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Welcome to football season

There's just something different about football season. The sights, the smells, the Friday night lights.

While Siouxland anxiously awaits to see who will rise — or fall — this season, keeping up with covering the sport is much like keeping up with the sport itself.



**RYAN
TIMMERMAN**

What the public sees are the wins and losses that the games produce.

But most coaches, players or parents involved with any team will tell you the wins reflect the unseen time spent at practice, in the weight room

or studying film.

Likewise, more work than what shows goes into covering football, and prep sports in general.

Thus, as coaches and players train to keep up with the opposition and trends of the day, the media does the same.

It's been the industry-wide question as to how the local sports section can serve its audience with more and more people able to stream or follow along in real time. That calculation is ever-changing.

Our new print schedule and delivery mechanism (now through the U.S.

Postal Service), has meant some changes in our coverage area. You may notice some teams that were included in past issues of our annual football preview section do not appear in this section.

In some parts of the "old" coverage area, our circula-

tion no longer reaches, so it's a much better use of resources to go a mile deep into a smaller area than be stretched out a mile wide and, because of that, only able to dig an inch deep.

Even with a slightly reduced size, you'll still find a robust preview, spread out over 72 pages, of over 40 high schools and nine colleges from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota.

There's certainly no shortage of talent on the football teams around Siouxland. And those players have no shortage of stories to tell.

In this preview of the season to come, you'll read about many of those athletes. And hopefully, you'll stick around to read about those and many more throughout what will surely be a memorable season for dozens of our area's student-athletes.

Throughout the season, follow the Journal online at siouxcityjournal.com and on Twitter at @scjsports and @scj and follow me on Twitter at @ryantimmerman3.

We've got a little bit of everything in this area — and section.

From 8-player football to Division I and everything in between, the only thing we know for sure about what's ahead this season is that none of know for sure what will happen.

With limited games on the football schedule compared to other sports, there's no room for wasted opportunities on the gridiron. Every snap represents a make-or-break opportunity for the team's involved.

That's what makes this time of year different and special.

Good luck to all the area teams, coaches, and student-athletes.



ON THE COVER: Sioux City North's Demarico Young has overcome challenges in his life to emerge as one of the state's top running backs. *Photo by Jesse Brothers*

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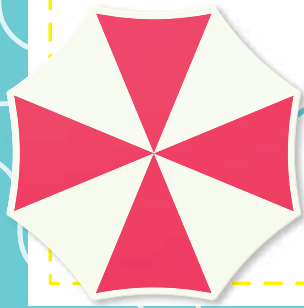
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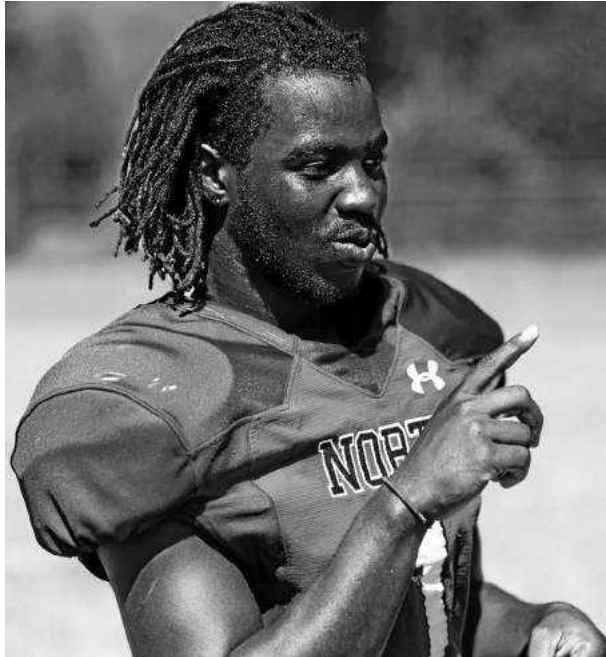
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ABOVE: Sioux City North running back Demarico Young speaks with sign language at a team practice on Aug. 11.

BELOW: Projected starters for Sioux City North this season are shown at the team's media day.

Overcoming challenges

Young emerges as top runner

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Demarico Young overcomes. He's had to.

Entering the 2023 high school football season, the Sioux City North Stars' senior is one of the top returning running backs in Class 5A, if not the state.

But Young's path has been far from easy.

He grew up in Louisiana and was homeless for a time. And he's deaf, which creates barriers in a communication-driven sport like football.

Just as he has his entire life, Young just finds ways to not only survive but flourish since leaving the school for the deaf in Louisiana for the "hearing world."

As a junior, Young rushed for nearly 1,200 yards on 160 carries (a 7.4 yard average). He also had five catches for 73 yards and 18 tackles (14 solo) on defense from a spot in the secondary.

His 18 rushing touchdowns ranked third in 5A last season behind only SE Polk's Abu Sama (now at Iowa

St.) and Muscatine's Ty Cozad.

Sometimes, when the situation is just right and the North faithful are at their loudest, Young can pick up on slightest bit of sound.

That's his favorite part.

"I love touchdowns," he said through his sign language interpreter Dawn Habhab, who's been with him for years. "I love playing in front of the audience and seeing them when we score. Sometimes, if it's strong enough, I can hear them cheer my name.

"It feels like nothing I've ever experienced before. Being on the field is my passion."

While there are some obvious difficulties in playing a communication-driven game like football for North's star back, the Stars have likewise learned to thrive anyway with Young in the backfield.

"Demarico is a ball of energy back there. He's a great person, we're always blown away by how fast he is, and his vision is unmatched. It's something I haven't seen anywhere else," said senior lineman Noah Chartier.

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Young

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However, North narrowly missed its first postseason appearance since 2013 after finishing in the 2022 regular season ranked 19th in the 5A RPI rankings, which awards playoff spots to the top 16 teams.

“The playoffs for this year have been the goal since the end of last season,” Chartier said.

North’s 5-4 record was a small step back after a six-win 2021 campaign that represented the most wins in a season for the program since 2007.

The Stars will be inexperienced at quarterback with Dylan Baier taking over for the graduated Carson Strohbeen, who completed 56 percent of his 161 pass attempts for 1,401 yards and 14 touchdowns against six interceptions.

But Baier stands to have many more attempts than the seven he had as a junior (with five completions for 123 yards and a score), being classmates gives North chemistry in the backfield between Young and Baier that has been built over years.

And North is experienced up front as the Stars boast an experienced line to compliment Young and Baier.

“This offseason was about staying busy and getting in the weight room,” said senior lineman Parker Fergen. “We wanted to come into this season prepared and build off of what we did last season. We had a pretty good year, but expectations go up every year.

“There haven’t been many North teams with the expectation of making the playoffs, but we have a lot of experience, especially up front, the sky is the limit for us, really.”

North’s path to the playoffs includes four home games, road games at South Sioux City and Le Mars, plus three trips to the greater Des Moines with tilts at DM Roosevelt, DM East and Dowling Catholic for a trio of games that all come within the last five weeks of North’s season.

“We have a lot of talented seniors that have a lot of leadership,” said senior full-back/linebacker Brayden McClain. “We really want to bring up the next classes to benefit North and continue to be successful this year.

“We’ve stressed consistency. Everyone needs to show up every day and give 110 percent, and make sure all our teammates are doing that, too. Our offense trusts our defense, and when we can get stops, our offense will turn around and score.”

McClain has even put his money where

his mouth is in order to help the program.

“The seniors have given rides to some of the underclassmen to make sure they get to practice,” he said. “I gave a pair of cleats to a freshman who didn’t have a pair, because I want everyone at North to succeed.”

North also features UNI commit Ethan Dallen. Dallen may see more time at wide receiver as a senior after having one catch in 2022, but he flourished in the Stars’ secondary as a junior in going for 32 tackles (19 solo, three sacks and four for loss) and a fumble recovery.

“We have a lot of experienced players,” said North’s seventh-year head coach Mitch Mohr. “Since I’ve taken over, I’ve encouraged this to be a player-driven team, and I think that’s really set us up for some success.

“The players need to trust me, I need to trust them, they need to trust each other. At the end of the day, it takes 11 on the field for us to succeed. If one player doesn’t do their job, that could be the difference between making the playoffs or not. We have great senior leadership and the guys have been in the system now for a while.”

Senior Dayton Harrell could also pose a problem for North’s opposition this season.

Harrell was a central figure on both sides of the ball for the 2022 Stars with 21 carries for 206 yards, 29 receptions for 347 yards and six total touchdowns to go with 46 ½ tackles (23 solo, three for loss) along with two interceptions (one of which went for a pick-6).

“We’re putting some pieces together still, but I trust that we’ll figure it out by the time games start,” Harrell said. “There’s two weeks yet before then, our coaches and players will figure it out.

“We just need to make sure we’re doing the little things right in order to win big games. We really need to get out to a good start because we’re carrying some

momentum in from last year.”

As the offense went in 2022, so to did the Stars as the team was 5-1 in games where North scored 20 points or more.

“We know our defense will get some stops,” said Harrell. “I have confidence on both sides of the ball. We’ve dealt with adversity very well and bounce back.”

Harrell was one of many pass-catchers that were dynamic playmakers for a Stars team that averaged 16.5 yards per catch, a number that was third-best in 5A.

Senior Brayden McClain also is back after leading the squad in tackles as a junior with 72 and Henry Jaerger returns after a 54-tackle effort as a junior. Junior Kellum Mcgraw and senior Zach Hesse also return to the Stars defense after each posted over 40 tackles last fall.

For Young, he could be line for more big-time football in the future as he gains Division I looks from high-level schools across the nation. While that thought excites him, getting North to the playoffs is something he’d like to achieve before that time comes.

“(Playing college football) has been my dream forever,” said Young, whose accomplishments also includes forming a foundation for disabled people. “If that’s something I can achieve, I’ll always be proud of that. For me, I like being able to show that people with disabilities can do anything. We just need an opportunity.

“I can’t do anything here without my teammates, especially the line. None of this could have happened without them. I think we’re going to the playoffs this year and setting some school records.”

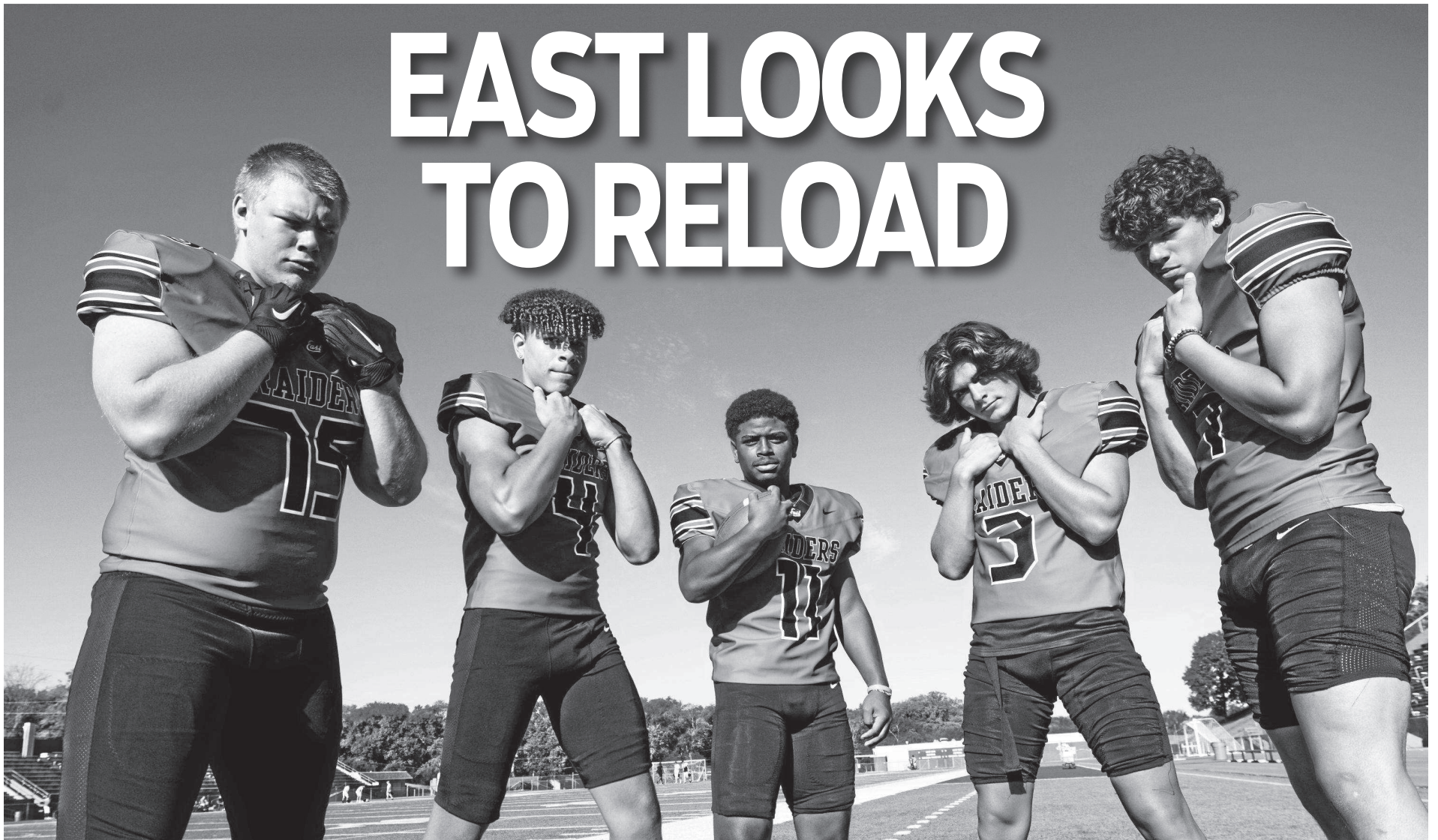


Sioux City North’s Demarico Young has overcome challenges in his life to emerge as one of the state’s top running backs.

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EAST HIGH SCHOOL

EAST LOOKS TO RELOAD



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Sioux City East's Luke Vanderweide (75), left, AJ Flemister (4), Rob Emerson (11), Dane Milton (3), Keagan Augustine (7), right are shown at the team's media day on Aug. 12.

Despite key losses, Black Raiders are upbeat about season

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The Sioux City East Black Raiders are coming off an encouraging 7-3 season in 2022, but lost as much in terms of quality and quantity to graduation as any Siouxland high school team.

Still, East is brimming with optimism.

"The kids are upbeat and working their tails off," said second-year head coach Michael Winklepleck. "We have good team chemistry and great leadership.

"It's high school football, you always feel good when you have a lot of seniors (like we did last year). We did graduate a lot of guys, but the other guys have been

at practice every day the last couple of years and are ready to fill those shoes. They know what it takes."

Despite the graduation of Cole Ritchie being about as significant as any team can experience after he threw for over 2,600 yards (second most in Class 5A) with 31 touchdowns (most in 5A) against six interceptions and a completion percentage over 65 percent on 312 attempts en route to collecting second team all-state honors.

Ritchie, now a freshman quarterback at Morningside, led the Black Raiders to the 5A playoffs as the squad scored 54 touchdowns to rank East as a top-five scoring

team in 5A, the programs' first postseason since 2015, but East was blanked by Ankeny, 17-0, in the first round after a 7-2 regular season. The Black Raiders snagged the program's 22nd playoff berth last October, but first since 2015.

"We were in every game, we just needed to finish a couple more times," Winklepleck said. "We've gotten bigger, faster and stronger over the offseason and still have a lot of guys that have been around success at East High.

"We're going to play 48 minutes of football and finish. We'll fight til the end whether we're up or down."

The Black Raiders also lost all-state

second-teamer Kelynn Jacobsen, a dynamic playmaker who tallied 80 catches and ranked second in 5A in receiving yards (1,074) receiving touchdowns (15).

On defense, East graduated Brady Wavrunek and Nick Wells, who each had over 80 tackles and tied for the fourth-most sacks in 5A with 7 1/2, as well as Cale Pittenger, who had over 60, plus Brecken Schossow and Blake Hogancamp (over 80 combined tackles). All those plus Dilyn Tope's four interceptions (tied for fourth-most in 5A).

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East's Dane Milton grabs the deflected ball after teammate Dalyn Tope (9) broke up a pass intended for West's Lamarion Mothershead during a Oct. 21 game between the two teams.

East

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"We're actually looking better than I thought we would at this point," said senior lineman Luke Vander Weide. "Our young guys came in ready and our older guys are mentoring them. The young guys understand what we're trying to do here.

"Over the summer, we were in the weight room every day and we've really bonded up front among the linemen. We're just trying to pull everyone together and never give up."

In their stead on defense, East brings back senior Daniel Durio and junior Dane Milton, both of whom went for over 30 tackles a season ago playing on the back end of the Black Raiders' D.

With Ritchie, Jacobsen and a number of other past contributors gone on offense, the 2023 Black Raiders spread out grade-wise, but boast a number of talented underclassmen, a couple of whom made names for themselves by earning all-district honors over the summer in baseball in junior Jax Theeler and sophomore Cal Jepsen.

That duo – and East – hopes the momentum can carry over and provide the

next wave of Black Raider multi-sports athletes.

"We have some good underclassmen," Winklepleck said. "And the talent will play. We have some great coaches on staff in several sports at East and are excited to keep watching these kids play.

"I'm excited for Friday nights."

Senior Rob Emerson is East's top returning rusher as he took 30 carries 174 yards with one ending the end zone.

Returning seniors JJ Ghosh, Andrew Brown and Blake Taylor combined for another 100 yards rushing last season.

Senior Logan Dolphin is the leading returning pass catcher (seven catches, 146 yards, touchdown).

"Things are going good, we're bonding very well as a team," said senior defensive end/tight end Keagan Augustine, who had 25 tackles in 2022. "We're reloading, not rebuilding. The seniors that carried us last year stepped up to take over for guys who came before them, so we just want to do the same.

"It was a tough loss in the playoffs last year, but that really lit a fire for this year. Everyone's getting better within their role everyday, and I'm being more vocal about getting everyone where they need to be."

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WEST HIGH SCHOOL



Sioux City West looks to improve with move to Class 4A

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After several down seasons, the Sioux City West Wolverines think the program has turned a corner.

West's modest 3-7 record was the most wins in a season by the club since 2018.

In between, three winless seasons.

This fall, a drop down from Iowa Class 5A to 4A awaits the Wolverines, who will have plenty of opportunity available to those on the roster as West has had to re-tool on both sides of the ball after losing last year's graduating class.

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LEFT: Sioux City West's captains are shown at the team's media day on Aug. 12.

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“Character is something we harp on all the time,” said fourth-year head coach Brandon Holmes. “I think we have great character on our team this year. We’re working hard.”

“We have kids that show up an hour early for practice and staying late. It’s refreshing as coaches to see that. And when the big guys up front get going against each other at practice, they don’t want to stop.”

While West did spend considerable time playing from behind — meaning going against lots of running plays from the opposition — it was an encouraging sign for the Wolverines’ defensive front the team ranked second in Class 5A in tackles for loss (118).

West also ranked second in fumble return yards accumulated, largely behind a 76-yard scoop-and-score by since-graduated defensive back Antonio Medina Jr.

“We lost a lot of players, but have a lot of young guys back,” said senior offensive guard/linebacker Jacob Uhl. “We’re learning new roles, but we’re doing alright.”

“We work hard every day and have had some good practices competing with each other. We’re creating a bond as a team. We want to be ready for that first game (against Council Bluffs Abraham Lincoln), we have a little bit of a rivalry with them and didn’t do so well against them last year.”

“There’s some big shoes to fill from a leadership standpoint since last year, I’m not a big talker, but I’m doing what I can and lead with my actions. We all have to do our jobs in order to accomplish our goals.”

Senior Nathan Scott turned 11 receptions into 177 yards and three scores to represent West’s most productive returning pass catcher. In fact, senior Travis Davis (four catches, 36 yards) is the only other player on the 2023 roster with a varsity catch.

One player who could earn touches this season is senior Shamar Harrell, who showed big-play ability last season on special teams by averaging over 27 yards per return on his eight total kick and punt returns.

The Wolverines may lack experience at the skill positions on offense, but West is game-tested up front on both sides of the ball and could potentially boast its best defense in years.

Alonso Cota returns for his junior season after ranking second on the team in tackles with 39 1/2. Chris Lugo also had over 20 tackles as a sophomore in 2022.

“I think our defense will be pretty solid and our offense is improving,” Cota said. “We learned that we can compete with anyone on our schedule, we just need to finish games and keep up the intensity.”

“Iron sharpens iron, so we need to keep each other going and keep the energy up.”

Overall, West had 14 players that recorded 9 1/2 or more tackles a season ago, and of those, nine are back in 2023.

“We built the foundation,” Holmes said. “I’m appreciative of what everyone brings to the table, now we just need to keep building on that and have Wolverine pride.”

“We hold people accountable, on and off the field. You can see that resonate with them. It’s a one day at a time process.”



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Sioux City West’s Shamar Harrell (1) and Nathan Scott (23) brings down North’s Luke Soldati during a Oct. 14 game at Elwood Olsen Stadium.

HEELAN HIGH SCHOOL



STEPS FORWARD

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ABOVE: Bishop Heelan's Sir Brandon Watts (3), left, Isaiah Favors (4), Quinn Olson (5), James Cleary (69), right, are shown at the team's media day. **BELOW:** Heelan's Quinn Olson carries the ball for a 66-yard touchdown against Sioux Center in a Oct. 7 game.



Olson, Favors, Feauto return in backfield for Crusaders

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SIOUX CITY — If nothing else, the seniors on the Bishop Heelan Crusaders would like nothing more than to return the storied program to its successful roots.

And the Crusaders think they have the tools to do so after last season saw Heelan go 2-7 after going for three wins total the previous three seasons.

“We’ve had a good start,” said second-year Heelan head coach Jon LaFleur. “I don’t think anybody is where they want to be this early, but the kids are working hard and have been doing so over the offseason.

“Discipline is the most important thing to me — and us — this season. We have a really unique senior class. There’s about 17 or 18 of them, and for them to have stuck with it after what they’ve gone through the past few seasons says a lot about their integrity and character. They want to win and have put the work in. Hopefully, as coaches, we can help them get to where they want.”

Quarterback Quinn Olson returns for his senior campaign after throwing for 880 yards with a 54 percent completion percentage on 163 attempts with six touchdowns and four interceptions.

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Bishop Heelan's Isaiah Favors carries the ball for in a Oct. 7 game vs. Sioux Center. Favors returns for his season season with the Crusaders this fall.

Heelan

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"I'm feeling really confident," Olson said. "We're sharper mentally this year. And I'm trying to be a better leader, and be more vocal. I think we're physically ready, we just need to mentally get locked in to do our jobs."

Olson is joined in the backfield by classmate Isaiah Favors, who led the Crusaders in rushing attempts (108), yards (704) and rushing touchdowns (four) last season. Olson finished second in ground yards with 255, and returning senior Ricky Feauto added another 131 yards.

"We're feeling good," Favors said. "We have a lot of returning players. We're really focused on playing the game from a mental standpoint and being disciplined.

We've been down from that standpoint in the past with penalties and things like that.

"Otherwise, we've been busy in the weight room. As seniors, we've tried to stay intense and play physically and aggressively."

Heelan's top six receivers are all back as well to compliment Olson.

That group was led last season by Sir Brandon Watts and George Tsiobanos, who each had over 220 receiving yards. Watts led the team with 23 catches while Tsiobanos and returning senior tight end Kannon Bork each had 19.

"I think it's going to be a good year," said Watts. "We're a lot further along this year than we were this time last year. We think about some of those losses to push us and keep practice intense. But at the same time, we have to move past that.

