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# Spring DUTCHMEN Sports Preview



Grace Abell  
Dutchgirl Soccer

Andrew Blankenship  
OHS Golf

Felix Guerrero  
Dutchmen Track

Landon Ely  
OHS Baseball

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**OWENSVILLE VARSITY** Dutchmen baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Laine Baumbach, Jaden Gerlemann, Elias Medlock, Colton Skiles and Landon Ely; in the middle, Logan Bailey, Landon Kramme, Logan Kleekamp, Zaiden Gates, Chris Allen and Landon Brown; and in back, Jansen Loeb, Matt Eckelkamp, Layne Evans, Chase Weirich, Adam Wilson and Owen Binkhoelter. Not pictured are head coach Steven Kemp in addition to assistant coaches Steven Benton and Brady Smith.



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## Kemp returns plenty for 2024

BY WILL JOHNSON  
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Plenty of returning players.

That is what will greet second-year Owensville Dutchmen head baseball coach Steven Kemp this spring.

Losing just four seniors to graduation from last year, Kemp will have 14 returning players out of 17 on his varsity roster.

Six seniors wearing Dutchmen baseball uniforms for the final time this spring include Laine Baumbach, Colton Skiles, Landon Ely, Layne Evans, Landon Brown and Logan Kleekamp.

Ely will also occasionally be hitting the links this spring as a member of Cullen VanLeer's Owensville High School (OHS) golf team.

Juniors rounding out the upperclassmen portion of Owensville's varsity baseball roster include Zaiden Gates, Elias Med-

lock, Jansen Loeb, Logan Bailey, Landon Kramme, Matt Eckelkamp, Owen Binkhoelter and Jaden Gerlemann.

Gerlemann is Kemp's lone returning All-Four Rivers Conference (FRC) honoree from last year as a second-team outfielder.

Rounding out the varsity Dutchmen baseball roster will be the sophomore trio of Adam Wilson, Chris Allen and Chase Weirich.

Weirich is a returning All-District pitcher for the orange and black.

Coached by Steven Benton, Owensville's JV Dutchmen baseball team will be led by the junior quartet of Andrew Brown, Johannes Berg, Maddox Parker and Binkhoelter.

Berg will also be competing as a member of Matt Candrl's OHS Track and Field squad.

Sophomores suiting up for Benton in-



**ZAIDEN GATES** (above) fouls off a pitch during preseason jamboree action back on Tuesday, March 12 at OHS Field.

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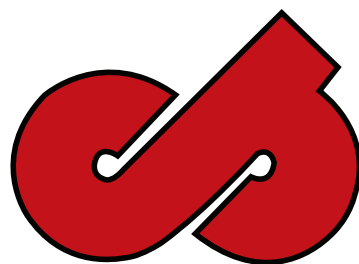
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clude Alex Trotter, Henry Womack, Henry Loeb, Brendan Kramme, Zach Barch and Wilson.

Freshmen rounding out Benton's JV Dutchmen baseball roster will include Westin Kramme, Leyton Homeyer, Bryce Kramme, George Vandegriffe and Dillon Schulte.

Throughout any scheduled varsity and JV doubleheader, a game of name that Kramme could easily be played with four of them between the two rosters.

Brady Smith's freshmen baseball team will consist of Colton Echols, Brenner Thompson, Grant Huebler, Wyatt Lewis, Brock Heidbrink, Broden Kelley, Dane Dietrich, Ty Price, Corbin Brand, Chris Koon, Cael Walker, Drake Dietrich, Liam Rasmussen and Wyatt Shaw.

Walker and Rasmussen will also share time between the baseball diamond and the track as OHS dual-sport athletes.

Hosted this year by St. Clair High School due in large part to their newly-built all-turf baseball field, Owensville will compete in MSHSAA Class 4, District 4 against Cuba's Wildcats, Salem's Tigers, St. James' Tigers, Sullivan's Eagles and the host Bulldogs.



**LOGAN KLEEKAMP** (above) entertains the idea of swinging at a pitch during preseason jamboree baseball action at OHS Field held back on Tuesday, March 12.

