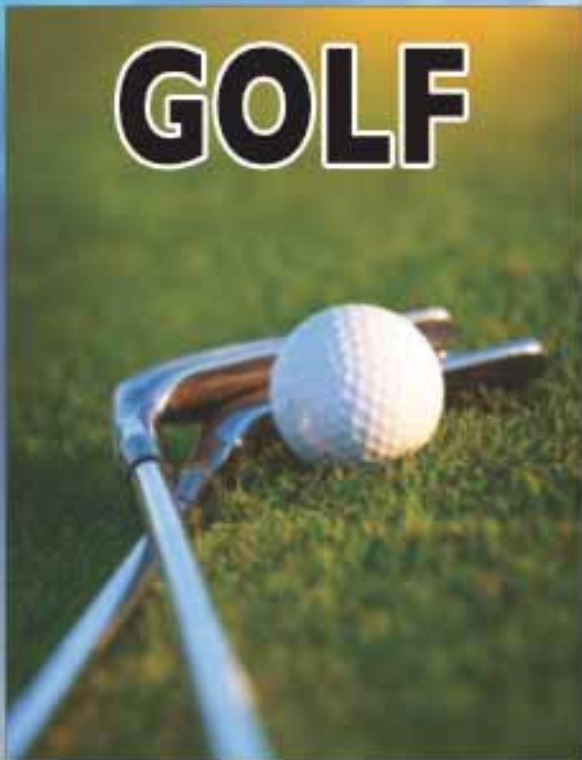


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The 2023-24 Tipton Lady Cardinal softball team is, from left: Front row, Avery West, Zoie Woodruff, Madalyn Hagerman, Ashlynn McCoy and Raylyn Potter; middle row, Myah West, Kaylee Kuschell, Myra Haas, Raylyn Wilfong, Nina Allison and Hannah Garber; and back row, Emily

Kuttenkuler, Adrienne Hampton, Anna Crane, Kya Smith and Larrah Pe-tree. The Ladies, coached by Deann Lawson and Shanna Henderson, start their season at Smithton Friday, March 15, at 5 p.m.

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To first

Tipton Lady Cardinal senior Zoie Woodruff attempts the throw to first base from home plate during a drill at softball practice Thursday, Feb. 29. The Lady Cardinals will start their season at Smithton Friday, March 15, with first pitch at 5 p.m.

Lawson takes her place as coach of Lady Cardinals

By Tara Alumbaugh
Times' sports

The Tipton Lady Cardinal softball team will be led by a new line up of coaches this season with Deann Lawson head coach, Shanna Henderson, assistant coach and Michael Crane, volunteer assistant coach.

Lawson is ready to create a positive team culture with the Ladies, wanting everyone to push each other to work harder and be better while always being supportive.

The Ladies have been focusing

on fundamentals in practice and using what they learned in the off season in batting cages on the field.

"These ladies have a great attitude," said Lawson. "They are showing up and working hard. Their time in the batting cages in the off season is showing in their hitting."

Returning for this season's team are seniors Madalyn Hagerman, Raylin Potter, Ashlynn McCoy and Avery West, and sophomores Anna Crane, Kya Smith, Hannah Garber and Raylyn Wilfong.

The team will be joined by senior Zoie Woodruff, junior Adrienne Hampton, and freshmen Nina Allison, Myra Haas, Emilyn Kutenkuler, Kaylee Kuschel, Larrah Petree and Myah West.

The Ladies are coming off a 5-14 record from last season, hoping their growth in skills will help them push past that and make it into the post season.

The Lady Cardinal softball season will begin on Friday, March 15, at Smithton, with first pitch at 5 p.m.

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Cardinal baseball

The 2023-24 Tipton High School baseball team is, from left: Front row, Lucas Cashman, Max Maddex, Leland Potter, Hunter Hagerman, Charlie Miller, Will Cashman, Paxton Pyle, Tyler Baer and Jackson Birdwell, manager; and back, Chance Petree, Sam Duke, Braden Fischer, Emmett Haas, Cain Myers, Brenden Morse, Eli Higgins, Rhett Lambert and Hudson Knipp. The team is coached by Dylan Cooper and McGwire Dean.

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Behind the back

Tipton Cardinal senior Brenden Morse practices a behind the back throw during drills. The baseball team is working on different fundamentals during practices, growing their knowledge and skills to prepare for the season.

