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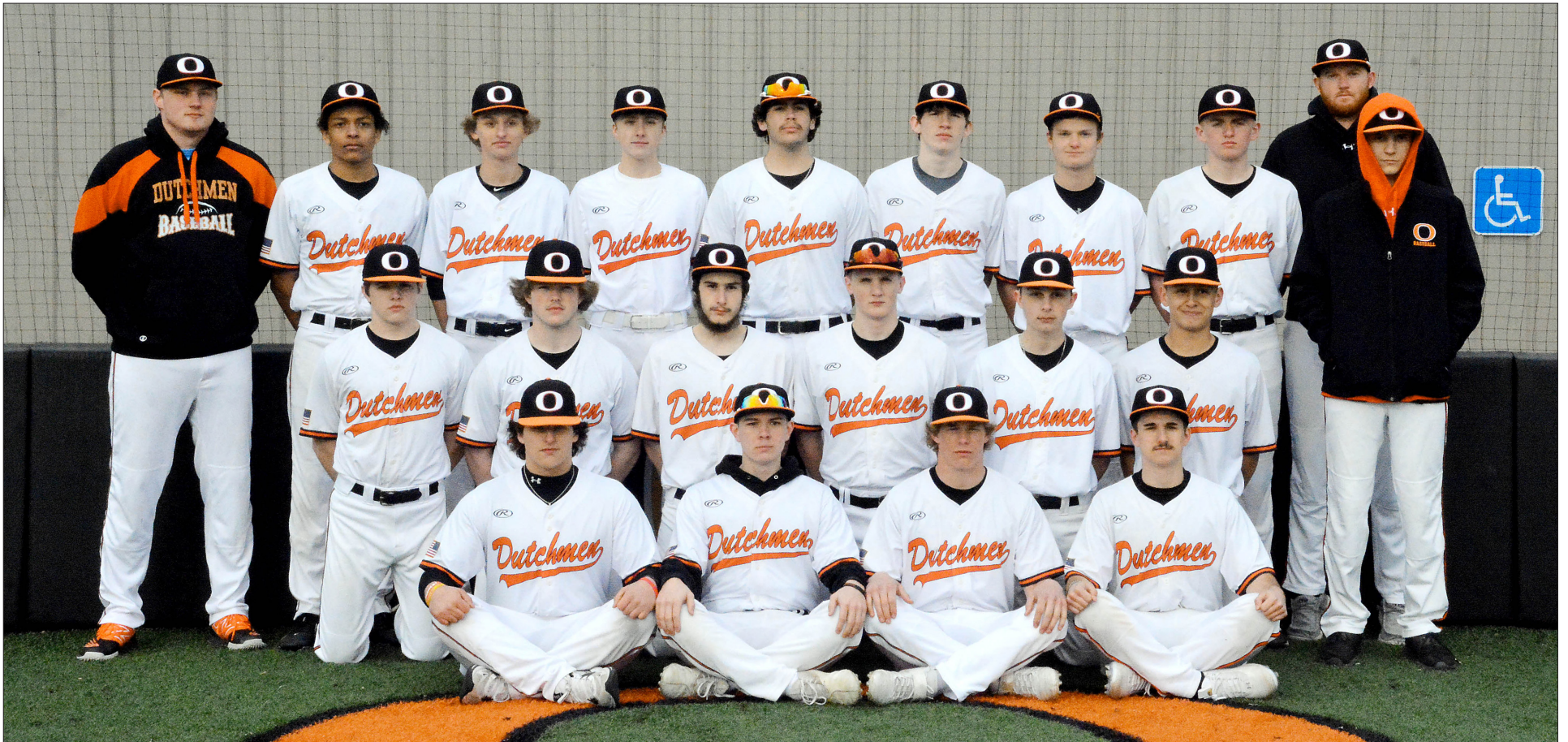
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OWENSVILLE VARSITY Dutchmen baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Logan Bailey, Landon Ely, Jaden Gerlemann and Laine Baumbach; in the middle, Elias Medlock, Landon Kramme, JJ Brown, Austin Long, Logan Kleekamp and Chris Allen; and in back, Brady Smith (volunteer assistant coach), Zaiden Gates, Matt Eckelkamp, Will Lauth, Wyatt Kramme, Layne Evans, Jansen Loeb, Chase Weirich, Steven Kemp (head coach) and Kris Bollmann (assistant coach).



