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FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL

FHS has question marks entering 2025

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Football is won in the trenches and Freedom will certainly have one of the best units on both sides of the ball in the East Penn Conference this season.

The question is how can the Pates fill all the skill positions that graduated last year?

The Pates are coming off a 10-2 season from a year ago, with losses to Easton in week 9 and to Parkland in the district quarterfinals.

They lost quarterback Chase Walker, standout wide receiver Shacre Colwell and star running back Aaron Beete, along with other skill position players and will need the next batch of Patriots to step up in order to find success this season.

Key returners this year are Xavier Dejesus

(SR., WR/OLB); Jacob Hauze (SR., TE/DE); Geo Ledee (SR., QB/WR/DB); Dan Schiffert (SR., OL/DL); Aaron James (SR., OL/DL); Brian Renshaw (SR., RB/LB); Lashawn Johnson (JR., RB/OLB); Reshaun Jones (JR., TE/LB); Nate Stannard (JR., K) and Ky Moore (So., OL/DL)

The strength of the team will come on the shoulders of linemen Hauze, Schiffert, James and Moore with Johnson taking over at running back.

Newcomers include: Abraham Pla (SR., RB/OLB); Dylan Collier (SR., WR/DB); Jaxson Pierson (SR., WR/DB); Kellen Binstead (SR., WR/DB); Jahaire Hughes (JR., RB/LB); Evan Wahba (JR., WR/LB); Michael Stofanek (JR., QB/DB); Michael Baker (JR., TE/LB); Izyias Dejesus (JR., OL/

DL); Max Estrella (JR., OL/DL); Caleb Reiss (JR., OL/DL); Jaylen Hall (JR., OL/DL); Gabe Vazquez (JR., OL/DL); Davyann Moore (JR., WR/DB); Aiden Dandrea (JR., WR/DB) and Navjot Sandhu (JR., WR/DB).

Stofanek steps into his first season at quarterback, but has the benefit of a great offensive line to give him protection.

"We need to replace the large majority of our skilled player production," said head coach Jason Roeder, who enters his 20th year at the helm. "Experience returns on the offensive line and tight end positions."

"On defense, experience returns on the defensive line and linebacker positions, but we need to replace the majority of our secondary."



Jacob Hauze will look to break away from more defenders this season.

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The Freedom High School marching band.

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Field hockey eying
postseason berth

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Freedom’s field hockey team is looking to get over the hump and qualify for the postseason this year after falling painfully short a year ago.

The Pates finished 8-9-1 last season, but have the expectations to

be postseason players. This year’s seniors include Amaria Bozikis, Caroline Kuehner, Jenelle Karabinus, Karree Vandever.

Vandever, Avitabile and Kuehner are captains this fall.

Juniors on the roster are Ivy Avitabile, Madeline Gasper, Peyton

Haas, Cameron Evans, Lileighana Siegfried, Lilliana Nelson, Aubrey Culcasi, Joyce Criollo and Alexis Horvath.

Sophomores Rebecca Snell and Riley Luther round out their class followed by freshmen Zoey Napolitano, Nikole Jones, Jailynn Cotto and Carolyn Hitchings.



Caroline Kuehner is one of the key players back for Freedom.

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Danni Herman is back for the Freedom girls team.

Girls soccer team to be challenged early

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Freedom's girls soccer team will be challenged day one with their first match against Parkland on Aug. 26.

"Overall, the team needs to play with confidence," said Freedom second-year head coach

Tony Billone. "No matter who the opponent is, mistakes will always happen, but we must not be afraid to make them."

Key returners for the Patriots will be defenders Danni Herman, CeCe Warren, and Gianna Gerould, midfielders Yzabella Garces and

Avery Billone, midfielder/defender Abby Barone, and goalie Brooklyn Pronavich.

"We are excited to get the season started," Coach Billone said. "Parkland will be a big test for us, but I truly believe we are ready for the challenge ahead."

Boys look to replace several starters

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Freedom's boys soccer team will be replacing eight starters who have since graduated, all while striving to compete deep into league and district playoffs for the 2025 season.

