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Under new head coach Lucas Larson, tennis team aims to extend state tournament streak to 11

By Brennen Rupp

It turns out the only thing that could stop the Luverne tennis team from reaching the state tournament was the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Cardinals have made the trip to the state tournament in tennis 10 straight years under the guidance of Greg Antoine.

Due to COVID-19, the 2020 spring sports season was canceled in Minnesota, causing many seniors to miss their final season as prep athletes.

Fast forward a year and the Cardinals have a new coach who will look to continue the success the Cardinals program enjoyed under Antoine.

“The program was always successful under coach Antoine,” said Lucas Larson, the new tennis coach for Luverne.

“We’d like to see that success keep going. We want to be competitive in the Big South. We want to win our meets. Our goal is to make it to the state tournament again. We want to keep that streak going.”

The Cardinals have strong veteran leadership, with three seniors and five juniors on the roster. Larson said that having that strong veteran presence has helped him during his first



The Luverne tennis team will be led by three seniors this season. They are (from left) Jayson Rops, John Miller and Ben Jarchow.

few weeks on the job.

“As a first-year coach, you don’t really know what the program is like,” Larson said.

“Them bringing in that leadership has been huge. They know what they want to do and they know what the goals are this season. They want to make the state tournament again. They bring that drive to the team. They know what they’re doing. They are highly skilled.”

Leading the way in singles

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- Luverne tennis coach Lucas Larson

action for the Cardinals are Pierce Cunningham and Griffin Jarchow.

“They’re the top two singles players for us,” Larson said. “They’re outstanding. They’re very mature in their game. They know what they do. They like to attack the court.”

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After reaching section championship in 2019, Cardinals will attempt to reach state tournament for first time in 2021

By Brennen Rupp

In 2019 the Luverne Cardinals softball team reached the section championship game. It was the first time in program history that the Cardinals reached the section title game.

The Cardinals fell to Pipestone Area, the perennial section favorite, 3-1.

With a strong core returning in 2020, the Cardinals had high hopes of taking it one step further. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cardinals never got the chance to run it back.

With four seniors and a strong group of underclassmen, the Cardinals figure to be heavy hitters in the section again in 2021.

“They bring a lot of leadership,” Luverne head coach Brooks Maurer said. “Three of them have been starting since they were freshmen. They have two full varsity seasons under the belt. They bring a lot of experience. A lot of quality leadership.”

Roz Oye is one of the four seniors on the roster. She’ll be the team’s ace pitcher.

“Roz Oye will be our main pitcher,” Maurer said. “Carly Olson is a sophomore that will get some innings. Those two will be the main two-inning getters.”



The Luverne softball team will be led by four seniors during the 2021 season. They are (from left) Roz Oye, Ainslie Robinson, Shelby Kracht and Leah Wynia. The Cardinals opened the season with two wins over Blue Earth on Thursday, April 8.

The Cardinals have a deep lineup with a couple of heavy hitters. One of those heavy hitters is Billi Connell. As an eighth-grader Connell earned all-state honorable mention.

“She’s started since she was an eighth-grader,” Maurer said. “She was all-state honorable mention as a catcher in eighth grade.

After Connell suffered a couple of knee surgeries, she won’t be catching for the Car-

dinals this year.

“She’ll probably end up playing some shortstop or outfield. You can play her anywhere and she’d do well,” Maurer said.

“She is one of the best hitters, baseball or softball, that I’ve ever seen. She gets herself

out. I think she only had two strikeouts two years ago. She’s pretty good.”

Maurer said the team’s calling card this season will be their quickness in the field and on the base paths.

“Overall athleticism is going to be our strength,”

Maurer said.

“We’ve got some girls that are pretty athletic. We have a pretty good mixture in our lineup. We have two or three girls that have good pop in the bat. The rest can all run and move pretty well. If we have to play small ball and bunt a lot

or steal a lot, I think we have the ability to do that this year.”

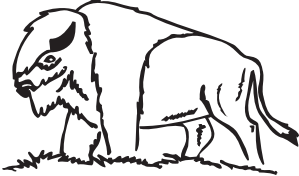
The Cardinals opened the season on Thursday, April 8, with two road victories over Blue Earth.

