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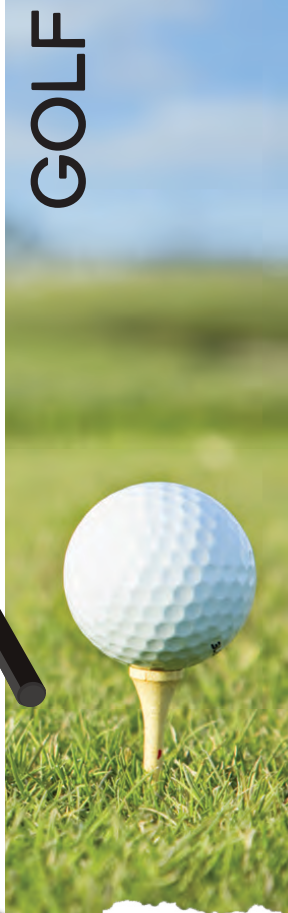
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## Boys' track & field

**Coach:** Nick Meyer is in his 17th year.

**Number of varsity participants:** New Prague has 78 boys in ninth through 12th grades out for track and field, a group including three eighth-graders practicing with the high school team.

**Record a year ago:** In 2022, the Trojans won the Metro West Conference East championship.

**Letter-winners back this spring:** The key returnees from the title team includes 15 upperclassmen expected to play important roles helping the team. Ryan DeNardo was new to track last year but competed at the varsity level in the high jump and hurdles. Jon Grams was all-conference in the long jump and on the 4-by-200 meter relay team. He should be one of New Prague's top sprinters and jumpers. Riley Huseby was a key varsity contributor in the middle distance and distance events last year. Liam Roufs was one of the Trojans' top 1,600-meter and 3,200-meter runners. Semaj Morris earned all-conference honors in 4-by-200 meter relay and should be a key part of the sprints and sprint relays. Nino Morris is one of New Prague's top returning 200-meter and 400-meter sprinters. Ryan Schoen is a captain and a top returner in the middle distance and distance events. Matthew Schoenecker returns as one of the best shot put and discus throwers in the conference. Isaac Mejia and Luke Meger are some of the Trojans' top discus throwers. Sasha Burnham returns as one of NPHS's top shot putters. Issac Stanger is one of the top returning sprinters in the conference at 100- and 200-meter sprint events. Leh Tarr was a varsity triple jumper last spring and will be a contributor in sprints this spring, too. New Prague juniors expected to contribute to the team's success include Jack Hennen, who opened the season with a solid showing in the 55-meter dash and helping the 4-by-200-meter



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The NPHS boys' track and field team includes (back row, from left) Jack Kahnke, Ryan Boike, Cael Doran, Sam Quade, Zeke Russo, Carter Woodgate, Alex Beck, Aidan Rosemeier, Owen Johnson, Grant Pahl, Cale Chromy, Mason Deutsch, Josh Langfield, Guilherme Periera, Alex Meyer, Daniel Ridgeway, (top middle row, from left) Zach Mattern, Adam Proshek, Brydon Passe, TJ Washtock, Ayden Hallberg, Anthony Baker, Hunter Velishek, Everett Harms, Jesse Amberson, Jeremiah Stuber, Noah Josephson, Duane Menorkpor, Shea Dickerson, Thomas Menorkpor, Bryce Lenick, Landon Shepard, (bottom middle row, from left) Mason Decker, Ashton McKinney, Quinton Prasnicki, Brody Lerdon, John Navarro, Diego Vasquez, Cooper Sutherland, Lukas Holicky, Ben Kluegel, Carson Stenger, Ryan Berry, John Walters, Eric Holicky, Caden Scheil, Bjorn Olson, Marty McBroom, Ray Nemmah, (bottom row, from left) Jackson Braith, Jon Grams, Luke Meger, Aidan Henkel, Liam Roufs, Semaj Morris, Nathan Burkhardtsmeier, Sasha Burnham, Issac Stanger, Ryan King, Ryan Schoen, Nino Morris, Leh Tarr, Isaac Mejia, Matthew Schoenecker, Ryan DeNardo, Riley Huseby and Holden Stano.

relay team win during an indoor meet at Mankato State recently. Aidan Rosemeier has varsity experience in the middle distances and should continue to be a team leader, too. Alex Beck made his way to the varsity squad late in 2022 and will contribute in the distance events. Kyle McCarthy was a varsity pole vaulter in 2022 and will also contribute in the distance events.

Other NPHS athletes new to the varsity who will play important roles include Jackson Braith, who offers versatility in sprints, hurdles, and jumping events. Ryan King looks capable of competing at the varsity level in the sprints and horizontal jumps and Nathan Burkhardtsmeier, a newcomer who could be one of New Prague's top shot-put-

ters. Holden Stano, Brydon Passe, and Zach Mattern all have potential to be varsity throwers. Noah Josephson is new to the varsity squad this year and looks ready to contribute in the sprints and long jump. Jack Berger earned his way to the varsity team and will be in the sprints and horizontal jumps. Zeke Russo raced at the varsity level in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter distance races and has been working very hard. Everett Harms had some varsity experience and has continued to improve in the middle distance events. Shea Dickerson is new to track and field, but has established himself as a varsity level sprinter and jumper.

"We have one of our biggest teams ever this spring, including our biggest ever

ninth-grade class," Meyer said. "I am expecting that there are others who will end up contributing to the varsity team, too."

**Record a year ago:** New Prague is the returning Metro West champions and plans to fight to keep that title. After graduating the class of 2022, that will be a challenge. That group included 14 varsity contributors, including several all-conference and all-conference/honorable mention honorees.

