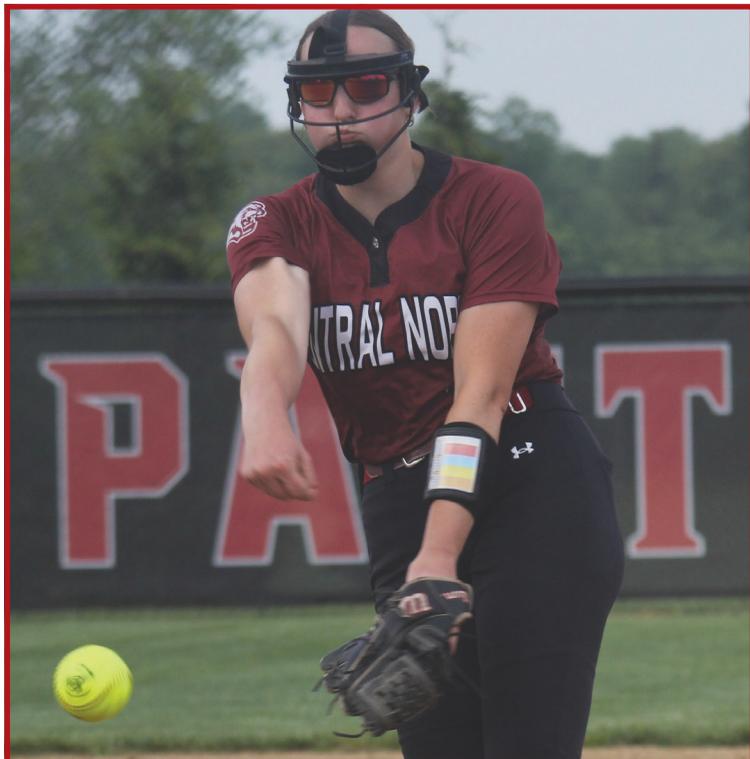


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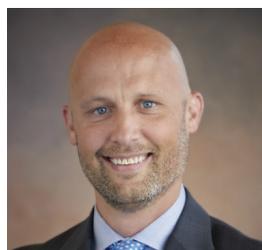
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Loaded Lakers look to shine in 2026

BY DAVID VANTRESS

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LAGRANGE — One more ride for the Brotherhood.

A loaded Lakeland High School baseball team could make major noise in the area this spring.

Laker head coach Michael Isaacs enters his 10th season in LaGrange with one of his most loaded rosters in recent memory.

The Lakers were 25-5 and Northeast Corner Conference regular season champions in 2025.

They bring back seasoned seniors like third baseman Dylan Bateman, shortstop Garrett Pieri, catcher Levi Cook and outfielders Brayden Holbrook and Keyan Arroyo. Then sprinkle in juniors Carter Crouse, a catcher, and Cole Riehl, an outfielder.

Key newcomers identified by Isaacs include seniors Trenton Williams, Hayden Phillips, Aidan Palmer, Cruz Richard and freshman Korbyn Hawk.

Isaacs is especially bullish on the leadership he's seeing so far.

"Last year, our three seniors did everything leadership-wise," Isaacs said. "I was hoping the next class would step up. We have three holes to fill going into the season, and the next man up has been our mentality."

Isaacs is anticipating a tough NECC this season.

"The NECC is going to be pretty loaded this year," Isaacs said. "Angola, Garrett

and Eastside are loaded with talented players with next-level talent. We need to control what we can control within the conference and see where we are in that final week."

Westview is the program everyone is chasing when it comes to the Lakers' Class 2A sectional, Isaacs added.

Isaacs is assisted by Brett Bateman, Dave Priestly and Coby Mitchell.

Here is a look at the rest of the area prep baseball landscape in 2026.

Angola

Head Coach: Clint Davis, third season

The Hornets have the mark of experience in 2026, returning six starters from last year's squad that went 11-15, but won seven of its last nine games before bowing out in the second round of the Class 3A sectionals to the eventual winner Bishop Dwenger while finishing tied for third in the NECC.

Starters returning for Angola this season include INF/P Landon Bussard, C/P Gavin Hunt, 1B/P Landon Leach, OF/P Myles Steury, OF/P Jackson Steury and OF/P Ryan Stuckey.

Other varsity returners looking to make an impact include INF Jacob Fraley, INF/P Brayden Perkins and INF/P Jaxon Ritter.

Key newcomers include Parker Goslee, Graham Meek and Garrett Sorgen.

"Pitching depth should be

a strength of this team," Davis said. "Eight players return with at least some varsity mound experience."

As for potential areas of improvement, Davis said, "We need to do a better job of making the routine defensive plays be routine. We also want to increase the number of balls put in play offensively."

Angola enters 2026 with a junior-heavy class that have all contributed at the varsity level, some for two years, Davis said.

"Our three seniors have multiple years of varsity experience as well. With this experience we are hoping to

take the next step with the program. We have finished the season strong the past couple of years, but want to start the season this year on a better note," Davis added.

Churubusco

Head Coach: Drew Buffenbarger, first season

A new coach and accompanying culture changes could be just what the doctor ordered in Turtle Town.

The Eagles are coming off a 9-18 season a year ago.

Returning letterwinners for Busco include seniors Brody Lawrence and Drake Richards,

juniors Weston Skinner and Anthony Nicolet, and sophomores Deryan Gordon and AJ Norris.

Key losses to graduation for the Eagles were Ethan Hartstock, Dawson Gump, Branson Hart, Cameron Patten and Mac Baker.

Key newcomers mentioned by Buffenbarger are freshmen Jackson Brock, Aiden Buchanan and Callen Motter.

"We are really excited to get going this year," Buffenbarger said. "We have a young and talented team, new coaches and a new culture."

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BASEBALL

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DeKalb

Head coach: Collin Bice, fifth season

Assistant Coaches: Cody Krumlauf, Sam Rykard, Logan Stahly, Brandon Park, Brad Burlew, Logan Wright, Bryce Dobson

Veteran leadership, experience, offensive versatility, depth, and multiple impact arms will be hallmarks of Baron baseball in 2026.

And that will equal high expectations, Bice said.

The Barons were 19-7 and Northeast 8 Conference runners-up last season. They were ranked as high as No. 8 in Class 3A.

The experience and leadership is manifested in 15 returning letterwinners.

The expectations start with their coach.

“Last season we took a significant step forward, but the abrupt ending in sectionals didn’t sit well with this group,” Bice said. “That disappointment has fueled an offseason built on raising the bar and setting a new standard for DeKalb Baseball.”

Key returners for the Barons include junior two-time All-NE8 first teamer Brady Vince (Huntington commit); junior Miles Brockhouse, another two-time All-NE8 honoree; junior Drake Hall (All-NE8); senior Bo Minehart and juniors Malachi Webb and Dalton Cox.

Key newcomers include Colin Hauptert, up from the Baron junior varsity to challenge for playing time behind the plate, and Blake



MARK MURDOCK

DeKalb’s Bo Minehart, left, is greeted by teammates after hitting a home run against Manchester last season. Minehart is part of a solid returning core for the Barons.

Smith, who saw varsity action in 10 games a year ago, primarily as a pinch runner. Smith will compete for an outfield spot.

East Noble

Head Coach: Aaron Desmonds, 10th season

Assistant Coach: Marcus Kay

The Knights were 17-10 year ago but in a bit of a retooling mode in 2026 after losing guys like Jackson Leedy, Parker Kerr, Deegan

Munk, Jordan Borders, Josh McGrath, Cole Strick and Jacob Ramey to graduation.

Key returners for East Noble include P/SS Easton Kline, OF/INF/P Ian Ramey, C Rylan Hathaway and P/INF Jaycob Fox.

Key newcomers cited by Desmonds are Jack Slater, Colston Newbauer, Owen Diehl, Trey Sparkman and Gavin Kerr.

“With the loss of several

seniors, our roster will look very different than the past few seasons,” Desmonds said. “With graduation comes opportunity for several new faces to step up at the varsity level. We are excited and encouraged with what we have seen so far in the newcomers’ ability to do so.”

Fremont

Head Coach: Rob Hale, second season

Assistant Coaches: Travis Parnin, Parker Hale

The Eagles return a number of players from last season’s squad that went 16-14 and lost to Canterbury in the championship game of the Class 1A sectional.

Senior catcher Tyler Miller leads a talented group of returning letterwinners, including juniors Bryton Householder and Taylor Rodriguez, along with sophomore Ben Ford

Key losses to graduation

for the Eagles were Colton Guthrie, Caden Hufnagle and Jackson Foster.

Hale listed sophomore Lucas Campbell and freshman Isaac Clapp as promising newcomers.

“We will need youngsters to step up to fill roles,” Hale said.

Garrett

Head coach: Jason Richards, sixth season

The Railroaders are coming off a 6-19 season in 2025 (5-5 for sixth in the NECC), so there’s plenty of room for improvement.

Richards is looking to Lucas Collins to potentially be the Railroaders’ ace. Collins, a right-hander, was 2-3 with a 4.57 ERA last season, striking out an impressive 78 batters in 42 2/3 innings.

Collins, who also mans third base occasionally for Garrett, was also one of the team’s leading hitters, batting .315 with five doubles and seven RBIs.

As a whole, the Railroaders will need to throw strikes more consistently. Garrett pitchers issued 128 walks in 157 1/3 innings last season.

Kayden Bush, a transfer from Bishop Dwenger, should be a key contributor. Last season, Bush hit .300 in 10 games for the Saints a year ago, with five runs scored, a double and three RBIs.

Hamilton

Head coach: Justin McKnight, third season

Asst. Coaches: Darrin Taylor, Chad Ritter, Brady Dilts

The Marines are looking to improve on last season’s 3-8 mark and have some experienced players back to help make that happen.

Seven letterwinners are back for Hamilton in 2026: juniors David Beard, Brendan Pfefferkorn and Dalen Pfefferkorn and sophomores Spencer Bredemeyer, Trenton Kintz, Miles DeWitt and Liam Ferrell.

Key losses to graduation for Hamilton were Clayton Spaw, Dylan Holiday, Drew Merritt, Zane Ritter, Jagger Hurraw, Harry Richter and Caleb McMullen.

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Juniors Matthew Buffenn and Chase Tornblom, along with freshmen Graysen Dilts, Cooper Leiningner and Lucas Taylor are newcomers expected to contribute.

“With a young squad, focused on building chemistry, our program is centered on growth both on and off the field,” McKnight said. “It is our goal to provide an opportunity for our student-athletes to grow as lifelong learners through the game of baseball. We will strive to compete every day while continuing to develop into a fundamentally sound team that takes pride in preparation, effort and execution.”

Lakewood Park

Head Coach: Scott Boles, ninth season

Assistant Coaches: Cayden Skaggs, John Young, Matt Ousley

There’s much room for improvement for the Panthers, who are coming off a 4-17 campaign a year ago.

But eight returning letterwinners — Andersen Mohre, Kolten Kirtley, Ethan Young, Landon Stoll, Lukkas Tran, Andrew Nixon, Tristan Wissing and Gavin Shinn — give Lakewood Park a leg up on that improvement. Six returning starters are a point in the Panthers’ favor, too.

Key losses to graduation for Lakewood Park were Aaron Young, Caleb Schlabach and Carson Lyons.

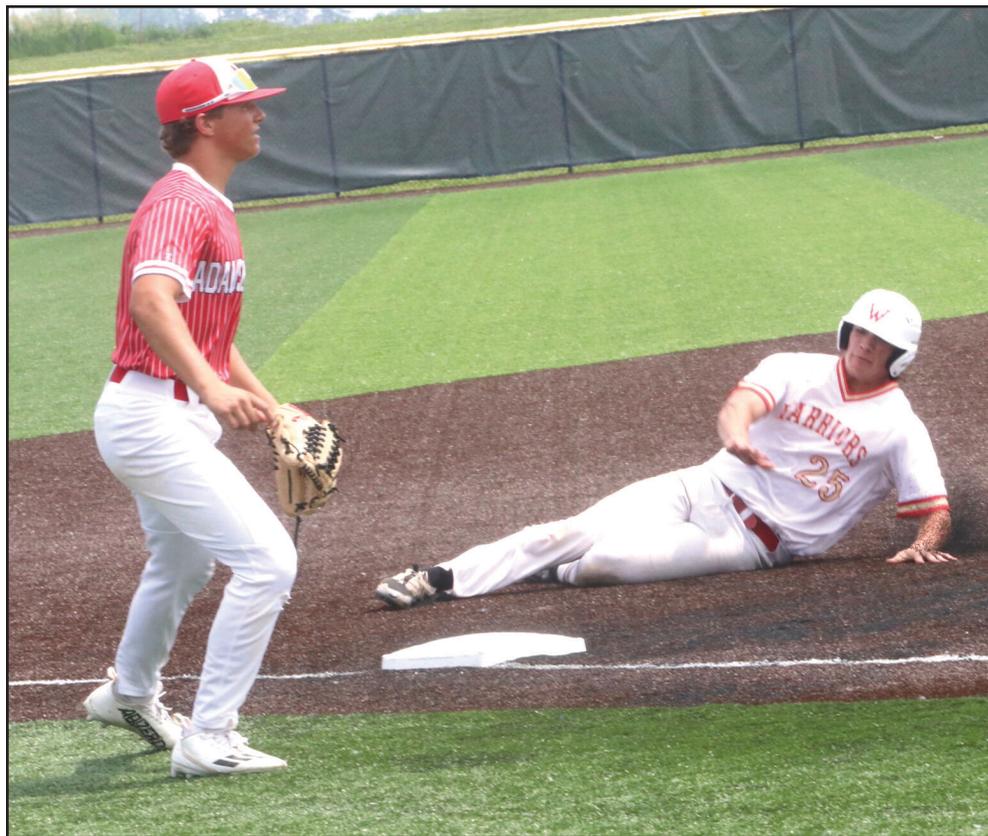
Key newcomers noted by Boles are four freshmen: Rigg Linblom, Ryker Ousley, Cohen Johnson and Liam Haberman.