"How this team performs this year will be dependent on how they are able to rise to the occasion and fill the voids left by our graduating players from last year," said Patriot head coach Tyler Nolan. "We came up short of our expectations last year by losing in the semifinals of both the EPC and district playoffs, and while we graduated some really talented players, our expectations of winning these playoffs remain."

Key returners for the Patriots include defender Ben Soleymani, midfielders Dylan Shupp and Gavin Lynch, midfielder/forward Logan Espinal, forward Gino Tello Gonzales, and goalie Ben Rodriguez.

"We trained every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings, something we have done for the last four years," Nolan said. "It has helped us in the past, so we continue to do it."

There will be no easing into the season for this year's Pates as they will face Parkland in their season opener on Aug. 26.

"However, it does



Gavin Lynch is a key player back for the Pates.

provide the team an opportunity to measure themselves up against one of the best teams, not only in our area, but also the state," said Nolan. "The energy for the first match of the season is always great, but now having it at the state runner-up, at night, on TV, only increases that

level of anticipation."

AJ Schroettner is Coach Nolan's varsity assistant, and Derek Bast (FHS '19) is Freedom's JV coach and assistant varsity coach.

The Patriots are scheduled to host Whitehall in their home opener on Aug. 28.

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Amelia Holden and Taylor Vidimski are back for the girls.

Harriers ready to hit ground running

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Freedom’s cross country team is switching up its preseason schedule this year and will compete in a meet in Kutztown to open the 2025 season.

The Patriot girls team will be led by returners Taylor Vidumsky, Amelia Holden, and Molly Parkin, and newcomer Hannah Brodhead.

Brodhead competed in indoor track last winter and clocked 10:39 in a 3k during one of Freedom’s meets.

“Hannah should be our top girl,” said Freedom coach Bob Thear. “She’ll have her hands full with Mady McCartney (Emmaus) and Katie Drabouski (Liberty), but I expect her to be with them. Her shorter stride should serve her well on hills.

“Taylor should be top 15 in the league. She looks really healthy. She just missed qualifying for states last year, but we’ll have a good one-two punch.”

On the boys side, top Patriot harrier Brayden Boyle will miss the first



Brayden Boyle is a key runner back for the boys.

couple of weeks of the season as the Freedom junior heals from a stress fracture.

“The boys are very young and not strong,” said Thear. “They should hover around

.500. We have assistant coach Devon Harris to push Brayden, who put in a good summer.”

Thear expects that Boyle, Vidumsky, and Brodhead will qualify for states this fall.

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Golfers look to stay in mix

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

Freedom head golf coach Mike Evans is optimistic that his club can jell down the stretch the season.

The Patriots have a mix of some returning players as well as some promising ones this fall.

Through their five matches, and at the time of our print deadlines, Freedom posted a 4-5 record. Evans sees his club hovering around the .500 mark in the always-competitive East Penn Conference.

"This year's team is

filled with a lot of new names from across all grades," said Evans. "In our 15 matches we hope to get about 6-7 wins, in the middle of the pack."

In early going, the Patriots have been led by juniors Logan Ritter and Connor Depaolis. The duo recently combined to shoot a 69 for a fifth-place finish at the annual Wasser Cup Championship. Notre Dame of Green Pond's Simon Weed and Liam Gilligan combined to shoot a 66 to claim the title.

On the season so far, Ritter and Depaolis have

both been shooting in the high 70s and low 80s.

"Both of them have been pretty consistent," said Evans. "We're looking for both of them to set the pace for us this season."

Along with the junior duo, Evans will look for first-year seniors Colin Andrews, Gabe Solivan, and Tyler Grillo, who both have been shooting in the low 90s.

In addition, Evans will turn to juniors Gianna Ruane and Leah Mujumdar to be regular contributors. Fellow junior Griffin Kleinle

and freshman Cameron Sciascia should also be in the mix.

"Our girls have been playing well," added Evans. "We expect them to continue to lower their scores and be competitive throughout the rest of the season."