"But we will strive to be at our best for the championship meets in May and June, the True Team Section 1AAA, Metro West Conference, and Section 2AA meets," Meyer said. The Trojans have excellent leaders on this team, including a sizeable number of seniors and juniors

with varsity experience. In all event groups – sprints, jumps, hurdles, distance, throws – New Prague has leaders with championship meet experience, Meyer said.

"We will need to continue to develop depth. This is especially true in the events in which we lost the most due to graduation, especially the jumps, hurdles, long sprints, and distance events," he said. "We will need athletes to step up and fill bigger roles than they did last year, which is almost always the case."

Spring weather in Minnesota is very often a challenge, and that has been very true this year.

"With the exception of New Prague's distance runners, athletes practiced inside for the first four weeks. After returning from spring break,

it was suddenly hot and windy. And now it's snowing again, Meyer said. "The good news is that we were able to compete in two meets last week and everyone in the state is in the same boat. That being said, April 21 is the half-way point in the season," he said. "We are really hoping that the weather will cooperate in the second half of the season. We have made it our focus to be patient and 'win the day' for each practice and meet. We are putting our focus on being positive, doing our best each day to improve, and being great teammates. If we do that, we'll be in the best possible position to compete well at the end of the season."

## Girls' track

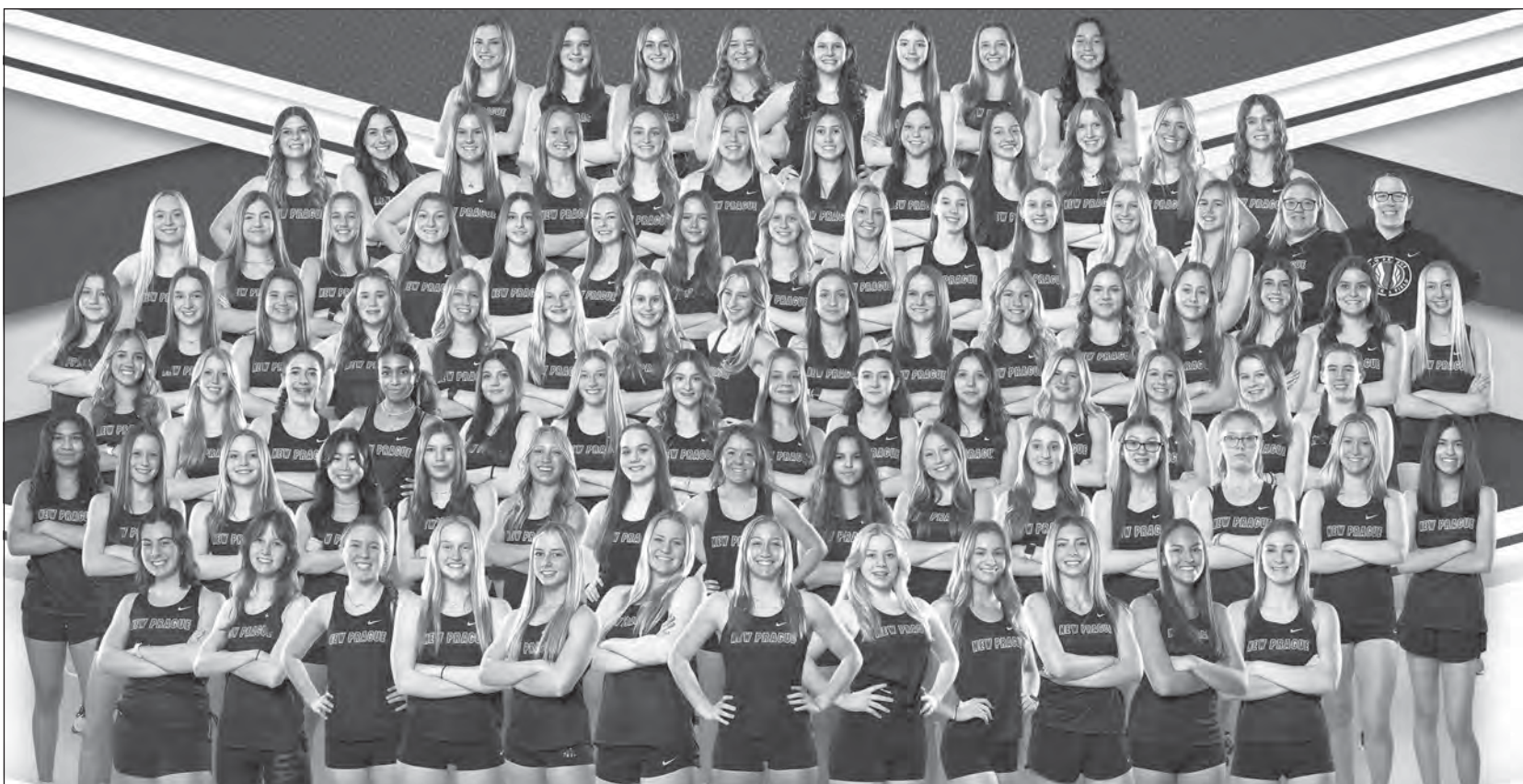


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The NPHS girls' track and field team includes (top row, from left) Iris Trygestad, Sarah Sirek, Audrey Olson, Grace Carlson, Laine Davis, Bella Smith, Maria Schoenbauer, Claire Sundstrom, (sixth row, from left) Lauren Anderson, Raquel Kruger, Juliann Falconer, Audree Connelly, Ashlee Nelson, Olive Stoltz, Natalie Erasmus, Katelyn Sirek, Brynn Peterson, Annie McBroom, Molly King, Corinne Hawley, (fifth row, from left) Cora Schuller, Laura Garcia, Paige Swanepoel, Makenna Johnson, Ali Miller, Ingrid Amberson, Aurora Deuel, Hannah Kraft, Lydia Cavanaugh, Carley Motz, Claire Motz, Hannah Langeberg, Kendra Grack, Julia Kubes, Kaedyn Padelford, (fourth row, from left) Elle Zimmerman, Eryn Schoenebeck, Taylor Hemann, Ellie Woodgate, Baylee Mushitz, Brooke Solheid, Olivia Domek, Ava Bruegger, Tori Nordrom, Kathryn Falconer, Taylor Hankinson, Sofia Charvat, Oliva Quast, Kendall Hauck, Annie Hanzel, Susie Dalsin, (third row, from left) Audrey Wagner, Teva Feit, Savannah Weiler, Naomi Musta, Kennedy Koller, Jeri Sackett, Lilyann Bible, Kamryn Adamek, Sophie Bessette, Sophia Selander, Mckenzie Johnson, Emily Giesen, Anika Johnson, Ashdyn Padelford, (second row, from left) Mashaya Schmitz, Natalie Kraft, Ellie Bawdon, Isa Mac, Anna Eichhorst, Sunny Lukes, Taylor Blumberg, Ella Hanzel, Sierra Vanyo, Karly Ophus, Norah Wacek, Hazyl McCormick, Alanah Dillon, Ruby Tietz, Emma Akhond, (front row, from left) Sophia Metzendorff, Anna Schellin, Maddy Boulanger, Sami Solheid, Ella Barsness, Claire Baribeau, Jady Klein, Emily McCarthy, Mia Monroe, Kayla Thorsfeldt, Peyton Pleasance and Anna Kemp.

**Coach:** Johnny Josephson.

**Number of varsity participants:** 90.

**Record a year ago:** We really don't keep records, but we won eight of the track meets we were in, including the conference championships.

**Letter-winners back this spring:** 51

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** To repeat as conference champs, get better each meet and reach our full potential as a team.

**Strengths of your team:** Strong deep field events, especially the throws. Enthusiasm and drive to do better for the team.

**Areas to work on:** Experience. We have a lot of young, inexperienced tracksters.

**Your thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** For teammates to step up and help the team succeed. It's always fun to discover the hidden treasures each spring. There are always several student athletes that unexpectedly take that big jump to the next level.



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# Boys' golf