“I’m really excited for this season,” Boles said. “We are deeper at pitching and catching than normal... I believe we are going to be great defensively.”

“I believe this could be one of the best baseball teams we have put on the field at LPCS,” Boles added.

Prairie Heights

Head Coach: Gene Smith, fourth season



MARK MURDOCK

Elijah Zolman of Westview slides into third as Adams Central third baseman Hayden Bluhm awaits the throw in last year’s Class 2A regional baseball game at Oak Hill. Zolman is one of three upperclassmen on the Warrior roster this season.

Assistant Coach: Kenyon Helmuth

The Panthers were 7-19 a year ago and return several key players as they look to take a step forward into the upper tier of the Northeast Corner Conference.

Key returning players for Prairie Heights in 2026 include juniors Chase Hayward and sophomores Joel Graber, Lakyn Duke and Devin Castner.

Brayden Duke and Gavin Garman were key losses to graduation. Reed Dempsey and Brayden Baas were listed by Smith as key newcomers.

“We are young and growing, but look to compete,” Smith said. “We plan to push teams this year.”

Westview

Head Coach: Jason Rahn, 15th season

Retooling is the ticket for the Warriors in 2026. Last season, Westview was 15-12 (7-3 in the NECC, good for second behind Lakeland) and fell to Boone Grove 5-1 in the Class 2A Semi-State semifinals at Oak Hill.

The Warriors bid adieu

to a big group of six seniors: Gavin Engle, Max Engle, Jack Massey, Kamden Yoder, Jaxon Engle and Maverick Deveau.

This season, Westview has just two seniors: outfielder Caiden Schrock and pitcher-third baseman Elijah Zolman.

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EASTSIDE BLAZERS

Grace Swank, Cougars looking for more success

BY KEN FILLMORE

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Central Noble's softball team has some retooling to do after a special 24-6 season last spring that included winning Class 2A regional and sectional championships.

And a big presence returns in the circle and in the middle of the lineup for the Cougars in senior Grace Swank. The Grace College signee will play big in giving CN a chance at more success in 2026.

But there are challenges for the Cougars in the Northeast Corner Conference and also nearby in neighbor East Noble, who won 19 games and was a Class 3A sectional runner-up last season.

Eastside and Fairfield will also contend for the NECC title. Fremont has regularly won 1A sectional titles recently, and opened NECC play last season with a 6-5 home win over Central Noble.

Central Noble Cougars

Coach: David Pearson, fifth season

2025: 24-6, 8-2 NECC, 2A regional and sectional champions

Swank hit .541 (46-85) last season with nine home runs and 44 runs batted in. Pitching, she was 13-4 with a .162 earned run average, striking out 200 in 99 and two-thirds innings.

Swank picked up where she left off in the 2026 season opener on March 24 when she hit two home runs, drove in eight runs, and threw a no-hitter with 18 strikeouts in the Cougars' 14-1 victory at Bremen.

Also returning are senior third baseman Katie Forker and junior infielder Kaitlyn Tilley (hit .329 last season with 15 RBIs and 21 runs scored).

Pearson said freshmen Gwen Swank, Grace's sister, and Chelsea Freshman will play vital roles.

"We are excited about the upcoming season," Pearson said. "We have a few key returners and a lot of talented players that will step up into varsity roles

Eastside Blazers

Coach: Brennen Kitchen, fifth season

2025: 22-7, NECC regular season and tournament champions

The Blazers will once again have a strong offense to support young pitching.

But Eastside will not have center fielder Lucy Kitchen in that lineup. The Second Team coaches' All-State selection last season will miss her



DAVID VANTRESS

East Noble's Abby Alwine delivers a pitch at Prairie Heights early last season. Alwine will once again lead the Knights in the circle and with the bat this season.

junior season after suffering a torn anterior cruciate ligament in one of her knees in the Blazers' Class 2A Lakeland Sectional basketball final victory over Central Noble on Feb. 7.

Still, plenty of weapons for the Blazers, led by junior shortstop Emily McClain (hit .414 last season with 37 runs scored and 31 RBI) and junior third baseman Teagan Vanover (.405, 23 runs, 15 RBIs).

The Eastside lineup will also include junior first baseman-pitcher Danelle Guerra (.354, 4 home runs, 33 RBIs, 22 runs), senior first baseman Reese Shull (.348, 5 homers, 34 RBIs, 23 runs) senior catcher Elodie Bishop (.295, 28 RBIs, drew 14 walks) and sophomore outfielder Mollie Dick (.379, 26 runs scored, 11 RBIs).

Sophomore Kaylyn Mayberry returns as Eastside's pitching ace after a very competitive freshman season where she was 14-3 with a 2.46 ERA. She will be around the strike zone, and stuck out 71 in 105 and one-third innings. She will also give

the Blazers some pop in the middle of their lineup.

Junior outfielders Payton Reycasa and Micah Fuentes will lead a solid group of varsity newcomers.

Guerra was 7-2 with a 3.81 ERA pitching in 60 and two-third innings last season and will support Mayberry in the circle.

"We have a pretty experienced returning," Brennen Kitchen said. "If we can play solid defense behind our pitchers, then we should be able to put ourselves in a position to be in every game."

East Noble Knights

Coach: Jessica Hull, ninth season

2025: 19-8, 3-4 Northeast 8 Conference, Class 3A DeKalb Sectional runner-up

The Knights return their entire starting lineup, led by junior catcher Aubrey Helmkamp (.540, 54 hits, 2 HRs, 20 RBIs, 39 runs) and pitchers Abby Alwine (13-5, 1.90 ERA, 142 Ks and 105 hits allowed in 121 one-third IP) and Paige Griggs (6-2, 2.11 ERA, 57 Ks and 45 hits allowed in 49 and two-third innings).

Alwine, a senior, and Griggs, a junior, set the lowest pitching ERAs in a season in 2025. Griggs also hit .372 last season with seven home runs and 41 RBIs. Alwine hit .323 with two homers and 26 runs batted in.

Juniors Shaye Ritchie (.458, 3 HRs, 30 RBIs, 31 runs) in left field, Bri Bortner (.367, 30 runs, 16 RBIs) at third base and Emilie Stinson (.341, 19 runs, 17 RBIs) at shortstop are in their third seasons as starters.

Junior Della Munk returns after hitting .441 with 21 runs and 12 RBIs in a part-time role.

Newcomers Maddison Parker and Olivia Henson are also expected to contribute and add to the team speed.

"We have a great group of girls and can't wait for the grind to start," Hull said. "We have our eyes set on some high goals for our team and the girls have been doing a great job of pushing themselves at practice to prepare our team to meet those goals."

Garrett Railroaders

Coach: Aaron Grindstaff, third season

2025: 21-9, 8-2 NECC

The Railroaders were one of the biggest breakout teams of last spring.

Catcher Peyton Grindstaff and outfielder JJ Feicht sparked the team

as freshmen. Grindstaff, the coach's daughter, was one of the area's top players last spring, hitting .564 (53-95) with seven homers, 40 RBIs, 31 runs, 14 stolen bases, 17 doubles and three triples. Feicht hit .364 with three homers, 20 RBIs, 11 stolen bases, 15 doubles and a team-leading 37 runs scored.

The infusion of talented youth combined with solid veteran leadership, including seniors Ashlee Vanderbosch and Sarah DePew.

Vanderbosch has been a workhorse pitcher since she was a freshman. She was 17-8 last season with 2.34 ERA. In 164 and one-third innings, she allowed 160 hits and struck out 143 while only walking 45 batters.

DePew hit .352 in 2025 with a home run, 31 RBIs, 33 runs scored, 13 stolen bases and seven triples.

Juniors Atalie Gullett and Remi Winebrenner are also key returners for Garrett.

Churubusco Eagles

Coach: Phil Nicolet, 12th season

2025: 17-10, 7-3 NECC

The Eagles return 10 letterwinners from last season, and also have girls from last year's junior varsity squad that went 17-1 who are ready to play varsity softball. That's a good problem for Nicolet to have.

Senior catcher Shelby Tigner will lead Churubusco, and was a KPC Media All-Area selection last season. Sophomore Alyssa Marks led the Eagles pitching in 2025 as a freshman.

Junior right fielder Aaliyah Fleetwood and senior third baseman Lydia Parker are also back for Churubusco. Sophomores Olivia Konger and Ava Liebing will also compete for pitching time.

The Eagles can be dangerous offensively. They will look to grow all the way around in attempting to break through against the area's top teams and be championship contenders.

Fremont Eagles

Coach: Eliza Batt, third season

2025: 13-12, 4-6 NECC, 1A Fremont Sectional champion

The Eagles will be younger. They graduated three highly dedicated softball girls in Sammy Meyers, Myleigh Carper and Alexys Stevens. Carper is playing softball at NCAA Division II Findlay (Ohio).

Juniors Mallorie Hufnagle and

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SOFTBALL

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Chloe Verdin emerged as leading players for Fremont last season during an up-and-down season.

Hufnagle hit .472 last season with five home runs, 30 RBIs and five triples. She was also pressed into pitching duty as ace Emma Creager could not pitch for a stretch in the latter half of the season due to injury.

Verdin hit .440 in 2025 with three homers, 33 RBIs, 35 runs scored and 12 doubles. She also had a .959 fielding percentage.

Creager, a junior, is Fremont's most competitive pitcher, and also hit .354 last season with two homers, 14 RBIs and 16 runs scored.

Junior Drew Snyder is also back after hitting .455 (30-66) last season with a homer and 17 RBIs.

Batt is expecting sophomores Kate Carlson and Bailey Happ to play significant roles.

Ava Davis is the Eagles' lone senior.

DeKalb Barons

Coach: Ron Smith, second season

2025: 12-14, 3-4 NE8

The Barons are young, but growing in Smith's vision.

"We hope with a lot of youth getting valuable game time last year, that will help going into this season," he said.

"I can see a lot of

improvement with the players from last year," Smith continued. "The players have worked hard in the offseason with open workouts and with their travel teams. We are excited to see that their hard work has done for them."

Seniors Serena Wineland and Summer Haverstock will lead DeKalb. Wineland batted .449 and stole 23 bases last season. She scored 19 runs and drove in 13.

Haverstock was a leading pitcher for the Barons, going 5-7 with a 4.15 ERA and 81 strikeouts in 87 and two-third innings. She also hit .316 with nine RBIs.

Junior Lilly Jackson and sophomore Sophia Gowthrop also were significant contributors returning for DeKalb. Freshmen Lailaa Geraghty and Ashlynn Rathburn will be key newcomers.

Angola Hornets

Coach: Pete Henderson, fifth season

The Hornets will be a cohesive, versatile and competitive unit with a lot of room to grow.

Addy Weisenauer, Brooke Christman, Lauren Mills and Savannah Bixler are leading players returning for Angola. Many newcomers are expected to make an impact, led by Serenity Stouder, Lucy Olouch, Natalee Essinger and Riley Duran.

"There's a lot of potential, and our returners have done a great job setting the



KEN FILLMORE

Fremont freshman Bailey Happ (14) heads for home in the bottom of the fourth inning while Eagles softball coach Eliza Batt directs traffic from the third base coaching box during the Class 1A Fremont Sectional final at Vistula Park last season. A young Eagle squad will again be the team to beat in the local 1A sectional.

tone for what we expect," Henderson said. "We know we're going to grow a lot as the season goes on. As the season progresses, the team hopes to build confidence and consistency.

"If we stay committed to improving every day, we believe we can compete with anyone."

2025: 8-15, 5-5 NECC

Lakeland Lakers

Coach: Melissa Bateman, first season

2025: 6-19, 3-7 NECC

The Lakers will transition from one former player to another. Bateman, who's maiden name is Campos, replaced Morgan Thompson after one season.

Lakeland returns its top two pitchers from last season in seniors Shakthi Ramachandran and Abbey Priestley.

The Lakers' top hitters returning include seniors Rylee Amsden, Kaia McNamara and Haylee Hicks. Amsden hit .382 last spring (21-55) with 20 runs, eight RBIs and eight stolen bases. McNamara hit .256 with 14 runs scored, 10 runs batted in and 12 stolen bases.

Key newcomers for Lakeland will be freshman Bailey Bateman and sophomore Emily Drew.

Westview Warriors

Coach: Brittney Wilson, first season

2025: 10-12, 3-7 NECC

The Warriors will rebuild under Wilson, who replaces longtime coach Jeremy Williams. They graduated seven players from last year's squad.

Wilson, whose maiden name is Bateman, starred at Lakeland in the early- to mid-2000s, then played softball and basketball at Huntington University. She is a 2006 Lakeland graduate was an Indiana All-Star in softball in 2006 and was inducted in the school's athletic hall of fame in 2018.

Wilson has a solid senior trio to work with in Bri Kaufman, Janissa Lehman and Myra Miller. Junior Jill Bontrager and sophomore Paige McDonald also return for Westview.

Lehman was an All-NECC player a year ago, and Kaufman was an all-conference honorable mention. Lehman hit .382 (29-76) with two home runs, 23 RBIs, 15 runs scored and seven doubles, and was also one of the team's two main pitchers in 2025. Kaufman hit .400 (28-70) with two homers, 15 RBIs and 25 runs scored.

Miller hit .323 (21-65) with five homers, 19 RBIs and 22 runs.

Westview will have nine underclassmen and many of them will be expected to contribute right away.

Wilson will be assisted by Nicole Streby and volunteer assistant coaches Mike Antal

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Question marks abound for area boys golf

BY DAVID VANTRESS

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KENDALLVILLE — Looking at the area boys golf landscape in 2026, the preliminary buzzword would have to be uncertainty.

Westview junior Luke Haarer and Prairie Heights senior Braeden Morr — committed to Earlham College in Richmond — are the top two top returning players.

Fremont looks to be one of the leading teams in the area, with a wealth of returning experience and a deep roster that features 15 golfers.

