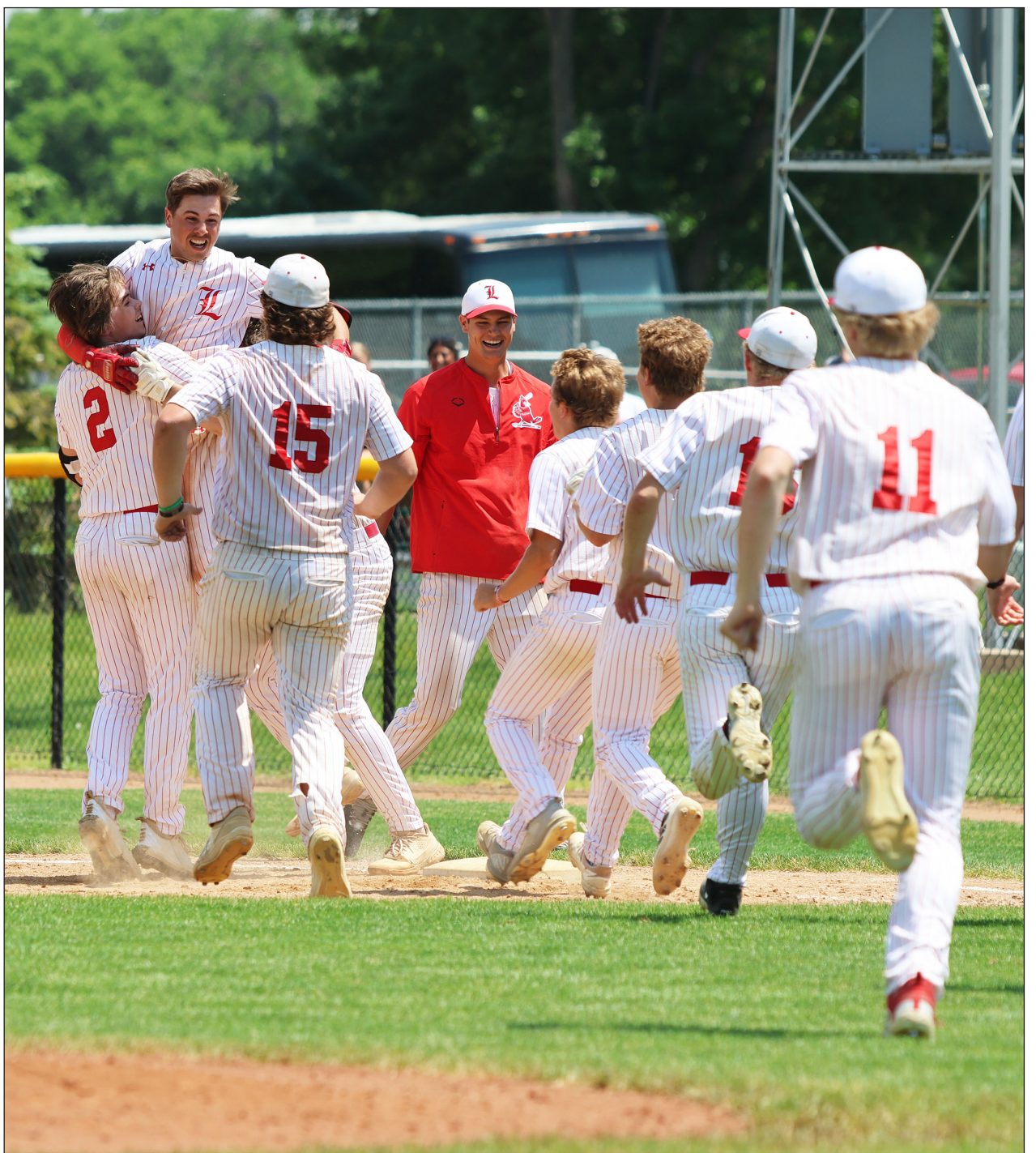
The Cardinals faced two teams in the section playoffs. They beat Pipestone 13-3 on May 27 and beat St. James 10-0 on May 27 at home.

In the section semifinals LHS snuck past Paynesville 2-1 on the road May 30 and beat Fairmont 2-1 in Marshall June 3.

In the Section 3AA Championship Luverne faced Fairmont losing 2-1 in Windom June 8. With the loss LHS and Fairmont were forced to play a second tie breaker game that night.

The Cardinals lost a disappointing 6-4 game to Fairmont in the second game closing the door on a trip to the state tournament.

Section 3AA Championship
Runner Up



Greg Hoogeveen photo

Senior Riley Sneller cleared the dugout with a single that drove sophomore Alex Schlosser across home plate in the seventh inning for a 2-1 win over Fairmont in Marshall June 3.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Zach DeBoer



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Riley Sneller

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LHS Softball

The Luverne High School softball team was eliminated from Section 3AA play Saturday, May 27, when the Cardinals lost to Dassel-Cokato 5-4 in Marshall. The Luverne baseball team was 15-8 for the season and 8-4 in the conference.

