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MINDEN FOOTBALL



Head Coach: Jebb Hatch, 10th year, 33-47 record

Assistant Coaches: Caden Houghtelling, Carter Harsin, Daulton Kuehn, John Gumb

Class Of Competition: Class C1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 2-7 record

Returning Starters/Contributors: Seniors- Kellen Conyers, offensive line; Parker Hatch, QB/DB (dual threat QB); Kanin Heath, OL/DE (3rd leading tackler last season); Andrew Runions, WR/DB (leading receiver last year); Turner Schmidt, WR/DB (good hands and excellent tackler); Caleb Schwenka (injured-expected to miss season), RB/LB (leading tackler last season); Cael Smith, OL/DE (second leading tackler-5 sacks); Logan Verbeck, RB/LB (second leading rusher-2 INTs); Christian Sorenson, OL/DL (started last few games due to injury); Matt Dixon, OL/DL (showed big improvement); Sage Saunders, OL/DL (been working hard in weight room); Dalton Pasbrig, TE/DE (missed most of last season due to injury);

Juniors- Cohen Schmidt, TE/LB (very good all around player); Cole Schwenka, WR/DB (made huge improvements on both sides of ball); Drew Seiler, OL/DL (very strong physical player)

Sophomores- Morgan Johnson, DB (got valuable experience due to injuries last year); Bo Lutkemeier, RB/LB (tied for third leading tackler); Luke Livingston, WR/DB (rotated late in year due to injury)

Outlook: After a season of growth through adversity, we expect to make some noise heading into this fall. Despite graduating a small senior class, the foundation of this team remains strong thanks to a large and experienced junior group that has already logged significant varsity minutes.

This year's junior class has been battle-tested, with many of them stepping into starting roles as sophomores and continuing to develop into reliable contributors on both sides of the ball. Their experience and chemistry should provide stability and leadership throughout the season. We also return a large number of starters, giving them valuable continuity and a better understanding of the system. That experience will be critical as we look to build consistency early and compete at a high level week in and week out.

A big part of last season was the emergence of younger players. Due to injuries, several freshmen and sophomores were forced into starting roles or heavy rotation early in the season. While challenging at the time, those reps proved invaluable. Now, those same players return with confidence, experience and a better understanding of the speed and physicality of varsity football. Depth should be a major strength for the Whippets this season, with multiple players

having meaningful game experience. That added competition and versatility will allow the team to be more flexible and resilient as the season progresses.

With a strong core of returning players, experienced underclassmen, and a group that has already been tested under pressure, we enter the season with a lot of confidence.

Expected top teams in C1: Wahoo, Ashland-Greenwood, Columbus Lakeview, Sidney, Pierce, Syracuse, Ft. Calhoun, Chadron, O'Neill, Minden

Minden Football		
2026 Season Schedule		
8/28	Alliance	Home
9/4	Wood River	Away
9/11	Cozad	Home
9/18	Milford	Away
9/25	Adams Central	Home
	Homecoming	
10/2	Broken Bow	Away
10/9	Holdrege	Home
10/16	Kearney Catholic	Away
10/23	Lexington	Home

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MINDEN FOOTBALL



MINDEN FOOTBALL: Front Row: Caleb Schwenka, Dalton Pasbrig, Cael Smith, Andrew Runions, Parker Hatch, Kellan Conyers, Kanin Heath, Christian Sorensen, Turner Schmidt, Matt Dixon, Logan Verbeck. Second Row: Morgan Johnson, Riley Glaze, Bryson Carver, Jaxson Pasbrig, Lance Monter, Cohen Schmidt, Drew Seiler, Luke Livingston, Lukas Labenz, Cole Schwenka, Aaron Banuelos, Bo Lutkemeier. Third Row: Grayson Heggemeyer, Gavin True, Camdon Schmidt, Isaak Van Pool, Wyatt Gottsch, Huntley Oberg, Grayden Forster, Ryker Foutch, John Wegner, Garrett Hartman, Kyler Wilson. Fourth Row: Coach Hatch, Coach Gumb, Coach Harsin, Coach Houghtelling, Coach Kuehn. Not Pictured: Shawn Heath. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

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MINDEN VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Julie Ratka, 8th year, 188-61 record

Assistant Coaches: Allie Prososki, Lindsey Armstrong, Abby Alumit (volunteer asst)

Class Of Competition: Class C1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 25-9 record, 3rd SWC tournament, Tied-1st SWC regular season