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Kemp takes over OHS baseball

BY WILL JOHNSON
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New faces all around the diamond. That will be the case this spring for Owensville Dutchmen baseball as they defend their district title from last season. Graduating 12 seniors from a team that went 11-11-1 while ending OHS' 41-year district title drought, this year's Dutchmen will see a new head coach with Steven Kemp moving from the first base coaches box over to the third-base coaches box. Tyler Ahring resigned his head baseball coaching position after last season to spend more time with his growing family and continues to teach TV Studio at Owensville High School. "I'm looking forward to the challenge of defending our district title," Kemp said. "We'll have a number of guys that will be competing for varsity playing time and I'm

confident they will pick things up as the season progresses." Seniors looking to lead the Dutchmen to back-to-back district titles include Austin Long, JJ Brown, Will Lauth and Wyatt Kramme. Juniors rounding out the upperclassmen portion of the roster include Laine Baumbach, Landon Ely, Layne Evans and Logan Kleekamp. Sophomores making up the majority of the Owensville Dutchmen varsity baseball roster include Elias Medlock, Logan Bailey, Landon Kramme, Matt Eckelkamp, Zaiden Gates, Jaden Gerlemann and Jansen Loeb. Chris Allen and Chase Weirich will also see time in varsity action as freshmen. Juniors Kaden Loeb and Landon Brown will join Baumbach, Ely and Kleekamp on the junior varsity roster along with sophomores Andrew Brown, Owen Binkhoelter,

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LOGAN BAILEY (above, left) works on bunting during a recent Dutchmen baseball practice session at OHS Field under first-year head coach Steven Kemp.

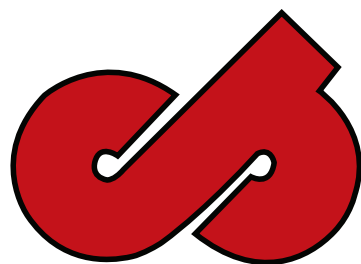
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Maddox Parker, Medlock, Bailey, Kramme, Eckelkamp, Gates and Loeb.

Adam Wilson, Landen Diestelkamp and Allen will also be on the JV roster as freshmen.

Freshmen making up the Dutchmen 'C' team include Landon Milanowski, Brendan Kramme, Henry Womack, Dalton Pyrtle, Shane Quesenberry, Coleton Conner, Alex Trotter, Dalton Nochta, Henry Loeb, Ashden Murphy, Zach Barch, Kenneth Schebaum, Wilson, and Diestelkamp.

Currently competing in the preseason Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Tournament, Kemp's Dutchmen will also see varsity tournament action this spring at Potosi (March 31 - April 1) and in Linn during the middle of April.

Come the middle of May, the Dutchmen will defend their district title from a year ago against the likes of Cuba's Wildcats, Salem's Tigers, St. Clair's Bulldogs, St. James' Tigers and Sullivan's Eagles.

Along with games against FRC opponents, non-conference foes that will go against the Dutchmen throughout the spring include Rolla, Salem, St. Francis Borgia, Helias (Jefferson City), Vienna, Steelville and Waynesville.



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Eight Dutchgirl soccer seniors

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Reaching double digits in victories for the fourth consecutive season finishing last spring at 12-15, Kalyn Kemp's Owensville Dutchgirl soccer squad has plenty of upperclassmen to help them make run at a fifth straight season with double digit wins.

Making up nearly half of the roster will be seniors Maria Benson, Drew Copeland, Landry Watson, Molly Wnuk, Kylie Kitchen, Mallory Eberlin, Avery Bastunas and Kiana Guerrero.

Hampered by a knee injury towards the end of her junior season, Watson enters her senior campaign a mere 18 goals from becoming the first 100-goal scorer in Dutchgirl soccer history.

Undergoing rehab, Watson is optimistic to soon be released to begin her senior

season on the pitch and her pursuit of triple digits in the goal-scoring department.

