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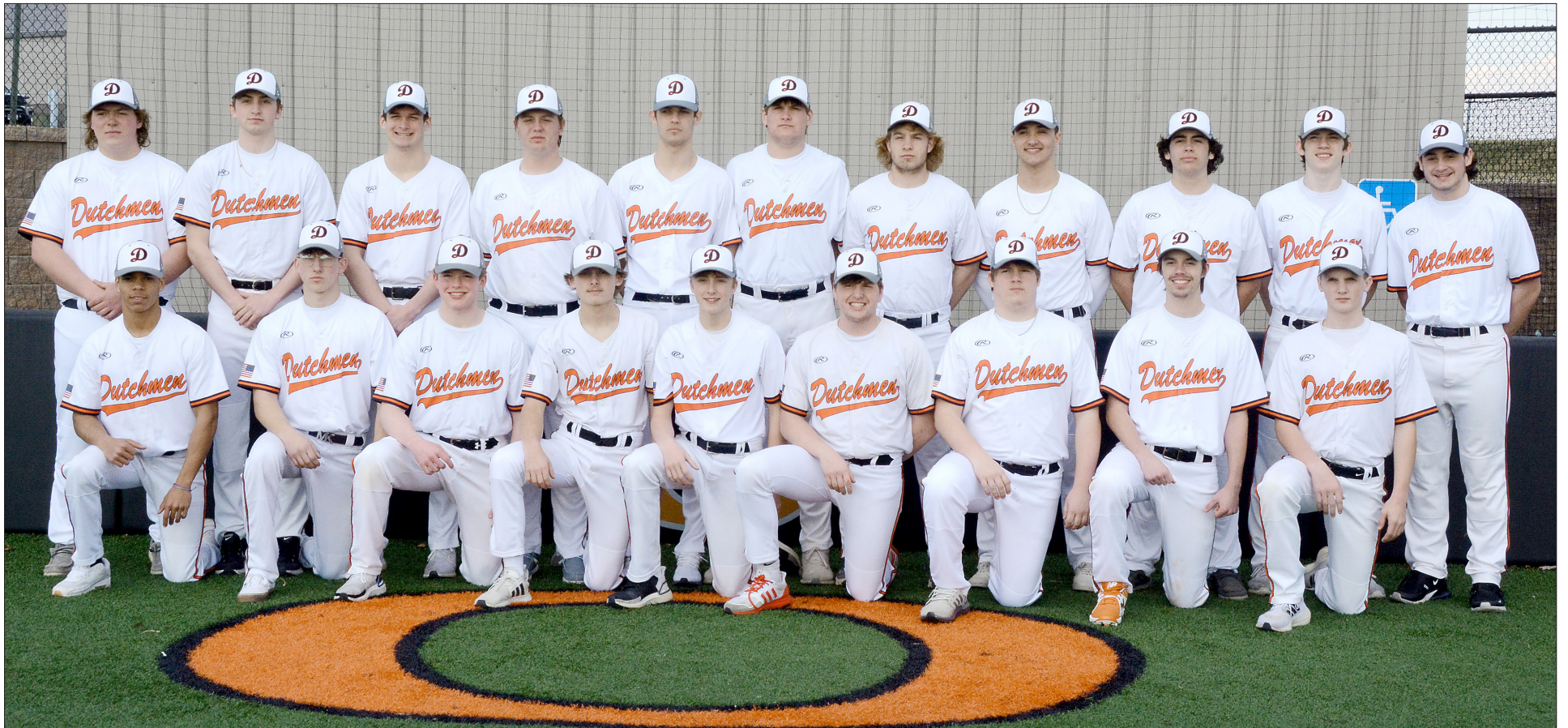
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OWENSVILLE VARSITY Dutchmen baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Dezmyrn Moore, Jon Saunsaucie, Landon Kramme, Eoin Krupp, Will Lauth, Dominic Grigaitis, Logan Evans, Connor Flynn and Austin Long; and in back, Michael Steinbeck, Bryce Payne, Derek Brandt, Hunter Engelbrecht, Landon Valley, Garrett Crosby, Eli Wilson, Gavin Loague, Wyatt Kramme, Layne Evans and Jordan Rabbitt.