The Patriots will have key upcoming matches Central Catholic, Easton, and Pleasant Valley, all of them can dictate the direction of the rest of the season.

"We just have to keep working," said Evans. "We like where we are, and we can get better."

Tennis team returning several key players this fall

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Freedom's girls tennis team has the good fortune of returning most of its players from last year, although there will be some shifting in the Patriots' lineup.

Sophomores Aurora Clark and Esha Kotadia have risen from doubles to the No. 1 and No. 2 singles spots, respectively.

Junior Katie Ryer will start the season at No. 3 singles.

Misha Braski, who

played singles last year, will team up with Paula Pagon at No. 2 doubles.

Mia Napolitano and Katie Nenna will remain a pair from last year but will move up to No. 3 doubles.

At No. 4 doubles will be Gwen Adrodriguez and Josephine Davies.

"[Mia and Katie] have become more consistent, and Aurora Clark is playing very, very well," said Freedom head coach Mark Sigmon.

Despite the oppressive heat for the first

week of practice, Coach Sigmon is pleased with the way his players are handling it.

"I've been impressed. The girls have been really good about it, and they are doing some good stuff," he said. "We're in the position that, if we play well, we could be 11-5; if not, 7-9."

The Patriots will take on Nazareth on Aug. 27 and Easton on Sept. 6.

"Those two matches will tell us a lot," Sigmon said.



Katie Ryer is a key returner for the Patriots tennis team this year.



Landry Guman is back for the Freedom girls.

Volleyball has their sights on postseason

BY PETER CAR
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Freedom's volleyball team is looking to make a bounce back to the District 11 postseason this fall.

After finishing 7-11 a year ago and missing out on the playoffs, the Pates aim to get back into district and EPC tournament play.

Qualifying for both tournaments are the main goals for this year's

squad that features five seniors in Sara Kokolus, Chelsea Johnson, Landry Guman, Jayleece Baker and Brooke Markovitz.

A large junior class of Ondine Murabet, Zorielis Murga, Gianna Vetter, Sira Powell, Saige Carter and Anzlea Frailey round out the bulk of the roster.

Sophomore Morgan Pavolko is the youngest player on varsity.

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LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Football looks to build off postseason

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They say football is won and lost in the trenches and Liberty will have plenty of work to fill those gaps this season.

Coming off a 7-4 campaign a year ago, which saw the Hurricanes lost to Parkland in the district quarterfinals, head coach Shawn Daignault

hopes this is a step in the right direction for a program that went to 2-8 in back-to-back seasons prior to last year.

"We have a lot of our skill players back from a 7-4 team so that is exciting but replacing four out of five offensive linemen and all four defensive linemen will be a big challenge," said Daignault. "How well we develop in the

trenches will be key to our success."

Returning starters this year include OT/DE Nick Schenkel Sr, QB Antonio Fontanez Sr, WR/DB Jake Pukszyn Sr, WR/DB Zyaire Davis Jr, WR/DB Jaxon Barlok Sr, LB JJ Pujals Sr, LB/RB Adriaan Deleon Sr, RB Gabe Green Sr, RB/DB Jonte Bowe Sr, K/P Christian Hacket, Jr.

Newcomers are WR/DB Anthony Otero Sr, WR/DB Billy Reese Sr, RB/LB Mekkhi McKenzie Jr, OL/DL Nazir Barahona Jr, OL/DL Roberto Nieto Jr, OL/DL Joseph Echevaria Jr, OL/DL Jason Dougherty Soph, WR/DB Jayvion White Soph, TE/DL Maurice Cummings Soph, OL/LB Anthony Martin Soph and LB/RB Xavier Ryan Soph.



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The Liberty High School marching band.



Gabe Green is back for the Hurricanes this season.



Katie Drabouski and Elizabeth McClarin are expected to be at the top of races this year.

Spang takes over LHS harriers

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's cross country team will be led by new head coach Joseph Spang for the 2025 season.

"Liberty has a proud cross country tradition, and I'm excited to be part of that," said Spang, who is also the jumps coach for the Hurricanes track and field team and has been the

co-head cross country coach at Nitschmann Middle School with his wife Kristin.