Graduation hit a number of area schools hard, so there are a lot of question marks to be addressed as the short season tees off later this month.

Here is a look ahead at area prep boys golf teams in 2026:

Angola

Head Coach:

Brian Miller, 15th season

Assistant Coach:

Hugh Robertson

The Hornets were 13-5 overall last season, including 8-2 in the Northeast Corner Conference. They finished sixth at sectionals.

Returning letterwinners for the Hornets include senior Brady Ravis, and juniors Reed Lantz and Carson Ravis. Key losses to graduation were Brayden Hardley, Johnny Hersel and Austin Kuster.

Five sophomores and four freshmen comprise a

“good group of newcomers,” Miller said.

“We will have to wait and see who steps up,” Miller added.

Overall, Miller is pleased with what he sees.

“I really like this group of golfers... (we) return lots of experience at the top but will look to younger kids to step and challenge for varsity spots,” Miller said.

Central Noble

Head Coach:

Walter Buchs, fourth season

The Cougars have good numbers and depth this season. A total of 12 golfers are on the Central Noble roster as 2026 beckons.

Key returning players include Nick Freeman, Connor Fish, Charlie Fleshman, Hunter Halsey and Issac Nodine.

Central Noble lost Carter Meinike to graduation. A key newcomer is freshman Jayden Jordan.

“We have a great core of golfers returning this season and are looking to improve from last season,” Buchs said. “I am excited to get the season started and looking forward to seeing our accomplishments this year.”

DeKalb

Coach: James Fislar, sixth season

The Barons have much to build on after going 6-6 (5-2 Northeast 8 Conference, good for third) a year ago. They were fourth at the East Noble Sectional, just missing a regional slot.



MARK MURDOCK

Braeden Morr of Prairie Heights follows the flight of his tee shot during the Warsaw Regional last June. Morr, committed to Earlham College, is back for his senior season to lead the Panthers in 2026

Key players for the Barons in 2026 include senior Logan Hartsough, juniors AJ Shambaugh and Luke Petre and sophomores Elec Kimball and Easton Armstrong.

Nic Ley was a key loss to graduation. Freshman Johnathyn Grimm is a key newcomer.

“With a strong mix of experienced leadership and rising young talent, we’re preparing for what looks to be an exciting 2026 season,” Fislar said.

Leading the way for the Barons are the two seniors, Hartsough and Shambaugh, both coming off impressive performances last season.

The duo played key roles in DeKalb’s success in conference play and sectionals, setting a high standard for the team heading into this year, Fislar said.

Returning varsity letterwinners Kimball, Armstrong, and Petre complement the seniors, Fislar said, bringing experience and consistency and giving the Barons a solid foundation as they look to build on last season’s momentum.

East Noble

Head Coach: Scott Borger, first season

Assistant Coach: Keith Kiesznowski

After a 3-10 record last season, there’s much room for improvement for the Knights. But Borger is optimistic as the 2026 season approaches.

Key returners for East Noble include Carter McKinley and Kane Garton. Nate Bowker was a key loss to graduation.

“We are a very young team with a lot of new faces,” Borger said. “Really excited to see what the season brings. I know there has been a lot of hard work

put in during the offseason, especially with Kane and Carter. They’re just excited to get the season started and start working on their golf game out on the course.”

Borger coached golf at East Noble Middle School for the past four years.

One area of focus for the high school Knights in 2026, Borger said, will be the short game, especially from 100 yards in.

“We want to make sure that we give ourselves a good birdie chance or get up and down for par,” Borger said.

Eastside

Head Coach: Brent Keen, eighth season

Assistant Coach: Christian Grube

Returning experience is the story of the day for the Blazers, who were 3-7 in the NECC a year ago. They return four varsity golfers from last year: Braxtyn Chamberlain, Carter Helbert, Evan Eldon and Carter Helbert.

Key newcomers to help round out the Eastside roster are Rilan Myers and Johnny Buss.

“We look like we’ll be competitive in conference play,” Keen said. “We’re hoping the two captains (Braxtyn and Carter) lead the way with the six new golfers added to the team. Rilan Myers, being a freshman, is looking strong and is playing for a varsity spot. Johnny Buss, being a new golfer, is showing promise to compete for a varsity position as well.”

Chamberlain was a regional qualifier in 2024.

Fremont

Head Coach: Nick Herndon, eighth season

Asst. Coach: Beau Herndon

The Eagles were 13-1 a year ago, co-NECC regular season champions, and qualified for regionals as a team.

Returning Fremont letter-
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winners include seniors Zander Reetz, Jake Hilvers and Charlie Senecal and junior Jaret Laughlin.

Ashland Benner and Trevor Reetz were key losses to graduation.

A key newcomer according to Herndon is freshman Hawkin Wise.

“We are looking to rebuild after a couple of great seasons,” Herndon said. “Even though we lost a couple of key players to graduation, we still have a great core of golfers with a lot of varsity experience. We are looking forward to making another run as we get close to conference and sectional play.”

Garrett

Head Coach: Jason Buchs, first season

The Railroaders have just one returning letterwinner in All-NECC performer Carter Overbay, but are showing excellent turnout with a total of 15 golfers on the roster.

They lost Carter Demske to graduation, a multi-regional qualifier now at NCAA Division III Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas.

Buchs likes what he sees so far from the Railroaders.

“Coming over to Garrett from East Noble, I don’t know a lot about these boys,” Buchs said. “I love the number of golfers that have come out for the season, and I know that there is some talent on this roster. Carter Overbay was all-conference last year and is projected to be our leader this year. I am looking forward to working with this group of young men and developing them over the next few years.”

Lakeland

Head Coach: Orvan Schlabach, second season
Asst. Coach: Jerry Miller

The Lakers return everyone from a team that went 7-10 a year ago. Kyle Hartsough, a longtime basketball player, has come out for golf as a senior.

“I’m excited for the



DAVID VANTRESS

Westview’s Luke Haarer putts on the 18th green at Heron Creek to finish his round at the Lakeland Invitational last season. Haarer will lead the Westview boys in 2026.

season,” Schlabach said. “I believe in this group of guys. With everyone returning from last year and with the addition of Kyle Hartsough, I believe we can make a good run this season. Our roster is deep, the talent is there, which makes it exciting for me to coach!”

Prairie Heights

Head Coach: Alison Hall, fifth season

Asst. Coach: Adam Brimie

The Panthers were 7-11 a year ago, but return Morr along with fellow senior Sean Bontreger, juniors Tommy Anders and Landon Wylie and sophomore Kalob Hensch.

Hall said, “We are so thrilled to be growing our program in the 2026 season... We have lots of boys who have put in some serious work in the offseason to prepare.

“With Braeden and Sean returning for their senior seasons, I am excited to see how they lead the team to success. Returning Kalob, Landon and Tommy also adds to the dynamic strength

of our program.”

Westview

Head Coach: Jeff Marchant, 12th season

The Warriors lost

three-time letterwinner and state qualifier Silas Haarer (now at Liberty University), but return his younger brother Luke, the 2024 KPC

Media Prep of the Year, for his junior season.

Westview was 12-5 in 2025, winning both the NECC and sectional tournament titles.

Brett Springer is a key returner and expected to be a solid No. 2 for the Warriors.

Along with Luke Haarer, returning letterwinners for the Warriors include Springer, junior Caedmon Gates and sophomores Marcus Garrett, Liam Brill, Tyler Brewer and Cooper Fry.

Freshmen Ethan Fry and Cooper Schwartz were noted as key newcomers by Marchant.

“It’s a little early to tell, but we are looking forward to this season,” Marchant said. “Everyone seems ready to go have some fun... We hope to be in the running for the top spot in conference again, along with finishing in the top three at sectionals and regionals to move on to state.”

Churubusco, Hamilton and West Noble are all looking to build and grow as the spring progresses.

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EASTSIDE BLAZERS

Warriors, Riegsecker lead area girls tennis scene

BY KEN FILLMORE
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Westview's team and West Noble sophomore Natalia Riegsecker will lead the way in area high school tennis this spring.

The Warriors return six starters from last year's squad that finished 14-3, won the Angola Sectional and won the Northeast Corner Conference regular season championship.

Back from last year for Westview are senior Kristen Bender at No. 1 singles, junior Camryn Christner at No. 2 singles, the No. 1 doubles team of seniors Miley Mast and Lanita Mast, and the No. 2 doubles team of senior Ava Hostetler and sophomore Alayah Hostetler.

Bender (12-11 at No. 1 singles last year) signed to play tennis at Taylor University. Taylor fielded men's and women's tennis teams this past fall after shutting them down in the spring of 2020.

"The strengths of this year's team lies in our experienced varsity returners, the depth of our lineup, and the hard work ethic of our underclassmen," sixth-year Warrior coach Carrie Clark said.

"We will continue to focus on developing mentally tough athletes and playing strategic, consistent tennis. We are excited for the growth we've seen in the offseason and the focus this team has brought to preseason workouts."

Barring different outcomes in challenges and health, Westview is only looking to fill the No. 3 singles spot. Juniors Addy Kauffman, Karleen Bender and Graci Engle will compete for varsity time.

At West Noble, Riegsecker made an immediate impact as a freshman, going 18-3 and being honorably mentioned to the state coaches' All-State team. All three of her losses came against Lakeland exchange student Emma Danihelova, who qualified for the singles IHSAA State Finals.

Riegsecker is part of a young Charger team that made positive steps last season. West Noble graduated nobody, and Ava DeLong held her own last spring playing No. 2 singles as a freshman.

The Chargers will have a new coach in Bob Strombeck. He is a head tennis professional who has coached high school tennis for several years. He played college tennis at what is now called Purdue Fort Wayne.



KEN FILLMORE

East Noble's Makenna Strohm takes a forehand shot in her No. 2 singles match against Lakewood Park in the East Noble Sectional final last year. She will lead a younger Knight team this spring.

Strombeck will be assisted by Teri Kruger, who has served as both as the head coach or assistant coach for the West Noble girls for several years.

Here is a look at the rest of the area girls tennis teams.

East Noble Knights

Coach: Aaron Edwards, sixth season

The Knights graduated six girls, including five varsity starters, from their most successful season in program history. They set a program record for dual wins in a season in going 20-4, and won their first sectional title since 2016 on their home courts.

EN's only returning starters are its lone seniors, Makenna Strohm and Nora Laur. Strohm won 15 matches at No. 2 singles last season while Laur won 17 matches at No. 2 doubles.

Edwards sees this season as one full of opportunities to keep the Knights competing at a high level.

"After a solid summer of development on the court, several players have positioned themselves to compete for the remaining five varsity spots," Edwards said.

Nine sophomores, four juniors and one freshman are in the mix for the Knights.

DeKalb Barons

Coach: Julie Holwerda, first season

The Barons were also hit hard by graduation and return only one varsity starter, Kai Nagel.

"We have so many up and coming players who are ready and excited to step into vacant roles," Holwerda said. "This season, we will focus on improving every time we step onto the court."

"We will continue to strive to achieve our number one goal that is unwavering, which is to be the most respected team. We will continue to fine tune our techniques and play with intention."

Holwerda has been an assistant coach recently for Todd Hartsough. Holwerda and assistant coach Kennlee Dick are both former Baron tennis players.

Angola Hornets

Coach: Amy Buchs, fourth season

The Hornets were 6-9 and fifth in the NECC Tournament with a young roster. They were 5-3 in conference duals.

Sophomores Stella Stockamp and Mikaela Kolar will lead Angola this spring. Stockamp was 21-0 last season at No. 3 singles. Kolar, the daughter of Trine University tennis coach Erin Kolar, is coming off knee surgery last spring and has a lot of USTA experience under her belt.

"Mikaela will be ready to take on a big role for our team," Buchs said.

Also returning for the Hornets are junior Evelyn Rinard and sophomores Kaylee Voigt, Milana Locane and Lily Lewis. Rinard and Voigt were 15-6 together at No. 2 doubles last year while Locane was 8-13 at No. 2 singles.

"Milana figured out how to win and what it takes to become successful," Buchs said.

"Our roster might be young, but our ambition is seasoned. This year isn't just about gaining experience, it's about proving that energy and fearlessness can outpace tradition."

Fremont Eagles

Coach: Scott Hottell, first season (9th overall on the girls' side)

The Eagles bring a lot back from last year's 9-7 squad that was the Angola Sectional runner-up and placed third in the NECC in both the regular season and the tournament.

Seniors Katie McElhoe and Sydney Burkholder will play together for their fourth straight spring and lead Fremont from the No. 1 doubles spot. They both

committed to playing tennis at Trine University next school year.

Seniors Brooke Squires and Emery Laughlin and junior Machaela Skiles are also returning starters.

Some players will take big steps with Fremont's top two singles players from last year graduating in Delaney Bock and Milania Miller.

Sophomores Lilly McElhoe, Caroline Cox and Carleigh Akers and freshman Lucy Knox and Brynleigh Bressler will compete for the remaining varsity openings.

Lakewood Park Panthers

Coach: Aubri Rench, first season

The Panthers will be younger after going 8-6 and being the East Noble Sectional runner-up last year.

Returning letterwinners Delaney Johnson, Avery Hindle and Reese Gaines will join forces with five new players (four freshman and a sophomore).

Prairie Heights Panthers

Coach: Brent Byler, first season (13th overall on the girls' side)

Byler, the Panthers' athletic director, will be returning to coaching tennis with a healthy, vibrant roster that brings promise for the program going forward.

That includes five seniors who all saw some significant varsity court time and a couple girls new to tennis and willing to learn.

Senior Bailey DeLancey played No. 1 singles last year, and classmate Natalie Booth mostly played No. 1 doubles in 2025. Seniors Maddison Certain and Nevaeh Orr were varsity regulars in doubles last spring as classmate Laken Mosier split between varsity doubles and junior varsity singles.

Junior Ryleah Carlin played at No. 2 varsity singles last season.

Junior Landry Byler will be in the mix somewhere after missing last season because of an anterior cruciate ligament injury.

