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Students shown are, from left to right: Sarah Spahr of Milford, Track & Field; Ava Fisher of Seward, Soccer; Dominic Torres of Seward, Soccer; Alex Hirschfeld of Centennial, Golf; Mason Wisnieski of Malcolm, Baseball; Gavin Piening of Milford, Track & Field.

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Members of the 2024 Seward High boys' soccer team include, from left: (first row) Dalton Mobley, Cutshall Tristin, Dominic Torres, Nolan Stanton, Kaydon Mueller, Tanner Beckmann, Josh Ringler and Josh Keller; (second row) Landen Ford, Hector Sanchez, Daylon Salyer, Austin Rikke, Lathan Janousek, Gabriel Cobian, Jackson Holt, Holden Bremer, Lukas Howe and Calvin Shipley; and (third row) Payton Vaughn, Samuel Kenney, Grady Owens, Ayden Siebert, Aidan Suma, Cardin Goracke, Kenix Leyva Sigala and Jalen Schultz. Jayden Hernandez and Eric Kirby are not pictured.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Seward High boys' soccer
COACH: Jamie Opfer
YEARS COACHING: 17 Head
ASSISTANT COACHES: Wade Miller, Pedro Delpaz, Brenden Flesner

LAST YEAR'S RECORD: 1-12
SENIORS: Kaydon Mueller, Joshua Ringler, Nolan Stanton, Tanner Beckmann, Dominic Torres, Tristin Cutshall-Cherry
RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Dominic Torres, Kenix Leyva-Sigala, Gabriel Cobian, Landen Ford, Lukas Howe, Austin Rikke, Josh Ringler, Daylon

Salyer, Nolan Stanton, Josh Keller
INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Ayden Siebert, Holden Bremer, Lathan Janousek, Cardin Goracke
SEASON OUTLOOK: We will have an experienced team that will need to learn how to play with one another to have the success we would like

to have this season. Our seniors and juniors will need to step up and lead this team with positive energy. We have a group that is more athletic and skilled than years past. Now we just need to play as a team and play with great effort, energy and enthusiasm.

RIGHT: The 2024 Seward High girls' soccer team includes, from left: (first row) Fernanda Flores Leyva, Haylie Sloup, Noelle Geidel, Ava Fisher, Avery Briggs, Emme Brauer and Addison Opfer; (second row) Eastyn Oberhauser, Xylie Robidoux, Olivia Delcamp, Kennedy Limback, Jeff Schaefer, Jena Eberspacher, Haeven Hendrix, Vanessah Schluckebier, Ashley Martin and Carissa Mines; (third row) Alalina Bartels, Braelyn Popp, Ella Kossow, Lily Bowens, Rilynn Hiser, Kaytee Hostert and Karlee Baack; and (fourth row) Joyah Warren, Addisyn Venekamp, Keeley Kouma, Sammi Wintz, Julie Luebbe and Lexi Solano.



SCHOOL AND SPORT: Seward girls' soccer
COACH'S NAME: Nick Holmes
YEARS COACHING: 4

ASSISTANT COACHES: Beth Seegbarth, Dan Fisher, Kyleah Bowder, Taylor Slaymaker

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 3 - 9

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Ava Fisher, Avery Briggs, Addy Opfer, Emme Brauer, Noelle Geidel, Haylie Sloup

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Addy Opfer, Haeven Hendrix, Olivia Delcamp, Carissa Mines, Ava Fisher, Ella Kossow, Braelyn Popp, Jena Eberspacher, Kennedy Limback, Karlee Baack

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Rilynn Hiser, Haylie Sloup, Lexi Solano, Alaina Bartels

TEAM CAPTAINS: Ava Fisher, Avery Briggs, Kennedy Limback

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: We are one year older with a core group of juniors and seniors who have been around for a couple of years now. A few kids have put in some serious work in the off season on their own to be ready for this year. This is the deepest team I have had in my four years as head coach. I am really excited to see what this year's group can do.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: We lost three seniors, two who played exclusively in our back line and Aly Conde who played everywhere for us. We have had a few kids step up and show that they can fill those holes.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: All roads lead through Norris for districts. They are a perennial power and state runners-up the past three seasons. In conference, GINW will be strong and Schuyler has improved significantly over the past two seasons.

Seward soccer seniors

 Tanner Beckmann	 Emme Brauer	 Avery Briggs	 Tristin Cutshall-Cherry
 Ava Fisher	 Fernanda Flores Leyva	 Noelle Geidel	 Kaydon Mueller
 Addison Opfer	 Josh Ringler	 Haylie Sloup	 Nolan Stanton
 Dominic Torres			

Good luck, area teams and athletes!






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The 2024 Seward High baseball team includes, from left: (first row) Ryler Parr, Karson Dyer, Kyle Riley, Cale Gardiner, Connor Sveeggen, Kolton Loos, Riley Calway, Hunter Harrison and Carter Gardiner; (second row) Kaden Brown, Conner Matzke, Kyle Peery, Reggie Sukup, Finn Hochstein, Braiden Herring, Kohltyn Lindau, Carter Ernesti, Carl Taylor and Layne Luebbe; (third row) Sam Cooksey, Brenden Ruth, Bycen Burt, Cooper Hill, Bostyn Happ, Quin Berner, Lucian Gunn, Deklan Lindau, Blake Pierce, Tyler Hammond and Collin Sveegen; and (fourth row) Nelson Anderson, Jesse Leibhart, Keyan Schadwinkel, Quinton Hibbert, Brecken Matzke, Izayah Lavicky and Barrett Weisen.