Rounding out the upperclassmen portion of the roster will be six Dutchgirl juniors in Jayna Larsen, Emily Krause, Anya Binkhoelter, McKenna Edwards, Audrey Quilacio and Hannah Nelson.

Krause and Nelson will be sharing time at goal keeper after Paige Loyd did most of the net minding before graduating last spring.

Lily Reed and Katie Loyd are the lone sophomores on the roster after being able to play their respective freshman seasons with older siblings Leah (Reed) and Paige).

Making their high school soccer debut as freshman this spring will be the Dutchgirl duo of Brooke Jahnsen and Clara Julius.



After opening their season last Friday on the road against Fatima's Lady Comets in Westphalia, Kemp's Dutchgirls began



KYLIE KITCHEN (above, left) kicks the ball away from Avery Bastunas during a recent Dutchgirl soccer practice session at Dutchmen Field.


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Four Rivers Conference (FRC) play Monday night at home against Pacific's Lady Indians.

Owensville will cap the first full week of their season with a road match at St. Clair last night (Tuesday) in addition to home matches later this week against Union tomorrow (Thursday) and Fulton on Friday before competing in the Chris Hotop Classic at Mexico High School.

After their home match against Fulton, the Dutchgirls will not see the friendly confines of Dutchmen Field again until Tuesday, April 11 when they will host Sullivan's Lady Eagles.

Until then, the Dutchgirls will have road matches against Blair Oaks, Belle, Dixon, St. Francis Borgia and Wright City.

Hosting their annual tournament in late April, Kemp's Dutchgirls will close their regular season with four consecutive home matches in early May against St. Clair, Crocker, St. James and Laquey.

Assigned to Class 2, District 4 by the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA), OHS will compete against Blair Oaks, Principia, St. Clair, St. James, Sullivan, Westminster Christian Academy and Whitfield.



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OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL soccer team members (above, in front, from left) include Avery Bastunas, Lily Reed, Mallory Eberlin, Drew Copeland and McKenna Edwards; in the middle, Hannah Nelson, Anya Binkhoelter, Molly Wnuk, Audrey Quilacio, Clara Julius and Brooke Jahnsen; and in back, Katie Loyd, Kiana Guerrero, Emily Krause, Jayna Larsen, Landry Watson, Kylie Kitchen and Maria Benson.

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Owensville High School track teams set for season

BY WILL JOHNSON
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A good mixture of returners and newcomers.

That is what awaits head coach Matt Candrl for the upcoming season of Owensville High School (OHS) Track and Field both for the Dutchmen and Dutchgirls.

Fresh off a state championship in the 110-meter hurdles, Dutchmen senior Bryce Payne will look to repeat in that event in addition to helping the orange and black in other events.

“Bryce (Payne) looks really good at this point in the spring and will make an immediate impact in the hurdles picking up where he left off from a year ago,” Candrl said.

Other returning All-State athletes for the Dutchmen include seniors Charlie Whelan and Gabe Soest.

Both of them earned All-State honors for their legs of the Dutchmen 4x200 and 4x400-meter relays.

Junior Tanner Meyer was also on both teams.

A returning state qualifier in the 1600-meter run, junior Felix Guerrero figures to help the Dutchmen in distance events along with senior cross country state qualifier Lucas Morgan.

“With the same district assignments as last year, I look for us to be very competitive in both the boys and girls,” Candrl said.

Dutchmen seniors joining Payne, Soest, Whelan and Morgan include Noah Holtmeyer, Derrick Marquez, Jaiden Mason and Aries Nicholas.

Juniors on the Dutchmen track and field roster in addition to Meyer and Guerrero include Umberto Bertesi, Jordan Bialczyk, Luis Delong, Blake

Elliott, Layne Evans, Keontrae Gates, Ethan Harris, Braydan McDaniel, Hayden Shoemaker and Jesse Wiegel.

Elliott (high jump) and Shoemaker (shot put) were both sectional qualifiers in their respective events last spring and will look to punch their tickets to state in Jefferson City over the Memorial Day

holiday weekend.