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Luverne baseball team leans on group of five seniors

By Brennen Rupp
The Luverne Cardinals finished the 2019 season with a 16-3 record. The team consisted of 14 players who will no longer be on the roster when the Cardinals take the field for the first time in two years.

The Cardinals will rely on a group of five seniors to help guide them through the 2021 season. Those five seniors are

Bailey Cowell, Ethan Beyere, Cade Wenninger, Riley Anderson and Trevor Halverson. It's a group that's been playing together in the Luverne baseball system since they were young children.

"Ethan Beyer, Bailey Cowell and Cade Wenninger, those three guys have been around baseball quite a bit," Luverne coach Mike Wenninger said. "We expect a lot out of those guys. They'll be leaders for us this season."

It's a group of seniors that have been playing baseball together since they were old enough to carry a bat in one hand and a glove in the other.

"They've been playing baseball for a long time," Wenninger said.

"They've been sticking together. They've been playing on the same team since they were six or seven years old. They mesh well together



Trevor Halverson rounds third base during Luverne's 7-5 season-opening victory over Windom. Halverson is one of five seniors on the Luverne Cardinals' roster for the 2021 season. The other four are Bailey Cowell, Cade Wenninger, Ethan Beyer and Riley Anderson.

and I think they trust one another."

It always takes a few days of practice for a team to knock the rust off.

With there being no spring season last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it took

the Cardinals a little longer than usual to start firing on all cylinders as they gear up for the upcoming season.

"It was a little shaky right away," Wenninger said.

"Some of our kids got some summer baseball in. We

had a couple of people playing fall baseball right away when we thought there wasn't going to be a football season. It still takes a little bit of time. Mentally they are there, but physically they are still juniors since they didn't get that sea-

son. Now they're leading the drills or they're I'm going to be on the mound. They're going to be in the three or four positions in the lineup."

The Cardinals don't have the big bat in the lineup. They won't have a pitcher that's going to shut down a team with overpowering stuff. Wenninger said that his team is solid from top to bottom.

"I don't think we're going to have that dominant pitcher or dominant hitter," Wenninger said.

"I think we're going to be pretty solid all the way around. We have some kids coming into new positions. I think we can manipulate the lineup."

Back in the day under Ron Gardenhire, the Minnesota Twins relied on strong defense, timely hitting, and a pitching staff that limited the free passes they issued. It's basic A-B-C baseball.

The Cardinals are hoping that same recipe will lead to success for them this season.

"We have to be consistent," Wenninger said.

"Being able to play good defense. Throw strikes and don't give away free bases. Just come up with some timely hitting when needed."

The Cardinals opened the season on Friday, April 9, by defeating the Windom Area Eagles 7-5.



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The Luverne track team will be led by a group of 13 seniors during the 2021 season. They are (from front left) Mia Halverson, Ethan Curtiss, Eduardo Godines, LaShad Smith, Arekel McLaughlin, Gracie Zewiske, Regan Feit. (back row) Cameron Kopp, Peter Baustian, Zach Ahrendt, Ethan Teunissen, Justin Dohlmann and Matthauss Dobbe. The Cardinals competed in their first track meet since 2019 on Thursday, April 9, in Blue Earth.

LHS track team has strong group returning after year's hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne Cardinals track and field team will be led by a group of 13 seniors this season.

With 10 senior boys and three senior girls, the Cardinals will have plenty of leadership as they embark on the 2021 season after not having a spring sports season last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“It’s exciting to have the kids back at it,” Luverne track coach Pete Janiszeski said.

“It feels great to be working with the kids and helping them strive toward their goals and becoming their best.”

The Cardinals will have a strong group of sprinters leading the way for the boys’ team.

Ashton Sandbulte, LaShad Smith, Arekel McLaughlin and Eli Radtke will all be major players in the 100 meters and 200 meters for Luverne.

In the long-distance competitions, Camden Janiszeski and Owen Janiszeski figure to lead the way for the Cardinals.

Zach Ahrendt is the team’s top competitor in the shot put.

Ethan Teunissen is the team’s top competitor in the discus.

Radtke is the team’s top competitor in the pole vault.

Ethan Rahm will lead the Cardinals in the triple jump.