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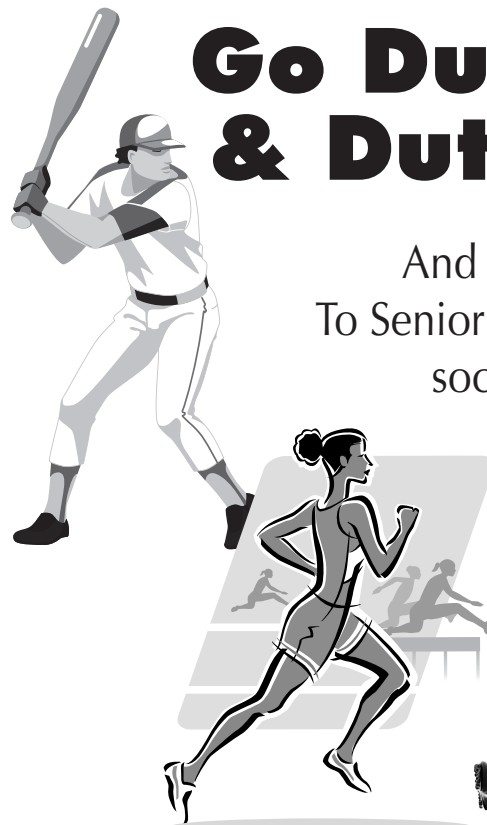


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# Bollmann takes over soccer

**BY WILL JOHNSON**  
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For first-year Owensville Dutchgirl head soccer coach Zach Bollmann, he has now become a year-round coach as he is also an assistant coach on the Dutchmen football team and the head coach of the Owensville Dutchgirl wrestling program.

Taking the place of previous head coach Kalyn Kemp who is now one of Bollmann's assistants, Bollmann has the task of replacing eight graduating seniors who saw significant playing time on pitch last spring.

Kim McGee is also a first-year assistant Dutchgirl soccer coach under Bollmann.

They included Maria Benson, Drew Copeland, Landry Watson, Molly Wnuk, Kylie Kitchen, Mallory Eberlin, Avery Bastunas and Kiana Guerrero.

Of those eight, Watson and Kitchen con-

tinued their soccer careers playing together this past fall at East Central College (ECC).

This spring, nearly a third of Bollmann's roster is freshman.

Those girls include Alyvia Wilson, Joleen Braun, Avery Goodman, Payton Busenhart, Myla Lauth, Kelby Herbel and Carly Copeland.

Busenhart and Copeland will look to make a name for themselves after seeing their older sisters in Destinee and Drew go through the program respectively.

Sophomores rounding out the underclassmen portion of the roster include Payton Myers, Ella Adkison, Brooke Jahnsen, Lily Barker, Ashley Reed and Addison Scheer.

A trio of juniors kick off the upperclassmen portion of Bollmann's roster in Lily Reed, Liz Adams and Katie Loyd.

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**LILY REED** (above) moves the ball up the field during a recent Dutchgirl home soccer match against Dixon's Lady Bulldogs.

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Loyd's older sister Paige also saw time in an ECC Lady Falcon soccer uniform after her time at Owensville High School.

Seniors rounding out Bollmann's roster include McKenzie Echols, Grace Abell, Anya Binkhoelter and McKenna Edwards.

In addition to kicking a ball on the pitch, Echols will also be competing on the OHS Track team.

Going 2-7 throughout March, Dutchgirl soccer fans will have plenty of chances to see the orange and black compete at home on the Dutchmen Field pitch.

Taking on St. Francis Borgia tonight (Wednesday), OHS will have more home matches against California (4/4) Wright City (4/8) Washington 4/15), St. James (4/18) and Capital City (4/29) in addition to their annual home tournament running throughout the week of April 23.

Assigned to the Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Class 2, District 4 Tournament at Helias High School in Jefferson City, Owensville could compete in mid-May against Blair Oaks' Lady Falcons, Osage's Lady Indians, Southern Boone's Lady Eagles, St. Clair's Lady Bulldogs, St. James' Lady Tigers, Sullivan's Lady Eagles or the host Lady Crusaders.



**JOLEEN BRAUN** (above, right) kicks the ball away in a recent home match at Dutchmen Field against Dixon. Including their annual tournament later this month, Owensville has nine home games remaining on their schedule.