Seward baseball

March 14	at Lincoln Northwest (<i>Densmore</i>)	4:30p
March 15	host Columbus	4:30p
March 18	host Norris	4:30p
March 19	at Raymond Central (<i>Valparaiso</i>)	4:30p
March 21	at Wahoo	6:30p
March 23	at Aurora Triangular	noon
March 25	host Beatrice	4:30p
March 26	host Platte Valley	4:30p
March 28	at Platteview	4:30p
March 30	at Skutt Catholic	noon
April 1	host Nebraska City	noon
April 2	at Hastings	4:30p
April 4	at Centennial (<i>Beaver Crossing</i>)	4:30p
April 6	host Triangular	11a
April 8	host Lincoln Pius X	4:30p
April 9	at Adams Central	4:30p
April 13	at South Sioux City Triangular	11a
April 15	host Crete	4:30p
April 16	at Mount Michael Benedictine	4:30p
April 20	host tournament	10a
April 22	host Blair	4:30p
April 25	at Waverly	4:30p
April 26	host Louisville	6:30p
May 2-4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 10-17	at State, TBA	TBA

home games played at Plum Creek Park

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Seward High baseball

COACH'S NAME: Brock Anderson

YEARS COACHING: 12

ASSISTANT COACHES: Jeremy Fries, Adam Pierce, Johnny May, Austin Pierce

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 13-9

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Finn Hochstein, Reggie Sukup, Kohltyn Lindau, Braiden Herring, Conner Matzke, Kyle Peery, Carter Ernesti, Carl Taylor

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Kolton Loos, Connor Sveeggen, Cale Gardiner, Brenden Ruth, Brycen Burt, Bostyn Happ

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Keyan Schadwinkel

SEASON OUTLOOK

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Return a lot of starters and all of our pitching

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: Catcher and one outfield spot, but we have some solid guys competing for those spots

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: Seward

Seward baseball seniors



Seward soccer

March 14	boys host Waverly	4p
	girls at Waverly	7p
March 19	girls host Conestoga	4p
	boys at Madison	5p
March 21	girls at Auburn	4:30p
March 23	host Nebraska City (both)	11a
March 26	host Lincoln Lutheran (both)	4p
March 28	host Crete (both)	4p
April 1	host tournament (both)	9:30/11:30a
April 4	host Schuyler (both)	4p
April 9	at York (both)	5p
April 11-13	at conference, TBA (both)	TBA
April 16	at Aurora (both)	TBA
April 18	boys host Beatrice	4p
April 23	host Lakeview (both)	4p
April 25	at Northwest (both)	5p
April 27-May 4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 8-14	at State, Omaha	TBA

home games played at Seward Elementary



The 2024 Seward girls' track and field team includes, from left: (first row) Lexi Daniel, Marisa Schmeckpeper, Tessa Greisen, Hannah Bierbaum, Lovely Hibbert, Coral Collins, Madison Green, Kelsey Miller and Mikayla Miller; (second row) Evie Theobald, Hailey Ball, Kathryn Naber, Addy Heaston, Lauren Frihauf, Karsyn Fields, Danielle Pallet, JennaRae Halsted, Maclayne Dlouhy, Audrey Broadwell and Brianna Potratz; (third row) Mckenna Job, Hayden Minchow, Aubry Dodds, Brooklyn Hesse, Ashlynn Jarzynka, Emma Frihauf, Grace Brees, Lexi Collings and Rebekah Jurchen; and (fourth row) Adison Langan, Sophia Erwin, Delaney Manley and Jackie Eberspacher. Not pictured are Libby Kratochvil and Savannah Leiting.



Competing for the 2024 Seward High boys' track and field team are, from left: (first row) Evett Howe, Cole Luebbe, Kameron Dyer, Caden Brooks, Hank Hughes, Drew Collings, Johnny Jurchen, Nic Claussen and Jayden Nelson; (second row) Cooper Fern, Ethan Anderson, Jase Ramirez, Nathan Weber, Nathan Shafer, Preston Duryea, Edison Knott, Devon Perry and Jacob Kimbrough; (third row) Micah Royuk, Nolan Austin, Marshall Seevers, Carter Frazey, Sam Sagehorn, Tresten Hass, Jack Vyhnalek, Kayson Salyer and Teagan Weiseman; and (fourth row) Cale Greisen, Jackson Einspahr, Kolten Green, Daniel Howe, Romello Nelson, Austin Koch, Nicholas Wegman, Cody Jacobsen, Kraetyn Nelson and Riley Jcobsen. Not pictured are Gabe Pomajzl, Dean Plouzek, Jack Schultz, Peyton Else, Ben Nottingham, Ceden Fleischman, Gabe Tomlinson, David Sierra, Isaac Hiser and Caydin Brettman.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Seward track and field

COACH'S NAME: Jeff Hass

YEARS COACHING: Third as head, seventh at Seward, 16th overall

ASSISTANTS: Kyle Royuk, Kari Samuels, Nate Knott, Jordan Hinrichs, Jeff Luebbe

SENIORS: Boys—Caden Brooks, Nick Classen, Drew Collings, Kameron Dyer, Evett Howe, Hank Hughes, Johnny Jurchen, Cole Luebbe, Jayden Nelson
Girls—Hannah Bierbaum, Coral Collins, Lovely Hibbert, Libby Kratochvil

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS:

Boys—Peyton Else, Tresten Hass, Micah Royuk, Jack Vyhnalek, Jacob Kimbrough, Ed Knott, Devon Perry, Jase Ramirez, Caden Brooks, Kameron Dyer, Easton Else, Evett Howe, Johnny Jurchen, Cole Luebbe
Girls—Coral Collins, Libby Kratochvil, Lovely Hibbert, Tessa Greisen, Mikayla Miller, Kelsey Miller, Madison Green, Lauren Frihauf, Karsyn Fields, Audry Broadwell, Hailey Ball

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM:

We have over 80 athletes out again this year. We do not have a lot of seniors, but the ones we have are awesome positive leaders. Their experience will be invaluable to lead the younger athletes through the season.