Gracie Zewiske will be the team’s top sprinter on the girls’ team.

Kendra Thorson and Isabella Oye also figure in as key contributors in the 200 meters.

In the 800 meters, Elizabeth Wagner will lead the Cardinals.

In the 1600 meters, Tenley Nelson, Jenna DeBates and Grace Ingebretson will lead Luverne.

Elise Jarchow will be the team’s top competitor in the 100- and 300-meter hurdles.

Jadyn Hart will lead the Cardinals in the shot put and discus.

Elizabeth Wagner will be the team’s top competitor in the high jump.

In the long jump, Tiana Lais will be Luverne’s top jumper.

Thorson is considered the team’s top competitor in the triple jump.

With such a strong group of athletes returning, it’s fair

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The Luverne boys' and girls' golf teams will be led by five returning letter winners this season. They are (from left) Paige Sandbulte, Morgan Gonnerman, Cheyenne Schutz, Henry Hartquist and Cooper Arends.

Brennen Rupp photo/0415 LHS golf photo

Cardinals' golf team looks forward to competing against other teams for first time in two years

By Brennen Rupp

The Luverne boys' and girls' golf teams will be led by a pair of seniors for the 2021 spring season. After having the 2020 spring season cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cardinals will lean heavily on those two seniors.

For the girls, it will be Paige Sandbulte leading the way.

“Paige is our only senior

this year and she has a few years under her belt competing at the varsity level,” Luverne girls' golf coach Chris Nowatzki said.

“Paige will be one of our major contributors this year along with three other returning varsity players.”

The other two returning varsity members for the girls will be Cheyenne Schutz and Morgan Gonnerman.

After not being on the

course last season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the girls' team will lean on those three returning letter winners.

“It's hard to believe it's been two years since we've been out there as a team and it feels good to be back outside and on the course,” Nowatzki said.

“Any success that we have as a team will have to come as a joint effort. We have a core group that are capable of

shooting in the 40's and they will all have to be on their games for us to be successful.”

The talent inside the cupboard isn't bare for the Cardinals. Nowatzki said they have talented golfers that have plenty of experience playing on the junior varsity squad.

“We also have three or four girls coming back from playing junior varsity and they will initially be vying for the last two varsity positions,”

Nowatzki said.

“There are a couple of new girls out for golf that show some promise and I'm looking forward to seeing all of them progress as the season goes along.”

The boys' team for the Cardinals is in similar waters. After not having a season last year, they'll lean on Cooper Arends and Henry Hartquist.

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H-BC golf team returns experienced core for 2021 season

By Brennen Rupp

It's been two years since the Hills-Beaver Creek golf team competed in a meet against another school.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no spring sports season in 2020.

It's been two years since the Patriots competed against another team on the golf course. The Patriots were expected to compete against Westbrook Walnut-Grove on Friday, April 9, but due to wet conditions the meet was postponed. As Tom Petty said, waiting is the hardest part.

Despite, having to wait longer than expected to compete against another team, H-BC head coach Dan Ellingson said that him and his team are thankful they are getting the opportunity to practice.

"It feels great," H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson said.

"They couldn't believe that it's been two years since they've played at a meet. A lot

"Having those two at practice and having the younger kids watch and learn from them is a big deal. They provide great leadership for the team."

- H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson on the leadership Hannah Fick and Thomas Dysthe provide for the team.



Submitted photo/0415 golf photo

The Hills-Beaver Creek golf team will be led by a pair of seniors this season. They are Hannah Fick and Thomas Dysthe. Both Fick and Dysthe were first-team all-conference two years ago as sophomores.

of time has passed. To have two years pass since the last meet is just so odd."

The Patriots will be led by two seniors during the upcoming season.

Hannah Fick was an all-conference golfer as a sophomore in 2019.

During the 2019 Section 3A meet, Fick tallied a final score of 227.

Thomas Dysthe will lead the boys and was an all-conference golfer as a 10th-grader.

During the 2019 Section 3A meet, Dysthe recorded a final score of 196.

It's been two years since the Patriots competed against another school. Ellingson said having those two seniors to lean on has been huge for his team.

"Having those two at practice and having the younger kids watch and learn from

them is a big deal," Ellingson said.