**Coach:** Aaron DenHartog has 14 years of experience.

**Last year's record and finish in the conference:** Fifth in the conference.

**Key returnees to this year's team:** Junior Paddy O'Rourke is a team captain and a team favorite. He always makes practice fun for others on the team. Sophomore Easton Bosch is coming off a strong freshman season and is a hard worker. One of our best performers. Andrew King, a freshman, had a great year last year and showed great potential. Carter DenHartog had a strong eighth-grade season. We're excited to see how he does with more varsity experience. Sully Mach has put in the time this summer and is becoming a solid golfer. Jacob Trnka also had a strong summer season at NPGC and should see various varsity matches.

**Other athletes new to the varsity who will play important roles:** We are looking for some younger kids to contribute this year. Sully Mach, Jacob Trnka and Brecken Hanson have worked hard over the summer and are developing into solid golfers. I am excited about our youth on the team. The future looks bright for New Prague boys' golf.

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** We are excited to be part of the Metro West Conference. It is one of the best conferences in the state of Minnesota. Our players are

excited to play courses like Hazeltine and Minneapolis Golf Club. This conference allows these kids to play courses most dream of playing.

**Top teams in the conference, and how do you think your team fits in?** Chaska and Chanhassen are the top teams in the conference. Minnetonka is a powerhouse in our

section.

**Your thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** We hope to get better con-

tinually each week of the year. Our goal is to develop strong young men that hold themselves to a high code of conduct on and off the golf course.



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The NPHS boys' golf team includes (first row, from left) Brecken Hanson, Carter DenHartog, Sully Mach, George Songe, Jacob Trnka, Andrew King, Max Hanzel, Paddy O'Rourke, (middle row, from left) Tucker Connelly, Nate Erickson, Lucas Bischoff, Brody Hutton, Kelgren Jabs, Lucas Scheffler, Drew Britten, (top row, from left) Caden Mushitz, Henry Anglin, Jack Prokopec, (not pictured) Easton Bosch.

# Girls' golf

**Coach:** Dan Holgate. Steffi Williams has taken a one-year leave to care for her newborn son. He is in

his 23rd year of coaching either as the head or assistant coach. Aaron Shetka will be taking over as varsity

assistant coach. **Number of varsity participants:** 20 players this spring.

**Record a year ago:** New Prague finished fifth in the conference last year.

**Letter-winners back this spring:** Raquel Ahrens, Chloe Jirik, Lindsey Savoie, Jordan Meyer, Abby Hankinson, Maria King, Tatum Zimmerman, Nichole Serie, Lilly Torgerson, Ava Ottoson, Rachel Bisek and Alivia Swanke will have a chance to help contribute to a young varsity team this year. Any one of them could earn a spot as a regular in the varsity lineup.

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** The Trojans aim to finish in the top half of the conference. Chaska, Orono, and Benilde-St. Margaret's are the favored teams to win the conference. New Prague's main goal is to get better each day.

**Strengths of the team:** The players get along well and like to have fun. They have good leadership from our captains, Raquel Ahrens, Chloe Jirik and Maria King.

**Areas to work on:** We need to be more consistent, Holgate said. "Limiting the amount of blow-up holes is important."

**Thoughts about the spring season and how to meet/exceed the team's goals:** New Prague is a young team that just needs to get more experience on the course. "We have a lot of girls that will be competing for the six varsity spots," Holgate said. "We lost Avery Gullickson for the season to a gymnastics knee injury. It will be tough to replace her, as she was one of our top golfers last year."