Returning starters: Juniors- Aly Cederburg, 5'11, middle, 205 kills, 40 digs, 87 blocks (MHS season blocks record), one-year starter; Kaleigh Carr, 5'9, left side, 92% serve %, 173 kills, 324 digs,

20 blocks, one-year starter; Victoria Hansen, 5'4, setter, 89% serve %, 483 assists, 180 digs, one-year starter; Rilynn Johnson, 5'8, middle, one-year starter; Bailee Fries, 5'10, right side, one-year starter

Key Returners and Impactful Newcomers: Seniors- Sophia

Birkestrand, def. spec.; Gabbie Lee, def. spec.;

Sophomores- Olivia Armstrong, setter/def. spec.; Josa Ciemnoczolowski, middle/right side

Freshmen- Regan Carey, left side/middle; Malayna Emery, left side/opposite; Lexie Anderson, def. spec.

Outlook: We are going to be awfully young in terms of playing time and experience. Replacing 4-year setter and kills leader, Myla Emery, will be a difficult task. We need our upperclassmen to step up, carry more load, and provide leadership both on and off the court while our younger players adjust to varsity competition. We anticipate our players will work hard this summer and continue to uphold the strong tradition and high level of play that Minden Volleyball is known for. Our success will depend on how quickly we develop chemistry, consistency, and confidence in pressure situations. If we can grow together and embrace our roles, we believe this team has the potential to compete at a high level by the end of the season.

We return five starters and seven letter winners.

Minden Volleyball 2026 Season Schedule

8/27	Ord	Away	9/18-19	Gothenburg Invite	Away	10/15	Holdrege	Home
8/29	Minden Invite	Home	9/24	Gothenburg	Away	10/19-20	SWC	Cozad
9/1	McCook Tri.	Away	9/26	Hastings High Inv.	Away	10/26-28	Sub-district	TBA
9/3	Lexington	Home	9/29	Kearney Catholic	Home	10/31	District Final	TBA
9/8	Shelton	Away	10/1	Sandy Creek Tri.	Away	11/4-7	State Tournament	Lincoln
9/10	Beloit, Ks	Away	10/8	Ogallala Tri.	Away			
9/15	Hastings High Tri.	Away	10/13	Cozad	Away			



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Hwy 6 Softball

Hwy 6 Softball 2026 Season Schedule

8/21	Trailblazer Tri (Alli./Hersh.)	Holdrege
8/22	Lexington Invite	Away
8/28	Wilber-Clatonia	Minden
8/29	Trailblazer Invite	Holdrege
9/3	Cozad	Away
9/5	McCook Invite	Away
9/8	Fillmore Central	Minden
9/12	Cozad Invite	Away
9/14	McCook	Holdrege
9/15	Ord	Away
9/17	Gothenburg	Away
9/24	Southern Valley	Minden
9/26	Tekemah-Herman Inv.	Away
9/28	Minden Tri. (Fair./Lex)	Minden
9/29	Holdrege Tri. (CCV/Aquinas)	Holdrege
10/1	North Platte	Holdrege
10/8	Sub-districts	TBA
10/9	District Final	TBA
10/14-16	State	Hastings
10/19	State Final	Lincoln



Head Coach: Jason Hale, 5th as head of the Coop, 6th as head in Holdrege, 56-78 career record

Assistant Coaches: Tara Johnson, Karli Becker, Hannah McGinley, Russ Raburn

Class Of Competition: Class B

Last Year's Accom-

pishments: 7-12 record
Returning Letterwinners: (*returning starters)
Seniors- *Kaleah Boulware (OF); *Neveah Browitt (INF); *Alexa Hale (C/INF), 3-year starter, letterwinner, 3X all-SWC first team, 2X Tribland all-region first team, 2X academic all-state, Honorable Mention all-state; *McKinley Jauken (IN-F/C), two-year starter/letterwinner; Hope Mason (utility)

Sophomores- *Stella Birkestrand (OF); Brecklynn Edgren (utility); *Lillian Labenz (P/INF); *Katherine Marshall (INF); *Addisyn Norris (P/INF), All-SWC 1st team; *Scarlett Rogers (Utility); McKinley Segelke (Utility)

Outlook: As is always the case with a Coop, you have to work hard a building team chemistry between two schools. Offseason work is key to our kids building that chemistry. We are off to a great start. Our kids have spent a great deal of time together and enjoy getting to know each other and working with each other. We have six seniors, and five of those seniors have extensive playing time. The remainder of our roster is still very young, mostly freshmen and sophomores but our returning sophomores did gain a great deal of experience a year ago. Returning 12 players with playing experience will be huge for us. We need to continue building depth at all positions, especially pitching. Quality pitching will be a key. Our goal is to get better each and every day, so that we can put ourselves into the best possible position at the end of the year to make a post-season run.

