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Norwich boys soccer looks to turn experience into winning season

NORWICH – With eight seniors returning to the roster, Norwich boys soccer enters the fall season with a blend of experience, leadership and determination.

The Purple Tornadoes are looking to turn that experience into a successful season, with finishing above .500 a clear goal for the program.

Coach Michael Oberg says “The team combines veteran leadership with the energy and determination needed for a successful season.”

Norwich will rely on seniors Collin Reid, Andrew Mirabito and Wyeth Stafford to provide leadership and help guide the younger play-



ers. Juniors Brady Perry and James Sprague will also be key contributors, with both expected to make an impact on both sides of the ball.

The Purple Tornadoes have also added several younger players who have impressed during preseason. Freshmen

Jay Conant, Connor Voss and Lucas Pope, along with sophomore Joseph Monaco, have pushed themselves in practice and shown a willingness to learn.

One of Norwich’s biggest areas of focus entering the season is improving its possession and communication. Oberg and his coaching staff have emphasized those areas throughout the preseason while introducing a new system.

“The players have really bought into a new system and are learning it,” Oberg said. “They all feel this will help achieve our goal this season.”

The coaching staff has also been encouraged by how quickly the team has embraced its expectations and worked together during preseason.

With much of last year’s roster returning and new players joining the group, Oberg believes there is something special about this team.

“I’m excited to be able to coach them,” Oberg said.

The Purple Tornadoes will look to build on that chemistry throughout the season as they pursue a goal that would mark a significant accomplishment for the program: finishing with a winning record.

Norwich girls soccer brings athleticism, experience into new season

NORWICH – Athleticism, resilience and a strong work ethic will be at the forefront of the Norwich girls soccer team this season as the Purple Tornadoes look to build a program capable of competing for championships.

Head coach Katelyn Dowdall enters the season with a talented group that has impressed her with its willingness to put in the work.

“I would describe this year’s team as athletic, resilient, and hard working,” Dowdall said. “We have a lot of talent and a lot of girls are willing to do whatever it takes to help the team.”

Norwich’s speed and ath-

leticism will be among its biggest strengths, complemented by a strong group of upperclassmen who provide leadership and experience.

The Purple Tornadoes will continue to work on field awareness and team chemistry throughout the season, particularly as younger players become accustomed to playing alongside Norwich’s more experienced athletes.

“We are continuing to work on field awareness and building our team chemistry, meshing our younger girls with our older, more experienced girls,” Dowdall said.

Josey Ryan, Quinn Terry and Kerragan Reid are three

returning players expected to play significant roles.

Ryan’s versatility and leadership give Norwich an important presence on the field, while Terry’s work ethic and understanding of the game make her a vital part of the team. Reid enters her first full season as the team’s goalkeeper and will look to establish herself as a key contributor.

The Purple Tornadoes will also welcome newcomers Jillian Tefft and Abby Colosi, who are expected to make an immediate impact. Colosi will play an important role on defense, while Tefft’s versatility gives Dowdall another



option to utilize throughout the field.

Norwich’s work ethic has already stood out during preseason, with Dowdall also mentioning the team’s athleticism as something that immediately catches her attention.

The Purple Tornadoes hope that preparation trans-

lates into confidence once the regular season begins.

“We want to go into each game confident in our preparation and ability to compete with each team we face,” Dowdall said. “We want our girls to believe in their abilities and we want to build a program into one where we can compete for championships.”

Norwich will face a competitive schedule, including some rivals, however they are looking forward to the opportunity to play every team on their schedule.



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Norwich football: Competitiveness under new direction

NORWICH — The Norwich Purple Tornado football team is back for the 2026 season. The team looks slightly different this year with a new head coach this year. Evan Sylstra steps up into the primary role with Zach Race, Donny Lawrence, Evan Wolff, and others backing him up on the sidelines.

Sylstra is no stranger to the game as he played in high school and played DII football at Lockhaven University as well as coach youth football, staying true to the Norwich football community.

That local dedication now frames the outlook for this year’s roster, anchored by a strong group of team leaders.

Norwich is represented by captains Bo Brown, Joey Parker, Jed Turner, and Anderson Bosworth this season. Brown is the team’s starting quarterback with Noah Eddy and Damien



Dubois serving as the team’s backups. Nick Sylstra, Bryce Wellington, and Cameron Carnachan will share carries with Carnachan, Dubois, Eddy, Tony Roberts, Carmine Pastore, and Gavin Burrell getting reps at receiver.

Teagyn Demuth, Baylen Miller, Joey Parker, Blayne

Sutton, and Kolby Vielandi will also get some receptions offensively as the team’s tight ends. The offensive line is made up of Jed Turner, Ethan Shapley, Landyn Zdanowicz, Anderson Bosworth, Quentin Berg, Ryan Crawford, Joe Towndrow, Hector Ceballos, Collin Howe, Brayden

Lawrence, and Finn Baker. Turner, Shapley, Zdanowicz, Bosworth, Berg, Crawford, Towndrow, Ceballos, Howe, Lawrence, Baker, along with Kolby Vielandi and Baylen Miller form the defensive line. Bo Brown and Joey Parker will share the kicking roles as everyone else will

play roles both offensively and defensively to make up this 2026 Norwich Purple Tornado team.

Seniors this season are Carmine Pastore, Cameron Carnachan, Teagyn Demuth, Tony Roberts, Landyn Zdanowicz, Collin Howe, Hector Ceballos, Joe

Towndrow, and Anderson Bosworth.

Norwich will have a compact schedule this season, starting with non-league action against Cazenovia and Sidney before diving in against Oneonta on Homecoming. They will also face Whitney Point in late October while the remaining games will be against tough league opponents the Purple Tornado are used to facing.

Sylstra looks for his team to remain competitive in all matchups with a balanced and experienced group under his new direction.

“The tone I want to set this season is competitiveness,” he said. “There’s no guarantees and no matter what you do in a game, Monday through Thursday, you have to work for your job.

Norwich boys golf looks to grow with young roster



NORWICH — With a young roster and a strong foundation in ball striking, the Norwich boys golf team enters the 2026 season looking to improve each day and compete for a championship.

The Purple Tornadoes return four players the team can rely on, including ninth-grader Brevin Bennett, 11th-graders Matthew Brunick and Charlie Smith, and senior Jacob Lobdell.

Coach David Branham said

the team’s biggest strength is its consistency off the tee and around the course.

“Our biggest strength is ball striking,” he said. “Everybody knows where their ball is going. Everybody’s ball play is very consistent.”

While the team has shown the ability to strike the ball well, the next step will be improving its decision-making and course management.

“We need to improve on

our thinking through our shots,” Branham said.

With much of the roster still learning the game, the coaching staff has also been encouraged by how quickly the younger players are developing. Many have learned the game by playing with their parents or watching on television, while now gaining experience with the rules and fundamentals of competitive play.

Perhaps just as import-

ant, the team has developed strong chemistry.

“They all get along super well,” Branham said. “It’s fun to come to practice and grind and have fun.”

Norwich has set high expectations for the season, with the goal of improving every day while competing for a division championship.

The team also hopes to send at least two golfers to the state tournament next spring.

For a young team, those challenges will be an important part of the learning process. With consistent ball striking, a willingness to improve and a roster that enjoys playing together, Norwich hopes its development will translate

into success throughout the season.

The 2026 golf season is already underway, however Coach Branham says to watch out for matchups against Oneonta, Seton Catholic and any other away matches, as those are the true test to see what they are made of.

Purple Tornado Volleyball



Coached by Kyle Ellis. 2026 Roster: Brianna Cirigliano, Bella Shepard, Isabella Girgenti, Breylyn Eaton, Aubree Carpenter, Nora Collins, Elise Pepe, Tristan Monroe, Jordyn Slentz, Jillian Taylor, Aubrey Cummings, Hannah Hatton, Rabekah Monroe, Kiarah Williams

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Norwich girls' tennis: being “stronger down the line-up”

NORWICH — The Norwich Purple Tornado girls' tennis team is ready to serve up a strong 2026 season with a strong returning line-up under head coach Nikki Brooks.

“This year's team is eager to learn and is supportive of one another,” Brooks said. “We have many returning members and are stronger down the line-up.”