"I am excited to be jumping back into the mix of coaching girls tennis," Byler said. "This group has a lot of talent and potential. Just an absolutely fun group of kids to coach."

"The senior class has great leaders and motivated athletes who want to continue to learn the game and improve while being competitive," he added. "We are looking for daily improvements in skill and strategy."



MARK MURDOCK

Kristen Bender of Westview returns a shot against Fremont in the sectional championship match at Angola last season. The Taylor University signee will lead an experienced Warrior squad this spring.

TENNIS

FROM PAGE 10 Lakeland Lakers

Coach: Robert Taylor, fourth season

Danihelova excited the Lakeland community in her 20-3 season that finished in the singles state finals. The Slovakian won regional, sectional and NECC championships.

Now, Lakeland is pretty much starting over with Danihelova returning to Slovakia and five other players graduating, including four starters.

Sophomores Karlee Romer and Makynzie Anderson were varsity regulars in doubles last season.

Senior Dulce Canedo, a Saint Francis basketball commit, is giving tennis a try this spring. Freshmen Abigail Gillespie and Olivia Howard will also complete for varsity court time.

Nineteen girls are playing tennis for the Lakers: seven sophomores, six seniors and six freshmen.

Taylor will be assisted by recent Sturgis (Mich.) High School graduate Ava Stewart.

Central Noble Cougars

Coach: Rachel Van Gessel, second

season

What has been built for Cougar tennis will show this spring. The varsity went 2-14, 1-7 in the NECC, in 2025.

CN recently started tennis at the junior high within the past few years. Senior Kayla Kreger started with that program, and most of the freshmen played in the junior high program.

Most of the Cougar roster is made up of ninth graders. The roster includes nine freshmen, two sophomores and seniors Kreger and Abby Pliett.

Whitney Weaver, Katie Mains and Anna Scott lead the freshman group for Central Noble.

“We’re younger, but more experienced than last year. They’re a very enthusiastic group who have been working hard,” Van Gessel said. “I’m excited to see how our lineup comes together.”

Kreger has been competitive for much of her CN tennis career. She was fifth at No. 1 singles in the NECC Tournament last year.

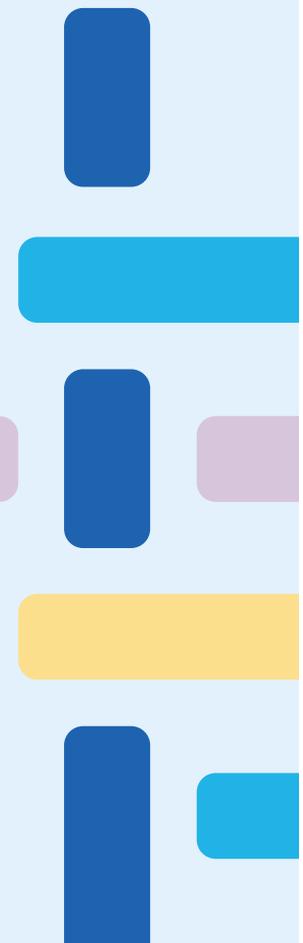
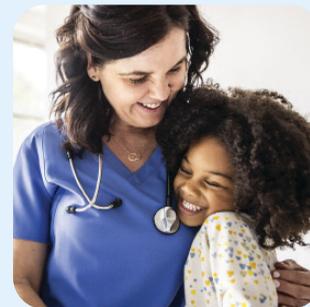
Churubusco will strive to be competitive. Emily Shew, who is now a senior, was the only Eagle to score in the NECC Tournament with a seventh-place finish at No. 3 singles.

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Loaded Knight girls ready to roll

BY DAVID VANTRESS

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KENDALLVILLE — To understate things on a massive scale, 2025 was a special year for the East Noble High School girls track and field team.

The Knights went a perfect 5-0 in dual meets, won the girls' division of the hometown John Reed Relays, finished second at the Turtle Town Classic in Churubusco, won the Northeast 8 Conference meet, and then for an encore, won the Angola Sectional.

Oh, and the Knights' 4-by-800-meter relay team of Johanna Carpenter, Chloe Gibson, Lynden Boese and Gracyn Koons set a new school record.

As East Noble head coach Cody Wait looks at the latest edition of Knight girls track and field, he sees a squad ready to run it back. All of it.

Key returners for East Noble in 2026 include Carpenter, Gibson, Boese, Koons, Kate David, Ava Larson, Rya Montoya, Kylie Walz, Katelyn Fortman, Jourdan Anderson. Addison Deming.

Key newcomers cited by Wait are Maudie Lash, Mya Green, Grace Shellman, Courtney Beiswanger, Stella Hanson and Nadia Leitch.

Wait is especially encouraged by a large group of 12 seniors to lead the way — every one of them All-NE8 athletes a year ago. They've all been part of back-to-back conference and sectional championship teams.

"The returners for the season as well as the newcomers should more than help us on the way to another successful season," Wait said.

Knight team captains for the 2026 season are David, Gibson, Larson, Montoya, Deming and Anderson.

Wait is assisted by Chris Moriarity, Andy Bell, Brittany Altimus, Mark Liepe, Trystan McCreery and Bill Walz.

Here is a brief look at the other area girls track and field teams:

Angola

Head coach: Josh Fletcher

The Hornets return key athletes like senior Kendall Stultz, a regional qualifier in both throwing events the last two years. Stultz also competes in the pole vault.

Other girls contributors for Angola include junior Cayleigh Blue (long jump and sprints). Blue is coming off her best swimming season ever, according to Angola track and field coaches. She scored at the 2025 sectional in the long jump and 4-by-400 relay.

Junior Danny Thorp scored in the pole vault at sectional, and so did the 4-by-400 relay.

"I'm very optimistic about the girls team this year. We have a nice group of upperclassmen sprinkled in with some exciting newcomers," Fletcher said.

Central Noble

Head Coach: Matthew Hopf, third season

Key returners for the Cougars include Adelaide Hopf, Kaitlyn Dunafin, Mallory Bremer, Whitney Replogle and Jaylee Slone.

Hopf listed Cora Mault as a key newcomer.

"We're led by a strong senior class, and is looking forward to building on the successes of last season to improve as individuals and a team this season," Hopf said.

Churubusco

Head Coach: Zach Dock

Dock, the Eagles' longtime coach for both the boys and girls, expects the always tough NECC to be even more highly competitive in 2026.

Especially in the girls shot put, Dock added.

"You might not get into the finals unless you're throwing over 33 feet," Dock said. "Our conference is crazy good, especially on the girls' side. It's just loaded with talent."

Key athletes on the girls' side at Busco in 2026 include the entire returning 4-by-800 relay squad of Patty Wiggs, Capri Hosford, Brynn Lortie

and Nola Bianski.

An early barometer of that unit's potential came at last Saturday's Hoosier State Relays indoor meet, where Dock was hoping for his 12th-seeded girls to run under 10:20 and give themselves a shot to medal. This preview went to press before the meet.

Wiggs is expected to be an anchor for the Eagles, a do-it-all athlete who can run any race from the 200 to the 1,600.

Jessica Debolt returns in the throws, along with Cora Boersema and Aubrey Mapes. Bianski is back in the distance events and sophomore Maura Wright returns in the 100 hurdles.

DeKalb

Head Coach: Chris McGrew, sixth season

Key returners for the Barons in 2026 include Jacy Stokes, Jerrica Stokes, Jazmynn Stokes, Baylee Tysen, Abi Feller, Taylor Handshoe, Payton Patinom and Emma Buchs.

Key losses to graduation for the Barons were Bre Fordyce, Jenna Schoenherr and Lydia Yoder.

Key newcomers cited by McGrew include Alli Hartsough, Lucy Van Ort, Delia King and Elle Aldrich.

"We've had a very productive preseason and are looking forward to competition season," McGrew said. "Our athletes have been focused and working hard. We have some individuals and relay teams that have set high goals for the season. We are excited to see what we can do this season and are looking forward to getting some athletes to advance through the state tournament."

Eastside

Head Coach: Nicholas Beard, third season

Key losses to graduation for the Blazers were Kiersten Haynes, Regan Smith, Dasia Richards, Karly Kaufmann and Lily Kreisler.

Key returners are Paige Kreisler, Olivia Gillespie,

Adelaide Elden, Kamdyn Creech, Addison Moughler, Rylan Moughler, Paris Santos, Olivia Lehrman, Stella Dickert, Jayla Sudduth, Railynn Warstler, Emily Graves and Mackenzie Dawkins.

Key newcomers cited by Beard are Kenzi West, Rylee Howell, Khloe Akey, Leah Kreisler, Sarah Fuentes, Elly Fuller and Angel Kraft.

Beard said the senior-laden Blazers are hoping to continue the success they have sustained the last two years.

"With three regional qualifiers last year, the Blazers hope to continue to compete hard both individually and as a team," Beard added.

Fremont

Head Coach: Trisha Hill, first season

The Eagles placed third at sectionals in 2025 with only 13 girls competing. Seven of those advanced to regionals: Mya Turner, Claire Foulk, Claire Senecal, Grace Scharlach, Amoree Price, Addy Parr, and Kaylee Neuenschwander.

Neuenschwander advanced to state from that group.

Key losses to graduation for Fremont were Foulk and Parr.

Key returners include the junior Turner in the sprints. She was a sectional runner-up in the 200-meter dash.

Neuenschwander won regional, sectional and NECC titles in the high jump, then tied for 17th at state. Price finished second in the Angola Sectional behind Neuenschwander in the high jump.

Key newcomers cited by Hill are Mackenzie Fields and Emma Blotter.

"At Fremont, we are working to build more than just strong performances, we are building a culture," Hill said. "Our program is centered on accountability, consistency, and learning how to show up with purpose each day. Because we are a smaller team, each athlete plays an important role, and that creates a unique opportunity

for growth, connection, and shared responsibility."

Garrett

Head Coach: Mallory Diederich, fifth season

Garrett returns senior Bailey Hedges along with juniors Adelle Romanetz and Elly Cossairt and sophomore Emma Coffman, who formed a regional-qualifying and All-NECC 4-by-800 relay unit.

Kelsi Davis, a senior, returns as the Railroaders' top hurdler.

Senior Josie Knepper is Garrett's top pole vaulter and a solid sprinter.

The Railroaders lost top sprinter and regional qualifier Chloe Harter to graduation, along with middle distance runner Alex Sierra, also a regional qualifier.

Key newcomers include freshmen Kaidance Green and Emma Feller, along with senior Nevaeh Wilson, a 2025 state girls wrestling champion who will take Harter's place in the sprints.

Also out for track are senior Molly Martin (mid-distance), freshman Avery Leech (mid-distance), freshman Piper Ice (high jump, sprints, mid-distance), junior Charlotte Lemen (hurdles and possibly a relay) and sophomore Marielle Lovett (hurdles).

"We have a mix of key returners and talented newcomers, especially a group of freshmen who will score us points in more events this year," Diederich said. "We will be a deeper team than we've been in the past."

Hamilton

Head Coach: Andrew Baker, third season

Returning athletes for the Marines include TeigAnn Freed, who according to Baker is back healthier and ready to lead with the sprints and long jump. Akira Geeraedts continues in the middle distances. Annalise Lingo placed fifth at sectionals in the discus and will

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Area boys track and field full of star power

BY KEN FILLMORE

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There has been some major star power in area high school boys track and field recently and it will continue this spring.

It will be the final season as prepsters for two guys who will be teammates at Notre Dame, Westview distance star Noah Bontrager and Churubusco throwing standout Weston Ott.

The distance talent goes beyond Bontrager. There's junior Zander Ritenour at Lakewood Park, senior Andrew Strong at Eastside, junior Memphis Martin from Lakeland, sophomore Graysen Ruch at West Noble, and the committee that has developed at Angola after Isaiah Steury starred as a cross country state champion.

The Hornets have not let up. Ayden Copeland has emerged and competed with Bontrager, Ott and Ritenour in Boston for the New Balance Indoor Championships March 12-15.

Pole vault is serious up here, too. Angola senior Daniel Koch and Churubusco sophomore Hunter Miller are premier guys to watch.

Bontrager is the defending state champion in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs. He became the first Indiana high schooler to break four minutes in the mile on March 15 at New Balance Indoor Nationals, winning the race in 3 minutes, 59.48 seconds.

Ott was the state runner-up in both the shot put and discus last year at Indianapolis North Central. He carries that chip on his shoulder to this day.

State championship is the ultimate goal," Churubusco coach Zach Dock said. "Whether it's in the weight room, the film room or the field, that's our focus all the time."



DAVID VANTRESS

Churubusco thrower Weston Ott completes a shot put attempt during the NECC meet last season in Angola. Ott is hungry for to win state championships after being state runner-up in the shot put and the discus last season in Indianapolis.

Ott had his two best throws ever in a dual meet at Woodlan on March 24. The last one was at 66 feet, and a half-inch. It was the best shot put throw in the country among high school boys at the time and outdoor track and field is just getting started.

Here's a look at all of our area boys teams.

Angola

The Hornets are led by two seniors who are returning state qualifiers: Koch in the pole vault and Keithyn Duncan.

Copeland, a junior, ran the 800 meters at New Balance Indoor Nationals

three weeks ago. He holds school records in the 400, 800 and as part of the 4-by-800 relay.

Angola is stacked in the relays. They will include seniors Grady Hoover and Gavin Cooke on the distance side and healthy senior Andrew Morvilius and sophomore Jayden Phillips in the sprint relay.

Senior Ben Thomas is one of the area's top hurdlers. Classmate Alex Thomas excels in the 110 hurdles and the discus. Junior Carter Shegog qualified for regional in the pole vault.

"The boys' program has a rich history that they take

a ton of pride in. This year is going to be fun," Angola coach Josh Fletcher said.

"I'm really excited about some new pieces we have on our team this year."

Westview

The Warriors took a solid hit by graduation, but will still be pretty good.