* Team photo was unavailable at time of press. Look for it in a future issue of the Minden Courier.



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MINDEN GIRLS GOLF



Head Coach: Whitney Maulsby, 11years
Assistant Coaches: Callie Whitten
Class Of Competition: Class C

Last Year's Accomplishments: An undefeated season with championships from all duals, triangulars and invites. We also

placed first at Southwest Conference, District and the Class C State Tournament.

Additionally, KayLynn Jorgensen placed first at state and Macy Jorgensen finished second.

Returning Letter Winners: **Sophomore-** Macy Jorgensen, State Team Champs member, Individual State Runner-up

Impactful Newcomers: **Sophomores-** Hallie Hartman, Cierra Riley

Freshmen- Kennedy Eckhardt, Hartleigh Bienhoff, Arihanna Johnson

Goals: After such a successful run from our graduating seniors, we are determined to keep our goals high while figuring out what our young team can do. Although we are young, we have some great experience on the course. Our players have all committed to the program and want to continue the tradition of excellence established by decades of female golfers here at Minden. Our work ethic, focus, dedication and excitement have really shown this summer. We can't wait to see what these girls can do.

Strengths and Weaknesses: Our strengths are the attitudes and outlooks of our two returning golfers, Macy and Hallie. Macy leads with her experience on the course, and Hallie leads with a strong voice. These two will help encourage their teammates and keep everyone challenged and confident.

Our weakness is our youth, but that means we also have many years together to develop the future of this program. A young, dedicated team is something every coach dreams of. These girls will develop into something special.

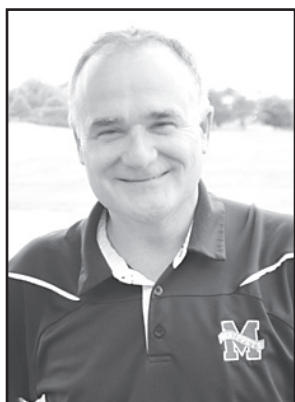


MINDEN GIRLS GOLF: Back row: Coach Whitney Maulsby, Kennedy Eckhardt, Arihanna Johnson, Ceirra Riley, Macy Jorgensen, Coach Callie Whitten. Front row: Hallie Hartman, Laynee Joyce, Hartleigh Bienhoff. (Courtesy photo by Jim Bunger, Kearney Media)

Minden Girls Golf 2026 Season Schedule

8/25	Dusty Dawg Dual	Away	9/17	Minden Invite	Home
8/28	McCook Invite	Away	9/22	Minden Tri.	Home
9/1	Holdrege Quad	Away	9/24	Holdrege Invite	Away
9/3	GICC Invite	Away	9/28	Cozad Invite	Away
9/8	Minden Tri.	Home	9/29	SWC Trny.	Cozad
9/10	Awarii Dunes Invite	Away	10/5	Districts	TBA
9/11	Lexington Invite	Away	10/12-13	'C' StateN. Platte (Lake Maloney)	
9/15	Gothenburg Invite	Away			

MINDEN CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach: Shawn Wheelock, 18th at Minden, 35th in all

Assistant Coaches: Kylee Stepp, Roger Hansen, Joe Warner (volunteer)

Class Of Competition: Class C

GIRLS TEAM

Last Year's Accomplishments: 1st SWC, 4th District, State DNQ

Returning Runners: Seniors- Alexa Warner (3rd SWC, 7th District, 3-time State qualifier, 11th State in 2024)

Juniors- Aclynn Osterbuhr (7th SWC, state qualifier in '24), Evie Sharkey (13th SWC, State qualifier in '24)

Sophomore- Adelyn Whitten (2nd SWC, 3rd District, 9th State)

Impactful Newcomers: Freshmen- Gemma Fritson (3rd SWC middle school, 10th State middle school), Regan Johnson (4th SWC middle school, 9th State middle school), Emerson Kuehn (9th SWC middle school), Kinsie Morey (7th SWC middle school)

Outlook: The Minden cross country girls team enters the 2026 season with four experienced varsity runners and a talented group of freshmen that finished as the state middle school team runner-up.