Sophomore Dutchmen in OHS track and field include Xavier Bayless, Kyle Bollman, William Fields, Connor Fisher, Eli Graham, Brodie Lairmore, Jayden Stewart and Timmy Winterbauer.

“I look for Kyle Bollmann, Eli Graham and Connor Fisher to contribute

quite a bit to the team as sophomores,” Candrl said.

Dutchmen freshmen getting their first taste of high school track and field include Steven Buddemeyer, Ricardo Marquez, Connor Wellman and Logan Valley.

“Connor Wellman ran well in middle

school and he’ll have a lot to contribute to running against good teams,” Candrl said.

Standing between the district titles and the Missouri State Activities Association District 5 Meet will



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MSHSAA) Class 3,
be Ava, Blair Oaks,

Buffalo, Cuba, Fatima, Houston, Liberty
(Mountain View), Mountain Grove,
Salem, St. James and Willow Springs.
Before that meet takes place, the
Dutchmen will look to dethrone Union’s
Wildcats atop the Four Rivers Confer-
ence (FRC) during the annual meet
scheduled for early May at New Haven.

Fresh off a conference title and dis-
trict runner-up finish, Candrl’s Dutch-
girls return plenty of weapons to claim
championship hardware this spring at
the conference and district levels.
Leading the charge will be seniors
Ella Gehlert, Saylor Richardson, Pay-
ton Boyd, Josie Gerlemann and April

Jahnsen.
Gehlert and Richardson are returning
All-State athletes in the 4x200-meter
relay.
“Ella and Saylor will be looked to for
leadership on the girls side,” Candrl said.
Juniors rounding the list of Dutchgirl
upperclassmen include Emma Daniels,

Hannah Stoker, Ashlynn Weigel, Peyton
Weinland, McKenzy Echols and Payton
Harness.
“We’ll be looking to try Emma (Dan-
iels) in some new events to see where
else she could contribute,” Candrl said.
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Sophomores making up the majority of the Dutchgirl track roster include Liz Adams, Merrick Blankenship, Alaina Carpenter, Alison Daniels, Abbie Gibson, Danika Hinson, Lauren Kandlbinder, Elaina Lebish, Ilene Limberg, Cameron Nowack, Ruvia Nowack, Layna Rademacher, Jenna Vandegriffe, Kiana Wehmeyer and Brynn Wright.

"Ilene and Abbie did their homework during the winter and I look for them to give us a big boost in the distance races," Candrl said. "I also look for Jenna Vandegriffe and Ruvia Nowack to help us score in the pole vault throughout the season."

Dutchgirl freshman getting their first taste of high school track will include Lily Barker, Brianna Beckerman, Jenna Breedlove, Halle Engelbrecht, Hannah Gehlert, Carly Julius, Rachel Koepke, Kaitlyn Lange, Lillian Lampkin, Lexis Manning, Ashley Reed and Emma-lee Wehmeyer.


Dutchmen Field will play host to a pair of home meets throughout the regular season with the first being a quad meet on Tuesday, April 4.

Ten days later, the annual OHS Relays will take place on Friday, April 14 with at least 10 other schools converging onto the R-2 Campus.



JOSIE GERLEMANN (above, center) leaps over a hurdle during a recent practice session at Dutchmen Field. Gerlemann and the Owensville High School track squads were scheduled to open their season in a track meet at Montgomery County High School yesterday (Tuesday) weather permitting as inclement weather is in the forecast.

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OWENSVILLE JV DUTCHMEN baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Laine Baumbach, Andrew Brown, Logan Bailey, Landon Diestelkamp and Maddox Parker; in the middle, Landon Ely, Logan Kleekamp, Owen Binkhoelter, Landon Kramme, Landon Brown, Chris Allen and Elias Medlock; and in back, Brady Smith (volunteer assistant coach), Kaden Loeb, Zaiden Gates, Adam Wilson, Jansen Loeb, Matt Eckelkamp and Kris Bollmann (assistant coach)