Our girls distance crew will be led by state qualifier junior Tessa Greisen who will work to mover herself higher in the Seward High top charts. Sophomores Danielle Pallet, Maclayne Dlouhy and Audry Broadwell look to step up and contribute.

The throwers will be led this year by senior and discus record holder Lovely Hibbert, who will once again compete for gold at state. Hannah Bierbaum will provide leadership and competitiveness in the throws. Junior Madison Green and sophomore Addy Heaston look to continue their improvement from last year and freshman Jackie Eberspacher will provide some depth.

The girls sprint and hurdle group will be led by senior Coral Collins and junior Kelsey Miller. Mikayla Miller looks to add her own points to the team. Sophomores Lauren Frihauf and Karsyn Fields will add depth and compete for team points. Fellow sopho-

mores Kathryn Naber and JennaRae Halstead will work to improve their marks from last season. Freshman Grace Brees will add depth and contribute in the sprints as well, while classmate Emma Frihauf will also look to be involved in individual events and relays.
On the boys' distance side, seniors Kamerny Dyer, Nic Classen and Johnny Jurchen will lead the way while Drew Collings and Evett Howe will provide depth and leadership. Juniors Jack Schulz, Ethan Anderson, Preston Duryea and Jacob Kimbrough will push for spots along with sophomores Micah Royuk and Marshall Seevers. Freshman Jackson Einspahr will look to make an

impression early running mid distance.

The throwers will look to improve their marks from last year and rake in more points. Senior and newcomer Hank Hughes will compete to make an impact in the shot and discus while juniors Ben Nottingham and Cooper Fern will work to improve on last year's marks. Sophomore Jack Vyhnalek will work to follow his successful freshman campaign; fellow sophomores Ceden Fleischman and Nolan Austin will be in the mix to throw as well. Freshman Kolten Green will flash his throwing abilities and work to score team points this year as well.

The boy sprinters will be looking to make an impact this year led by returning seniors Caden Brooks and Cole Luebbe, who will compete for medals this year in the jumps and sprints. Junior Jase Ramirez came on strong at the end of last year and will compete for a state berth. Fellow juniors Ed Knott and Devon Perry will push each other in the pole vault, while Knott will work to improve his high jump, and Perry will compete to lower his 100 time. Sophomores Tresten Hass and Kayson Salyer will compete for points in the hurdles and high jump for Hass and hurdles and triple jump for

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Seward track & field

March	14	at Concordia University	2p
March	23	at Fairbury Invite	9:30a
March	28	at Norris Invite	10a
April	5	at Waverly Invite	10a
April	12	at Wahoo Invite	2p
April	20	at York Invite	10a
April	25	at Blair Invite	1p
April	30	at conference, Crete	10a
May	7	at District B3, TBA	TBA
May	15-16	at State, Omaha	TBA

Seward track and field seniors



Hannah



Caden



Nic



Drew



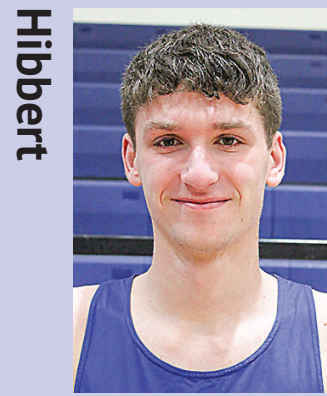
Coral



Kameron



Lovely



Evett



Hank



Jon



Libby



Cole



Jayden

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Seward boys' golf

COACH: Jim Placke

YEARS COACHING: 32

SENIORS: Matthew Wegman, Talan Schaefer

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Matthew Wegman, Talan Schaefer, Hayden Burhoop, Evan Hall

SEASON OUTLOOK: We return four varsity regulars from last year. I can already see that they have all improved their games, and this is going to make us a much more competitive team. I am excited to see if we can take the improvements we have made in practice to tournament play.



RIGHT: Members of the 2024 Seward High boys' golf team include, from left: (kneeling) Hudson Rasmussen, Sage Ruzicka, Dylan Hochstein, Alex Roberts, Will Ratkovec and Cadon Benedict; and (standing) Tylan Wohlford, Kain Roth, Talan Schaefer, Matthew Wegman, Evan Hall, Henry Lewis and Kobe Policky. Not pictured are Caydin Terry, Parker Douglass and Hayden Burhoop.



The 2024 Centennial boys' golf team includes, from left: (front row) Cyrus Songster, Alex Hirschfeld and Nick Keith; and (back row) Sam Ehlers, Zaden Murphy, Owen Naber and Jordan Wagner.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Centennial boys' golf

COACH'S NAME: Cam Scholl

YEARS COACHING: Second year as golf coach

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Alex Hirschfeld, Cyrus Songster, Nick Keith

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Alex Hirschfeld, Sam Ehlers

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Jordan Wag-

ner, Owen Naber

TEAM CAPTAINS: Alex Hirschfeld, Sam Ehlers

SEASON OUTLOOK

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: We will be able to have a team score this year with seven golfers out. Alex Hirschfeld is a returning state qualifier, and Sam Ehlers was close to qualifying last year. Those to give us some good experience coming back, and the others we have out should

give us some solid depth this year.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: We bring everyone back.

ANYTHING ELSE WE SHOULD KNOW: Alex Hirschfeld was our school's first state qualifier last year.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: Sutton and Heartland in our conference, and Lincoln Lutheran in our district.