"They provide great leadership for the team."

Tess Van Maanen qualified for the state tournament as an eighth-grader and then again as a ninth-grader.

Now as a junior, Van Maanen will look to qualify for the state tournament for a third straight season.

During her eighth grade year, Van Maanen tied for 41st place at the state tournament with a score of 199 over the two-day affair.

"To finish in the top half of the state as an eighth-grader is a big accomplishment," Ellingson said. "She had a great experience."

She qualified for the state meet after shooting a 210 in the Section 3A meet.

As a ninth grader she earned a spot in the state tournament by finishing second in

She's just very consistent. She hits the ball a long way. She's very even-keeled, which I think helps a lot with her golf game."

- H-BC golf coach Dan Ellingson on Tess Van Maanen

the Section 3A meet.

At the state meet she tied for 50th place with a total score of 202. -

"She's just very consistent," Ellingson said.

"She hits the ball a long way. She's very even-keeled, which I think helps a lot with her golf game."

Aside from Dysthe, the boys' team will have four

returning letter winners. Those returning letter winners include Dallas Page, Ethan Kruger, Austin Allen and Jacob Axness.

With a strong core returning, the Patriots have high hopes for success on the links this season.

"Most of our guys are juniors this year," Ellingson said.

"They were on the section team as freshmen. (One goal is) just having those guys get better. We want to be in the top three in the conference. We just want to get better every single match."

With such a strong group returning for the 2021 season, the Patriots will look to build off the success they experienced two years ago. After missing their opportunity last year, the Patriots will be looking to make up for lost time this season.



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H-BC sprinters will lead track team in 2021 season

By Brennen Rupp
The Hill-Beaver Creek football team and girls' basketball team both enjoyed successful seasons during the fall and winter months.
A contributing factor in their success is the work that those athletes put in during track season to become better athletes.
"A lot of our guys and girls go out for track to get better for other sports," H-BC track coach Rex Metzger said.

"At the same time, they know that they can help us on our track as well. A lot of the guys that played football are out running track. It's nice to have those guys that are focused on speed. They come out for track and try to get faster and help us with our sprints."
Tyson Bork, one of four seniors on the roster, brings a wealth of talent to the program.

"He is our main top sprinter," Metzger said. "He made it to the state meet two years ago in the 100 meters."
Taryn Rauk is one of the four senior girls on the track team and one of the top sprinters on the roster for the Patriots.

"We always seem to have good sprinters," Metzger said.
"Both the guys and girls always seem to have good sprinters. Taryn Rauk and Layla Deelstra are our two top sprinters for the girls."

Rauk and Deelstra were both members of the 4x200 relay team that qualified for the state tournament in 2019.
Unfortunately for the Patriots, Deelstra suffered a leg injury at the end of the basketball season and may not be able to compete for the Patriots this spring.
"Layla had a leg injury in



Hills-Beaver Creek competed in their first track meet of the season on Friday, April 9, in Slayton. Pictured are Larissa Steinhoff and Brynn Rauk. The Patriots will be led by a group of eight seniors this season.

basketball," Metzger said.
"I don't know if she'll be back for us this spring."
Rauk and Bork are two sprinters that have been competing for the varsity track team since they were seventh-graders.
Metzger said they bring great leadership to the team.
"They have natural speed," Metzger said.
"They're athletic. They've worked hard during the sum-

mer in our speed programs. They've really bought into the fact that they want to get faster for other sports. It's paying dividends."
Cole Baker is coming off an all-conference season in basketball.
He's carried that success over to track practice where he's primed to be one of the best triple jumpers in the area.
"He'll probably be the top triple jumper in our confer-

ence," Metzger said. "
As a freshman he was a real good triple jumper. His speed has stuck out, so he'll be on a couple of our relays as well."
Ty Bundesen hasn't been on the track team since he was an eighth-grader.
He's back out for track as a junior and gives Metzger another sprinter to utilize on the relay teams.
"He has some good speed

to him," Metzger said.
"We should have a good mix of boys for our relay teams."
The name of the game is speed and the Patriots have plenty of speed and athleticism on their track team.
The Patriots will work to get faster each day and to be firing on all cylinders for the

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Luverne Cardinals have 63 trap shooters on the roster for the 2021 spring trap season

By **Brennen Rupp**

The Luverne trap shooting team is entering its fifth year of existence under the guidance of Scott Loosbrock.