First singles will be junior Riley Wolford while senior Rory Gates takes on the sec-

ond singles this year. Fellow senior Finley Farrow will represent Norwich in the third singles with eighth grader Elle Waters in at fourth singles. First doubles will have junior Paulina He and freshman Alice Boland while second doubles will be juniors G Breese and Mattie Merritt. Third doubles will showcase senior Skylr Newman and sophomore Mia Tang.

Other players that will contribute this season include Samantha Palmer,

Autumn Greco, and Marianna Chetronie.

With a good line-up, Brooks is looking forward to seeing the improvements pay off this season.

“I'm impressed with how much many players have improved since last year at this time,” she said. “I'm hoping we can compete in our matches at a higher level, improve on our serves, and depth on our groundstrokes, and get a few more wins.”

Norwich Girls' Swimming: Growing in confidence as a small group

NORWICH— The Norwich girls' swim team returns to the pool this season under direction of co-coaches Krissy Stroh and Sandra Gantt. The team remains small but dedicated with all returners this season.

One key returner to watch for is returning sophomore Alex Shtrauch.

“Alex has shown a lot of strength both in and out of the pool during preseason, and I'm excited to see what she accomplishes this season. Her 200 and 500 freestyles are two events to watch, but I also wouldn't count her out in the 100 backstroke,” Stroh said.

Stroh also looks for Jillian Petrie and Kaelyn Conant to make an impact this season as well.

“Jillian Petrie and Kaelyn Conant have been showing a lot of promise during the start of the season. However, I'm excited to see how all the girls continue to develop throughout the season,” Stroh said.

Brynn Meek returns as the team's lone senior this season along with junior Raeley Patterson.

Stroh and Gantt look for the girls to grow in confidence this season as a team and individually as well.

“Our biggest goal is for every swimmer to grow confidence, improve, and feel proud of what they accomplish this season. Each of our girls has set individual goals that they are working toward throughout the season, with the hope of reaching those goals by Sectionals in November,” Stroh said.



Stroh is proud to represent Norwich girls' swimming, where she hopes the team can grow and the sport can be more prominent in the community once more.

“As a coach, one of my personal goals this season is to bring more awareness to the Norwich swimming program. We currently have five mighty swimmers, and while we may be a small team, we have a lot of heart and potential.

I want more students and families in our community to know what a great opportunity swimming can be. It's a sport that challenges you individually while also giving you a team to rely on. Most importantly, it creates incredible memories, lifelong friendships, and lessons that stay with you long after you leave the pool. I'd love to see our program continue to grow and bring more athletes into the Norwich swim family.”

NHS XC: eager to start season with full boys team and one dedicated female

NORWICH— The Norwich Purple Tornado cross country team is looking forward to a good 2026 season with excitement as they have a full scoring boys team and are off to a strong preseason.

The boys are led by key runner Nic Sutton, who is a senior this season, along with young freshmen runners Ethan Tang, Maddox Wolford, Richard Hatton Jr. and Adrien Browne who look to make statements as well.

Malea Sutton returns as the lone female for the team, who is looking strong in the preseason and will be competing individually for the girls, who look to recruit more runners along the way.

Coach Shaun Horan stated the preseason included a



“Even though we have a full boys team, our expectations remain the same of tracking the progress as they go and steadily improving. I'm looking forward to our boys scoring as a team for league and the section.”

Horan is looking forward to seeing where his team will be at to start the season at the Oneonta Forbes meet on September 12 before a smaller meet at UV. Norwich will host senior night and their lone home meet at the High School on September 19 before continuing the season that runs to early November.

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Afton/Harpursville girls' soccer: An emerging group with good sportsmanship

AFTON— The Afton/Harpursville girls' soccer team returns for the 2026 season under head coach Kendra Smith. The team is looking to continue to provide good athleticism and sportsmanship to keep their strength up as a team.

"We are an emerging team this year since we're young and have several girls new to the sport but they've been learning quickly and have a lot of potential," Smith said.

Smith also looks for the girls to really focus on being physical and more confident in the game.

Smith looks to rely on



key returning players in the team's goalkeeper Appalonia Bushaw, Tabi Charette, Florance as returning members of field play. Aisley Ruff, and Ariana

Smith is also looking forward to seeing what her younger and newer players can do.

"Viviana Huston, Rylee Rupakus, and Adaleigh Steinbrecher are freshmen that we expect to make an impact. Keyaira Williams is a junior who is new to Afton that has impressed with her work ethic. Abbey Paoletti is a senior who is new to soccer but a great athlete and is picking up quickly," Smith said.

Smith has been impressed with how well her newer players have quickly shown their athleticism to the team.

Smith is excited about the

potential of her team this season and is looking forward to watching the team learn, grow, and continue to build as a strong girls' soccer program.

Afton/Harpursville looks forward to playing in the Charlotte Valley tournament in late September, where Smith said playing in it will be a different but good feel for her team.

"It's something different and we get to play some teams we haven't seen in the past two years of building the program at the varsity level."

BGAH XC: "Trust the process"

CHENANGO COUNTY— The Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville cross country team returns this 2026 season with four full teams ready for a strong year. The merged team spends a lot of quality time together and is all about working hard and having fun.

The team also brings back many returners from all four schools, including Lelaenia Baldwin, Jalyn Winans, Marissa Mayo, Rowan Beasinger, Jackari Garipoli, Ethan Beardslee, My'Kel George and Owen Degan for B-G. New to varsity, looking to make their mark will be eighth graders Myahlee Palmer and Elzie John.

Harpursville's Angelina

Quaglia, Sean Fowler, and veteran six-year runner with a lot of experience, Connor Rowe look to make statements for the team. Afton's Mason Lans and company returns as well.

Head Coach Nick Mayo looks for his team to be strong contenders this season, where it is hard to see where his team will be until meets officially start but knows Chenango Forks, at least, will be a hard team to beat for the girls, who will have some obstacles this season, but nothing that they can't overcome.

The team also spent some of the preseason at cross country camp with other local teams, where the team had its biggest turnout with 31 kids



able to attend and experience a great bonding time and also be able to "trust the process" as Mayo and his team have set as their motto to hopefully be passed down to the younger runners as well.

Mayo and the team also look forward to the variety

of different venues throughout the cross country season, including Owego's Dash in the dark, where Mayo said his team appreciates the great atmosphere, glow in the dark environment, and even the DJ. The McQuaid venue in Rochester is a venue the team enjoys as well that features over a 1000 runners in a big race.

While the team enjoys the bigger venues, they also appreciate the small rural ones as well, especially in their own General Clinton Park, where they will host a meet in October and will host the league championship as well.

A/H/B-G Field Hockey: Young and hardworking

CHENANGO COUNTY— The newly merged Afton/Harpursville/Bainbridge-Guilford field hockey program is ready to stick together this season as a balanced group of young and experienced players.

"This year's team is a young, energetic and hard-working group. We have seven freshmen joining the varsity team, which brings a lot of excitement and new energy to the program. While we are young, we also have returning players who provide leadership and experi-

ence. This group is eager to learn, improve, and compete together," Head Coach Josh Conover said.

The team strives off its willingness to work together and strong communication to show competitiveness on the field.

"We have a team that is unselfish and is beginning to understand the importance of communication and playing as a unit. Our energy, work ethic and determination are strengths that we hope will continue to grow throughout the season," Conover said.

However, as young as the team is, Conover looks to see his team gain more experience as the season goes on.

"With such a young team, we need to continue developing our field awareness, communication and decision-making under pressure. We also need to become more consistent with our passing, possession and finishing opportunities. As the season progresses, gaining varsity experience will be extremely important," he said.

Conover has been proud of what hard work his team has

done thus far in the preseason and start of the season to get on track with a bigger group.

"The biggest thing that has impressed me is the effort this group has shown. The players have been willing to work hard and listen to coaching and support one another. The freshmen have stepped into a new environment with confidence and a willingness to learn, while our returning players have done a nice job helping them adjust," Conover said.

Beyond watching that preseason grind translate to the

turf, Conover's sights are set on a bigger picture: watching the squad hit its marks, sharpen its teamwork, and grow stronger with every match.