Seward golf seniors



Schaefer

Talan



Wegman

Matthew

Seward golf

March 19	host triangular	4:30p
March 22	host Seward Invite	10a
March 28	at Crete triangular	4p
April 4	at Norris Invite	9a
April 11	at York Invite	9a
April 18	at Fairbury Invite	9a
April 22	at Beatrice Invite	9a
April 25	at Centennial, Sandy Meadows	4p
April 26	at Crete Invite	9a
April 29	at Crete triangular	4p
May 3	at conference, York	10a
May 8	at Milford	3:30p
May 13	at District B3, York	10a
May 21-22	at State, Scottsbluff	TBA

Good luck to our area teams this spring sports season.

Centennial golf

March 27	at Aquinas Invite	9a
March 28	at Superior Invite	10:30a
April 2	at EMF (Friend)	4p
April 3	at EMF Invite (Friend)	9:30a
April 9	at HTRS Invite	9a
April 16	at Sandy Creek Invite	9:30a
April 25	host Seward	4p
April 26	at Crete Invite	9a
May 2	at conference, Sutton	1p
May 9	at Heartland triangular	2p
May 15	at District C1, TBA	TBA
May 23-24	at State, Columbus	TBA

Seward

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Salyer. Classmate Peyton Else will compete in anything from the 200 to 800. Sam Sagehorn will round out the vaulting group and work to make that one of the strongest groups on the team.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST YEAR: We will miss the point production from last year's seniors but with the current senior leadership and experience we have this year and the young athletes we have in our system I think we will compete well in the meets we will attend.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: Conference—Aurora, GINW, Crete and Columbus Lakeview; Districts—Norris and Milford

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The 2024 Centennial girls' track and field team includes, from left: (first row) Cora Hoffschneider, Savannah Horne, Kate Luebbe, Karley Naber, Cora Payne, Molly Prochaska, Mallory Rozendal, Lauryn Breikreutz and Caylie Clouse; (second row) Averie Stuhr, Ella Wambold, Calley Abell, Andrea Gumaer, Kobie Kosek, Hannah Luebbe, Bree Nisly, Sarah Payne, Abby Saunders, Riley Ziegler and Lainey Abell; and (third row) Ella Baack, Sophia Benedict, Josie Butzke, Nya Fischer, Chelsey Hernandez, Meg Hoffschneider, MARley Olson, Addison Pezoldt, Jaclynn Prigge and Madisyn Shufeld. Catelynn Brgen, Grace Schernikau, Tyler Opfer and Ava Fischer are not pictured.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Centennial track and field

COACH: Rob Johansen

YEARS COACHING: 20th year at Centennial, 34th overall

ASSISTANT COACHES: Leah Pankoke, Drew Rodine, Carson Farr, Emma Dannehl, Austin Stuhr

GIRLS

SENIORS: Savannah Horne, Cora Payne, Karley Naber, Cora Hoffschneider, Kate Luebbe, Molly Prochaska, Ava Fischer, Mallory Rozendal

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Savannah Horne, Cora Payne, Karley Naber, Ella Wambold, Grace Schernikau, Bree Nisly, Cora Hoffschneider, Catelynn Brgen, Lauryn Breikreutz, Andrea Gumaer, Kate Luebbe, Molly Prochaska, Averie Stuhr

2023 CONFERENCE, DISTRICT, CONFERENCE OR STATE HONORS: Savannah Horne reset the school and Southern Nebraska Conference records in 100 and 200 and won state in both. Cora Payne, Karley Naber, Ella Wambold and Grace Schernikau won the district 4x800 relay and are all returning. The girls won the 4x100 relay with Savannah and Bree Nisly returning.

OUTLOOK: Have good numbers out for girls' track. We should be able to compete for some team titles in meets having some depth. We have quite a few girls who are experienced in track and field. Should be a good year.

TEAM STRENGTHS: We have a group of hard-working kids that want to get better and compete. We have some experienced runners in big meets. They will compete hard. Some will have to work extra hard to improve on last season's great marks. We have a good

core of freshman coming in and a few will compete for spots in the throws. We also have 2 freshman girls that qualified for state in cross county that will help us. Need to find some jumpers on the team. We always work on getting better each meet to be our best at the end of the season.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT: Milford and Fairbury are tough in the SNC with having lots of depth. Looks to be quite a few returning state qualifiers in our district. We are hosting the district.

BOYS

SENIORS: Trevor Fehlhafer

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Trevor Fehlhafer, Paul Fehlhafer, Matthew Hoops, Camden Winkelman

2023 CONFERENCE, DISTRICT OR STATE HONORS: We have no returning state qualifiers. Paul Fehlhafer placed fifth in both SNC and District shot put. Camden Winkelman was a state qualifier in cross country, but is a sprinter and pole vaulter in track. He should compete well in the pole vault. Trevor Fehlhafer is the only senior boy and should compete for medals in the discus.

OUTLOOK: Boys will have to work hard to compete with few kids out for track. Returning lettermen will need to be great leaders for the rest of the team.

TEAM STRENGTHS: Hard working and willing to try new events. Having just 10 boys opens the door to try new events and see what they are good at. Boys have to be flexible with not that many on the team. Trying to put together relay teams might be tricky. We have little to no depth. We do have four freshman that look to play a key role on the team. Everyone gets to participate. Work

hard each day to get better is the goal. See some improvement from last year and from the beginning of the season to the end.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT: Wilber-Clatonia always has good track and has won the last four SNC titles. Milford has depth in numbers. Our goal will be to get some individuals to state.