Senior Dallas Yoder was sixth in the regional in the 400 last spring and will help the 4-by-400 and 4-by-100 relays after contributing to school records in the past.

Senior Bentley Ryall and sophomore E.J. Watts will run the 4-by-800 relay with Bontrager and were

KPC All-Area selections last year. Junior Lucas Mullet might be in that mix, too.

Senior Kayden Miller will sprint and long jump. Exchange students Antonio Pedroso, Ricardo Acs and Santi Queralt will factor in somewhere. Aiden Kloth and Charlie Double are also newcomers expected to contribute.

"We lost a lot of key scorers from last year's team, but we have some kids that are stepping up to fill the gaps," Warriors assistant coach Mandy Stone said. "Looking forward to being competitive in the conference and sectional."

West Noble

The Chargers will have quality athletes in every specialty, but can't afford to have injuries.

"We should be able to be solid in every event," West Noble coach Monte Mawhorter said.

Senior Dustin Richardson was fourth at state in the high jump last season, and anchored the Chargers' 4-by-100 relay team to sectional and Northeast Corner Conference titles, and helped break a school record in that relay that stood for 27 years.

West Noble will also have senior Lucas Conway in the hurdles and the long jump, junior Nathan Troxel Gonzalez and seniors Brayden Knepper and Caleb Petersen in the middle distances, and sophomore Xy'Mire Barnes Bridges in the sprints and high jump.

Key newcomers for the Chargers are Jackson Christlieb, Brody Mast, Spence Miller and Christian Castro.

Churubusco

Eagle senior Cam Lattimore will also be one of the area's top pole vaulters.

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Also returning for Churubusco are sprinter Bryce Lawrence and hurdler Carson Tonkel.

Lakewood Park

At state last season, Ritenour was ninth in the 1,600 meters and Hayden Korte was ninth in the high jump with a school record clearance of 6 feet, 6 inches.

They have both done well in indoor meets leading into the season. The senior Korte will also star in the long jump.

LPC had 30 boys competing in track and field this spring, including eight returning letterwinners.

Other key athletes are Caleb VandeVelde and Kellen Warner in the distance events, Jemar Kibe

in the hurdles and Isaiah Buhr in the sprints.

Sophomore Jake Dulin will add to the quality depth of the distance crew.

Garrett

The Railroaders are led by senior thrower Aiden Hunt, junior sprinter Alex Guzman, and junior Carter Coffman and seniors Carter Fielden, Carson Terrell and Aiden Boltz in the middle distance events.

Junior Ty Bickley and senior Keith Thomas gives Garrett a solid 1-2 punch in the discus.

Last spring, Guzman, Fielden, Terrell and Boltz made the regional in the 4-by-400 relay, and Hunt qualified for the regional in the shot put.

Junior Zander Martin returns from injury and will lift the Railroaders in the sprints. Junior Easton Rouch will be a consistent scorer in the

high jump, and freshman Dillon Chisholm will run the longer sprint races and some relays.

“We have a core group of upperclassmen returning,” Garrett coach Mallory Diederich said. “They have all been putting in the work either on the track in the offseason or have had successful seasons in basketball and wrestling. Their athleticism and competitiveness will play a huge role in their success this season.”

Lakeland

The Lakers have increased numbers despite losing several athletes to graduation. That team will have to answer some questions as the season goes along.

Memphis Martin is the school record holder in the 3,200 .

Sophomore Jake Thompson was a regional

qualifier in the 300 hurdles last season and made major improvement in the offseason.

Senior Jon Colon will lead Lakeland in the sprints and long jump. Classmate Mark Miller is the team's primary runner in the 400.

The throws group will include seniors Thatcher Cowley and Keegan Merrifield, sophomore Aiden Givens and freshman Ethan Huppenthal.

Junior Gabe Wachtman and freshman Luke Wachtman will add to the Lakers' distance crew. Juniors Bryar Alleshouse, Jordan Bell, Dylan Miller and Kayden Miller are new to the sprint group.

DeKalb

The Barons will be led by Corbin Smith, Justin Shepherd and Sam Lehmann in the distance events; seniors Connor Schmidt and Nico

DeTray in the sprints, senior Tristen Blaker in the hurdles, senior Myles Dobson in the pole vault, sophomore Tanner Pomeroy in the high jump.

Senior Xavier Bell is one of DeKalb's better athletes and should be a solid performer this spring.

Newcomers Isaac Hostetler, Everett Walter, Noah Creech and Brayton Robinson are also expected to contribute.

East Noble

Coach Ryan Starkel will be looking for guys to step up all over after dealing with major graduation losses.

Key returning guys include Alex Phillips in the sprints, Nate Schlotter in the distance events, and sophomore Lucas Niman in the hurdles.

When healthy, freshman Austin Phillips will be an

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continue to lead Hamilton in the throws.

Key newcomers cited by Baker include Heidi Richter, who is expected to be a high jumper. Lydia Hicks will contribute in the hurdles. Gianna Ceci brings another discus thrower and solid mid-distance support.

Freshman Baylee Bartrom will be the first pole vaulter for Hamilton in awhile, Baker said.

“We continue to see growth in our program in numbers and quality athletes,” Baker said. “We are a heavy freshman and junior team with some seniors in key places that will surprise some people this season.”

Lakeland

Head Coach: Keith Thompson
The Lakers return all but two points from a team that finished second at the NECC meet in 2025.

Key athletes back in 2026 for Lakeland include junior Abriana Satterfield, (sectional champion in the 100, 200, long jump and 4x100 relay),

junior Zoey Bowman (100 and 200, and third leg of the 4-by-100 relay), junior McKenzie Carlson (first leg of the 4x100 relay, and is learning how to high jump and long jump), sophomore Carmen Rettig (second leg of 4-by-100, hurdles), sophomore Fayte Hughes, (sprints, 4-by-400 relay), junior Caitlyn Maguire (distance relays, high jump), junior Reggie Sunderland (distance relays, 800-meter run), senior Lana Van Koevering (distance relays, 1,500-meter run), senior Alana Whited (distance, distance relays), senior Allie Schackow (pole vault), senior Naomi Arroyo (shot put) and sophomore Ella Huppenthal (throws).

“If we can get healthy and gain some confidence, we will be pretty good by the time May rolls around,” Thompson said.

Lakewood Park

Head Coach: Daron White, ninth season

Key returners for the Panthers include Ava Dowd in the distance events, along with Avery Brandenberger, Luca Bontrager and Carigan

Treesh in the sprints. Gracelyn Martin and Lucy Young return in the throws.

Distance runner Sophie Haslett, a state qualifier in 2025, was a key loss to graduation for the Panthers. She's now competing at Indiana Wesleyan and was recently part of a national champion 4-by-800-meter relay team at NAIA indoor nationals – in a program record time of 9:00.62, with seniors Elizabeth Barrett and Sydney Liddle and fellow freshman Makenna Cruse.

White listed Gracie Dock in throws as a key newcomer.

“Our numbers continue to increase, which is making everyone better,” White said. “It's always fun to see which athletes surprise us each year.”

Prairie Heights

Head Coach: Aspen Nichols, third season

The Panthers lost Ashlynn Myers, who finished 20th in the 3,200-meter run at state last season, to graduation along with regional qualifier Katia Fernandez.

Key returners include sprinter Jaycee Shaffer and distance runner Olivia Ritter. Key newcomers include

freshman Kinley Yoder, who finished sixth in the 100 hurdles and fourth in the 200 hurdles at last year's middle school state meet.

“We have many new faces this year,” Nichols said. “I'm excited to see what that brings to our team... We are looking forward to the 2026 season!”

West Noble

Head Coach: John Marano, eighth season

The Chargers were 6-1 in 2025. They won the NECC West Division, and finished third at the NECC meet, then had a fourth-place showing at the sectional.

Key returners for the Chargers are Kayle Jordan, Lanie Martin, Elyse Mead, Victoria Mendoza, Trinity Parson, Andrea Campos, Leah Pruitt, Giselle Pizana and Gimena Aguilar.

Stephany Dominguez, a sprinter now competing at the University of Saint Francis, was a key loss to graduation.

Key newcomers cited by Marano are Crystal Villalobos, Allison Stabler, Carolina Garcia, Lynden Chordas and Karla Dominguez.

“We're looking forward to another exciting track season,”

Marano said. “There are a lot of great athletes and great teams in the conference this year. It will be exciting to see who comes out on top at the end of the season.”

Westview

Head Coach: Lyle Bontrager

Last year, the Warriors had regional qualifiers in the 4-by-800 and 4-by-400 relays, and a few other individual events, including a state qualifier in the 800 in Adelyn Rainsberger.

Returning letterwinners for the Westview girls are seniors Chayene Diaz, Hailey Lambright, Jasmine Litton and Jordynn Wasson, along with juniors Angela Miller, Emilia Mendoza, Gloria Miller, Marilyn Yoder, Peyton Miller, Alexis Riggio, Bayli Smith, Madilyn Miller and Merrill Warrenner.

Key newcomers include freshmen Sara Bontrager and Faith Stump.

“This is going to be a fun year, I can tell already!” Lyle Bontrager said. “These girls are digging in and pushing themselves past what they thought their limits were.”

Angola High School
755 S. C.R. 100E, Angola



Hornets
Color: Purple, Gold
Class: 3A, 4A
Football

BASEBALL

April 9	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 11	at Leo (DH)	10 a.m.
April 14	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Lakeland (DH)	10 a.m.
April 20	DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 21	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Norwell	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 2	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	11 a.m.
May 4	at Canterbury	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 7	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 8	Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 9	South Side (DH)	10 a.m.
May 12	Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at Bronson (Mich.)	10 a.m.
May 19	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at Plymouth (DH)	10 a.m.
May 27	Sectional TBD	5:30 p.m.
May 28	Sectional TBD	5:30 p.m.
May 30	Sectional TBD	11 a.m.
June 1	Sectional TBD	11 a.m.

SOFTBALL

April 8	Hunt. North	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Norwell	5:30 p.m.
April 13	DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Lakeland (DH)	10 a.m.
April 20	at Concordia	5 p.m.
April 21	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.

April 23	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Norwell	5:30 p.m.
April 25	Bishop Dwenger (DH)	10 a.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 1	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 a.m.
May 5	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 7	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 9	At East Noble (DH)	10 a.m.
May 12	Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Adams Central (DH)	10 a.m.
May 19	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 20	at Homestead	5:30 p.m.
May 23	Jimtown	10 a.m.
May 25	Sectional (TBD)	6 p.m.
May 26	Sectional (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 28	Sectional (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 30	Sectional (TBD)	11 a.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 15	Snider	5 p.m.
April 16	at Busco w/C. Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 20	Fremont/P. Heights	5 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	8 a.m.
April 27	Dwenger/Luers/BH	5 p.m.
April 28	Fairfield/Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 30	West Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 2	At DeKalb Invite	5:30 a.m.
May 4	Carroll	5 p.m.
May 9	At Westfield Invite	9 a.m.
May 16	At Angola Invite	noon
May 18	Fremont	4:30 p.m.
May 19	At Lakeland w/PH	4:30 p.m.
May 23	at NECC Tourn.	12:30 p.m.
May 27	DeKalb/Leo	4:0 p.m.
June 2	at Leo Invite	9 a.m.
June 5	At Sectional	9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

April 14	at New Haven	5 p.m.
April 15	DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 16	Westview	5 p.m.

April 20	at Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
April 22	at East Noble	5 p.m.
April 25	at Elkhart Invite	noon
April 27	at West Noble	5 p.m.
April 28	at Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Churubusco	4:30 p.m.
May 4	at Fremont	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Leo	5 p.m.
May 8	Central Noble	5 p.m.
May 9	at Tony Wright Mem.	9 a.m.
May 12	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 14	NECC Tournament	5 p.m.
May 20	Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Sectional	5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

April 7	DeKalb	4:45 p.m.
April 9	at East Noble	5 p.m.
April 14	at Churubusco	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at C. Cripe Relays	4:45 p.m.
April 22	Garrett	4:45 p.m.
April 24	at Heritage	5 p.m.
May 1	John Reed Relays	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Fremont	4:45 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet	5 p.m.
May 12	at North Side	5 p.m.
May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

Central Noble High School
302 Cougar Court, Albion



Cougars
Colors: Burgundy, White, Gold
Class: 2A

BASEBALL

April 4	Triton	11 a.m.
April 4	Hamilton	1 p.m.
April 11	South Side	10 a.m.
April 14	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Fairfield	10 a.m.
April 20	at Canterbury	4:45 p.m.
April 21	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Norwell	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.

April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 2	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	11 a.m.
May 5	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Lakeland Invite	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 13	at Bremen	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Woodlan	10 a.m.
May 18	at Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 23	Manchester	10 a.m.
May 27	Sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 11	Bluffton	5:30 p.m.
April 13	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 17	at DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 21	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Westview	5 p.m.
April 24	at Whitko	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Concordia Invite	10 a.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 1	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 a.m.
May 4	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 9	At Jet/Cat/Hawk RR	10 a.m.
May 12	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 22	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 25	Sectional begins	TBA

BOYS GOLF

April 21	Wawasee	5 p.m.
April 23	at W. Noble/Eastside	4:45 p.m.

April 27	at Fremont/ Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Goshen	4:45 p.m.
May 2	At DeKalb Invite	5:30 a.m.
May 4	Carroll	5 p.m.
May 6	At Busco w/ Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 8	at Garrett w/ Westview	4:30 p.m.
May 11	at EN w/ Hamilton	4:30 p.m.
May 12	at Fairfield w/ PH	4:30 p.m.
May 16	At Leo Invite	noon
May 22	Blackhawk Christian	4:30 p.m.
May 23	at NECC Tourn.	12:30 p.m.
May 28	East Noble/ Garrett	4:30 p.m.
June 3	Columbia City	9 a.m.
June 5	At Sectional	9 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS		
April 7	DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 9	at Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
April 14	Bethany Christian	5 p.m.
April 16	at Northrop	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at South Side	9 a.m.
April 20	Wawasee	4:30 p.m.
April 22	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
April 23	at East Noble	5 p.m.
April 27	Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
April 29	Churubusco	4:30 p.m.
April 30	at Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
May 1	Fremont	5 p.m.
May 4	Westview	4:30 p.m.
May 5	West Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 8	at Angola	5 p.m.
May 11	at Whitko	4:30 p.m.
May 20	Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Sectional	5 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD		
April 14	at Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
April 16	at Westview	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at North Side Relays	4:45 p.m.
April 25	at Goshen Relays	5 p.m.
April 28	at Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
May 1	Central Noble Invite	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet	5 p.m.