The Hurricanes will open their season with the Centaur Invitational at DeSales University on September 6.

Key returners for the boys team are Josh Cazaras, Logan Malozi, and Carl Fair.

Key returners for the girls team are Katie Drabouski, Elizabeth

McClarín, and Lilah McClarin.

"We had a summer running and lifting program that had great attendance over the summer," Spang said. "We believe we can compete with the best teams in the East Penn Conference."

The Hurricanes will carry a combined team of 50 runners, which is an increase from the last few seasons.

Assistant coaches are Kristin Spang, Christa Sharrer, and Erin Matyus.

"Distance running is a difficult thing to do, but when kids start to see results from their hard work and support each other, it creates a great team environment," said Coach Spang. "We are really excited about the direction of the program."



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Golfers feel they are right on the cusp again

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

It wasn't that go when Liberty dominated the East Penn Conference (EPC) and District 11 golf scene. In fact, the Hurricanes were three-time District 11 Class 3A champions, and made a few trips to the state championships.

However, times have changed for the Hurricanes. Graduation can do that, and it became hard to replace perennial all-stars.

Yet, the Hurricanes enter the fall season being right on the cusp of the upper-tier teams of the EPC. The Hurricanes missed qualifying for the EPC tournament last year.

"I don't know if you can say that we're rebuilding, but we're building," said veteran head coach Steve Bradley. "We're better than we were last

year.

"The kids are working really hard, and you can see them putting it all together. We only have one senior, and that's a good thing for us."

Trent Stahley, who just missed qualifying for individual states last season, will be their lone graduate after this season. He is part of their core four of Cameron Rodriguez, Jake Wachinski and Andre Erfle. Ryan Dunn and Connor Wieands also have been steady contributors.

"Cameron Rodriguez has been our No.1 player," said Bradley. "He has put the work in, and he has been very steady."

"But, really, they are all getting better. In our last match, we had Cameron shoot a 79, Jake a 79, Trent a 79, and Andrew shot an 80. Ryan was right there with an 84. They all have been a few strokes of each other, and

they're doing a good job feeding off each other."

Bradley realistically doesn't see his team making districts this season, but the Hurricanes should be within reach of making the EPC tournament.

Through their first 10 matches, Liberty had a 7-3 slate. He sees Parkland, Emmaus, Nazareth, and Pocono Mountain East as the top four teams in the league, and the Hurricanes in the second tier with Northampton, Whitehall, and Pleasant Valley.

Even though his team presumably has a longshot to make districts, Bradley envisions three or four of his players advancing to the district tournament and possibly the state tournament.

Through it all, though, Bradley anticipates his players staying the course and eventually working their way back to their once elite status.



Trent Stahley is a returning senior on a pretty young LHS golf team.

"We have some young players, but they're not there yet," said Bradley. "It has been so far, so good."

"We're hitting the ball well, and we believe we have a good future ahead."

Boys ready to go

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Liberty's boys soccer head coach Jason Horvath will be looking for more goals from his Hurricanes for the 2025 season.

"We played in the Lehigh Valley Summer Soccer League. We did well enough," Horvath said. "Between the two teams, we both made the playoffs, but it is summer league, and players go on vacation, so it ended a little early."

Key returners this fall include midfielders Brody Hunsberger, Deklan McCane, and Fineas Brown, forward Milan Nikolav, defender Menelik Richards, and



Deklan McCane is a key, returning player for the boys soccer team.

goalie Thomas Horvath.

Coach Horvath is looking forward to simply getting the season started.

"The first game is so important," he said. "You want to start on your front foot and keep moving forward."

Horvath will be assisted by Colin Jupina, Safa Turkdommez, and Josh Denlinger.

Scrimmages with Salisbury and Moravian Academy will precede the Hurricanes' home opener against Easton on Aug. 26.

Girls look to set tone

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls soccer team will be led by senior captain and center back Jocelyn Amador, senior captain and goalie Angie Carvalho, senior captain and center midfielder Andrea Ramirez, and junior center back Emi Teran for the 2025 season.