Centennial track & field

March	15	at Concordia University	9a
March	22	at Louisville Quad	3:30p
March	26	at Wilber-Clatonia Invite	2p
April	3	at Malcolm Invite	10a
April	9	at Milford Invite	2p
April	16	host Centennial Invite	1p
April	22	at Sutton Quad	4p
April	27	at conference, Sutton	TBA
May	2	at Fillmore Central Invite	2p
May	9	host District C6	TBA
May	17-18	at State, Omaha	TBA



Competing for the 2024 Centennial boys' track and field team are, from left: (front row) Trevor Fehlhafer, Daxton Bloebaum, Paul Fehlhafer, Matthew Hoops, Torian Ibarra and Camden Winkelman; and (back row) Braedon Bloebaum, Van Choma and Emmett Crawford. Chase Robinson is not pictured.

Centennial track and field seniors



Fehlhafer

Trevor



Fischer

Ava



Hoffschneider

Cora



Horne

Savannah



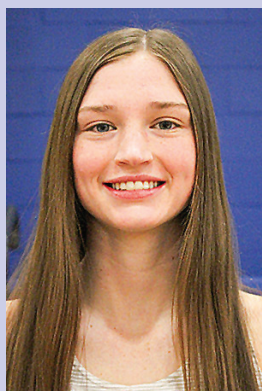
Luebbe

Kate



Naber

Karley



Payne

Cora



Prochaska

Molly



Rozendal

Mallory

What events make up a track meet?
 100-meter dash
 200-meter dash
 400-meter dash
 800-meter run
 1,600-meter run
 3,200-meter run
 100/110-meter hurdles
 300-meter hurdles
 4x100-meter relay
 4x400-meter relay
 4x800-meter relay
 long jump
 triple jump
 high jump
 pole vault
 discus
 shot put



Playing baseball for Centennial High in 2024 are, from left: (first row) Riley Grant, Bryson Hornbacher, Jackson Wellman and Trayton Stewart; (second row) Grant Cast, Jake Fehlhafer, Devin Slawnyk, Parker Dishman, Ryan Richters and Rylee Barth; (third row) Cael Payne, Ruger Webb and Cooper Stelling; and (fourth row) Caleb Clouse, Nick Grantski, Ayden Konken and Hurley Harroun.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Centennial baseball

COACHES' NAMES: Michael Hoppes and Phil Payne

YEARS COACHING: Year two of baseball

ASSISTANT COACHES: Ryan Payne and Ruger Reimers

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 0-13

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Riley Grant, Bryson Hornbacher, Trayton Stewart and Jackson Wellman

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Ruger Webb, Ryan Richters, Devin Slawnyk, Bryson Hornbacher, Jake Fehlhafer, Riley Grant, Cael Payne, Cooper Stelling, Grant Cast, Jack Wellman

SEASON OUTLOOK: Year two of the program in 50 years. Building something from the ground up takes time, effort and toughness. These kids in the program are putting in the time, have shown great effort, and toughness. They come to practice ready to learn and get better. And they are doing that, they are improving each day, and that's the goal. Be better

each day.

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM:

From last year's team, the young guns getting playing time will definitely be a factor this year for us. We have a few solid upper classmen that we will lean heavily on to lead this young team.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON:

Keenan Kosek was our do-it

all workhorse, on the mound, defensively at shortstop, and production as our leadoff. He did it all; those types of players

are hard to replace. We'll definitely miss the leadership from last year's senior class.

Centennial baseball

March 23	host triangular	11a
March 26	at St. Paul	4:30p
March 28	at Twin River	4:30p
April 2	host Fairbury	4:30p
April 4	host Seward	4:30p
April 8	at Lincoln Lutheran	4:30p
April 11	at Pender	4:30p
April 13	host West Point/Beemer	2p
April 15	at Adams Central	4:30p
April 20	at Central City triangular	10a
April 23	host Maxwell	4:30p
April 29	host Louisville	4:30p
May 2-4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 10-17	at State, TBA	TBA

home games played at Beaver Crossing

Centennial baseball seniors

	Grant		Hornbacher		Stewart		Wellman
Riley		Bryson		Trayton		Jackson	

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The 2024 Malcolm High baseball team includes, from left: (first row) Maddox Meyer, Owin Little, Noah Gonyea and Luke Schmidt; (second row) Cayden Robotham, Christopher Burbach, Mason Wisnieski, Tristen Boehle, Garrett England, Logan McGreer, Cole Tiedeman, Carson Frank and Owen Savicky; (third row) Justin Wisnieski, Reilly Carlson, Austin Sykes, Eli Kinkaid, Chase Smith, Brixon Meyer, Preston Kucera and Carter Thieman; and (fourth row) Nolan Duzik, Kenton McGill, Kellen Ensrud, Miles McGill, Gavin Little, Mason Zegar, Isaiah Baeza, Reece Osborn and Colin Wessel. Truitt Ele and Jagger Babb are not pictured.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Malcolm baseball

COACH'S NAME: Zach Wehner

YEARS COACHING: This is year 3

ASSISTANT COACHES: Shawn Meyer, David Duzik, Beau Sackett, Zach Johnson, Brenton Davis

LAST SEASON'S RECORD: 25-3, Class C state champion

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Noah Gonyea, Owin Little, Maddox Meyer, Luke Schmidt

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Maddox Meyer,

Noah Gonyea, Luke Schmidt, Garrett England, Mason Wisnieski, Carson Frank, Brixon Meyer

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Logan McGreer

SEASON OUTLOOK

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: We have six returning starters coming back with a lot of experience. We are pretty deep with pitchers, and have some guys that can hit well.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: We lost a good group of seniors last year. Those

guys were the leaders or the team last year. We will be looking for guys to step up and lead the team this year. We will have some good competition throughout the season. Last year we had some underclassmen that were really pushing our seniors for playing time. It will be fun to watch the competition this year play out.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT:

Our conference is loaded with good baseball teams. Beatrice, Platteview, Platte Valley, Plattsmouth, Ralston, Wahoo, and Nebraska City have had great seasons the past few years. Every conference game will be extremely competitive.