"This year, we're a little more focused." Bork turned his catches into 183 yards and a score.

The defense also returns a major statistical leader in senior Joey Fiitzsimmons, who led the 2022 Crusaders with 46 1/2 tackles as a junior.

"I like that we have a lot of juniors and seniors that are stepping up into a bigger role this year than what they've had," said junior right guard/defensive end James Cleary. "We have a lot of talented guys, and we're going to do our best up front to protect those guys.

"Every practice has been a competition for a varsity spot. We're taking things personally. Every single down, every single rep."

With four state titles in the program's past, the Crusaders are tied for 11th-most in state history.

"The history of the program sets a goal for us," Favors said. "(Coach LaFleur) pushes us."

But for as far away from collecting another title as it may have seemed at times over the past few seasons, the players on the Crusaders' roster seem to think that more bites at the championship apple will come sooner rather than later for a program that has the fourth-most state title game appearances with 13.

"We've been through a few disappointing years," Olson said. "But I think we're ready to get Heelan back to where it was."

"The players have to understand, though, that this is their year," said LaFleur. "They know what's expected of them. This isn't the 1970 or 1980 Crusaders. Winning is expected, but it doesn't come easy, so we'll get out of it what we put in."



WILHITE TAKES HELM

JESSE BROTHERS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Some of Dakota Valley's projected starters are shown at the team's meday day on Aug. 12.

Ex-Huskies player looks to put Panthers on winning path

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Despite a resume that includes a splendid collegiate career at the University of Nebraska and several seasons in the NFL, Kenny Wilhite wants to be on the same page as his players.

"It took a minute for everyone to adjust," Wilhite said. "But I didn't come here to go .500 or be a mediocre team. And they've taken that mindset and ran with it.

"They've responded well. I told these

guys, I've played at Nebraska and in the pros, and I've coached at the highest levels. But I'm not above their level. I'm a human just like them. I'll get down on the floor and do sit-ups with them. I'm a genuine person and I just want those guys to know I care about them as people. If you can get the kids to respect you, they'll play hard for you. I'm not a huge yeller or screamer, but I think I can get the most out of them without yelling or screaming?"



Wilhite

Whiltie is excited to get going as a first-

year, high school head coach, but lost some preparation time after a multi-day hospital stint.

"We were all pretty intimidated by him when we first met him," junior running back/linebacker Jackson Boonstra said. "But he doesn't want to be overpowering, he just wants to be on our level."

The Panthers went 2-7 last season in Class 11A.

Now, with a head coach that brings a high level of knowledge to the program, the players see a prime opportunity to turn the tide of the program and produce more wins going forward.

In other words, the Panthers are wiping the slate clean and focusing on this season

as if the future of the program relies on its success.

"We're taking it week by week and hopefully put that together to make a run at the playoffs," said starting quarterback junior Drew Lukken. "We want to come out with a chip on our shoulders Week 1 and not look too far ahead."

"(Coach Wilhite) expects a ton out of us. It's a whole new ballgame for most of us. I've tried to step up and be a player that some of the underclassmen look up to. We're not the biggest team, but we go hard."

Lukken has won over Wilhite, but the Panthers up front need to keep him clean in order for the offense to produce big plays.

“Drew has become a leader and done a really good job of being a quarterback and a leader,” Wilhite said. “We have to take advantage of the speed we have on the outside.

“But as our offensive line goes, we go. As our defensive line goes, we go.”

And that’s something that Wilhite has stressed: playing hard despite any limitations on the team.

“We’re a lot stronger this year and a lot deeper,” said offensive/defensive lineman Easton Van scoyk. “A lot more people have bought in. It’s intense. Everything we do, we’re doing to get ready for our first game.

“Coach Wilhite has brought a knowledge that we wouldn’t get from an ordinary high school coach.”

Other players have felt the trickle-down affect of that.

“I think we’re looking amazing,” said Boonstra. “I think we might have the fastest receivers and running back in South Dakota.

“Coach Wilhite is putting everyone in the right mindset and we want to work as hard as we can for him and our teammates.”

At the team’s opening scrimmage, Wilhite let them play, and liked the results.

“I thought it went pretty well,” he said. “I saw what what I wanted to see. We just lined them up, didn’t call plays, no coaching, and saw what they could do.”



Dakota Valley’s Jackson Boonstra is brought down by Vermillion’s Trillion Sorrell during an Aug. 26 game at the Dakota Dome. **JESSE BROTHERS** SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

ROYALS

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SCHEDULE:

8/25/23 ... @ Cherokee Washington
 9/1/23 vs Gehlen Catholic
 9/8/23 ..@ Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 9/15/23 vs South O'Brien
 9/22/23 @ Sibley-Ocheyedan
 10/6/23 vs Westwood
 10/13/23 vs Alta-Aurelia



ROSTER

1 Jonah Petersen	17 Jacob Pick	56 Brennen Ball
2 Gage Johnson	18 Mason Hill	58 Noah Hart
3 Kamden Bork	20 Tayden Hicks	60 Owen Schroeder
4 Noah Galles	21 Parker Glassmaker	61 Carsten Schrooten
5 Clint Staab	23 Michael Peterson	64 Cody Evans
6 Michael Schmillen	24 Gavin Poeckes	65 Jeremy Bjick
7 Jace Colling	25 Brayson Mulder	68 Carter Astidias
8 Mason Roberts	31 Brandon Dreckman	72 Benjamin Tentinger
9 Grant Prescott	32 Mason Carver	74 Brayan Hill
10 Blake Barinsky	33 Boston Colling	75 Carver Miller
11 Parker Loutsch	35 Eli Schlenger	77 Lukas Peterson
12 Eli Harpenau	44 Cayben Olson	78 Brayden Dunn
13 Kyler Bork	50 Josh Peterson	79 Mitchell Schnepf
14 Dawson Pick	51 Hayden Moos	81 RJ Krier
15 Luke Kintigh	53 Kaden Steffen	83 John Schmillen
16 Wyatt Alesch	55 Max Schnepf	

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South Sioux City football starters Tony Palmer (14), left, Tate Albertson (12), Brodee Sims (50), DJ Helms (6), Adam Hamilton (8), and Andrew Ortiz (44), right, are shown.

South Sioux City Cardinals approach season with excitement

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SOUTH SIOUX CITY — For the South Sioux City Cardinals football team, the 2022-2023 season was one of transition.

Head coach Jackson Dickerson was in his first year on the job after spending the previous two as an assistant.

On offense, the Cardinals squad Dickerson took over had a sophomore starting

quarterback, a sophomore lead running back and a trio of junior wide receivers leading in pass catching.

As for the defense, three of the four team leaders in total tackles were only in their second year. Mwamba Ngeleka, who graduated, was third in tackles with 36.

And Dickerson had to try and make all of that gel as South Sioux City played every single game on the road because the school's athletic facilities were being renovated throughout 2022.

The team started the year with a "home game" against Sioux City North at Morningside University's Elwood Olsen Stadium before playing three "home games" at Dakota Valley High School in

North Sioux City. The Cardinals went 1-3 with the one win being a 67-60 shootout against Omaha South.

South Sioux City finished the season 2-7.

This year, the team will be in a new stadium in South Sioux City with a coach ready to prove himself and players who've been growing together.

"Through the first week of camp, we've really seen a change in how our guys are going about their business on a daily basis at practice. (Which is) something we saw at times last year but not every single day," Dickerson said. "So, between last year and this year, as a coaching staff (we) sat down (and said): What do we need to do? Because if we keep things the same, noth-

ing's going to change."

Junior quarterback Darius Helms said a lot more players on the team have bought into things beyond practices and games, like strength and conditioning.

"At this point last year, we didn't have as many guys at summer lifting. For several practices (this year), we've had almost 40 guys, 50 guys, consistently. It's a numbers game and we've got a lot more this year."

For the 2022 season, the numbers Helms put up didn't just come from throwing the ball. In addition to his 932 passing yards and 11 passing touchdowns, Helms had 129 rushing yards (for two touchdowns) and 32 tackles on defense.



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South Sioux City's Tony Palmer tries to run away from a pack of Omaha South defenders during a Sept. 16 game at Dakota Valley High School. South Sioux City returns to its newly-renovated stadium after playing all of its game away from home last year.

As one of a number of sophomores who saw a lot of playing time for the Cardinals last year, Helms said he thinks the team's chemistry is strong.

"Not many guys are going to be nervous. They'll be ready to go for the first game," Helms said.

That first game, a non-district matchup against Sioux City North, will be the first in South Sioux City's new stadium. Junior running back Tony Palmer, who ran for 759 yards in seven games, said he thinks

being back at home will be a boon for the Cardinals.

"I'm excited for this new field and for everybody to come out and (for us) to have a home advantage," he said.

Palmer didn't play in all nine games for South Sioux City and he thinks that helped the team further develop its passing game.

One of the wide receivers returning from that group is Tate Albertson, a senior who also logs snaps as a defensive back. "I

think the confidence is there," Albertson said. "All the seniors, that are returning, we played all four years so there's a lot of leadership."

Though Albertson only had nine catches in the 2022 campaign, he made the most of those receptions by averaging more than 22 yards per catch. He joked that he finds offense a lot more enjoyable than defense.

"I just like scoring touchdowns," Albertson said.

Whenever the first score comes for South Sioux City at home this year, Dickerson will relish it. "It's a long time coming. It's been two years since we've gotten to play a true home game. Our guys are excited about it. Our coaching staff's excited about it."

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EP-J DEFENDS STATE TITLE

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Elk Point-Jefferson players hold the South Dakota Class 11B championship trophy after defeating Winner 21-14 to win the school's first state championship in football last season.

Huskies look to replace key players lost to graduation

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Led by a senior-dominated team, Elk Point-Jefferson made history last season, capturing the school's first state football championship.

The Huskies upset top-ranked and two-time defending champion Winner, 21-14, in the Class 11B title game, capping a 12-0 season.

EP-J lost 16 seniors off that record-setting team, including the four top offensive performers – quarterback Noah McDermott, running backs Lucas Hueser and Ben Swatek and wingback Devon Schmitz. Hueser was named the MVP of the state title game after rushing for 119 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winner.

Despite the losses, head coach Jake Terry likes the chances of this season's squad, which brings back four starters on both offense and defense and 25 letterwinners.

"We lost a very good, complete class to graduation, but we were fortunate enough last year to get a number of our younger kids meaningful reps throughout the season," Terry said.

HUSKIES

ELK POINT-JEFFERSON



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1@ Sioux Valley
- Sept. 15..... McCook Central/Montrose
- Sept. 22.....@ Flandreau
- Sept. 29....@ Miller/Highmore-Harold
- Oct. 6 @ Tri-Valley
- Oct. 13.....Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan



ROSTER

1 Anthony Tatro	19 Wyatt Herrity	53 Aiden Zach
2 Tracen Pearson	22 Cody Robinson	54 Blake Trudeau
3 Jacob Gale	23 Brody VanRoekel	55 Dawson Fullenkamp
4 Kayden Moore	24 Daenton Ronellenfitch	57 Daniel Havermann
5 Beau Schmitz	25 Ethan Lake	62 Ruben Chicoine
7 Gunner Ewing	30 Logan Jones	63 Dylan Campbell
8 Keaton Gale	32 Caleb Heuertz	64 Evan Fornia
10 Carson Timmins	33 Garret Staum	65 Keaton Hinds
11 Owen Rigg	40 Luke Schmitz	66 Ronald Kluender
12 Levi Hanson	42 Ashton Fairbanks	72 Jace Shatswell
13 Leland Mick	44 Reed Sayler	75 Dreyden Wagner
14 Grayson Girard	45 Landon Johnson	76 Hudson Kempf
15 Nicholas Schmitz	51 Andrew Quiet	77 Nathan Sayler
18 Garrett Merkley	52 Grayson Jacobs	99 Hayes Johnson

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Elk Point-Jefferson's Garrett Merkley is brought down by Bridgewater-Emery/Ethan's Sutton Arend during a Oct. 8 game in Elk Point. Merkley is one of the top returning players this fall for the Huskies, who went undefeated and won their first state championship last season.

The Huskies have two talented and explosive returning players at wide receiver — seniors Garrett Merkley and Kayden Moore.

Last season, Merkley caught 10 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown and also returned two kickoffs for scores. In the Huskies' semifinal win over Hot Springs in the playoffs, Merkley returned the opening kickoff 74 yards for a TD.

Moore caught three balls for 65 yards and two scores last year.

Two starting offensive linemen are also back this season, senior Evan Forna and junior Hudson Kempf. Kempf will likely move from center to guard, while Forna will stay at tackle. Both are slated for starting jobs on the defensive line as well.

Merkley, who picked off three passes last year, is also a returning starter at defensive back, along with senior DB Carson Timmins. Jake Gale, a 5-foot-10-inch junior, is a returning all-Big East Conference pick at linebacker, and will also likely start at running back, Terry said.

"Defensively, we return a lot of players on both our lines and backfield. We will need to plug some holes at the LB position, but we have some very capable young men," Terry said.

Junior Keaton Gale is projected to succeed McDer-

mott at quarterback, while senior Gunner Ewing is expected to split carries at running back with Merkley and Gale.

"Our line will once again be our strength and we will lean heavily on them, however, we also return a lot of playmakers on the edge and we will need to find ways to get them the ball consistently," Terry said. "We will have to develop a proficient running game if we want to be successful."

Newcomers the head coach expects to see significant action this season include: senior tight end and defensive end Reed Saylor; senior fullback and defensive end Daenton Ronellenfitch; senior offensive lineman and linebacker Aidan Zach; senior lineman Grayson Jacobs; senior receiver and defensive back Tracen Pearson; junior lineman RJ Chicoine; junior tight end and linebacker Ashton Fairbanks; junior receiver and defensive back Grayson Girard; junior receiver and defensive back Landon Johnsen; sophomore lineman Jace Shatswell; sophomore lineman Keaton Hinds and sophomore tight end and linebacker Luke Schmitz.

EP-J opened the season with two home games — against Parker on Aug. 18 and vs. Baltic on Aug. 25. The Huskies' first road test is Sept. 1 at Sioux Valley, which Terry sees as one of the top teams in Class 11B this season, along with MCM, Winner and Hot Springs.



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Morningside's Ryan Cole dodges away from Dakota Wesleyan's Layton Eide during a GPAC game at Elwood Olsen Stadium in Sioux City on Oct. 29. Morningside was the No. 2 pick to repeat as the GPAC champions this season, behind first-place selection Northwestern.

Raiders picked 1st in GPAC preseason poll

JOURNAL STAFF

Northwestern, which won last season's NAIA national championship, is the preseason pick to win the 2023 GPAC championship.

The Red Raiders totaled 98 points and eight first-place votes from league coaches, compared to the second-place preseason pick Morningside, which received 83 points and three first-place ballots. The Mustangs won last season's GPAC championship with an 11-0 mark.

The Red Raiders finished with a record of 13-1 after defeating Keiser University in the title game, 35-25. Morningside picked up an opening round of the playoffs before falling to the Keiser in the second round.

Dordt was picked third

in the preseason poll with 78 points and Midland was fourth with 75. Hastings rounded out the top five with 59 points.

Briar Cliff was the last pick in the 11-team league with 14 total points.

Coaches were not allowed to vote for their own team.

2023 GPAC Preseason Football Coaches' Poll:

Place Team Points First Place Votes

1. Northwestern 98 8
2. Morningside 93 3
3. Dordt 78
4. Midland 75
5. Hastings 59
6. Concordia 57
7. Jamestown 38
8. Doane 36
9. Mount Marty 30
10. Dakota Wesleyan 27
11. Briar Cliff 14

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| 3 Sir Brandon Watts (C) | 44 Matt Meyer |
| 4 Isaiah Favors (C) | 44 Talen Peterson |
| 5 Quinn Olson (C) | 50 Sam Van Holland |
| 6 Joey Fiitzsimmons | 51 Stephen Garcia |
| 7 Kasen Thomas | 52 Ethan Erickson |
| 8 Luke Fischer | 53 Zachary Harpenau |
| 9 Kannon Bork | 55 Ben Hegarty |
| 10 Jack Schramm | 56 Lawrence Primeaux |
| 11 George Tsiobanos | 58 Jayden Collins |
| 12 Caden Lester | 59 Camden Meier |
| 14 Drew Uhl | 62 Kedan Johnson |
| 15 Colton Barker | 63 Jayden Livingston |
| 16 Christian Marquez | 64 Juan Argueta |
| 17 Will Pattee | 65 Kevin Nuno |
| 19 Jack Oneill | 66 Agustin Moreno |
| 20 Ben Deck | 67 Calvin Granaas |
| 21 Anthony White | 69 James Cleary (C) |
| 22 Fisher Uhl | 72 Missael Hernandez |
| 24 Jack Bousquet | 74 Hayden Overgaard |
| 25 Jaron Bleeker | 75 Cole Sprague |
| 27 Talon Peterson | 77 Logan Gray |
| 28 Russell Wilson | 78 Sam Grieve |
| 30 Avery Favors | 80 Carson McInerney |
| 32 Mitchell Kime | 81 Alex Lacy |
| 41 Logan Mueller | 82 Eddy Noutepe |

SCHEDULE:

- 8/25 @ Kuemper Catholic
- 9/1 @ Council Bluffs Lincoln
- 9/8 vs Sioux City East
- 9/14 @ Sioux City West
- 9/22 @ Sioux Center
- 9/29 vs Carroll
- 10/6 @ Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
- 10/13 @ Sergeant Bluff-Luton
- 10/20 @ MOC-Floyd Valley



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Sergeant Bluff football seniors, Cade Klingensmith, left, Scott Dickson (20), Julian Jervik (77), Ryan Hoffman (18), right, are shown at the team's media day on Aug. 12.

Sergeant Bluff-Luton football will look a whole lot different

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SEARGEANT BLUFF — Pick a spot on the 2022-2023 roster for the Sergeant Bluff-Luton Warriors and odds are you'll land on a position occupied by a senior.

The football team, which went 3-6 this past season, had 19 players in their final year including outgoing quarterback Tyler Smith who was selected as the offensive most valuable player for the Class 3A All-District 1 team.

Replacing him isn't a simple as saying "next man up."

The quarterback with the second-most passing yards on the 2022-2023 team? Scott Kroll, a senior as well.

Despite the fact that the Warriors will be starting somewhat anew with senior quarterback Ryan Hoffman and junior Brayden Kerr, head coach Justin Smith, who's been with the program for 11 years, said it's business as usual.

"We expect the same thing we do out of every single kid: Get better every day," Smith said. "We don't really talk wins and losses. We talk about how if we show up and get better every day, good things are going to happen. And both Kerr and Hoffman have improved immensely since last year. I trust either one of those guys in a varsity football game."

WILDCATS

HARTINGTON-NEWCASTLE



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1..... Plainview
 Sept. 8..... @ Elkhorn Valley
 Sept. 15..... @ Crofton
 Sept. 22..... Wakefield
 Sept. 29... TCNE (Tri County Northeast)
 Oct. 6..... @ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge
 Oct. 13..... Homer



ROSTER

2	Riley Sudbeck	32	Jason Heimes
3	Ty Opfer	42	Gabe Reyes
7	Austin Sudbeck	48	Logan Opfer
8	Cole Heimes	50	Aiden Collier
10	Will Feilmeier	54	Ayden Rosener
12	Maximus Mccray	60	Cristopher Kneifl
15	Dayton Sudbeck	71	Colten Cavanaugh
17	Kale Korth	74	Lincoln Grutsch
20	Carter Kelly	80	Mason Krause
23	Brayden Lammers	88	Landon Clark
30	Tyler Hutchinson		

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Though 2022 ended in disappointment, Smith said the players returning from that team aren't dwelling at all on what went wrong.

"Last year is last year," he said.

Even after settling on a primary signal caller for the season, the Warriors will need to re-establish their receiving corps as three of Tyler Smith's four most-frequent targets graduated.

Hoffman said he already feels good about the rapport he has with his receivers.

"We got the chemistry down in week one and the routes are clean now. So I'm for this upcoming season and the routes and route runners we have," Hoffman said. In 2022, he threw 10 passes, completed six of them and had one touchdown.

SB-L's coach shouldn't have much to worry about at running back. The lead ball carrier for the year prior, Zayvion Ellington, is a junior. While splitting touches with Tyler Smith, he still managed to carry the ball into the end zone 10 times and racked up 524 yards. Justin Smith said there's room for Ellington to grow.

"I'm expecting him to be a little more physical and understanding that's probably his strength," Justin Smith said. "It's not dancing. It's putting the shoulders down and getting extra yards on contact." Senior wideout Scott Dickson said he's

excited for what Ellington's style of play can provide for the rest of the offense.

"(It) opens up the pass game," he said.

On the other side of the ball, the losses are more noticeable.

Of the 13 players who notched at least 10 tackles during the 2022-2023 season, 10 were seniors. That includes SB-L's top three tacklers from the past year's campaign, Garrett McHugh, Jake Hamilton and Tylar Lutgen.

One of the returning defenders tasked with filling the void is senior defensive end Julian Jervik. The 6'1" Jervik, who had two tackles in his previous year, said two major focuses this offseason have been physicality and being on the same page as other players.

"That's my main goal. We just want to focus on working as a team, together."

Jervik said he feels good about how the younger players will fit into the overall scheme.

"We obviously don't have that many seniors out this year. But I'm confident with the young talent that we having stepping up."

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Sergeant Bluff-Luton's Scott Dickson gets upended by CL/G-LR's Josh Elbert during a Sept. 2 game in Sergeant Bluff.

KNIGHTS

HOMER



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1 Lyons-Decatur Northeast
- Sept. 9 Omaha Christian Academy
- Sept. 15.....@ Laurel-Concord-Coleridge
- Sept. 22..... @ Tri County Northeast
- Sept. 29..... Crofton
- Oct. 6 Wakefield
- Oct. 13.....@ Hartington-Newcastle



ROSTER

1	Reed Modlin	24	Josue Munoz
3	Isaac Barclay	54	Landon Ahlman
5	Steve Harris	55	Trent Dunn
6	Drake Ikler	56	Ben Roost
8	Austin Pelster	63	Darrance Blackfish
9	Bodie Nelsen	66	Tru King
10	Axton Caskey	91	Colton Victor
14	Ethan Roberts		

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2023 Siouxland Christian seniors Sam Headley (55), Jerry Lynam (9), Jed Bielenberg (15), right, are shown.

Siouxland Christian looks for growth in 2023

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SIOUX CITY — Siouxland Christian's first-year head football coach Ryan Gillaspie recognizes the school isn't one of the biggest in its division. But Gillaspie, who's taking over for former coach Scoop Latimer, sees that as a motivator for the Eagles.

"Having small numbers, it's tough," he said. "But, the kids in the offseason have been working their tails off and that's paid dividends throughout this summer camp."

As the Sioux City metro area's lone 8-man football team, Siouxland Christian went 2-7 in 2022 with wins coming against the River Valley Wolverines of Correctionville, Iowa and the Griswold Tigers of Griswold, Iowa (in Cass County). In two of its losses, to the Newell-Fonda Mustangs and the Remsen-St. Mary's Eagles (who the state title in 2022), Siouxland Christian didn't score a point. Gillaspie isn't focused on much of any of that. What he's taking away from last year is who's coming back.

“We’re returning returning many of our students and many of our coaches here so we’ve got a good core that we built off from last year,” Gillaspie said. The team lost four seniors from last year: Hunter Latimer, Malachi Reynolds, DeShawn Wells and Ben Wing.