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Redemption for OHS in '22

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Redemption.

That is heavy on the minds of Tyler Ahring's Owensville Dutchmen baseball team after just missing out on a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) championship with losses to Pacific and St. Clair down the stretch.

They were also in prime position to end an over 40-year district title drought as the top seed before being upset by Salem in the first round of the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 4, District 9 Tournament at Sullivan High School.

Of the 20 players making up Ahring's varsity baseball roster, 12 of them are seniors.

Dutchmen that will be suiting up for the final time in orange and black this spring

include Eoin Krupp, Landon Valley, Gavin Loague, Jon Saunsaucie, Connor Flynn, Dezmyan Moore, Logan Evans, Derek Brandt, Dominic Grigaitis, Michael Steinbeck, Eli Wilson and Hunter Engelbrecht.

Four juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen on the varsity Dutchmen baseball roster include Bryce Payne, Austin Long, Will Lauth and Wyatt Kramme.

Rounding out the varsity roster will be the sophomore trio of Layne Evans, Jordan Rabbitt and Garrett Crosby along with freshman Landon Kramme.

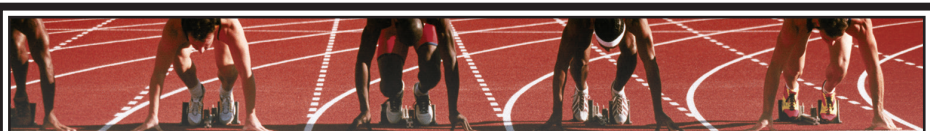
Payne and Wilson will both be dual-sport athletes also participating in track throughout the spring.

"I'm really excited to get this season going," Ahring said. "We've got a lot of experienced guys coming back that are hungry to claim conference and district

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DOMINIC GRIGAITIS (above) works on getting in blocking position as a catcher to keep the ball from getting behind him. Grigaitis is one of 12 seniors suiting up for their final season of Owensville Dutchmen baseball this spring.



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titles that were right there for the taking last year.”

One big highlight of the upcoming season is a regular-season game on Saturday, April 16 against the Roxanna (Ill) Shells that will be played at Busch Stadium in downtown St. Louis.

“Our program has waited nearly three decades to get the opportunity to play on a Major League Baseball (MLB) field,” Ahring said. “I’m happy for my guys that they will get this chance of a lifetime.”

Additional highlight games in April will feature Military Appreciation Night on Friday, April 22 against Potosi along with Alumni Night on Friday, April 29 against Four Rivers Conference (FRC) foe New Haven.

Senior night is currently set for Monday, May 9 against Steelville’s Cardinals with a backup date of May 12 against Waynesville in case of inclement weather.

Assigned to MSHSAA Class 4, District 4, Ahring’s Dutchmen will look to end their over four-decade district title drought against Cuba, Salem, St. Clair, St. James and Sullivan.

They will face all five of those schools at least once during the regular season.



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Sisters take over Dutchgirl soccer

BY WILL JOHNSON
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Finishing 13-10 during her first season as Owensville Dutchgirl head soccer coach, Kalyn Kemp will look to add to that win total and perhaps reach the program's third district championship match in May.

One way to describe the upcoming season would be to refer to a classic Whoopi Goldberg movie.

That is because there are three sets of sisters on the Owensville Dutchgirl soccer roster.

They include Leah (senior) and Lily (freshman) Reed, Jocelyn (senior) and Maria (junior) Benson and Paige (senior) and Katie (freshman) Loyd.

"It is a very distinct possibility that we will have all three sets of sisters on the field at any given point in a match," Dutchgirl

assistant soccer coach Barb Loyd said.

