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# CAMDENTON BOYS TENNIS



## Lakers Look To Keep Growing

The Camdenton boys tennis team will make its debut in the CMAC Conference looking to capitalize in 2025 after improving to an 8-9 record last season with sophomore Alex Hendon returning as the singles No. 1.

The Lakers bounced back in 2024 after a 2-11 record in 2023 and this season head coach Kirk Richey will look to deploy a new lineup for singles and doubles matches after losing four seniors.

“Last season we graduated four of our top seven varsity players and lost one additional varsity player to transfer of schools from that team,” Richey said, who enters his 25th year of coaching at Camdenton High School and his 20th year of coaching tennis.

Richey shared what has impressed him through the first few practices and what he expects from this Laker squad in 2025.

“All 14 players on the roster, at all levels of play, are eager to learn and improve their individual game during every practice,” he said. “Team expectations are to improve every day at practice and learn from every match played and be playing our best tennis of the season during individual/team districts.”

Camdenton will be led by its three varsity returners, Hendon, sophomore Fischer Richey (singles No. 5/6 in 2024) and senior Jonny Semau (singles No. 7/8 in 2024). Newcomers to the Laker tennis roster are junior Jackson Berg and sophomore Carson Stoufer.

According to Fischer (Richey) and Hendon they will be doubles partners and shared what they have been working on to prepare for the season in a new district and conference after leaving the Ozark Conference and district.

“To prepare for this season I have worked on my serve and just being more consistent and getting the ball in more,” Hendon said.

“I have just been working on how to keep my pace in singles and how to compete other great players,” Fischer said.

Fischer Richey noted how the first few practices have gone while adjusting to the new roster.

“We’re definitely young this year with just two seniors (Semau, Wesley Werner), so it will definitely be a growing year,” Richey said. “It’s important for us to get to know each other out here playing tennis and learn how to win with each other or lose, but come together as a team all together. It’s definitely fun getting to go through it (entering a new season) with Alex (Hendon) and a few of these guys that I have been really good friends with and had a lot of fun with, so I can’t wait to continue that.”



### 2025 schedule

## CAMDENTON BOYS TENNIS

3/20	Father Tolton Regional Catholic	Home 4:00 pm
3/22	Battle-Camdenton -- Tri (Jefferson City, MO)	Neutral
3/26	West Plains	Home 4:00 pm
3/26	Waynesville	Home 4:00 pm
3/28	Rolla tournament (Rolla, MO)	Away
4/1	Jefferson City (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/3	Smith-Cotton (Sedalia, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/4	Warrensburg Tournament (Warrensburg, MO)	Away
4/7	Hickman	Home 4:00 pm
4/8	Lebanon	Home 4:00 pm
4/10-11	Camdenton/Lebanon Team Tournament (Camdenton, MO)	Home
4/15	Osage (Osage Beach, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
4/17	Parkview (Springfield, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
4/21	Glendale (Springfield, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
4/23	Rock Bridge	Home 4:00 pm
4/25	Waynesville Invitational (Waynesville, MO)	Neutral
4/29	Rolla (Rolla, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
5/12-16	Team District (TBD, MO)	Away

# CAMDENTON BOYS GOLF



## Cade Rear Takes Over As Lakers HC

The Camdenton boys golf team enters the 2025 season with Cade Rear taking over as head coach.

The Lakers had eight first-time golfers join the varsity roster last season with senior Tyler Foster who is expected to be in line as the No. 1 golfer for the Lakers this season.

While practicing at the Lake Valley Golf Club, Foster noted how the team has fared through the first few weeks of practice.

"I feel like we're in a pretty good spot and we are all coming out here looking pretty good, so I'm excited," Foster said. "I feel like we definitely as a team can get through districts and make it to state this year."



### 2025 schedule

## CAMDENTON BOYS GOLF

- 3/24 ..... Rolla (Rolla, MO) ..... Away 4:00 pm
- 3/24 ..... Dixon Neutral ..... 4:00 pm
- 3/27 ..... Eldon Quad with Camdenton, Helias, & Southern Boone ..... Away
- 3/31 ..... Columbia Classic (Columbia, MO) ..... Away
- 4/3 ..... MSU Relays (Springfield, MO) ..... Away
- 4/7 ..... Bolivar Invitational (Bolivar, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/10 ..... Cap City/Camdenton/Smith-Cotton (Camdenton, MO) ..... Home 4:00 pm
- 4/14 ..... S-C Classic (Sedalia, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/16 ..... Laker Invitational (Camdenton, MO) ..... Home
- 4/21 ..... Helias Invitational (Jefferson City, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/23 ..... Waynesville (Waynesville, MO) ..... Away 4:00 pm
- 4/29 ..... CMAC Tournament (Columbia, MO) ..... Neutral
- 5/7 ..... Rolla ..... Home 4:00 pm
- 5/7 ..... Bolivar ..... Home 4:00 pm
- 5/8 ..... Spartan Cinco de Mayo (Columbia, MO) ..... Away



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# CAMDENTON BASEBALL



## Lakers To Deploy A New Starting Nine

The Camdenton baseball team has a fresh starting nine in 2025 while making its CMAC Conference debut.

The Lakers lose eight players from the 2024 team that ended its season with a record of 14-20 and lost 2-1 to the Crusaders from Helias Catholic in the opening round of districts.

Camdenton returns 10 players to its varsity roster led by seniors Levi Layman (centerfielder/pitcher), Kole Lane (outfielder/designated hitter) and Karson Durnin (infielder/pitcher). Other returners are junior Brayden Burns (catcher) and sophomores Tanner Scott (outfielder), Caden Horning (infielder), Hunter Lane (utility), Blake Potts (first baseman/pitcher), Braxton Turner (pitcher) and Paxton Yowell (second baseman).