"Our primary goal is to improve every day and become a stronger team as the season progresses. We want to compete in every game, play with confidence and establish a strong team identity. We also want our players to grow not only as athletes but as teammates and leaders. If we continue to work hard and play for one another, we believe we can have a suc-

cessful season," he said.

Building on that foundation, Conover sees plenty of building blocks already in place for the fall.

"I am excited about the potential of this group. Having seven freshmen gives us an opportunity to build something that can continue to grow over the next several years. There is a lot of enthusiasm within the team, and the players genuinely seem to enjoy being around one another. That chemistry and positive attitude can take us a long way," Conover said.

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BGAH Bears look to build foundation in first season

CHENANGO COUNTY – A new era of football is underway as Bainbridge-Guilford, Afton and Harpursville join forces to form the BGAH Bears.

Entering the program’s first season as a three-school football team, BGAH is embracing the opportunity to build a new identity and establish a foundation for the future.

“This year’s team is hungry, physical, and committed to building something bigger than themselves,” BGAH coach Jake Carle said. “This isn’t just about Harpursville, Afton, or Bainbridge-Guilford – it’s about building one program with one mission.”

Physicality and work ethic will be among the Bears’ biggest strengths. The team made significant progress in the weight room during the off-season, while competition for

starting positions has raised the level of the entire group.

Jacob Rueffer, a NYS Class D Honorable Mention All-State selection, returns as one of the team’s key players. Captains Cooper Warren, Davis Barnard, and Aiden Lockwood will also provide leadership on and off the field.

The Bears will also look to a talented group of sophomores expected to see significant varsity action. BGAH has 20 freshmen in training camp who will have opportunities to contribute at the varsity level when needed while gaining experience at the JV level.

The addition of a JV team is another important step for the new program, providing younger players with an opportunity to develop and gain meaningful game experience.



While the Bears have plenty of potential, consistency and execution will be important areas of focus. BGAH

will look to limit mistakes, protect the football and maintain its intensity throughout each game. The team has already

shown encouraging signs during the preseason, including improvements in strength and physicality. Players have also participated in 7-on-7

opportunities, a lineman challenge and a thud camp during the summer.

BGAH enters the season with a goal of competing for a postseason spot, but the program’s expectations extend beyond wins and losses.

“We want to establish the standard for what this program is going to be moving forward,” Carle said.

The Bears want to build a culture centered around being physical, disciplined, tough and competitive while continuing to improve throughout the season.

“The potential of this group is what excites me most,” Carle said. “We’re building something new, and the players understand that they have an opportunity to establish the foundation for BGAH football for years to come.”

BGAH boys’ soccer: Together as one

CHENANGO COUNTY– The Bainbridge-Guilford/Afton/Harpursville Bears boys’ soccer team is back for another season with much more team chemistry in just their second year merged as one.

Head coach Scott Lord looks forward to a strong youth in a new JV team of future talent while bringing back a good core of kids after losing just three seniors last year.

The team looks a bit smaller this year with 14 dedicated players looking to finish better than last year with a goal of hoping to be among the top

four teams in the MAC and make sectionals. The team understands the tough season ahead but looks for strong leadership in its core three players.

Ben Porter returns as the team’s leading scorer from a season ago, along with midfielder Nolan Foster, who finished second on the team in assists, to work on great ball distribution and center-mid Julian Terrell to be big help and show his true potential. Terrell will also get some reps at goalie as well.

The team also features seniors Troy Cannistra, Jaden Lane, and Keegan Milk.

Juniors include John Winn, Ethan Morris, Brody Mertz, Beckett Longwell, Lucas Mills, Breadon Barton, and Aiden Masse.

Goalie Mason Sherwood leads the sophomores, along with Logan Cole and Andre Pulido.

This year’s schedule for the Bears showcases some key matchups against Worcester and a role in the Charlotte Valley tournament, which is a few new things in the works for the team, who are eager to compete in their new uniforms.



B-G girls’ soccer: “Ready to take on any challenge”

BAINBRIDGE— The Bainbridge-Guilford Bobcats girls’ soccer team is ready to kick off the 2026 season and are up for any challenge this season under head coach Sarah Nezelek.

“The girls are flexible, versatile, and ready to do what is best for the team as a whole,” Nezelek said. “Our biggest strength is the girls’ ability to always persevere and make smart choices on the field. The midfield is very decisive, fit, and has an amazing soccer IQ.”

The team had some rebuilding to do to adjust its starting lineup after graduating six starters last year, but the team is optimistic about finding its rhythm and identity fairly quickly to fill in the gaps.

Nezelek is relying on several key players to strive this season to help fill roles.

“Kamry Patten will be relied on heavily, her ability to compete and impact the game from multiple positions will be crucial this season,” Nezelek said. “

Carleigh Judd will be our go to striker for this season. She is always



ready to leave it all on the field and work for the ball, her shot has continued to improve and become more lethal.”

Nezelek also looks for her captains to make strides on the field and help boost the team.

“Keelan Ammon

(Captain) and Breegan George will be the backbone of the team’s midfield. Both work together tremendously well and often see patterns in the game that most others miss. Their ability to communicate and give direction to their team-

mates will be essential. They also both have top notch shots and can place the ball extremely well,” Nezelek said. “I will also be relying on the experience of Emma Kinter and Victoria Suda (Captain) both have years of varsity experience

and a wealth of knowledge they openly share with the team.”

Newer players include goalkeeper Saige Barnard as a seventh grader as well as Maddie Ingham, and Solara Spinella to watch for this season.

“Barnard’s shot-stopping ability has been very impressive over the course of preseason and into our first tournament. I am looking forward to six solid years with her in the goal,” Nezelek said. “Maddie Ingham has made the transition back to soccer after taking a few years pursuing other sports. She brings speed, inclusivity and grit to the field. I am looking forward to her growth over the season.”

“Solara Spinella is another new player who has impressed our coaching staff this season. She

continually gives 100 percent and is willing to learn from everyone on the team and multiple positions.”

Nezelek has been very impressed with her group so far this preseason and to start the season and hopes the continuous improvement pays off while being great players and teammates.

“I am so excited for this group, especially after our victory in the Downsville Flannery tournament, defeating two MAC schools. Specifically, I am psyched with their competitiveness and grit as a group,” Nezelek said. “But the best thing I have watched is their willingness to listen to each other and take what their teammates and coaches are saying for improvement and guidance.”

Greene volleyball: Stay consistent while keeping up the tempo

GREENE — Coach Megan Matts and the Greene Trojans Volleyball team are setting the bar for this year’s 2026 season with a strong group of growing and experienced players. The team has been challenged in conditioning and the little things all pre-season and is pushing through with hard work and dedication.

Coach Matts is excited about the potential that her team has and is ready to see it unfold on the court.

“I don’t think we have seen anywhere close to the best volleyball this group is capable of playing yet. We have experience, athleticism, some really promising younger players, and athletes who bring different strengths to the court. When we are communicating, moving, and playing confidently, there are flashes of what this team can become. I’m excited to see how much they grow once we start playing together consistently.”

Matts is also looking forward to seeing the continued growth pay off for her team.

“Obviously, we want to compete and win matches, but I also want us to become a team that plays disciplined volleyball and makes oppo-



nents earn their points. We want to serve aggressively, take care of the first contact, communicate, play relentless defense, and become more consistent throughout an entire match. I want us to be noticeably better at the end of the season than we are at the beginning. I also expect this group to represent Greene Volleyball well. How we communicate, respond to

adversity, support our teammates, and handle both wins and losses matters just as much as what happens on the scoreboard.”

The team is fueled this year by several upperclassmen, such as Ella D. at libero, seniors Molly H. And Kayla S. for their leadership. Juniors consist of Camryn K at setter, Aliveya H and Gemma P in the middle, along with Kaity

I, Savanna A, and Maddy L.

“I’m expecting our older players to lead not only through their play, but through their communication, work ethic, and composure,” Matts said.

In terms of the younger and newer players, Matts looks for contribution from her sophomores and one freshman.

“Kenzie F. and Libby D. are sophomores on the out-

side. Anna M., a freshman, is another younger player who has earned an opportunity at the varsity level. Anna in particular has shown some strong attacking ability during our preseason work. I’m excited to see how all three of them develop as they become more comfortable with the speed and expectations of varsity volleyball. I’ve also been impressed by some of

the younger players stepping onto the court without being intimidated by the older athletes.”

