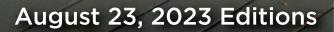
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On the cover are, from left: (front row) Dalton Amen of Malcolm and Gavin Dunlap of Milford: (middle row) Maryn Johnson of Seward, Taylor Hostert of Seward and Karley Naber of Centennial; and (back row) Libby Kratochvil of Seward and Coral Collins of Seward.



Members of the 2023 Seward High football team are, from left: (first row) Dustin Kloppel, Kaydon Mueller, Sam Schrad, Nolan Stanton, Reggie Sukup, Josh Ringler, Kohltyn Lindau, Matthew Wegman, Cole Luebbe, Conner Matzke, Carter Ernesti and Caden Brooks; (second row) Dalton Mobley, Connor Sveeggen, Lathan Janousek, Henry Lewis, Hector Sanchez, Eddison Knott, Hayden Burhoop, Caden Schadwinkel, Grove Dalton and Cooper Fern; (third row) Marshall Seevers, Jackson Holt, Koston Schaefer, AJ Utecht, Presston Duryea, Max Briggs, Devon Perry, Kolton Loos, Jase Ramirez, Daylon Salver and Nathan Mason; (fourth row) Noah Remington, Ethan Anderson, Ayden Siebert, Kameren Neihardt, Cardin Goracke, Tresten Hass, Jayden Hernandez, Carter Frazey, CJ Hibbert, Riley Calway and Deklan Lindau; (fifth row) Teagan Wieseman, Kayson Salyer, Peyton Else, Karson Dyer, Kyle Riley, Sam Sagehorn, Jack Vyhnalek, Brenden Ruth, Aidan Summa, Tylan Wohlford and Nolan Austin; (sixth row) Jaxton Justice, Mario Martinez, Brecken Matzke, Isaac Hiser, Kolten Green, Riley Jacobsen, Grady Owens, Kaysen Ostrander and Calvin Shipley; (seventh row) Nelson Anderson, Ryler Parr, Barrett Wiesen, Barrett Leffers, Sam Kenney, Sean Mines, Henry Johnsen, Keyan Schadwinkel and Jackson Einspahr; and (eighth row) Gabriel Tomlinson, Bradley Kleinert, Sam Cooksey, Caydin Terry, Alex Kinney-Daniels, Santiago Navarro-Claussen, Crew Tomlinson, Linken Stipe and Cailon Mason. Ceden Fleischman is not pictured.

Seward football

Coach's name: Jamie Opfer Years coaching: 25

Assistant coaches: Wade Miller, Jeff Hass, Casey Makey, Nate Knott, Joe Troester, Ross Briggs, Eric Kieper, Ben Myers, Joel Brase, Ben Briggs

Last season's record: 5-4

Seniors on this year's team: Reggie Sukup, Kohltyn Lindau, Nolan Stanton, Carter Ernesti, Dustin Kloppel, Kaydon Mueller, Conner Matzke, Cayden Brooks, Cole Luebbe, Josh Ringler, Matthew Wegman, Sam Schrad

Returning letter winners: Tresten Hass, Josh Ringler, Kohltyn Lindau, Ed Knott, Caden Schadwinkel

Athletes to watch: Reggie Sukup, Cole Luebee, Jack Vyhnalek, Brenden Ruth

Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: We have a hard working team that has demonstrated the drive and desire to be successful. We lost a lot of production from last year's team and some kids will need to step up and fill those roles. We have some seniors that have stepped up this year. Reggie Sukup, Cole Luebee, Josh Ringler, Kohltyn Lindau and Connor Matzke will need to lead this group.

Holes to fill from last season: We have a small senior class this year so we will need some younger players to step up and contribute this year. We lost most of our offensive and defensive production from last year, but we have kids that have earned this opportunity and are ready to compete this fall.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Waverly is the top team in our district heading into the season.

Seward football

Aug.	25	host Norris	7p
Sept.	1	at Lincoln Pius X	7p
Sept.	8	host Northwest	7p
Sept.	15	host Hastings	6:30p
Sept.	22	at Gering	8p MT
Sept.	29	host Lincoln Northwest	7p
Oct.	6	at York	7p
Oct.	13	host Waverly	7p
Oct.	20	at Gretna East	7p
Oct.	27	First round state playoffs	TBA
Nov.	3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov.	10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov.	20	Class B state championship	TBA

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Seward cross

country

Coach: Kurt Holliday

Years coaching: 27 Assistant coach: Kyle Royuk

Seniors: Boys – Jonathan Jurchen, Drew Collings, Nic Classen, Evett Howe, Xander Foulk, Jadyn Nelson, Kyle Peery, Logan Wagoner

Returning letter winners: Boys – Jonathan Jurchen, Drew Collings, Evett Howe, Nic Classen, Jacob Kimbrough, Will Ratkovec, Jack Schulz and Micah Royuk; Girls – Tessa Greisen (returning state medalist), Audrey Broadwell, Carissa Mines, Regan Wiesen

Incoming athletes to watch: Boys – Cody Jacobsen, Cale Greisen, Austin Koch, Jalen Schultz, Cole Grant, Gabe Pomajzl; Girls – Brianna Potratz, Rebekah Jurchen, Brooklyn Hesse

Team captains: Senior varsity boys; Tessa Greisen, Audrey Broadwell and Regan Wiesen

Holes to fill: Colin Standifer, state medalist; Karnie Gottschalk, state medalist, Natalie Axt, Eden Schulz, Ava



Running cross country for the Seward High girls' team in 2023 are, from left: (first row) Xylie Robidoux, manager, Rachel Kreifels, Regan Wiesen, McKenzie Martin, Tessa Greisen and Tristen Wassinger, manager; (second row) Carissa Mines, Audrey Broadwell, Savannah Leiting, Kaleigh Penas and Emily Bujarski, manager; and (third row) Coach Kyle Royuk, Brooklyn Hesse, McKenna Job, Rebekah Jurchen, Brianna Potratz and Coach Kurt Holliday.