### 2025 schedule

## CAMDENTON BASEBALL

3/18	Camdenton/Crocker/Dixon/Waynesville	Away
3/21	Eldon	Home 4:30 pm
3/22	Blair Oaks	Home 10:00 am
3/22	St. Elizabeth	Home 2:00 pm
3/27	Waynesville (Waynesville, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/1	Jefferson City (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/2	Jefferson City	Home 5:00 pm
4/3	Parkview (Springfield, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/5	Branson (Branson, MO)	Away 10:00 am
4/5	Carthage	Neutral 1:15 pm
4/8	Hickman	Home 5:00 pm
4/9	Hickman (Columbia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/11-12	Laker Wood Bat Tournament (Camdenton, MO)	Home
4/15	Capital City (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/16	Capital City	Home 4:30 pm
4/22	Helias Catholic (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/23	Helias Catholic	Home 4:30 pm
4/24	Warsaw	Home 4:30 pm
4/25	Fatima (Westphalia, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/26	Marshfield	Home 2:00 pm
4/28	Dixon (Dixon, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/29	Smith-Cotton (Sedalia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/30	Smith-Cotton	Home 4:30 pm
5/6	Rock Bridge	Home 4:30 pm
5/7	Rock Bridge (Columbia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
5/8	Rolla	Home 4:30 pm
5/10	St. Elizabeth (St. Elizabeth, MO)	Away 10:00 am
5/10	Father Tolton Regional Catholic	Neutral 12:00 pm
5/13	Battle (Columbia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
5/14	Battle	Home 4:30 pm

Camdenton will welcome two newcomers to its varsity roster this season with sophomore Landon Klee (infielder) and freshman Mason Sykora (outfielder). Klee transfers from School of the Osage where the lefty primarily played third base. Sykora looks to compete for a position in the outfield.

"We're young and our core is in our sophomore class. I have been saying that to everybody and that's who we are building around," said Lakers coach Bryce Durnin, who enters his 10th season at Camdenton. "Being a young team, we'll make some young mistakes and we need to find guys on the mound that are going to get outs."

The Lakers pitching rotation will be anchored by the sophomore duo of Potts and Turner. According to Durnin, Potts is expected to start on opening day when Camdenton hosts Eldon on Friday, March 21, with first pitch set for 4:30 p.m.

"Blake Potts was our Saturday starter last year and if you were to ask me who my ace is going to be, I mean it's supposed to be Blake," Durnin said.

Layman returns as the Lakers leadoff hitter and, according to coach Durnin, the lefty will spend time as the starting centerfielder and will also have an increased pitching role.

"He will be asked to pitch a whole lot more and he will be our table-setter," Durnin said. "We will put him at the top of the lineup and ask him to get on base and score runs and play centerfield when he's not pitching."

Layman noted he's feeling more confident going into his senior season.

"We're looking really good, and I think we are going to have a way better season than last year, and I'm just really grateful to be on this team," Layman said. "I feel a lot more confident with my pitches this year and I picked up some more movement and speed on a lot of my pitches. The main goal is being a team player and getting whatever needed done."

After missing opening day last season due to rehabbing from an anterior cruciate ligament injury, Karson Durnin shared how the team is shaping up.

"It's still early, but we are taking shape and I just feel like every day our hitting is getting cleaner and improves," Durnin said. "Really, it's a challenge to just be the best that we can be by our jamboree and then it's on to Eldon."

Coach Durnin added how it feels to have Karson healthy after a late start last season due to injury.

"We have Karson back and it has been long awaited for me," Durnin said. "He will play anywhere on the infield and will also be asked to do a whole lot more than he has ever been asked to do on the mound for us this year. He will also be hitting at the top of the lineup."

# CAMDENTON TRACK & FIELD



## Lakers Return Talented Roster

The Camdenton track and field program is hungry to return to the MSHSAA State Championships at Jefferson City High School in May.

The Lakers return 10 state qualifiers from last season led by junior Ty Wiethop, who is the defending Class 4 State Champion in the boys long jump, marking the fourth state championship in seven seasons for the Camdenton track and field program.

Other returning postseason qualifiers for the boys are seniors Gunnar Rhodes (800m) and Owen Borbe (pole vault); juniors Lukas Routh (4x100m relay) and Hunter Johnson (110m hurdles); and sophomores Mikie Pitnick (400m) and Eli Dickerson (javelin).

Returning postseason qualifiers for the Lady Lakers are seniors Cassidy Hannigan (4x200m relay, 100m) and Mia McGuire (4x200m relay), along with sophomore Averie Hotle (3200m).

“Highlights last season include our Lady Lakers won our Laker Relays for the third year in a row,” said Lakers head coach Nick Bruck, who enters his 20th season at Camdenton and 21st season of coaching. “The Laker boys finished third in our Southwest Missouri district in Class 4.”

Wiethop shared his eagerness for the season where he will participate in the long jump, 4x100m relay and javelin. This season he wants to share the state medal stand with his teammates.

### 2025 schedule

## CHS GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

3/25	Varsity Laker Warm up (Camdenton, MO)	Home 4:00 pm
3/28	Marshfield Invitational (Marshfield, MO)	Away
4/4	Bob Garner and Associates Lebanon Invite (Lebanon, MO)	Neutral
4/5	Lebanon TRack (lebanon, MO)	Away
4/7	Osage Warpath (With JV Division) (Osage Beach, MO)	Neutral
4/10	Girls night out at JFK (Springfield, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
4/15	HUNTER- MCNABB LAKER RELAYS (Camdenton, MO)	Home 4:00 pm
4/22	Osage Invite (Osage Beach, MO)	Away 4:00 pm
4/26	CMAC meet (Columbia, MO)	Away
4/28	SBU meet (Bolivar, MO)	Away
5/7	Smith-Cotton Open (Sedalia, MO)	Neutral
5/17	District Track	Away

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"I would say long jump is my favorite event and to have the chance to go back-to-back is something that I'm excited for," Wiethop said. "But we are looking pretty good and probably have a few chances to go to state this year with some talented athletes in different events. This year I want to achieve more than one state title for the team in general and just for everybody to work their hardest."