May 12	at North Side	5 p.m.
May 19	Girls EN Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys EN Sectional	5 p.m.

Churubusco High School
1 Eagle Drive, Churubusco



Eagles
Colors: Old Gold, Black
Class: 2A

BASEBALL

April 9	at Southwood	11 a.m.
April 11	at Whitko	5:30 p.m.
April 14	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Columbia City	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Eastside	11 a.m.
April 21	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 22	Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
April 23	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Manchester	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 2	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	11 a.m.
May 5	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 8	at Adams Central	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Starfire Invite	9:30 a.m.
May 11	at Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 13	Canterbury (Parkview Field)	4:30 p.m.
May 14	at Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at Northfield (DH)	9 a.m.
May 18	at Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at Lakewood Park	11 a.m.
May 26	Sectional begins	5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

April 11	Turtle Town Tourn.	10 a.m.
April 14	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 15	at Manchester	5:30 p.m.

April 16	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Eastside	11 a.m.
April 21	Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 23	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 1	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 4	Homestead	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 8	Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
May 11	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 18	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Adams Central	5:30 p.m.
May 22	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 25	Sectional begins	TBA

BOYS GOLF

April 14	Whitko/Col. City	4:30 p.m.
April 17	Angola/Cent. Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Oak Farm Mont.	5 p.m.
April 22	Garrett	5 p.m.
April 24	Blackhawk	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 28	at Lakeland/WN	4:30 p.m.
May 1	at Eastside/ Westview	4:45 p.m.
May 2	At Cant. Invite	9 a.m.
May 5	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 6	At Busco w/ Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 8	North Side	5 p.m.
May 12	Canterbury	6 p.m.
May 16	At Leo Invite	noon
May 19	at Northrop	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at NECC Tourn.	12:30 p.m.
May 26	Hamilton	5 p.m.
June 5	At Sectional	9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

April 9	Wayne	4:30 p.m.
April 13	North Side	4:30 p.m.
April 16	at Fremont	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at West Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	Columbia City	5 p.m.

April 21	Oak Farm Mont.	4:30 p.m.
April 24	Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
April 27	at Fairfield	4:30 p.m.
April 28	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 29	Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 30	at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 4	Blackhawk Christian	5 p.m.
May 7	West Noble	5 p.m.
May 8	Northrop	4:30 p.m.
May 11	at Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
May 12	Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 13	Snider	5 p.m.
May 14	NECC Tourn.	5 p.m.
May 16	NECC Tourn.	9 a.m.
May 19	Sectional	5 p.m.
May 20	Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Sectional	5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

April 9	Eel River Rivalry	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Angola	4:45 p.m.
April 18	Tim Wilkins Invite (B)	4:45 p.m.
April 21	Fremont/ Eastside	5 p.m.
April 25	at Goshen Relays (B)	5 p.m.
April 25	Turtle Town Classic (G)	9 a.m.
April 29	Garrett	5 p.m.
May 1	Central Noble Invite (G)	5:30 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet	5 p.m.
May 13	Oak Farm Mont.	5 p.m.
May 16	Bluffton Throwers	9 a.m.
May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

DeKalb High School
C.R. 427, Waterloo



Barons
Colors: Red, Black,
White
Class: 4A

BASEBALL

April 4	at Hoosier Classic	TBD
April 7	Eastside	5 p.m.
April 11	Garrett	11 a.m.
April 14	at Homestead	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Northrop	4:30 p.m.
April 16	Carroll	6 p.m.

April 18	at John Glenn Invite	2 p.m.
April 20	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 22	Snider	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Concordia	5:30 p.m.
April 25	At Jasper Invite	11 a.m.
April 28	at New Haven	5:30 p.m.
April 30	East Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Columbia City	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Hunt. North	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Norwell	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Belmont	5:30 p.m.
May 15-16	at Richmond Invite	TBD
May 19	Leo	5:30 p.m.
May 20	Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
May 22	Wawasee	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at Bluffton (DH)	10 a.m.
May 27	3A sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 7	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 9	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Eastside	5 p.m.
April 13	Angola	5 p.m. 5:30 p.m.
April 14	Bishop Dwenger	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Snider	5:30 p.m.
April 17	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 20	at Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
April 21	Concordia	5:30 p.m.
April 23	at Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Jimtown Invite	8 a.m.
April 27	New Haven	5:30 p.m.
April 29	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 30	at Homestead	5 p.m.
May 2	DeKalb Invitational	noon
May 4	Columbia City	5:30 p.m.
May 6	Huntington North	5:30 p.m.
May 8	at Carroll	5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Norwell	5:30 p.m.
May 13	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
May 18	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 20	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Northrop	5:30 p.m.
May 25	3A Sectional begins	TBA

BOYS GOLF

April 13	Bishop Luers	5 p.m.
April 14	at Cant. w/Garrett	4:30 p.m.
April 16	at Huntington North	5 p.m.

April 20	Carroll	5 p.m.
April 21	East Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 23	Woodlan	5 p.m.
April 25	at Concordia Invite	9 a.m.
April 28	Leo	4:30 p.m.
May 2	At DeKalb Invite	5:30 a.m.
May 5	Fremont	5 p.m.
May 6	At New Haven	4:30 p.m.
May 8	at Garrett w/Westview	4 p.m.
May 11	at EN w/Hamilton	4:30 p.m.
May 12	at Bellmont	4:30 p.m.
May 13	Norwell	4:30 p.m.
May 16	At Angola Invite	noon
April 19	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
May 23	at NE8 Tourn.	9 a.m.
May 27	at Angola w/Leo	1 p.m.
June 2	at Leo Invite	9 a.m.
June 5	at Sectional	9 a.m.

GIRLS TENNIS

April 7	at Central Noble	5 p.m.
April 8	Bishop Dwenger	5 p.m.
April 9	Concordia	5 p.m.
April 13	at Carroll	5 p.m.
April 15	at Angola	4:45 p.m.
April 16	at Blackhawk	5 pm
April 18	at East Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	Wawasee	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Fremont	5 p.m.
April 24	at Snider	5 p.m.
April 28	at New Haven	5 p.m.
April 29	Leo	5 p.m.
April 30	East Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 2	at DeKalb Invite	5 p.m.
May 5	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
May 7	at Huntington North	5 p.m.
May 8	Bishop Luers	5 p.m.
May 11	at North Side	5 p.m.,
May 12	at Norwell	5 p.m.
May 14	at Bellmont	5:15 p.m.
May 20	Sectional begins	5 p.m.

TRACK AND FIELD

April 7	at Angola	5 p.m.
April 9	at Garrett	5 p.m.
April 14	at Leo	5 p.m.
April 16	at Westview	4:45 p.m.
April 17	at Legend Relays (G)	6 p.m.
April 18	at North Side Relays(B)	noon
April 21	at Columbia City	5 p.m.

April 24	at Heritage Relays	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Turtle Town Classic (G)	9 a.m.
April 28	New Haven	4:45 p.m.
May 1	At John Reed Relays	5:30 p.m.
May 5	East Noble	5 p.m.
May 8	NE8 Meet	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

April 6	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
April 8	Bishop Dwenger	6 p.m.
April 9	Snider	6 p.m.
April 13	Leo	6 p.m.
April 15	at Snider	6 p.m.
April 16	Carroll	6 p.m.
April 17	at Columbia City	6 p.m.
April 20	Huntington North	6 p.m.
April 22	Northrop	6 p.m.
April 23	at New Haven	5:30 p.m.
April 25	Bellmont	10 a.m.
April 27	at Heritage	6 p.m.
April 29	at NorthSide	6 p.m.
April 30	Blackhawk Christian	6 p.m.
May 2	at Elkhart Invite	9 a.m.
May 4	at East Noble	6 p.m.
May 6	Homestead	6 p.m.
May 7	Woodlan	6 p.m.
May 12	Sectional	5:30 p.m.

East Noble High School

901 S. Garden St., Kendallville



Knights
Colors: Royal Blue, Gold
Class: 3A for Baseball & Softball

BASEBALL

April 9	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 10	at Northrop	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Snider (Parkview Field)	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Northridge	5:30 p.m.
April 17	Wawasee	5:30 p.m.
April 22	Carroll	5:30 p.m.
April 24	At Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Garrett	10 a.m.
April 27	at Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
April 28	Huntington North	5:30 p.m.
April 30	at DeKalb	5:30 p.m.

May 4	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Leo	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Norwell	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Lakeland Invite	10 a.m.
May 11	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Columbia City	5:30 p.m.
May 14	New Haven	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Lakeland (DH)	10 a.m.
May 18	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Goshen	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at North Side (DH)	10 a.m.
May 25	Sectional	5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

April 8	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 10	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 13	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Warsaw	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Carroll	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Homestead (DH)	10 a.m.
April 24	At Eastside	5: p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland (DH)	10 a.m.
April 27	at Huntington North	5:30 p.m.
April 29	DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 30	at Northrop	5:30 p.m.
May 2	at Wawasee	10 a.m.
May 4	at Leo	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Norwell	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Angola (DH)	9 a.m.
May 11	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Columbia City	5:30 p.m.
May 14	New Haven	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Lakeland (DH)	10 a.m.
May 18	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Goshen	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at North Side (DH)	10 a.m.
May 25	Sectional	5:30 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 16	Bellmont	5 p.m.
April 18	at Don Dicken Classic	1:30 p.m.
April 21	DeKalb	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at Concordia Invite	9 a.m.
April 30	New Haven	4:30 p.m.
May 2	At DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 4	Bishop Dwenger/Northrop	5:30 p.m.

May 5	at Norwell	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Leo	4:30 p.m.
May 11	Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 14	Huntington North	5 p.m.
May 16	at Leo Invite	8 a.m.
May 18	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
May 20	Central Noble/ Garrett	4:30 p.m.
May 21	at Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
May 23	at NE8 Tournament	9 a.m.
May 27	Northrop	5:30 p.m.
June 3	at Angola	5 p.m.
June 5	at Sectional	8:30 a.m.
GIRLS TENNIS		
April 9	Northrop	4:30 p.m.
April 13	Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
April 15	West Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 16	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 18	at East Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 21	at Belmont	5 p.m.
April 22	Angola	4:30 p.m.
April 23	Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 24	at Blackhawk Christian	4:30 p.m.
April 25	Adams Central/ North Side	9 a.m.
April 27	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 28	at Huntington North	5 p.m.
April 30	at DeKalb	4:30 p.m.
May 5	Leo	4:30 p.m.
May 7	at Norwell	5 p.m.
May 8	at Prairie Heights	4:30 p.m.
May 12	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
May 14	New Haven	5 p.m.
May 19	Sectional	5 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD		
April 9	at Angola	5 p.m.
April 14	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
April 17	at Legends Relays (G)	6 p.m.
April 18	at North Side Relays (B)	noon
April 21	Leo	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Heritage Relays (B)	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Turtle Town Classic (G)	9 a.m.
April 28	Bellmont	5 p.m.
May 1	at John Reed Relays	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at DeKalb	5 p.m.
May 8	NE8 Meet	5:30 p.m.

May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.
BOYS VOLLEYBALL		
April 8	at Leo	5:30 p.m.
April 9	Norwell	6 p.m.
April 11	at Bishop Dwenger	5:30 p.m.
April 15	at Wayne	5:30 p.m.
April 20	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
April 21	Woodlan	6 p.m.
April 22	at New Haven	6 p.m.
April 25	at NorthWood Invite	9 a.m.
April 27	Columbia City	6 p.m.
April 29	at Huntington North	6 p.m.
April 30	at Belmont	6 p.m.
May 4	DeKalb	6 p.m.
May 5	Snider	6 p.m.
May 7	Carroll	6 p.m.
May 12	at Sectional	5:30 p.m.

Eastside High School
603 E. Green St., Butler



Blazers
Colors: Kelly Green, White
Class: 2A

BASEBALL		
April 7	at DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 9	Woodlan	5 p.m.
April 11	at Bryan (Ohio)	noon
April 14	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Churubusco	11 a.m.
April 20	at Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 21	at Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 23	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Blackhawk Christian	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 1	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 2	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	11 a.m.
May 4	Edgerton	5 p.m.
May 5	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Garrett	5:30 p.m.

May 8	at North Side	5:30 p.m.
May 11	East Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 13	West Noble (at Parkview Field)	7 p.m.
May 15	Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 18	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 27	Sectional	5 p.m.
SOFTBALL		
April 6	Edgerton	5 p.m.
April 9	at Adams Central	5:30 p.m.
April 10	at DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 11	at Hicksville (DH)	11 a.m.
April 14	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 17	Carroll	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Churubusco	11 a.m.
April 23	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 24	East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 27	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 28	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
April 30	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 1	NECC Tourn. (TBD)	5:30 p.m.
May 4	at Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at Leo	5:30 p.m.
May 18	Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 22	at Northrop	5:30 p.m.
May 25	Sectional (TBD)	5 p.m.
TRACK AND FIELD		
April 11	Hamilton	5 p.m.
April 14	at Fremont	5 p.m.
April 21	at Busco w/ Fremont	5 p.m.
April 23	Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
April 25	at Turtle Town Classic (G)	9 a.m.
April 28	Angola	5 p.m.
May 1	At Central Noble Invite	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Garrett	5 p.m.
May 8	at NECC Meet	5 p.m.
May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

Fremont High School
701 W. Toledo St., Fremont



Eagles
Colors: Red, Black, White
Class: 1A

BASEBALL		
April 7	at Concordia	5:30 p.m.
April 8	at Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
April 10	Hicksville	5:30 p.m.
April 14	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Westview	11 a.m.
April 21	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 24	at Bronson (Mich.)	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Edon	TBD
April 27	NECC Tourney	TBD
May 2		
May 5	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at New Haven(DH)	11 a.m.
May 11	Canterbury	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 15	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Blackhawk Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 19	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 27	Sectional begins	5:30 p.m.
SOFTBALL		
April 7	Bishop Dwenger	5:30 p.m.
April 9	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 11	at Wabash (DH)	noon
April 13	Montpelier School	5:30 p.m.
April 14	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Manchester (DH)	11 a.m.
April 20	at Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 21	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 24	DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Concordia	10 a.m.
April 27	NECC Tourney begins	5:30 p.m.
May 4	Elkhart Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.