Malcolm baseball

March 16	host triangular	10a
March 28	host Crete/Milford	4:30p
March 19	host Platteview	4:30p
March 22	host Fairbury	4:30p
March 25	at Ralston	4:30p
March 26	host Adams Central	4:30p
March 28	at Nebraska City	4:30p
March 30	host North Platte	TBA
April 2	host Lincoln Christian	4:30p
April 5	at Douglas County West	4:30p
April 9-13	at conference, TBA	TBA
April 15	host Plattsmouth	4:30p
April 16	host Beatrice	4:30p
April 19	host Arlington	4:30p
April 20	at Central City triangular	10a
April 22	at Wahoo	4:30p
April 23	host Raymond Central	4:30p
April 27	at Falls City	noon
April 29	host Wayne	4:30p
May 2-4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 10-17	at State, TBA	TBA

Malcolm baseball seniors

 Gonyea Noah	 Little Owin	 Meyer Maddox	 Schmidt Luke
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Malcolm track and field seniors

 Amen Dalton	 Farritor Kiera	 Kirkpatrick Jhordyn	 Lewis Thomas	 Paider Alex	 Schultz Madison
 Stenger Ethan	 Swenson Nate	 VanEvery Noah	 Wilkie Bricen	 Witzel Cayden	 Zegar Abby

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The 2024 Malcolm High boys' track and field team includes, from left: (first row) Bricen Wilkie, Nate Swenson, Alex Paider, Noah VanEvery, Thomas Lewis, Cayden Witzel and Dalton Amen; (second row) Gabe Weiland, Matthew Underwood, Nate Maddox, Aidan Cunningham, Josh Cantrell, Cody Barton and Jake Walters; and (third row) Ashton Placke, Jake Hempfling, Noah Hempfling, Cameron Schumacher, Harrison Paider and Holdin Spellman.



Competing for the Malcolm girls' track and field team in 2024 are, from left: (first row) Madison Schultz, Abby Zegar, Kiera Farritor and Jhordyn Kirkpatrick; (second row) Mikiah Witzel, Morgan Tiedeman, Sarah Rogers, Jessica Sandell, Izzy Stenger, Jenna Schweitzer, Shaylee Heidtbrink, Emery Endicott and Mia Larsen; (third row) Brooke Rice, Samantha Back, Shyann Sehi, Madysen Wall, Grace Green, Halle Dolliver, Savannah Nordmeyer and Sienna Swenson; and (fourth row) Josephine McGreer, Clara Ladman, Jordan Small, Baylor Bratsovsky, Alli Blair, Kamryn Broders, Kenna Wilcox, Lena Schmidt and Vivian Revord.

Malcolm track & field

March 23	at Ashland-Greenwood Invite	10a
March 26	host Raymond Central (dual)	4p
April 3	host Malcolm Invite	10a
April 9	at Yutan Invite	NOON
April 16	at Centennial Invite	1p
April 23	at Columbus Lakeview Invite	2p
April 27	at conference, Ashland-Greenwood	11a
May 2	at Fillmore Central Invite	2p
May 9	at District, TBA	TBA
May 17-18	at State, Omaha	TBA

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Malcolm track and field

COACH'S NAME: Kip Arnold

YEARS COACHING: Second as head coach – nine previous with junior high and high school

ASSISTANT COACHES: Dustin Tobey, Kim Watson, Scott Amen, Danis Willet, Jamin Thomas, Rick Cotton, Tim Dishman

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Dalton Amen, Kiera Farritor, Jhordyn Kirkpatrick, Thomas Lewis, Alex Paider, Madison Schultz, Ethan Stenger, Nate Swenson, Noah VanEvery, Bricen Wilkie, Cayden

Witzel, Abigail Zegar

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Dalton Amen, Samantha Back, Josh Cantrell, Halle Dolliver, Emery Endicott, Keira Farritor, Grace Green, Rachel Lannin (injured), Mia Larsen, Thomas Lewis, Josephine McGreer (injured), Jessica Sandell, Madison Schultz, Jenna Schweitzer, Izzy Stenger, Nate Swenson, Noah VanEvery, Jake Walters, Bricen Wilkie, Cayden Witzel, Mikiah Witzel, Abigail Zegar

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Alli Blair, Baylor Bratsovsky, Noah Hempfling, Sarah Rogers, Lena Schmidt, Cameron

Schumacher, Jordy Small, Holdin Spellman, Morgan Tiedeman

SEASON OUTLOOK: We are looking to get as many athletes to state as possible.

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Throws, Mid distance, hurdles

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: We graduated some great athletes last year, particularly in the sprints and mid distances

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: It's a challenging district especially with Bishop Neumann.