Hannigan noted what events she wants to participate in going into her final season at CHS and which is her favorite.

2025 schedule

CHS BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

3/25	Varsity Laker Warm up (Camdenton, MO)	Home 4:00 pm
3/27	Waynesville	Home
3/28	Marshfield Invitational (Marshfield, MO)	Neutral
4/4	Bob Garner and Associates Lebanon Invite (Lebanon, MO)	Neutral
4/11	Boys Club at JFK (Springfield, MO)	Away 8:00 am
4/15	HUNTER- MCNABB LAKER RELAYS (Camdenton, MO)	Home 4:00 pm
4/22	Osage Invite (Osage Beach, MO)	Away
4/26	CMAC meet (Columbia, MO)	Away
5/7	Smith-Cotton Open (Sedalia, MO)	Away
5/17	District Track	Away

"For right now I am thinking definitely the 100m and 200m and probably either the 4x100m or 4x200m relay," she said. "I would have to say my favorite is the 100m just because it's the main event and I'm always trying to improve my times on it."

She added that she also has high expectations for 2025.

"My main goal would probably be to PR, especially in the 100m," Hannigan said. "My goal is to get to a 12.5, and that's been my goal for like my whole high school career to get down to that time, so that would be great. I also want to make it as far as I can because last year I made it to sectionals, so I hope maybe I can do that again."

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# CAMDENTON GIRLS SOCCER



## Josh Baldwin Enters First Year As Lady Lakers HC



The Camdenton girls soccer team will have a young core of underclassmen ready to make their mark under the guidance of first-year head coach Josh Baldwin.

The Lady Lakers lose five players from last season where they finished with a 9-14 record and lost 4-3 to the Zizzers from West Plains in the opening round of districts.

Camdenton returns four starters from last season led by seniors Kyla Kirby (midfielder), Kiley Bentley (defender), Ariana Delgado (midfielder/goalkeeper) and junior Jakarta Haynes (defender). The Lady Lakers will welcome five varsity newcomers who are all sophomores, midfielder Sophia Radlund, forward Lily Roberts, midfielder Brookelyn Meents, goalkeeper Bella Faes and midfielder Kylie Labelle.

According to Baldwin, he may designate a team captain on the fly as the season progresses.

“There is a very strong expectation that everyone on the team leads well,” he said. “We may even designate captains on a weekly or game-by-game basis, but our three upperclassmen that really help lead the way on this are, Kyla Kirby, Ariana Delgado and Kiley Bentley.”

Baldwin added what has impressed him so far through the first few practices.

“The culture shift within the team has already impressed me quite a bit,” he said. “The team seems very bought in and invested in what we are trying to build and accomplish, attitudes are great and excitement is high. We are bought into each other as a team.”

He added that the Lady Lakers have also shown great strides from their off-season work.

“They already look like they have a much higher comfort level on the ball in regards to our ability to pass and possess,” Baldwin said.

Through the first few weeks of practice Baldwin said that Faes has emerged at goalkeeper.

“Bella will be primarily stepping into the goalkeeping position for us,” he said. “She played a bit of field as well at the varsity level last season too, and may find times where she is back out there as well. Bella has the ability to play, quite literally, anywhere we need her to on the field.”

Delgado noted how she’s adapting to Baldwin’s coaching style.

“It has definitely been a big transition from our old coaching staff to the one we have now,” Delgado said. “We’re learning new positions and how to play them better than some of us used to know how to play. But, he’s a great coach who has taught us more things than I could even tell you now. We’re definitely making progress and it might not show right now, but it will show once we start getting that momentum that we are trying to build up.”

Baldwin noted how the selflessness by Delgado can help lead this young Camdenton core.

“Ariana leads by example and really helps reinforce the type of culture we want to have on our team,” he said. “Maybe the best way she demonstrates this is her willingness to play any position we ask of her, which resulted in her playing keeper for us last season. While she may see some time in net this season as well, we plan on playing her back in the field more. Regardless of where we put her, Ariana selflessness can’t be overstated with her willingness to do whatever is best for the team.”

Baldwin added what he expects from this young Camdenton squad in 2025.

“We don’t really talk in terms of wins and losses on our team, our expectations for this season revolve around becoming the tightest knit team we can as a soccer family, and from there being willing to selflessly play for one another when it is game time,” he said. “We expect to be competitive in every game we play, and will be incredibly tough and resilient both physically and mentally.”

### 2025 schedule

## CAMDENTON GIRLS SOCCER

3/17	..... Camdenton/Dixon/Rolla/Waynesville	..... Away
3/21	..... Capital City	..... Home 7:00 pm
3/24	..... Waynesville (Waynesville, MO)	..... Away 6:45 pm
3/26	..... Jefferson City (Jefferson City, MO)	..... Away 6:30 pm
3/31	..... West Plains	..... Home 6:30 pm
4/1	..... Smith-Cotton (Sedalia, MO)	..... Away 6:30 pm
4/3	..... Rock Bridge	..... Home 6:30 pm
4/8	..... Hickman	..... Home 6:30 pm
4/14	..... Father Tolton Regional Catholic (Columbia, MO)	..... Away 6:30 pm
4/15	..... Springfield Catholic	..... Home 5:00 pm
4/22	..... Rolla	..... Home 6:30 pm
4/25	..... Battle (Columbia, MO)	..... Away 6:30 pm
4/25-26	..... Battle Round Robin (Columbia, MO)	..... Neutral
4/26	..... Battle	..... Neutral
4/29	..... Blair Oaks (Jefferson City, MO)	..... Away 6:00 pm
5/2-3	..... Central MO Invitational- Soccer (Camdenton, MO)	..... Home
5/6	..... Branson	..... Home 6:30 pm
5/8	..... Hillcrest (Springfield, MO)	..... Away 6:15 pm
5/9	..... Helias Catholic	..... Home 7:00 pm
5/12	..... Bolivar	..... Home 6:30 pm
5/15	..... Marshfield (Marshfield, MO)	..... Away 4:30 pm



# CLIMAX SPRINGS BASEBALL

## Only Direction Is Up For Cougars With New HC Andrew Doyle



CLIMAX SPRINGS  
**COUGARS**



The Climax Springs baseball team enters the 2025 season with Andrew Doyle taking over as head coach.