Gillaspie

Sam Headley, a senior for the Eagles, is set to anchor the offense as the center. Though it’s not one of the most glamorous positions on the gridiron, Headley said he appreciates how much playing center can test team chemistry and knowledge.

“It’s a challenge. You’ve got to know the plays. Make sure the snap gets down and make sure your quarterback doesn’t get blown up. I love the challenge,” Headley said.

As one of four seniors on the team, Headley already recognizes what Gillaspie’s brought to the table as the new head coach of Siouxland Christian.

“Well, he’s brought a lot of conditioning to the table. I can definitely tell he’s worked really hard on this playbook,” Headley said. “(He’s) tried fitting everybody to the best position for them and for the team, trying to make everybody happy. Really, I love what he’s done and I’m excited to have him as a head coach.”

Another senior the Eagles will rely on a great deal is Jed Bielenberg. One of three Bielenbergs on the team, Jed average 11 yards per catch as a receiving option (with two touchdowns) and racked up 41.5 tackles on the defensive side of the ball.

Jed’s brother Judah, a junior, will again be

the primary play caller this year. During the 2022 push, Judah threw for three touchdowns and rushed for four. As a defender, he netted 21.5 tackles.

“Everybody’s got a leadership role on this team,” Gillaspie said. “It’s been amazing. All the kids have picked each other up. Like I said, they’ve worked really, really hard. Our theme this year is attitude and effort and the kids are giving us great attitude and even better effort for the season.”

What will success look like in the 2023 season for a team that lost more than it won last year?

“Success is going to be growth, both on the field in their abilities and success off the field, growth as a student and as a young man. That’s what I’m looking forward to,” Gillaspie said.

“Everybody’s got a leadership role on this team,” Gillaspie said. “It’s been amazing. All the kids have picked each other up. Like I said, they’ve worked really, really hard. Our theme this year is attitude and effort and the kids are giving us great attitude and even better effort for the season.”

– Ryan Gillaspie, Siouxland Christian coach

PANTHERS

KINGSLEY-PIERSON



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1 Logan-Magnolia
 Sept. 8 @ Westwood
 Sept. 15 @ St. Albert
 Sept. 22... @ Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 29 Woodbury Central
 Oct. 6 @ West Monona
 Oct. 13 @ Tri-Center



ROSTER

1	Kevin Wright	23	Colton Wilcox
2	Skyler Lopez-Perez	32	Brady Collins
3	Cole Thomas	34	Beau Goodwin
4	Wyatt Klaschen	35	Ayden Socknat
5	Jameson Sistrunk	44	Preston Benson JR
8	Colton Kurtz	54	Jacob Kraft
9	Jaxson Lindgren	57	Kaden Kraft
10	Tyler Koch	64	Liam Dunne
11	Gavin Trapp	79	Rocky Ramirez
18	Peyton Hackett	88	Jon Putensen
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NAIA

Northwestern College players celebrate winning the NAIA championship over Keizer (Fla.), 35-25 in Durham, N.C. on Dec. 17.

Gramstad, Storey return from Red Raiders' NAIA title team

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ORANGE CITY, Iowa — With his arm and legs, Jalyn Gramstad led Northwestern College to its first national football championship in 39 years last season.

The explosive-dual threat quarterback returns for his junior season this fall, looking to guide the Red Raiders to back-to-back NAIA titles for the first time in school history.

Gramstad's favorite target last season, All-American wide receiver Michael Storey, and the team's top two running backs, Konner McQuillan and Logan Meyer, also are back from last season's 13-1 team.

The Red Raiders, who lost 24 seniors to graduation, must fill holes on the offensive line and in the secondary. But they bring back enough other key players on both sides of the ball to again be a strong title contender.

For the first time in head coach Matt McCarty's tenure, Northwestern is the preseason pick to win the Great Plains Athletic Conference. NWC received eight first-place votes from the league coaches, compared to three for second-place Morningside, last season's GPAC champion with an 11-0 mark.

"There's definitely excitement going into this season after coming off of last

year's run," McCarty said. "I think this team, though, understands it's a different team. When you go from one year to the next, you add guys, you lose guys. I think this group is really embracing the idea of they get to write their own legacy in Raider football by what they do this year."

More polished QB

Gramstad, who led West Lyon High School to a state title in 2019 as a quarterback and defensive back, started his career at Northwestern on defense. Converted to quarterback in the spring of 2022, he stepped in the third game of the season after starter Blake Fryar went down with an injury on the first play of the second half against Concordia.

The sophomore from Lester, Iowa, remained the starter even after Fryar recovered from his injury, as the Red Raiders reeled off 12 straight wins.

In Northwestern's 35-25 win over Keizer (Fla.) in the NAIA championship game, Gramstad was named the Offensive Player of the Game. The 6-foot quarterback weaved, dodged and swerved past defenders throughout the day at Durham County Memorial Stadium in Durham, N.C., finishing with 148 yards rushing on 22 carries, with many of the yards com-



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Northwestern quarterback Jalyn Gramstad is grabbed by Mount Marty's Jaren Mortensen during an Oct. 1 game. Gramstad, who led the Red Raiders to a NAIA national title last season, returns this fall for his junior season.

ing on key third down scrambles. He also threw for 247 yards and three more scores.

A second-team all-GPAC selection, Gramstad finished the season with 2,511

passing yards and 25 touchdowns and a team-high 1,024 rushing yards. His 23 rushing touchdowns were the most in the NAIA.

“He’s just a natural leader, a very gifted runner. So having him back leading our offense, that’s a great place to start.”

After an “outstanding” offseason, McCarty said he expects the junior QB to continue to shine.

“I think if you watched him play right now, you’d see he’s a much more polished quarterback,” he said. “He’s throwing the ball the best he’s ever thrown it.”

Storey, a fifth-year senior from Spencer, led Northwestern receivers last season with 79 receptions for 1,146 yards and his team-high 14 touchdown grabs. In the Raiders’ 52-27 win over Marian (Ind.) in the NAIA quarterfinals, Storey hauled in a record four passes for scores in the second quarter. Junior wide receiver Tanner Schouten is expected to offer another target for Gramstad.

McQuillan, a senior from Leavenworth, Kan., was the team’s second-leading rusher behind Gramstad last season, running for 806 yards and 11 touchdowns, and also had 273 receiving yards. The team’s third-leading rusher, Logan Meyer, also is back. The junior from Alvord ran for 543 yards and nine touchdowns.

“We feel like we have some really great weapons around Jalyn so he doesn’t have to do everything,” McCarty said.



Northwestern’s Michael Storey, an NAIA All-American wide receiver, returns for his fifth season.

JESSE BROTHERS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Up front, just one starter returns on the offensive line, senior Jawan Grant. Stepping in will be two others who have received plenty of snap, Patrick Gottburg, a senior from Sioux City East, and Kole Cleveringa, a sophomore from Sioux Center.

Defensive returnees

The Raiders lost six starters on defensive or transfers. The most noteworthy departure was Parker Fryar, a first-team All-NAIA linebacker and last season’s GPAC Defensive Player of the Year last season. With two seasons of

eligibility remaining, Fryar transferred to the University of South Dakota this spring. Helping to fill the void at linebacker will be Ben Kingery, a second-team All-GPAC selection, and Ben Egli, who won GPAC Defensive Player of the Week honors in the Raiders’ win over Midland.

Up front, Northwestern boasts seven, fifth-year players on the defensive line. “All seven of those guys have played a lot for us,” McCarty said.

The returnees include Jessen Reinking, who missed the 2022 due to a cancer diagnosis. The junior from Kingsley, Iowa is now healthy and “looks better than ever,” the head coach said.

The Red Raiders’ special teams get a boost with the return of kicker Eli Stader. The senior from Cedar Grove, Wis. set a new single-season school record in PAT kick percentage (98.6%) last year while also notching the program’s second-most PATs in a season (68), behind his own record set in 2021.

Northwestern opens the season with a pair of road games – Sept. 2 in Seward, Neb. vs. GPAC foe Concordia and Sept. 9 in Des Moines vs. Drake, the team’s lone non-conference opponent this season.

EAGLES

LAWTON-BRONSON



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1@ West Lyon
- Sept. 8Sioux Central
- Sept. 15@ West Sioux
- Sept. 22 Hinton
- Sept. 29@ Ridge View
- Oct. 6MVAOCO
- Oct. 13@ OABCIG



ROSTER

1 Louden Grimsley	36 Ben Sheets
4 Caleb Garnand	44 Darien Moran
5 Braden Heiss	44 Nicholas Forst
8 Brandon Lane	46 Cole Wagner
8 Austin Trotter	50 Jakob Ruhler
11 Eli Stadsvold	51 Caleb Handke
13 Ivan Smith	53 Collin Dunnington
15 Evan Teager	54 Chase Ruffcorn
16 Marcus Silva	56 Hayden Zant
18 Carter Bartolo	57 Logan Smith
24 Caler Garnand	59 Jaxson Deeds
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EMBRACING AN UNFAMILIAR ROLE

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Quarterback Lennx Brown carries the ball during Morningside's spring game at Elwood Olsen Stadium on April 22. Brown, a converted wide receiver, is one of three quarterbacks competing for the starting job this fall.

Morningside enters season as underdog in GPAC race

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Although not a familiar role, the Morningside Mustangs have no problem playing the part of the underdog.

A three-time NAIA national champion and perennial contender in the Great Plains Athletic Conference, the Mustangs have a chip on their shoulders after the

reigning national champ Northwestern College enters the season as the GPAC favorite.

It's a spot Morningside wants back.

And, despite losing a senior class from last season that boasted high-end quality to go with overall quantity, the Mustangs are on a mission to prove they belong atop the conference not only this season, but for years to come.

Hall of Fame head coach Steve Ryan sees no reason that should change.

"It's a big transition year for us," Ryan

said. "We've had guys that were here that were part of a wonderful, successful run here. But it's time for some new guys to step up. I'm happy with the energy."

Morningside went 11-1 last season and won the GPAC, with its only loss coming to Keiser (29-28) in the NAIA quarterfinals.

In its season opener a season ago, Morningside beat Northwestern, 30-29, en route to a perfect record in the league.

Ahead of the 2023 opener at Benedictine, the Mustangs have a three-headed battle for starting quarterback between

Iowa Wesleyan transfer Zack Chevalier (who has three years of eligibility remaining), freshman Cash Parker from the Kansas City area, and Lennx Brown, a junior who started last season as a wide receiver but took snaps behind center after four-year starting QB Joe Dolincheck went down with a hand injury late in the season.

"Last year we played (Lennx) at receiver, but he's back and full-time at quarterback now," Ryan said. "He's doing a great job, he's right there in the thick of it, but we don't know yet."

The Mustangs are supremely confident they'll be able to make up for the loss of Dolincheck, who was named NAIA Offensive Player of the Year after throwing for over 3,000 yards with a near-70 percent completion rate as a senior.

"We don't know (who the starting quarterback is), but we'll probably decide in the next couple of days and have a week to get them ready to go," Ryan said.

The return of running back Ryan Cole should alleviate that some.

Cole enters his junior season after establishing himself as the Mustangs go-to back with 1,359 yards and 25 touchdowns as a sophomore in 2022.

"We're really excited about Ryan Cole being back this year and our running backs in general, it's probably the strength of our team," Ryan said. "We can probably go five deep there."

Whoever lines up behind center for Morningside will also have several weapons on the outside back, chief among them senior Zach Norton, who led the team in catches (78) and receiving touchdowns (17) to go with the second-most receiving yards on the squad (1,201).

"We graduated more seniors than normally last year," Norton said. "That means there's guys on the roster that have been waiting their turn and are hungry to get their shot."



Morningside University head football coach Steve Ryan speaks at the Mustangs' media day at the M Club inside the Rosen Verdoorn Sports Center on Aug. 15. Morningside went 11-1 last season, losing in the NAIA playoff quarterfinals.

RYAN TIMMERMAN,
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BEARS

LAUREL-CONCORD-COLERIDGE (LCC)



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1 Wisner-Pilger
 Sept. 8@ Plainview
 Sept. 15Homer
 Sept. 22@ Crofton
 Sept. 29@ Wakefield
 Oct. 6 Hartington-Newcastle
 Oct. 13@ TCNE



ROSTER

1	Bradyn Urwiler	42	Ian Sohler
2	Carter Kvols	45	Dillon Munter
3	Dylan Taylor	46	Paul Allison
6	Hunter Benson	48	Eli Haisch
7	Tyler Boysen	50	Kolten Settje
8	Connor Korth	52	Jackson Hall
12	Landen Leonard	53	Noah Marc
13	Gibson Roberts	58	Cade Johnson
15	Talon Carson	62	Kayton Hall
20	Tanner Thompson	77	Walker Stone
21	Caleb Erwin	78	Aric Hall
28	Brock Koranda	82	Ryder Jelinek
31	Jaylen Carpenter	84	Kyle Rasmussen
40	Ethan Gregory		

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Morningside's Zach Norton is brought down by Keiser's Jaelin Willis (6) during a NAIA quarterfinal game on Nov. 26 at Elwood Olsen Stadium in Sioux City. Norton returns this season for the Mustangs.

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“And we finally have a Week 0 game outside the conference (against Benedictine, at top-10 ranked team).”

Another pair of senior receiving back are Joshua Simmons and Michael Payne, who each had over 20 catches and more than 300 yards apiece with a combined five touchdowns.

“We’re not exactly sure (who the QB) will be,” Norton said. “It brings it back to freshman year trying to learn the offense

and get on the same page as Joe. But we’re enjoying the process. The seniors are trying to lead and set the standard here.”

Similar to the offense, the Mustangs defense lost a key cog in linebacker Joshua Miller, who led the 2022 team in tackles with 81. In his stead, returning senior Isaac Pringle expects to see an uptick in production after he was second in tackles behind Miller last season with 66.

“Our defense is sort of senior heavy,” Pringle said. “But there’s a lot of young guys that are bringing the energy and making it easier for the old guys like me come to practice every day and compete with those guys.”

“We have some new guys that haven’t played much, but coming together and getting everyone comfortable will help everyone out and help this team achieve what it wants. The seniors on this team

haven’t been underdogs since we’ve been here. That hits a lot of us.

“It’s different, but I like it. It gives us a chip on our shoulders.”

The secondary is anchored by senior Lonell Boyd Jr., who is back after recording two interceptions in 2022.

“It’s been an outstanding experience being here,” the safety said. “We’ve been extremely motivated to get back out there. The expectations here haven’t changed.”

FALCONS

OABCIG



ROSTER


2 Jaxx DeJean	42 Ethan Barnum
3 Brysen Kolar	43 Justice Wells
4 Myles Beck	44 Sawyer Schmidt
5 Ethan Behrendsen	45 Kaeden Leonard
6 Kade Spotts	50 Wyatt Bengford
7 Byron Godbersen	51 Ethan Frank
8 JJ Parks	52 Zach Hoefling
9 Kelton Ladwig	53 Gavin Remer
10 Chris Reisdorph	54 Gage Leed
11 Miles Chesney	55 Bradyn Barber
12 Dayton Ullrich	58 Christian Neubauer
14 Blake Corbin	59 Jackson Groth
16 Will Schirmmacher	60 Ben Riessen
18 Colton DeLong	61 Nik Segebart
20 Anthony Newquist	62 Zach Balder
21 Isaac Hoefling	63 Isaac Neubauer
22 Hudson Hoefling	65 Evan Hoffman
23 Marshall Skinner	66 Kaleb Taylor
24 Jack Gilbert	68 Landon Graves
25 Jayms Williams	73 Heath Schultz
26 Dalton Mefferd	74 Kellen Hoefling
27 Marshall Mogensen	75 John Kruse
28 Aidan Roberts	78 Creighton Cadwell
30 Andrew Parks	79 Braeden Green
32 Adam DeLong	80 Karsen Hoefling
33 Chase Miesner	81 Aaron Neumann
34 Bodie Hansen	82 Roscoe Quirk
35 Eidan Skirvin	84 Chace Schiernbeck
40 Jagger Loger	86 Brady Watkins
41 Caden Spetman	88 Sawyer Harm



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1	@ East Sac County
Sept. 8	@ West Lyon Community
Sept. 15	MVAOCO
Sept. 22	@ Ridge View
Sept. 29	West Sioux
Oct. 6	@ Hinton
Oct. 13	Lawton-Bronson

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Bouman returns at QB for Coyotes as new OC arrives

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VERMILLION, S.D. — A 1-3 start to the 2022 did not set a good tone for what amounted to be a 3-8 campaign for the University of South Dakota Coyotes.

USD is aiming much higher in 2023.

And putting their best foot forward early is the best change the Coyotes have at changing their fortune.

“We have to build confidence in ourselves,” said defensive back Myles Harden, who was named to Hero Sports’ all-sophomore team last season despite only seeing action in half of the Coyotes’ games. “We have to come out and prove to ourselves that we can compete.”

One aspect that South Dakota feels is its favor is that sophomore Aidan Bouman is

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LOOKING TO CHANGE THEIR FORTUNES

RYAN TIMMERMAN, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

University of South Dakota quarterback Aidan Bouman throws a pass during a Aug. 9 practice in Vermillion.

BULLDOGS

LE MARS COMMUNITY



SCHEDULE:

8/18/23... @ Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 8/25/23..... @ Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 9/1/23..... vs Sioux City North
 9/8/23..... vs Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 9/15/23..... vs MOC-Floyd Valley
 9/22/23..... @ Spencer
 9/29/23..... vs Sioux City West
 10/6/23..... @ Fort Dodge
 10/13/23..... vs Denison-Schleswig
 10/20/23..... @ Storm Lake



ROSTER

David Reina	23 Karter Melvin	59 Asher Moss
1 Wicheng Hosnyang	24 Yosiyas Teclemicael	60 Connor Ernst
2 Levi Schnetzer	25 Keasuan Evans	61 Lawson Ostermyer
3 Jovany Kabongo	26 Jude Dougherty	62 Nathan Murra
4 Nolan Kass	27 Andrew Grant	63 Jordan Jimenez
5 Teagan Kasel	28 Brek Konz	67 Markevius Moton
6 Bowen Rieken	32 Tegan Bogh	68 Jack Chamberlain
7 Chase Peterson	33 Creed Schroeder	69 Mitchell Baartman
8 Jayden Nelson	34 Elisha Olson	70 Kyle Koopman
9 Sy Bixenman	35 Mason Pippett	71 Hayden Sitzmann
10 Cameron Van Voorst	38 Max Reina	72 Logan Anderson
11 Jami Sitzmann	50 Evan Jalas	73 Kaleb Breuer
12 Degi Kabongo	14 Evan Pratt	75 Aiden Kramer
15 Andrew Fifita	51 Drew Galles	79 Marcos Ibarra
16 Tycen Augustine	52 Chad VandeWeerd	81 Isaiah Tolzin
17 Quinn Laskie	53 Ayden Hoag	85 Alex Allen
18 Kole Kass	54 Kouger Sargisson	87 Cedric Phillips JR
20 Jarett Forbes	55 Keegan Kayser	88 Landon Ortmann
21 Beau Wadle	56 Christian Cook	
22 Kole Carpenter	57 Hudson Kass	

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entrenched as starting quarterback for which new offensive coordinator Josh Davis to build around.

“It’s been an awesome experience,” Bouman said. “(Coach Davis) knows what he’s talking about and all the guys on offense have bought in.”

Bouman played six games last season (four starts) and completed 80 of 132 pass attempts with just one interception, eight touchdowns and nearly 900 yards.

He’s complimented by returning running back Travis Theis, who is back for his junior season after leading the Coyotes in rushing with over 800 yards in 2022.

At receiver, South Dakota is relatively young and unproven, but the Coyotes hope a group of young skill position players can gel behind the second-year signal-caller.

But the offensive success may start with the bodies up front, where the Coyotes feel they can compete against anyone.

“Travis provides great leadership in the running back room,” said head coach Bob Nielson. “Our line allows him to use his athleticism. We return our interior guys at center and guard. At tackle, we’re a little



South Dakota defensive back Beckett DeJean, a freshman from OABCIG, watches practice during a water break during the Coyotes’ Aug. 9 practice in Vermillion.

RYAN TIMMERMAN, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

younger ... but there are guys there that have had great springs.”

South Dakota’s defensive captains feel the unit has gotten bigger, faster and

meaner over the offseason as the three-win season of yesteryear provided some fuel to get through offseason workouts.

“Defensively, we’re deeper than we’ve

been and we’ve built a real physical football team up front,” said Nielson. “Those are

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JAYS

GEHLEN CATHOLIC



SCHEDULE:

- 8/25 vs Hinton
- 9/1 @ MMCRU
- 9/8 vs Alta-Aurelia
- 9/15 @ Woodbury Central
- 9/22 vs Akron-Westfield
- 9/29 @ Sibley-Ocheyedan
- 10/6 vs South O'Brien
- 10/13... @ Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn

GEHLEN CATHOLIC

HOME OF THE JAYS



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University of South Dakota linebacker Nick Gaes goes through a drill during the Coyotes' practice in Vermillion, S.D., on Aug. 9.

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guys we're going to lean on."

The defense also has some local talent in freshman Beckett DeJean from OABCIG in the secondary, junior linebacker Nick Gaes, an Alta-Aurelia alum, as well as Northwestern College transfer Parker Fryar. An NAIA All-American at linebacker, Fryar anchored the defense for the Raiders' national championship team.

"It's just been the matter of learning a new system," said Gaes. "I've very excited to get going here at South Dakota. Both teams I've been a part of have had a singular goal to win as many games as possible."

"It's been a big adjustment from high school," DeJean said. "But i just tried to dive into the playbook and push myself every day. It's just about us. I don't know how much I'll expect to play right away, but I want to push myself and my teammates."

And with the return of senior linebackers Stephen Hillis and Brock Mogensen, who each had over 100 tackles in 2022, the Coyotes are stout in the middle of their defense.

"It's great to get back out there with the guys," Hillis said. "We didn't do great last year, but we worked all summer to change that this season."

"That season is fresh in everybody's mind."

COUGARS

LYONS-DECATUR NORTHEAST



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1@ Homer
 Sept. 8 Omaha Brownell Talbot
 Sept. 15 Bancroft-Rosalie
 Sept. 22@ Stanton
 Sept. 29@ GACC
 Oct. 6Pender
 Oct. 13 Wisner-Pilger



ROSTER

2	Brady Hayes	20	Josh Mendez
3	Ayden Gott	22	Junior Schild
4	Jake Christensen	24	Tyler Archer
5	Kwyntin Kampa	32	Brayden Tolle
9	Masen Olsen	34	Kaden Knaak
11	Eyan Tuttle	35	Garret Vavra
12	Jordan Richotte	37	Anthony Ashcraft
14	Eric Hart	43	Sierra Heckenliable
15	Jackson Jensen	55	Braxton Watson
17	Bennett Andersen	69	Ryan Tuttle
18	Weston Hardeman		

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BRIAR CLIFF

CHARGERS COUNT ON CONTINUITY

Briar Cliff hopeful that football program has turned corner

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Briar Cliff's head coach doesn't have to think too much about what stands out about the 2023 Chargers football team at this stage of camp.

"It's gotten a little chippy at times, in a good way," said head coach Shane LaDage. "We just haven't had this level of competition at practice since I've been here. For maybe the first time it feels really right with the guys we have."



LaDage

Briar Cliff went 1-10 in 2022 competing the NAIA's Great Plains Athletic Conference, which boasts reigning national champions Northwestern College and perennial NAIA contender Morningside.

But this may prove to be the most important offseason of LaDage's tenure, and not just because of the ongoing construction to renovate some facilities used by the football team on campus.