Joining the other three aforementioned seniors playing in her final season of Owensville Dutchgirl soccer will be Aubrey Dawson.

Juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen Dutchgirl soccer players in addition to the younger Benson include Landry Watson, Avery Bastunas, Jersey Reynolds, Mallory Eberlin, Camri Jones and Kiana Guerrero.

Fresh off a 49-goal season as a sophomore, Watson is looking to score at least 51 goals becoming the first 100-goal career scorer in the history of the Owensville Dutchgirl soccer program.

Had it not been for the COVID-19 pandemic two springs ago, Destinee Busenhardt would have likely reached triple digits in career goals scored.

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MCKENNA EDWARDS (above, far left) settles the ball with her midsection during a decent Dutchgirl soccer practice session.

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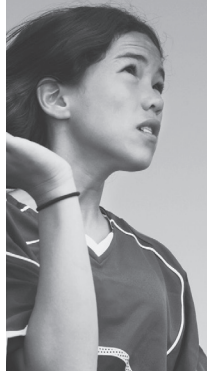
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Sophomores starting the list of underclassmen Dutchgirl soccer players include Jayna Larsen, McKenna Edwards, Audrey Quilacio, Alyssa Tracy, Elise McFalls, Anya Binkhoelter and Emily Krause.

Freshman donning a Dutchgirl uniform for the first time in addition to Lily Reed and Katie Loyd include Hannah Berkaw, Caidence Goodman and Hailie Wells.

During the second half of April, Kemp's Dutchgirls will spend a lot of time on the home pitch with four home games the week of April 18 against Battle (Columbia), St. Francis Borgia, St. James and Belle.

This is also in addition to their annual tournament that they will host during the final full week of April featuring Fatima, Sullivan, St. James, Wright City and the St. Louis Patriettes.

After competing against district foes in north-central Missouri last spring, the Dutchgirls have been assigned to Class 2, District 3 against the likes of Clayton, Mary Institute-Country Day School (MICDS), Principia, St. Clair, St. James, Sullivan and Westminster Christian Academy.

Due to distances traveled by officials, all Dutchgirl home matches throughout the regular season will start at 5:30 p.m.



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OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL soccer team members (above, in front, from left) include Jocelyn Benson, Leah Reed, Paige Loyd and Aubrey Dawson; and in back, Caidence Goodman, Katie Loyd, Hannah Berkaw, Lily Reed, Audrey Quilacio, McKenna Edwards, Avery Bastunas, Camri Jones and Mallory Eberlin; and in back, Kylie Kitchen, Landry Watson, Jayna Larsen, Emily Krause, Anya Binkhoelter, Kiana Guerrero, Jersey Reynolds, Maria Benson, Hailie Wells, Elise McFalls and Alyssa Tracy.

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OHS Track to host annual conference

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High numbers and lots of potential.

That is what the Owensville High School track and field coaching staff led by Matt Candrl has to look forward to during the upcoming season of Dutchmen and Dutchgirl track and field.

Returning state qualifiers for the Dutchgirls include seniors Alexis Kohrman, Kyah Weirich, Jacob Breedlove, and Alan Kopp.

Kohrman and Richardson both return as state qualifiers from the 4x200-meter relay.

Weirich is the lone returning senior from the Dutchgirl 4x800-meter relay team that qualified for state.

Breedlove earned All-State honors in the 4x200m relay along with qualifying in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400-meter relay.

Kopp will look to redeem himself during his senior campaign after being disqualified in the 300-meter hurdles at state last spring.

Additional seniors looking to end their season at state include Nina Baker, Meike Bak-

ker, Kiera Finn, Keira Hendrix, Hayden Loeb, Alyssa Wehmeyer, Carson Donatti, Brent Helmig, Samuel Hoffman, Ashton Kramme, Kyle O'Neal, Alex Pack, Harm Rademacher, Landon Valley, Eli Wilson and Freddy Zheng.