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HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 17-22	Varsity	FRC Preseason Tournament	TBA
March 21	Varsity	Rolla	4:30 PM
★ March 21	9th/J.V.	Union	4:30 PM
March 23	9th/J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
★ March 24	Jr. Varsity	Blair Oaks	5:00 PM
★ March 27	Varsity/J.V.	Salem	4:30 PM
★ March 28	Varsity/J.V.	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
★ March 29	9th Grade	St. James	4:30 PM
March 30	9th Grade	Waynesville	4:30 PM
March 31- April 1	Varsity	Potosi Tournament	TBA
March 31- April 1	Jr. Varsity	Pacific Tournament	TBA
April 3	Varsity/J.V.	Union	4:30 PM
★ April 4	9th	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
★ April 6	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
★ April 11	9th	Sullivan	4:30 PM
April 11	Varsity/J.V.	Helias	5:00 PM
★ April 13	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	4:30 PM
April 13	9th	St. James	4:30 PM
April 14-15	Varsity	Linn Tournament	TBA
★ April 17	Varsity/J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM
April 17	9th	Rolla	4:30 PM
★ April 21	9th	Hermann	4:30 PM
April 21	Varsity/J.V.	Potosi	4:30 PM
★ April 24	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific	4:30 PM
April 24	9th	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
★ April 25	9th	Pacific	4:30 PM
April 26	9th	Capital City	4:30 PM
April 27	Varsity/J.V.	Sullivan	4:30 PM
April 28	Varsity/J.V.	New Haven	4:30 PM
★ May 2	Varsity/J.V.	Vienna	5:00 PM
★ May 5	Varsity/J.V.	Linn	4:30 PM
★ May 6	Jr. Varsity	Owensville JV Tournament	TBA
May 8	Varsity/J.V.	Steelville	4:30 PM
★ May 9	Varsity/J.V.	Cuba	4:30 PM
May 11	Varsity/J.V.	Waynesville	4:30 PM
May 13-20	Varsity	Districts	TBA

April 11	Varsity	Union Relays	3:00 PM
★ April 14	Varsity	Owensville Relays	3:30 PM
April 19	Varsity	Nix Relays @ Washington	2:00 PM
April 20	9-10	Sullivan 9-10 Relays	4:15 PM
April 25	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann Invitational	4:00 PM
April 27	Varsity/J.V.	New Haven Quad	4:00 PM
April 28	9-10	Wright City JV Invitational	4:00 PM
May 1	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Meet @ New Haven	9:30 AM
May 13	Varsity	Districts	TBA
May 20	Varsity	Sectionals	TBA
May 27-28	Varsity	State at Jefferson City HS	TBA

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 20	Varsity	Cuba Lakes Classic	4:00 PM
March 23	Jr. Varsity	Sullivan/St. James	4:00 PM
March 27	Varsity	Union Invitational	9:00 AM
March 28	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	4:00 PM
April 12	Varsity	St. James Tiger Classic	9:00 AM
★ April 13	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:00 PM
★ April 17	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific	4:00 PM
April 21	Varsity	Sullivan Tournament	TBA
April 24	Jr. Varsity	Sullivan/Union	4:00 PM
April 25	Varsity/J.V.	Linn	4:00 PM
May 1	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Tournament	9:00 AM
May 8	Varsity	Districts	TBA
May 15-16	Varsity	State at Sedalia Country Club	TBA

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
★ March 27	7th/8th	Owensville Quad	3:30 PM
March 30	7th/8th	Bourbon MS Invitational	3:30 PM
April 10	7th/8th	St. James MS Quad	3:30 PM
★ April 13	7th/8th	Owensville Relays	3:30 PM
April 18	7th/8th	Hermann Relays	4:00 PM
April 20	7th/8th	Union Quad	4:15 PM
April 25	7th/8th	Washington Quad	3:30 PM
April 29	7th/8th	MS State Championships	TBA
May 1	7th/8th	Cuba MS Invitational	3:30 PM
May 4	7th/8th	Union Relays	4:00 PM