They are coming off a season in which they earned first place in their conference and will have 63 members this spring.

“Yeah we are up there pretty high with the numbers,” Loosbrock said.

“Before all the COVID stuff started we were high. This is probably the highest we’ve ever been in terms of numbers.”

Last season the trap shooting team lost it’s first group of seniors. This season they’ll be led by a group of eight seniors.

“These seniors have been with me from the start,” Loosbrock said. “They’ve been with the team since we started.”

With such a large group of young shooters on the roster those eight seniors are great role models for the shooters that are still learning the ropes.

“They are good role models for the younger kids,” Loosbrock said.

“We have a lot of younger kids. They set a good example for them. The new kids don’t know what to do. They have good form and control. The young kids watch that. They pay attention.

“Losing those seniors was our first group of seniors that went out the door. We got a really good group again this year. They are awesome role models for the younger kids that are mostly sixth-graders.”

After not getting a normal spring season last year

“They are good role models for the younger kids,” Loosbrock said. “We have a lot of younger kids. They set a good example for them. The new kids don’t know what to do. They have good form and control. The young kids watch that. They pay attention. Losing those seniors was our first group of seniors that went out the door. We got a really good group again this year. They are awesome role models for the younger kids that are mostly sixth-graders.”

- LHS trap coach Scott Loosbrock on the leadership the eight seniors provide for the younger members of the team

due to COVID-19, Loosbrock is happy for his team that they get to have a spring season this year, even if it does come with certain restrictions.

“We’re still on a limited



Submitted photo/0415 LHS trap photo
Luverne's Holden Overgaard poses for a photo. Overgaard is one of 63 members of the 2021 trap shooting team for the Cardinals this spring. After a two-year hiatus the shooters are excited to compete again this spring.

amount,” Loosbrock said.

“We’re down to five weeks instead of the normal nine weeks. Still having that opportunity is awesome. It’s nice for the seniors to know

they can finish out their career in high school. That’s a big plus. It’s been fortunate to keep doing this and doing what the kids love doing.”

The fact his team gets to

get back out and compete, the 2021 season is already a success in Loosbrock’s book. If one of his shooters gets to compete in the state tournament, it would just be icing on the cake for the fifth year head coach.

“Leah Wynia is kind of our senior girl,” Loosbrock said.

“With her going we are going to have success with her. I’d like to be able to have one of our kids make a state tournament either as an individual or as a team. I’d like to see her come out on top. I have Cheyenne Schutz. She’s a junior. She’s an excellent shot. They were second and third in our conference as far as our females.”

With 63 kids out, Loosbrock said the sky’s the limit for this year’s team.

“Hunter Arendt does a good job as well,” Loosbrock said. “It’s amazing how many kids we have. If we can make it to a state tournament it will be a success.”

The 63 students being out this spring is a big uptick for the trap shooting team from this past fall when there were 32 members on the team.

During the fall season Loosbrock said the focus is to help the younger members learn the basics.

“We get to help them on their form, how they hold their gun, how they stand. It just helps them understand how all this works, so when spring comes, it’s a little less chaotic,” Loosbrock said.

“We focus a lot on their fundamentals. It’s not about how many birds they hit, but more about the fundamentals.”

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H-BC trap team has new leader for 4-year-old program

Brennen Rupp

This is Travis Dwire’s first season as Hills-Beaver Creek’s trapshooting coach, but he’s been around the program since its inception four years ago.

After having no season last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the H-BC shooting team will have 28 members,

seven of whom are seniors.

“It feels great to be back out there,” Dwire said. “We are looking forward to having a season after not having one last year. Just to be back out there again, this season is already a success.”

After having no season last year, Dwire said there isn’t any one individual that’s jumped

out yet as a leader during the first few weeks of practice.

He said the focus for the team leading up to the start of competition is to improve each day.

It’s been two years since H-BC competed in a Minnesota State High School League sanctioned event.

The goal for the H-BC

shooting team this season is to improve upon what they accomplished prior to the COVID-19 shutdown.