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The 2024 Milford High boys' track and field team includes, from left: (first row) Damien Henson, Garrett Freeman, Ren Jensen, Tyce Lopez, Gavin Piening, Zeb Reil and Jonny Kohout; (second row) Garrett Schoen, Cash Martin, Rylan Hollist, Thomas Belleau, Connor Adams, Isaac Roth, Zach Pearson and Gage Dunlap; and (third row) Lane Jensen, Kaleb Meierdierks, Sylus Rakow, Gus Crabtree, Corey Price, Avery Carter, Aiden Henson and Colby Rautenberg. Vanden Fancher, Tyler McCullough and Zane Meyer are not pictured.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Milford track and field

COACH'S NAME: Cody Gregory (high jump)

YEARS COACHING: Second year as head coach at Milford (18th year total)

ASSISTANT COACHES: Craig Bontrager (throws), Mindy Burton (sprints), Jake Kment (distance), Kennedy Mogul (hurdles), Ryan Voelker (jumps), plus volunteer coaches Dwayne Brettman (throws), Cody Hollist (pole vault), Michele Kontor (distance), Preston Witulski (pole vault)

LAST SEASON'S RECORD:

BOYS: 73-48, 677.5 points scored

GIRLS: 103-18, 787.83 points scored (fourth at Class C state as a team)

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM:

BOYS SENIORS: Damien Henson, Ren Jensen (both new to the team this year)

GIRLS SENIORS: Jaidyn Bell (new to the team this year), Sally Burkey, Addi Mowinkel, Kisa Schauer, Sarah Spahr, Macy Stutzman

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS:

BOYS RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Connor Adams, Thomas Belleau, Avery Carter, Gage Dunlap, Rylan Hollist, Tyce Lopez, Cash Martin, Gavin Piening, Colby Rautenberg, Zeb Reil, Isaac Roth, Garrett Schoen

GIRLS RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Aubrey Burton, Delaney Carraher, Emily Kenning, Lilly Kenning, Raeleigh Kremer, Karlee Kuklis, Brooklyn McDonald, Addi Mowinkel, Kinley Petsch, Ellison Piening, Sarah Reynolds, Kisa Schauer, Sarah Spahr, Macy Stutzman, Izzy Yeackley

RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS:

BOYS RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS: Avery Carter, Tyce Lopez, Zeb Reil, Isaac Roth

GIRLS RETURNING STATE QUALIFIERS: Delaney Carraher, Lilly Kenning, Sarah Spahr

INCOMING FRESHMEN TO WATCH: Gus Crabtree, Staccia Johnson, Ka-

leb Meierdierks, Ashlynn Miller, Jailey Roth, Elsa Schweitzer

NEW TO THE TRACK TEAM TO WATCH: Jaidyn Bell, Haley Brhel, Garrett Freeman

SEASON OUTLOOK: After one season in Class C, Milford is back in Class B again. Our district meet does not have a host site yet, but the teams we will be competing against are Beatrice, Crete, Fairbury, Lincoln Christian, Lincoln Northwest, Lincoln Standing Bear, Norris, Raymond Central and Seward. Fortunately, we will get a chance to see nearly all of these teams throughout the season prior to the district meet. We are looking forward to the chance to compete against some of the best track athletes and teams in the state this year. We are transitioning our schedule over the next couple of seasons to better reflect our Class B competition. In order to be our best, we must compete against the best!

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM:

BOYS: Avery Carter is a state medal contender in the distance races. The boys hurdlers (Gavin Piening, Isaac Roth and Kaleb Meierdierks) will be very competitive. Another year of development and growth from our strong sophomore class is very promising.

GIRLS: Lilly Kenning won three silver medals in Class C last year in the 800, 1,600, and 3,200, and holds the school record in all three races. She broke the Class C 800m state record at the state meet. Sarah Spahr is the defending state champion in the Class C high jump and is the school record holder. She will be a contender for the Class B title this year as well. The girls' throwers (Addi Mowinkel, Karlee Kuklis and Sarah Reynolds) should be

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Milford track & field

March 14	at Concordia University	2p
March 23	at Ashland-Greenwood Invite	10a
March 26	at Wilber-Clatonia Invite	2p
April 9	host Milford Invite	2p
April 18	at Northwest Invite	1p
April 27	at conference, Sutton	1p
May 2	at Raymond Central Invite	1p
May 7	at District B3, TBA	TBA
May 15-16	at State, Omaha	TBA



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Competing for the 2024 Milford girls' track and field team are, from left: (first row) Addi Mowinkel, Macy Stutzman, Jaidyn Bell, Sarah Spahr, Kisa Schauer and Sally Burkey; (second row) Karlee Kuklis, Lilly Kenning, Raeleigh Kremer, Brooklyn McDonald, Layla Elstun and Ellison Piening; (third row) Sarah Reynolds, Emily Kenning, Delaney Carraher, Nevaeh Spurling, Tasha Anderson, Aubrey Burton, Kinley Petsch and Haley Brhel; and (fourth row) Ashlynn Miller, Jailey Roth, Brooke Kleint, Staccia Johnson, Ella Montgomery, Cora Klopfenstein, Elsa Schweitzer and Athena Keib. Haylee Nicholson, Patience Spargo and Izzy Yeackley are not pictured.

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consistent scorers again this year. Ellison Piening returns in the jumps and hurdle events.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON

BOYS: We are losing four of our top 10 boys from last season due to graduation. Our distance crew will be much thinner this season, losing Hudson Mullet and Kaleb Eickhoff from last season. Also graduating are Dane Kolb and Caden Nelson, both state qualifiers in the jumps and hurdles, respectively. All four of them set Milford top-10 marks for their respective events last season. Mullet and Eickhoff also helped set a school record in the 3200m Relay.

GIRLS: The girls are losing three of the top 10 point scorers from last year due to graduation. Camille Stauffer, Tanya Miller, and Kaitlin Kontor all were state qualifiers. Stauffer finished her career #2 in Milford history in discus, Miller finished #7 in the 400, and Kontor ran on the school-record 3200m Relay team.