"We had the most guys stick around than we've had under this coaching staff," said junior quarterback Luke Davies, who had 2,332 yards last season passing. "That was just very encouraging and positive for us."

"With an older roster this year, we're just excited to get back out there and play some ball."

Davies completed 54 percent of his 366 attempts as a sophomore and compiled 18 touchdowns against 14 interceptions.

And while the Chargers work to provide Davies with quality weapons, that's been achieved through development of players already on the roster and through the incoming class of recruits.

"This is a good recruiting class," said junior wide receiver Aaron Okoro, who had 39 receptions for 465 yards and three touchdowns a season ago. "Having those guys around have allowed us to split into more groups and get more reps in practice."



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Briar Cliff quarterback Luke Davies looks for an open receiver during the third quarter of the Chargers' 31-25 win over Jamestown on Sept. 10.

"Having a chip on our shoulders has made us push a little more."

So if more wins come in 2023, it may be drawn back to work done since the end of 2022.

"The most important part has been this first week and seeing the the guys buy in,"

LaDage said. "Our retention rate is much better than it's been. There's a bigger gap between the older guys and newer guys. And it's not because the new guys are worse than the ones we've brought in, they're probably better. But it's just that our older guys have been in the system

now and have grown.

"They understand we didn't have the best year last year. That put a chip on guys' shoulders. There's a fire in our bellies to prove people wrong."



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Defensively, the team returns senior linebacker junior Brett Tinker, who led the Chargers with 104 tackles last season.

“This year, we’ve got a new defensive coordinator, so we’re trying to get everyone on the same page and moving around fast,” Tinker said. “We’re not worried so much about correcting mistakes on the field, we’ll do that when we go back and watch film.

“We’ve done a lot to mature over the last few years. In the past, we’ve given ourselves excuses or given ourselves a way out. This year, we’ve done a much better job of keeping our heads up and moving on. I’m having a lot of fun, this is most free I’ve ever felt on the football field.”

Briar Cliff University offensive lineman Devon Priestley performs a blocking drill during the Chargers’ practice at Memorial Field in Sioux City on Aug. 11.

RYAN TIMMERMAN, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

KNIGHTS

OAKLAND-CRAIG



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1@ Fort Calhoun
 Sept. 8Malcolm
 Sept. 15@ Ponca
 Sept. 22Cedar Catholic
 Sept. 29@ Fremont
 Oct. 6@ Tekamah-Herman
 Oct. 13North Bend Central
 Oct. 20LVSS



ROSTER

1	Jeremiah Druckenmiller	45	Corbin Guill
2	Braylon Anderson	51	Kyler Case
3	Isaak Maxwell	53	Nolan Magnusson
4	Eli Johnson	54	Brady Johnson
6	Preston Rost	55	Keyton Kampa
7	Kevin Mendez	56	Colton Moseman
8	Simon Druckenmiller	57	Nick Jernigan
9	Emmet Johnson	58	Tate Penke
15	Joseph Findlay	63	Garrett Klausen
17	Winston Wilkey	65	Jesse Droescher
18	Lincoln Benne	70	Preston Novak
20	Jaxen Jorgensen	72	Joey Riggie
21	Luis Popoca	74	JT Brands
23	Sylas Nelson	75	Javar Larson
24	Caleb Bousquet	80	Mason Pearson
25	Avery Bryan		

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2023 GPAC FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

Briar Cliff University

Aug. 26	at Waldorf
Sept. 2	at Mount Marty
Sept. 9	at Midland
Sept. 16	OPEN
Sept. 23	vs. Hastings
Sept. 30	at Concordia
Oct. 7	vs. Doane
Oct. 14	vs. Northwestern
Oct. 21	vs. Dakota Wesleyan
Oct. 28	at Dordt
Nov. 4	at Jamestown
Nov. 11	vs. Morningside

Dordt University

Aug. 26	OPEN
Sept. 2	at Doane
Sept. 9	vs. Mount Marty
Sept. 16	vs. Concordia
Sept. 23	OPEN
Sept. 30	at Hastings
Oct. 7	vs. Midland
Oct. 14	at Jamestown
Oct. 21	at Northwestern
Oct. 28	vs. Briar Cliff
Nov. 4	at Morningside
Nov. 11	vs. Dakota Wesleyan

Morningside University

Aug. 26	at Benedictine
Sept. 2	OPEN
Sept. 9	at Hastings
Sept. 16	vs. Mount Marty
Sept. 23	vs. Midland
Sept. 30	at Doane
Oct. 7	vs. Concordia
Oct. 14	at Dakota Wesleyan
Oct. 21	vs. Jamestown
Oct. 28	at Northwestern
Nov. 4	vs. Dordt
Nov. 11	at Briar Cliff

Northwestern College

Aug. 26	OPEN
Sept. 2	at Concordia
Sept. 9	at Drake
Sept. 16	vs. Doane
Sept. 23	at Mount Marty
Sept. 30	at Midland
Oct. 7	vs. Hastings
Oct. 14	at Briar Cliff
Oct. 21	vs. Dordt
Oct. 28	vs. Morningside
Nov. 4	at Dakota Wesleyan
Nov. 11	vs. Jamestown

HAWKS

REMSEN ST. MARY'S



SCHEDULE:

8/25	vs Harris-Lake Park
9/8	@ West Bend-Mallard
9/15	vs Boyer Valley
9/22	@ Newell-Fonda
9/29	vs Ar-We-Va
10/6	@ Woodbine
10/13	vs West Harrison



ROSTER

1	Elijah Schroeder	26	Brady Koenck
2	Keaton Harpenau	31	Colbey Penning
5	Cade Tentinger	44	Hunter Pick
10	Sam Schmillen	52	Ty Tritz
11	Brady Wurth	55	Collin Homan
18	Braxton Kniep	60	Caleb Gravenish
23	Kinnick Mohning	64	Sam Gerrietts
24	Landon Waldschmitt	76	Lennan Steichen

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CARDINALS

SOUTH SIOUX

ROSTER

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1 Izaac Tarno	60 Aaron Venegas	Zachary Wilkins
2 Travis McCabe	61 Marco Rodriguez	Jesus Ortiz
2 Connor Slaughter	63 Garret Morgan	Tyler Peterson
2 Xander Ardley Jr	64 Julian Ledesma	Lawrence Crowe
4 Lucas Sulzbach	66 Teodulo Perez	Isaac Godinez-Ponce
4 Demarico young	68 Carson Atkins	Brock Anderson
4 Fernando Flores	68 Carson Atkins	Dominick Lopez
5 Devin Penne	71 Eduardo Gonzalez	Adrian Pastran
5 Nicholas Rogge	72 Brodee Sims	Gabriel Franco-Estrada
6 DJ Helms	74 Kayden Melchor	Javier Flores
8 Caden Chester	74 William Craig	Ezekiel Hodo
9 Alex Lasley	74 Branden Lieber	Juan Popoca
10 Argenis De Anda	76 Angel Jimenez	Angel Perez
12 Silas Fluellen	76 Andrew Campbell	Abraham Varela
12 Tate Albertson	77 Keven Ortiz	Sergio Mojica
13 Brandon Popoca	77 Ruben Carrillo	Jesus Uriostegui
14 Palmer Antonio	77 Chris Ryion	Julian Martinez
14 Juan Reyes	77 Julian Perez	Pedro Cabrera
15 Vince Eleuterio	79 Jinha Lee	Juan Tapia
17 Eduardo Gomez	80 Jairo Avila	Giovanni Padilla
18 Joseph Tramp	83 Benjamin Lindgren	Payton Webb
20 Adam Hamilton	84 Avan Salas	Ben Lindgren
23 Robert Meza	84 Alabama Villeda	Carlo MerazTrevino
24 Danny Garcia	85 Mario Monroy	Johnny HernandezGarcia
25 Marcus Tarno	90 Juan Deluna	Grady Wendte
26 Sovannndy Sek	90 Juan De Luna	Marvin Tobar-Argueta
26 Caden Uhl	Juan Tapia	Dennis Podjenski
27 Ivan Rodriguez	Landon Phommavanh	Trixie Rogge
28 Shukri Irre	Oscar Alba	Santiago Garcia
28 Erick Moreno	Diego Amaral	Issac Godinez
30 Jorge Martinez	Maurseio Vera-Marin	David Dunnick
33 John Tramp	David Montes	Cooper Ferris
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44 Andrew Ortiz	Goy Tuach	Kayden Ortiz
45 Alex Zephier	Luis Villarreal	Kyle Fitch
45 Noah Macias	Jesus Ortiz-Tapia	Angel Alba
47 Leolani Phillip	Aaron Rangel-Medina	Giovani Alvarado
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54 Jacob Guzman	Kaden Dahl	
54 Jake Guzman	Isaiah Anderson	

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DORDT UNIVERSITY

Defenders return key performers from 7-3 team in 2022

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SIOUX CENTER, Iowa — With a wealth of talent returning on both sides of the ball, Dordt hopes to build on its strong finish last season.

The Defenders ended the 2022 campaign with four straight wins and victories in five of its last six games, raising their overall record to 7-3, the program's fifth season in a row with seven or more wins.

Expectations are high heading into camp this fall, with the Great Plains Athletic Conference coaches picking the Defenders to finish third in the league, behind only perennial national powers Northwestern and Morningside.

"We had a great offseason. A lot of guys that were banged up last year, we get them back," said Joel Penner, entering his eighth



Dordt linebacker Ian MacDonald (44) returns for his junior season after earning an all-GPAC second-team honors last season.

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4	MICKENON PETERSON	50	RILEY SWICK
5	BRADY CARNELL	52	MIGUEL BALVANTIN
6	JACE WAHLS	55	BRYCE POKORNY
7	LANE ROHAN	61	CARSON DUERKSEN
8	BEN BODLAK	62	BRADLEY LENTZ 11
9	CASEY CHADWICK	63	AIDAN EIFERT
10	ZAIN STARK	64	JACOB SWICK
20	DALTON LAMPRECHT	65	CODY ROHAN
21	GANNON PFISTER	71	PAT SEMPLE GARVIN
22	AYDEN SIMON-COOK	72	ZACH LUZE
23	TUCKER MCGILL	74	TIM NEY
25	NOLAN SCHWEERS	75	MIKE NEY
26	NOLAN WATKINS	80	ANDREW BRINKMANN
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season as Dordt's head coach. "We had a very high performing defense last year and 9 of 11 starters from that defense are back.

"Offensively, a lot of the key players that made stuff happen for us last year are also back. We have also added some new faces that will hopefully allow us to score even more points."

Veteran D-line

Fifth-year senior Jessup Leakey anchors a defense that allowed less than 100 yards per game on the ground. An all-GPAC first-team defensive lineman last season, Leakey recorded 28 tackles last season, including 10 solo and 3.5 sacks last season.



Penner

"He's just one of those guys who defines what it is to be a tough D-lineman," Penner said. "He just plays with relentless effort. He's so strong and has the ability to be destructive."

Another fifth-year defensive lineman, Sam Andrews is also back this sea-

Dordt defensive lineman Jessup Leakey, an All-GPAC First-Team selection, returns to lead the Defenders' defense this fall.

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son. The veteran noseguard routinely plugged the A gap while collecting 17 tackles, three for loss and two sacks.

Cleaning up behind the veteran and deep defensive line is a fast, athletic linebacker corps, led by Ian MacDonald. An all-GPAC second-team pick last season, MacDonald registered 42 solo tackles last season, including 9.5 for loss. He also picked off one pass and forced a fumble.

Anchoring the secondary is strong safety Abe Stoesz. The returning all-GPAC second-team selection had 47 solo tackles last season, including seven for loss, with two interceptions.

Three-way QB battle

On offense, Dordt should again be tough in the trenches. While three-time NAIA All-American left

tackle Alex Huisman has graduated, the Defenders return other veteran starting offensive lineman are back — all-GPAC second-team right guard Nathan Warner, right tackle Parker Beck and center Matt Lawton. Ethan Hanson, who stepped in at left tackle after Huisman was injured, also returns.

The signal caller behind the veteran O-line remains unresolved. Last year's starting quarterback, junior Kade McDaniel, is battling for the starting job this fall with Ty Clements, a reshirt freshman, and Kolson Kruse, who saw limited action last fall before sustaining a season-ending knee injury. Kruse led Southeast Valley High School (Gowrie) to the Iowa Class 2A state title in 2021, finishing his career with 24

school records in football.

"Those three guys are sharing reps and battling it out right now," Penner said. "I'm not opposed at all to going into the season with a rotation."

Dordt's offensive attack relies heavily on a quarterback that can run the ball. The Defenders also return a stable of experienced running backs, led by Nick Wellen, Connor Dodd and Preston McCoy.

Wide receiver Eli Bolden, a fifth-year graduate student, returns after catching 50 passes for five touchdowns over the past two seasons.

The Defenders open the season with a conference game at Doane on Sept. 2, and return to Sioux Center for the home opener the following week against Mount Marty.



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IOWA CLASS 4A SUMMARIES

LE MARS

The Bulldogs hope bigger and better things are in store for the 2023 season.

Le Mars has been trending upward since a 1-6 season in 2020. Le Mars hopes to build off a six-win campaign last fall and bring back several impact playmakers.

While the team graduated 2022's leading rusher and tackler (Elijah Dougherty) and leading pass-catcher (Connor Jalas), Le Mars does bring back its quarterback in senior Teagen Kasel, wide receiver Sione Fifita, running back Beau Wadle and senior Nolan Kass.

Returning senior Evan Jalas finished third on the club in tackles last season with 43 1/2 (26 solo and 3 1/2 for loss).

Kasel completed 100 of 180 passes as a junior for 1,373 yards with 12 touchdowns against four interceptions. He also rushed for over 150 yards and had a rushing score.

Fifita went for the second-most catches on the team (22) last season and turned those into 411 yards and four scores while Wadle went for 221 rushing yards on 32 carries with a half-dozen touchdowns and added 20 receptions for 342 yards and four TDs.

Le Mars started off 4-1 last season but

lost three of its last five starting with a homecoming game against Webster City.

The Bulldogs' toughest stretch of 2023 appears to start in Week 2 with a home game against Sioux City North. After that, Le Mars travels to take on Boyden-Bull/Rock Valley then has MOC-Floyd Valley at home and Spencer away in Week 5.

Kicker Jovany Kabongo moved to America after not playing football in middle school and made the game-winning field goal in one of the Bulldogs' wins last season.

Though touchdowns are preferable, consistently moving the chains past mid-field and giving Kabongo more opportunities at field goals could be a recipe for points after the Bulldogs tallied the most punt yards and third-most punt attempts last season in 4A.

Le Mars also led Class 4A last season in interceptions returned for touchdown with three.

"Every year we want to get to the playoffs and continue to play against the top teams in the state," said Le Mars third-year head coach Ken Vidgal. "We want to continue the momentum that we built the last two years and continue to win football games."

SPENCER

The Tigers finished the 2022 regular season 7-3, qualifying for the Class 4A playoffs. In the first round, Glenwood knocked off Spencer 38-26.

Several key players return this fall for Jim Tighe, who is entering his 21st year as the Tigers' head coach. They include senior wide receiver Eli Hookfin; senior offensive lineman Lewis Vulk; junior linebacker Adrian Carrillo; senior defensive back Eli Hookfin; junior linebacker Jack Berends and junior defensive lineman Miles Robbins. Also back is senior defensive back Ross Carlson, who was injured in the first game and missed the remainder of the season.

Robbins was the Tigers' second-leading tackler last season with 43.5, which included 34 solo and 11 for losses. Castillo had 35 tackles, including 23 solot and five for losses.

Promising newcomers Tighe cited include seniors Dalton Flikkema, Anthony Young, Ross Carlson, Weston Johnson and Garrett Wirtz and juniors Cael Bruning, Brody Jordan, Tommy Lauck, Preston Pitts, Brady Vreeman and Cole Watson.

"These are all guys who rotated in even though they were not starters," Tighe said.

Tighe sees LeMars as the strong favorite in Spencer's five-team Class 4A district, which also includes Denison-Schleswig, Storm Lake, Spencer and Sioux City West.

The Tigers opened the season with a non-district games at Humboldt.

"We have a very challenging non-district schedule that will allow us to find out a lot about who we are before the district begins," Tighe said.

STORM LAKE

The Tornadoes went winless in nine games last season as they were shut out three times and scored seven or less points in three other contests. In seven of the nine games, the Tornadoes allowed 40 or more points.

Storm Lake lost several of its top players from last year's team, but have some key returnees, including senior wide receiver Bachi Keyanye, who caught five balls for 89 yards, and senior linebacker Joey Rice, who recorded 37 tackles, including 21 solo.

MOC-FLOYD VALLEY

The Dutch of MOC-Floyd Valley have improved their win total over each of the past three seasons. But with that comes higher expectations.

MOC-Floyd Valley made the playoffs last season by virtue of being runner-up in their district and finished with a 6-4 record in Class 3A.

Now the mission for head coach Grant Hegstad is to go deeper into the postseason.

That goal is aided the return of the team's starting quarterback in junior Blake Aalbers, who had 1,305 yards on 63 percent completion rate with 13 touchdowns and 11 interceptions and 80 additional rushing yards.

But MOC-Floyd Valley will have to continue to develop offensive weapons for Aalbers as the Dutch graduated their top rusher from last season along with their top five pass catchers, with Ayden Klein belonging to both groups after he closed his career with 566 rushing yards and 97 receiving yards.

Tyson Vaas may see more opportunities after he went for eight catches last season, but Vaas was already an impact player on defense after going for 30 tackles as a junior in 2022.

SIOUX CENTER

The playoffs and a district champion are fairly commonplace for the Sioux Center football team.

And new head coach Tim Van Regenmorter doesn't want that to stop under his watch.

However, the Warriors' first round exit last season put the team's final season record even at 5-5 for the second year in a row after the program produced six winning record in eight seasons.

Now a senior, quarterback Brodie Van Regenmorter returns after completing 42 percent of his 84 passes last season that went for 436 yards and four touchdowns with two interceptions.

The team's leading rusher also returns in the form of senior Connor Kameron,

who as a junior carried the ball 100 times for 597 yards and eight scores. Kameron is one of several experienced ball carries for the Warriors, who bring back all but 70 of the 1,120 yards gained on the ground in 2022.

Kameron was also a force on defense last season as he had the second-most tackles on the team with 73.

The passing game may miss the graduation of Kylar Fritz (32 catches, 509 yards, six touchdowns), but the ball could find the arms of Kansas St. defensive end/tight end Carson Bruhn more in 2023. Fritz also led the team in tackles with 101.

Bruhn's junior season included nine receptions for 136 yards and a pair of scores, but Bruhn's offensive impact in 2022 wasn't near what it was on defense, where he went for 32 tackles, including five for a loss and 2 1/2 sacks.



IOWA CLASS 2A SUMMARIES

BOYDEN-HULL ROCK VALLEY

After several seasons of being a perennial threat to win its district or even go to the state championship, the Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley Nighthawks took a step back in 2022 with a 3-6 record.

And the team wants to make sure things get turned around quickly.

The Nighthawks get quarterback Nathan Van Otterloo back for his senior season after he threw for over 800 yards a season ago with a completion rate of 46 percent, though the running game is a bit unproven as the 290 yards gained on the ground by senior Alic Salazar represent the most by any returning player on the roster.

On the outside, senior Blake Moser is back after going for a team-best 20 catches and 239 yards with three touchdowns. Moser also had the most tackles last season of anyone back this season with 35 1/2.

“We have a group of young men that know how to work,” said BH/RV head coach Jayme Rozeboom. “We have a group of guys who love each other and will play for each other. We have guys who are tough. Guys who are willing to compete. I am excited to see where our grit takes us.”

“We have some big shoes to fill and we will have high competition for those spots. We really need to find their best positions and roles for this team early so we can steadily improve all season long.”

CENTRAL LYON/ GEORGE-LITTLE ROCK

The returning Class 2A state champion, Central Lyon/George-Little Rock have no plans on ceding the crown anytime soon.

Even after seeing one of the state’s most productive two-way players move onto the University of Iowa in Zach Lutmer, the Lions have two more future Hawkeyes on the 2023 roster in Reece Vander Zee and Graham Eben.

Lutmer had over 1,357 yards passing last season plus over 1,500 yards rushing with 38 total touchdowns while only throwing two interceptions on 112 attempts to rank among the state’s most productive offensive players while also displaying the ability that made him a desirable defensive back prospect to the Hawkeyes with 45 tackles and three interceptions.

However, Vander Zee should stand to slide inside from wideout to quarterback and give the Lions another playmaker at



TIM HYNDS, SIOUX CITY JOURNAL

Central Lyon/George Little Rock’s Graham Eben gets tackled by Sergeant Bluff-Luton’s Sergeant Bluff-Luton’s Carter McCrory during a Sept. 2 game in Sergeant Bluff. CL/GR is the defending Class 2A state champions.

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Vander Zee turned 32 catches into 768 yards and 10 touchdowns last season while adding 22 tackles and four interceptions on defense.

Graham Eben returns to his spot on both sides of the ball after he rushed for over 1,300 yards with 19 touchdowns and chipped in 10 receptions for 159 yards with 28 1/2 tackles on defense and four picks.

The rushing attack is further supplemented by the return of seniors Lane Kruger and Isaiah Johnson, who each had over 200 yards on the ground as juniors.

CL/GLR has created a program that should be the envy of most schools around the state.

Head coach Curtis Eben is 43-20 as head coach. Since forming the CL/GLR

co-op in 1990, the team has made 22 playoff appearances and has five second-place trophies. Central Lyon has won four gold trophies, two each on its own and as part of the co-op.

While the team boasts several key members back, the Lions’ success could be tied to the effort up front on the offensive and defensive lines, where not as much comes back.

“We need to continue to build leaders within this group. We have some very talented young men on this team,” Curtis Eben said. “Looking for a large group of seniors to step into some big roles this year.”

“The large group of seniors that have waited their turn to see the field. We have several key players back. We will need to continue to build depth on the OL/DL as

the season goes.”

CHEROKEE

After averaging just two wins per season from the start of the 2017 through the end of the 2021 season, Cherokee has won six the past two seasons in Class 2A (eight if you count Week 9 wins played between non-playoff contenders to close each slate).

Plus, the Braves have an intriguing young stable of returning players that should have Cherokee filled with high hopes.

Head coach Tony Gunter has last season’s top four ball-carriers back this season. Current sophomore Jaxon Paulsrud led the team in carries (98) and rushing yards (597) in 2022, and returning senior Jon Jenness had team-bests in yards per rush (11.8) and touchdowns (eight). Between them, the duo rushed for almost 1,200 yards.

OABCIG

For the second straight year, the Falcons’ season ended with a loss deep in the playoffs to the eventual state champion.

Two years ago, Southeast Valley beat OABCIG in the Class 2A quarterfinals on route to the Jaguars’ first state title. Last fall, OABCIG fell 37-14 to Central Lyon in a semi at the UNI Dome that matched two of the state’s two quarterbacks — Central Lyon’s Zach Lutmer and OABCIG’s Beckett DeJean.

Beckett DeJean, who earned second-team all-state honors, threw for 2,221 passing yards and 26 touchdowns and rushed for 998 yards and 14 more scores last season.

The younger brother of highly-decorated Iowa cornerback Cooper DeJean, Beckett also starred at cornerback for OABCIG, and will likely play defense for the South Dakota Coyotes this fall.

OABCIG head coach Larry Miller, entering his 24th year with the program, must replace not only DeJean but a total of 20 graduated seniors, including every starter from last year’s 11-2 squad. The losses also include DeJean’s favorite target, receiver Gabe Wintercrowd.