“I’d probably just say the simple fact of being back out there to improve upon what we did before,” Dwire said.

“We want to make sure the kids are going out there and having a good time. We want

them to have good memories. We want them to take some of these skills that they’ll learn and take with them for the rest of their lives.”

With 28 members the H-BC trap team will look to continue to build off the success they’ve enjoyed during the first three years of the program.

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section meet.

“Our goal this year is to get faster,” Metzger said.

“By the end of the year if we can shave some time off our 100 times or our 200 times. Our goal is to get better every practice. To be very competitive in our relay events.”

The Patriots competed in their first meet of the season in Slayton on Friday, April 9. It was the first competition for the H-BC track team in two years.

Bork finished first in the 100 meters. Dewul Rauk finished third in the 100 meters.

Liam Raymon finished second in the 800 meters.

Brook Harnack finished third in the 300 meters hurdles for the Patriots.

In the discuss Skyler Steensma finished second.

In the shot pot Max Scholten finished third.

Cole Baker finished second in the long jump. Bork finished third in the same event.

Baker took home first place in the triple jump. Raymon finished third in the triple jump.

For the girls, Brynn Rauk finished third in the 100 meters.

In the shot put, Abby Knobloch finished in second place.

Larissa Steinhoff tied for third in the high jump for the Patriots.

“A lot of our guys and girls go out for track to get better for other sports. At the same time, they know that they can help us on our track as well. A lot of the guys that played football are out running track. It’s nice to have those guys that are focused on speed. They come out for track and try to get faster and help us with our sprints.”

- H-BC track coach Rex Metzger on the strength of this year's track team



Katie Beers Wheel Herald photo/0415 H-BC track photo
Hills-Beaver Creek competed in their first track meet of the season on Friday, April 9, in Slayton. Pictured are Eli Taubert and Brock Harnack.



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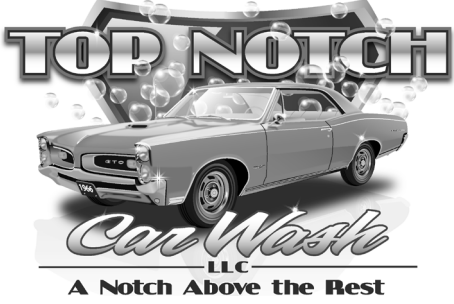
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Luverne won the first matchup 15-1 and then won the second meeting 18-6.

In the first game Connell went 4-4 with four doubles. Connell also drove in four runs and scored four runs.

Carly Olson went 2-2, with two home runs. Olson drove in four runs and scored two runs.

Oye picked up the win, pitching four innings and recording five strikeouts.

In the second game, Connell went 4-4, with a home run and a double. Connell drove in six runs and scored three runs.

Shelby Kracht went 2-4, with a double and drove in two runs.

Oye went 3-3 at the plate. The senior drove in two runs and scored two runs.

Averill Sehr drove in a pair of runs and scored two runs for the Cardinals.

Ainsley Robinson went 2-3 at the plate. Robinson

“(Connell will) probably end up playing some short-stop or outfield. You can play her anywhere and she’d do well. She is one of the best hitters, baseball or softball, that I’ve ever seen. She gets herself out. I think she only had two strikeouts two years ago. She’s pretty good.”

- Luverne head coach Brooks Maurer

drove in one run and scored two runs.

Oye also pitched two innings and gave up one hit.

Olson picked up the win for the Cardinals, pitching three innings.

Maurer said the goal for his team this season is to get better every day. With a strong core, the Cardinals figure to be key players in the Big South conference this spring.

“Early in my career, I would base it on wins and losses,” Maurer said.

“The more you get into it, the more you realize the most enjoyable part is the growth of the team. Are we improving, either game to game or week to week? Are the kids working hard? If we improve as a team and as individuals from game one until the last game of the regular season, to me that’s what defines success.”



Brennen Rupp photo/0415 LHS softball photo
Roz Oye figures to be Luverne's top pitcher for the upcoming season. Oye is one of four seniors on the Cardinals' roster.

Luverne track and field/continued from page 5

to say the Cardinals will be one of the best track teams in the Big South Conference.

“Right now we’re just taking things one day at a time and trying to help the kids find their niche,” Janiszski said.