With a strong combination of proven varsity runners and accomplished newcomers, our team goals are to finish among the top two at the Southwest Conference meet and among the top three at the district meet, which would qualify the Whippets for the Class C state meet.

Overall, we are looking forward to a fun, competitive and memorable season.

BOYS TEAM

Last Year's Accomplishments: 3rd SWC meet, 3rd District meet, 8th Class C state meet

Returning Runners: Seniors- Gage Thull (8th SWC, 7th district, 3-time state qualifier), Trystan Sharkey (SWC 15th, 3-time state qualifier), Holt Aschenbrenner (state qualifier), Steven Rhodes (state qualifier), Frank Kovacs

Juniors- Isaac Reed (2-time state qualifier)

Up and Coming Runners: Senior- Jonathan Althouse

Juniors- Seth Jacobitz, Jack Widdifield

Sophomores- Landon Grollmes, Elijah Warner

Freshmen- Blake Boudreau (2nd SWC middle school, 23rd state middle school meet), Brantley Wright (12th SWC middle school), Lucas Baughman, Jacob Werner

Outlook: We enter the 2026 season with a large and experienced group following a successful 2025 campaign. We expect contributions from several returning runners and promising newcomers. Our goals are to finish among the top three at the SWC meet and among the top three at the district meet, which would qualify the Whippets' team for another trip to the Class C state meet.

We're looking for a fun, competitive and memorable season overall.

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Good Luck Minden Whippets

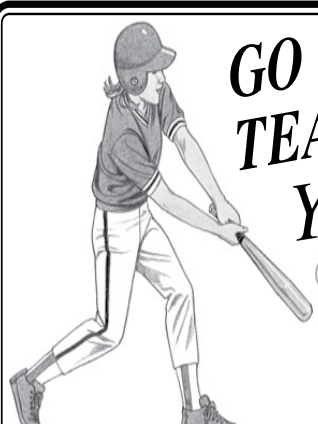


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MINDEN CROSS COUNTRY



MINDEN CROSS COUNTRY: Front row: Luke Werner, Alexa Warner, Evie Sharkey, Aclynn Osterbuhr, Emerson Kuehn, Regan Johnson, Adelyn Whitten, Kinsey Morey, Gemma Fritson, Blake Boudreau. Back row: Assistant Coach Joe Warner, Assistant Coach Roger Hansen, Jonathan Althouse, Elijah Warner, Brantley Wright, Isaac Reed, Gage Thull, Jack Widdifield, Landon Grollmes, Holt Aschenbrenner, Lucas Baughman, Seth Jacobitz, Frank Kovacs, Trystan Sharkey, Assistant Coach Kylee Stepp, Head Coach Shawn Wheelock. (Courtesy photo by Jim Bunger, Kearney Media)

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8/28	GINW Invite	Away
9/5	Minden Invite	Home
9/10	Milford Invite	Away
9/15	Minden Classic	Home
9/17	McCook Invite	Away
9/28	UNK Invite	Away
10/1	Gothenburg Invite	Away
10/8	SWC	Cozad
10/14	District	TBA
10/23	State	Kearney

AXTELL FOOTBALL



Head Coach: Mike Branstad, 5th year, 16-21 career record

Assistant Coaches: Nic Pearson, Isaac Dunn

Class Of Competition: Class D3

Last Year's Accomplishments: 0-8 record

Returning Starters/Letterwinners: Juniors- Nick Dahl, RB/LB, 5'10, 170; Nolan Wells, TE/DB, 6'0, 120

Sophomores- Carter Lorenz, QB/S, 5'10, 120; Landon Powers, TE/LB, 6'0, 140; Connor L'Heureux, RB/LB, 5'8, 140; Luke Abbott, RB/S, 5'10,

130; Barrett Thorell, TE/LB, 5'11, 130; Carter Hardenbrook, TE/DL, 6'0, 180; Luke Samuelson, G/DE, 6'1, 180; Samuel Kindschuh, C/DE, 5'10, 170

Outlook: Our strength will be that all of our returning players had a lot of playing time last year and they are eager to learn and hard working.

Our weakness will be that we are a very young team with no seniors and only two juniors.

With the inexperience we have this year, the year may be a rough road. The kids are hard workers and have great attitudes and we will do our best every game.