“Our main focus early on will be to get kids into the right positions for the betterment of the team,” Miller said. “Open competition for all starting positions should be a benefit for use.”

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OABCIG

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Miller identifies Kelton Ladwidg and Bodie Hansen as the top returning players, and Brysen Kolar and Myles Beck as the most promising newcomers.

Other notable returning players, he said, are Bradyn Barber, Gage Leed, Kaleb Taylor, John Kruse, Gavin Remer, Dayton Ullrich and Blake Corbin. Miller lists West Sioux as the favorite to win OABCIG's district, but said he expects his young team to challenge for the crown.

UNITY CHRISTIAN

Unity Christian made the Class 2A playoffs for the second straight season in 2022, but it was just the third playoff appearance in the program history.

The Knights finished the season 3-6 after being knocked out by OABCIG in the first round of the postseason.

Braeden Bosma returns at quarterback for his junior season after he threw for just shy of 1,000 yards with nine touchdowns and 10 interceptions on 135 attempts with a 55 percent completion rate. He's also the top returning rusher on the team as he went for 479 yards on the ground, which was second to Trevor Wieringa's 518 yards. Wieringa has since graduated.

Bosma will also be without his top two receivers from last season as both Jacob Van Donge and Carter Slenk graduated. Those two combined for 45 catches, almost 700 receiving yards and six touchdowns. That makes Ethan Van Ginkel (10 receptions, 85 yards, touchdown) the top returning target in the pass game.

On defense, the Knights bring back some depth from last season as the program graduated three of its top four tacklers from 2022, but return eight of its top 10 in the category, led by senior Cole Rens, who had over 50 tackles last season, with nine occurring behind the line of scrimmage.

Despite only a few playoff appearances, Unity Christian has been successful under head coach Joshua Van Kempen, as the Knights have had at least three wins in every season since 2016.

OKOBOJI

It's been over a 15 years since Okoboji made its one and only playoff appearance in school history.

That also doubles as the last winning season the Pioneers have had.

But head coach Nick Plueger does have some pieces to work with this season.

Returning senior Jase Jostand led the team in passing last season with a modest 164 yards on 15-of-41 passing. Jostand may have a firmer grip on the position this season after Okoboji saw 11 different players attempt passes last season, which combined for 16 interceptions and one touchdown.

At receiver, Ethan Schlachter and Tallin Wright had the exact same season stat lines last fall as each went for six catches and 73 yards. However, Schlachter since graduated while Wright is back for his senior year.

Senior Joe Salmon also returns after he led the team in rushing yards as a junior after he went for 411 yards on 37 carries with four touchdowns.

Four of the team's top five in tacklers from last season have graduated, but the squad does return the team leader in the stat in junior Blaise Elwood, who had 55 1/2 tackles (31 solo, three for loss).

SHELDON

After a nine-year gap between playoff appearances, Sheldon qualified for the postseason for the second straight time to end last season as the Orabs finished 4-5 under Tyler Lloyd.

This season, Levi Letsche assumes the helm of the team, whose top returners include senior running back Ryan Vollink (91 rushes, 342 yards, three touchdowns) and junior wide receiver Isaac Wenthe, who led the team in catches (seven) and receiving yards (114) while Volinink added six catches for 90 yards.

Volinink also recorded the second-most tackles of any returning Orab with 33 1/2 tackles as a junior. Current senior Jarrett Roos had the most of any player on the roster to come back in 2023 as Roos went for 38 1/2, with 27 solo and nine happening behind the line of scrimmage.

Last season was Sheldon's 10th playoff berth in school history. It's most successful stretch came with four straight post-

season berths from 2009 to 2012.

At 4-5 in 2022, Sheldon won the most games in a season since going 7-2 in 2017.

The school made the playoffs three times in the 1980s and was state runner-up in 2005.

SPIRIT LAKE

Spirit Lake had its most wins in a season since 2014 after finishing the regular season undefeated at 8-0 and adding two more wins onto the total in the postseason before suffering a 19-0 loss to OABCIG in the Class 2A quarterfinals.

Still, Spirit Lake won a district championship and produced a playoff qualifier for the fifth straight season in 2022 under head coach Josh Bolluyt.

The Indians' defense saw Owen Lalumendre accumulate over 90 tackles last season as a junior to represent the most of any returning player for the Indians. Lalumendre also had 20 tackles for loss and seven sacks.

In the secondary, junior Dylan Stecker and senior Will Graves are both back after each had three interceptions a season ago.

At quarterback, Caden Lundt was superb in 2022 as just a sophomore. Lundt threw for nearly 1,200 yards with 12 touchdowns and added 40 rushing yards with three ground scores. As a junior, look for his completion percentage to trend upward from last season's 52.7 percent, which also came with seven interceptions.

Lundt is joined in the backfield by two classmates who come off encouraging sophomore campaigns. Bode Higgins went for 966 yards on 144 carries last fall while William Ditsworth averaged nearly six yards a carry on 32 totes for 181 rushing yards.

Higgins also ranked second on the 2022 Indians in catches with 17, which went for 109 yards. The rest of Spirit Lake's 89 catches for 1,213 receiving yards was compiled by graduated seniors.

WESTERN CHRISTIAN

The Wolfpack hope the success keeps going under head coach Travis Kooima.

Western Christian finished last season 8-3 and bring back Kaden Van Regenmorter, who threw for almost 2,000 yards last season as a sophomore starting

quarterback with a 56 percent completion rate and 19 touchdowns against 10 interceptions and 460 rushing yards.

Tyler Mantel will once again join Van Regenmorter in the backfield after Mantel took 176 carries for 1,122 yards and 14 scores on the ground to go with 15 catches and 251 receiving yards and two more scores.

However, the program graduated leading pass catcher Ashtin Van't Hul (30 catches, 639 yards, seven TDs) along with Chandler Pollema (22 catches, 311 yards, two TDs).

That means junior Karsten Moret may be the Wolfpack's top target this season after he went for 20 receptions, 298 yards and six touchdowns last fall.

Western Christian also graduated four of its top five tacklers from 2022, led by Parker Van't Hul's 54 1/2 stops. The returning leader in the category for the Wolfpack is Mantel, who went for 37 tackles to rank second on the team.

WEST LYON

A prestigious program that's tied for the sixth-most football championships in state history with five hopes to keep rolling in 2023 after reaching the playoffs for the 33rd time in school history to cap off last season.

Head coach Jay Rozeboom's squad finished 8-3, losing to eventual Class 2A champion Central Lyon/George-Little Rock in the quarterfinals.

The Wildcats lost starting quarterback Ryer Crichton to graduation after he threw for over 750 yards, but bring back leading rusher Tate Hawf, who rushed for over 800 yards on 141 carries and 11 touchdowns as a sophomore last fall. Hawf also tallied 18 receptions for 146 yards.

West Lyon also saw leading tackler Gunner Grems graduate after going for 67 1/2 stops, but the team brings back Jaxan Huyser after a 48-tackle campaign as a sophomore.

"We have a very tough schedule starting with out," Rozeboom said. "(And) our district is extremely tough. We must work on the things we can control like getting better every rep of every practice, improving every game, and be great at blocking and tackling."

IOWA CLASS 1A SUMMARIES

EAST SAC COUNTY

The Raiders went 2-7 last season but made the most of their two wins by making a playoff appearance in Class 1A. The victories came in the last two weeks of the

regular season to propel East Sac Co. into postseason contention.

The primary source of optimism for the Raiders come in the returning members, of which there is an abundance for head coach Eric McCollough.

On defense, the Raiders' top 13 tacklers are back in 2023. That group is led by senior Karter Ludwig, whose 78 1/2 tackles ranked just outside the top 10 in 1A.

Senior Luke Wright returns at quarterback after going for nearly 450 total yards.

Landon Grindle also is back for his junior season after leading the team in rushing yards a season ago with 224 yards on 48 carries. Seniors Charlie Veit and Logan Schroeder also chipped in over 150 rushing yards apiece as juniors.

East Sac's top receiving targets are both back in the lineup as well in Veit (16 catches, 98 yards) and junior Sam Julin (five catches, 110 yards).

Veir and senior linebacker Luke Wernimont each had two interceptions last fall.

HINTON

The Blackhawks were a playoff team in Class 1A last season and finished 6-4 in total after a first round exit.

Quarterback Glen Carlson has graduated since throwing for over 1,100 yards last season, as has the team's leading rusher in 2022, that being Beau DeRoche (155 carries, 1,425 yards, 18 touchdowns), which leaves holes to fill in the Hinton backfield.

Junior Gabe Anderson looks to be the next in line after attempting 35 passes as a sophomore with seven completions, 131 yards, a touchdowns and two interceptions.

Hinton also brings back senior Garrett Lindley, who had 80 totes for 339 yards and three scores last season. Lindley is also the Blackhawks' returning leader in tackles with 62 1/2 (53 solo, three for loss).

Brooks Binneboese and Jacob Bishop are both back after each went for in excess of 38 tackles as sophomores.

"This season holds a lot of unknowns for us," said Hinton head coach Kadrian



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West Sioux hoists their runner-up trophy after their loss against Van Meter in the 2022 Iowa Class 1A championship game at the UNI-Dome in Cedar Falls.

Hardersen. "We graduated 11 seniors and also moved up a class. We have a small group of seniors this season, but they have done a great job filling the leadership void that was left from last year's departures.

"I think the expectation from the seniors is that they would pick up where we left off last year and look to make another

playoff run."

LAWTON-BRONSON

The Eagles were highly successful in the early 2010s with four playoff appearances in six seasons, but haven't made the playoffs since 2015.

Lawton-Bronson were in contention for a playoff spot for much of the season, but finished in fifth place in Class A District 8 after going 3-5 under head coach Jason Garnand.

This season, the Eagles moved up to Class 1A and bring back Braden Heiss after he threw for over 2,200 yards on nearly 300 attempts with a completion rate over 54 percent and 23 touchdowns against 11 interceptions.

As for other playmakers, junior Loudon Grimsley has been courted by a increasing number of Division I schools after he went for 32 receptions, 601 yards and eight touchdowns as a sophomore in 2022.

Of the team's total 2,245 receiving yards gained last season, the Eagles bring back nearly 2,000 of those and all but four of their 24 receiving scores.

On defense, Lawton-Bronson brings back its top seven in tackles, led by juniors Marcus Silva and Cowan Jaminet, who each had over 42 tackles last fall.

Ivan Smith added 38 tackles and Lane Mitchell chipped in 36 as a freshman in 2022. The Lawton-Bronson defense also showed a propensity to get turnovers a season ago as the Eagles recorded 16 fumble recoveries and seven interceptions.

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PENDRAGONS

PENDER



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1 @ Clarkson/Leigh
- Sept. 8 Wakefield
- Sept. 15@ Wisner-Pilger
- Sept. 22Guardian Angels
Central Catholic
- Sept. 28Bancroft-Rosalie
- Oct. 6@ Lyons-Decatur
Northeast
- Oct. 13.....@ Stanton



ROSTER

1 Braiden Alvin	18 Zander Welsh	38 Ryan Linkous
2 Mitchell Kelly	19 Nate Sanderson	40 Cash French
3 Reece Heineman	20 Brody Krusemark	48 Gauge Thomsen
4 Stephon Small	21 Brodrick Crippen	51 Kaddo Schrunck
5 Houstin Holloway	22 Jake Schuster	55 Zayne Briggs
7 Easton Dutcher	23 Trevor Trimble	64 Logan Harral
8 Owen Larsen	24 Trent Hansen	66 Linkin Baker
9 Brandon Smith	25 Liam Paeper	68 Boyd Frazey
10 Owen Kneifl	26 Landon Rose	71 Haeden Paeper
11 Carter Hansen	27 Ryan Krueger	75 Christopher Blomenberg-Sherer
12 Aiden Beckman	28 Cooper French	84 Nash Morgan
14 Owen Hathaway	30 Lane Kelly	86 James Luoma
15 Alex Roth	33 Oliver Isner	88 Cooper Randall
17 Sean Krusemark	35 Logan Timm	99 Derek Smith

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ROSTER

1 Jacob Borrall	26 Daniel Durio	59 Bradyn Fahrendholz
2 Cal Jepsen	27 Mandell Groetken	60 Yrhynest Lipscomb
3 Dane Milton	28 Landon Boggs	61 Louie Church
4 AJ Flemister	29 Kobe Flemister	62 Noah Weakland
5 Kason Clayborne	30 Tanner Hamilton	63 Tegan Bean
6 Quinton Ashcraft	31 Daeshaun Simmons	64 Jeremiah Fautot
7 Keagan Augustine	32 Myles Wegher	65 Colton Gunn
8 Logan Dolphin	33 Tyler Cook	69 Crystian Lubben
9 Chris Ford	34 Divine Adams	70 R.J. Rice
11 Rob Emerson	35 Kayden Vakulskas	71 Garrett Walling
12 Austin Sheppard	37 Blake Taylor	72 Isaiah King
13 Richard Stewart	40 Jason Stevens	73 Tyree Augustine
14 Parker Weakland	42 James Hogancamp	74 Rayshaun Marshall
15 Manasse Kasongo	44 Colin Pittenger	75 Luke Vander Weide
16 Carter Foster	45 Francisco Diego	76 Mikai Jordan
17 Jax Theeler	46 Giovanni Abasta	77 Clinton Welch
18 Kai Levy	51 Blake Schwartz	82 Riley Hauswirth SO
19 Ruben Dieguez	52 Alex Noutepe	83 Ty'Don Northington
20 Drake Grant	53 Johnathan Lipscomb	85 Kohen Cleveland
21 Jack Ritchie	54 Zach Lande	87 Jack Ohman
22 Chase Teut	56 Darrian Anderson	88 John Yates
23 J.J. Ghosh	57 Mason Anderson	89 Kennedy Fitch
24 Jacob Breyfogle	58 Logan Staben	
25 Ben Towler		

SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1	@ Sergeant Bluff-Luton
Sept. 8.....	@ Bishop Heelan
Sept. 15	@ Sioux City North
Sept. 22	South East Polk
Sept. 28	Council Bluff Lincoln
Oct. 5.....	@ Des Moines Lincoln
Oct. 13	@ Ames
Oct. 20	Johnston



MVAOCOU

Jacob Burger takes over as the Rams' coach after leading Ogden High School to a 6-3 record last year.

Burger said he's excited to start building a foundation of success at Maple Valley-Anthon-Oto/Charter Oak-Ute, which is coming off a 2-7 season.

"We won't have an incredibly large senior class, but the few we have look to be impact players," Burger said. The biggest thing with this group will be creating confidence in themselves that they can win.

"We will be thin in numbers but there looks to be some fantastic talent on this team. All summer long, the core group of football players did a fantastic job in the weight room and we are excited to see some of that translate onto the football field."

Top returning players include offensive and defensive lineman Jace Henderson, quarterback and safety Payton Gress, wide receiver and cornerback Tanner Dixon, running back and linebacker Kane Boyle and running back and linebacker Luther Cameron.

Cameron, a junior, was the Rams' leading rusher last season, carrying the ball 130 times for 733 yards and five touchdowns. Dixon, a sophomore, caught nine passes for 95 yards and a score.

Boyle was MVAOCOU's second-leading tackler (60), with 26 solo stops and one sack.

Burger lists Bo Clausen (RB/CB); Cade

Schmidt (QB/S); Aiden Leclair (OL/DL); William Sorenson (OL/DL) and Harry Spicer (WR/CB) as promising newcomers, and mentions Manny Cameron (WR/S) and Jake Mitchell (OL/DL) as players who could make a big jump this season.

Assigned to Class 1A, MVAOCOU opened the season Aug. 25 at Westwood.

RIDGE VIEW

The Raptors went 4-4 in 2022 and qualified for the Class 1A playoffs for the second straight season.

Ridge View graduated quarterback and leading rusher Jake Breyfogle (73-154 passing for 635 yards, six touchdowns and 12 interceptions plus 396 rushing yards) and Kolton Luscombe (85 carries for 382 yards).

In fact, no returning Raptor rushed for more than a dozen yards last season, but the Raptors do return senior Isaac Goettsch after he went for 11 catches and 127 yards to rank in the top three on the team in both categories.

Senior Asher Endrulat anchors the defense after he had 45 1/2 tackles in 2022. Endrulat's efforts were supplemented by Zach Kolphin and Austin Wood.

Kolphin had 33 1/2 tackles as a freshman and Wood went for 33 as a sophomore.

On the back end of the defense, Ethan Mason and Gavin Vohs are back after each grabbing two interceptions. Mason is a senior and Vohs a junior.

SIOUX CENTRAL

The Rebels went 2-6 last season under head coach Brandon Goodchild and were fifth in their district.

Sioux Central only attempted 45 passes in 2022, but 36 were thrown by the arm of Kaben Morrow, who competed 15 on them for over 200 yards.

The team also brings back leading rusher Max Adams following a 157-carry, 571-yard effort for Adams as a junior with six touchdowns. Adams also had the most solo tackles on the team (48) and second-most total tackles (53), behind returning junior Kinnick Fahrenkrog's team-best 55 takedowns.

Konnor McKeever, Tate Axdahl and Morrow all return to the defense as well after the trio each went for over 23 tackles in 2022.

Sioux Central made three trips to the playoffs between 2011 and 2017, but haven't been to the postseason since.

"Many positions have graduated and there will be a lot of competition from our younger grade levels," said Goodchild. "With the realignment of districts this year, we are playing some teams we haven't played in a few years."

WEST SIOUX

With the lone exception of the 2012 season, West Sioux has made the playoffs every season since 2009 and have been runner-up in Class 1A the past two seasons.

In 2022, the Falcons went 11-2 and lost

to Van Meter, 35-7, in the state championship game at the UNI-Dome under head coach Ryan Schwiesow.

The Falcons went unbeaten in district play, with its only regular season loss coming to 2A state champ Central Lyon/George-Little Rock.

West Sioux will have to replace starting quarterback Dylan Wiggins, who graduated after going for a 70 percent completion rate on 243 pass attempts with 2,152 yards and 31 touchdowns against nine interceptions and over 440 rushing yards with six scores on the ground.

Behind Dylan Wiggins and leading receiver Brady Lynott, West Sioux scored the most passing touchdowns in 1A (34) and third-most total scores (84).

Leading rusher Carter Bultman (153 carries, 1,228 yards and 17 touchdowns) also graduated, meaning the Falcons bring back around 320 of the total 2,476 rushing yards of last season, almost all of which were accounted for by sophomores Blake Wiggins and Tanner Lynott.

Lynott also added three receptions for 52 yards and returning junior Kolton Koopmans had 19 catches for 206 yards and three scores while Blake Wiggins may get the nod as the Falcons' next starting QB after he attempted 20 passes as a freshman with 14 completions, 178 yards and two touchdowns against one interception.

The Falcons ranked fifth in total tackles last season in 1A with 556 as a team.

IOWA CLASS A SUMMARIES**AKRON-WESTFIELD**

Despite losing their leading receiver to graduation, the Westerners return largely in tact from the 2022 season, a campaign that saw Akron-Westfield finish the regular season 1-7.

However, the biggest bright spot for A-W may be running back/linebacker Ian Blowe.

After sweeping the Class 1A throwing events this past spring at the state track and field meet, Blowe returns to the gridiron after getting some Division I looks following a 2022 season that saw him lead the team in carries (114), rushing yards (598), tackles (64), solo tackles (45) and tackles for loss (eight).

Conner Wendel also returns for his senior season after he passed for over 1,000 yards with seven touchdowns and eight interceptions while completing 60 percent of his 169 attempts.

At wideout, Lane Kenny (45 catches, 447 yards, two TDs) has moved on, but Akron-Westfield brings back a combined 46 catches for over 500 yards and a pair of scores in senior Jack Terpstra and junior Hayden Wahlberg.

On defense, juniors Kyle Herbert and Tatum Wilken are back after compiling over 35 tackles each last season.

The Westerners' last playoff appearance came in 2018.

ALTA-AURELIA

The Warriors finished in fifth place in their Class A district last season, missing out on a playoff berth by one spot, despite a 2-6 regular season record. In 2021, Alta-Aurelia made the playoffs for just the second time in school history.

With some members of that postseason squad still around and looking to guide the Warriors back beyond the regular sea-

son, Alta-Aurelia's top returners include starting quarterback Cale Brechwald, who completed 56 percent of his 251 attempts for 1,716 yards and 15 touchdowns, although those did come with a nearly equal number of interceptions (13).

Two of his top targets were lost to graduation in Cade Ahnemann and Kaden Stites, who each had over 30 catches. But the Warriors do return junior Gavin Sleezer (17 receptions, 329 yards, five TDs) and senior DJ Rodriguez (17 catches, 207 yards, three TDs).

On defense, Sleezer is a force for Alta-Aurelia as he finished with the fourth-most tackles in Class A with 95 1/2. Rodriguez chipped in 53 1/2 as a sophomore to represent another key cog back in lineup on both sides of the ball.

Brechwald also finished second on the team in rushing yards with 240, which came on 81 carries and produced four rushing touchdowns, a team best.

KINGSLEY-PIERSON RIVER VALLEY

Kingsley-Pierson and River Valley played as separate 8-player teams last season. In the first year of a football co-op, the neighboring districts have converged and will compete together in 11-player Class A.

Last season, Kingsley-Pierson made the playoffs (its third straight berth) and finished with a 4-6 record. River Valley went winless in eight regular season games.

This year's combined squad is led by senior quarterback Beau Goodwin. As a junior, Goodwin threw for over 2,000 yards, with 30 touchdowns and eight interceptions on a 66 completion rate. He also ran for a team-high 484 yards and six more scores on 91 attempts.

Goodwin, however, is in need of new targets as K-P graduated players with all

but six of the team's 151 receptions and all but 17 of its 2,070 receiving yards, plus all 30 receiving touchdowns. Likewise, River Valley graduated its top four wideouts, with its leading receiver coming back being sophomore Adlyr Redenius, who had 10 receptions for 116 yards and a touchdown in 2022.

Goodwin is also K-P's leading returning tackler as he went for 35 1/2. Sophomore Tyler Koch had the next-best tally for K-P among returning players with 23. Colton Kurtz returns for his senior season after going for over 20 tackles.

Senior Cole Thomas could contribute at several positions after he was River Val-

ley's quarterback last season and threw for 775 yards as a junior on 118 attempts with nine touchdowns and 11 interceptions while also rushing for 171 yards and leading the team in tackles with more than 60 plus two interceptions.

As its own team, River Valley made the playoffs in three seasons, including back-to-back times in 2012 and '13.

HARTLEY-MELVIN-SANBORN

The Hawks were Class A District 1 champions last season after going unbeaten in six district games and reached the playoffs for the third straight season and 11th time in program history.

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn finished the season with an 8-3 mark after reaching



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Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn's Keevyn Jacobsma faces off against Woodbury Central's Drew Klunder during an Iowa Class A playoff game on Nov. 4.



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WINNEBAGO



SCHEDULE:

- Aug. 31@ Pine Ridge
- Sept. 16 @ St. Francis
- Sept. 21@ Todd County
- Sept. 29Cheyenne-Eagle Butte
- Oct. 5 @ Standing Rock
- Oct. 15 Little Wound
- Oct. 20 Red Cloud




ROSTER

0 Antrell Harlan	13 Braden Brownrigg	42 Michael Wolfe
1 Elijah Whitebear	20 Angelo Jones	48 Dontae Mercer
2 Jonathon Earth	21 Levin LaPointe	50 Desmond Wolfe
3 Cashus Kearnes	22 Patrick Burt	54 Ho-Hump Snake
4 Adarius Flemister	23 Mateo Canales	62 Jacob Lincoln
5 Caden Brownrigg	24 Seth Loera	64 Kenny Neiman
9 Kaden Kennedy	25 Melaki George	70 Ayden
10 Nizu Baker	28 Raiden DeCora	Littlegeorge-Cloud
11 Devin Harden	30 Santonio Neiman	72 Damon Payer
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the Class A playoff quarterfinals, which the Hawks lost in a 27-24 heartbreaker to Woodbury Central in which a fourth-quarter Woodbury Central touchdown was the difference.