SCHEDULE: Our schedule will be a little different this year. We have dropped the Malcolm Invite (we will host a triangular with Louisville and Nebraska City instead), the Centennial Invite (going to Grand Island Northwest), and the Sutton



Invite (going to Raymond Central). Platteview is coming to our Milford Booster Club Invite. Lilly Kenning and Sarah Spahr have officially been invited to compete in the Ne-

braska Track & Field Festival on Friday, April 26, at Omaha Westside High School. All returning 1st and 2nd place finishers in the previous year's state meet (all classes) are invited.

In 2025, the Booster Club Invite will move to the Friday before (replacing this year's triangular). We will find a new meet to attend to replace the Booster Club Invite next year.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT:
SOUTHERN NEBRASKA CONFERENCE: Fairbury, Thayer Central, Wilber-Clatonia

B-3 DISTRICT: Norris is a perennial state team title contender for both boys and girls. Their girls are the defending Class B champions.



The Crete/Milford baseball team for 2024 includes, from left: (first row) Jaime Ramos, Cale Burkhardt, Carter Tews, Mason Stone, Jeffrey Kuncl, Garrett Rockenbach and Kenner Svitak; (second row) Ethan Placzek, Gabe Mach, Cole Stutzman, Carson Kotil, Patton Svitak, Alex Eltze, Nick Hollman and Jay Wissenburg; (third row) Nick Wendt, Westin DeLong, Quinn Zegers, Zack Connell, Hunter Harrifield, Triston Lenhoff, Brett Bousquet and Kaden Bruns; (fourth row) Liam Boldt, Jace Peschong, Brooks Piening, Lyle Van Horn, Peyton Steuer, Max Roth and Hunter Knoche; and (fifth row) Yordanys Vargas Carmentate, Alain Jimenez Hidalgo, Brody Roth, Jax Hansen, Trayton Nelson and Daniel Blandon-Robledo. Not pictured are Everett Heath and Ruben Roagna Galindo.

Crete-Milford baseball

March 15	at Platte Valley	4:30p
March 16	host tournament	noon
March 18	at Malcolm	4:30p
March 19	host Norris	4:30p
March 21	host triangular	2p
March 22	at Omaha Westview tournament	noon
March 23	at Omaha Westview tournament	TBA
March 26	host Lincoln High	4:30p
March 28	at Wayne triangular	TBA
April 1	at Wahoo	2p
April 2	host Beatrice	4:30p
April 4	host Bennington	4:30p
April 5	host Lincoln Northwest	4:30p
April 9	at Central City	4:30p
April 12	host Fairbury	4:30p
April 13	at Lincoln Lutheran triangular	TBA
April 15	at Seward	4:30p
April 16	at Waverly	4:30p
April 18	host Blair	4:30p
April 23	at Nebraska City	4:30p
April 25	at Platteview	TBA
April 26	host Aurora	6:30p
April 29	host Hastings	4:30p
May 2-4	at Districts, TBA	TBA
May 10-17	at State, TBA	TBA

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Members of the 2024 Milford High boys' golf team are, from left: (front row) Brody Mach, Kellan Kubicek, Zephyr Mowinkel, Keenan Troyer and Head Coach Dalton Mogul; and (back row) Jake Wanetka, Kasen Petsch, Landon Roth, Jack Stahl, Owen Anderson and Assistant Coach Travis Yeackley. Zach Parra and Brecken Yoder are not pictured.

SCHOOL AND SPORT: Milford boys' golf

COACH'S NAME: Dalton Mogul

YEARS COACHING: First as head coach, spent a year as assistant at old school in Dover, Delaware

ASSISTANT COACH: Travis Yeackley

SENIORS ON THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Brody Mach, Kasen Petsch, and Keenan Troyer

RETURNING LETTER WINNERS: Brody Mach, Kennan Troyer and Kellan Kubicek

INCOMING ATHLETES TO WATCH: Zephyr Mowinkel

SEASON OUTLOOK

STRENGTHS OF THIS YEAR'S TEAM: Seasoned team with competitive

players who have spent time in competitive golf. This should help us find internal motivation for the top five spots. I anticipate a lot of movement in my starting five throughout the season. I just have a lot of good athletes who are going to be easy to coach. I'd say there are about eight guys who could be rotating in and out of the top five spots on the team.

HOLES TO FILL FROM LAST SEASON: We actually have a lot of firepower returning this year. We are also gaining a junior named Jack Stahl who is just a competitor and three sport athlete. He does cross country and basketball. The kid loves competition and is very coachable. I'm excited to see where he will fit on the team, and I would even consider him my potential x factor for the season.

Incoming freshman Zephyr Mowinkel is going to be a rising player. He comes in with some success from the summer. He qualified for the Nebraska Junior Golf Tour Championship within his age group of 14-15 year olds. In simple terms, he was among

the top 15 golfers within his age group that competed on the tour this summer. He's going to be a solid player who will grow competitively throughout the season.

TEAMS TO WATCH IN CONFERENCE/DISTRICT: Lincoln Lutheran will be a strong opponent throughout the season. They have a seasoned coach and depth year after year. We'll see them several times throughout the year, and they're in our district. Bishop Neumann won a state championship back in 2021. They've been a steady group for numerous years. We will see them at districts.

Milford golf

March	22	at Seward Invite	10a
March	27	at Syracuse Invite	9:30a
April	2	at Palmyra	4p
April	3	at EMF Invite (Friend)	9:30a
April	10	host Milford Invite	9:30a
April	16	at Southern	4:30p
April	18	at Fairbury Invite	9a
April	24	at Palmyra Invite	8:30a
April	30	at Sutton Invite	9a
May	2	at conference, Sutton	TBA
May	6	at Lincoln Christian Invite	9a
May	8	at Seward	3:30p
May	13	at District C1, TBA	TBA
May	21-22	at State, Columbus	TBA

Milford golf seniors



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Brody



Petsch

Kasen



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