The Cougars return seven players from their starting nine from last season where Climax Springs finished with a record of (0-17). Climax Springs is not in a conference and had its season ended by getting shut out 14-0 by Stoutland in the first round of districts.

Senior Jake Griffith (pitcher/utility) earned All-District honorable mention last season with a .528 batting average. Griffith also led the team with 19 total hits and four doubles. On the mound, Griffith led with an 8.506 earned run average with a record of (0-8).

Other returners are seniors Kaleb Leonard (Infielder/outfielder/pitcher) and Michael Simmons (outfielder/catcher); juniors Fred Tiffany (pitcher/shortstop/third baseman) and Parker Townsend (infielder); and sophomores Tanner Williams (catcher/utility/pitcher) and Tyrus Butterfield (utility).

Newcomers to the Cougars squad are junior Karter McCuller (pitcher/infielder); sophomores Sam Skinner (utility) and Gary Smiley (utility); and freshmen Caden Barber (utility), Wyatt Boles (pitcher), Connor Dickman (utility/pinch runner) and Hunter Tiffany (pitcher).

“Our first team goal is to be competitive,” said Cougars coach Andrew Doyle in a questionnaire. “We want to play seven innings each night. There is a lot of talent and potential on this team if they will buy in.”

Doyle added that the Cougars will use last season as fuel, because the only way is up when it comes to Climax Springs baseball.

“This team had a difficult 2024 season. We do not need to dwell on it, but instead feed off of it,” Doyle said. “Use it as fuel for this year and realize there’s only one direction to go from here and it’s up. We need to get better offensively and be more consistent on the mound. We have some decent arms, but they have not been able to go deep into games. It is imperative to pound the zone and pitch to contact to be able to go six or seven innings. We also have to be able to score runs. Having productive and quality at-bats will be our mindset.”

Griffith and Tiffany shared what they expect from this season.

“I am excited to see what the upcoming season will bring,” Griffith said. “We return six starters and have a few newcomers that bring excitement for this season. I want to have a strong senior year and do all I can to bring some winning tradition to Climax Springs.”

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“With the team we have now, we have lots of opportunities,” Tiffany said. “This upcoming season should be a good season. We just have to put in the work and make the season what we want. We have kids out here that haven’t played much, but with having the older guys, we can help them along the way and help them help us through the season. Overall, I think it’s going to be a good season. All the work we put in reflects on the outcome. So, honestly, if we work as a team, and grow as one, we have the season that could change the face of baseball for Climax Springs. We just have to make it.”

2025 schedule

# CLIMAX SPRINGS BASEBALL

3/15	.....	Tuscumbia Jamboree (Tuscumbia, MO)	.....	Neutral
3/21	.....	Weaubleau	.....	Home 5:00 pm
3/22	.....	Crocker DH (Crocker, MO)	.....	Neutral
3/25	.....	Hermitage	.....	Home 5:00 pm
3/27	.....	Stover	.....	Home 5:00 pm
3/28	.....	Halfway	.....	Home 5:00 pm
4/1	.....	Wheatland (Wheatland, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
4/3	.....	Osage (Osage Beach, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
4/4	.....	Tuscumbia	.....	Home 5:00 pm
4/7	.....	Laquey (Laquey, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
4/8	.....	Humansville (Humansville, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
4/10-11	.....	Hartville Spring Baseball Tournament (Hartville, MO)	.....	Neutral
4/14-19	.....	Wheatland Baseball Tournament (Wheatland, MO)	.....	Neutral
4/21	.....	Hermitage (Hermitage, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
4/25	.....	Macks Creek	.....	Home 5:00 pm
4/28	.....	Osceola	.....	Home 5:00 pm
4/30	.....	Tuscumbia (Tuscumbia, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
5/1	.....	Stoutland	.....	Home 5:00 pm
5/5	.....	Macks Creek (Macks Creek, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
5/6	.....	Richland	.....	Home 5:00 pm
5/7	.....	Wheatland	.....	Home 5:00 pm
5/12	.....	Stover (Stover, MO)	.....	Away 5:00 pm
5/13	.....	Fair Play	.....	Home 5:00 pm

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# OSAGE BOYS TENNIS



## Indians Aim For Fifth Straight District Title

The School of the Osage boys tennis team looks to continue its historic run as it prepares to defend its fifth Class 1 district title in a row.

“Last year we were very fortunate to win our fourth district title in a row,” said Indians coach Graham Baucom, who enters his third season as head coach and fourth total at Osage. “We were led by six strong seniors that we will be looking to replace this spring.”

According to Baucom, some names to look for this season are senior Fox Cost and juniors Brady Clark, Blake Harrison, Hudson Stombaugh and Fox Cost.

“Our team expectation this year is to play our best tennis at the district tournament. We have a tough schedule that is filled with seasoned opponents. I believe that by playing these good teams that it will prepare us to peak at the right time.

Baucom added how much he enjoys coaching this Indians tennis program.

“Tennis is enjoyable for me because it is a nice change of pace from football and basketball,” he said. “I get to be around some great young athletes and help them learn a sport that many other schools in our area do not offer. The weather has been challenging for us this spring but I think that is part of what makes tennis such a great sport. You never know what conditions, court or opponent you are facing until the start of the match.”