Best of luck this season, Axtell Wildcats!

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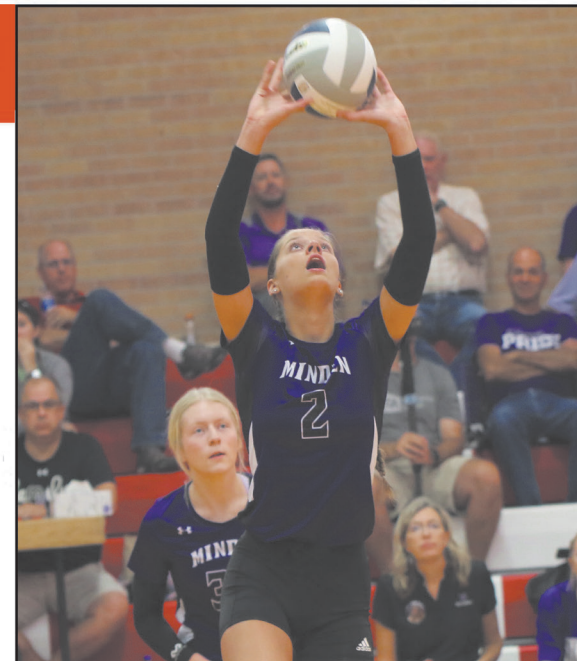
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Axtell Football 2026 Season Schedule

8/28	Brady	Home
9/4	Deshler	Away
9/11	Franklin	Home
9/18	Arapahoe	Away
9/25	Southern Valley	Home
10/2	Overton	Away
10/9	Pleasanton	Home
10/16	Blue Hill	Away
10/23	Cambridge (2pm)	Home





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AXTELL FOOTBALL: Front row: Luke Abbott, Carter Hardenbrook, Maddex Ristau, Maddyx Reiter, Connor L'Heureux, Nick Dahl. Second row: Mick Pfeil, Logan Strolberg, Grayson Bray, Brogan Pittz, Landon Powers, Nolan Wells. Third row: Barrett Thorell, Oliver Deibler, Kaison Most, Carter Lorenz, Luke Samuelson, Samuel Kindschuh. Back row: Coach Branstad, Coach Pearson, Coach Dunn. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)



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AXTELL VOLLEYBALL



Head Coach: Brad Nelson, 34th year, 621-278 record
Assistant Coaches: Ashley Benson and Jessica Gebel
Class Of Competition: Class D1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 13-17 record, 7th regular season FKC, 6th in conference tourney
Returning Starters: Seniors- Morgan Hawkins, middle hitter; Ashlynn Nelson, outside hitter; Bristol Thorell, right-side hitter

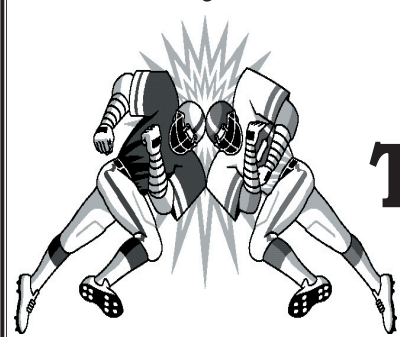
Juniors- Leah Stritt, setter; Mina Schilling, libero
Returning letterwinner:Sophomore- Amelia Halvorsen, middle hitter
Newcomers: Senior- Brooklyn DeJonge, setter
Sophomores- Steph Cederburg, setter; Gabbi Robinson, outside hitter
Freshmen- Hadley Most, setter; Adelyn Wells, setter; Leanne Ellingson, middle hitter; Ari Nickel, middle hitter; Marley Thorell, outside hitter

Outlook: We have an experienced group of seniors returning, paired with a very strong incoming class. Our goal is to develop as the season progresses and to become a very competitive team by mid-season. We need to replace our top two hitters and our setter from last year's team.