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The NPHS girls' golf team includes (top row, from left) coach Aaron Shetka, Rachel Bisek, Ava Ottoson, Claire Erickson, coach Dan Holgate (middle row, from left) Kendall Hanson, Zoe Junker, Alaina Bishop, Nichole Serie, McKenna Tisdell, Abby Hankinson, Tatum Zimmerman, Lindsey Savoie, Jordan Meyer, Evie Schuller, Lilly Torgerson, (front row, from left) Lily Kieffer, Alexis Montour, Avery Gullickson, Chloe Jirik, Mariah King, Raquel Ahrens, Megan Langenberg, Alivia Swanke and Tori Erickson.

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## Girls' lacrosse

**Coach:** Drew Danner

**Number of varsity participants:** 20 varsity players, 22 on the junior varsity and 24 on the-squad.

**Record a year ago:** 5-9.

**Returning letter-winners:** Aftyn Anderson, Maddyn Anderson, Sophie Baker, Kaelyn Borwege, Joslyn Brotemarkle, Karissa Coughlin, Ella Danner, Audrey DeGross, Lilly Hennes, Kieran Illies, Audrey Johnson, Alice Kartak, Destiney Lofton, Anna Millard, Lilly Parrott, Payton Pumper, Ellie Schmidt, Caroline Seurer, Lilli Sticha and Lilly Wieland.

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** Have fun, compete, be great teammates and become complete players.

**Strengths of the team:** We have a great core group of girls who have several years of experience and we have several younger players.

**Areas to work on:** Transition attack – fast break and transition defense-slowng opposing team's attack down so we can set up our defense.

**Your thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** Compete and get better every week.



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The NPHS girls' lacrosse team includes (back row, from left) Adeline Timmermans, Haley Colling, Aftyn Anderson, Joe Bartholomaus, Drew Danner, Carly Bartholomaus, Audrey DeGross, Taylor Peterson, Emma Wilkins, (middle row, from left) Anna Millard, Caroline Seurer, Audrey Johnson, Kaelyn Borwege, Lilli Sticha, Lilly Wieland, Maddyn Anderson, Sophie Baker, Kieran Illies, Alice Kartak, (front row, from left) Ellie Schmidt, Payton Pumper, Karissa Coughlin, Joslyn Brotemarkle, Lilly Hennes, Ella Danner, Destiney Lofton and Lilly Parrott.

## Boys' lacrosse

**Head coach:** Paul Newton, assistant coach Eric Herrmann, assistant coach Joe Deichelbohrer.

**Number of varsity participants:** 26. We have a record 41 players registered for varsity

and junior varsity.

**Record a year ago:** 6-7. New Prague had one game canceled and then lost its first section game.

The letter-winners back this spring include

Frank Deichelbohrer, Cole Herrmann, John Schmidt, Owen Wilkins, Garric Berg, Toby Bless, Colin Buetow, Peter Dias, Boe Erickson, Kyle Forsman, Luke Herder, Linkoln Jacobson, Alex Nelson, Anthony Perkins, Will

Schmidt, Leyton Scribner, Bradley Thompson, Hayden Ungs and Connor Williams.

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** The team's goals for conference play and overall include winning seven regular-season games and advance to the section semifinals.

**Strengths of your team:** The Trojans' strengths this year includes sophomores Peter Dias and Colin Buetow that are excellent in gaining ball possession at face-offs. After every goal, you don't give the ball to the other team; it goes back to the center for another face-off. Our strength can be to go on offense more than the other team. The team is working to improve its ability to mesh new players and those new to lacrosse players. Some of the boys are athletes from other sports and getting them up to speed with lacrosse can take a bit of time. With lacrosse being only a Class A sport, we will be playing the newest high school team in Hutchinson to the state champions from Benilde-St. Margaret's. So, New Prague will face a wide range of talent levels. The Metro West Conference has some of the top lacrosse teams, so the Trojans will have various goals they set from player, team, game, and season.

"I can see us winning anywhere from 4-9 games, so it comes down to key moments in games to come out on top. Momentum, confidence and determination will be needed," Newton said. "Lacrosse has been a sport in New Prague for several years now. It started first with youth and then the high school sponsored teams. Having a great youth program will help the high school teams perform. This will be the Trojans' third year fielding a varsity lacrosse team."



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The NPHS boys' lacrosse team includes (in numerical order) No. 2, Frank Deichelbohrer; No. 3, William Schmidt; No. 4, Kyle Forsman; No. 5, Cole Herrmann; No. 6, Hayden Ungs; No. 8, Peter Dias; No. 9, Toby Bless; No. 10, Boe Erickson; No. 11, Colin Buetow; No. 15, Carson Myers; No. 17, Alex Nelson; No. 18, Andrew DeLost; No. 19, Connor Williams; No. 22, Breck Hagen; No. 23, Bradley Thompson; No. 24, Owen Wilkins; No. 26, Linkoln Jacobson; No. 27, John Schmidt; No. 29, Leyton Scribner; No. 31, Luke Herder; No. 33, Anthony Perkins; No. 35, Garric Berg; No. 36, Griffin Mohr; No. 37, Thomas Kulakevich; No. 44, Aidan Ettlin; No. 50, Ethan Trice.

## Trap and skeet shooting

**Coach:** Kevin Drill.

**Number of varsity participants:** The team consists of 56 total athletes, 48 boys and eight girls. Twelve of the team members are new to the team this season. The varsity lineup is kind of a moving target. Shooters are considered a varsity athlete if they average of breaking better than 19 out of 25 targets, (75 percent) in scoring sessions.