"The best thing about the start of the season is that everyone starts 0-0," said Liberty head coach Andrew Uhler. "I love the ability to set the tone for what we want the season to be and emulate the values that our team believes in."

This summer, the Hurricanes competed in the Whitehall Summer League.

"I thought our performance was a positive indicator for the upcoming season," Uhler said. "We have a lot of young players on our varsity team, and it was nice to see them create synergy with our returning players."

In order to have a successful fall season, Uhler said the Hurricanes must improve on continued and sustained energy, as well as competitiveness and belief.

Coach Uhler will be assisted by Skylar Devitt, Anthony Silva, Macy



Emi Teran is back for the girls

Miller, and Jessica Smith.

Scrimmages with Salisbury and Southern Lehigh will precede the Hurricanes' home opener against Bangor on Aug. 23, followed by an Eastern Pennsylvania Conference match at Easton on Aug. 26.

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Girls bring depth to field hockey team

BY PETER CAR
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Liberty hopes to make a run back to the postseason this fall and make a bump up from last year's 9-9 record.

The Hurricanes were qualifiers for the EPC and District 11 tournaments and head coach Jill Dorn is excited about what this year's group has in store.

"There's an exciting atmosphere knowing the skill level and the connection of this team," said Dorn. "Be it to belong, to be together, to compete, to keep the sport alive, to continue playing beyond high school; they have been collaborative and cohesive during a busy and short preseason."

Returning players include: Julianna Zumas (Sr., midfield/forward), Ellis Corr (Sr., forward), Abigail Mayes (Sr., goalie), Lily Weaver (Sr., midfield/forward) and Emerson Dougherty (Jr., midfield).

Zumas returns as a second team EPC player from a year ago and will continue her playing career at Rider.

Newcomers are Layla Hernandez (So., midfield/forward), Sophie Terry (So., midfield/forward), Madison Miller (So., midfield), Madison Cornwell (Fr., midfield) and Fiona Trapp (Fr., defense/midfield).

"We have the right players for all the positions on the field, and



Julianna Zumas returns to the Liberty field hockey team this season.

"We have the right players for all the positions on the field, and we have the ability to mix up quarters and starters and keep competitive notions because there's depth in our roster."

Jill Dorn

we have the ability to mix up quarters and starters and keep competitive notions because there's depth in our roster," said Dorn of this year's expectations. "The key, especially in the beginning of the season, is developing all the

game sense, awareness, and endurance that you know you will have at the end. We have players who are developing and running drills and working on defining leadership with true experience."



Evan Maderia is back for the Liberty volleyball team.

Young squad returns off District 11 title

BY PETER CAR
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Coming off a district championship from a year ago, Liberty is looking to retool this year with a young roster at the core of Fernando Torres' second season in charge.

The Hurricanes were 19-4 last season and advanced to the PIAA quarterfinals, but lost a bit to graduation and now hope they can build themselves back into a postseason team.

"We're a young team with a lot to prove," said Torres. "Having last season's starting varsity setter Mia Mitch back for her second year should help anchor a young of-

fense with sophomores everywhere. We're asking a lot of everyone but we know they're all up for the challenge. Defensive intensity will be paramount to our success and is one of the few positions where we have experienced upperclassmen who will set the tone for everything we do."

Returning players this year are Mia Mitch (SO., Setter); Laila Torres (SO., Middle Blocker); Eva Madeira (JR., Defensive Specialist); Sophie Madeira (SR., Defensive Specialist); Mackenna Boyle (SR., Defensive Specialist); Kylee Hack (SR., Setter) and Camila Martinez (JR., PIN).

Newcomers include: Lanie Schenkel (SO., PIN); Riley Corrigan (FR., PIN); Madison Spirk (SO., Defensive Specialist); Sofia Condoulis (SO., PIN); Violet Frank (SO., Middle Blocker); Jada Lugo (SR., DS) and Molly Siemon (SR., DS).