Cards want another taste of post season games after last year's Elite 8 game

By Tara Alumbaugh
Times' sports

The Tipton Cardinal baseball team wants another shot at the state playoffs after competing to the Elite 8 level last season.

Coach Dylan Cooper is with the team for the sixth year, with Coach McGwire Dean joining him as assistant for his second.

Last season's team only lost one player to graduation, so they bring back an army of knowledge and post season honors with their returning players Tyler Baer comes back as the first team all-conference, all-district and all-state catcher, and Emmett Haas, outfielder, first team all-district, Cain Myers, third base and pitcher, second team all-district, Charlie Miller, outfielder, Brenden Morse, pitcher, Max Maddex, outfielder, Rhett Lambert, outfielder, and Braden Fischer, second base, all seniors. Also returning are juniors Lucas Cashman, first team all-conference, all-district and second team all-state pitcher, and Hudson Knipp; infielder; and sophomores Sam Duke, first base, honorable mention all-conference and second team all-district, Will Cashman and Leland Potter.

The newcomers this season bring a lot of talent with freshman

Paxton Pyle, who will be a utility player for the team, including pitching and catching. Cooper says he is a hard nosed player who loves to compete.

Eli Higgins, freshman, will see some time on the mound as a lefty for the team. He will also compete for some outfield time as well.

Hunter Hagerman will see some time in the infield. Cooper said Hunter is a smart baseball player who is always in the right position.

Chance Petree looks to have a lot of potential who will improve fast over the season.

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said Cooper. "With a lot of returning experience I see that being in our future."

Cooper has seen good energy from his team so far in practice. The coaches ask a lot of the athletes and Cooper said the team has been giving them everything they have in practice, getting better each day.

The Cardinals started their season with a jamobree at Sedalia Saturday, March 9, and will start regular season at Smithton Friday, March 15, with first pitch at 5 p.m.

The Cardinals will continue with a triple-header on Saturday, March 16 at Marshall, taking on the host team at 11 a.m., followed by Chillicothe at 1 p.m.

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3/9	Jamboree	Sedalia Parks	2 p.m.
3/15	Smithton	A	5 p.m.
3/16	Marshall	Marshall	11 a.m.
	Chillicothe	Marshall	1 p.m.
3/19	Sweet Springs	H	5 p.m.
3/21	Versailles	A	5 p.m.
3/25	New Bloomfield	H	5 p.m.
4/2	La Monte	A	5 p.m.
4/4	Green Ridge	A	5 p.m.
4/6	California	A	10 a.m.
	Jamestown	California	
4/9	Cole Camp	A	5 p.m.
4/11	Windsor	A	5 p.m.
4/12-13	New Bloomfield Tourney	A	TBA
4/15	Glasgow	A	5 p.m.
4/17	Warsaw	A	5 p.m.
4/18	Stover	H	5 p.m.
4/20-25	Kaysinger Tourney	TBA	TBA
4/30	Sacred Heart	H	5 p.m.
5/1	Crest Ridge	H	5 p.m.
5/2	Otterville	H	5 p.m.
5/6	Fayette	H	5 p.m.
5/7	Northwest	A	5 p.m.
5/9	Lincoln	H	5 p.m.
5/13-18	Districts	A	TBA

Coach Dylan Cooper • Asst. Coach McGwire Dean

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL			
3/15	Smithton	A	5 p.m.
3/19	Sweet Springs	H	4 p.m.
3/21	Versailles	H	5 p.m.
3/27	Lincoln	H	5 p.m.
4/2	La Monte	A	5 p.m.
4/8	Wellington-Napoleon	A	4:30 p.m.
4/9	Cole Camp	A	5 p.m.
4/11	St. Paul Lutheran	A	4:30 p.m.
4/12-13	Kaysinger Tourney	A	TBA
4/18	Stover	H	5 p.m.
4/22	Green Ridge	A	5 p.m.
4/23	Windsor	A	5 p.m.
4/25	Northwest-Hughesville	H	5 p.m.
4/29	Concordia	A	4:30 p.m.
5/1	Crest Ridge	H	5 p.m.
5/2	Warsaw	H	5 p.m.
5/3-8	Districts	A	TBA

Coach Deann Lawson
Asst. Coach Shanna Henderson

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3/26	Warsaw	A	4 p.m.
4/2	Osage	A	TBA
4/10	Cole Camp	A	4 p.m.
4/16	California	A	4 p.m.
4/17	Versailles	A	4 p.m.
4/23	Harrisburg	A	2 p.m.
4/24	Conference Meet	Smithton	9 a.m.