May 9	Fremont Invitational	9:30 a.m.
May 11	Edgerton	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at Northrop	10 a.m.
May 19	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 20	at Bluffton	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 25	Sectional begins	TBD

BOYS GOLF

April 11	at Rochester Invite	9 a.m.
April 16	Eastside/Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at Bruin Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	at Angola w/ Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
April 21	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at South Adams Invite	9 a.m.
April 27	Central Noble/Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 29	at Prairie Height w/Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
May 2	At DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 4	at Elkhart Christian	5 p.m.
May 5	at DeKalb	4:30 p.m.
May 8	at Valley Invite	4 p.m.
May 14	Blackhawk Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 15	Prairie Height/Churubusco	4:45 p.m.
May 16	At Angola Invite	noon
May 18	at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 23	at NECC Tourm.	12:30 p.m.
June 2	at Leo Invite	9 a.m.
June 5	At Sectional	TBD

GIRLS TENNIS

April 8	Concordia	5 p.m.
April 14	at Canterbury	5 p.m.
April 16	Churubusco	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at Goshen Round Robin	10 a.m.
April 20	at West Noble	5 p.m.
April 21	at DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 23	at Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
April 28	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 1	at Central Noble	5 p.m.
May 4	Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 6	Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
May 7	Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
May 9	at Tony Wright Memorial	9 a.m.

May 11	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
May 14	at NECC Tourney	4:30 p.m.
May 16	at NECC Tourney	9 a.m.

May 20	Sectional	TBD
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TRACK AND FIELD

April 7	at Oak Farm Montessori	5 p.m.
April 9	at Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
April 11	at Marine Invite	10 a.m.
April 14	Eastside	5 p.m.
April 16	at Garrett	5 p.m.
April 21	at Churubusco	5 p.m.
April 28	at Hamilton Invite	5 p.m.
May 1	at Centra Noble Invite	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet	5 p.m.
May 14	Elkhart Christian	5 p.m.
May 19	Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

Garrett High School
801 E. Houston St., Garrett



Railroaders
Colors: Maroon, Navy Blue
Class: 3A

BASEBALL

April 5	Southwood	11 a.m.
April 8	@ Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
April 12	DeKalb	11 a.m.
April 14	Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
April 15	@ Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 17	@ Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 19	@ West Noble (DH)	11 a.m.
April 22	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Angola	5:30 p.m.
April 26	@ East Noble (DH)	10 a.m.
Apr 28 -May 3	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 6	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Columbia City @ Parkview Field	7 p.m.
May 8	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 10	@ Leo (DH)	10 a.m.
May 13	@ Fremont	5:30 p.m.

May 14	Bishop Dwenger	5:30 p.m.
May 17	Bishop Luers (DH)	10 a.m.
May 20	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 22	@ Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 28	3A Garrett Sect. begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 9	@ East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 11	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
April 15	@ Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 17	@ Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 19	@ West Noble (DH)	11 a.m.
April 21	Bishop Dwenger	5:30 p.m.
April 22	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 23	@ Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Angola	5:30 p.m.
Apr 28 -May 2	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 6	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 8	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 10	Garrett Invite	9 a.m.
May 12	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
May 13	@ Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 15	@ Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
May 20	@ Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 22	@ Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 24	Snider (DH)	10 a.m.
May 26	3A DeKalb Sect. begins	TBA

BOYS GOLF

April 12	@ Rochester Invite	9 a.m.
April 15	@ DeKalb w/ Canterbury	4 p.m.
April 17	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 19	@ Northrop Invite	9 a.m.
April 22	@ Churubusco	4:45 p.m.
April 26	@ Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
May 1	Fremont, Pr. Heights	4:45 p.m.
May 3	@ DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 9	@ Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 14	@ Angola w/ Eastside	4:30 p.m.

May 17	@ Angola Invite	noon
May 20	@ W. Noble w/ Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
May 22	Heritage	4:30 p.m.
May 24	NECC Tourney (Zollner)	12:30 p.m.
May 28	Woodlan	5 p.m.
May 29	East Noble, C. Noble	4:30 p.m.

June 6	@ EN Sectional (Noble Hawk)	9 a.m.
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TRACK & FIELD

April 8	West Noble	5 p.m.
April 10	@ DeKalb	4:30 p.m.
April 17	@ Fremont	4:45 p.m.
April 19	Boys @ 'Busco Wilkins Inv.	10 a.m.
April 23	Angola	4:45 p.m.
April 26	Girls @ Turtle Town	9 a.m.
April 29	Churubusco	4:45 p.m.
May 2	@ EN Reed Relays	5:30 p.m.
May 6	@ Eastside	4:45 p.m.
May 9	NECC @ Angola	5 p.m.
May 17	@ Bluffton Invite	10 a.m.
May 20	@ Angola Girls Sect.	5 p.m.
May 22	@ Angola Boys Sect.	5 p.m.
May 27	@ Warsaw Girls Reg.	5 p.m.
May 29	@ Goshen Boys Reg.	5 p.m.

Hamilton High School
901 S. Wayne St., Hamilton



Marines
Colors: Royal Blue, White
Class: 1A

BASEBALL

April 10	North Central (OH)	5:30 p.m.
April 11	SB Career Academy	1 p.m.
April 13	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 15	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Central Noble	5 p.m.
April 20	at FW North Side	5:30 p.m.
April 29	at Canterbury	5 p.m.
May 2	Argos (DH)	11 a.m.

May 4	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at Fayette (Ohio)	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Stryker (Ohio)	5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 11	Elkhart Christian	8 p.m.
May 15	at Elkhart Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 20	at Angola	5:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

April 10	North Central (Ohio)	5:30 p.m.
April 11	Prairie Heights (DH)	10 a.m.
April 14	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Stryker, Ohio (DH)	10 a.m.
April 20	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 22	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 27	at FW North Side	5:30 p.m.
April 30	Wayne	5:30 p.m.
May 2	Argos (DH)	11 a.m.
May 5	at Westview	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at FW South Side Tourney	8 a.m.
May 11	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 13	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at Elkhart Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Elkhart Christian	11 a.m.
May 20	Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.

TRACK & FIELD

April 7	at Edon (Ohio)	4:30 p.m.
April 11	Marine Invitational	10 a.m.
April 13	at Stryker (Ohio)	5 p.m.
April 28	Fremont, Oak Farm & LPC	5 p.m.
May 1	at Jimtown Classic	6 p.m.
May 5	at Elkhart Christian	5 p.m.
May 8	at Canterbury	5 p.m.
May 16	Hoosier Plains at Bethany	10 a.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 21	at Westview w/Fremont	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 28	at Eastside	5 p.m.

April 30	at Angola	5 p.m.
May 6	at Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 11	at C. Noble w/ East Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 26	at Churubusco	5 p.m.

Lakeland High School
805 E. C.R. 75N, LaGrange



Lakers
Colors: Columbia Blue, Red, White
Class: 3A

BASEBALL

April 10	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 11	at Goshen (DH)	11 a.m.
April 14	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 15	at Northridge	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Angola (DH)	10 a.m.
April 21	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 23	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Woodlan (DH)	10 a.m.
April 27	at Pr. Heights (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 2	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 5	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 9	Lakeland Invite	10 a.m.
May 11	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at East Noble (DH)	10 a.m.
May 18	Leo	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Sturgis, Mich. (DH)	4:30 p.m.
May 21	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 27	2A Sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 14	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 17	at Elkhart Christian	5:30 p.m.
April 18	Angola (DH)	10 a.m.
April 21	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 23	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
April 25	East Noble (DH)	10 a.m.
April 27	at Pr. Heights (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 1	NECC Tourney	TBA

May 5	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 9	Concord (DH)	10 a.m.
May 12	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at Sturgis, Mich. (DH)	4:30 p.m.
May 16	at Lakewood Park	10 a.m.
May 21	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 22	at DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
May 25	2A Sectional begins	TBA

GIRLS TENNIS

April 14	at West Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 16	East Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 18	at West Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Lakewood Park	4:45 p.m.
April 23	DeKalb	5 p.m.
April 28	Angola	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 1	at Prairie Heights	4:30 p.m.
May 5	Bethany Christian	4:30 p.m.
May 6	at Fremont	4:45 p.m.
May 8	Wawasee	4:30 p.m.
May 11	Churubusco	4:30 p.m.
May 12	at Elkhart	5:30 p.m.
May 14	NECC Rd. 1 at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 16	NECC at Fairfield	9 a.m.
May 20	Sectional begins	TBA

TRACK & FIELD

April 14	Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
April 16	Fairfield/Lakewood Park	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at N'ridge Cripe Relays	9 a.m.
April 21	Westview	4:45 p.m.
April 24	boys at Heritage Invite	5:30 p.m.
April 25	girls at Busco Turtle Town	9 a.m.
April 28	Central Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 1	at EN Reed Relays	5:30 p.m.
May 5	at West Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 8	NECC at Churubusco	5 p.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 16	Garrett/Hamilton	5 p.m.
April 18	at Goshen Invite	10 a.m.
April 23	Oak Farm Mont.	5 p.m.
April 25	Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 27	at Fremont w/C. Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 28	West Noble/Churubusco	5 p.m.
May 2	at Wawasee Invite	8:30 a.m.
May 4	at Fairfield w/ Eastside	4:45 p.m.
May 9	at Concord Invite	1 p.m.
May 15	at Westview	5 p.m.
May 16	at Angola Invite	noon
May 19	Angola/Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 21	East Noble	5 p.m.
May 23	NECC at Zollner (Angola)	12:30 p.m.
May 28	at Culver Academies w/Penn	5 p.m.
May 30	at Warsaw Invite	1:30 p.m.
June 2	at N'ridge w/Fairfield, WV	1 p.m.
June 5	at Meadow Val. Sectional	8 a.m.

Lakewood Park Christian
5555 C.R. 29, Auburn



Panthers
Colors: Columbia Blue, Black, White
Class: 1A

BASEBALL

April 7	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 9	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 10	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 11	at FW North Side (Carrington)	1 p.m.
April 13	at Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Whitko	5:30 p.m.
April 20	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 21	at FW South Side	5 p.m.
April 24	New Haven	5:30 p.m.
April 27	Canterbury	5:30 p.m.
April 28	Blackhawk Christian	7 p.m.
May 4	at Westview	5:30 p.m.

May 5	Fort Wayne Crusaders	5:30 p.m.
May 8	Wayne	5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 18	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Adams Central	5:30 p.m.
May 23	Churubusco (DH)	11 a.m.
May 27	1A sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 7	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 9	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 10	FW North Side	5:30 p.m.
April 13	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 14	New Haven	5 p.m.
April 16	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 18	LaVille	10 a.m.
April 20	at Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 21	at Adams Central	5:30 p.m.
April 23	FW South Side	5:30 p.m.
April 24	Westview	5:30 p.m.
April 27	Snider	5:30 p.m.
April 30	at Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
May 2	at Wayne (DH)	10 a.m.
May 5	Northfield	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Edon (Ohio)	5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Concordia	5:30 p.m.
May 16	Lakeland	10 a.m.
May 18	Southern Wells	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 25	1A sectional begins	TBA

TRACK & FIELD

April 7	at Oak Farm Mont.	5 p.m.
April 11	at Hamilton Marine Invite	10 a.m.
April 16	at Lakeland	5 p.m.
April 18	boys at Busco Invite	10 a.m.
April 23	at Eastside	5 p.m.
April 25	at Hicksville (OH) Invite	11 a.m.
April 28	at Hamilton w/ Fremont and Oak Farm	5 p.m.
May 1	at Central Noble Invite	5 p.m.
May 5	at Bethany Christian w/ECA	5:30 p.m.
May 11	at Bishop Luers	5 p.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.

May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.
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GIRLS TENNIS

April 9	at Central Noble	5 p.m.
April 13	at East Noble	5 p.m.
April 14	Blackhawk Christian (Kreager)	5 p.m.
April 16	at New Haven	5 p.m.
April 18	at FW South Side Invite	9 a.m.
April 21	at Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
April 24	at Churubusco	5 p.m.
April 28	at Northrop	4:30 p.m.
April 30	Bishop Luers	5 p.m.
May 2	at DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 4	at Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 7	at Fremont	5 p.m.
May 8	at Snider	5:15 p.m.
May 11	at FW South Side	4:30 p.m.
May 12	at Wayne	4:30 p.m.
May 14	at Canterbury	4:30 p.m.
May 19	EN Sectional begins	TBA

Prairie Heights High School
 305 S. C.R. 1150E,
 LaGrange



Panthers
Colors: Red, White, Black
Class: 2A

BASEBALL

April 7	at SB Career Academy	5:30 p.m.
April 9	Blackhawk Christian	5:30 p.m.
April 11	at Canterbury (DH)	10 a.m.
April 14	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Bronson (Mich.)	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Woodlan (DH)	10 a.m.
April 21	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Wawasee	10 a.m.
April 27	Lakeland (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 2	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 5	Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 7	Westview	5:30 p.m.