★ Home Games

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 17	Varsity	Fatima	5:00 PM
★ March 20	Varsity	Pacific	5:00 PM
March 21	Varsity	St. Clair	5:00 PM
★ March 23	Varsity	Union	5:00 PM
★ March 24	Varsity	Fulton	5:00 PM
March 25	Varsity	Mexico Tournament	TBA
March 27	Varsity	Blair Oaks	5:00 PM
March 28	Varsity	Belle	5:00 PM
March 30	Varsity	Dixon	5:00 PM
April 3	Varsity	St. Francis Borgia	5:00 PM
April 10	Varsity	Wright City	4:30 PM
★ April 11	Varsity	Sullivan	5:00 PM
April 17	Varsity	Washington	5:00 PM
April 20	Varsity	St. James	5:00 PM
★ April 25-29	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	TBA
May 1	Varsity	Capital City	5:00 PM
★ May 2	Varsity	St. Clair	5:00 PM
★ May 5	Varsity	Crocker	4:30 PM
★ May 8	Varsity	St. James	5:00 PM
★ May 9	Varsity	Laquey	5:00 PM
May 13-20	Varsity	Districts	TBA

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
March 21	Varsity/J.V.	Montgomery County	4:00 PM
March 24	Varsity/J.V.	Blair Oaks Invitational	3:00 PM
March 28	Varsity/J.V.	Cuba Relays	3:00 PM
April 1	Varsity/J.V.	Washington Pentathlon	9:00 AM
★ April 4	Varsity/J.V.	Owensville Quad	4:30 PM
April 6	Varsity/J.V.	Montgomery County Relays	3:00 PM



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OHS golfers seek to end state qualifier drought

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More May golf.

That will be on the minds of Cullen VanLeer's Owensville High School golf team this spring.

With enough golfers for a full varsity and junior varsity squad, the orange and black will have plenty of opportunities to improve their scores during March and April leading up to the Four Rivers Conference (FRC) and Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 3, District 2 Tournament.

Erik Lottmann is the lone senior on the OHS golf roster and will be joined by juniors Cole Angell, Andrew Blankenship,

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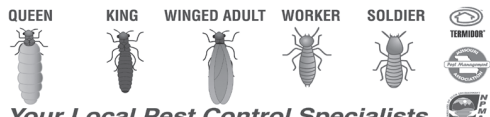
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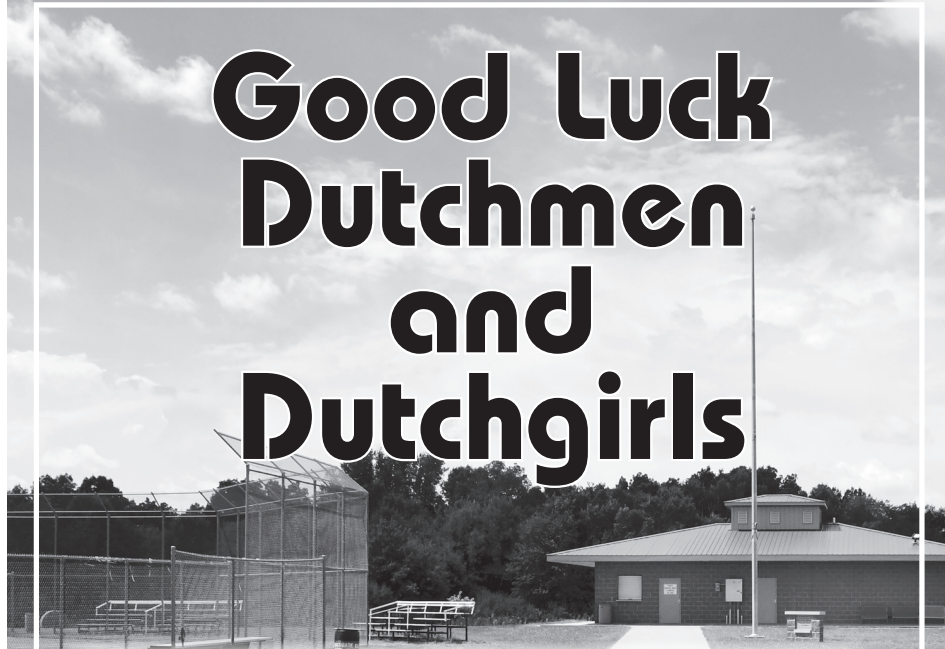


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and Jace Cunningham.