### 2025 schedule

## OSAGE BOYS TENNIS

3/21	..... Moberly (Moberly, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
3/24	..... Boonville	..... Home 4:00 pm
3/25	..... Waynesville (Waynesville, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
3/27	..... Marshall	..... Home 4:00 pm
3/28	..... Helias Catholic	..... Home 4:00 pm
4/1	..... Mexico (Mexico, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/3	..... Marshall Tournament (Marshall, MO)	..... Neutral
4/4	..... Warrensburg Varsity Tournament (Warrensburg, MO)	..... Neutral
4/7	..... Rolla (Rolla, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/10	..... Lebanon (Lebanon, MO)	..... Away 9:00 am
4/11	..... Lebanon (Lebanon, MO)	..... Away 9:00 am
4/14	..... Father Tolton Regional Catholic (Columbia, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/15	..... Camdenton	..... Home 4:00 pm
4/17	..... Smith-Cotton	..... Home 4:00 pm
4/22	..... Salem	..... Home 4:00 pm
4/24	..... Fulton (Fulton, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/28	..... Lebanon	..... Home 4:00 pm



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# OSAGE BOYS GOLF



## Indians To Be Led By Talented Underclassmen

The School of the Osage boys golf team will have a new home course in 2025 as the Indians return just four varsity golfers to its 12-man roster.

“We’re younger with about six freshmen out this year and a lot of kids who have a lot of experience and enthusiasm, so I’m excited,” said Indians coach Travis Squire, who enters his fifth season at Osage after 11 years of coaching at Cuba High School.

Due to construction at the Osage National Golf Resort, the Indians will claim Bear Creek Valley Golf Club and The Oaks Golf Course at Margaritaville as their home courses this season.

Sophomores Jarin Grant, Kingston Bommarito, Jackson Long and Lane Stokes all make their return. According to Squire, he expects Grant and Bommarito to lead the way on the greens with a talented freshmen class.

“Freshman Seth Duncan, his folks own this golf course here (Bear Creek Valley Golf Club) so he’s had a lot of experience and his game I think is top for us going into the season,” Squire said. “Freshman Xavier Fowler has looked pretty solid, and freshman Andre Torres looks like he came out and played a lot of golf last year, and you can tell all these kids have been playing in the offseason.”

Squire noted his expectations for this young Osage golf squad in 2025.

“We have an amazingly tough conference (Tri-County Conference) with our neighbors to the north, Eldon, and just them in general is quite a squad to compete with,” he said. “So, I tell the kids right now, look you’re young and we’re trying to build good habits and interest in the game and with that their scores are going to rise. Performance wise, we are setting our expectations low, but also understanding that with a young crop like this all you can do is grow and get better.”

Grant was slated in at the No. 3, 4 and 5 spot last year and noted what he has been working on to prepare for the season and his expectations for the team.

“I’m working on improving my wedges and my putting, so that I can lose strokes when I get closer to the green,” he said. “As far as expectations, I expect that we execute at districts and make a run at state.”

Duncan noted how it feels to be coached by Squire and also holds high hopes for the season.



“I think the team is looking pretty good so far and coach Squire is a nice guy and a good teacher, so it’s nice to play for a coach like him,” he said. “I don’t know who the other teams are in our district yet, but I have a feeling we are going to have a good shot.”

The freshman added that he’s been giving tips to his Osage teammates about the course at Bear Creek with some golf terminology.

“Since I have played a lot here I know how sometimes if a hole is like a dogleg you can just hit it over some trees and you’ll be right in the fairway, so I’ve been giving them pointers like that,” Duncan said. “But, I never thought we would ever practice here, so it’s been nice.”

Squire noted what sets the course at Bear Creek apart from the course at Osage National.

“For one, this course (Bear Creek) is probably going to make us better as a team,” Squire said. “This course is more challenging and the fairways are a little tighter and in general this is a course that will hone parts of your game that somewhat Osage National didn’t do with the bigger fairways. I think the kids are going to get more playing opportunity out here and that will benefit us. They (Bear Creek) has been very nice to us out here and we appreciate it because we enjoy playing here.”

Osage will tee off the season on March 24 at 4 p.m. when they host Waynesville for a home dual at The Oaks.

### 2025 schedule

## OSAGE BOYS GOLF

3/24	Osage Dual (Osage Beach, MO)	Home V 4:00 pm
3/27	Boonville (Boonville, MO)	Away V, JV 4:00 PM
3/31	Union (Union, MO)	Away V 9:00 AM
4/1	Osage Quad (Osage Beach, MO)	Home V 4:00 pm
4/7	Versailles (Versailles, MO)	Neutral V
4/10	Boonville Masters (Varsity) (Boonville, MO)	Neutral V
4/15	Tri County Conference Tourney (Osage Beach, MO)	Home V
4/21	Waynesville Invitational (Waynesville, MO)	Neutral V
4/28	Osage w/ Iberia @ Eldon Golf Club (Eldon, MO)	Away V
5/1	California Tri (California, MO)	Neutral V
5/6	Southern Boone Tri: Southern Boone/Osage/Eugene (Ashland, MO)	Neutral V
5/7	Lebanon (Lebanon, MO)	Away JV 9:00 AM