“We just want the kids to focus on leaving practice each day a little better than they were.

The Luverne track team competed in their first meet of the season on Thursday, April 8, in Blue Earth.

In the 100 meters the Cardinals took home first, second and third place.

Sandbulte took home first place. McLaughlin finished in second place. Smith finished in third place.

In the 200 meters, Smith finished in second place.

Radtke finished in third place. Radkte also finished in first place in the pole vault competition.

In the 800 meters, Camden Janiszski took home first place.

In the 1,600 meters, Camden Janiszski finished

in first place. Owen Janiszski finished right behind him in second place.

Ahrendt took home first place in the shot put.

Ethan Teunissen took home first place in the discus.

For the girls, Zewiske took home first place in the 100 meters. Zewiske also took home first place in the 200

meters.

Christina Wagner finished in second place in the 800 meters.

Tenley Nelson took home second place in the 1,600 meters.

Jenna DeBates finished right behind Nelson in third place.



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Luverne Cardinals tennis/continued from page 2

Blake Frahm and Ben Jarchow make up the top doubles team for the Cardinals.

“They play very well together,” Larson said. “You can tell they’re comfortable with each other. They look really good working together.”

Due to having no season last year, Larson believes they missed out on getting an infusion of youth into the program.

“We have no eighth-graders this year,” Larson said.

“With that year missing, people want to enter a sport in seventh grade so they can get going from the ground up. We have four seventh-graders and no eighth-graders. I have to imagine that was impacted by not having the season last year.”

Despite having no season last year, Larson noted that his team has looked sharp during the first few weeks of practice.

“It’s clear that our top-level guys have been playing, even though they didn’t have a spring season last year,” Larson said.

“I know some of them go to the indoor courts in Sioux Falls.”

The Cardinals opened the season with a 6-1 victory over Fairmont on Friday, April 9, in Luverne.

Pierce Cunningham didn’t lose a set in his match. Cunningham defeated his competition 6-0 in the first set and



Brennen Rupp photo/0415 LHS tennis photo

Pierce Cunningham competes during Luverne's season-opening match against Fairmont on Friday, April 9. Cunningham is the team's top singles player for the upcoming season.

6-0 in the second set.

Griffen Jarchow won his first match of the season 2-1. Chance Tunnissen won

his first match of the season in straight sets.

Frahm and Ben Jachow won their first match of the

season in straight sets.

The Cardinals then defeated St. James 3-2 in St. James on Saturday, April 10.

There were no single matches played, it was only doubles.



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Luverne boys and girls golf/continued from page 6

Arends and Hartquist are the only two returning letter winners for the boys' team.

"We have a very young and inexperienced team, so we will rely on Henry and Cooper to provide consistent scoring for our team," Luverne boys' coach John Sichmeller said.

The Cardinals have other talented golfers on the roster. However, they've yet to experience what it's like competing at a varsity meet.

"We have some other kids who have shot some good scores, but shooting a good score in a meet is different than just going out to play with your friends," Sichmeller said.

"Those two players have proven that they can do it, so we will rely on them, especially to start the season while the other players gain some experience on the varsity level."

"We want to win as many matches as possible. Without having a season last year, we don't know much about our competition and where we stack up with the other teams right now. We will focus on our scores and continually lower our scores."

- LHS boys' coach John Sichmeller

After not having a season last year, Sichmeller is unsure of what to expect early in the season. He said the goal for his team is to win as many of their meets as possible and continue to improve each time they go out to the course.

"We want to win as many matches as possible," Sichmeller said.

"Without having a season last year, we don't know much about our competition and where we stack up with the other teams right now. We will focus on our scores and continually lower our scores as the season goes on."

Nowatzki has similar goals for the girls. With three varsity golfers returning, the Cardinals hope to be players in a tough section.

"My goal has always been for us to be competitive and that has not changed for this

"My goal has always been for us to be competitive and that has not changed for this year. We have a strong section and competition is always tough.

Our goal is to continue to work hard and try to get better throughout the season so we have a good chance of advancement during section tournament play."

- LHS girls' coach Chris Nowatzki on what he expects from this season

year," Nowatzski said.