Sophomores making up the majority of the team include Crew Epstein, Noah Caldwell, Brandon Graham, James Cooper, Zander Smith and Hunter Lang.

A trio of sophomore Dutchgirls will also hit the links with the boys in Kaydin Carr, Camryn Caldwell and Alison Daniels.

If there is enough interest, these three girls could be apart of the first Owensville Dutchgirl golf team in the fall of 2023.

Teams that will be competing against Owensville come district tournament time in early May will include Blair Oaks, Centralia, Father Tolton Regional Catholic, Fatima, Fulton, Hallsville, Macon, Mexico, Moberly, Orchard Farm, Southern Boone, St. Charles West, Whitfield, Winfield and Wright City.

Owensville Golf Course will play host to a pair of home meets for the orange and black on Thursday, April 13 against Hermann and on Monday, April 17 against Pacific.

In addition to the FRC Tournament on May 1, Owensville will compete in regular-season tournaments at Union on Monday, March 27, St. James on Wednesday, April 12 and Sullivan on Friday, April 21.



CREW EPSTEIN (above) watches his ball head towards the green during last spring's Four Rivers Conference (FRC) Golf Tournament at Meramec Lakes Golf Course outside of St. Clair.

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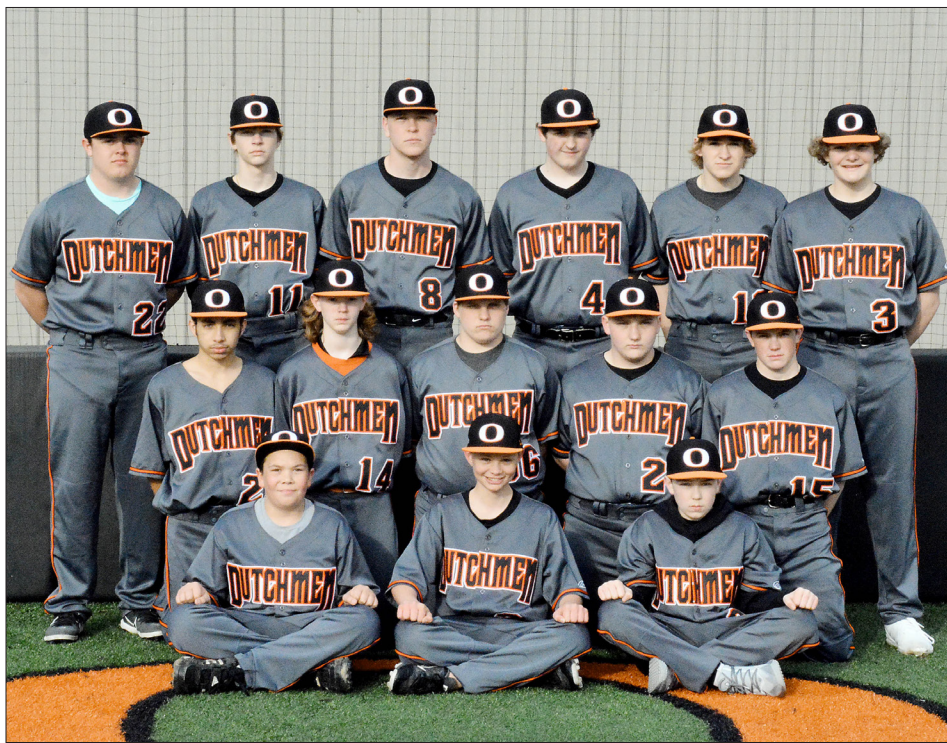


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OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN C TEAM baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Shane Quesenberry, Landon Milanowski and Henry Womack; in the middle, Ashden Murphy, Alex Trotter, Landon Diestelkamp, Zach Barch and Dalton Nohta; and in back, Henry Loeb, Coleton Connor, Dalton Pyrtle, Kenneth Schebaum, Adam Wilson and Brendan Kramme.

Game On!

As we slide into a new season, we'd like to wish the Dutchmen and Dutchgirls the best of luck. We hope it's a winning season!

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