May 9	Elkhart Christian (DH)	10 a.m.
May 11	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 12	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 23	at Whitko (DH)	10 a.m.
May 27	2A Sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 8	at Bishop Dwenger (WBA)	6 p.m.
April 9	DeKalb	5:30 p.m.
April 10	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 13	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 14	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Woodlan (DH)	10 a.m.
April 21	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 23	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
April 25	at Snider	10 a.m.
April 27	Lakeland (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 1	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 5	Angola	7 p.m.
May 7	Westview	5 p.m.
May 8	Edon (Ohio)	5:30 p.m.
May 9	at Elkhart Christian	11 a.m.
May 12	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 14	at Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at John Glenn Tourney	10 a.m.
May 18	at Jimtown	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Garrett	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 23	Bishop Luers	11 a.m.
May 25	2A Sectional begins	TBA

GIRLS TENNIS

April 8	at Wayne	5 p.m.
April 9	Canterbury	5 p.m.
April 11	at FW North Side	9:30 a.m.
April 14	at Northrop	4:45 p.m.
April 16	at Bethany Christian	5 p.m.
April 20	Angola	4:45 p.m.
April 21	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 23	Fremont	4:45 p.m.
April 25	at Wawasee Duals	10 a.m.
April 27	at Central Noble	4:45 p.m.

April 30	West Noble	5 p.m.
May 1	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
May 4	Lakewood Park	5 p.m.
May 5	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 7	at FW South Side	5:30 p.m.
May 8	East Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 12	at Churubusco	5 p.m.
May 14	NECC Rd. 1 at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 16	NECC at Fairfield	9 a.m.
May 19	Angola Sectional begins	TBA

TRACK & FIELD

April 9	at Fremont	4:45 p.m.
April 14	at Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
April 16	at West Noble	5 p.m.
April 21	at Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
April 25	girls at Busco Turtle Town	9 a.m.
April 25	boys at Goshen Relays	9 a.m.
April 28	at Westview w/ Bethany	5 p.m.
May 1	boys at C. Noble Invite	5 p.m.
May 5	at Central Noble	5 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet at Angola	5 p.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 8	Sturgis (Mich.)	4:45 p.m.
April 17	Westview/West Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 18	at Northrop Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	at Angola w/Frem. (scramble)	5 p.m.
April 21	Canterbury	5 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 28	at Eastside	4:45 p.m.
May 2	at DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 5	at Fairfield w/C. Noble	4:45 p.m.
May 6	Bishop Luers/ Hamilton	5 p.m.
May 15	at Fremont w/ Busco	4:45 p.m.
May 16	at Angola Invite	noon
May 19	at Lakeland w/ Angola	4:30 p.m.

May 21	at Northridge w/ ECA	5 p.m.
May 23	NECC at Zollner (Ang.)	12:30 p.m.
May 26	Whitko	5:30 p.m.
June 5	at Meadow Val. Sectional	8 a.m.

West Noble High School
5094 N. U.S. 33, Ligonier



Chargers
Colors: Red, White, Blue
Class: 3A

BASEBALL

April 7	at Plymouth	5:30 p.m.
April 9	at Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 13	NorthWood	5:30 p.m.
April 15	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Garrett	11 a.m.
April 20	Whitko	5:30 p.m.
April 21	at Westview	5 p.m.
April 23	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 25	Columbia City (DH)	11 a.m.
April 27	at Churubusco (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 2	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 4	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 13	Eastside at Parkview, FW	7 p.m.
May 16	at Wawasee	10 a.m.
May 19	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 23	at Wabash Rood Tourn.	10:30 a.m.
May 27	3A Sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 7	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
April 8	at Bishop Luers	5:30 p.m.
April 9	at FW South Side	5:30 p.m.
April 13	at NorthWood	5:30 p.m.
April 14	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
April 15	at Whitko	5:30 p.m.
April 16	Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
April 18	at Garrett	11 a.m.

April 21	at Westview	5 p.m.
April 23	at Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
April 27	at Churubusco (NECC)	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 28 -May 1	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 5	Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 12	Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 15	at East Noble	5:30 p.m.
May 19	at Fremont	5:30 p.m.
May 21	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 25	3A Sectional begins	TBA

GIRLS TENNIS

April 7	Whitko	5 p.m.
April 9	at Oak Farm Mont.	4:45 p.m.
April 14	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 15	at East Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 18	West Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	Fremont	5 p.m.
April 21	Fairfield	4:30 p.m.
April 23	at Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at Wawasee Duals	10 a.m.
April 27	Angola	5 p.m.
April 30	at Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 4	Wawasee	4:30 p.m.
May 5	at Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 7	Churubusco	4:30 p.m.
May 11	at Columbia City	5 p.m.
May 14	NECC Rd. 1 at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 16	NECC at Fairfield	9 a.m.
May 20	EN Sectional begins	TBA

TRACK & FIELD

April 7	Garrett	5 p.m.
April 14	at Westview	4:45 p.m.
April 16	Prairie Heights	4:45 p.m.
April 21	at Central Noble	4:45 p.m.
April 25	girls at Busco Invite	9 a.m.
April 25	boys at Goshen Relays	9 a.m.
April 28	at Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
May 1	at C. Noble Invites	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Lakeland	4:45 p.m.

May 8	NECC Meet at Busco	5 p.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 15	Oak Farm Mont.	4:30 p.m.
April 17	at Pr. Heights w/Westview	4:30 p.m.
April 23	C. Noble/ Eastside	4:45 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 27	at Wawasee w/Fairfield	4:30 p.m.
April 28	at Lakeland w/Busco	4:30 p.m.
April 30	at Angola w/Hamilton	4:45 p.m.
May 2	at Wawasee Invite	8:30 a.m.
May 7	at Fremont	5 p.m.
May 14	Manchester	4:30 p.m.
May 19	at Garrett w/Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
May 23	NECC at Angola (Zollner)	12:30 p.m.
June 2	at LaVille Invite	10 a.m.
June 5	at Meadow Val. Sectional	8 a.m.

Westview High School
1635 S. 600 W., Topeka



Warriors
Colors: Scarlet Red, Old Gold
Class: 2A

BASEBALL

April 11	at Mishawaka (DH)	11 a.m.
April 14	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 17	Northridge	5 p.m.
April 18	Fremont	11 a.m.
April 21	West Noble	5 p.m.
April 23	at Central Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 24	East Noble	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 27 -May 2	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 4	Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
May 5	Jimtown	5:30 p.m.

May 7	at Prairie Heights	5:30 p.m.
May 9	Goshen	10 a.m.
May 11	Bethany Christian	5 p.m.
May 12	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Fairfield	5:30 p.m.
May 21	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 27	2A Sectional begins	TBA

SOFTBALL

April 15	at Garrett	5:30 p.m.
April 16	at Lakeland	5:30 p.m.
April 18	SB Riley (DH)	10 a.m.
April 20	Fremont	5:30 p.m.
April 21	West Noble	5:30 p.m.
April 23	at Central Noble	5 p.m.
April 24	at Lakewood Park	5:30 p.m.
Apr. 27 -May 1	NECC Tourney	TBA
May 5	Hamilton	5:30 p.m.
May 7	at Prairie Heights	5 p.m.
May 8	at Jimtown	5 p.m.
May 12	at Angola	5:30 p.m.
May 14	Churubusco	5:30 p.m.
May 16	at Bremen Tourney	10 a.m.
May 18	at Elkhart Christian	5:30 p.m.
May 19	Fairfield	5 p.m.
May 21	at Eastside	5:30 p.m.
May 23	East Noble (DH)	10 a.m.
May 25	2A Sectional begins	TBA

GIRLS TENNIS

April 15	at Wawasee	4:30 p.m.
April 16	at Angola	5 p.m.
April 18	at East Noble Invite	9 a.m.
April 20	at Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
April 21	Prairie Heights	4:30 p.m.
April 23	West Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 27	East Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 28	Churubusco	5 p.m.
April 30	Fairfield	4:30 p.m.
May 1	Goshen	5 p.m.
May 2	at DeKalb Invite	9 a.m.
May 4	at Central Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 8	Bethany Christian	4:30 p.m.

May 11	Fremont	4:30 p.m.
May 14	NECC Rd. 1 at Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 16	NECC at Fairfield	9 a.m.
May 21	Sectional begins	TBA

TRACK & FIELD

April 14	West Noble	4:45 p.m.
April 16	Central Noble	4:45 p.m.
April 18	at N'ridge Cripe Relays	9 a.m.
April 21	at Lakeland	4:45 p.m.
April 25	girls at Busco Turtle Town	9 a.m.
April 25	boys at Goshen Relays	9 a.m.
April 28	Pr. Heights/Bethany	5 p.m.
May 1	at CN Invitationals	5:30 p.m.

May 5	at Fairfield	4:45 p.m.
May 8	NECC Meet at Angola	5 p.m.
May 19	at EN Girls Sectional	5 p.m.
May 21	at EN Boys Sectional	5 p.m.

BOYS GOLF

April 17	at Pr. Heights w/W. Noble	4:30 p.m.
April 18	at Goshen Invite	10 a.m.
April 21	Fremont/Hamilton	4:30 p.m.
April 25	at Lakeland Invite	9 a.m.
April 27	at Trinity w/Northridge	5 p.m.
April 28	at Fairfield w/Angola	4:30 p.m.
May 1	at Eastside w/Busco	4:30 p.m.

May 2	at Wawasee Invite	8:30 a.m.
May 8	at Garrett w/C. Noble	4:30 p.m.
May 13	at Elkhart w/Bremen	5 p.m.
May 15	Lakeland	4:30 p.m.
May 16	at Angola Invite	noon
May 21	at Bethany Christian	5 p.m.
May 23	NECC at Zollner (Angola)	12:30 p.m.
May 26	Elkhart Christian	5 p.m.
May 28	Goshen/Jimtown	4:30 p.m.
May 30	at Warsaw Invite	1:30 p.m.
June 2	at N'ridge w/Fairfield & LL	1 p.m.
June 5	at Meadow Val. Sectional	8 a.m.

BOYS TRACK

FROM PAGE 14

athlete to watch. He was the boys middle school national champion in the shot put at the Adidas Outdoor National Championships last June in Greensboro, N.C. He threw the shot 56 feet, 3 inches.

Eastside

The Blazers will have a solid mix of youth and experience. They have 32 boys on the roster in total. Eastside will be led by versatile track performers Nolan Baker, a senior, and Nolan Davis, a junior. Senior Cayden Burkett will help Strong lead in the distance events. "The Blazers continue to be competitive and hope to take the next step in team competition this year," coach Nick Beard said.

Prairie Heights

The Panthers have 15 boys on their roster, including six returning letterwinners and six freshmen. They have lost 20 guys to graduation over the past two years.

Heights is led by senior Logan Melson in the hurdles and relays and utility junior Brody Kurtz. Junior Collyn Maddux will be a key newcomer.

Also playing key roles for PH will be Brady Strater, David Mason, Nick Allred and Jacob Crites.

"We have a strong core of upperclassmen leading our team," Panthers coach Josh Keipper said. "We expect a lot of growth

and improvement as the season unfolds."

Fremont

First-year coach Trisha Hill will have 13 boys to work with this spring. Hill was an assistant coach with the Eagles last season and was head coach at Eastside for five seasons.

"We are building a culture," Hill said. "Because we are a smaller team, each athlete plays an important role, and that creates a unique opportunity for growth, connection, and shared responsibility."

"I'm looking forward to seeing this group continue to grow together through hard work and commitment."

Junior Brant Bressler and senior Carmyne Moreno will play key roles for the Eagles. Senior Gauge Underwood and freshmen Declan Bloom and Grant Puffenbarger are newcomers who will help the team grow.

Hamilton

The Marines have 25 boys taking part in track and field, and a big surge of freshmen have helped those numbers.

Junior Robert Schiek and freshmen Lucas Taylor, Abbott Lingo and Marcus Sommers were on Hamilton's Hoosier Plains Conference championship boys cross country team this past fall. Schiek was a cross country regional qualifier. too.

Senior Josh Sprague and junior Gavin Clark will lead the sprinters. Junior Jace Bean and freshman Ace Hill will lead the middle distance runners. Sophomore Christian Sanchez is the team's top thrower, and junior Copper Farnham will give the pole vault a try. Hill is also the team's top hurdler.

Lingo can also high jump and long jump.

Central Noble will be led by its distance crew, including seniors Kyle Knafel and Keegan Knight and sophomore Ruger Lough.

SOFTBALL

FROM PAGE 7

and Tim Bontrager. Antal is the father of former Warrior softball great and leading Findlay (Ohio) senior pitcher Alexys Antal and has coached in the Westview baseball and softball programs in the past.

"While the Warriors may be young, the coaching staff believes the energy and ability of this group will help the team compete right away," Wilson said.

"We're excited about this group. They're working hard and really buying into the culture we're building. Our focus is playing with grit, playing for each other, and getting a little better every single day."

Prairie Heights Panthers

Coach: Karis Johns, fourth season
2025: 9-18, 1-9 NECC

The bar is high for the Panthers to be more competitive this spring.

Junior Hayley Hardy was an All-NECC player last season, hitting .369 (24-65) with five home runs and 25 RBIs.

Heights will also welcome back other key players like juniors Kairi Peterson (hit .346 in 2025 with 21 runs scored, 11 RBIs and 12 stolen bases), Febie Booher (.hit .296 with one homer and 21 RBIs) and Bailee Godsey.

Newcomers expected to help the Panthers are Avery Certain, Allie Hardy and Meghan Wade.

"We have a ton of girls who prioritize softball and love the game," Johns said. "I can't wait to see all of the things they will accomplish this season.. We have very high expectations for them!"

Lakewood Park Panthers

Coach: Lindsey Nolt, third season
2025: 2-12

The Panthers bring back a lot and graduated no one from last year's team. They will have strong leadership from seniors Lily Morris, Riah Johnson, Reese Lindblom, Claire Buss, Reagan Nott, Riann Myers, Lilly Rice, Leena Salyer and Kaitlyn Mckenzie.

Morris is a Huntington University softball signee. She set school records last season with a .628 batting average for the season and five stolen bases in a game.

West Noble and Hamilton will be rebuilding. Both teams have second-year coaches, Madison Bremer for the Chargers and Travis Kintz for the Marines.

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