With the graduation of the Class of 2022, the Hawks lost one of the most dynamic backfield duos in the state in Kooper Ebel and Travis Kamradt.

Ebel rushed for over 2,500 yards and threw for over 800 more from the quarterback position and went for 38 total touchdowns and also led the team tackles with 78 while Kamradt had over 1,000 rushing yards with 15 scores.

HMS also graduated five of Ebel's top six targets on the outside as the club's leading pass catcher is current junior James Gellerman, who had six catches for 39 yards and a touchdown last fall.

Ethan Wiersma leads the defense.

As a junior in 2022, Wiersma went for over 50 tackles, the most of any returning member of the team.

GEHLEN CATHOLIC

During the 1990s, Gehlen Catholic was a mainstay in playoffs, including a state championship in 1995 and runner-up performance the season after.

The Jays are hoping for a similar run in the 2020s after qualifying for the post-season for the second straight season last fall and 16th time in school history. Ultimately, Gehlen bowed out in the second round of the Class A playoffs and finished with an 8-2 record.

If Gehlen is to advance beyond the regular season again under head coach Jeremy Schindler, the squad will have to make up for several key losses to graduation, starting with quarterback Connor Kraft. Kraft had over 1,300 yards in the air with 16 touchdowns and 11 interceptions on 202 attempts with a 56 percent completion rate, and he chipped in over 200 rushing yards and 10 more scores on the ground.

Keaton Bonderson also leaves a gap on the roster after he led the state (all classes) with nine interceptions last season. He also led the team in receiving yards with 679, which came on 50 catches, the team high by more than double, and 11 touchdowns. Bonderson also had over 34 tackles to go with his picks.

However, returning junior Kale Pearson stands to inherit a larger role on the offense, though he had a sizable one as a sophomore after leading the team in carries (157), yards (1,106) and rushing

touchdowns (12), with one reaching the end zone from 73 yards out.

Pearson is also a standout on defense as he had 28 1/2 tackles (15 solo) in 2022. The Jays also bring back junior Cole McCarty and seniors Gabe Wiltgen, Landen Reuter and Chance Kallsen, all of whom return after having 20-plus tackle seasons last fall.

WESTWOOD

While Westwood is encouraged by two straight playoff appearances, the Rebels may be looking for more in 2023 after finishing 4-5 in each of the last two seasons, both of which included first round exits in the Class A postseason.

It hasn't been a steady upward climb for the program, but it continues to play beyond the regular season about every other season as all five the school's playoff appearances have come after 2012.

Westwood kept things on the ground as it only attempted 53 pass attempts under head coach, though both quarterbacks to combined for that total return in senior Carson Topf and junior Joe Morris.

Though those attempts produced modest team passing numbers (278 yards, one touchdown, six interceptions), the duo did combine for nearly 300 rushing yards.

However, that's a drop in the bucket of the 1,861 rushing yards (fifth-most in Class A) and 22 touchdowns the Rebels lost with the graduation of all-state fullback Jackson Dewald. On the receiving end of Topf and Morris' passes, the club also will have to compensate for the graduation of Lawson Haveman, who had 102 of the team's 278 total receiving yards.

On defense, the Rebels will have to forge ahead without its two leading tacklers from 2022 in Dewald and Thomas Heilman, but return seniors Aiden McDonald and Devin LaBrune, who had 38 tackles each, along with senior Landon Steinhoff, junior Joe Dewald and senior Frank Lewis, who all had 20 or more tackles a season ago.

WEST MONONA

The Spartans went winless in 2022 (0-8) after nabbing the program's first playoff spot since 1993 — and its third postseason berth overall — the previous season.

Parker Zima is one of West Monona's top returning players this season as he led the club in tackles last fall with 40 takedowns as a junior. His 26 solo tackles would have nearly been good enough for second-most total tackles as Johnny Fester's total of 28 ranked second on the

WARRIORS

SIOUX CENTER



SCHEDULE:

08/25	West Lyon
09/01	Away vs. Spirit Lake
09/08	Unity Christian
09/15	Away vs. Spencer
09/22	Bishop Heelan
09/29	Away vs. BH/RV
10/06	Away vs. MOC-Floyd Valley
10/13	Carroll Community
10/20	Sergeant Bluff-Luton



ROSTER

1 Solomon Tea	20 Elisha Los	54 Jax Van Zee
2 Ezra Hibma	21 Casen Jah	55 Brendan Lamfers
2 Brodie Van Regenmorter	22 Joseph Molina	56 Sawyer Wolfswinkel
3 Kole Hooyer	23 Connor Kameron	56 Russell Dolieslager
3 Jarrett Zeutenhorst	24 Enrique Felipe	57 Chase Huizenga
4 Kyle Kooi	25 Cohen Verhoef	58 Freddie Hernandez
4 Max Plasier	30 Eddie Topete	59 Gunner Wood
5 Kyler Govig	31 Tate Swager	60 Fred Richmond
5 Hunter Van Zee	32 Justin Romo	61 Jake Lane
6 Isaiah Else	33 David Neese	62 Jeremy Meendering
6 Bryce Oostenink	34 Noam Groeneweg	63 Jace Bradshaw
7 Seth Andersen	35 Ethan Moline	63 Garrett Getman
8 Santi Estrada	40 Carson Bruhn	66 Owen Romo
9 Andy ReynosoPerez	41 Ethan Bosma	67 Manuel Marquez
9 Cody Sandbulte	42 Cooper Votrobeck	68 Wyatt Leusink
10 Lane Waddle	44 Tyler Moeller	69 Zach Pohren
11 Abram Hibma	50 Daniel Camacho	70 Jac Zomermaand
12 Kyle Te Stroete	50 Reid Hulshof	71 Riley Wolfswinkel
13 Sawyer Hietbrink	51 Jack Crane	72 Kullen Jooste
14 Joshua Abbas	51 Jesus Marquez	73 Josmar TorreGonzalez
15 Austin Fink	52 Colton Mouw	75 Thal Cam
16 Braedon Perez-Hietbrink	52 Gavin Vander Schaff	76 Blake Boogerd
17 Cael Van Beek	53 Makai Gesink	77 Johnathan Estrada
18 Kade Bauer	53 Evan Hatting	79 Luke Hooyer
19 Zachary Van Beek	54 Landon Rozeboom	

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Spartans a season ago, with 19 of the solo variety.

Laken Bellis, Payton Purgett and Dillon Woodward all return as seniors after recording 20 or more tackles as juniors.

If West Monona looks to get back into playoff contention in Class A, Spartans head coach Bret Doorenbos may see some encouraging signs in returning junior quarterback Chase Lander, who had 627 yards passing on 140 attempts.

However, turnovers crippled West Monona last season the four quarterbacks who saw action for the Spartans combined for 14 interceptions with just one touchdown through the air.

On the ground, Fester and Grant Russell were within one rushing yard of each (Fester led the team with 296 yards on the ground) on a near-equal number of carries (Russell had six fewer with 70) as West Monona scored only nine offensive touchdowns in 2022.

WOODBURY CENTRAL

The Wildcats went 11-1 last season and made it to the UNI-Dome for the Class A state playoffs, but fell to eventual state champion Grundy Center.

Still, Woodbury Central won its district and finished the regular season unde-

feated behind almost 3,500 passing yards by Drew Kluender and nearly 1,500 rushing yards from Max McGill, who also had a team-best 88 tackles.

McGill, however, has since graduated. Kluender is back for his senior season as one of the top returning quarterbacks in Class A under Woodbury Central head coach Kurt Bremer. As a junior, Kluender led Class A in total touchdowns (40), passing touchdowns (37), passing yards (3,419), total offensive yards (3,450), pass completions (200) and pass attempts (335).

Kluender gets his top target back in senior Eric McGill. Eric McGill led Class A last season in receiving touchdowns (16) and receiving yards (1,062) despite not even leading the team in receptions. That went to graduated senior Kyan Schultzen, who had 51 catches.

Defensively, junior Zack Butler is the team's returning leader in tackles (53), which included 44 solo.

SIBLEY-OCHEYEDAN

After getting an early-season win in 2022, the Generals stumbled the rest of the way and finished the regular season with a 1-7 record under head coach Mike McCarty.

The Generals, who dropped down to Class A this season, return quarterback Dalton Wingate for his senior season after he passed for 656 yards, although it came with a sub-40 percent completion rate and more interceptions than touchdown passes (10 to six).

Wingate will hope to build upon his connection with senior wideout Riley Getzel, who led the team in catches and receiving yards in 2022 with 20 receptions for 369 yards and five scores.

A pair of standouts on defense are also back as seniors for the Generals in Cassidy Henrichs and Michael Block, who each had over 50 tackles last year.

Sibley-Ocheyedan has qualified for the playoffs twice in school history, those coming in 2010 and 2014.

The Generals have just one win in the last two seasons since posting the program's first winning season since 2010 in 2021 with a 5-3 mark.

SOUTH O'BRIEN

Head coach Mark Fuhrman guided the Wolverines to their fourth straight post-season last season. South O'Brien ended the regular season with a .500 record both overall (4-4) and in district play (3-3) before losing its playoff opener.

The South O'Brien offense preferred to keep the ball on the ground as the team accumulated over 500 more rushing yards (1,275) than passing yards (772), although the quarterback duo of Jacob Van Lith and Justice Frerk did complete over 50 percent of their passes and had seven touchdowns against five interceptions.

Frerk may be in line to take over as signal-caller a senior after Van Lith graduated, as did the team's leading rusher in Justin Paulsen (151 carries, 640 yards), and South O'Brien's top three receiving threats in Boston Riedemann, Hudson Oolman and Sawyer Honkomp. Riedemann led that group with 34 catches for 379 yards as a senior in 2022.

Likewise, there will be plenty of spots on defense to fill after the Wolverines' top 11 tacklers have graduated. Of the returning players, Paulsen's 7 1/2 tackles are most among players back, though current senior Cole Cox did make his presence felt last season with an interception and fumble recovery.

Despite the playoff appearance, the four wins in 2022 represented the program's lowest win total since 2018 as the school has enjoyed mostly winning seasons over the past decade-plus. Eight of the Wolverines' nine playoff berths have come after 2010.

WOLFPACK

TRI-COUNTY NORTHEAST



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1@ Winside
- Sept. 8 Bloomfield
- Sept. 15@ Wakefield
- Sept. 22Homer
- Sept. 29.....@ Hartington/Newcastle
- Oct. 6 @ Crofton
- Oct. 13....Laurel-Concord-Coleridge



ROSTER

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Jaxon Hall | 21 Atlee Anderson |
| 3 Jude Ridenour | 25 Dodge Melby |
| 4 Jace Malasek | 26 Blake Kneifl |
| 5 Thatcher Lamp | 28 Dylan Boyle |
| 7 Jackson Belt | 34 Boden Jackson |
| 9 Alex Kneifl | 37 Alex Ankeny |
| 10 Charlie Watkins | 42 Brayden McCorkindale |
| 11 Bryan Isom | 44 Landyn Servine |
| 12 Ben Jorgensen | 58 Joe Roth |
| 14 Hunter Heikes | 65 Dillon Fackler |
| 18 Devin Reinert | 79 Nathan Franzluebbers |
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IOWA CLASS 8-PLAYER SUMMARIES

REMSEN ST. MARY'S

Hawks head coach Tim Osterman hasn't had to deal with much losing in his time as Remsen St. Mary's football coach.

Once, in fact.

Though three seasons, Osterman has guided the Hawks to two 8-player state championships and compiled a 36-1 overall record.

But after winning the title last season, the Hawks have huge holes to fill.

Osterman is hopeful the pieces to continued success are on the roster, but nearly all eight graduated seniors made at least one all-state football team, and the group left a legacy across all sports at the school.

Among the top returners for the program are juniors Keaton Harpenau, who had nearly 250 offensive yards last season to go with 40 tackles, as well as juniors Braxton Kniep and Brady Koenck, who accounted for over 50 tackles combined last season.

"The team expectations are to continue to give the effort and have the attitude it takes to win football games," Osterman said. "We have to continue to earn the right to win football games; nothing is given."

"As a program we only seek to go 1-0 every week. We don't look ahead, only to make sure that we are practicing and preparing at a championship level. As a team we have some relative inexperience so we are definitely in the development mindset."

HARRIS-LAKE PARK

The Wolves made the 8-player playoffs for the fourth straight season last fall under head coach Lane Gunderson and ended the season with a 6-3 record for the third straight year.

Harris-Lake Park lost starting quarterback Tyce Gunderson to graduation after he threw for almost 1,000 yards on 115 yards and also was the team's leading rusher with 1,028 yards on 161 rushing attempts with 36 total touchdowns.

Senior Lucan Ahrenstorff showed flashes of being able to replicate Gunderson's success behind center as Ahrenstorff completed 64 percent of 44 pass attempts for 323 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions plus 107 rushing yards on 31 carries and one rushing score.

Senior Caleb Hemphill is also back after he finished second on the team in rushing yards in 2022 with 406 yards on 78 carries with three ending in the end zone.

Ahrenstorff and Hemphill were also the team's top two pass-catchers last season as both tallied over 420 receiving yards. Hemphill did so on a team-best 40 catches and Ahrenstorff averaged 16 yards a catch on 28 receptions, and the duo combined for 16 receiving touchdowns. Senior Devin Meyer (24 receptions, 302 yards, four touchdowns) also returns to aid the passing attack.

Those three will also anchor the defense as Hemphill finished last season second on the Wolves in total tackles with 50 1/2. Ahrenstorff was third with 49 1/2 and Meyer added 38. The three also combined for four interceptions.

Hemphill was also a weapon on special teams as he took 11 kick returns for 225 yards with one going for a score on top of six punt returns that he took 78 yards.

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WOLVERINES

RIVER VALLEY



SCHEDULE:

8/25	Alta Community
9/1	Logan Magnolia
9/8	@Westwood
9/16	@Ar-We-Va
9/22	Saint Edmond
9/29	Woodbury Central
.....	Wildcats
10/06	@West Monona
10/13	@ TBA



WOLVERINES

ROSTER

1	Elijah Schroeder	23	Nathan Britt
2	Keaton Harpenau	24	Landon
3	Alex Schroeder		Waldschmitt
5	Cade Tentinger	26	Brady Koenck
8	Ryan Willman	31	Colbey Penning
11	Brady Wurth	44	Hunter Pick
13	Jaxon Bunkers	52	Ty Tritz
15	Cael Ortmann	55	Collin Homan
17	Isaiah Gerriets	60	Caleb Gravenish
18	Braxton Kniep	64	Kaden Groepper
21	Brendon Fisch	76	Lennan Steichen

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NEBRASKA HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARIES

CLASS C2

PONCA

A young Indians team went 2-7 last season, with two of the losses coming on forfeits to Battle Creek and Norfolk Catholic due to Ponca having too few healthy players.

Senior running back Dalton Lamprecht is a top returning player for the Indians.

Ponca opened the season at home against Logan View/Scribner-Snyder on Aug. 25. Ponca's challenging schedule in Class C2 includes games vs. traditional powers Hartington Cedar Catholic, Norfolk Catholic, Oakland Craig and Archbishop Bergan.

CLASS D1

HOMER

Homer lost several key players to graduation from last season's team that finished 4-4 in Nebraska Class D1. The departures included dual-threat quarterback Austin Baker, who threw for 586 yards and six touchdowns while running for 547 yards and eight more scores, and Baker's top target, receiver Josh Sanford, who caught 16 balls for 276 yards.

The Knights return three starters on offense and four on defense. Head coach Shawn Spurrell said the incoming junior class "brings in good speed and work ethic to try and fill in the shoes from last year's seniors."

"We will be switching our defense up a lot from last year and will be leaning on Tru King and Ben Roost up front, and a

host of LBs and DBs to be aggressive behind them," Spurrell said. "Our offense has a lot of new young faces who have a lot of potential, but will be required to learn quick."

"This is a very small and very fun group to work with."

Spurrell described King, a 6-foot-2-inch, 240 pound senior lineman, as a "punishing blocker" and a "force on D," and said Roost, a 6-foot-1-inch, 225-pound lineman is strong and "finishes his blocks well."

Josue Muniz, a 5-foot-9-inch junior quarterback and linebacker, has a "hard motor" and a "high football IQ," Spurrell said, while Ethan Roberts, a 5-foot-9-inch, 170-pound junior running back and linebacker, is the "hardest working guy on the field."

Spurrell, a South Dakota State University graduate, has a 17-32 record in his seven seasons with Homer, which opens the season Sept. 1 at home in a non-district game vs. Lyons-Decatur Northeast.

TRI-COUNTY NORTHEAST

The Tri-County Northeast Wolfpack took their lumps last season in their first season as a football sharing program between Allen and Emerson-Hubbard as they lost seven of their eight games.

Head coach Evan Colfack said his players learned from those "bumps and bruises" and are eager to show they can compete well in Nebraska Class D1.

"After a summer full of camps and weights, our coaching staff is excited to see where this program can go in year two," said Colfack, a University of

Northern Iowa graduate who played on state playoff football teams at Kingsley-Pierson High School.

Michael Dickens, a first team, all district selection last season, returns for the Wolfpack As a quarterback, Dickens completed 27 passes for 240 yards and four touchdowns, and was also the team's second-leading rusher with 304 yards. On defense, the 5-foot-10-inch, 160-pound linebacker recorded 28 tackles.

Colfack's 2023 roster lists Dickens at running back and junior Ben Jorgensen at quarterback.

The Wolfpack's six returning starters also include senior tight end and defensive lineman Hunter Heikes, junior running back and linebacker Dylan Boyle, junior fullback and linebacker Brayden McCorkindale and junior tight end and defensive lineman Jackson Belt.

Top newcomers include senior McKale Houfek, senior Wyatt Parker and junior Zander Roth.

Tri County Northeast, assigned to District D1-5, opened the season at home vs. Lyons-Decatur Northeast on Aug. 25. Last season, the Wolfpack beat the Cougars 42-0 in the season opener before dropping their final seven games.

CLASS D2

WALTILL

After going winless in eight games in 2022, which included two forfeits, the Bluejays will look for improvement this fall.

Walthill, assigned to Nebraska Class D2, opens the season at Cedar Bluffs on

Sept. 1. The following week, the Bluejays will play host to Niobrara/Verdigre.

ALL-NATIONS CONFERENCE

OMAHA NATION

The Chiefs went 3-7 last season. In the South Dakota All-Nations Class B playoffs, Omaha Nation outscored Crow Creek 36-22 in the opening round before falling to Tiospa Zina, 46-12 in the state semifinals.

This fall, Omaha Nation opens the season with a rematch against Crow Creek in Stephan, S.D. on Sept. 8. After two more road games in South Dakota, vs. Marty Indian on Sept. 12 and Tiospa Zina in Agency Village, the Chief will play their first home game vs. Lower Brule on Sept. 19.

WINNEBAGO

After posting a 6-2 regular season mark, the Indians Winnebago blanked Little Wound 40-0 in the opening round of the All-Nations Class A playoffs before falling to Todd County, 28-24, in the state semifinals.

A year earlier, in their first season in the All-Nations league, Winnebago claimed its first championship in Class 9A, capping an undefeated season.

The Indians open the 2023 season with a pair of road games in South Dakota — at St. Francis on Sept. 16 and in a rematch with Todd County on Sept. 21. Winnebago's first home game will be Sept. 29 against Cheyenne-Eagle Butte/Tiospaye Topa.

SOUTH DAKOTA SUMMARY

VERMILLION

The Tanagers, who finished 4-5 last season, return a talented core of players at the skilled positions, including Zoan Robinson, who head coach Tom O'Boyle describes as one of the best wide receivers and cornerbacks in South Dakota Class 11A football.

Robinson, a 6-foot-2-inch senior, caught 37 passes for 515 yards and two

touchdowns last season. He averaged 13.9 yards per catch, with a long of 41.

On defense, Robinson recorded 17.5 tackles, including 14 solo, intercepted a pass recovered two fumbles.

Other top returning players cited by O'Boyle include sophomore quarterback Hayden Christopherson, junior offensive lineman and linebacker Rollie Fench, junior wide receiver and safety

Connor Peterson, senior lineman Connor Mattson, junior receiver and linebacker Bradyn Bickett, junior receiver and defensive back Landon Cerny, senior running back and defensive end Jaxon Heine and senior lineman Michael Nabor.

The head coach also lists sophomore Ryne Chapman, senior Connor Roerig, senior Ethan Carter and junior Sean Dohn

as promising newcomers.

O'Boyle, entering his third season as the Tanagers head coach, said the team will work in the preseason to rebuild depth across both lines and replace the starting kickers lost to graduation.

Vermillion opens the season at Dakota Valley on Aug. 25. The Panthers beat the Tanagers 15-3 in last year's opener at the DakotaDome.