"We have a strong section and competition is always tough. Our goal is to continue to work hard and try to get better throughout the season so we have a good chance of advancement during tournament play."

With so much unknown heading into the season the Cardinals main focus this season is on self improvement. The goal is to lower the scores each time they take the course.



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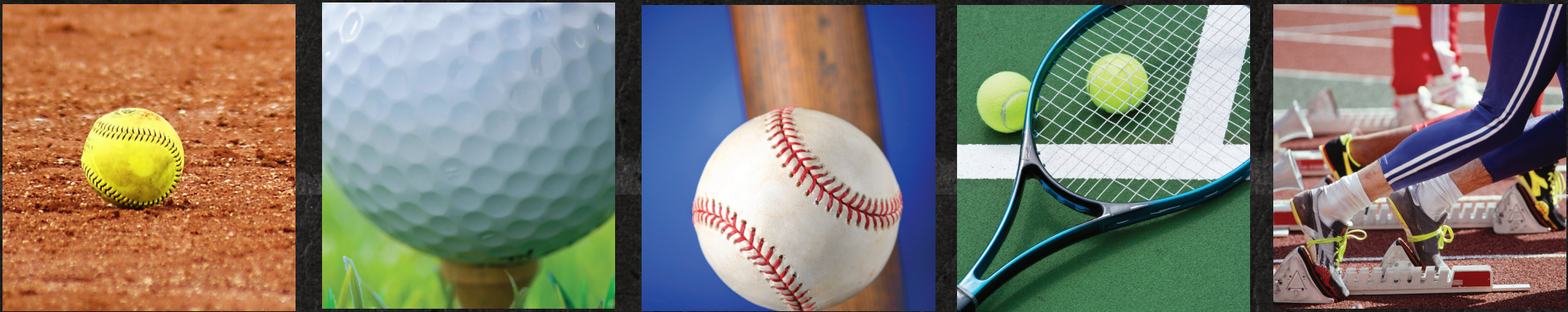
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April 9	Windom	A	April 10	Worthington (girls)	A	April 8	Blue Earth	A
April 13	Redwood Valley	A	April 13	Worthington	H	April 13	Windom	H
April 15	Pipestone	H	April 15	Hills-Beaver Creek	H	April 15	Pipestone	A
April 16	Tracy-Milroy-Balaton	H	April 19	Big South Division (girls)	A	April 19	Fairmont	A
April 19	Windom	H	April 19	Big South Division (boys)	H	April 22	St. James	H
April 22	St. James Area	A	April 26	Big South Division (girls)	A	April 27	Adrian	H
April 23	Fairmont	H	April 26	Big South Division (boys)	A	April 29	Jackson County Central	A
April 27	Pipestone	A	May 3	Big South Division (girls)	A	May 6	Redwood Valley	H
April 29	Jackson County Central	H	May 3	Big South Division (boys)	A	May 10	Edgerton	A
May 6	Blue Earth	H	May 6	Pipestone	A	May 11	Worhinton	H
May 10	Adrian	H	May 12	Adrian (girls)	H	May 18	Adrian	A
May 11	Worthington	A	May 20	Buffalo Lake-Hector	A	May 20	Edgerton	H
May 18	Murray County Central	A	May 24	Big South Championship	A	Mav 27	Marshall	H
May 20	Marshall	A	May 25	Section	A			
May 24	Adrian	A	June 8 & 9	State Tournament	A			
May 25	Worthington	H						



BOYS' TENNIS			TRACK		
April 8	Fairmont	H	April 8	Blue Earth	A
April 10	St. James Tournament	A	April 16	Cardinal Relays	H
April 15	Blue Earth	A	April 23	Redwood Valley	A
April 17	Yellow Medicine East	A	April 29	Luverne Invite	H
April 22	Worthington	H	May 7	Fairmont	A
April 27	St. James	H	May 10	Pipestone	A
April 28	O'Gorman	A	May 20	Luverne Varsity	H
April 29	Redwood Valley	A	May 25	Luverne Varsity	H
May 1	LQPV Triangular	A	May 27	Worthington	A
May 3	Madison	A	June 3	Sub Section 3A	H
May 6	Pipestone	A	June 10	Redwood Valley (Section)	A
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