Wilson is one several dual-sport athletes also competing in baseball along with track.

Juniors also returning after qualifying for state last spring as sophomores include Ella Gehlert, Saylor Richardson, Bryce Payne, Gabe Soest and Charlie Whelan.

Gehlert also ran with Weirich in the 4x800m relay while Richardson was a part of the state-

qualifying 4x200m relay team.

Payne also earned All-State honors as a sophomore for his leg in the 4x200m relay in addition to being apart of the 4x400m relay team that qualified for state last spring.

Soest also had a leg in the 4x400m relay team that qualified for state.

Whelan makes three returning legs of the Dutchmen All-State 4x200m relay team.

Additional juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen for Candrl's OHS track squad include Alice Raddante, Noah Holtmeyer, Derrick Marquez, Lucas Morgan, Aries Nichola-



Track meet in May

and Trevor Shockley.

Payne (baseball) and Whelan (golf) will also be dual-sport athletes for OHS.

Morgan was also OHS' lone male state qualifier during cross country last fall and will look to turn that experience into a state medal on the track this spring.

Sophomores looking to make their mark on the track and in the field this spring include Grace Abell, Stephanie Cain, Emma Daniels, McKenzy Echols, Jessalyn Farris, Cassidy Gooch, Payton Harness, Katelyn Holtzer, Ahna Rasmussen, Peyton Weinland, Jada

Wizeman, Anna Fulkerson, Jordan Bialczyk, Garrett Crosby, Luis DeLong, Blake Elliott, Felix Guerrero, Braydan McDaniel, Tanner Meyer, Paul Million, Trenton Million, Blake Shoemaker and Hayden Shoemaker.

Elliott returns after earning All-District honors as a freshman running the 4x100-meter relay.

Freshman that will be making the transition from middle school track to high school include

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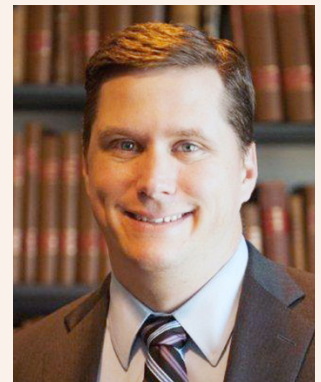
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In addition to their numerous meets on the road, Owensville will get to host three meets at the friendly confines of Dutchmen Field.

They include their annual quad on Tuesday, April 5, the annual OHS Relays on Thursday, April 14 and the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Track Meet on Monday, May 2.

Owensville's Dutchgirls will look to defend their district title from last spring after again being assigned to Class 3, District 5 by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) against Ava, Blair Oaks, Cuba, Fatima, Houston, Liberty (Mountain View), Mountain Grove, Salem, St. Clair, St. James and Willow Springs.



OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL track and field athletes (above) warm up on the track before a recent practice session at Dutchmen Field. They will be looking to defend their district title that they won on their home track last May once again being assigned by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) to Class 3, District 5.

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OWENSVILLE JV DUTCHMEN baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Jadan Gerlemann, Landon Ely, Logan Kleekamp, Laine Baumbach, Isaiah Gates and Cody Perkins; and in back, Will Lauth, Jim Jenkins, Wyatt Kramme, Landon Kramme, Tyler Davison and Jordan Rabbitt. Not pictured are Garrett Crosby,

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2022 District R-II Spring Sports Schedule