The team hopes to get a look at how their preseason has paid off with a scrimmage before their first match on September 8 against Unatego. The team will also be playing in two tournaments this year, one in Sidney on September 12 and another one in Unatego in mid October.

Matts and the Trojans are looking forward to many matches this season with a lot of potential and competitiveness.

“There are definitely some matches on the schedule that the girls will have circled, especially against familiar league opponents and teams that have challenged us in the past. Those competitive matches are always fun because they give us an opportunity to see how much we have grown. At the same time, we’re really trying to approach the season one opponent at a time and not overlook anybody. Every match is an opportunity for us to get better.”

Good luck, Trojans.

Greene Field Hockey: “Master the basics and have fun”



GREENE — The Greene Trojans field hockey team are sticking together looking for a strong 2026 season. After losing eight seniors, the team is adjusting to the changes but are ready to rise up to the challenge.

Head Coach Matt Carlin looks forward to seeing his team come together as one unit fighting for the ball.

“My team goal this year is for us to master the basics and have fun,” Carlin said.

In this demanding and physical sport, the team will be senior dominant this year—something to worry about in the coming seasons—yet the Greene field hockey program has secured its future through a strong youth movement.

Leading seniors include Ahraya Whitt as a center-mid,

Rachel Anderson as center back.

Other seniors to make a big impact are Alison James, Mia Yahner, Jayden Nielsen, and Mari St. Germain.

Carlin also returns junior goalkeeper Braelyn Blakeslee and looks for Irelyn Dehaan and Deirdre Colgan to step into some bigger roles as well.

Genna Strantz, Liliana Davailus, and Cassidy Johns also lead the juniors with sophomores Ali St. Germain and Halle Livingston.

Carlin also knows just how brutal Section IV field hockey can be with powerhouses like Whitney Point and Vestal setting the bar, but his squad is eager to step onto the turf and test themselves against the best.

Greene Golf: Focus on consistency and eliminate mistakes

GREENE— The Greene Trojans golf team is back in action for the 2026 season. After losing just one senior, the team brings back a young squad who having been working hard to start the season.

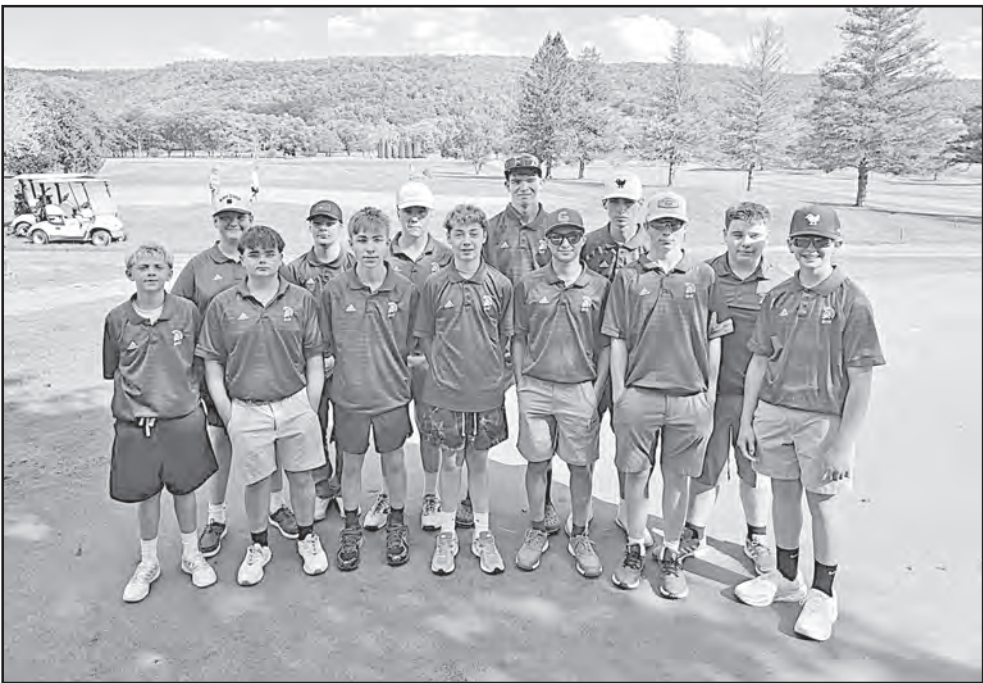
Out of those players that return to the course, Cooper Flanagan comes back with states experience under his belt as the team’s leading golfer as just a sophomore.

With a young squad, Coach Pete Flanagan had a challenging time with a solid rotation

this season, which in return was good for the kids because they can play for a spot in the lineup. Flanagan said his group has been working hard and he has loved to see the success play out individually for the kids.

Flanagan and his squad faced an earlier start to the season than anticipated, leaving little time for traditional preparation. To compensate, he urged his players to log as much playing time as possible, an approach that

is already yielding promising early results.“ There is no clear front runner in the league, so the season is wide-open,” Flanagan said. “ Our big focus is on consistency and eliminating mistakes, especially at away matches. We share a course with Chenango Forks, so we are heavy with home matches early but we have to just play smart on the road. The young guys have been showing some promise so far.”



Greene girls' soccer: Look to remain competitive in the MAC

GREENE— The Greene Trojans girls' soccer team is ready to kick off a strong 2026 season under coaches Matt Butler, Kathleen Cragle, and Nick Specht. The team is back and healthy with a great number of girls ready to give it their all.

"This year, we have a very balanced team with a variety of experienced and youth coming together to give us depth and also be competitive in the future," Butler said.

The team welcomes back their top two scorers from a season ago with Miah Cragle and Hailey Butler leading the way offensively. Greene also added young midfielders that will be great options to net goals as well with seventh grader Ella Beach and eighth grader Ali Fisher. Quinlin Cavanaugh also returns as the leading team goalie.

Seniors include Melana Gregware, Lexi Cloyd, and Caitlin Walls who look to be strong defenders this season along with juniors Khloe Waltz, Melanie Specht, Isabelle Stewart, and Macie Dunlap to make impacts. Sophomores include Butler, Clare Tompkins, Abby Roth, Peyton Finch, and Addison Hadlock with freshman

Chenoa Corson to make a statement for the underclassmen.

Under Butler's reign, the team has not adjusted its goals for the past few seasons as they look to remain competitive in the MAC and "continue to see what happens."

The team will also see a stronger schedule this season with non league matchups against Chenango Valley, Seton, Groton, and others as a way for the team to "face greater competition to strengthen themselves," said Butler.



Greene boys' soccer: "Win as a full unit"



GREENE — The Greene Trojans boys' soccer team is ready to kick off the 2026 season as a developing and growing squad under head coach Rick Tallman and assistant Chris Rice. The team continues to show great bonding within their captain led summer workouts to remain a strong unit.

"I have 17 strong players with every kid working hard to the best of their ability," Tallman said. "The goal is to play as a full unit. Last year, we were very young and had individuals leading the team but this time, we want a full unit contributing."

The team is also hungry for the MAC title back and wanting to go deep in the section with captains Jackson Roth (goalkeeper) and Laken Loveless leading the pack, along with fellow senior Dawson Kimble.

Junior Jacob Acevedo returns, along with a young sophomore group of Judd Dutcher, Jack Rice, Grant Leonard, and Gavin Strantz on offense.

The team also features Coben Kimble, Gavin Ely, Ben Lipari, Sam Suk, Caleb Tennant, Kane Winn, Eli Eggleston, Dillon Eichler, and Levi Pritchard.

"If we can play with them, we can play in the MAC." Head coach Rick Tallman's squad is embracing a trial-by-fire non-league schedule this season, squaring off against AAA champions Elmira, plus Groton, Marathon, Southern Cayuga, and Dryden in the hunt for crucial sectional points.