Fisher, Kyla Novak

Conference competition: Boys – Lexington and Aurora; Girls – York, GINW, Lexington, Aurora

District competition: Boys – Lexington, Norris, Gering, Scottsbluff; Girls – Norris, York, Lexington, Hastings

Seward cross country

Aug.	31	host Seward Invite	4:45p
Sept.	8	at Aurora Invite	4:15p
Sept.	14	at Bennington Invite	4:30p
Sept.	19	at Mount Michael Benedictine Ir	wite3p
Sept.	25	at UNK Invite	2:30p
Sept.	28	at Aquinas Invite	4p
Oct.	5	host Central Conference	4:45p
Oct.	12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct.	20	at State, Kearney	3р



Cross country races are 5 kilometers or 3.1 miles.



The boys' cross country team at Seward High in 2023 includes, from left: (first row) Kyle Peery, Nic Classen, Drew Collings, Xander Foulk, Jonathan Jurchen, Evett Howe and Jadyn Nelson; (second row) Dylan Hochstein, Benjamin Nottingham, Jack Schulz, Jacob Kimbrough, Lukas Howe and Will Ratkovec; (third row) Coach Kyle Royuk, Parker Douglass, Alex Roberts, Micah Royuk, Cale Greisen, Cody Jacobsen and Coach Kurt Holliday: (fourth row) Tate Ratkovec, manager, Cole Grant, Jackson Kreifels, Jalen Schultz, Gabe Pomajzl, Hudson Rasmussen, Crew Potter and Austin Koch. Esten Johnsen and Logan Wagoner are not pictured.







Golfers on the 2023 girls' team at Seward High are, from left: (first row) Julya Metschke, Izzie Peetz, Taylor Hostert, Ella Mohnike and Maryn Johnson; (second row) Jena Eberspacher, Bryn Christensen, Bree Geschke and Blair Briggs; and (third row) Sophia Erwin, Samantha Quist, Reagan Meyer and Payton Samek.

Seward girls' golf

Coach's name: Jim Placke Years coaching: 22

Seniors: Taylor Hostert, Maryn Johnson, Izzie Peetz, Ella Mohnike, Julya Metschke

Returning letter winners: Taylor Hostert, Maryn Johnson, Izzie Peetz, Bryn Christensen, Jena Eberspacher

Season outlook: We return five letter winners returning, which gives us a lot of experience coming back. We are excited for the year, and we are looking to have a balanced team.

SEWARD GIRLS' GOLF

Aug. 25	host Seward Invite	9a
Aug. 28	at Crete triangular	4p
Aug. 31	at York Invite	9a
Sept. 5	host Tri County	4p
Sept. 11	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 15	at Crete Invite	9a
Sept. 18	at York	4p
Sept. 25	at Fairbury	4p
Sept. 29	at Conference, TBA	9a
Oct. 3	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 9-10	at State, TBA	TBA



Seward softball Coach's name:

Shawn Carr Years coaching: Three in Seward, 20 Total

Assistant coaches: Brock Anderson, Maddie Carlson, Beth Bohuslavsky

Last season's record: 26 - 11

Seniors: Dalaney Anderson, Lovely Hibbert, Emaalee Herring, **Coral Collins**

Outlook: We return all but two starters from last year's team. We are looking to build off last year's fourth-place finish at state and are very excited about all of the kids who are out for softball.

We have great players and even better people on our team.

Our strength is our of-

The Seward High softball team for 2023 includes, from left: (first row) Emmalee Herring, Dalaney Anderson, Coral Collins and Lovely Hibbert; (second row) McKenna Sides, Jeffi Schaefer, Haeven Hendrix, Madison Green and Eastyn Oberhauser; (third row) Ella Policky, Lauren Frihauf, JennaRae fense and our depth. We Hallsted, Avery Rodocker, Ava Stutzman, Karlee Baack, Danielle Pallat and Addilyn Sugden; and (fourth row) Bell Herring, Torrie Mayo, Emma Frihauf, Ashlynn Jarzynka, Julie Luebbe and Jaydn Thomas.

Seward softball

Aug. 17	at Ashland-Greenwood	W 13-4
Aug. 19	at Freeman Invite	10a
Aug. 22	at York	6:30p
Aug. 24	host Crete	6:30p
Aug. 26	host Seward Invite	9:30a
Aug. 31	at Norris	6:30p
Sept. 7	host Beatrice	6:30p
Sept. 9	at Hastings Invite	10a
Sept. 12	at Malcolm triangular	4p
Sept. 14	at Milford	6:30p
Sept. 16	at North Platte Invite	noon
Sept. 18	at Lakeview triangular	5p
Sept. 19	host Bishop Neumann	6:30p
Sept. 21	host G. I. Central Catholic	6:30p
Sept. 25	host Waverly	6:30p
Sept. 26	at Aurora	6:30p
Sept. 28	at Conference, Crete	10a
Oct. 2	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6-7	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State championship, Omaha	TBA



have lots of athletes who can play many different positions.

Teams to watch in conference: GINW State: Blair, Elkhorn, Beatrice



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The 2023-24 cheer squad at Seward High includes, from left: (first row) Carissa Mines, Becca Caldwell, Layla Sugden, Libby Kratochvil, Makayla Mumaugh and Ashley Martin; (second row) Emma Matulka, Danica Navarro-Claussen, Kylie Hackbart, Juliet Moore and Addilyn Sugden; and (third row) Adison Langan, Keeley Kouma, Aubry Dodds and Brooklyn Hesse. Addyson Rohde is not pictured.