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 18-23	Varsity	FRC Preseason Tournament	TBA
★ March 22	Varsity	Rolla	4:30 PM
March 22	9th/J.V.	Union	4:30 PM
★ March 24	9th/J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
March 28	Varsity/J.V.	Salem	4:30 PM
★ March 30	9th Grade	St. James	4:30 PM
★ March 31	9th Grade	Waynesville	4:30 PM
April 1-2	Varsity	Potosi Tournament	TBA
April 4	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
★ April 5	9th Grade	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
April 7	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	4:30 PM
April 8-9	Jr. Varsity	Pacific JV Tournament	TBA
April 11	Varsity/J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM
★ April 12	Varsity/J.V.	Helias	4:30 PM
April 14	9th Grade	St. James	4:30 PM
April 14	Jr. Varsity	Capital City	4:30 PM
April 16	Varsity	Roxana (Ill.) at Busch Stadium	TBA
★ April 19	Varsity/J.V.	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
April 21	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific	4:30 PM
★ April 22	Varsity/J.V.	Potosi (Military Appreciation Night)	4:30 PM
★ April 25	Varsity/J.V.	Sullivan	4:30 PM
★ April 27	9th Grade	Capital City	5:30 PM
★ April 28	Varsity/J.V.	Union	4:30 PM
★ April 29	Varsity/J.V.	New Haven (Alumni Night)	4:30 PM
April 29	9th Grade	Hermann	5:30 PM
May 3	Jr. Varsity	Fatima	6:30 PM
May 5	Varsity/9th	Cuba	4:30 PM
May 6	Varsity/J.V.	Linn	4:30 PM
★ May 7	Jr. Varsity	Owensville JV Tournament	8:00 AM
★ May 9	Varsity/J.V.	Steelville (Senior Night)	4:30 PM
★ May 12	Varsity/J.V.	Waynesville	4:30 PM
May 13-21	Varsity	Districts	TBA

May 6	Varsity/J.V.	Crocker	5:00 PM
May 9	Varsity	St. James	5:00 PM
May 10	Varsity	Laquey	5:00 PM
May 14-21	Varsity	Districts	TBA

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 22	Varsity/J.V.	Montgomery County	4:15 PM
March 25	Varsity/J.V.	Blair Oaks	3:45 PM
March 29	Varsity/J.V.	Cuba	3:45 PM
April 2	Varsity/J.V.	Washington Pentathlon	9:00 AM
★ April 5	Varsity/J.V.	Owensville Quad	4:30 PM
April 7	Varsity	Montgomery County Relays	3:00 PM
April 12	Varsity	Union Relays	3:00 PM
★ April 14	Varsity	Owensville Relays	4:00 PM
April 20	Varsity	Nix Relays @ Washington	2:00 PM
April 21	9-10	Sullivan 9-10 Relays	4:15 PM
April 27	Varsity	MICDS Invitational	9:00 AM
April 26	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann Invitational	4:00 PM
April 28	9-10	Wright City JV Invitational	4:00 PM
★ May 2	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Meet @ Pacific	TBA
May 14	Varsity	Districts	TBA
May 21	Varsity	Sectionals	TBA
May 27-28	Varsity	State at Jefferson City HS	TBA

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
★ March 23	Varsity/J.V.	Union/St. Clair	4:00 PM
March 28	Varsity	Union Invitational	9:00 AM
March 30	Varsity/J.V.	St. James	4:00 PM
★ April 5	Varsity/J.V.	Sullivan	4:00 PM
April 13	Varsity	St. James Tiger Classic	9:00 AM
April 14	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:00 PM
April 18	Varsity	Helias Tournament	9:00 AM
April 20	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann/Pacific	TBA
April 22	Varsity	Sullivan Tournament	TBA
April 25	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Tournament at St. Clair	9:00 AM
April 26	Varsity/J.V.	Linn	4:00 PM
May 9	Varsity	Districts	TBA
May 16-17	Varsity	State at Sedalia Country Club	TBA

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
★ March 28	7th/8th	Owensville Quad	4:00 PM
March 31	7th/8th	Bourbon MS Invitational	4:00 PM
April 6	7th/8th	St. James MS Quad	4:00 PM
★ April 13	7th/8th	Owensville Relays	4:00 PM
April 19	7th/8th	Hermann Middle School	4:00 PM
April 21	7th/8th	Union Middle School	4:15 PM
April 26	7th/8th	Washington Middle School	3:30 PM
April 28	7th/8th	Pacific Relays	4:00 PM
May 5	7th/8th	Union Relays	4:00 PM