 Coach Molly Thyne

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF			
3/18	Windsor	Clinton	9 a.m.
3/25	Sacred Heart	Sedalia	4 p.m.
3/27	Russellville	Redfield	9 a.m.
3/28	Warsaw/Lincoln	H	4 p.m.
4/3	Versailles	Versailles	9 a.m.
4/8	Smith-Cotton	Sedalia	10 a.m.
4/11	Kaysinger Tournament	Warrensburg	9 a.m.
4/15	Sacred Heart Tournament	Sedalia	10 a.m.
4/23	Sacred Heart	Sedalia	4 p.m.
4/29	Sacred Heart	Sedalia	4 p.m.
5/2	Marshall	Marshall	9 a.m.
5/3-6	Districts	TBA	9 a.m.

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VARSITY BOYS & GIRLS TRACK			
3/19	Russellville	A	4 p.m.
3/21	California	A	4 p.m.
3/28	Linn Invitational	A	1 p.m.
4/4	Warsaw	A	3:30 p.m.
4/5	Harrisburg Invitational	A	2 p.m.
4/11	South Callaway	A	4 p.m.
4/17	California	A	4 p.m.
4/24	Conference Meet	Smithton	9 a.m.
5/3	Smith Cotton Invitational	A	4 p.m.
5/4	Districts	A	TBA
5/11	Sectionals	A	TBA
5/17-18	State	A	TBA

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Tipton track

The 2023-24 Tipton High School track team will be coached by Jolene Garber who is assisted by Ricky Capestro this season. Members of the team is pictured, from left: Front row, Kya Smith, Nina Allison, Tyler Rivera, Addison McQuaide, Enrique Rivera and Cailey Savage;

and back row, Evan Ragsdale, Brady Dicus, Riley Walters, Ty Bixler, William Wiecken and Giovanni Ubaldo. Not pictured are Clara Williams and Gavin Hunsburger.

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Right posture

Brady Dicus, left, watches as Coach Jolene Garber shows him the starting position for sprints during pre-season practice. The track team will keep practicing to prepare for their first meet of the season at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Russellville.

A bigger track roster brings hope for more team wins this season

By **Tara Alumbaugh**
Times' sports

The Tipton High School track team will be under the guidance of Head Coach Jolene Garber and assistant Ricky Capestro this season. This will be Garber's first year with the high school team, coaching junior high last season, and Capestro's second year with the team.

With slightly higher numbers coming out this season, Garber is hoping the athletes can compete in more events and bring home more team wins.

State qualifiers Clara Williams, 100 and 300 meters, and Riley Walters, 400 meter dash, both sophomores, return this season, along with Tyler Rivera, Kya Smith and William Wiecken, also sophomores.

The team will welcome newcomers Giovanni Ubaldo, junior, Brady Dicus and Enrique Rivera, sophomores, and Ty Bixler, Addison Mc-

Quaide, Nina Allison, Evan Ragsdale, Cailey Savage and Gavin Hunsburger, freshmen.

"We plan to work on speed drills with our team and improve our posture and technique to get the best times possible," said Garber. "The plan is to bring in some Tipton Alumni and teaching staff with skill and experience in sprints, horizontal jumps and throwing to work with the athletes during practice."

The team returns a lot of speed from last season, which will pair well with the speed that will join this season.

Gaber's goal is to have at least one girl's relay team entered in events. Even with a young team, she feels confident that with the way the team is pushing themselves, fans could see the number of athletes making it to state increase, maybe not this year, but in the year's to come.

The Cardinal track and field

team will start their season at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Russellville.

The junior high team, coached by Molly Thye will start their season Tuesday, March 26, at Warsaw.