The 2023 Seward High volleyball team includes, from left: (first row) Libby Kratochvil, Gabi Cepek, Nova Nordmeyer and Emme Brauer; (second row) Kennedy Limback, Abby Covalt, Amara Siebert, Kelsey Miller and Mikayla Miller; (third row) Addy Heaston, Kaytee Hostert, Izzy Marker, Hailey Ball and Molly Marroquin; (fourth row) Kathryn Naber, Rilynn Hiser, Alaina Bartels, Lily Brashear, Rowan Wood and Karsyn Fields; (fifth row) Lexi Solano, Jackie Eberspacher, Olivia Brozovsky, Aubrey Hanes, Lexi Collings and Grace Brees; and (sixth row) Izzy Moore, Hayden Minchow, Lucy Huntington,

Seward volleyball

Aug. 17	at Syracuse triangular	5p
Aug. 24	host Milford	7p
Aug. 26	at Plattsmouth Invite	8a
Aug. 29	host David City	7p
Aug. 31	host Lakeview	7p
Sept. 5	at Ralston	7р
Sept. 9	at Norris Invite	9a
Sept. 14	host Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 16	host Seward Invite	9a
Sept. 21	at Raymond Central	7p
Sept. 26	host Lincoln Northwest	7p
Sept. 28	at Beatrice triangular	5p
Sept. 30	at Raymond Central Invite	8a
Oct. 3	host Aurora	7p
Oct. 5	at Schuyler	7p
Oct. 10	host Crete	7p
Oct. 12-4	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct. 17	host Blair	7p
Oct. 19	at Ashland-Greenwood	7p
Oct.24-25	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

Sammi Wintz, Kennedy Dominy and Aubry Dodds.

Seward volleyball

Coach's name: Tom Pallas School and sport: Seward volleyball Years coaching: 40 Assistant coaches: Kelley Limback and Jenny Heaston **Record**: 28-8

Seniors: Libby Kratochvil, Gabi Cepek, Nova Nordmeyer, Emme Brauer

Letter winners: Libby Kratochvil, Nova Nordmeyer, Abby Covalt, Kelsey Miller, Kennedy Limback, Amara Siebert

Incoming players to watch: Jackie Eberspacher, Kennedy Dominy, Grace Brees

Team captains: Libby Kratochvil, Kennedy Limback, Abby Covalt

Season outlook: Will have a young team and will need to fill outside hitting positions and a middle hitter position.

Teams to watch in conference: Lakeview, Northwest, Adams Central, Crete





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The Centennial High 2023 football team includes, from left: (first row) Alex Hirschfeld, Bryson Hornbacher, Trevor Fehlhafer, Jack Wellman and Ben Sams; (second row) Daxton Bloebaum, Parker Dishman, Jayden Butzke, Jordan Wagner, Paul Fehlhafer, Ryan Richters, Sam Ehlers and Grant Cast; (third row) Landon O'Donnell, Owen Naber, Caleb Clouse, Trenton Waegli, Zaden Murphy, Cooper Stelling and Kyle Keith; and (fourth row) Van Choma, Ryan Fehlhafer, Chase Robinson, Ruger Webb and Ayden Konken. Cael Payne and Brayden Songster are not pictured.

Centennial football

Coach's name: Evan Klanecky Years coaching: 14 Last year's record: 5-4 Assistant coach: Craig Barjenbruch Seniors: Alex Hirschfeld, Bryson Hornbacher, Jack Wellman, Trevor Fehlhafer, Brian Sams Letter winners: Alex Hirschfeld, Paul Fehl-

hafer, Bryson Hornbacher, Ryan Richters, Sam Ehlers, Jordan Wagner **Outlook**: We are replacing key players at every

position group this year. We will start a large number of players this year that have no varsity experi-

ence. Our strength will be that we should be able to mold to our strengths and have some hungry players that are getting a shot to play. We will have to have a breakout summer for a lot of these players to get physically stronger. We don't have a lot of experience and we will have to press to learn a varsity scheme.

Athletes to watch: Paul Fehlhafer, junior OL/ DL, is in the 1,300-pound club as a sophomore. He will be a dominant lineman for us and has the potential to have a breakout year.

Alex Hirschfeld, senior WR/DB, has a big frame and is getting physically stronger. He will have a chance to really make an impact for us.

CENTENNIAL FOOTBALL

Aug. 25	at North Bend Central	7р
Sept. 1	host Tekamah-Herman	7p
Sept. 8	at Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 15	at Battle Creek	7p
Sept. 22	host Milford	7p
Sept. 28	host Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Oct. 6	at Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct. 13	at Malcolm	7p -
Oct. 20	host Tri County	7p
Oct. 27	First round state playoffs	TBĀ
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov. 20	Class C2 state championship	TBA







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The 2023 Centennial High volleyball team includes, from left: (first row) Ella Wambold, Karley Naber, Brylie Streit, Molly Prochaska, Kate Luebbe, Cora Payne and Caylie Clouse; (second row) Ella Baack, Catelynn Bargen, Lauryn Breitkreutz, Averie Stuhr, Natalie Sams, Hope Heidtbrink, Royale Dean and Addison Petzoldt; and (third row) Tyler Opfer, Hurley Harroun, Lexi Kraus, Hannah Luebbe, Cheyenne Tonniges, Bree Nisly, Calley Abell, Sophia Benedict and Jackie Prigge.

Centennial volleyball

Coach's name: Alex Anstine

Assistant coaches: McKenna Kucera, Shelbi Clonce, Keshia Ford

Seniors: Cora Payne, Karley Naber, Molly Prochaska, Kate Luebbe, Brylie Streit

Letter winners: Cora Payne, Karley Naber, Molly Prochaska, Kate Luebbe, Catelynn Bargen, Ella Wambold, Averie Stuhr, Lauryn Breitkreutz, Natalie Sams

All-Conference: Karley Naber, first team, Cora Payne, second team, and Ella Wambold, honorable mention

World Herald ALL State/ Lincoln Journal Star: Karley Naber, honorable mention; Cora Payne, honorable mention; Ella Wambold, honorable mention

Newcomers to watch: Tyler Opfer, freshman DS/OH, has the potential to see the varsity court right away; Cheyenne Tonniges, sophomores OH/ MB/RS, has the potential to see the varsity court right away; Hannah Luebbe, sophomore RS/S,

excited to see the improvements she makes with practice; Caylie Clouse, junior OH/S, excited to see the improvements she makes with practice

Strengths: We have a lot of depth in many positions this year which helps at practice. It means more competition for that starting spot. We also have a lot of players who can play multiple positions which helps. We bring back a lot of experience and leadership as most of our starters are returning this year. Our defense is definitely our team's strength. This team has put in a lot of hours and effort this summer in wanting to get better. They are a closeknit group that pushes each other to be better. This team is very coachable and wants to win. I am super excited to see what this team does this fall.