"Our goal, like every year, is continuous improvement," Torres said. "We want to be hitting our stride when it matters most. If we can control the things we can control, stay focused on the process and not look ahead, we believe we will earn the opportunity to be playing in meaningful postseason matches."

LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL

Lazarchak takes over LHS girls tennis squad this fall

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Liberty's girls tennis team will have a new head coach this season in Sarah Lazarchak, who played tennis at Nazareth High School and Kutztown University and was an assistant coach for the Hurricanes last year.

"I hope to give the girls the experience of playing a lifelong sport and the support system of a team," said Lazarchak, who also

"I hope to give the girls the experience of playing a lifelong sport and the support system of a team."
Sara Lazarchak

coached at Sand Island and Winning Touch. Singles players for the Hurricanes will be Corrine Mumma at No. 1, Sarah Wang at No. 2, and Polina Dorman at No. 3. Abby Mayes returns to No. 2 doubles with for-

mer No. 4 doubles player Ellie Episcopio. "Abby has a lot of experience, and Ellie had a lot of success [last year] and did a lot of work over the winter," said Lazarchak. Paulina Vereschaga and Elena Issa will team

up at No. 3 doubles, and senior Iris Cantelmi will be paired with freshman Naomi Domina at No. 4 doubles. "We put Iris and Naomi together at practice, and they just gelled together," said Lazarchak. "Iris is almost like a mentor to Naomi." Lazarchak said that Liberty's strength will be in doubles as Dorman and Wang are new to singles play, and Mumma is new at No. 1, moving up from No. 3.



Abby Mayes is back for the Liberty tennis team.

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BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Bernard returns to lead BC

BY PETER CAR
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Bethlehem Catholic will have a refresh this season with a throwback coach in Joe Bernard.

Bernard returns to Becahi after coaching here in the early 80s, as he takes over after Tyler Ward left the program after two years to depart for another job in Maryland.

Becahi went 6-7 last season, but won the District 11 4A championship in 2023 and lost in the finals last year to

Southern Lehigh.

The Hawks have talent back, return their core on the line and most importantly, have quarterback Cayden Vassa back at the helm for his senior season.

Other returners include Emile Ayache SR. OL/DL 6'2 302; Caiden Charmant SR. OL 6'5 295; Grant Mulhern SR. OL/DL 6'2 282; Alex Domingo SR. OL 5'11 220; Rodney Brodie SR. WR 5'10 157; Carter Vassa JR. WR/DB 5'11 188; Axel Burkart JR. TE 6'3

200; Emery Oberholzer SR. DE 6'0 189 and Mason Thomas JR. DB 6'0 175.

Newcomers this year are SR. OL Henry Russell 6'3 337; JR. RB Justin Martinez 5'10 188; JR. OL/LB Jon Ayache 5'11 209; SO. WR Armando Thom 5'11 150; SO. DB Aiden Rivera 6'1 168; SO. LB Isaiah Lebron 5'10 170; SO. TE Jaxon Geiger 6'1 209 and FR. LB Great Chifirst 5'11 190.

"Returning four starting linemen will go a long way to adding sta-

bility to our offense," said Bernard. "Overall, we return eight of 11 starters on offense. How quickly the players understand and can execute our new system, will determine our success."

"We return seven of 11 returning starters on defense and their game experience will go a long way in developing the success of our defense. Again, the challenge will be to understand and execute a new system."



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The Bethlehem Catholic marching band.



Carter Vassa is back for the Hawks this season.

Hawk harriers ready for action this fall

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's cross country team will open its season with the Centaur Invite at

DeSales University on Sept. 6.

"Expectations are for each athlete to stay focused and put the training in needed to at-

tain their goals, to stay healthy and have fun," said Becahi head coach Krystyn Fenon.

Key returners for the boys team will include

David Gomez, Matthew Amrick, Canon Morrow, Joseph Muhoro, and Nate Staples.

Key returners for the girls team will be Rio

Stoudt, Ella Spanja, and Skyler Husser.

The Hawks will carry a combined team of 10 runners.