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**OWENSVILLE DUTCHGIRL** soccer team members (above, in front, from left) include Grace Abell, McKenzie Echols, Liz Adams, Anya Binkhoelter and McKenna Edwards; in the second row, Alyvia Wilson, Payton Myers, Myla Lauth, Lily Barker and Ashley Reed; in the third row, Kelby Herbel, Brooke Jahnsen, Lily Reed, Ella Adkison, Payton Busenhart and Avery Goodman; and in back, Zach Bollmann (head coach), Carly Copeland, Addison Scheer, Joleen Braun, Katie Loyd, Kalyn Kemp (assistant coach) and Kim McGee (assistant coach).

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# Owensville High School track teams

**BY WILL JOHNSON**  
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A new postseason path towards the 2024 Missouri State High School Activities Association (MSHSAA) Track and Field Championships scheduled for May 17-18 at the Dennis and Roberta Licklider Track Complex inside Jefferson City High School's Adkins Stadium.

That is what Matt Candrl's Owensville High School (OHS) Dutchmen and Dutchgirl track teams will see come early May.

Assigned to Class 3, District 5 for nearly the past two decades, MSHSAA decided to place the orange and black in Class 3, District 3 sending them on a more northern postseason path.

Prior to the annual Four Rivers Conference (FRC) meet scheduled to take place on Monday, April 29 at Hermann High School's Bearcat Memorial Stadium, Candrl's Dutchmen and Dutchgirls will compete in relays or invitational meets at Union, Owensville, Washington (Nix Relays) and Hermann.

Five days after competing for medals and plaques at the FRC meet, Both the Dutchmen and Dutchgirls will look to repeat as district champions during the MSHSAA Class 3, District 3 Track Meet scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at Montgomery County High School.

A top-four finish in any event there will advance athletes to one of four MSHSAA Class 3 Sectional Track meets scheduled for Saturday, May 11 at Paris High School.

Candrl's Dutchmen will be competing in districts against Hermann, John Burroughs, Orchard Farm, Principia, PRIORITY, St. Charles West, St. Francis Borgia, Whitfield, Winfield, Wright City

and the host Wildcats.

Their Dutchgirl counterparts will compete against Hermann, Orchard Farm, St. Charles West, St. Francis Borgia, Ursuline Academy, Villa Duchesne, Visitation Academy, Winfield, Wright

City and the host Lady Wildcats.

As a returning All-State athletes in three events, senior Emma Daniels will be looked upon to lead the Dutchgirls in defense of their conference and district titles.

Returning seniors joining the elder Daniels will include McKenzie Echols and Ashlynn Weigel.

Juniors making up the majority of Candrl's Dutchgirl track roster include Ali Daniels, Abbie Gibson, Danika

Hinson, Elaina Lebeck, Cameron Nowacki, Kiana Wehmeyer and

Sophomore Dutchgirl underclassmen por will include Brianna




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Engelbrecht, Hanna Gehlert, Lexis Man-  
ning, Emma Lee Wehmeyer, Arianna  
Baguio, Trece Helmig, Zynietra Sharp  
and Cylee Reed.

Freshmen rounding out the Dutchgirl  
track roster include Lainey Branson,

Makezni Carpenter, Rylee Dare, Kelby  
Herbel, Lainey Moss, Cameron Ryerson  
and Lilly Sample.

Graduation will leave some shoes  
to fill for Candrl's Dutchmen with  
the departure of Bryce Payne, Charlie

Whelan, Gabe Soest and Derrick Mar-  
quez.

Ironically enough, Soest will be re-  
turning to the Dutchmen Field track as a  
volunteer assistant coach under Candrl.

Seniors that will be looking to help the  
Dutchmen reclaim FRC championship  
hardware while defending their district

title from last year include Paul Million,  
Trenton Million, Jordan Bialczyk, Isaiah  
Gates, Felix Guerrero, Ethan Harris,  
Hayden Shoemaker and Issac Marquez.

Guerrero is a returning state qualifier  
in the boys 1600-meter run.

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Juniors rounding out the upperclassmen portion of the roster include Xavier Bayless, Kyle Bollmann, Eli Graham, Jayden Stewart, Johannes Berg, Brandon Graham, Brayden Majors, Werner Lein and Landon Losch.