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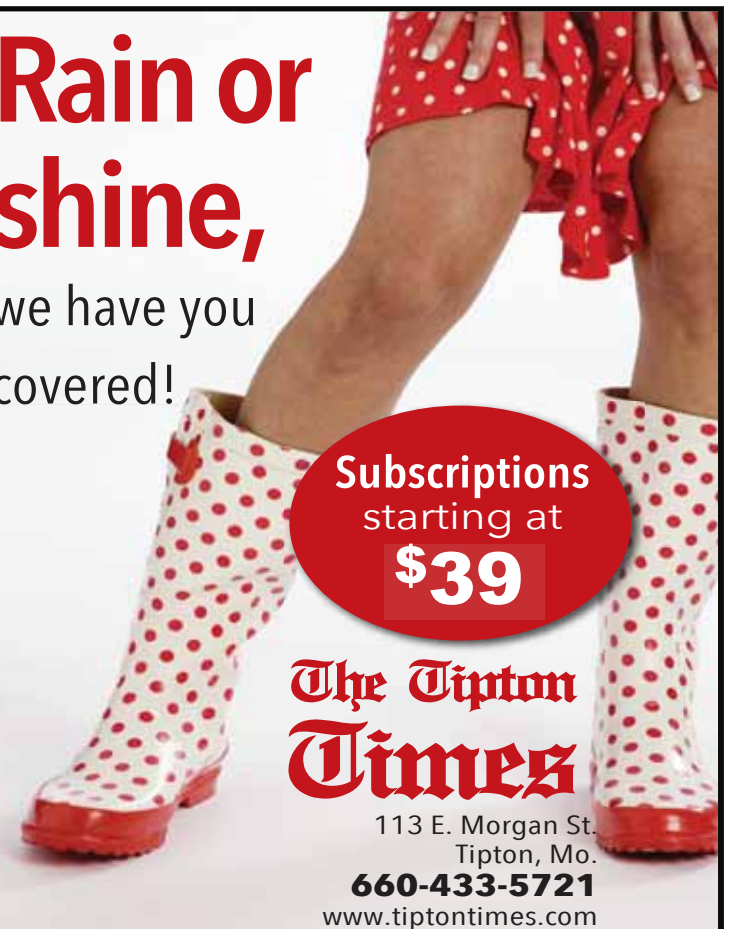
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To the course

The 2023-24 Tipton High School golf team is made up of 11 members, pictured from left, Brock Battles, Nickalus Wolf, Cooper Pettigrew, Ben Bestgen, Ryker Wolf, Jayden Hill, Chaz Williams, Coach Zac Overbeck, Andrew Bestgen, Cameron Higgins, Raef Gengler, and Grady Claas.

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Making a plan

Coach Zac Overbeck, left, goes over a plan for practice with his golfers Cooper Pettigrew, Ben Bestgen and Cameron Higgins at the Tipton Country Club Golf Course Thursday, Feb. 29. The golfers welcome a team of 11 this season, with the first meet to take place at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18, at Clinton against Windsor.

Overbeck hopes for warm spring weather to get in a long golf season

By Tara Alumbaugh
Times' sports

The Tipton High School golf team is hoping for a warmer, dryer spring, to get the most meets in this season.

Overbeck is in his second season as the boys golf coach at THS, ready to reach the team goal of golfers breaking the 90 point mark, after four of the five starters broke the 100 point mark last season.

"The team has great chemistry," said Overbeck. "Most of the team

being sophomores means that they are able to push each other throughout their high school career."

This season the team returns Ryker Wolf and Cameron Higgins, juniors, and Ben Bestgen, Brock Battles, Chaz Williams, Dane Schlotzhauer, Grady Claas, Nicklaus Wolf and Raef Gengler, all sophomores.

Bestgen returns after missing state by five strokes last season.

Senior Cooper Pettigrew will

join the team, adding some power to the roster.

Andrew Bestgen, freshman, looks to carry on a family tradition in the love of golf.

"We want to take some kids beyond districts this season," said Overbeck. "As long as we can get our meets in and the golfers can push themselves."

The golf team will compete at 9 a.m. Monday, March 18 at Clinton against Windsor.

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Success of the program looks to continue to grow

By Tara Alumbaugh
Times' sports

The Otterville Eagles track team keeps growing as Nicole Hollomon, on her third year as head coach, adds many new athletes this season, including a few javelin

throwers for boys and girls.

Hollomon is joined by Tyler Miyashiro as assistant coach.

The Eagles see more sprinters and jumpers, and return last year's state relay team, Austin Krause and

David Loveland. A few sectional qualifiers also return, Steven Woolery, Hailey Hollomon and Cameron Schaller.

Returning as well are Conner Turner, Cheridan Hopkins, Micah

Summers and Xavier Lappat.

"We are focusing on overall speed and strength," said Hollomon. "The success of the program looks to continue as we grow and the athletes put in the time and

work."

The Eagles will start their season with the Russellville Invitational Tuesday, March 19, followed by a meet at California on Thursday, March 21.

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