**Record a year ago:** At the Minnesota Clay Target Championship in Alexandria, Minn., New Prague finished eighth in Class 7A, which qualified the team for the MSHSL State Tournament at the Minneapolis Gun

Club in Prior Lake. In trapshooting, we finished 14th in the state. In skeet shooting, we placed fifth. Minnesota has 343 teams. We have two squads (a squad is made up of five athletes) representing New Prague early in July at the National Tournament in Mason, Mich., in which we finished 32nd in the nation.

**Letter-winners back this spring:** Last season about half the team met the qualifications to letter, set out by New Prague High School's coaches/advisory manual.

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** Our goal is to place in the top three at the

Minnesota Clay Target Championship in Class 8A and MSHSL State Tournament, for both trap and skeet shooting. New Prague went from Class 7A to Class 8A/Conference 1, this season. Classes are set on the size of the teams.


**Strengths of your team:** Lots of our top athletes have returned for this season.

**Areas to work on:** Continue to refine the top athletes and develop the up and coming athletes.

**Thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** We would like every

athlete to add at least one more target broken each week to their scores. If we continue to improve week over week, we will be in a good position to reach our goals.

**Anything else?** I'm very optimistic for this season. Shotgun sports is a very mental game. You need to have both the physical ability and the mental ability to perform under pressure. The smallest of errors can cause a target to be missed. I know that we have several athletes that possess the skills to perform at the highest levels in this sport.




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# Baseball

**Coach:** Tanner Oakes.  
**Number of varsity participants:** There are 70 players in the high school program.

**Record a year ago:** 15-10  
**Letter-winners back this spring:** 8

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** We play in a very competitive conference and section. We will face a high-quality opponent for every conference game we play this year, and will play most of the teams in our section during the non-conference schedule. It will be a good test for us every game and get us ready for the playoffs. We expect to compete at a high level and be playing our best baseball at the end of the season to hopefully make a deep run in the postseason.

**Strengths of your team:** Our team will have solid depth at most positions. We have a lot of guys competing for playing time and many of those guys can contribute at a high level at multiple positions. The depth and versatility of our lineup will definitely be tested as games start to pile up with the weather and field conditions impacting the spring schedule.

**Areas to work on:** We are going to need some pitchers to step up and contribute on the mound this year. Jake Hemann, one of our top pitchers from last year, is still working his way back from an injury so that leaves a big hole to fill



The NPHS baseball team includes (back row, from left) Nick Giesen, Tyler Giesen, Henry Novak, Don Plaisance, Tanner Oakes, Jeremy Heitkamp, Gaabe Lovaas, Jackson Sirek, James Cavanaugh, Sam Friedges, (front row, from left) Will Seymour, Jake Lundquist, Aiden Jackson, Eric Berg, Mac Olson, Kyle Carlberg, Jake Hemann, Kyle Smith, Nolan Eischens and Noah Washa.

to start the season. I do believe we have guys with the right mentality to be able to compete in all situations on the mound though.

**Your thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will**

**occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** As long as we continue to focus on the fundamentals, throw strikes on the mound, make the routine plays, and play with effort and energy, we

should have a successful season.

**Anything else you'd like to add?** We have teamed up with Shakoep and the Duck Cup Memorial to host a mental health awareness game Saturday, May 6. We are

excited to be able to partner with both programs to bring awareness to an important topic. We hope to see you at the ballpark May 6 as well as our other home games this spring.

# Softball

**Coach:** First-year coach Melissa Digatono has 15 players on her team.

11-12 overall, The returning letter-winners include Maryn Anderson, Maddy Tupy, Norah Blaschko, Lenna Britten, Ava Rud, Jordyn Marsh, Mekenna Fischer, Julia Blenker and Nora Jacobson. Last year's team graduated four members.

The Trojans' expectations this spring include welcoming back many of our letter-winners. The team will rely on their varsity experience, Digatono said. One of its goals this season is to win the conference.

**Strengths of your team:** "We have seen gains in our pitching staff and we will have stability and depth behind the plate. Many of our players are utility which will give us a lot of options and work to our advantage defensively," she said. "I look forward to seeing our versatility of power mixed with speed

in the lineup. We are known for being aggressive baserunners and will continue to play to that strength."

**Areas to work on:** The challenge

for every team is how to handle adversity for some of the uncontrollable, Digatono said. Our leadership has been putting in the work in the

off-season to set us up for success. "I've been proud of this year's group for taking some inexperienced players under their wing,"

she said. "They also show up early and want the extra reps. It's been a really fun atmosphere to be a part of."



The NPHS softball team includes (top row, from left) coach Amy Sirek, Lacie Crawford, Kenna Fischer, Julia Blenker, Katie Boulanger, Izzie Tuma, coach Melissa Digatono, (front row, from left) Catie Ambroz, Jordyn Marsh, Lenna Britten, Ava Rud, Paige Marschall, Morgan Collins, Maddy Tupy, Nora Jacobson, Maryn Anderson and Norah Blaschko.

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## Boys' tennis

**Coach:** Head varsity coach Jill Bailey, has 16 years of experience coaching tennis at the high school or college level. The junior varsity/assistant coach, Dustin Johnson, is starting his second year of coaching tennis.

**Record a year ago:** The team's 2022 record was 11-8.

**Key returnees:** We have 26 tennis players grades 9-12 out for tennis this season. With only one senior, we are a little younger and less experienced, but we're excited about the eagerness to learn, improve and compete. The captain of the team is senior Ezra Greenman. The returnees include Greenman and sophomore Carson Sayler from last year's varsity singles line-up. Junior Josiah Anderson and sophomores Connor Seeland, Caleb Stocker, Cole Murphy and Ben VonBank return with varsity doubles experience. Their varsity experience and versatility will benefit the team at singles and doubles this year. Greenman and Sayler earned Metro West All-Conference Honorable Mention honors last season and will likely lead the team in singles throughout the season. Sayler won the most singles matches last season while Anderson won the most doubles matches.