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# OSAGE BASEBALL



## Indians Aim To Capitalize In 2025

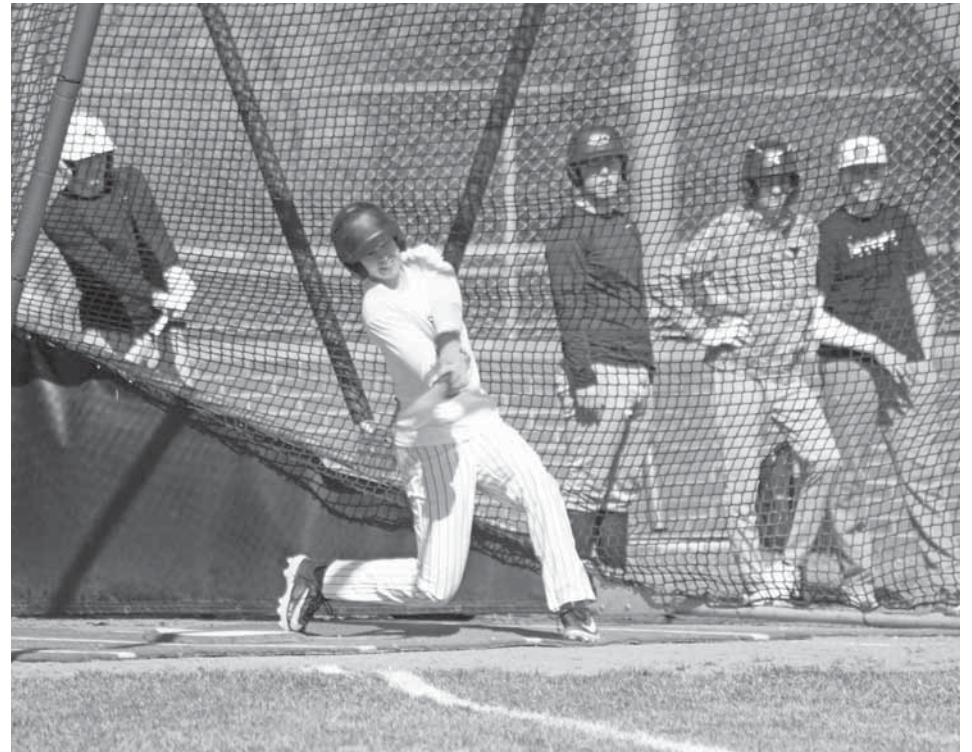
The School of the Osage baseball team looks to take the next step in 2025 as it returns seven to its varsity roster.

“We look to be more efficient on the mound and on the defensive side of the ball, as well as capitalizing on our opportunities to score runs at the plate,” said Indians head coach David Flaspohler, who enters year 16 coaching at Osage. “We expect to compete with class and improve every day. This team is resilient, and as our chemistry on the field improves throughout the year, we can make a push in district play.”

The Indians lose five players from last season where they ended with a 10-12 record. Osage fell to Tri-County Conference foe Blair Oaks 8-3 in the second round of districts after beating Buffalo 6-1 in the opening round.

Seven Indians return to the varsity roster led by senior captains Nick Dulle (first baseman/pitcher) and Tucker Willoughby (infielder/pitcher).

“Both of these student athletes are champions of character who are examples to follow both on and off the field,” Flaspohler said. “Tucker Willoughby (2024 Academic All-State) was number two on the team in innings pitched last year, finishing 3-2. The work he has put in this winter has set him up to continue to be a presence on the mound. Nick was fourth in innings pitched last year, finishing



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with a record of (1-1). He will look to solidify a spot at first base and continue recording outs on the mound.”

Other returners are juniors Christopher Nicholson (pitcher/outfielder), Tyler Marshall (outfielder), Hayden Helton (centerfield) and Kaleb Smitherman (utility, injured in 2024), along with sophomore Chance Ottens (catcher).

Newcomers to the Osage baseball team in 2025 are juniors Caleb Zilz (infielder/pitcher, Academic All-State) and Ethan Wall (pitcher/outfielder), along with sophomore Tanner Willoughby (infielder).

According to Flaspohler, Dulle, Willoughby, Nicholson and Wall look to fill the Indians pitching rotation.

Nicholson was the Indians Varsity Pitcher of the Year in 2024 and will most likely be the Osage ace.

“Christopher Nicholson (Second Team All-Conference, All-District and Academic All-State) led the team in innings pitched and strikeouts last year finishing with a record of 3-4,” Flaspohler said. “He was number two in batting average and led the team in runs batted in. Look for him to help lead this team on the mound and at the plate.”

Dulle and Willoughby noted how it feels to be chosen as team captains and shared how the team is shaping up before they travel to face Iberia with first pitch set for 5 p.m. on March 24.

“There were about five seniors last year and I think those guys really left a good message behind to really help teach the younger guys how to play their position really well, to just lead them to be better, or to be just as good as they were for this year,” Dulle said.

“They started something and we will finish it for them. Personally, I think we look fantastic and we definitely look better than years past at the start,” Willoughby said.

2025 schedule

# OSAGE BASEBALL

3/24	Iberia (Iberia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
3/25	Hallsville	Home 5:00 pm
3/27	Eugene	Home 5:00 pm
3/28	Waynesville (Waynesville, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
3/31	Crocker (Crocker, MO)	Away 4:30 pm
4/1	Versailles	Home 5:00 pm
4/3	Climax Springs	Home 5:00 pm
4/5	Eldon (Eldon, MO)	Away 12:00 pm
4/7	Russellville (Russellville, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/8	Boonville (Boonville, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/14	Richland	Home 5:00 pm
4/15	Blair Oaks (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/17	Moberly (Moberly, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/22	Southern Boone (Ashland, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/24	Macks Creek (Macks Creek, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/25-26	Versailles / California Turf War (California, MO)	Neutral
4/29	California	Home 5:00 pm
5/2-3	Russellville Tournament (Russellville, MO)	Neutral
5/5	Laquey	Home 5:00 pm
5/8	Buffalo	Home 5:00 pm
5/10	Osage Wood Bat DH (Osage Beach, MO)	Home
» 5/10 »	Crocker	Neutral
» 5/10 »	Cole Camp	Neutral
5/12	Dixon	Home 5:00 pm

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# OSAGE GIRLS SOCCER



## Lady Indians Focused On Balance And Communication

The School of the Osage girls soccer team looks to continue its success after securing its first Tri-County Conference Championship last season with 12 returners set to return to the varsity roster.

Expectations remain high for this Lady Indians squad this season as they look to deploy a more balanced scoring attack to compliment their defensive capabilities.