Axtell Volleyball 2026 Season Schedule

8/27	Elba	Away
8/29	Axtell Invite	Home
9/3	Elm Creek	Home
9/8	SEM Tri.	Away
9/10	Ansley-Litchfield	Home
9/12	Hitchcock County Invite	Away
9/15	Wilcox-Hildreth Invite	Away
9/17	Axtell Tri.	Home
9/21	Grand Island Lutheran	Home
9/22	Axtell Tri.	Home
9/24	Southern Valley Tri.	Away
9/29	Bertrand	Home
10/6	Arapahoe	Away
10/8	Pleasanton Tri.	Away
10/12-15	FKC Invite	TBA
10/20	Silver Lake Tri.	Away
10/26-27	Districts	TBA
10/31	Sub-State	TBA
11/4-7	State	Lincoln

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AXTELL VOLLEYBALL: Front row: Bristol Thorell, Ashlynn Nelson, Brooklyn DeJonge, Morgan Hawkins. Second row: Kenandie Kettleson, Brylee Rabe, Leah Stritt, Mina Schilling, Steph Cederburg. Third row: Hadley Most, Adelyn Wells, Solara Quigley, Jerzey Ramirez, Gabbi Robinson, Amelia Halvorsen, Ari Nickel. Back row: Sam Vinchattle, Emma George, Marley Thorell, Leanne Ellingson. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

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Axtell Cross Country

Axtell Cross Country 2026 Season Schedule

8/27	Axtell Invite	Home
9/4	Cambridge Invite	Away
9/10	Chase County Invite	Imperial
9/14	Alma Invite	Away
9/22	Franklin Invite	Away
9/28	UNK Invite	Kearney
10/2	FKC Invite	Overton
10/8	Wilcox-Hildreth Invite	Franklin
10/15	District	TBA
10/23	State	Kearney



Head Coach: Joe Philippi, 8th at Axtell, 16th overall

Assistant Coaches: Libby Sadd

Class Of Competition: Class D

Last Year's Accomplishments: Boys- District runner-up, 17th at State

Returning Runners: Senior Girls- Emma Hall (two-time state qualifier, 21:41 best time)

Junior Boys- Felix Lopez (state qualifier, 18:39 best time)

Sophomore Boys- Micah Houchin (state qualifier, 17:35.6 best time);
Kyler Kolbo (state qualifier, 19:29 best time)

Impactful Newcomers: Senior Girl- Ella Lorenz

Junior Girl- Allison Fullmer

Freshman Girl- Addy Nickel

Outlook: Boys look to improve at State. We hope our girls' team can make State. The three new girl additions will help complete a team for returning state qualifier Emma Hall.

The UNK meet and the FKC meet are key meets on our schedule. We have seven boys and five girls on our squad.

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AXTELL CROSS COUNTRY: Front row: Ella "kachow" Lorenz, Emma Hall. Middle row: Kyler Kolbo, Micah Houchin, Jalena Lorenzo, Allison Fulmer, Oscar Clausen, Felix Lopez. Back row: Chase Nickel, Eli Sinachack, Isaiah Sinachack. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)



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WILCOX-HILDRETH FOOTBALL



Head Coach: Luke Glenn, 4th year, 18-11 record
Assistant Coaches: Jordan Volk, Wade Brashear
Class Of Competition: Class D2

Last Year's Accomplishments: 4-5 record, lost to Central Valley in the playoffs
Returning Starters: Seniors- Grayson Johnson, OL, 5'11, 220; Gavin Ironshell, OL, 5'10, 180; Kyler Masters, RB, 5'9, 165; Kaleb Johnson, LB, 6'3, 200

Junior- Drew Blank, QB, 5'11, 180

Outlook: The Falcon football team enters the season coming off four consecutive playoff appearances, bringing both valuable experience and exciting new talent to the field. Drew Blank returns after an impressive sophomore campaign in which he threw for 1200 yards and rushed for another 800. Grayson Johnson and Gavin Ironshell will anchor both the offensive and defensive lines, providing leadership and stability. At the same time, there will be plenty of opportunities for new faces to step in and make an immediate impact. With an expected turnout of 30+ players, the team should have the depth needed to compete and stay fresh throughout the season. Overall, the Falcons are looking forward to another year with a hardworking and dedicated group of young men.

Wilcox-Hildreth Football 2026 Season Schedule		
8/27	Hi-Line (Elwood)	Away
9/4	N. Platte St. Pat's	Home
9/11	Shelton	Away
9/18	Deshler (Homecoming)	Home
9/25	Loomis	Home
10/2	Franklin	Away
10/9	Arapahoe	Away
10/16	Bertrand (Parent's Night)	Home
10/22	(Thu.)South Loup (Sr. Night)	Home
10/30	Playoffs 1st Round	TBA
11/6	Playoffs Quarterfinals	TBA
11/13	Playoffs Semifinals	TBA
11/23	(Mon.) Finals	Lincoln