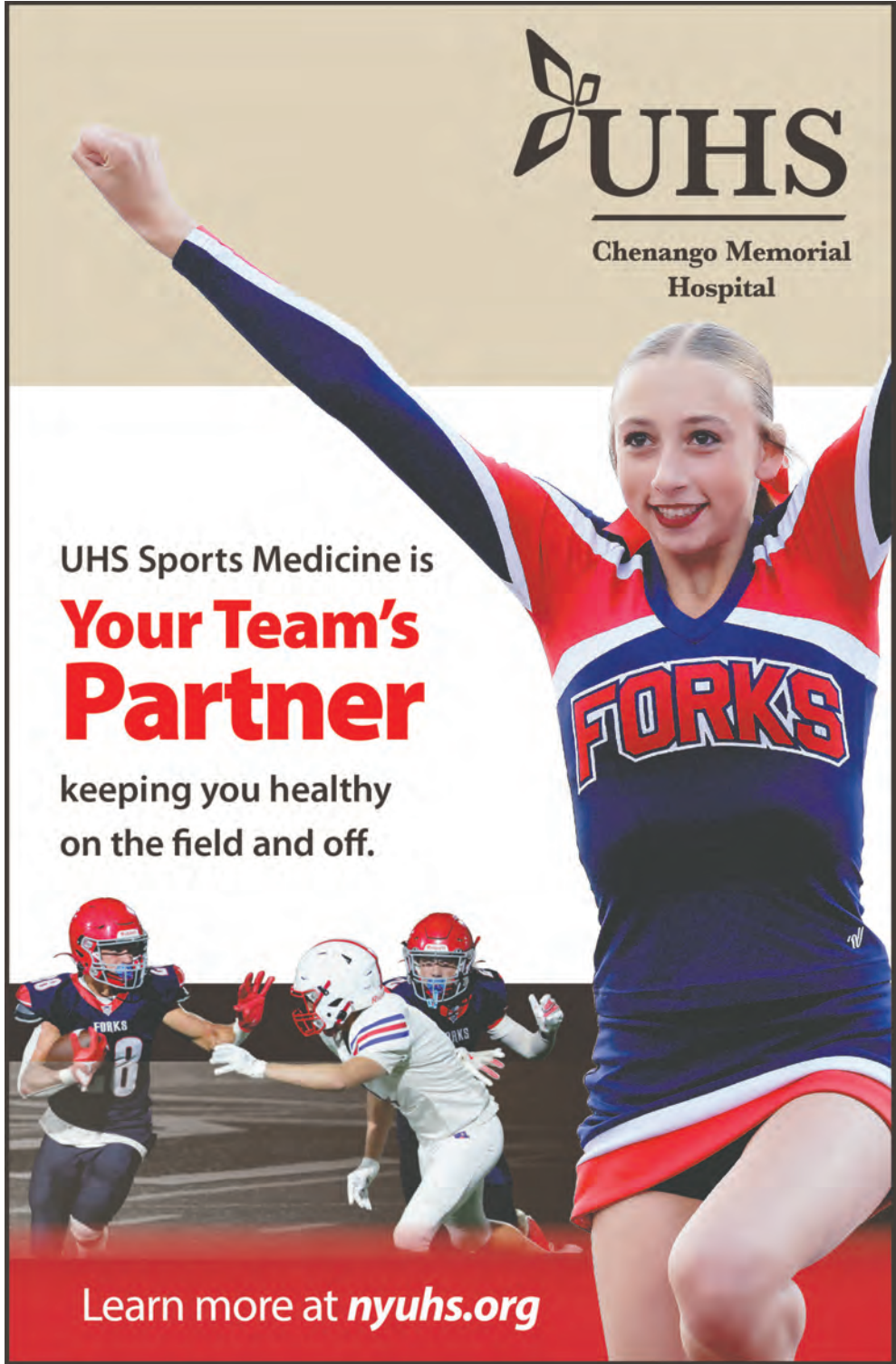


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G-O Football: New season under new direction

CHENANGO COUNTY — The Oxford-Greene football team is kicking off a fresh chapter under the leadership of head coach Jerrod Hitt and staff . Facing a tough early-season slate, O-G sits at 0-2 following hard-fought matchups against Oneonta and Groton to open the fall campaign.

“We are very young but are fast and mobile,” Hitt said.

Despite the slow start, O-G has plenty of bright spots to build around, beginning with sophomore quarterback Dayton Evans. Through the first two games, Evans has gone 5-for-19 through the air for 79 yards and 1 touchdown pass. In the backfield, Evans has reliable weapons led by workhorse running back Ryder Hitt. Hitt has shouldered the bulk of the ground game with 26 carries for 81 yards, while also anchoring the defense with a team-high 11.5 tackles.

Dynamic playmaker Eddie Ingraham has emerged as the team’s primary offensive spark plug and leading scorer. Ingraham has rushed 16 times for 79 yards and 1 touchdown, hauled in a 49-yard touchdown reception, and taken 1 kickoff all the way to the house. Additional contributors have stepped up across the roster, as David Dunckel has handled seven carries for 16 yards out of the back-



field and added six defensive tackles, while Caleb Holbert has been a steady target in the passing game, hauling in three receptions for 37 yards. Holbert and Collin Morlando will also be taking snaps at quarterback as well as at line-backer.

Other options on offense include running back Justin Arboit, wide receivers Wyatt Dunlap, Parker Lamoreaux, Braylen Beebe and Noah Chesebro with Dennis Burke and Ryker Heggie at tight end.

Linemen include Tristan Banner, Bodie Barrows, Levi Friedel, Mason Harrington, Evan Johnson, Tim Johnson, Zyden Johnson, Wyatt Kilmer, Hailey Sheridan, Joseph Slabicki, Craig Thomas, Aiden Treiman, Dakota Wrench, and Donte

Wrench.

Defensively, O-G has shown grit in the trenches. Alongside Hitt’s 11.5 tackles, Collin Morlando has flown to the ball with 10 tackles, Donte Wrench has anchored the front line with nine tackles and a sack, and Ingraham has added a crucial interception to his stat line.

Coach Hitt looks forward to seeing the speed and mobility of his young team pay off this season and is very excited for future years with his current young and talented team, who have been working hard at development.

Looking ahead, O-G will navigate a familiar schedule as the squad searches for its first win, highlighted by a late-October showdown against the newly merged local opponent, BGAH.



Oxford girls' soccer: Bringing a strong combination of experience, depth, and chemistry

OXFORD— The Oxford Blackhawks girls’ soccer team returns to action for the 2026 season looking to build off their experience. The team brings a strong combination of experience, depth, and chemistry to the field under head coach Rachel Seiler, who returns.

“The roster features six returning senior starters, two returning junior starters, and two returning sophomore starters. With a deep bench and many players who have competed together for years, this group has developed outstanding teamwork and familiarity on the field,” she said.

The team has come together to also build a strong bond around Seiler to establish trust in one another.

“One of the team’s greatest strengths is its unselfish style of play. The players trust one another and consistently look to make the extra pass to create scoring opportunities, regardless of who finishes the play. Communication is another key strength. It has

been an area of focus for several seasons, and this group has embraced it, making it a major asset on and off the field.”

While her team is stronger in those key components, Seiler hopes to improve on being more fierce offensively.

“An area the team continues to work on is being more aggressive in front of goal. While the coaching staff appreciates the players’ team-first mentality, there are times when the team passes up quality scoring opportunities instead of taking open shots.”

Key returners for Seiler this season include seniors Jenna Denz (goalie), Deana Ferreria, Jayne Fleury, Kayla Knapp, Aubrey Rickard, and Paige Rickard.

“One of the most impressive developments early in the season has been the leadership displayed by the senior class. The seniors have consistently supported their teammates, encouraging them through challenges and motivating the team during

demanding training sessions,” Seiler said.

Juniors include Ahna Kappauf and Emily Williams along with sophomores Jordan Palmer and Raine Rovente.

Newer players include Zoey Ruessel and Kendra Allen, who Seiler said has already shown the potential to make an immediate impact.

With a strong depth in its roster, the girls look to compete for a MAC championship this season and also make a strong run in sectional play and surely they can do so with their strong unit.

“What excites the coaching staff most about this team is the bond the players have built through years of competing together. Their familiarity and trust are evident in their play, and they understand how to support, challenge, and hold one another accountable. Those qualities give the team a strong foundation as it looks to achieve its goals this season,” Seiler said.



Oxford Boys Soccer: Working hard under new direction

OXFORD—The Oxford Blackhawks boys’ soccer team is eager to return to the field this season, under new direction. Head Coach Kenne Moore steps into the new role with a good group of players.