“I am looking for the girls to really start relying on one another and to be able to depend on more than just one or two players to make the plays and pick up the slack,” said Lady Indians head coach Shelly Long, who enters her third season at Osage and fourth overall coaching soccer. “We are much more rounded, with capable players in all positions. We have always had capable players, we would tend to just rely on one or two people to do the majority of the work. We can’t do that this season. We have to all play and move forward as a team where everyone is doing their part.”

Last season, Osage set multiple state records. The Lady Indians averaged 3.6 goals per game in 2024, which ranks fourth in program history. Departing striker Grace Larson holds the state record for the fastest goal to start a game (five seconds), 24th (24 seconds) and 30th (38 seconds). Junior attacking midfielder Isabelle Milligan ranks 29th (36 seconds). In 2024, the Lady Indians also made history with their ability to score and hold a state record for most goals scored in a half that ranks seventh with 10 goals.

The Lady Indians will be led by five seniors, forward Taylor Carroll (4 goals, five

assists), defensive midfielder Sophia Cline (1 goal, two assists), attacking midfielder Addison Fowler (1 goal), forward Olivia Alberti, and goalkeeper Meghan Milligan (107 saves).

Other returners are juniors, defensive midfielder Josie Colonius, defender Samantha Deibel (All-district, second team, 1 goal, two assists), forward/midfielder Ella Glover (5 goals, five assists), Isabelle Milligan (7 goals, four assists), defender Alissa Todd (two assists), and defender London Wood (All-District Honorable Mention; 1 goal), along with sophomore Ainsley Beeler.

Osage held opponents to an average of 1.5 goals conceded in 2024, which ranks third in program history. One returner who helped lead that defensive effort is Megan Milligan at goalkeeper and she sees the potential for this team to take the next step.

“We’re looking pretty good. We lost a lot of seniors from last year (Larson, Lexi Porter and Aubrie Gonnella) but we’re going to need some of our younger players to step it up,” Milligan said. “For example, my sister (Isabelle Milligan), she’s going to have to be a scoring threat along with Taylor (Carroll) and I think we are going to have a really solid defense.”

Newcomers to the Lady Indians squad in 2025 are, sophomores Ainsley Beeler, Macaily Brown, Randi Conrad and Kathleen Spriggs, and freshman Lailah Bean.

“Communication and leadership are going to be key this season,” Long said. “In the past, the team relied heavily on Grace (Larson) when we were in tough games and situations, so this year they will need to step up and fill that role. I believe that we have a few different girls that can step in and spread out the weight of that loss.”


### 2025 schedule

## OSAGE Girls Soccer

3/18	Osage/Jefferson City/Eugene/Fatima Jamboree (Osage Beach, MO)	Home
3/24	Laquey (Laquey, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
3/27	Boonville (Boonville, MO)	Away 7:00 pm
3/28	Capital City	Home 7:00 pm
3/31	Jefferson City	Home 7:00 pm
4/1	Fatima	Home 5:00 pm
4/3	St. James (St James, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/7	Bolivar	Home 7:00 pm
4/8	California	Home 7:00 pm
4/10	Blair Oaks	Home 7:00 pm
4/14	New Covenant Academy	Home 7:00 pm
4/15	Helias Catholic (Jefferson City, MO)	Away 7:00 pm
4/17	Stover	Home 5:00 pm
4/22	Battle (Columbia, MO)	Away 7:00 pm
4/24	Eugene	Home 7:00 pm
4/25	Sullivan (Sullivan, MO)	Away 7:00 pm
4/28	Fulton	Home 7:00 pm
5/1	Father Tolton Regional Catholic (Columbia, MO)	Away 7:00 pm
5/5	Southern Boone	Home 6:45 pm
5/10	Osage Shootout (Osage Beach, MO)	Home
» 5/10	» . Waynesville	Neutral 9:00 am
» 5/10	» . Affton	Neutral 1:00 pm

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# OSAGE TRACK & FIELD



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## Indians Return All State Qualifiers From Last Season

The School of the Osage track and field team has high expectations going into the 2025 season with all five state medalists returning to its varsity roster.

Last season, the Indians were led by senior Landon Childs who is the defending Class 4 State Champion at pole vault (4.73 meters, 15-06.25 feet).

Other returning state qualifiers from last season for the boys are seniors Noah Northrip (100m) and Andrew Groos (300m hurdles). Northrip and Groos are hungry to return to Jefferson City to improve their finishes at state. Northrip finished in third place in the 100m (10.87) while Groos finished in 14th place (41.96).

Newcomers to the boys varsity roster are senior Cole Baklashev and sophomore Hunter Schreimann.

“The attitude and effort of the collective whole is as good or better than it’s ever been,” said Indians head coach Jacob Evans who enters his fifth season at Osage and 14th season of coaching track and field.

According to Evans, senior Dayne Depee and junior Drake Williams are some other returners to keep an eye on in 2025.

Coach Evans also noted his expectations for this Osage squad in 2025.

“We need more production out of some field events. Our mid and distance crew

will have a big impact on this season as well,” Evans said.

Returning to lead the girls squad is senior Jaidyn Tabony who finished in fourth place in the triple jump (11.19 meters, 36-08.50 feet) at the Class 4 State Championships last season, setting a new PR and school record. Tabony also finished in 12th place in the long jump (5.02 meters, 16-05.75 feet).

Senior Macey Kessler also returns as a state qualifier for the Lady Indians after finishing tied for eighth place in the pole vault (2.97 meters, 9.09.00).

Other returners for the Lady Indians are seniors Amara Brandon, Kaylee Huynh, Bailey Groth, Andie Job, Elizabeth Yoder, Emma Faulconer and Olivia Jeffries; juniors Mary Long and Kylie Cole; and sophomores Rosie Falter, Avery Sperling, Adi Young, Delaney Hague, Claire Sallee, Monyca Lanoue and Jocelyn Kile.

Newcomers to the girls varsity roster are freshmen Macy Kauten, Addy Klaus and Gillian Newell.

Assistant coach Miriam Hill said she has been impressed by the work ethic of the Osage athletes going into the season and noted what she expects from this squad in 2025.