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WILCOX-HILDRETH FOOTBALL



WILCOX-HILDRETH FOOTBALL: First row: Gage Henery, Rylan Lush, Micah Bell, Jordan Burki, Westen Robinson, Mikah Eiley, Stetson Guthrie, Kip Johnson, Landon Lienemann, Sutton Strong. Middle row: Asst Coach Wade Brashear, Head Coach Luke Glenn, Cole Ortgiesen, Jaxon Guthrie, Grayson Johnson, Tyler Masters, Damien Campbell, Gavin Ironshell, Drake Ritner, Kaden Schriener, Luke Lush, William Masters. Third row: Kaleb Johnson, Drew Blank, Grant Twehous, Dax Knaus, Asst Coach Jordan Volk. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

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WILCOX-HILDRETH CROSS COUNTRY



Head Coach: Dustin Johnson, 7th year as head
Assistant Coaches: Andrew Warner
Class Of Competition: Class D

Last Year's Accomplishments: We set PRs across the board and were able to send Alex Klatt-Terabelian to State
Returning Runners: **Juniors- Boys-** Alex Klatt-Terabelian, placed at six meets, three top 10s, State qualifier, is number nine on the Fal-

con Top Ten; Jacob Jezbera, placed at four meets
Juniors-Girls-Chloe Johnson, placed at six meets, is number three on the Falcon Top Ten
Sophomore- Girls- Allegra Johnson, placed at four meets, is number four on the Falcon Top Ten
Impactful Newcomers: None
Outlook: We are down in numbers but not talent. Returning four runners that had successful seasons last year. We are hoping to send multi-

Wilcox-Hildreth Cross Country 2026 Season Schedule

8/27	Axtell Quad	Away
9/4	Cambridge Invite	Away
9/8	Centura Invite	Away
9/14	Alma Invite	Away
9/22	Franklin Invite	Away
9/28	UNK Invite	Kearney
10/2	FKC	Overton
10/8	Falcon Invite	Franklin
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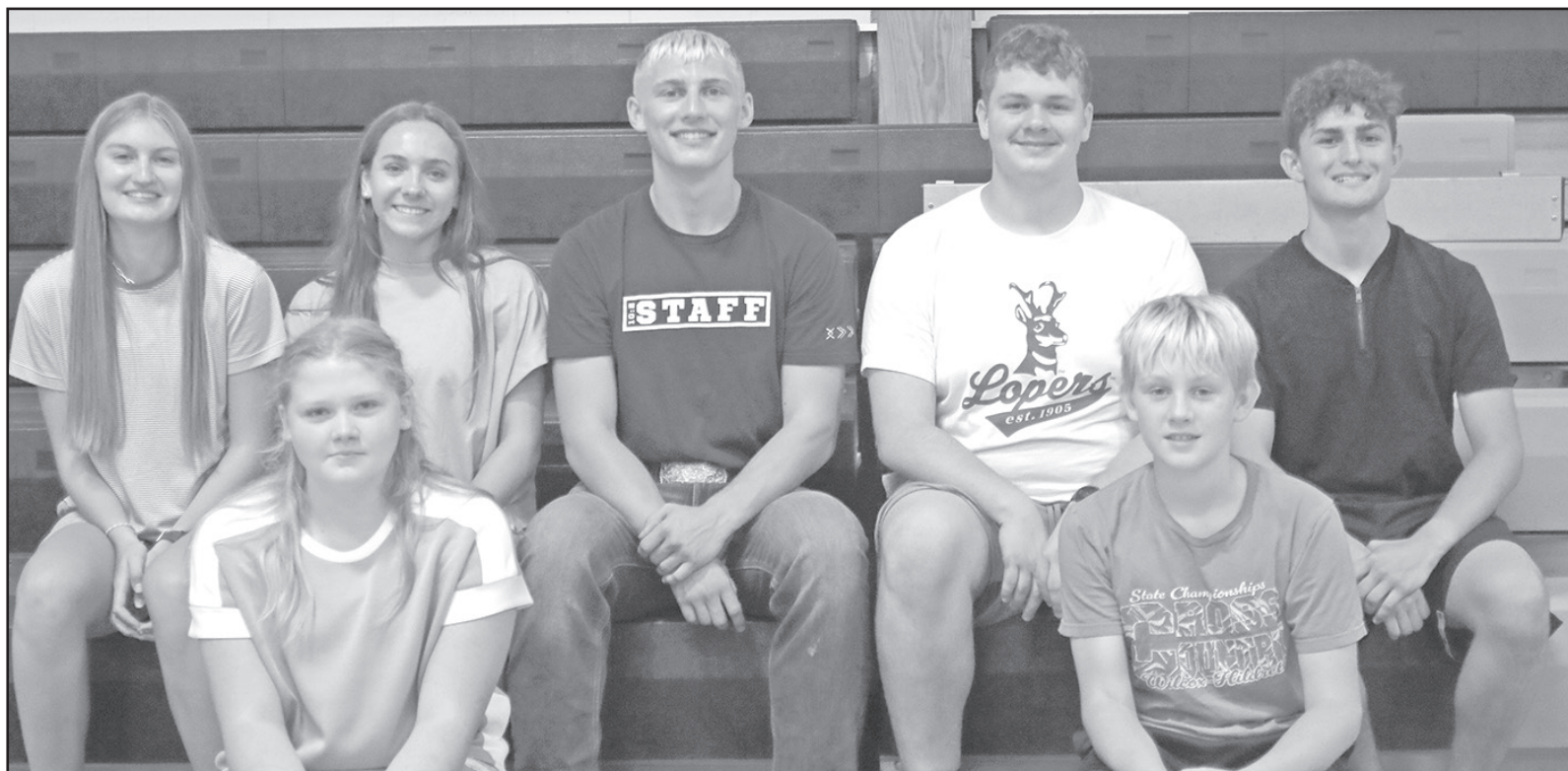