Other individuals showing improvement from last year and will see action at singles and doubles are juniors Benett Gregor, Andrew Krautkremer, Derek Williams, Mikkal Hvidsten, Nathan Metko, Ganon Seger, Carter Svoboda, Jack Hesseling, Logan Liberty and Colton Gramley. The Trojans also will have the help of junior foreign-exchange student, Diego Almaguer.

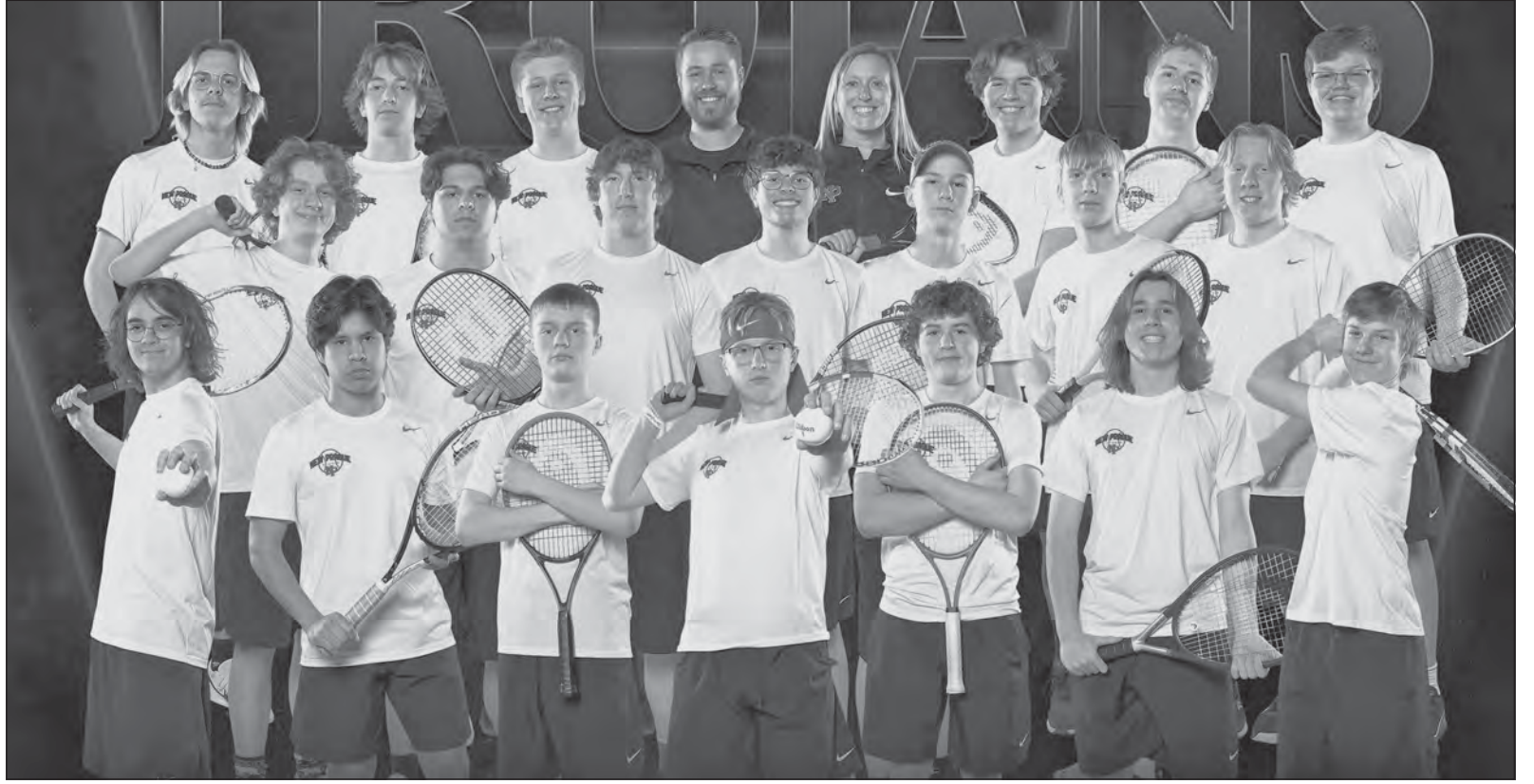


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The NPBS tennis team includes (back row, from left) Mikkal Hvidsten, Cole Murphy, Ben VonBank, assistant coach Dustin Johnson, head coach Jill Bailey, Logan Liberty, Benett Gregor, Jack Hesseling, (middle row, from left) Alex Case, Carter Svoboda, Ganon Seger, Derek Williams, Logan Gutzmer, Nathan Metko, Caleb Stocker, (front row, from left) Madden Monte-Paul, Diego Almaguer, Colton Crabb, Ezra Greenman, Garrison Liberty, Andrew Krautkremer, Colton Gramley, (not included) Carson Sayler, Josiah Anderson, Mason Stoltz, Jacob Bisek, Mason Noble and Connor Seeland.

Newcomers Mason Stoltz, Mason Noble, Jacob Bisek, Madden Monte-Paul, Alex Case, Logan Gutzmer and Colton Crabb, Garrison Liberty will benefit the tennis program this season in a variety of ways.

**Conference/overall Goals for the team:** As for conference play, Orono won the Metro West Confer-

ence and the Class AA state championship last year. The Spartans are favored to win the conference again. The last two years, New Prague has finished fifth in the conference and section. Its team goal is to improve to a top-four finish. The Trojans would also like to improve and advance in the section tourna-

ment by advancing past the opening round of playoffs.

"Our focus is improving our court sense through consistency and offensive play at the net. This year's team is young and lacks varsity experience, but they are a coachable and competitive group," Bailey said. "If they focus in practice and

do what we ask, they have the ability to improve fast. Our mission is to play with purpose. To make that happen, we want to strive to improve, compete, and stay mentally strong every time we step out on the court."