Eli Graham is a returning state qualifier in the boys discus.

Four sophomores lead off the underclassmen portion of the Dutchmen track roster in Steven Buddemeyer, Ricky Marquez, Logan Valley and Connor Wellman.

Buddemeyer will be looking to add more postseason honors on the track as a sophomore after earning All-State accolades on the wrestling mat in February.

Freshmen making up the majority of the Dutchmen Track and Field roster include Kien Bayless, Chase Crosby, Drake Dietrich, Dominick Eikermann, Zayden Garver, Zach Holtmeyer, Liam Lawrence, Maddix Lebish, Cody Lenauer, Miguel Marquez, Kylan Menz, Braden Perkins, Ty Price, Liam Rasmussen, Christopher Reyes, Tristan Strothkamp and Cael Walker.

Holtmeyer will be looking to add All-State honors on the track to his top-30 finish last fall at the MSHSAA Cross Country Championships held at Gans Creek in Columbia.



**MCKENZY ECHOLS** (above, center) sprints down the track during one of several heats of the varsity girls 100-meter dash during a recent track meet held on Friday, March 22 at North Point High School in Wentzville. Along with track, Echols will also be competing on the Owensville Dutchgirl soccer team throughout the spring.

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### HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
April 3	9th	Cuba	4:30 PM
April 3	Jr. Varsity	Blair Oaks	5:00 PM
April 4	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:30 PM
★ April 5	9th	Capital City	4:30 PM
April 5	Varsity/J.V.	Father Tolton	5:00 PM
April 9	9th	Sullivan	4:30 PM
★ April 9	Varsity/J.V.	Helias Catholic	5:00 PM
★ April 10	9th	Cuba	4:30 PM
April 11	Varsity/J.V.	St. Clair	4:30 PM
April 12-13	Varsity	WOW Wood Bat Tournament	TBA
April 15	Varsity/J.V.	St. James	4:30 PM
★ April 15	9th	Rolla	4:30 PM
★ April 19	Varsity/J.V.	Potosi	4:30 PM
April 22	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific	4:30 PM
April 22	9th	St. Francis Borgia	4:30 PM
April 23	9th	Pacific	4:30 PM
★ April 24	Varsity/J.V.	Capital City	4:30 PM
★ April 25	Varsity/J.V.	Sullivan	4:30 PM
★ April 26	Varsity/J.V.	New Haven	4:30 PM
April 29	Varsity/J.V.	Linn	4:30 PM
★ April 30	Varsity/J.V.	Vienna	5:00 PM
May 1	9th	Cuba	4:30 PM
★ May 4	Jr. Varsity	Owensville JV Tournament	TBA
★ May 6	Varsity/J.V.	Steelville	4:30 PM
May 7	Varsity/J.V.	Cuba	4:30 PM
★ May 9	Varsity/J.V.	Waynesville	4:30 PM
May 11-18	Varsity	Districts at St. Clair	TBA

### HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS SOCCER

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
★ April 3	Varsity	St. Francis Borgia	5:00 PM
★ April 4	Varsity	California	5:00 PM
★ April 8	Varsity	Wright City	5:00 PM
April 9	Varsity	Sullivan	5:00 PM
★ April 15	Varsity	Washington	5:00 PM
April 16	Varsity	Eugene	5:00 PM
★ April 18	Varsity	St. James	5:00 PM
★ April 23-27	Varsity	Owensville Tournament	TBA
★ April 29	Varsity	Capital City	5:00 PM
April 30	Varsity	St. Clair	5:00 PM
May 6	Varsity	St. James	5:00 PM
May 7	Varsity	Laquey	5:00 PM
May 11-18	Varsity	Districts at Helias (Jefferson City)	TBA

### HIGH SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
April 4	Varsity/J.V.	Montgomery County Relays	3:00 PM
April 9	Varsity	Union Relays	3:00 PM
★ April 12	Varsity	Owensville Relays	3:30 PM
April 17	Varsity	Nix Relays @ Washington	2:00 PM
April 18	9-10	Sullivan 9-10 Relays	4:15 PM
April 22	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann Invitational	4:00 PM
April 25	Varsity/J.V.	New Haven Quad	4:00 PM
April 28	9-10	Wright City JV Invitational	4:00 PM
April 29	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Meet at Hermann	9:30 AM
May 4	Varsity	Districts at Montgomery County	TBA
May 11	Varsity	Sectionals at Paris	TBA
May 17-18	Varsity	State at Jefferson City HS	TBA

### HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
April 8	Varsity/J.V.	Pacific/Hermann at Birch Creek	4:00 PM
April 10	Varsity	Farmington Tournament	TBD
April 17	Varsity	St. James Tiger Classic	9:00 AM
★ April 22	Varsity/J.V.	Hermann	4:00 PM
April 23	Varsity/J.V.	Linn Quad	4:00 PM
April 26	Varsity	Sullivan Tournament	TBA
April 29	Varsity/J.V.	FRC Tournament at Birch Creek	9:00 AM
May 2	Varsity	Districts at Park Hills	TBA
May 13-14	Varsity	State at Rivercut Golf Course	TBA

### MIDDLE SCHOOL TRACK

Date	Level	Opponent	Time
April 8	7th/8th	St. James MS Quad	4:00 PM
★ April 11	7th/8th	OMS Relays	3:30 PM
April 16	7th/8th	Hermann Relays	4:00 PM
April 18	7th/8th	Union Quad	4:15 PM
April 23	7th/8th	Washington Quad	3:30 PM
April 27	7th/8th	MS State Championships	TBA
May 2	7th/8th	Union Relays	4:00 PM

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## OHS golfers seek to end state qualifier drought

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An experienced roster. Owensville High School (OHS) head golf coach Cullen VanLeer will have that benefit after Erik Lottmann was the lone senior on last year's OHS golf squad. Playing as the lone junior last year, Andrew Blankenship will be joined by fellow senior Landon Ely on the links. Ely will also be patrolling the outfield as a member of Steven Kemp's Dutchmen baseball team. Juniors making up the majority of VanLeer's OHS golf roster include Hunter Lang, Crew Epstein, Zander Smith, Kaydin Carr, Camryn Caldwell and Noah Caldwell.



**2024 OWENSVILLE** High School Golf team members (above, in front, from left) include Camryn Caldwell, Hunter Lang and Drew Chapman; in the middle, Crew Epstein, Landon Ely, Andrew Blankenship and Kaydin Carr; and in back, Koen Brooks, Xander Smith and Keigin Glaser. Not pictured are Brady Watson and Noah Caldwell.

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Drew Chapman is the lone sophomore on the roster in addition to the freshmen trio of Brady Watson, Keigan Glaser and Koen Brooks.

Hosting St. James last night (Tuesday) in a Four Rivers Conference (FRC) dual at Owensville Golf Course (OGC), VanLeer's OHS golfers will have one more home meet on Monday, April 22 when Hermann pays a visit to OGC with a 4 p.m., tee time.

Four days removed from competing in the annual FRC Tournament on Monday, April 29 at Birch Creek Golf Course in Union, VanLeer's OHS varsity golfers will look to extend their season into mid-May following the MSHSAA Class 3, District 1 Tournament to be held at Crowne Point Golf Course in Park Hills.

Hosted by Central (Park Hills), Owensville will also compete against athletes from Affton, Cuba, Dexter, Doniphan, Fredericktown, Herculaneum, Kennett, Maplewood-Richmond Heights, Perryville, Potosi, Salem, St. Clair, St. James, Ste. Genevieve and Sullivan.

To tune up for the FRC and district tournaments, Owensville will also have day-long tournaments in Farmington (4/10), St. James (4/17) and Sullivan (4/26).



**ZANDER SMITH** (above) hits a ball away from a wooded area during tournament action last spring at Birch Creek Golf Course outside of Union along Interstate 44.

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**OWENSVILLE DUTCHMEN FRESHMAN TEAM** baseball players (above, in front, from left) include Grant Huebler, Liam Rasmussen, Dane Dietrich and Brock Heidbrink; in the middle are Drake Dietrich, Corbin Brand, Ty Price, Cael Walker and Wyatt Lewis; and in back are Brenner Thompson, Chris Koon, Wyatt Shaw, Colton Echols, Broden Kelley and Brady Smith (freshman head coach). Not pictured was Alex Trotter.

# 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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