Last season gave us a lot of close games which pushed us mentally and physically. We learned how to be mentally tough. We were able to make it to the conference championship which built confidence for the team. I think last season showed us how much potential we have.

CENTENNIAL VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	host Hastings St. Cecilia host Centennial Invite	7p 9a
Aug. 26		
Aug. 29	at Central City	7p
Sept. 5	host Sandy Creek	7p
Sept. 7	at Malcolm Invite	5p
Sept. 9	at Malcolm Invite	9a
Sept. 12	at Fairbury	7p
Sept. 14	host Sutton	7p
Sept. 16	at Central City Invite	9a
Sept. 19	at Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Sept. 21	at Centura triangular	5p
Sept. 26	host Milford	7p
Sept. 28	at Thayer Central	7p
Oct. 3	host Twin River, Weeping Water	5p
Oct. 10	at Adams Central triangular	5p
Oct. 12	host Aquinas, David City	5p
Oct.16-17	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct.23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

Centennial High's 2023 softball team includes, from left: (first row) Savannah Horne, Cora Hoffschneider, Lillian Butzke, Ava Fischer, Rylee Menze, Libbie Kubicek and Mallory Rozendal; (second row) Shelby Fehlhafer, Saige Scheele, Andrea Gumaer, Kobie Kosek, Riley Ziegler, Sarah Payne and Maddie Kitzing; and (third row) Anna Warm, Cissanie Krohe, Dakota Boyer, Meg Hoffschneider, Nya Fischer, Madison Shufeldt and Danika Smith.





Centennial softball

Name: Tori Homolka

Years coaching: Second year as head – one year as assistant – three years total

Assistant coaches: Joe Dey, Billy Baugh, Calyn Mowinkel

Last year's record: 7-22

Seniors: Libbie Kubicek, Savannah Horne, Lillian Butzke, Rylee Menze, Mallory Rozendal, Cora Hoffschneider, Ava Fischer

Returning Letter Winners: Savannah Horne, Cora Hoffschneider, Ava Fischer, Libbie

CENTENNIAL SOFTBALL

Aug. 19	host Bishop Neumann, FCEMI	F* 10a
Aug. 21	host Fairbury, North Bend**	4:30p
Aug. 24	at Columbus Lakeview	6:30p
Aug. 26	at Seward Invite	9:30a
Aug. 29	at Aurora	6:30p
Aug. 31	host Syracuse**	6:30p
Sept. 2	at Fairbury Invite	9:30a
Sept. 5	host CCV, Wilber-Clatonia***	4p
Sept. 7	at St. Paul	6p
Sept. 12	at Milford	6:30p
Sept. 14	host David City***	6:30p
Sept. 16	at Cass Invite (Louisville)	98
Sept. 19	host Polk County***	6:30p
Sept. 21	at Kearney Catholic triangular	4:30p
Sept. 23	at Conference, Geneva	10a
Sept. 26	host Cozad, Southern**	4p
Sept. 28	host Freeman*	6:30p
Sept. 30	at Yutan Invite	98
Oct. 2	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State championship, Omaha	TBA
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Kubicek, Rylee Menze, Lillian Butzke, Mallory Rozendal, Saige Scheele, Kobie Kosek, Riley Ziegler

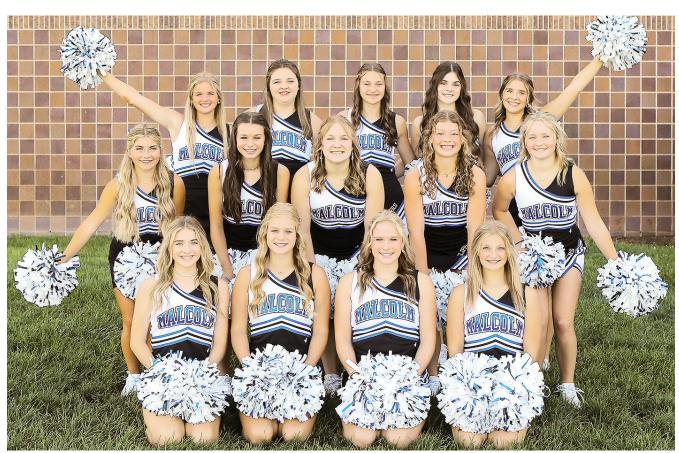
Incoming athletes to watch: Meg Hoffschneider, Dakota Boyer, Nya Fischer

Strengths of this year's team: We have a lot of depth this year and upperclassman that work well with the underclassman. It looks like they are ready to buy in for the year and put the work in to be better than we were. We should have a strong line-up of hitters and two senior pitchers that will help us a lot this season with experience. Lots of speed all around the field and competition going on

for spots on the field and in the lineup.

Holes to fill from last season: We lost three seniors from last year. Elli Tempel contributed in the hitting lineup and will be a big spot to fill. I believe that underclassman will contribute to these holes that were left and blend right in.

Anything else we should know: Girls have put in time this summer at open fields and at summer camps and showed promising things. It makes me excited to get going and play our first game. They have been working hard at practices and showing how hard they want it.