Moore is excited to have eight returners from last season including Dawson Viele, Liam Phillippone, Adam Beckwith, Gordon

Smith, Haven Bourn, Paxton LaMonica, Calvin Moore, and Joey Locke.

“We’re expecting a strong defense with Adam and Liam returning as well as lots of control in the midfield and scoring capability with the rest of them,” Moore said. “As a group, they play very well together and are finding each other on the field well.”

Moore also looks forward to seeing what Gaven Dibble can do as the team’s goal-keeper as well as Josh Knapp and Justin Peck on defense.

“The boys have really worked hard during preseason so far,” Moore said. “We are looking to come out strong, be competitive in the league, and see what we can do in sectionals.

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Oxford Volleyball: Focused on being more aggressive at the net

OXFORD — The Oxford Blackhawks volleyball team is servicing up a new season ahead with working hard in preseason to become more aggressive at the net. Coach Margo Barrows has a nice mix of returners and new but experienced players from JV moving on up that make a good addition to this year's team.

"This year's team is versatile, all players are strong in multiple positions giving us flexibility day to day. We are a defensive minded team with the focus on reading and anticipating where the ball will go," Barrows said.

Barrows looks to depend on several strong leaders on and off the court, including senior captain Reagan Long, who



received MAC second team all-star last year. Barrows also counts on returning "steady and consistent" libero Gabby Palmer, who has a strong work ethic that guides the

players.

Bridgette Foster returns and will rotate between right side and setter. Barrows looks for her quickness and vertical jump to aid the team well in transitioning to a new group.

Barrows is also looking forward to seeing her younger and newer players make an impact as well.

"Some new faces on the varsity who will make an immediate impact are Bray Barrows, Audrey Bates and Keira Somers. Each player has been providing important roles and responsibilities on and off the court to strengthen our skills and team."

While well depth all around, Barrows has strong goals for the team on and off the court.

"The goal for this season is to stay focused on learning together and working as a team, when we become better people each day our volleyball skills will grow as well. We want to be in the top 4 of the league and make it to sectional finals This group of players want to learn and improve everyday. They love volleyball just as any other group, however these players really appreciate the opportunity to play."

Oxford hosts Norwich for their 2026 opener, who they look forward to competing against as well as always looking forward to playing MAC opponent Delhi, which will be on September 29.

Oxford golf: returning to defend MAC and Section IV championships as a younger squad

OXFORD— The Oxford Blackhawks golf team returns for the 2026 season, ready and eager to defend their 2025 MAC and Section IV championship titles. The team, coming off their most successful season in program history, lost six seniors, which in return makes their squad younger this year, which will take some getting used to.

"We have a good solid

group of hard working kids who have put a lot of time in during the summer," head coach Lance Thorne said. "We have three of last year's top six returning this year and the oldest is a 10th grader, so the future looks bright."

Clayton Carlson, Kevin Northup, and Uri Tracy return as those three starters looking to continue to be assets for the Blackhawks.

"Both [Carlson and Northup] spent most of their waking hours this summer at the course, and the results have shown on the score cards," Thorne said. "Uri Tracy is another returning starter that consistently puts up low scores. Uri is a 10th grader, as well as one of our two team captains (Kevin Northup is the other)."

Thorne also looks for Alex

Whyte to be a key golfer, who officially joins the lineup this season.

"Alex Whyte (10th grade) is a player who will start for us this season and was with us last year as an exhibition player. He has played several of the away courses that we compete at, and should make steady progress this season," Thorne said. "Another player to watch is seventh grader

Cooper Canaday. In his first start of his career, he came through in a big way with a 51 at Bluestone to help us defeat B-G."

While Thorne and assistant coach Tim Paden work with a younger team this season, they are very impressed with the team's hard work.

"The kids' work ethic has been outstanding. They ask for help with their game

and work on the things they struggle with," Thorne said. "Just the fact that they are young and eager to learn and develop is something that coach Paden and I are both impressed with."

The Blackhawks look forward to every match this season and look for a top four finish in the league with their young group this year.



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S-E XC: “Willingness to dive headfirst into any activity”

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville cross country team is back on the course and ready to roll for the 2026 season. Fresh off cross country camp, the team is eager to get started and have their hard work pay off.

“These guys are tough and never complain, I took them to a cross country camp over the summer and they outworked all the other athletes that run similar times. It doesn’t matter what I ask them to do, they give it their best effort, including when we did hill repeats up the old ski slope in Hamilton,” Coach Wes Macker said.

The team has been preparing since June of staying in shape and making first impressions for a new season.



“The willingness to dive headfirst into any activity is what impresses me the most about our cross country athletes. None of them are afraid to hurt to push the envelope,” Macker added.

Macker is also eager to see what his returning and new runners will do this season, where the team as a whole looks to break 20 minutes

by the end of the season and even striving for 19 minutes.

Returning runners include Dominick Hirst, Clifford Russett, Brett Lewis, and Aaron Romanowski, who Macker says could switch up their places as they’re all in similar shape.

“I made a bet with Aaron that if he breaks 19 I’ll sing A Thousand Miles for the team. Based on his first race I may need do some vocal practice in addition to running with the team,” Macker said.

Newer runners include Trevor Harris, Silas Perrin, Allan Lewis, and senior Logan Smith.

“Trevor Harris placed second on our team at Hamilton his first year on Varsity. We also moved up two athletes, Silas Perrin and Allan Lewis. Also new to our top seven is Logan Smith, who just realized as a senior that he is in fact, not a sprinter,” Macker said.

While the team has been working hard all summer, S-E is also looking forward to a new cross country course that’s been under construction.

“We are constructing a new cross country course from the logging trails that were just created last year. Unfortunately that will make the race less spectator friendly, but it will no longer have any repeated sections or criss crosses. It will also be rather hilly, which the team is very excited for. The enemy of my enemy is my friend,” Macker said.

S-E football begins new quest of eight-man football under new direction

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves football team returns for the 2026 season under a new style and new direction. Due to low roster numbers, the team is now an eight-man football program under new direction of head coach Ethan Johnson. Johnson, former coach at eight-man program

Morrisville-Eaton, is familiar with the style of play and looks to build a strong football culture at S-E.

“I think changing the culture starts with getting a good group of kids and I think we have a really good group of kids right now. Just trying to keep them focused on the task at hand and trying to get them to behave is the big one.”

Johnson, with the eight-man experience, also said it was an easier transition for the team.

“I think it’s going to be a good stepping stone to hopefully build the program back, get more kids, and then go back to 11-man eventually,” he said.

While the main goal is to win games as a program



as any other football team, Johnson is looking for his team to get into focus and change the direction of S-E football.

“There’s just a lot of things that we have to change,” Johnson said. “I think, amongst the kids, just to keep focused, again, and grow as adults, not just football players. I think that’s a very big thing that me and the other coaches really strive to push. Taking over a new program, it’s always hard to step in, and there’s so many things that we’ve been accustomed to, the kids already knowing that you’re starting from scratch.”

“But again, I think we’ve got a really good group of kids that I think are going to hopefully get together and change the direction of how Sherburne-Earlville football is viewed, not just in the school, but hopefully the community.”

The team consists of starting senior quarterback Jordan Palmer, who had seen time as a backup quarterback in previous seasons now steps up to lead the charge, along with other fellow seniors running backs Cooper Thorpe and Dylan Winton, wide-receiver Deven Maxson and tough senior linemen Owen Kellogg, Alex Doroshenko, and Blake Smith. Junior Jason Daring will be another force on the offense at wide receiver along with sophomore Avery Abrams and freshman Miles Fowlston. Sophomore Trenton Anderson will also led the team with carries on the run game this season and freshman Levi Valentine will get some reps at receiver as well. Juniors Tyler Thompson and Loghun Shreve look to protect the line along with sophomore Collin Pattee.

With a strong force under his direction, Johnson knows the season will be tough for his team but will be a good challenge as well.

“The first four games are going to be extremely hard and we’ve stressed that to the players,” he said. “I think it’s a good test to see where you’re at. It’s always good to play the really good teams to kind of give you an idea of where we stand finishing out the season.”