"I look forward to

seeing each athlete's progression as the cross country season goes on and helping them to attain their goals," Fenon said.

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Hawks return all of their singles players

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls tennis team is displaying more improvement and good attitudes for head coach Dan Arkans' third season at the helm of the Golden Hawks.

All of Becahi's singles

players are returning but are competing at new positions.

The all-senior singles lineup is set with Elizabeth Schock at No. 1 singles, Louisa Robinson at No. 2, and Madison Arango at No. 3.

"Our top singles players graduated, but

we have two freshmen this year who are good players and will start," Coach Arkans said. "They are very dedicated, and that's encouraging."

Caroline Dunn is one of those freshman who will play at No. 2 doubles with junior Sasha

Mathew.

Brooke Mayer is also a freshman and will team up at No. 3 doubles with sophomore Ruby Robinson.

Seniors and captains Sophia Fiorini and Kylie Parks will partner at No. 4 doubles.

"Most of the girls have been with me from the start," said Arkans. "We don't have tournament players at the top like other teams do, and we will have to win at doubles. We're much better this year and more aggressive at the net."



Elizabeth Schock returns to the Hawks.

Boys soccer team ready to take the field

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Bethlehem Catholic boys soccer coach Roberto Carrizo is returning for his second year

as leader of the Golden Hawks.

Key returners include sweeper Gabriel Santamaria, forward Aaron Geiger, and goal-

ie Evan Schultz.

Coach Carrizo said that the Hawks must have confidence in the roles they must fulfill in order to have a successful season and hopes the Hawks will have fun as a team.

Carrizo will be assisted by Doug McTighe and William Arvelo.

Derrick Hartman, Brady Jones, and Peter Tocci will also make important contributions this season.

The Hawks will open

their season on the road, taking on Pleasant Valley on Aug. 26.



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BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Girls soccer returns balance this season

BY KATIE MCDONALD
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Bethlehem Catholic's girls soccer team will be small but mighty with a balanced combination of returning players and newcomers for the 2025 season.

Key returners include Tallia Hill, Vivian Dieterich, and Sophia Arvelo.

"Talia scored 25 goals last season, and we look forward to her even improving on that this season. She will be critical for our success," said sixth-year head coach Brad Kratzer. "[Vivian] is our returning center back, very calm on the ball, and neutralizes many attacks."

Arvelo is the Hawks' four-year starting goalie.

"One of the most critical parts of our team," Kratzer said. "Keeps us in close games with her saving ability and game awareness."

Key returners include Lola Carrizo and Isabella Gagliardi.

"[Lola] will make an immediate impact on our midfield. She is already an accomplished club player and will be a huge addition to this year," said Kratzer, who also noted that Gagliardi is very versatile and expected to make an immediate impact.

"We have our three of four starting defenders back. That back line



Tallia Hill is a key, returning player for the girls.

will be very formidable this year, returning Vivian Dieterich, Jaon Lee, and Tyleigh Boyle. Our midfield will also be a huge strength for us. We will have Tallia Hill, Abbey Dieterich, and Miranda Sedor, all looking to improve on last year's record (11-8). Our front line will be some newcomers and some returning girls.

We look to compete for an EPC berth and make a deep run in District XI 2A this season. We will be a small but extremely close-knit team for 2025."

Coach Kratzer will be assisted by Maddie Eishart.

Becahi's home opener is scheduled for Aug. 26 when the Golden Hawks take on Pleasant Valley.



Zach Ostrosky has already shot a 75 this season as a returning sophomore.

Golf team hopeful for present, future

BY JEFF MOELLER
Special to the Press

Bethlehem Catholic head golf coach Mark Csencsits likes the possibilities of his team down the road, but he also has been pleased with their current state for this fall.

"We're excited about two new freshmen and three solid sophomores for the future," stated Csencsits. "We are also surprised about the three new juniors who are showing some promise."

The Golden Hawks have opened the 2025 campaign with a 3-5 record through their first eight matches. Csencsits has appreciated how his team has developed in to the early going.