The 2023-24 Malcolm cheer squad includes, from left: (first row) Scarlett Battles, Abby Zegar, Ava Helms and Anna Schweitzer; (second row) Elsa Schleining, Emery Endicott, Anna Grace Christensen, Mady Wall and Alaina Wilcox; and (third row) Jessica Sandell, Avery Beach, Kaydence Schaefer, Callie Schroeder and Adela Donahoo.

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Running cross country for Centennial High in 2023 are, from left: (front row) Josie Butzke, Marley Olson, Josie Turnbull and Grace Schernikau; and (back row) Matthew Hoops, Torrian Ibarra, Camden Winkelman, Braeden Bloebaum and Garrison Schernikau.



Members of the 2023 Malcolm High cross country team are, from left: (first row) Jacob Diedrichsen, Harrison Paider, Ashton Placke, Carter Thieman and Gabe Weiland; (second row) Elsa Schliening, Paige Westerburh, Vanesa Gonzales-Mendoza, Madi Pavlik, Logan Schumacher, Isabella Burbach, Cameron Schumacher and Connor Crist; (third row) Sarah Rogers, Lena Schmidt, Mia Larsen, Reva Small, Maya Semerad, Karter Kinkaid, Natalie Shafer, Ethan Stenger, Alex Paider and Nathan Swenson; and (fourth row) Bryson Leffers, Bricen Wilkie, Thomas Lewis, Cayden Witzel and Eli Kinkaid. David Pulec, Olivia Watts, Ahriauna Malin and student managers Morgan Roof and Josie McGreer are not pictured.

Malcolm cross country

we will see how the boys' team steps up this season. It should be exciting to see who wants those top spots.

Centennial cross country

Coach's name: Rob Johansen Years coaching: 18 at CHS and 27 overall Assistant coach: Emma Dannehl Seniors: Garrison Schernikau Letter winners: Grace Schernikau Josie Tu

Letter winners: Grace Schernikau, Josie Turnbull, Matthew Hoops, Camden Winkelman, Garrison Schernikau

Outlook: Grace Schernikau and Josie Turnbull return as state qualifiers in 2022. Grace finished 16th and Josie 56th at the state meet. Grace was SNC runner-up and Josie sixth. Camden Winkelman and Matthew Hoops finished 13th and 14th at SNC.

The four juniors who return have all run in the state meet – Grace and Josie in 2022 and Camden and Matthew in 2021 when they qualified as a team. Garrison Schernikau returns as a senior also having run in the state meet in 2021. We have some good experience returning that will help the development of our three freshman and our new runner Torian.

All of my returning runners will be aiming to get back to state. They all have the race experience to do well and had role models of Clinton Turnbull and Madison Brandenburgh showing them hard work produces success.

Both boys and girls should have team scores in meets for the first time in many years. Our freshman runners did really well in junior high, so making the transition to the 5k will take some time.

Both teams can do well this season. Girls have a change to qualify as a team for first time since 2005. Only one other girls' team has qualified for state (1988). Boys also have a chance to qualify. Staying heathy for them is always a key element of the sport. Sickness and injuries can change the outlook in a hurry.

Teams to watch: Always tough SNC with Milford. Centennial stays in Class D, but schools like McCool Junction and Aquinas always have good runners where we meet in Districts. 126 schools in D makes it tough.

CENTENNIAL CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 24	at McCool Junction	7p
Aug. 31	at Schuyler Invite	5p
Sept. 7	at Milford Invite, Doane	4:15p
Sept. 14	at Fillmore Central Invite	4:15p
Sept. 19	at Malcolm Invite	4p
Sept. 21	at Thayer Central Invite	4:30p
Sept. 25	at UNK Invite	noon
Sept. 28	at Raymond Central Invite	4p
Oct. 5	at Southern Nebraska Conf.	4:30p
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Coach's name: Brie Walklin

Years coaching: 18

Assistant coaches: Rachel Kocak; Volunteer Coaches: Bob Hoyer, Danis Willet, Jack Tarr

Last season: Boys got sixth at the state meet Seniors on this year's team: Bricen Wilkie, Thomas Lewis, Alex Paider, Nate Swenson, Ethan Stenger, Cayden Witzel, Maya Semerad, Natalie Shafer, Karter Kinkaid, Madi Pavlik

Returning letter winners: Bricen Wilkie, Thomas Lewis, Alex Paider, Nate Swenson, Ethan Stenger, Cayden Witzel,, Eli Kinkaid, Jacob Diedrichsen, Bryson Leffers, Logan Schumacher, Gabe Wailand, Maya Semerad, Natalie Shafer, Karter Kinkaid, Madi Pavlik, Olivia Watts, Paige Westerburh, Reva Small, Mia Larsen

Athletes to watch: Bricen Wilkie, Thomas Lewis, Ethan Stenger, Cayden Witzel, Alex Paider, Nate Swenson, Cameron Schumacher, Karter Kinkaid, Lena Schmidt, Sarah Rogers

Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: We have a lot of depth in our team, but we also have a lot of new runners, so it will be fun to see how they all challenge one another.

Holes to fill from last season: We had a lot of senior boys last year that were varsity runners, so **Anything else we should know**: We have a pretty solid group of girls. I'm excited to see what they can do this season. I would love to help get them to state this year.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Milford, Lincoln Christain and Lincoln Lutheran are always solid, strong teams. They will be the ones to beat come districts.