WARRIORS

SERGEANT BLUFF-LUTON

ROSTER

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|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Kellan Benson | 26 Kaleb Pendergast |
| 3 Bo Koedam | 27 Abram Keokenchanh |
| 4 Gavin Warren | 28 Daniel Hernandez |
| 5 Mason Vandekop | 30 Logan Dunn |
| 6 Billy Singvongsa | 32 Kennik Buschmann |
| 7 Braden Hensley | 33 Zayvion Ellington |
| 8 Isaiah Jervik | 44 Joe Hardy |
| 9 Cassidy Craig | 50 Ayden Dather |
| 10 Evan Spanel | 51 Gavin Merrill |
| 11 Tate Loffswold | 52 Parker Kilburn |
| 12 Collin Bliven | 53 Carlos Gonzalez |
| 13 Ayden McRoberts | 54 Avery Hayes |
| 14 Logan Fehl | 55 Blake Dunagan |
| 15 Dylan Janzen | 56 Jack Zeleny |
| 16 Brayden Kerr | 58 Mario Rangel |
| 17 Tate Saylor | 60 Roman Muston |
| 18 Ryan Hoffman | 63 Will Ryan |
| 19 Nathaniel Lafave | 71 Alex Wilson |
| 20 Scott Dickson | 73 Avery Jacobson |
| 21 Elijah Johnson | 75 Blake Ritchison |
| 22 Jaxson Perez | 77 Julian Jervik |
| 24 Collin Verros | 78 Jakobi McHenry |
| 25 Cade Klingensmith | 88 Crew Christensen |

SCHEDULE:

- 8/18vs Sioux City North
- 8/25 vs LeMars
- 9/1 vs Sioux City East
- 9/8vs Sioux City West
- 9/15 @ Harlan Community
- 9/22vs Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
- 9/29 @ MOC-Floyd Valley
- 10/6 @ Carroll
- 10/13vs Bishop Heelan
- 10/20 @ Sioux Center




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ROSTER

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| Noah Chapman | 26 Kaleb Pendergast |
| 2 Kellan Benson | 27 Abram Keokenchanh |
| 3 Bo Koedam | 28 Daniel Hernandez |
| 4 Gavin Warren | 30 Logan Dunn |
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SCHEDULE:

- 08/18..... Sioux City North
- 08/25..... LeMars
- 09/1Sioux City East
- 09/8 Sioux City West
- 09/15..... @Harlan Community
- 09/22..... Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
- 9/29@MOC-Floyd Valley
- 10/6 @Carroll
- 10/13..... Bishop Heelan
- 10/20.....@Sioux Center



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Iowa Class 5A

Sioux City East

Aug. 25at Glenwood
 Sept. 1..... vs. Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Sept. 8..... at Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
 Sept. 15..... at Sioux City, North
 Sept. 22 vs. Southeast Polk
 Sept. 29 vs. Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln (T)
 Oct. 6 at Des Moines, Lincoln (T)
 Oct. 13 at Ames
 Oct. 20 vs. Johnson

Sioux City North

Aug. 25 at South Sioux City (NE)
 Sept. 1..... at Le Mars
 Sept. 8..... vs. Waukee
 Sept. 15..... vs. Sioux City, East
 Sept. 22 at Urbandale
 Sept. 29 vs. Des Moines, Roosevelt
 Oct. 6 at Des Moines, East
 Oct. 13 vs. Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln (T)
 Oct. 20 at Dowling Catholic

Iowa Class 4A

Le Mars

Aug. 25at Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Sept. 1..... vs. Sioux City, North
 Sept. 8..... at Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Sept. 15..... vs. MOC-Floyd Valley
 Sept. 22 at Spencer
 Sept. 29 vs. Sioux City, West
 Oct. 6 at Fort Dodge
 Oct. 13 vs. Denison-Schleswig
 Oct. 20 at Storm Lake

Spencer

Aug. 25at Humboldt
 Sept. 1..... vs. Webster City
 Sept. 8..... at Spirit Lake
 Sept. 15..... vs. Sioux Center
 Sept. 22 vs. LeMars
 Sept. 29 at Denison-Schleswig
 Oct. 6 at Sioux City, West
 Oct. 13 vs. Storm Lake
 Oct. 20 at Fort Dodge

Sioux City West

Aug. 25 vs. Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln
 Sept. 1..... at South Sioux City (NE)
 Sept. 8..... at Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Sept. 15..... vs. Bishop Heelan, Sioux City (T)
 Sept. 22 vs. Storm Lake (T)
 Sept. 29 at LeMars
 Oct. 6 vs. Spencer
 Oct. 13 vs. Fort Dodge
 Oct. 20 at Denison-Schleswig

Storm Lake

Aug. 25 at Saydel
 Sept. 1..... vs. Boone
 Sept. 8..... at Council Bluffs, Thomas Jefferson
 Sept. 15..... vs. Perry
 Sept. 22 at Sioux City, West (T)
 Sept. 29 vs. Fort Dodge
 Oct. 6 at Denison-Schleswig
 Oct. 13 at Spencer
 Oct. 20 vs. LeMars

Iowa Class 3A

Bishop Heelan

Aug. 25 vs. Kuemper Catholic, Carroll
 Sept. 1..... at Council Bluffs, Abraham Lincoln
 Sept. 8..... vs. Sioux City, East

Sept. 15..... at Sioux City, West (T)
 Sept. 22 at Sioux Center
 Sept. 29 vs. Carroll
 Oct. 6 vs. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Oct. 13 at Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Oct. 20 at MOC-Floyd Valley

MOC-Floyd Valley

Aug. 25 at Unity Christian, Orange City
 Sept. 1..... vs. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Sept. 8..... vs. Okoboji, Milford
 Sept. 15..... at LeMars
 Sept. 22 at Carroll
 Sept. 29 vs. Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Oct. 6 vs. Sioux Center
 Oct. 13 at Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Oct. 20 vs. Bishop Heelan, Sioux City

Sergeant Bluff-Luton

Aug. 25 vs. LeMars
 Sept. 1..... at Sioux City, East
 Sept. 8..... vs. Sioux City, West
 Sept. 15..... at Harlan
 Sept. 22 vs. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Sept. 29 at MOC-Floyd Valley
 Oct. 6 at Carroll
 Oct. 13 vs. Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
 Oct. 20 at Sioux Center

Sioux Center

Aug. 25 vs. West Lyon, Inwood
 Sept. 1..... at Spirit Lake
 Sept. 8..... vs. Unity Christian, Orange City
 Sept. 15..... at Spencer
 Sept. 22 vs. Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
 Sept. 29 at Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Oct. 6 at MOC-Floyd Valley
 Oct. 13 vs. Carroll
 Oct. 20 vs. Sergeant Bluff-Luton

Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley

Aug. 25 at Western Christian, Hull
 Sept. 1..... at West Sioux, Hawarden
 Sept. 8..... vs. LeMars
 Sept. 15..... vs. Algona
 Sept. 22 at Sergeant Bluff-Luton
 Sept. 29 vs. Sioux Center
 Oct. 6 at Bishop Heelan, Sioux City
 Oct. 13 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley
 Oct. 20 at Carroll

Iowa Class 2A

Central Lyon/George-Little Rock

Aug. 25 vs. Emmetsburg
 Sept. 1..... at MOC-Floyd Valley
 Sept. 8..... vs. West Sioux, Hawarden
 Sept. 15..... at Sheldon
 Sept. 22 at Cherokee
 Sept. 29 vs. Unity Christian, Orange City
 Oct. 6 at Western Christian, Hull
 Oct. 13 vs. West Lyon, Inwood

Cherokee

Aug. 25 vs. MMCRU
 Sept. 1..... at Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids
 Sept. 8..... at Ridge View
 Sept. 15..... vs. Western Christian, Hull
 Sept. 22 vs. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Sept. 29 at West Lyon, Inwood
 Oct. 6 vs. Unity Christian, Orange City
 Oct. 13 at Sheldon

Unity Christian

Aug. 25 vs. MOC-Floyd Valley
 Sept. 1..... at Ridge View
 Sept. 8..... at Sioux Center
 Sept. 15..... vs. West Lyon, Inwood
 Sept. 22 vs. Sheldon
 Sept. 29 at Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Oct. 6 at Cherokee
 Oct. 13 vs. Western Christian, Hull

Okoboji

Aug. 25 at North Union
 Sept. 1..... vs. Pocahontas Area
 Sept. 8..... at MOC-Floyd Valley
 Sept. 15..... vs. Estherville Lincoln Central
 Sept. 22 at Spirit Lake
 Sept. 29 at Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
 Oct. 6 vs. Clarion-Goldfield-Dows
 Oct. 13 vs. Forest City

Sheldon

Aug. 25 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Sept. 1..... at South O'Brien, Paullina
 Sept. 8..... at Emmetsburg
 Sept. 15..... vs. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Sept. 22 at Unity Christian, Orange City
 Sept. 29 vs. Western Christian, Hull
 Oct. 6 at West Lyon, Inwood
 Oct. 13 vs. Cherokee

Spirit Lake

Aug. 25 at Algona
 Sept. 1..... vs. Sioux Center
 Sept. 8..... vs. Spencer
 Sept. 15..... at Forest City
 Sept. 22 vs. Okoboji
 Sept. 29 at Estherville Lincoln Central
 Oct. 6 vs. Garner-Hayfield-Ventura
 Oct. 13 at Clarion-Goldfield-Dows

Western Christian (Hull)

Aug. 25 vs. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Sept. 1..... vs. Hinton
 Sept. 8..... at Pocahontas Area
 Sept. 15..... at Cherokee
 Sept. 22 vs. West Lyon, Inwood
 Sept. 29 at Sheldon
 Oct. 6 vs. Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Oct. 13 at Unity Christian, Orange City

West Lyon

Aug. 25 at Sioux Center
 Sept. 1..... vs. Lawton-Bronson
 Sept. 8..... vs. OABCIG
 Sept. 15..... at Unity Christian, Orange City
 Sept. 22 at Western Christian, Hull
 Sept. 29 vs. Cherokee
 Oct. 6 vs. Sheldon
 Oct. 13 at Central Lyon/George-Little Rock

Iowa Class 1A

East Sac

Aug. 25 at IKM-Manning
 Sept. 1..... vs. OABCIG
 Sept. 8..... at Missouri Valley
 Sept. 15..... at Emmetsburg
 Sept. 22 vs. Pocahontas Area
 Sept. 29 vs. Eagle Grove
 Oct. 6 at Manson Northwest Webster
 Oct. 13 vs. Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids

Hinton

Aug. 25 at Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Sept. 1..... at Western Christian, Hull
 Sept. 8..... vs. Akron-Westfield
 Sept. 15..... vs. Ridge View
 Sept. 22 at Lawton-Bronson
 Sept. 29 at MVAOCOU
 Oct. 6 vs. OABCIG
 Oct. 13 vs. West Sioux, Hawarden

Lawton-Bronson

Aug. 25 vs. Woodbury Central, Merville
 Sept. 1..... at West Lyon, Inwood
 Sept. 8..... vs. Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids
 Sept. 15..... at West Sioux, Hawarden
 Sept. 22 vs. Hinton
 Sept. 29 at Ridge View
 Oct. 6 vs. MVAOCOU
 Oct. 13 at OABCIG

OABCIG

Aug. 25 vs. Estherville Lincoln Central
 Sept. 1..... at East Sac County
 Sept. 8..... at West Lyon, Inwood
 Sept. 15..... vs. MVAOCOU
 Sept. 22 at Ridge View
 Sept. 29 vs. West Sioux, Hawarden
 Oct. 6 at Hinton
 Oct. 13 vs. Lawton-Bronson

MVAOCU

Aug. 25 at Westwood, Sloan
 Sept. 1..... vs. Missouri Valley
 Sept. 8..... at Manson Northwest Webster
 Sept. 15..... at OABCIG
 Sept. 22 vs. West Sioux, Hawarden
 Sept. 29 vs. Hinton
 Oct. 6 at Lawton-Bronson
 Oct. 13 vs. Ridge View

Ridge View

Aug. 25 at Akron-Westfield
 Sept. 1..... vs. Unity Christian, Orange City
 Sept. 8..... vs. Cherokee
 Sept. 15..... at Hinton
 Sept. 22 vs. OABCIG
 Sept. 29 vs. Lawton-Bronson
 Oct. 6 at West Sioux, Hawarden
 Oct. 13 at MVAOCOU

Sioux Central

Aug. 25 vs. South O'Brien, Paullina
 Sept. 1..... vs. Cherokee
 Sept. 8..... at Lawton-Bronson
 Sept. 15..... at Eagle Grove
 Sept. 22 vs. Emmetsburg
 Sept. 29 vs. Manson Northwest Webster
 Oct. 6 at Pocahontas Area
 Oct. 13 at East Sac County

West Sioux

Aug. 25 vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 1..... vs. Boyden-Hull/Rock Valley
 Sept. 8..... at Central Lyon/George-Little Rock
 Sept. 15..... vs. Lawton-Bronson
 Sept. 22 at MVAOCOU
 Sept. 29 at OABCIG
 Oct. 6 vs. Ridge View
 Oct. 13 at Hinton

Iowa Class A

Akron-Westfield

Aug. 25 vs. Ridge View
 Sept. 1..... at Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Sept. 8..... at Hinton
 Sept. 15..... vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 22 at Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Sept. 29 vs. MMCRU
 Oct. 6 at Alta-Aurelia
 Oct. 13 vs. South O'Brien

Alta-Aurelia

Aug. 25 at Kingsley-Pierson
 Sept. 1..... vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 8..... at Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Sept. 15..... vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Sept. 22 at South O'Brien
 Sept. 29 vs. West Monona, Onawa
 Oct. 6 vs. Akron-Westfield
 Oct. 13 at MMCRU

Kingsley-Pierson-River Valley

Aug. 25 vs. Alta-Aurelia
 Sept. 1..... vs. Logan-Magnolia
 Sept. 8..... at Westwood, Sloan
 Sept. 15..... vs. St. Albert, Council Bluffs
 Sept. 22 at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 29 vs. Woodbury Central, Merville
 Oct. 6 at West Monona, Onawa
 Oct. 13 at Tri-Center, Neola

Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn

Aug. 25 at West Sioux, Hawarden
 Sept. 1 at Alta-Aurelia
 Sept. 8 vs. MRCRU
 Sept. 15 at Akron-Westfield
 Sept. 22 vs. Kingsley-Pierson
 Sept. 29 at South O'Brien
 Oct. 6 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Oct. 13 vs. Gehlen Catholic, LeMars

MRCRU

Aug. 25 at Cherokee
 Sept. 1 vs. Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Sept. 8 at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Sept. 15 vs. South O'Brien
 Sept. 22 at Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Sept. 29 at Akron-Westfield
 Oct. 6 vs. Westwood, Sloan
 Oct. 13 vs. Alta-Aurelia

Le Mars Gehlen

Aug. 25 vs. Hinton
 Sept. 1 at MRCRU
 Sept. 8 vs. Alta-Aurelia
 Sept. 15 at Woodbury Central, Moville
 Sept. 22 vs. Akron-Westfield
 Sept. 29 at Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Oct. 6 vs. South O'Brien
 Oct. 13 at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn

Westwood

Aug. 25 vs. MVAOCO
 Sept. 1 at Woodbury Central, Moville
 Sept. 8 vs. Kingsley-Pierson
 Sept. 15 at Tri-Center, Neola
 Sept. 22 vs. West Monona, Onawa
 Sept. 29 at Logan-Magnolia
 Oct. 6 at MRCRU
 Oct. 13 vs. St. Albert, Council Bluffs

West Monona

Aug. 25 vs. Riverside, Oakland
 Sept. 1 at St. Albert, Council Bluffs
 Sept. 8 vs. Tri-Center, Neola
 Sept. 15 vs. Logan-Magnolia
 Sept. 22 at Westwood, Sloan
 Sept. 29 at Alta-Aurelia
 Oct. 6 vs. Kingsley-Pierson
 Oct. 13 at Woodbury Central, Moville

Woodbury Central

Aug. 25 at Lawton-Bronson
 Sept. 1 vs. Westwood, Sloan
 Sept. 8 at Logan-Magnolia
 Sept. 15 vs. Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Sept. 22 at St. Albert, Council Bluffs
 Sept. 29 at Kingsley-Pierson
 Oct. 6 vs. Tri-Center, Neola
 Oct. 13 vs. West Monona, Onawa

Sibley-Ocheyedan

Aug. 25 at Sheldon
 Sept. 1 vs. Akron-Westfield
 Sept. 8 at South O'Brien
 Sept. 15 at Alta-Aurelia
 Sept. 22 vs. MRCRU
 Sept. 29 vs. Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Oct. 6 at Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Oct. 13 vs. North Union

South O'Brien

Aug. 25 at Sioux Central, Sioux Rapids
 Sept. 1 vs. Sheldon
 Sept. 8 vs. Sibley-Ocheyedan
 Sept. 15 at MRCRU
 Sept. 22 vs. Alta-Aurelia
 Sept. 29 vs. Hartley-Melvin-Sanborn
 Oct. 6 at Gehlen Catholic, LeMars
 Oct. 13 at Akron-Westfield


Iowa 8-Player

Newell-Fonda
 Aug. 25 vs. West Bend-Mallard
 Sept. 1 at West Harrison, Mondamin
 Sept. 8 vs. Woodbine
 Sept. 15 at Harris-Lake Park
 Sept. 22 vs. St. Mary's, Remsen
 Sept. 29 at Boyer Valley, Dunlap
 Oct. 6 at Ar-We-Va, Westside
 Oct. 13 vs. Siouxland Christian

Harris-Lake Park

Aug. 25 at St. Mary's, Remsen
 Sept. 1 vs. Rockford
 Sept. 8 at Northwood-Kensett
 Sept. 15 vs. Newell-Fonda
 Sept. 22 at West Bend-Mallard
 Sept. 29 vs. GTRA
 Oct. 6 vs. North Iowa, Buffalo Center
 Oct. 13 at Bishop Garrigan, Algona

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SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1@ Cedar Bluffs
 Sept. 8 Niobrara/Verdigre
 Sept. 15@ Winside
 Sept. 22 Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family
 Sept. 29 @ East Butler
 Oct. 6Humphrey St. Francis
 Oct. 13@ Howells-Dodge



ROSTER

1Adrian PhillipsC
 9Katen Robinson
 11Markale Charley
 33 Sage GrantC
 44Koda Tyndall
 65Jayren (Drake) Charlie
 72 Nathan Mitchell
Dallas Marr
Greg Smith
Clayton Parker
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Remsen St Mary's

Aug. 25 vs. Harris-Lake Park
 Sept. 1 at Siouxland Christian
 Sept. 8 at West Bend-Mallard
 Sept. 15 vs. Boyer Valley, Dunlap
 Sept. 22 at Newell-Fonda
 Sept. 29 vs. Ar-We-Va, Westside
 Oct. 6 at Woodbine
 Oct. 13 vs. West Harrison, Mondamin
Siouxland Christian
 Aug. 25 vs. GTRA
 Sept. 1 vs. St. Mary's, Remsen
 Sept. 8 at Ar-We-Va, Westside
 Sept. 15 at Woodbine
 Sept. 22 vs. West Harrison, Mondamin
 Sept. 29 at Bishop Garrigan, Algona
 Oct. 6 vs. Boyer Valley, Dunlap
 Oct. 13 at Newell-Fonda

NEBRASKA PREP SCHEDULES 2023

Nebraska Class A

South Sioux City

Aug. 25 at Sioux City North, IA
 Sept. 1 vs. Sioux City West, IA
 Sept. 8 vs. Omaha Northwest
 Sept. 15 at Omaha South
 Sept. 22 vs. Millard West
 Sept. 29 vs. Omaha Bryan
 Oct. 5 at Lincoln Southwest
 Oct. 13 vs. Millard North
 Oct. 20 at Lincoln Southeast

Nebraska Class C2

Ponca

Aug. 25 vs Logan View/Scribner-Snyder (LVSS)
 Sept. 1 vs Archbishop Bergan

Sept. 8 at Tekamah-Herman
 Sept. 15 vs Oakland-Craig
 Sept. 22 at Battle Creek
 Sept. 29 at West Point-Beemer
 Oct. 6 at Norfolk Catholic
 Oct. 13 vs Cedar Catholic
 Oct. 20 at West Holt

Nebraska Class D1

Homer

Aug. 25 at Bancroft-Rosalie
 Sept. 1 vs. Lyons-Decatur Northeast
 Sept. 9 vs. Omaha Christian Academy
 Sept. 15 at Laurel-Concord-Coleridge
 Sept. 22 at TCNE (Tri County Northeast)
 Sept. 29 vs. Crofton
 Oct. 6 vs. Wakefield
 Oct. 13 vs. at Hartington-Newcastle

Pender

Aug. 25 vs Elkhorn Valley
 Sept. 1 at Clarkson/Leigh
 Sept. 8 vs Wakefield
 Sept. 15 at Wisner-Pilger
 Sept. 22 vs Guardian Angels Central Catholic
 Sept. 28 vs Bancroft-Rosalie
 Oct. 6 at Lyons-Decatur Northeast
 Oct. 13 at Stanton

Tri-County Northeast

Aug. 25 vs Lyons-Decatur Northeast
 Sept. 1 at Winside
 Sept. 8 vs Bloomfield
 Sept. 15 at Wakefield
 Sept. 22 vs Homer
 Sept. 29 at Hartington-Newcastle
 Oct. 6 at Crofton
 Oct. 13 vs Laurel-Concord-Coleridge

Wakefield

Aug. 25 vs Plainview
 Sept. 1 at Bancroft-Rosalie
 Sept. 8 at Pender
 Sept. 15 vs TCNE (Tri County Northeast)
 Sept. 22 at Hartington-Newcastle
 Sept. 29 vs Laurel-Concord-Coleridge
 Oct. 6 at Homer
 Oct. 13 vs Crofton

Nebraska Class D2

Waltill

Aug. 25 vs Randolph
 Sept. 1 at Cedar Bluffs
 Sept. 8 vs Niobrara/Verdigre
 Sept. 15 at Winside
 Sept. 22 vs Humphrey/Lindsay Holy Family
 Sept. 29 at East Butler
 Oct. 6 vs Humphrey St. Francis
 Oct. 13 at Howells-Dodge

All Nations Football Conference

Omaha Nation

Aug. 31 at Crazy Horse
 Sept. 8 vs. Crow Creek
 Sept. 15 at Tiospa Zina
 Sept. 22 at Flandreau
 Sept. 29 vs. McLaughlin
 Oct. 12 at Marty
 Oct. 19 vs. Lower Brule

Winnebago

Aug. 31 at Pine Ridge
 Sept. 16 at St. Francis
 Sept. 21 at Todd County
 Oct. 5 at Standing Rock
 Oct. 13 vs. Little Wound
 Oct. 20 vs. Red Cloud

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S.D. CLASS 11A

Dakota Valley

Aug. 25 vs. Vermillion
 Sept. 1 at Chamberlain
 Sept. 8 vs. SF Christian
 Sept. 15 vs. Millbank
 Sept. 22 at Madison
 Sept. 29 at Lennox
 Oct. 6 vs. Lakota Tech
 Oct. 13 vs. Beresford
 Oct. 19 at Dell Rapids

Vermillion

Aug. 25 at Dakota Valley
 Sept. 1 vs. Lennox
 Sept. 8 at Milbank
 Sept. 15 vs. West Central
 Sept. 22 at Custer
 Sept. 29 vs. Chamberlain
 Oct. 6 at Canton
 Oct. 13 at Madison
 Oct. 19 vs. Belle Fourche

S.D. Class 11B

Elk Point-Jefferson

Aug. 18 vs. Parker
 Aug. 25 vs. Baltic
 Sept. 1 at Sioux Valley
 Sept. 15 vs. McCook Central/Montrose
 Sept. 22 at Flandreau
 Sept. 29 at Miller/Highmore-Harold
 Oct. 6 at Tri-Valley
 Oct. 13 vs. Bridgewater/Emery

BLUE DEVILS

WAYNE



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1 @ Douglas County West
 Sept. 8 Fort Calhoun
 Sept. 15 @ Raymond Central
 Sept. 22 @ Pierce
 Sept. 29 Boone Central
 Oct. 6 @ West Point-Beemer
 Oct. 13 Norfolk Catholic
 Oct. 20 O'Neill



ROSTER

1 Sam Junck	19 Cohen Olson	57 Carter Wiese
2 William Patefield	20 Brodey Munter	58 Dylan Jensen
4 Chase Nelson	21 Will Leseberg	59 Jaden Dramse
5 Grant Maas	22 Garrett Schultz	60 Austin Heiser
6 Kai Graham	23 Daevin Casarubias	61 Brayden Woehler
7 Maddux Heithold	24 Aiden Petersen	62 Maddox Ziska
8 Riley Belt	25 Tate Holz	63 Colton Shepperd
9 Parker Patefield	27 Jamison Meyer	64 Rylan Brackenhoff
10 Kaden Keller	33 Jack Elliot	65 Taven Ocampo
11 Jace Jorgensen	50 Hudson Silva	66 Irvin Trujillo
12 Colson Nelsen	51 Waylon Huff	72 Eli Stecki
13 Alex Rodriguez	52 Ryan Karsky	73 Jefferson Brizuela
14 Gavin Anderson	53 Drue Davis	75 Alan Silas
15 Blake Smith	54 Bobby Bates	78 Calvin Ankeny
17 Laythn Hannish	55 Eli Hansen	81 Wanso Barner
18 Gavin Redden	56 Jaime Silas	85 Jeremiah Simpson

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ROSTER

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2	Matthew Ericson	28	Dayton Harrell
3	Caleb Cross	32	Parker Peterson
5	Tal Nettleton	45	Wilson Meth
6	Noah Conley	51	Noah Reed
7	Mikehi Turner	52	Noah Chartier
9	Jack Mogensen	55	Parker Fergen
10	Isaiah Sanchez	59	Adrian Ramirez
12	Noah Caldwell	60	Kellum Mcgraw
13	Henry Jaerger	65	Tyler Hagan
15	Brayden McClain	74	Rafael Frias
16	Dylan Baier	87	Zach Hesse
17	Blake Bauer	89	Alex Frazee
18	Elliot Schrunk		
20	Ethan Dallen		
21	Tyler Tran		

SCHEDULE:

8/18	.....@ Sergeant Bluff-Luton
8/25	.....@ South Sioux City
9/1	.....@ LeMars
9/8	.....vs Waukee
9/15	.....vs Sioux City East
9/22	.....@ Urbandale
9/29	.....vs Des Moines Roosevelt
10/6@ Des Moines East
10/12vs Council Bluffs Lincoln
10/20@ Dowling Catholic



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IOWA PINS HOPES ON TRANSFER

JOSEPH CRESS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iowa quarterback Cade McNamara (12) throws the ball during the team's spring game on April 22 at Kinnick Stadium. McNamara, who transferred from Michigan, will attempt to revive an offense that ranked among the nation's worst in 2022.