## Indoor softball

**Head coach:** Shellie Kriha; assistant coach, Julie Holgate.

**Number of varsity participants:** 13

**Record a year ago:** 2-7; However, the team finished second at the state tournament.

**Letter-winners back this spring:** 11

**Conference/overall goals for the team:** We would

like to improve every game, so that like last year, we are ready when tournament time comes around and place at the

state tournament.

**Strengths of the team:** Our returning players have experience and are strong hitters.

Trystan Seger, Ray Parker, Elliot Soukup, Aaron Adamson and Carter Tupy all had great plate appearances last year and we expect they will continue on this year. John LaFaurie will take over the pitching duties this year and Seger will move to solidify the shortstop position. Parker will be a leader in center field.

**Areas to work on:** We need to come together as a team and solidify our play in the field.

**Your thoughts about the spring season and what you hope will occur to meet/exceed your team's goals:** We as coaches are very excited to see our seniors Aaron Adamson, Ray Parker, John LaFaurie, Shane Friedrich and Jeffery Teal step up and be great leaders. We are excited for them to have a great final season as hitters and in the field. This team has the talent and the experience to have a great season.



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The NPBS indoor softball team includes (back row, from left) coach Shellie Kriha, Ryan Swenson, John LaFaurie, Lorelai Hamre, Carter Tupy, Brady Nelson, Bobby Starr, coach Julie Holgate, (front row, from left) manager Seth Dornier, Jeffery Teal, Elliot Soukup, Trystan Seger, Raymond Parker, Aaron Adamson, Shane Friedrich, Luke Ryburn and manager Garrett Gagner.

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# 2023 Spring Sports Schedules

## SOFTBALL

Date/Time	Opponent	Site
Fri., April 14, 3 p.m.	Worthington	New Prague HS
Sat., April 15, 2 p.m.	Marshall	Jordan HS
Mon., April 17, 4:30 p.m.	Jordan	Jordan HS
Tues., April 18, 4:30 p.m.	Chaska	Chaska HS
Fri., April 21, 4:30 p.m.	Orono	New Prague HS
Mon., April 24, 6 p.m.	Bloomington Jefferson	Dred Scott Fields, Bloomington
Wed., April 26, 4:30 p.m.	St. Louis Park	New Prague HS
Fri., April 28, 4:30 p.m.	Waconia	Waconia HS
Tues., May 2, 4:30 p.m.	Chanhassen	New Prague HS
Thurs., May 4, 4:30 p.m.	Benilde-St. Margaret's	Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
Fri., May 5, 5 p.m.	Northfield	Northfield HS
Mon., May 8, 4:30 p.m.	Chaska	New Prague HS
Wed., May 10, 4:30 p.m.	Orono	Orono Intermediate School
Thurs., May 11, 4:30 p.m.	Bloomington Jefferson	New Prague HS
Fri., May 12, 5 p.m.	Mankato tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Sat., May 13, 10 a.m.	Mankato tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Mon., May 15, 5 p.m.	St. Louis Park	Aquila Park, St. Louis Park
Wed., May 17, 4:30 p.m.	Waconia	New Prague HS
Fri., May 19, 7 p.m.	Chanhassen	Chanhassen HS
Thurs., May 25, 5 p.m.	Section tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Sat., May 27, 2 p.m.	Section tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Thurs., June 1, 5 p.m.	Section tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Thurs., June 8, TBD	State tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato
Fri., June 9, TBD	State tournament	Caswell Park, North Mankato

## GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

Date/Time	Opponent	Site
Tues., April 11, 5:30 p.m.	Quadrangular meet	Mankato State U., Myers Field House
Thurs., April 13, 4 p.m.	Quadrangular meet	New Prague HS
Wed., April 19, 3:30 p.m.	Quadrangular meet	Chaska HS
Thurs., April 27, 4 p.m.	Invitational meet	Jordan HS
Tues., May 9, 4 p.m.	10-team meet	Lakeville South HS
Wed., May 17, 4 p.m.	Eight-team meet	Chaska HS
Wed., May 24, 4 p.m.	Eight team meet	New Prague HS
Wed., May 31, 3 p.m.	Section meet	Worthington HS
Fri., June 2, 9 a.m.	Section meet	Worthington HS
Fri., June 9, 9 a.m.	State meet	St. Michel-Albertville HS
Sat., June 10, 9 a.m.	State meet	St. Michel-Albertville HS

## BASEBALL

Date/Time	Opponent	Site
Thurs., April 6, 4:30 p.m.	Jordan	Memorial Park, NP
Wed., April 14, 12:15 p.m.	Bloomington Jefferson	Hopkins HS
Fri., April 12, 4:30 p.m.	Marshall	Memorial Park, NP
Mon., April 17, 4:30 p.m.	Northfield	Northfield HS
Tues., April 18, 7 p.m.	Orono	Memorial Park, NP
Fri., April 21, 4:30 p.m.	Bloomington Jefferson	Dred Scott Fields, Bloomington
Mon., April 24, 4:30 p.m.	St. Louis Park	Memorial Park, NP
Wed., April 26, 4:30 p.m.	Waconia	Lions Field, Waconia
Thurs., April 27, 5 p.m.	Mankato East	Mankato East HS
Sat., April 29, 11 a.m.	Jordan	Memorial Park, NP
Tues., May 2, 7 p.m.	Benilde-St. Margaret's	Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
Thurs., May 4, 4:30 p.m.	Chaska	Memorial Park, NP
Sat., May 6, 7 p.m.	Shakopee	Memorial Park, NP
Mon., May 8, 4:30 p.m.	Orono	Orono HS
Tues., May 9, 7 p.m.	Hutchinson	Hutchinson HS
Thurs., May 11, 6 p.m.	St. Louis Park	Dakota Park, St. Louis Park
Sat., May 13, noon	Mankato West	Mankato State University
Mon., May 15, 4:30 p.m.	Tri-City United	Memorial Park, NP
Thurs., May 18, 6 p.m.	Chanhassen	Chanhassen HS
Fri., May 19, 7 p.m.	St. Peter	Veterans Park, St. Peter
Tues., May 23, 4:30 p.m.	Benilde-St. Margaret's	Memorial Park, NP
May 27-June 8, TBA	Section tournament	TBA
June 13-16, TBA	State tournament	TBA