Malcolm cross country

Aug. 24	at Logan View Invite	5p
Aug. 31	at Yutan Invite	3:30p
Sept. 7	at Milford Invite, Doane	5p
Sept. 14	at Fillmore Central Invite	4:45p
Sept. 19	host Malcolm Invite	3p
Sept. 25	at UNK Invite	noon
Sept. 28	at Raymond Central Invite,	
	Branched Oak Lake	4p
Oct. 5	at Trailblazer Conference,	
	Nebraska City	4p
Oct. 12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	at State, Kearney	TBA

Oct.	12	at Districts, TBA	TBA	•
Oct.	20	at State, Kearney	TBA	:
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Malcolm High's 2023 football team includes, from left: (first row) Noah Van Every, Luke Schmidt, Dalton Amen, Maddox Meyer, Owin Little, Noah Gonyea and Cole Tiedeman; (second row) Owen Savicky, Chris Burbach, Hunter Meyers, Tristen Boehle, Mason Wisnieski, Josh Cantrell, Garrett England, Carson Frank and Logan McGreer; (third row) Cayden Robotham, Cody Barton, Brixon Meyer, Jake Walters, Eli Wollberg, Justin Wisnieski and Josh Fox; and (fourth row) Nolan Duzik, Mason Zegar, Kenton McGill, Cooper Vetick, Miles McGill, Kellen Ensrud, Gavin Little, Preston Kucera and Isaiah Baeza. Austin Sykes and Keaton Kopecky are not pictured.

Malcolm football

Coach's name: Scott Amen Years coaching: 17th year as head coach Assistant coaches: Matt Coufal, Cole Gore, Jonathan Hunt, Dane Sackett, Alex Henzel Last season's record: 10-1

Seniors on this year's team: Dalton Amen, Noah Gonyea, Owin Little, Maddox Meyer, Luke Schmidt, Noah Van Every

Letter winners: Dalton Amen, Maddox Meyer, Noah Van Every, Luke Schmidt, Owin Little, Noah Gonyea, Mason Wisnieski, Logan McGreer, Josh Cantrell, Tristen Boehle, Garrett England, Carson Frank, Josh Fox, Cole Tiedeman, Brixon Meyer

Outlook: This is going to be a very exciting year for the Malcolm Clippers. Many of these players played a significant part in our 10-1 season last year. Once again our success will start with the front five. I really like the talent we have coming back on the offensive line. We return an excellent set of skilled position players and two QBs that are capable of making good decisions on the field.

Players to watch: Dalton Amen, senior WR/DB, listed as one of the top returning receivers in the state this year.

Mason Wisnieski, junior OL/DL, has the best technique of any lineman I have ever coached.

MALCOLM FOOTBALL

Aug.	25	at Yutan	7р
Sept.		host Raymond Central	7p
Sept.	8	at Oakland-Craig	7p
Sept.	15	host Tekamah-Herman	7p
Sept.	22	at Tri County	7p
Sept.	29	host Milford	7p
Oct.	6	at Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Oct.	13	host Centennial	7p
Oct.	20	at Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct.	27	First round state playoffs	TBA
Nov.	3	State quarterfinals	TBA
Nov.	10	State semifinals	TBA
Nov.	20	Class C2 state championship	TBA







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Seward High – Mascot: Bluejays; Conference: Central Milford High – Mascot: Eagles; Conference: Southern Nebraska

SWENSON

Nathan

Centennial High – Mascot: Broncos; Conference: Southern Nebraska Malcolm High – Mascot: Clippers; Conference: Trailblazer

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Malcolm softball

Coach's name: Jay Babb

Years coaching: First year high school

Assistant coaches: Maddie Von Seggern, Ian Thompson, Neal Coleman, Trent Farritor Last season's record: 25-11

Seniors on this year's team: Ava Helms, Luci Brockhaus, Keira Farritor, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Carmen Vrbka, Anna Schweitzer, Tekamah Bratrsovsky **Returning letter** winners: Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Keira Farritor, Ava Helms,

Luci Brockhaus, Anna Schweitzer, Jessica Sandell, Shaylee Heidtbrink, Grace Green, Olivia Seitz, Mady Wall, Olivia Seitz, Tekamah Bratrsovsky, Carmen Vrbka

Incoming athletes to watch: Morgan Tiedeman, Karli Farritor, Mikiah Witzel, Jordy

Small, Aryanna Myers Team captains: Ava Helms, Jessica San-

dell, Keira Farritor Season outlook: We had a very successful preseason. We have a very competitive Trailblazer Conference to contend with. We are preparing this young

team for the fast paced season ahead.

Strengths of this year's team: Additional pitching, great speed, outfield

Holes to fill from last season: Alyssa

Fortik, shortstop; Alanea Babb, third base, Emma Brown, pitching

Anything else we should know: We have four freshman contending for starting varsity positions.

MALCOLM SOFTBALL

Aug. 17	host Auburn	L 8-7
Aug. 18	at Aurora Invite	3р
Aug. 22	at Wahoo	6:30p
Aug. 24	host NEN	6:30p
Aug. 26	at Blair Invite	9a
Aug. 29	host Ralston	6:30p
Aug. 31	at Freeman triangular	4:30p
Sept. 2	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 5	at Beatrice triangular	4p
Sept. 7	host Central City	6:30p
Sept. 9	at Tekamah-Herman triangular	10a
Sept. 11	at Ashland-Greenwood	6:30p
Sept. 12	host Fairbury, Seward	4p
Sept. 18	host Platteview	6:30p
Sept. 19	at Nebraska City	6:30p
Sept. 23	at Trailblazer Conference, TBA	TBA
Sept. 26	host Plattsmouth	6:30p
Sept. 30	at Bishop Neumann triangular	9a
Oct. 2	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State championship, Omaha	TBA
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Plaving softball at Malcolm in 2023 are, from left: (first row) Carmen Vrbka Luci Brockhaus, Tekamah Bratrsovsky, Kiera Farritor, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Ava Helms and Anna Schweitzer; (second row) Morgan Tiedeman, Grace Ensrud, Emery Endicott, Shaylee Heidtbrink, Jessica Sandell, Madywen Wall, Jordan Small and Aryanna Meyers; and (third row) Olivia Seitz, Makayla Kuhn, Samantha Back, Olivia Savicky, Mikiah Witzel, Grace Green, Kamryn Broders, Mattie Erickson and Karli Farritor.