The first four S-E will face will be Cooperstown to start the 2026 season before a three-game road trip starting with West Canada Valley, Frankfort-Schuyler, and Morrisville/Madison/Stockbridge before returning home on October 2 against Thousand Islands.

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S-E girls' soccer: "Learning new formations and strategies to be better every day"

The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves girls' soccer team kicked off its 2026 season in the S-E Seddon memorial tournament before school, where they won against Solvay 3-0. Kimmy Blanco assisted Kady Babcock's goal on a corner kick while Kinzley Babcock scored on an assist from Lydia Dulina. Blanco also scored in the game.

S-E has since lost the past two games to Greene and Waterville but look to bounce back at home against Clinton, West Canada Valley, and Adirondack in the next few games coming up. For head coach Kylie Davis, she is looking forward to seeing what her determined team of strong leadership can do this season.

"Sherburne-Earlville's women's varsity is in a new phase of development and we look forward to starting this chapter by learning new formations and strategies to be better every day," Davis said. "This team is determined and we don't let past and present struggles define us and we come and fight for



each other every day. We've worked hard in the off season and a lot is being asked of them, new formation and high expectations and they are answering the call."

Davis' team consists of a strong senior-heavy squad as well as younger girls, who have been working hard to contribute to being better together and giving it their all.

The girls also spent some of the preseason at a camp

hosted by Rural Access Sports, a new local non-profit started by an S-E alum to create more opportunities for rural schools.

"Our program, Modified/JV/V girls attended and it kick-started an insane journey for our squad and program and we are still beaming from it!"

Davis' team also brings together two merged teams into one with S-E taking on

some players from Otselic Valley to only make the program stronger. With 12 seniors, including two out with ACL injuries, contributes to the strong leadership.

"Senior Ava O'Dell has become a fixture of the program in the center of our field with leadership and constant desires to improve. Lydia Dulina is a senior leader who was extremely dedicated coming back from an

ACL tear last season we are excited to see her on the pitch this season. We also welcome Otselic Valley to our program this year. OV senior, Kimmy Blanco is an offensive super-power, skilled forward and our team is grateful to have OV with us. Additionally, our JV program is strong in numbers and talent and we are able to use their skills to strengthen us and support our Varsity

team," Davis added. Davis is also excited to see contribution from the younger girls as well.

"Kinzley Babcock is an 8th grader who's finding her feet on the field in many roles, got herself her first goal, has a great attitude and is improving every day," Davis said. "I'm excited to see the girls [as a whole] growth and I am challenged daily to be better and I'd love to see that show up in our results."

S-E looks to battle back this season as a strong competitive group with a lot of depth and looks forward to seeing what they can do, especially for their 12 seniors.

"We are so looking forward to our senior night! Like I said previously, we have 12 very special seniors that we want to recognize for their time and dedication to our program," Davis said. "Some joined late in their career while others have been with the program since SAYSO. We are thankful for each of them and what they bring to our team and can't wait to celebrate them!"

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S-E boys' soccer: Aiming to finish and be competitive

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves boys' soccer team is back in action for the 2026 season and are also merged with Otselic Valley this year, bringing a sense of unity among the players.

The team has a strong depth with many key returners and new players filling in the gaps from last year's seniors. Coach Mike Rodriguez is eager to return a unified, humorous, and leadership group.

He welcomes back Raphael Olsen to help orchestrate the attack with seniors Brooks Lagoe and Braden Lewis to anchor the defense. Rodriguez also looks for sophomores Gavin Ingerto and Nasick Chrisbacher to contribute offensively with Hudson Schwartz-Pumilio to mind the net.

Other key contributors include seniors Thomas Kenyon, Oliver Marshall, and Kyler Buschor along with juniors Thomas Osborne, Isaac Larchar, Nathan Sherwood, Colin Pudney, Casey Oley, Jameson Petersen, Wyatt Fuller, Lucas Martinez, and Matthew Morgan.

Underclassmen include sophomore Orion Schieferstein with Freshmen Sawyer Davis, Anthony Casscles, and Wyatt Jones.

Last year, the team accomplished winning their first sectional game since 2019 and look to get back into the swing of competitiveness to go up a notch.

"Our goals are always to be recognized as a scholar-ath-



lete team, contribute to the S-E Athletic Program's earning the Sportsmanship Award of Distinction from Section III, finishing in the top half of our CSC Division I, and winning two sectional games after last year winning one," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez also knows his team needs to improve on finishing and capitalizing on opportunities when they have the edge to score. His group can do it if they work hard and as a team.

"It is a group that has potential. It is going to take time to realize it, but if they work hard and pay attention to the little details throughout the game, we can be very competitive," he said.

S-E field hockey: "Working hard and making the best out of any situation"

SHERBURNE— The Sherburne-Earlville Timberwolves field hockey team is back on the turf for the 2026 season and are ready to make their mark for the 2026 season. Coach Alanna Hodge has been proud of the hard work and dedication her team has been putting in the preseason and to start the season.

"This year's team is a group of fun and bubbly kids who work hard and make the best out of any situation," Hodge said. "They have really pushed each other and have done all the conditioning and know if they want to get better, they have to push themselves." That collective drive is anchored by a tight-knit team culture. The group's biggest superpow-

er heading into the season is their cohesion—particularly their strong communication on the field and an eagerness to take constructive criticism straight into live gameplay.

"They work so well together. Their communication, the ability to take criticism and put it into game play—all of them!" Key players to watch for this season and have been sticking together for S-E include returners Peyton Darragh in goal, Alivia Franklin and Aubrey Davis at Forward, and Abby Gayfield on defense. Other contributors into Ellie Garrison and Addie Tyrell at midfield, Kenzie Percival, Makayla Harvey, Layla Young, and Kamri Peek at defense. Alexis Davis, Renae Tilbie and Katie Meyer look to also be assets on the team as well.

As the Timberwolves navigate a rebuilding phase, the emphasis shifts away from flashy stats and squarely onto smart, foundational hockey—mastering crisp passing, disciplined positioning, and seamless transition play.

Above all, it's the joy of watching players grow into athletes, teammates, and leaders that makes this time of year special for Hodge and her team.

"They work hard and make us laugh. I love seeing their growth through the years. We are in rebuilding years so smart plays are what we need to focus on," Hodge said.

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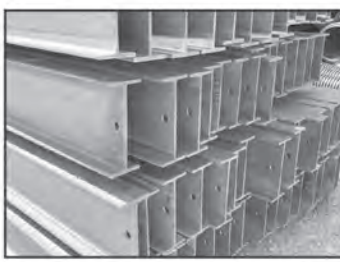


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UV Volleyball: Making continuous improvement and celebrating the “little wins”

NEW BERLIN— The Unadilla Valley Storm Volleyball team is ready to serve up another new season ahead with greater confidence and motivation. Head Coach Shannon McIntyre noticed some great improvement this pre-season and looks forward to seeing how things play out on the court.

“I would describe this year’s team as eager and motivated. We’ve been a young and developing team for the past few years and they are finally starting to see their hard work pay off,” McIntyre said. “Our biggest strength is having good chemistry with a group of players who have been playing together for so long now. We have a great mix of returning players who have multiple years of varsity experience under their belt, and a few new players who joined us from last year’s JV group.”

McIntyre is banking on



that experience to set the tone on the court, noting the core group she expects to anchor the rotation.

“I have a solid group of returning players who are now the majority of my upper classmen that I’ll rely on. This includes Jade Cook as our main setter, Logan Cook and Cheyenne McMahon as returning middles, Piper Hine and Shyla Roberts as returning out-sides, and Makenzie Knuth as our libero. Shyla Roberts is the player with the most varsity experience that I’ve

been coaching for the longest.” McIntyre said.

She also has a strong group of new players, looking to make an impact on their team in any way that they can.

“I have a great addition of a few new players this year,

many of which will likely be used as utility players since I already have a solid group of returners from last year. This includes Emily Vatovec, Maddison Lanfair, and Molly Pizzuto. Molly is a freshman who has really stepped up to compete with the older girls and I look forward to seeing how much she’ll grow this year. Maddison Pierce is another returning player that I’m moving around to different positions this year.”

With a strong balanced team, McIntyre looks to kick things up from years past while also having fun.