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WILCOX-HILDRETH CROSS COUNTRY

WILCOX-HILDRETH CROSS COUNTRY: First row: Audrina Henery (8th grade), Henry Lush (8th grade). Second row: Allegra Johnson, Chloe Johnson, Jacob Jezbera, Craig Bunger, Alex Klatt-Terabelian. (Courier photo by Carrie Conner)

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WILCOX-HILDRETH VOLLEYBALL



WILCOX-HILDRETH VOLLEYBALL: First row: Alexis Garrett, Georgia Guthrie, Ona Wilsey, Elin Patterson, Bianca Herfel. Second row: Asst Coach Desiree' Guthrie, Camryn Bunger, Elsie Donley, Kinley Hansen, Madison Sheen, Ellie Blank, Head Coach Haley Marsh. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)



Head Coach: Haley Marsh, first year
Assistant Coach: Desiree' Guthrie
Class Of Competition: Class D2

Last Year's Accomplishments: 2-27 record
Returning Letterwinners: Senior-

Madison Sheen, OH, 73 kills, 7 blocks, 131 digs, 11 aces;

Juniors- Camryn Bunger, MH, 159 kills, 149 digs, 33 blocks, 6 aces; Ona Wilsey, RS/DS, 74 digs, 3 aces

Sophomores- Kinley Hansen, OH, 18 kills; Elin Patterson, DS, 118 digs, 23 aces

Impactful Newcomers: **Freshmen-** Georgia Guthrie, setter; Elsie Donley, MH; Ellie Blank, OH

Outlook: This is not the same team as last year. Their goals are to develop a dynamic team culture that prioritizes relationships and have a winning season.

Strengths: We have multiple six-rotation players (two of which are returning starters) that can capitalize on the momentum of the game, and a team full of aggressive servers.

Weaknesses: We have a small (but mighty) team of ten players which limits "live" practice opportunities, and we have a very young team.

Wilcox-Hildreth Volleyball 2026 Season Schedule

8/20	Wilcox-Hildreth Jamboree	Home	10/1	Wilcox-Hildreth Tri.	Home
8/28	Loomis	Away	10/2	Franklin	Away
9/3	Hi-Line Tri. (Elwood)	Away	10/6	Bertrand Tri.	Away
9/8	Wilcox-Hildreth Tri.	Home	10/8	Silver Lake Tri.	Away
9/10	Red Cloud (Parent's Night)	Home	10/12-15	FKC Tourney	TBA
9/15	Wilcox-Hildreth Tri.	Home	10/19	SEM Tri.	Away
9/17	Overton Tri.	Away	10/22	So. Valley (Sr. Night)	Home
9/18	Deshler (Homecoming)	Home	10/26-27	Subdistricts	TBA
9/26	Ansley-Litchfield Inv.	Away	10/31	District Finals	TBA
9/29	Elba Double Tri.	Away	11/4-7	State	Lincoln

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