The 2023 Malcolm volleyball team, includes, from left: (first row) Alli Blair, Isabel Steiner, Julia Swerczek, Alaina WIlcox and Kenna Wilcox; (second row) Claira Ladman, Mattie Kucera, Camry Sehi, Abby Zegar, Jordan Brown, Madison Schultz and Baylor Bratrsovsky; (third row) Sophie Walker, Livya Olena, Kaydence Schaefer, Adela Donahoo, Izzy Stenger and

MALCOLM VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	host Raymond Central	7p
Aug. 26	vs. G.I. Northwest, Grand Island	11:15a
	vs. Gothenburg, Grand Island	2р
Aug. 29	at Blair	7p
Aug. 31	at Plattsmouth	7p
Sept. 7	host Malcolm Invite	5p
Sept. 9	host Malcolm Invite	9a
Sept. 12	at Milford triangular	5p
Sept. 15	host Beatrice	7p
Sept. 19	host York	7p
Sept. 21	host Ashland-Greenwood	7p
Sept. 23	at Adams Central Invite	8:30a
Sept. 26	at Wahoo	7p
Sept. 28	at North Bend Central	7p
Sept. 30	at Lakeview Invite	9a
Oct. 3-7	at Trailblazer Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct. 9	at Nebraska City	7p
Oct. 12	host Platteview	7p
OCt. 17	host Ralston	7p
Oct.23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

Anna Grace Christensen; and (fourth row) Rachel Lannin, Callie Schroeder, Jenna Schweitzer, Laurel Johnson, Shyann Sehi, Halle Dolliver and McKenna Powell.

Malcolm volleyball

Coach's name: Amber Dolliver Years coaching: 12

Assistant coaches: Chad Eichenberger, Kelsey Rezny

Seniors on this year's team: Abby Zegar, Madison Schultz, Jordan Brown, Camry Sehi, Mattie Kucera

Returning letter winners: Halle Dolliver, Abby Zegar, Rachel Landon, Jordan Brown, Jenna Schweitzer, Madison Schultz

Incoming athletes to watch: Laurel Johnson Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: experience players, great passers, big hitters

MILFORD SOFTBALL

Aug. 17	host Yutan	W 5-0
Aug. 19	host Quad	8:30a
Aug. 22	host Syracuse	6:30p
Aug. 24	host St. Paul	6:30p
Aug. 29	at Wilber-Clatonia	6р
Aug. 31	host Freeman, Malcolm	4:30p
Sept. 2	at Fairbury Invite	9a
Sept. 5	host York	6:30p
Sept. 7	host Fairbury	6:30p
Sept. 12	host Centennial	6:30p
Sept. 14	host Seward	6:30p
Sept. 16	at David City Invite	TBA
Sept. 19	at Crete	6:30p
Sept. 21	at Raymond Central	6р
Sept. 23	at Conference, Geneva	TBA
Sept. 26	host FCEMF	6:30p
Sept. 28	at David City	6:30p
Oct. 2-3	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 6-7	at District final, TBA	TBA
Oct.11-13	at State, Hastings	TBA
Oct. 16	at State championship, Omaha	TBA

Holes to fill from last season: setter Teams to watch in conference/district:

Wahoo, Platteview



The 2023 Milford softball team includes, from left: (first row) Chloe Pierce, Addi Mowinkel, Macy Stutzman and Ava Maple; (second row) Sydney Thompson, Hannah Wittstruck, Brenna Jackson, Karlee Kuklis, Izzy Yeackley, Ayla Roth and Riley Springer; and (third row) Harper McCullough, Alyssa Brown, Lexi Riley, Emily Kenning, Delaney Carraher, Maeli Kubicek, Sadie Frazier, Emily Toovey and Cora Klopfenstein.

Milford softball

Coach's name: Shelly Mowinkel

Years coaching: Third year as head coach, sixth season overall

Assistant coaches: Chad Carraher, Whitney Brown, Kadin Vrbas

Last season's record: 21-10

Seniors on this year's

team: Addi Mowinkel, Macy

Stutzman, Chloe Pierce, Ava Maple

Returning letter winners: Addi Mowinkel, Macy Stutzman, Ayla Roth, Izzy Yeackley, Hannah Wittstruck, Riley Springer, Delaney Carraher, Maeli Kubicek.

Season outlook Strengths of this year's team: Many key field positions and batting order positions are

returning. Our pitching staff is very versatile on the mound and in the field.

Holes to fill from last season: We need to replace a three-year starting catcher and first base due to graduation.

Teams to watch in conference/district: Milford, Fillmore Central/Exeter-Milligan-Friend

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Milford cross country

Coaches' names: Jake Kment and Michele Kontor

Years coaching: Jake (4), Michele (18)

Assistant coach: Amie Martin

Boys: Conference champions, district champions, fourth place at state

Girls: Conference champions, third place at districts, ninth place at state

Seniors on this year's team: Gavin Dunlap, Sally Burkey, Kisa Schauer

Returning letter winners: Lilly Kenning, Ellison Piening, Adyson Kroese, Gavin Dunlap,

Avery Carter, Jack Stahl, Garrett Freeman Season outlook

Strengths of this year's team: The boys' team includes three members from last year's team that got fourth at state (Gavin Dunlap (17th),

Avery Carter (28th), Jack Stahl (113th)), as well as Garrett Freeman who ran varsity for much of last season. Avery and Gavin are coming off of great track seasons in which they qualified for state, and good summers of mileage. Jack and Garrett had good summers of mileage and add experience and leadership.

The girls' team also returns three members



The 2023 Milford cross country team includes, from left: (first row) Sally Burkey, Gavin Dunlap and Kisa Schauer; (second row) Lilly Kenning, Ellison Piening, Avery Carter, Garrett Freeman, Jack Stahl, Adyson Kroese and Zoey Whitford; and (third row) Ambry Armbrust, Elsa Schweitzer, Kellen Lovitt, Jonathan Kohout, Sylus Rakow, Braiden Guerra and Blake Otradovsky.

from last year's state qualifying team (Lilly Kenning (third), Ellison Piening (71st), and Ady Kroese (94th)). Lilly had a phenomenal track season, earning four medals at state, and worked hard this summer. Seniors Sally Burkey and Kisa Schauer put in a lot of miles this summer and add valuable senior leadership.