"The team is a bit more focused this year and bonding nicely as a unit," added Csencsits.

"Our older teammates are helping the newbies learn the ropes of high school golf."

Beca will be led by seniors Peter Vallance, Gavyn Moyer, and Grady Miletics, who are expected to lead with their experience.

Ralston Rowlands is a retuning junior, and fellow juniors Evan Schultz, Zackery Papcsy and Lincoln Kelly are creating their mark as first-year golfers. Sophomores Nicholas McLean, Jackson Gencarelli, and Zach Ostrosky are back, and they will seek to improve with a year under their belts.

Freshmen Aaron Fuerher and Luca Mesa already have made an impact.

Csencsits has been impressed with some of his players' recent performances, all of where their all-time lows. Os-

trosky fired a 75, Miletics collected a 79, McLean hit an 81, and Kelly shot a 94.

"Some kids are playing better than expected," said Csencsits. "Seeing some of these guys hooting their all-time low scores ever in a match for 18 holes and going lower in consecutive matches, which is encouraging."

With a budding team, Csencsits plans to stay the course this season.

"Our team is 3-6, and we could easily be 4-5 or 5-4," said Csencsits. "I lost a few key players due to illness, vacations and soccer for two matches that I feel we would have won if we had our full squad."

"I'm sorry to see our seniors leave, but I'm building for the future with this team having only three seniors on it."

BETHLEHEM CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Hawks are ready to battle for the District 11 crown

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Bethlehem Catholic will look to be back in the hunt for the District 11 3A volleyball title this fall.

The Hawks were 15-2 last year and brings back a quality group that will make a deep postseason push again.

"This volleyball team is back and ready to go, carrying the chemistry and grit they've built over years of playing together," said head coach Jessica Attieh. "They'll miss their one key player from last season, but instead of letting that hold them back, they've taken it as a chance to step up and grow."

Back for the Hawks are: Jocelyn Bell (Jr., OH); Piper Ruggiero (Jr., S); Maddy Ahner (Jr., libero); Sophia Bedics (Sr., OH); Theresa Ruhl (Sr., MB); Maddie Quinn (Sr., DS); Leah Zacharia (Jr., DS) and Kendall Nickischer (Sr., DS/RS).

Morgan Ostrosky and Anna Schwartz figure to be two newcomers that can contribute.



Madlynn Quinn is a returning senior for the Hawks this year.

"This group knows nothing is guaranteed and every win will have to be earned, but they trust each other and play with the kind of focus that makes them tough to beat," said Attieh. "Humble but hungry, they've got their sights set on a championship and are ready to fight for every point along the way."

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Jessica Attieh



Kurmun Thakral is back for the field hockey team this year.

Hawks looking for progress this season

BY PETER CAR
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Improvement is what Bethlehem Catholic's field hockey team is striving for this fall.

The Hawks finished 2-16 a year ago, but bring back a strong senior core that second year head coach Regan Downey can push the program forward.

Returning players this year are Alexa De Acetis (So./F/M), Anastazia Vasquez (So./F), Arianna Thom (Sr./D), Ava Frio (So./M), Deidre Michels (Jr./D), Kiersten Whalen (Sr./F),

Kurmun Thakral (Sr./M), Leyla Roof (So./F), Lilla Berces (Sr./G), Rachael Kriebel (Sr./F) and Rowan Snyder (So./D).

Newcomers include Azuri Hill (Jr./D), Carmen Kriebel (Jr./D), Caroline Bratteson (Jr./F), Joey Pickel (Fr./M), Kristen McMenimen (Sr./M) and Sarah Bergman (Fr./F).

"We enter the season under the leadership of a strong senior class that has set the tone through commitment and hard work over the summer," said Downey. "The team

is focused on working together, supporting one another, and continuing to improve throughout the season as we build and strengthen the program.

Kurmun Thakral and Lilla Berces are two players Downey expects big seasons from.

"We're looking to continue developing individual skills and team chemistry throughout the season," said Downey of the team goals. "Work together to perform at our best in every game and represent Bechahi with pride."

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