★ Home Games

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
★ March 18	Varsity	Fatima	5:30 PM
March 21	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific	5:00 PM
★ March 22	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	5:30 PM
March 24	Varsity/J.V.	Union	5:00 PM
March 26	Varsity	Mexico Tournament	TBA
★ March 31	Varsity	Dixon	5:30 PM
★ April 1	Varsity	Capital City	5:30 PM
April 6-9	Varsity	Dixon Tournament	TBA
★ April 12	Varsity/J.V.	Wright City	5:30 PM
★ April 13	Varsity/J.V.	Sullivan	5:00 PM
★ April 18	Varsity	Battle	5:30 PM
★ April 19	Varsity/J.V.	St. Francis Borgia	5:30 PM
★ April 21	Varsity	St. James	5:30 PM
★ April 22	Varsity	Belle	5:30 PM
★ April 25-29	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	TBA
May 3	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	5:00 PM



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Double the OHS golfers for 2022

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That is what Owensville Dutchmen head golf coach Cullen VanLeer will have during the upcoming spring season.

Having only seven golfers last spring,

VanLeer hit the halls to recruit more players to hopefully have a full varsity and junior varsity squad.

Having an equal mix of upper and underclassmen, VanLeer will have 14 golfers to coach this spring giving him more than enough athlete to fill two full teams.

Seniors leading the way for practices at Owensville Golf Course (OGC) this spring

will be Tyler Perkins, Brendan Decker and Eoin Krupp.

Juniors rounding out the list of upperclassmen will include Charlie Whelan, Tyler Mogensen, Kohl Grannemann and Erik Shell.

Starting the list of underclassmen for VanLeer's Dutchmen golfers will be the sophomore duo of Cole Angell and Andrew

Blankenship.

Making up the majority of the team will be the freshman quintet of Crew Epstein, Noah Caldwell, Brandon Graham, Eli Graham and Zander Smith.

Playing the majority of their season at

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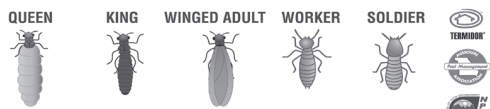
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area golf courses on the road, OHS golfers will have two chances to host meets on their home course at OGC.

Those meets will take place today (Wednesday) hosting Union and St. Clair in addition to Tuesday, April 5 hosting Sullivan in a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) dual meet.

Both meets will begin at 4 p.m., weather and course conditions permitting.

Owensville will also compete in regular-season tournaments at Birch Creek Golf Club (Union), St. James Golf Club (St. James) and Sullivan Golf Club (Sullivan).

Come Monday, April 25, conference team and individual honors will be up for grabs during the annual FRC Golf Tournament to be held at Meramec Lakes Golf Course just south of St. Clair.

Assigned to Class 3, District 2, Owensville will compete in Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) District tournament action in May against Blair Oaks, Christian (O'Fallon), Father Tolton, Fulton, Hallsville, Mexico, Orchard Farm, Southern Boone, St. Charles West, St. Francis Borgia, University City, Whitfield, Winfield and Wright City.

MSHSAA Class 3 State Tournament action will take place at Sedalia Country Club.



KOHLGRANNEMANN (above) watches his ball sail towards the green during last spring's Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Golf Tournament at Birch Creek Golf Course in Union.



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OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN C TEAM baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Jaden Gerlemann, Owen Binkhoelter, Logan Bailey, Andrew Brown, Maddox Parker and Zaiden Gates; and in back, Matt Eckelkamp, Jansen Loeb, Luke Reed, Landon Kramme, Elias Medlock and Ethan Ditto.

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