In the section playoffs Luverne beat Redwood Valley 10-0 and lost to Jackson County Central 9-4.

They traveled to Marshall to take on Litchfield in the elimination bracket winning 9-5.

In the second round of elimination, LHS lost 5-4 to Dassel-Cokato to finish their season.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Kaysie Lenz



Greg Hoogeveen photo
LHS senior Carly Olson



Luverne softball team includes (front, from left) Maren Stegenga, Elizabeth Smidt, Kenedee Franken, Regan Mehlhaff, (middle) Amira Cowell, Anika Boll, Kaysie Lenz, Carly Olson, Piper Wynia, Caitlin Kindt, (back) assistant coach Tara Sudenga, Ella Reisdorfer, Tori Serie, Gracie Nath, Payton Behr and head coach Brooks Maurer.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Softball Team

Seniors
Carly Olson

Juniors
Gracie Nath
Belle Smidt

Sophomores
Ella Reisdorfer
Payton Behr



Greg Hoogeveen photo
The Luverne boys' tennis team was led by four senior players. They are (from left) Ross Bergman, Parker Carbonneau, Ethan Nath and Logan Ommen.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Tennis Team

Seniors
Ethan Nath

LHS Tennis



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Senior Ethan Nath



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Senior Ross Bergman



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Senior Parker Carbonneau

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LHS Golf

The Luverne High School golf teams competed in the Section 3AA Tournament at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake.

The boys' team placed second out of 16 teams.

The LHS girls' team placed eighth out of 12 teams on Wednesday, May 24, ending the Cardinals' season as a team.

Section 3AA Team
Sections Runner Up



Pictured at the Big South Conference meet are (from left) coach John Sichmeller, Levi Gonneman, Henry Hartquist, Owen Sudenga, Brady Bork, Tyler Arends and Will Bergman. (Pictured with certificates) Hartquist, Sudenga and Bork were selected to the Big South Conference Boys Gold All-Conference Team.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
The Luverne girls' golf team was led by (from left) Mallory Von Tersch, Abigail Anderson, Lauren Hansen and Averill Sehr.

2023 Big South Conference All-Conference Golf Team

Seniors

Brady Bork

Juniors

Henry Hartquist
Owen Sudenga

Greg Hoogeveen photo
Cardinal junior Owen Sudenga qualified for the Boys' 3AA State Golf Tournament May 31 at Oakdale Golf Club in Buffalo Lake with his 18-hole score of 74.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
Hills-Beaver Creek High School freshman Abby Olson competed in the Minnesota Section 3A Girls' Golf Tournament Tuesday, May, 30, in Worthington. Olson shot a season-low 18-hole score of 112 on Tuesday, the second day of the tournament for the Patriots.



Greg Hoogeveen photo
Senior Brock Harnack

2023 Red Rock Conference All-Conference Golf Team

Freshmen

Abby Olson

H-BC Golf



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Senior Taylor Spykerboar

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H-BC Trap

The Hills-Beaver Creek High School trap team finished its season placing sixth in Section 3A - Conference 3. H-BC had three individuals place in the Top 25 of the conference finals. Luke Fuerstenberg

placed 11th with an average score of 22.80 and Sawyer Bosch placed 23rd with an average score of 22.00 in the boys' finals. Olivia Bork placed 22nd with an average score of 14.80 in the girls' finals.

Greg Hoogeveen photo Hills-Beaver Creek trapshooting team members include (front, from left) Lukas Hubbard, Clayton Kellenberger, Olivia Bork, Blake Leenderts, Sawyer Bosch, Alexis Gardner Swenson, (back) Luke Fuerstenberg, Cooper Gehrke, Cameron Allen, Jack Moser and Cody Moser. Not pictured are Jayden Kueter, Alex Harris, Cael Noteboom and Johnathan Tiesler.

LHS Trap

The Luverne High School trap team finished its regular season placing third in Section 3A - Conference 1 standings.

The Cardinals placed five individuals in the Top 25 shooters in their conference.

In the boys' competition Samuel Honerman placed 13th with an average score of 22.60 and Tyson Cowell placed 19th with an average score of 22.10.

In the girls' competition, Piper Wynia placed first with an average score of 22.00, Morgan Bonnett placed ninth with an average score of 16.30, and Makayla Oechsle placed 11th with an average score of 16.20.



Luverne High School Trap Team includes (front, from left) Piper Wynia, Fox Forrest, Sawyer Saker, Jacob Madison, Makayla Oechsle, Jude Hoven, (back) coach Scott Loosbrock, Andrew Kinsinger, AJ Ossefoort, Samuel Honermann, Tyson Cowell, JT Remme, Lucas Hansen, Nic Hansen, Tucker Remme, Holden Overgaard, Cash Bonnett, Alex DeWispelaere, Jaden Reisch, Liam Murphy, Gavin Hoven and Lucas Madison. Not pictured are Landon Ahrendt, Morgan Bonnett and Rayann Remme.

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