## INDOOR SOFTBALL

Date/Time	Opponent	Site
Mon., April 17, 4:30 p.m.	Dakota United	Hope Fieldhouse, Rosemount
Wed., April 19, 4:30 p.m.	Chan-Chaska-Shako-PL	CEC, New Prague
Wed., April 26, 4:30 p.m.	Chan-Chaska, Shako-PL	Twin Oaks MS, Prior Lake
Mon., May 1, 4:30 p.m.	So. Washington County	Woodbury HS
Wed., May 3, 4:30 p.m.	Dakota United	CEC, New Prague
Mon., May 8, 4:30 p.m.	Stillwater	Mahtomedi HS
Wed., May 10, 4:30 p.m.	South Suburban	CEC, New Prague
Mon., May 15, 4:30 p.m.	Burns-Farmington-Lkville	CEC, New Prague
Fri., June 2, TBA	State tournament	Chanhassen HS
Sat., June 3, TBA	State tournament	Chanhassen HS

## BOYS' GOLF

Date/Time	Opponent	Site
Tues., April 18, 11 a.m.	Conf. schools	Bluff Creek GC, Chanhassen
Thurs., April 20, 2 p.m.	Invitational	Northfield Golf Club, Northfield
Mon., April 24, TBD	Conf. schools	Hazeltine Nat'l Club, Chaska
Fri., April 28, 1 p.m.	Invitational	New Prague Golf Club, NP
Mon., May 1, 1 p.m.	Conf. schools	Mpls. Golf Club, Minneapolis
Mon., May 8, 1 p.m.	Invitational	Burl Oaks GC., Minnetrista
Mon., May 8, 2 p.m.	Conf. schools	Island View GC, Waconia
Mon., May 8, 2 p.m.	Conf. schools	TBA
Tues., May 9, 2:30 p.m.	Conf. schools	Dwan GC, Bloomington
Fri., May 12, 8:30 a.m.	Invitational	Le Sueur CC, Le Sueur
Wed., May 17, 10 a.m.	Invitational	Oakdale GC, Hutchinson
Thurs., May 18, 10 a.m.	Invitational	Oakdale GC, Hutchinson
Mon., May 22, 7:30 a.m.	Conf. championship	Braemar GC, Edina
Wed., May 24, 1 p.m.	Jordan	New Prague GC, NP

## BOYS' GOLF CONT.

Jordan	Ridges at Sand Creek GC, Jordan
Section tournament	Ridges at Sand Creek GC, Jordan
Section tournament	Ridges at Sand Creek GC, Jordan
State tournament	Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids
State tournament	Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids

## GIRLS' GOLF

Opponent	Site
Conf. schools	Dwan GC, Bloomington
Conf. schools	Island View GC, Waconia
Conf. schools	Bluff Creek GC, Chanhassen
Conf. schools	New Prague GC, New Prague
Invitational	Crow River GC, Hutchinson
Invitational	New Prague GC, New Prague
Conf. schools	Baker National GC, Medina
Conf. schools	Braemar GC, Edina
Section tournament	Ridges at Sand Creek, Jordan
Section tournament	Ridges at Sand Creek, Jordan
State tournament	Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids
State tournament	Bunker Hills GC, Coon Rapids

## BOYS' TRACK & FIELD

Opponent	Site
Quadrangular meet	Mankato State U., Myers Field House
Quadrangular meet	New Prague HS
Quadrangular meet	Chaska HS
Invitational meet	Jordan HS
10-team meet	Lakeville South HS
Eight-team meet	Chaska HS
Eight team meet	New Prague HS
Section meet	Worthington HS
Section meet	Worthington HS
State meet	St. Michel-Albertville HS
State meet	St. Michel-Albertville HS

## GIRLS' LACROSSE

Opponent	Site
Big Lake	New Prague HS
Proctor/Hermantown	New Prague HS
Bloomington Jefferson	Bloomington Jefferson HS
Chanhassen	Chanhassen HS
Farmington	Farmington HS
Rochester Century	New Prague HS
St. Louis Park	St. Louis Park HS
Mankato West	New Prague HS
Waconia	New Prague HS
Burnsville	Apple Valley HS
Chaska	Chaska HS
Benilde-St. Margaret's	Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
Section play-in round	TBD
Section playoffs	TBD
Section playoffs	TBD
Section playoffs	TBD
Section playoffs	TBD
State tournament	TBD
State tournament	TBD
State tournament	TBD

## BOYS' LACROSSE

Opponent	Site
Rochester Century	Rochester Century HS
Bloomington Jefferson	New Prague HS
Chanhassen	Chanhassen HS
Hastings	McNamara Stadium, Hastings
Owatonna	New Prague HS
Benilde-St. Margaret's	Benilde-St. Margaret's HS
Waconia	Waconia HS
Bloomington Kennedy	Burnsville HS
Mankato East	New Prague HS
Chaska	New Prague HS
Rochester Mayo	Rochester Mayo HS
Section tournament play-in	TBD
Section tournament	TBD
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State tournament	TBD
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