“My goals for this season are to get a few more wins this year than we’ve seen in the past, especially against a few teams that we usually have close games with. Regardless of winning or losing record, I expect this year to be a lot of fun by focusing on continuous improvement and celebrating the little wins that we

see everyday,” McIntyre said.

McIntyre and her team looks forward to the season, where the team will compete in a few tournaments this year including one in Sidney, Johnson City, and even Windsor.

“I’m excited to see how this group rises to challenges and perseveres during difficult situations. This is the first year in quite some time that I have a large group of upperclassmen, who have all put in a lot of effort throughout some challenging past seasons. I look forward to seeing them lead this team to more successes. I’m also excited to see how the underclassmen compete with and challenge the older girls so that they are always striving for continual growth,” she said.

UV/GMU XC: Continuing to improve Individually

NEW BERLIN— The Unadilla Valley/GMU cross country team returns for another new season under head coach Lee Schaeffer.

The team may be small but looks to improve throughout this season as individual runners have been efficient in running their workouts.

Schaeffer is grateful to have returning runners as well as an eighth grader move up to varsity this year. He is hopeful for freshman Miley Slater to recover from an injury to run well in the meets as well as returners Aidan James, Jake Favinger, Kathleen Pizzuto, and Margaret Kemnah.

Schaeffer looks for his returners to be able to improve their times on the courses they run, including the New Hartford and Marathon invitationals the team looks forward to competing in.



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UV/GMU boys' soccer: Taking one game at a time and making constant improvements



NEW BERLIN— The Unadilla Valley/GMU boys' soccer team is back for a new 2026 season under a new merger and new direction of head coach Cameron Osborne. The team welcomes back a few key returners while otherwise being a young but developed squad.

"We have a lot of young players with many ninth graders, who will have to step up and contribute right away," Osborne said. "I'm excited to see how the group sticks together with lots of potential and talent coming up."

The team is led by key returners, sophomore Fraser MacDonald, junior Reed Osborne, and senior Declan Potter, who are new to Osborne's style but aren't new to the team. Potter and fellow senior Brayden Prentice bring leadership to the team along with juniors Dylan Webb, Wade Law, and Nick Crandall.

Sophomores include MacDonald, Caden Champion, Daniel Church, Julius Smith, who has been the team's leading scorer thus far this season, Tyler Yerton, Logan Panek, Carter Butcher, Rece Nolan, Landen Wessels, and Jayden Edwards. Other underclassmen that make up the rest of the team include freshmen Jonathon Favinger, Hunter Barnes, Asher Harrington, Caleb Dix, who will be the team's goalie, and Cash Osborne.

With a balanced squad, Osborne looks to take it one game at a time and work on improving as a team as the season progresses to be competitive in the league.

"We have multiple different threats on offense of guys who are looking to score and I think how well our defense can keep our shape and move together as a unit will determine how successful we are this year," Osborne said.

UV/GMU girls' soccer: merging together

NEW BERLIN— The Unadilla Valley/GMU girls' soccer team is ready for a new 2026 season as a combined and merged team under new direction of head coach Jaci Wright. Wright has been watching her new team from day one show much potential to better themselves.

"The girls for both GMU and UV mesh well together, so it is exciting for them all to make an impact together as a united team," Wright said.

Wright learned her players and their playing style rather quickly to prepare them for their first game against Greene before school.

Madison Dix, Molly Gorrell, Noelle Fernandez-Naughton return to the squad as the three captains this season.

"The team and I chose these girls to lead them, and I believe they will do that and more," Wright said. "As far as the rest of the team, my expectation is for the girls to give the program their best every day and to keep working hard. You cannot find success without putting in hard work."

Other key players this season for UV/GMU include seniors Addison Marinelli, Breanna Gregory, Peyton Norton, Shyanne Fuller, Carrie Doyle, and goalkeeper Lexi Davis. Juniors are Alex Irons, Logan Lindholm, Sophia Bell, Sydnee Studer, Delanie Dunnigan, Elizabeth Crawford, Marasynn Bates, and Madison McKissick.

Molly Knuth, Meadow Bert, Fernandez-Naughton, and Allisyn Daniell represent the team's underclass.

"The group's drive and dedication are what makes me excited for this season," Wright added. "They are a great group of girls who want to give their best not only to themselves but to each other and our coaches."

The UV/GMU girls will host the annual NY Pizzeria Tournament September 18 and 19 this year, which is something the team always looks forward to as well as every matchup this season.

"I am excited to see the girls compete against each matchup and leave it all on the field every time," Wright said.



UV/GMU Golf tees off and looks to remain consistent



NEW BERLIN—The UV/GMU golf team is back on the course for its third consecutive season following a two-year hiatus, returning with a young, determined roster ready to build on last year's milestones.

Head coach Kevin Nial leads the squad as they practice and host matches out of their home course, Mountain Top in Sherburne. After successfully checking off key goals last season—securing a match victory and consistently shooting in the 200s—the Storm are raising the bar for the current campaign.

With youth on their side and a solid foundation already established, the team's primary focus this season is centered on consistency and adding more tallies to the win column.

Some key golfers this season include Carter Simonds, Evan Hill, Declan Potter, Gavin Underwood, Hunter Winton, Reed Osborne, Jadynn Caesar, Paul Ruffles, Asher Harrington, Daren Smith, Blake Lawrence, and Urijah Drake, who look to gain more experience and make solid improvements this season.

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DATE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	LOCATION
Sat., Sept. 12	@ Walkins Glen (Storm)	6:00pm	WG Alumni Field
Fri., Sept. 18	Afton (Afton/Harpur) @ Trumansburg	7:00pm	Stadium Field
Fri., Sept. 25	Deposit (Deposit/Hancock)	7:00pm	B-G Track & Field Complex
Fri., Oct. 2	Afton (Afton/Harpur), Harpursville (BGAH) @ Delaware Academy	7:00pm	Dave Kelly Field
Sat., Oct. 10	Greene (Greene/Oxford)	1:30pm	Harpursville Alumni Football Stadium
Fri., Oct. 16	@ Sidney	7:00pm	Sidney HS Alumni Field
Fri., Oct. 23	Walton	7:00pm	B-G Track & Field Complex

Greene (Greene-Oxford) Varsity Football			
DATE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	LOCATION
Fri., Sept. 11	@ Groton	7:00pm	Ross Field Groton
Fri., Sept. 18	Candor (SVEC Eagles)	7:00pm	George G. Raymond Turf Field
Fri., Sept. 25	Delaware Academy	7:00pm	Oxford Blackhawks Stadium Field
Sat., Oct. 3	@ Walton	1:30pm	Jim Hoover Field
Sat., Oct. 10	@ Harpursville (BGAH)	1:30pm	Harpursville Alumni Football Stadium
Fri., Oct. 16	Deposit (Deposit Hancock)	7:00pm	George G. Raymond Turf Field
Fri., Oct. 23	Sidney	7:00pm	George G. Raymond Turf Field

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DATE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	LOCATION
Fri., Sept. 18	Oneonta High School	7:00pm	Norwich HS - Football Turf Field
Fri., Sept. 25	Windsor Central High School	7:00pm	Windsor Central High School-Football Turf Field
Fri., Oct. 2	Waverly Senior High School	7:00pm	Norwich HS - Football Turf Field
Sat., Oct. 10	Maine Endwell High School	1:30pm	Maine Endwell HS-Stadium
Fri., Oct. 16	Whitney Point Central HS	7:00pm	Whitney Point HS-Stadium
Fri., Oct. 23	Owego Free Academy	7:00pm	Norwich HS - Football Turf Field
Fri., Oct. 30	Chenango Valley High School	7:00pm	Chenango Valley High School-Stadium

Sherburne-Earlville Varsity Football			
DATE	OPPONENTS	START TIME	LOCATION
Fri., Sept. 18	Frankfort-Schuyler Central School	7:00pm	Frankfort-Schuyler-FSHS Main Field (Turf)
Sat., Sept. 26	Morrisville-Eaton MS/HS	7:00pm	Morrisville-Eaton MS/HS Richard Loomis Field
Fri., Oct. 2	Thousand Islands High School	7:00pm	Sherburne Earlville HS Football Field
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