Holes to fill from last season: The boys' team lost three of six runners from last year's state qualifying team due to graduation (Hudson Mullet, Kaleb Eickhoff and Dane Kolb).

The girls' team also lost three of six runners from last year's state qualifying team (Victoria Mink, Eliza McGuire and Rebecca Freeman).

Though we will look to several newcomers to help fill those spots, many returners had great summers and will try to fill those spots as well.

Teams to watch in conference/district:

Boys: Fillmore Central, Centennial, Lincoln Christian, Malcolm

Girls: Centennial, Lincoln Christian, Auburn

MILFORD CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 24	at McCool Junction	7p
Aug. 31	at Seward Invite, Concordia	4:45p
Sept. 2	at Minden Invite	10a
Sept. 7	host Milford Invite	5p
Sept. 14	at Fillmore Central Invite	5p
Sept. 19	at Malcolm Invite	10a
Sept. 25	at UNK Invite	3p
Sept. 28	at David City Invite	4:30p
Oct. 5	at Conference, Fairbury	5p
Oct. 12	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 20	at State, Kearney	TBA



Returning letter

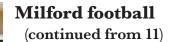






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offseason.

Strengths of this year's team: Hunter Oborny, running back/ linebacker, super tough runner; rushed for 904 yards, 11 touchdowns, 6.6 yards/carry, good blocker.

Keenan Troyer, running back/linebacker, loves playing linebacker, hits hard and knows his assignments, fullback on offense and is a solid blocker and can carry the ball

Isaac Roth, leading tackler; Tyce Lopez, lockdown corner

Teams to watch: Norfolk Catholic, Bishop Neumann, Battle Creek, Hastings St. Cecilia, Lincoln Lutheran, Cedar Catholic, Fillmore Central

Players to watch: Cash Keslar, Connor Schutt, Dalton Amen

The 2023 Milford High football team includes, from left: (first row) Hunter Oborny, Keenan Troyer, Brody Mach, Damien Henson and Aiden Henson; (second row) Landon Roth, Isaac Roth, Hunter Dickinson, Tyce Lopez, Scholar Crumrine, Gavin Piening, Owen Anderson and Zach Pearson; (third row) Vanden Fancher, Colby Rautenberg, Jay Wissenburg, Connor Adams, Zeb Reil, Quinn Zegers, Westin DeLong and Garrett Schoen; and (fourth row) Patience Spargo, Jax Hansen, Kaleb Meierdirks, Cash Dickinson, Boen Schweitzer, Zane Meyer, Gus Crabtree, Graydon Meredith, Cory Langenberg and Brodie Roth.



The Milford volleyball team for 2023 includes, from left: (first row) Jaidyn Bell, Paige Riley, Sarah Spahr and Madison Roth; (second row) Sanora Soper, Avery Roth, Booklyn McDonald, Hanna Reynolds and Raeleigh Kremer; (third row) Mylie Svoboda, Madelyn Saltzman, Haley Brhel, Kylie Jakub, Sarah Reynolds, Sydney Burkey, Alayna Tvrdy, Aubrey Burton and Ava Rediger; and (fourth row) Neliyah Yoder, Brynlee Ficke, Brooke Kleint, Kira Schweitzer, Staccia Johnson, Jailey Roth, Ashlynn Miller, Libbie Reil, Makenna Kapke, Brooklyn Stutzman, Holly Hostetler and Haylee Nicholson.

MILFORD VOLLEYBALL

Aug. 24	at Seward	7p
Aug. 26	vs Gothenburg, Grand Island	10a
	vs Broken Bow, Grand Island	12:30p
Aug. 29	host Fairbury	7p
Sept. 5	host Fillmore Central	7p
Sept. 7	at Malcolm Invite	5p
Sept. 9	at Malcolm Invite	9a
Sept. 12	host David City, Malcolm	5p
Sept. 16	host Quad	TBA

Milford volleyball

Coach's name: Emily Restau

Years coaching: 10 years total, five years at

Milford (five previously at David City)

Assistant coaches: Sarah Martin and Mindy Miller

Last season's record: 15-17

Seniors on this year's team (please list

names): Jaidyn Bell, Paige Riley, Madison Roth,

Sarah Spahr

Returning letter winners: Jaidyn Bell, Paige

Holes to fill from last season: We have some girls switching positions this year, but we have holes at almost all positions.

Teams to watch in conference/district:

Conference - David City/Centennial - Districts not sure yet (haven't been released)

Milford football

Sept. 19	at Raymond Central	7p
Sept. 21	host Lincoln Northwest	7p
Sept. 26	at Centennial	7p
Oct. 2	at Syracuse Invite	4:30p
Oct. 5	at York	7p
Oct. 7	at Thayer Central Invite	10a
Oct. 10	host Wilber-Clatonia	7p
Oct.16-17	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Oct. 19	at Shelby-Rising City triangular	5p
Oct.23-24	at Subdistricts, TBA	TBA
Oct. 28	at District final, TBA	TBA
Nov. 1-4	at State, Lincoln	TBA

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Sept. 1	host Fillmore Central	7p :
Sept. 8	at North Bend Central	7p
Sept. 15	host Kearney Catholic	7p
Sept. 22	at Centennial	7p :
Sept. 29	at Malcolm	7p
Oct. 6	host Tri County	7:30p
Oct. 13	host Wilber-Clatonia	7p :
Oct. 20	at Lincoln Lutheran	7p
Oct. 27	First round state playoffs	ТВА
Nov. 3	State quarterfinals	TBA :
Nov. 10	State semifinals	TBA :
Nov. 20	Class C2 state championship	ТВА