McNamara seeks to upgrade Hawkeyes woebegone offense

JOHN BOHNENKAMP
Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa — New Iowa quarterback Cade McNamara wants complete command of the offense, right down to how the Hawkeyes break a huddle.

"I definitely want to start every play with a good break," he said. "If we're not in sync, it looks a little sloppy. If we have a clean break, it just gets the play started off right."

McNamara has yet to take a snap for the No. 25 Hawkeyes in a game, but the Michigan transfer is the key to reviving one of the nation's worst offenses. Iowa won eight games despite being 129th in total offense, 123rd in rushing and 122nd in passing and scoring.

McNamara takes over for three-year

starter Spencer Petras, who completed just 55.9% of his passes last season with five touchdowns and five interceptions.

"I've been here seven months now, and it's been the best seven months of my life," said McNamara, Michigan's starter in 2021. "I'm enjoying my time here, building my relationships with these dudes. Everyone here has been so welcoming to me. Now that I've gotten the hang of things, I'm more grateful I'm here."

Offensive coordinator Brian Ferentz,

more than anybody, is counting on McNamara to produce. The son of head coach Kirk Ferentz took a pay cut from \$900,000 to \$850,000 and his two-year rollover was put on hold as part of a contract amendment in February.

If Iowa wins seven games and increases its scoring average to 25 points — points by the defense and special teams included — he'll be paid a lump sum of \$112,500, have his salary raised to \$925,000 and go back to having a two-year rolling contract.

McNamara left a scrimmage Saturday with what was described as a soft-tissue injury to his right leg. Kirk Ferentz said he didn't think the injury was serious.

Up front

Logan Jones had two difficult tasks last season — moving from defensive line to center, and replacing All-American and NFL first-round draft pick Tyler Linderbaum. Jones admitted he struggled with everything, from snaps to reading defenses. He said he's become more comfortable with the position.

"Our defense throws a lot of things at us, which is pretty good," Jones said. "You never know what a team is going to throw at us. Sometimes a team is going to throw a certain front at us that I don't know, and then we'll have to make adjustments, learn from that. But I've learned a lot from last year to this year. I'm not going to be perfect, but I know a lot more."

Tight end U

Erick All, another Michigan transfer, joins Luke Lachey at tight end, a perennial position of strength for the Hawkeyes.

Lachey was listed No. 1 on the depth chart after catching 28 passes for 398 yards and four touchdowns. He spent the past two seasons backing up Sam

LaPorta, a second-round NFL draft pick.

"I've learned a lot," Lachey said. "I think my game is so much better now than what it was."

Replacing Campbell

The biggest departure on defense was Butkus Award-winning linebacker Jack Campbell, who was the Associated Press Big Ten defensive player of the year and a consensus All-American.

Nick Jackson, a graduate transfer from Virginia, led the Atlantic Coast Conference with 10.4 tackles per game and joins a deep group of linebackers that include seniors Jay Higgins and Kyler Fisher.

"He's learning everything," Kirk Ferentz said. "It's like drinking through a fire hose a little bit, but he is a pretty cerebral guy and he is picking it up fast."

Gambling investigation

Two current players, backup kicker Aaron Blom and walk-on receiver Jack Johnson, are among the people charged in the state's ongoing investigation into illegal sports wagering at Iowa and Iowa State. Defensive end Noah Shannon, a projected starter, has acknowledged he also has been interviewed by authorities.

"We'll continue to cooperate," Kirk Ferentz said, "but our biggest thing right



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Iowa defensive back Cooper DeJean, who starred at OABCIG High School, poses for a portrait during the Hawkeye's football media day on Aug. 12.

now is focusing on this season, and we'll handle each case basically individually as they come."

Looking ahead

Iowa avoids Michigan and Ohio State

but plays at Penn State in one of its cross-over games with East Division teams. The Hawkeyes visit Wisconsin and Nebraska, and the annual CyHawk game against Iowa State is on the road. The Hawkeyes open Sept. 2 at home against Utah State.

RAPTORS

RIDGE VIEW



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1@ Unity Christian
- Sept. 8 Cherokee
- Sept. 15@ Cherokee
- Sept. 22 OABCIG
- Sept. 29 Lawton-Bronson



ROSTER

1	Kinnick Jensen	14	Isaac Goettsch	52	Austin Wood
2	Cornell McCray	15	Alax Goettsch	54	Kody Jacobson
3	Jacob Cougill	18	Landyn Peterson	58	Kyle Burk
4	Asher Endrulat	19	Ryan Peterson	68	Peyton Turnquist
5	Raif Jensen	20	Tate Schossov	70	Jared Taylor
6	Carson Harriman	21	Conner Jacobson	71	Tyler Friedrichsen
8	Carter Todd	24	Ethan Mason	72	Dramelle McCray
9	Drew Burk	25	Colin Pribble	75	Cayden Clausen
10	Kellen Jensen	33	Gavin Vohs	76	Owen Worthan
11	Zach Kolpin	41	Quinton Wittrock	82	Kellen Clausen
12	Blake Myrtue	42	Lucas Heilman	89	Jordyn Hinrickson
13	Kreighton Krager	51	Noah Shepherd		

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WEST HIGH

ROSTER

1	Shamar Harrell	30	Arath Pinedo
2	Angel Steele	32	Travis Davis
4	Tavien Manning	34	Devareyai Craft
5	Calex Banta	37	Evan Rodgers
7	Sincere Douglas	38	James Turcotte
9	Jayson Joesph	40	Aden Ferrara
10	Alonso Cota	42	Logan Dousch
11	Alvin Rodriguez	55	Jacob Uhl
13	Abraham Gonzales	56	Logan Carrell
14	Nathan Case	57	Carlos Martinez
15	Elliot Rainbow	60	Jon Brooks
16	Turner Joy	61	Ryan Kern
18	Christian Lane	65	Jackson Moore
19	Xander Hernandez	71	Alomarion Chenet
20	Kayden Loggins	75	Andrew Hoffman
21	Jackson DeBondt	76	Ricki Smith
22	Mycah Bell	78	Ben Henry-Phillips
23	Nathan Scott	79	Chris Lugo
24	Andrew Perez	86	Adrian Hilden
25	Christian Castro-Garcia	95	Daniel Lugo
28	Ryker Callender		

SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1	South Sioux City
Sept. 8	@ Sergeant Bluff-Luton
Sept. 14	Bishop Heelan
Sept. 21	Storm Lake
Sept. 29	@ LeMars
Oct. 6	Spencer
Oct. 13	Fort Dodge
Oct. 20	@ Denison-Schleswig



HUSKERS

RHULE PROMISES NO SHORTCUTS

ERIC OLSON
AP College Football Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Make no mistake, Matt Rhule wants to win and win often in his first season at Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers' new coach also understands where the team sits in 2023, and he's taken the program down to the studs with the hope of building it back into the respected national brand it was a generation ago.

"When I think about Nebraska, I just think about that helmet," Rhule said of the Huskers' classic white and red headgear. "It's iconic to me, and it is across college football."

Rhule said Nebraska — winners of five national championships but none since 1997 — should be in the national discussion year in and year out, and for the right reasons. Talk about Nebraska in recent years has centered on coach Scott Frost's spectacular failure over four-plus seasons. The Huskers are coming off six straight losing seasons with no bowl appearances. There's been no Top 25 ranking since 2019, 10 seasons without an appearance in a conference championship game and no league title since 1999.

Athletic director Trev Alberts began pursuing Rhule shortly after the Carolina Panthers fired him as coach last October.

Nebraska is banking on Rhule to orchestrate the kind of turnarounds he did at Temple and Baylor before he left for the NFL. His \$74 million, eight-year contract makes him the third highest-paid coach in the Big Ten and among the top 10 nationally.

Rhule said his coaching philosophy is not for everybody. He demands discipline on and off the field, and he has suspended a number of players since spring for not adhering to his standards. The team spent the first two weeks of preseason practice living in cramped on-campus dormitories. Starting safety Myles Farmer decided to transfer and projected starting receiver Xavier Betts quit.

"I don't want to take shortcuts," Rhule said. "I don't want to build something (where) we show everybody a little bit

of hope this year, but the next year we take a step back. I want to win, but right now I can't think about the games. I expect us to do everything right. I expect guys to show up and be on time. So it's just this mindset of everything matters, everything counts."



Then-Georgia Tech quarterback Jeff Sims (10) looks to pass against UCF on Sept. 19, 2020. Sims, a transfer, will take over as the Nebraska starter this season.

DANNY KARNIK,
ASSOCIATED
PRESS



DARRON CUMMINGS, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nebraska head coach Matt Rhule speaks during a news conference at the Big Ten Conference media days on July 27 in Indianapolis. Rhule, the former Carolina Panthers coach, begins his first season at Nebraska.

SIMS IS IN

Georgia Tech transfer Jeff Sims won the starting quarterback job in the spring, prompting incumbent Casey Thompson to transfer.

Offensive coordinator Marcus Satterfield's system will mix what's hoped to be a physical run game that includes a fullback with a passing game predicated on intermediate throws.

"It puts me in a lot of different situations and puts me in a greater situation to show off my arm and my ability to pass the ball," Sims said. "I'm willing to run whenever I need to. I'm going to do it, and I'm going to do it at a high level."

NEW-LOOK DEFENSE

Defensive coordinator Tony White brought the 3-3-5 base alignment with him from Syracuse, and the idea of using the system in the Big Ten raised eyebrows among fans.

Big Ten offenses, to be sure, have evolved from plodding to more wide open, and that should alleviate concerns about

SPARTANS

WEST MONONA



ROSTER

1 Zander Riley	25 Keagan Wiggs
2 Aiden Holverson	27 Jordan Orr
3 Chace Debartolo	28 Chance Richards
5 Chase Lander	34 Parker Zima
6 Brayden Komarek	50 Max Chapman
7 Blake Pekarek	52 Noah Walker
8 Seth Ewing	53 Ben Monahan
9 Tyler Hawley	54 Jakob Brewer
12 CJ Fegenbush	57 Gunther Lyons
13 Elias Sorensen	58 Carson Carrier
16 Ben Holversen	60 Dylan Pittet
17 Jerry Green	62 Michael Ross
18 Dillon Woodward	66 Colton Griffith
21 Laken Bellis	67 Jordan Holton
22 Collin Wiggs	70 Jack Edmonds
24 Payton Purgett	80 Richard Green



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1	@ St. Albert
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Sept. 15	Logan-Magnolia
Sept. 22	@ Westwood
Oct. 6	Kingsley-Pierson
Oct. 13	@ Woodbury Central

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there not being enough heft up front. The four-man front isn't going away entirely. The 3-3-5 is adaptable, White said, and it allows for more blitzing options and coverage disguises.

"Chaos," is how linebackers coach Rob Dvoracek described it.

FEELING AT HOME

Though he's been on the job only nine months, Rhule said he's comfortable in an environment where Nebraska football is a year-round passion. He has spoken often about putting on the field a team the inspires pride in a fan base that has sold out every home game since 1962.

"You're not just serving a university. You're serving an entire state as well," he said. "That's a responsibility I take very seriously."

LOOKING AHEAD

The Huskers' schedule has them playing their first two games on the road, at Minnesota on Aug. 31 and at Colorado on Sept. 9.

Their toughest crossover game is at home, against No. 2 Michigan, on Sept. 30. Preseason West favorite No. 19 Wisconsin visits Nov. 18 and border rival No. 25 Iowa on Nov. 24.



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Matt Rhule, Huskers head coach

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ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nebraska's Jeff Sims speaks during an NCAA college football news conference at the Big Ten Conference media days at Lucas Oil Stadium, Thursday, July 27, 2023, in Indianapolis.

TROJANS

WAKEFIELD



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1@Bancroft-Rosalie
 Sept. 8@Pender
 Sept. 15TCNE
 Sept. 22@H/N
 Sept. 29LCC
 Oct. 6@Homer
 Oct. 13Crofton



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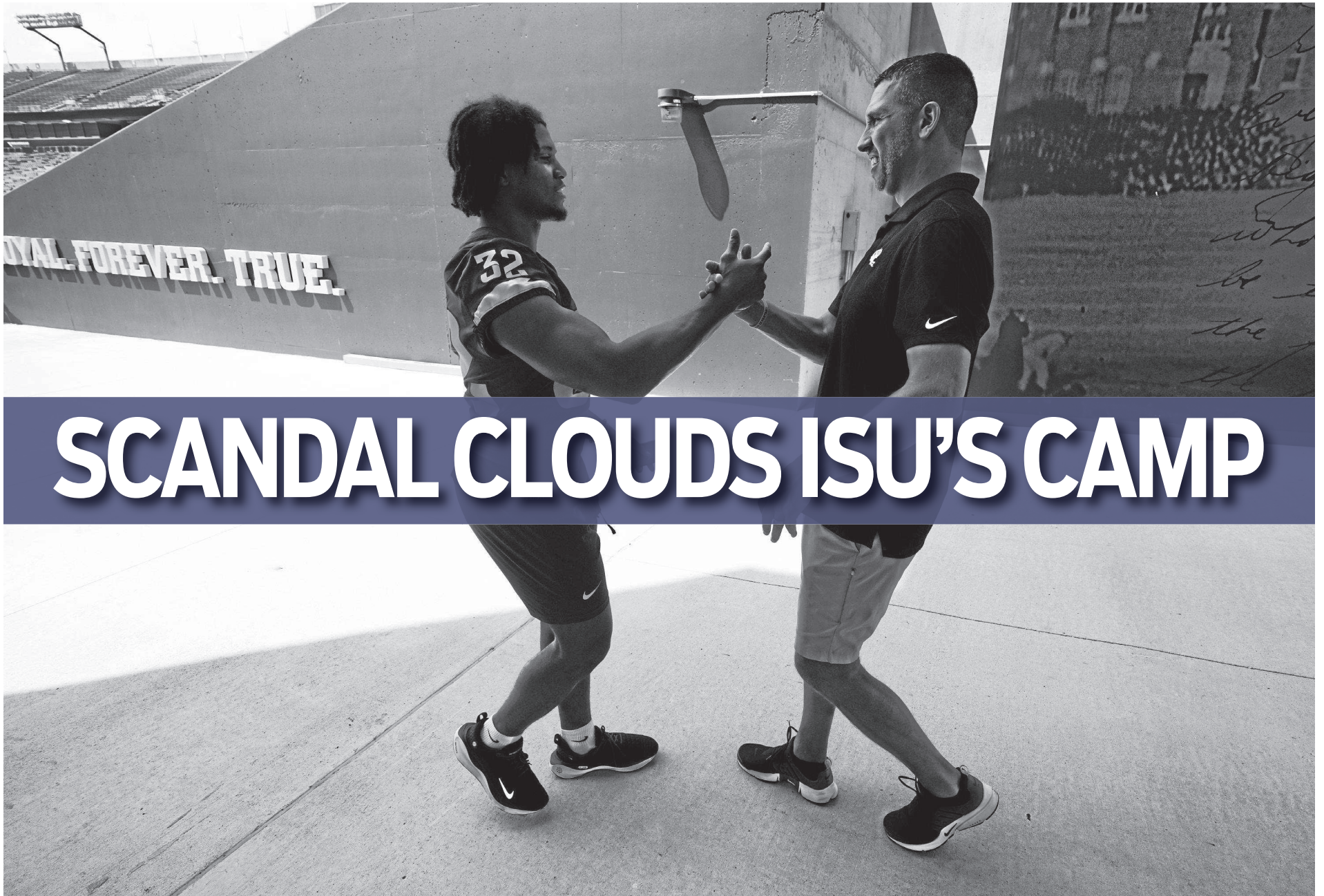
2	Mason Lamprecht	32	Sam Chase
2	Tim Kaufman	34	Domingo Centino
4	Jacob Borg	44	Isiah Villa
5	Adrian Flores	50	Jason Lopez
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9	Carter Kratke	55	Juan Martin Jr.
11	Quintin Beaty	62	Lane Fischer
12	Cael Johnson	70	Jaxon Bencotter
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Iowa State head coach Matt Campbell greets linebacker Gerry Vaughn (32) during the team's media day on Aug. 4 in Ames.

Betting charges against Dekkers leaves starting quarterback uncertain

ANDREW LOGUE
Associated Press

AMES, Iowa — A gambling scandal has left Iowa State with a quarterback quandary.

Hunter Dekkers, last year's starter, is among three current or former Cy-

clones players facing criminal charges. The former West Sioux High School star has temporarily stepped away from the team while the legal case is still swirling.

That leaves redshirt freshman Rocco Becht, true freshman J.J. Kohl and junior college transfer Tanner Hughes vying to be Dekkers' replacement at quarterback, at least for now.

"We've seen a bunch of different quarterbacks have great success here," coach Matt Campbell said Friday as he enters his eighth season. "We need

those guys to lead and take care of the football. And those guys have a lot of confidence in being able to do all those things."

Gambling investigations at Iowa and Iowa State have resulted in criminal charges against seven current or former athletes, including ex-Hawkeyes basketball player Ahron Ulis and Dekkers. Documents showed a DraftKings account controlled by Dekkers placed more than 360 online bets worth more than \$2,799. Dekkers bet on 26 Iowa State athletic events, including a 2021 football game

against Oklahoma State in which he did not play.

Offensive lineman Dodge Sauser was also named in the investigation, as well as former Iowa State defensive lineman Enyi Uwazurike, a current member of the Denver Broncos who was suspended by the NFL recently for gambling.

Each is accused in the complaints of tampering with records related to an Iowa Criminal Division investigation into sports gambling. Current athletes also face a loss of eligibility for violating NCAA gambling rules.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iowa State wide receiver Jaylin Noel (13) catches the ball during the Cyclones' media day Aug. 4 in Ames.

Campbell expressed uncertainty as to whether other Cyclones could be named in the gambling probe.

"This is not an Iowa State investigation. This is a NCAA and a legal matter," Campbell said. "I think our leadership team here has done an incredible job of what they can tell us, telling us."

Dekkers' absence will have the biggest impact this season. He threw for 3,044 yards and 19 touchdowns last year. Iowa State finished 4-8 and 1-8 in the Big 12 – snapping a string of five straight winning seasons, the school's longest such streak since the 1920s.

Becht is the only one of the three backups who appeared in a game last fall, completing seven of 15 passes for 65 yards, with zero touchdowns and an interception. The 6-foot-7 Kohl from nearby Ankeny enrolled at Iowa State in the spring. Hughes threw for 23 touchdowns as a sophomore at Butte College, with just three interceptions.

"I feel like all those guys have a skill set that is similar," Cyclone receiver Jaylin Noel said. "Obviously, J.J. is huge, but he can also move a little bit. Rocco is still mobile. He's a guy who can get around the field. I feel like all their arm talents are similar."

Campbell joked that he might not name a starter until November. Iowa State's opener is Sept. 2 against Northern Iowa.

"One of the things that probably excited me the most was what I watched from Rocco," Campbell said. "Rocco really grew through the (2022) football

REBELS

WESTWOOD



SCHEDULE:

Sept. 1	..... @ Woodbury Central
Sept. 8	..... Kingsley-Pierson
Sept. 15	..... @ Tri-Center
Sept. 22	..... West Monona
Sept. 29	..... @ Logan-Magnolia
Oct. 6	..... @ MMRU
Oct. 13	..... St. Albert



ROSTER

3	Joseph Dewald	34	Dayne Hunter
3	Joe Dewald	35	Landon Steinhoff
4	Jeremiah Berg	51	Devin Labruno
9	Kyran Flowers	54	Matthew Crawford
10	Frank Lewis	55	Joseph Gengler
11	Hayden Versch	55	Samuel Tate
12	Carson Topf	55	Samuel Tate
13	Jarett Prichard	59	Tyler Wayman
14	Jack Clayton	62	Chase Lee
15	Joseph Morris	62	Rj Vanden Bosch
20	Derian Thompson	63	Tyler Sulsberger
21	Mason Halladay	65	Leo Bauder
22	Brody Muenchrath	67	Tanner Oleson
23	Collin Chapman	72	Alex Baker
24	Tatum Cooper	73	Joey Merrill
28	Aiden McDonald	77	Karter Hunt
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season. By mid-point of the season he took over the No. 2 position and then really put himself in position to get into football games. When he got into games, there were a lot really of positive things that occurred."

The Cyclones lost eight of their final nine games last season and are faced with a rebuilding project as the Big 12 welcomes BYU, Cincinnati, Houston and Central Florida this season. Iowa State was picked to finish 10th in a preseason media poll.

"Every football season, every team in America is going to have some sort of adversity," Campbell said. "Our adversity has come a little bit earlier."

Depending on how the gambling investigation plays out, that adversity could linger for months.

"The culture of our program is what's going to get us through this next season," offensive lineman Jarrod Hufford said. "How we are as a team is going to get us through anything."

Campbell agreed.

"Part of what I love about being a college football coach is the growth of young men to men, 18 to 22 years old," he said. "Somebody says, 'Is this a culture issue?' The issue at hand is a society issue. And the reality of it is, society issues are always going to challenge the culture, whether it's your family culture or your football culture."

"What you're always constantly trying to do is educate your young people to make great decisions and put them in the best position to be successful and become the best men that they can possibly be."



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL, ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iowa State defensive back T.J. Tampa walks to the field during an NCAA college football media day Aug. 4 in Ames, Iowa.

WILDCATS

WOODBURY CENTRAL



SCHEDULE:

- Sept. 1 Westwood
- Sept. 8 @ Logan-Magnolia
- Sept. 15 Gehlen Catholic
- Sept. 22 @ St. Albert
- Sept. 29 @ Kingsley-Pierson
- Oct. 6 Tri Center
- Oct. 13 West Monona



ROSTER

1 Axton Lindgren	16 Colin Brauningner	54 Deisani Gomez
2 Sam Monk	17 Colby Gilbert	55 John McFarland
3 Zack Butler	21 Jacob King	56 Colton Warren
4 Wyatt Fickbohm	22 Holden Koele	57 Ashton Libke
5 Keaton Gernhart	23 Logan Phipps	58 Brody Bremer
6 Logan Pate	24 Gunnar Pate	60 Adrian McCormick
7 Carsen Coulter	25 Sam Van Donslear	61 Casey Neumann
8 Joe DeStigter	30 Tyler Havlicek	63 Logan Jensen
10 Drew Kluender	36 Ean Tschirren	67 Camron Zellmer
11 Eric McGill	50 Brady Tschirren	71 Drake Knight
12 Nathan Benedix	51 Preston Zellmer	77 Konnor Brosamle
14 Brand Beaver	52 Ben Havlicek	
15 Jayden Lloyd	53 Jackson Reblitz	

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