“My team expectations for this season are to be Tri-Country Conference champions and to do well in the postseason,” Hill said, who enters her 20th season at Osage and 25th season total of coaching.

### 2025 schedule

#### OSAGE BOYS TRACK AND FIELD

- 3/28 ..... Osage Varsity Open Meet (Osage Beach, MO) ... Home 4:15 pm
- 4/1 ..... Buffalo (Buffalo, MO) ..... Away 3:30 pm
- 4/3 ..... Buffalo (Buffalo, MO) ..... Away 4:15 pm
- 4/11 ..... Hillcrest Invitational (Springfield, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/14 ..... Osage HS Warpath (Osage Beach, MO) ..... Home 4:00 pm
- 4/16 ..... Versailles Invitational (Versailles, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/22 ..... Osage Varsity Invitational (Osage Beach, MO) .. Home 4:15 pm
- 4/29 ..... Tri County Conference Tournament (Ashland, MO) ..... Neutral
- 5/7 ..... Smith-Cotton Open (Sedalia, MO) ..... Neutral

### 2025 schedule

#### OSAGE GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD

- 3/28 ..... Osage Varsity Open Meet (Osage Beach, MO) ... Home 4:15 pm
- 4/1 ..... Buffalo (Buffalo, MO) ..... Away 3:30 pm
- 4/3 ..... Buffalo (Buffalo, MO) ..... Away 4:15 pm
- 4/10 ..... Girls Night Out (Springfield, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/14 ..... Osage HS Warpath (Osage Beach, MO) ..... Home 4:00 pm
- 4/16 ..... Versailles Invitational (Versailles, MO) ..... Neutral
- 4/22 ..... Osage Varsity Invitational (Osage Beach, MO) .. Home 4:15 pm
- 4/29 ..... Tri County Conference Tournament (Ashland, MO) ..... Neutral
- 5/7 ..... Smith-Cotton Open (Sedalia, MO) ..... Neutral

# MACKS CREEK BASEBALL



**MACKS CREEK  
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## Pirates Hopeful That Hard Work Will Pay Off In 2025

The Macks Creek baseball team enters the 2025 spring season with seven returners hoping to right the Pirate ship and win more games.

The Pirates went 2-3 during the 2024 fall baseball season under first-year head coach Fisher Snelling. Last spring, Macks Creek finished 3-12 and was shutout 15-0 by Hermitage in the opening round of the Class 1, District 8 Tournament.

Returning to lead the Pirates are seniors Paxton Breshears (first baseman/pitcher), Sean Green (catcher), Chase Christian (infielder) and sophomore Eli Charlton (third baseman/pitcher). Breshears is expected to lead the Pirates as the team captain. Last spring, Breshears was second on the team with a .500 batting average and an on base percentage of (.556).

Newcomers are junior Henry Adams, sophomore Kevin Bowman and freshmen Tate Booth (shortstop/pitcher), Cash Ehorn (second baseman/pitcher), Grayson Stoner (outfielder/pitcher), Colton Martineau (outfielder/pitcher) and Weston Martineau (infielder).



### 2025 schedule

## MACKS CREEK BASEBALL

3/24	Hermitage (Hermitage, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
3/27	Wheatland (Wheatland, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
3/31	Fair Play (Fair Play, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/1	Stover	Home 5:00 pm
4/3	Humansville	Home 5:00 pm
4/7	Weaubleau	Home 5:00 pm
4/11	Walnut Grove (Walnut Grove, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/14-19	Wheatland Baseball Tournament (Wheatland, MO)	Neutral
4/21	Stoutland (Stoutland, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/24	Osage	Home 5:00 pm
4/25	Climax Springs (Climax Springs, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
4/29	Richland	Home 5:00 pm
5/1	Crocker	Home 5:00 pm
5/2	Halfway	Home 5:00 pm
5/5	Climax Springs	Home 5:00 pm
5/6	Tuscumbia (Tuscumbia, MO)	Away 5:00 pm
5/12	Laquey	Home 5:00 pm
5/13	Dadeville (Dadeville, MO)	Away 5:00 pm



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# MACKS CREEK TRACK & FIELD

## Salter Enters First Season As Pirates HC With No Returners



The Macks Creek track and field program takes off into the 2025 season with Becky Salter taking over as varsity head coach with a roster full of newcomers in 2025.

Newcomers are junior Julian Tucker and freshmen Izzy Willey, Michael Egan, Kaelee Keehler, Alexis Eversole, Carter Ferrell, Weston Martinuea, Bode Harrison and Sebastian Sanchez.

“This group of athletes are eager to compete at the high school level. They understand we may face some challenges as we are a young team and will be competing against teams with more years of experience,” said Pirates coach Becky Salter, who

enters her first year as head coach after coaching as an assistant for the middle school team last season.

“This group is ready to put in the work to compete and it is exciting to see how we do as a team and how some measure out individuals against competing athletes,” Salter said.

According to Salter, many of the incoming freshman athletes will split time between track and field and baseball this spring.

“Last year’s eighth grade boys have challenged themselves now as high school freshmen to continue the work they put into track while also participating in baseball,” she said. “Some of our track meets will have a smaller high school team competing for this reason, however, our entire high school team is putting in the work to keep and improve their skills.”

Willey will participate in the 100m, 200m and 400m, and shared her eagerness to begin her varsity career.

“I would love to get new PRs this season and what I have really enjoyed about track and field is getting to meet all of the new people and where they are from,” Willey said.



### 2025 schedule

#### MACKS CREEK track and field

3/27	..... Russellville Open (Russellville, MO)	..... Neutral
4/3	..... Buffalo (Buffalo, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/10	..... Warsaw Invitational (Warsaw, MO)	..... Neutral
4/14	..... Osage HS Warpath (Osage Beach, MO)	..... Away 4:00 pm
4/15	..... HUNTER- MCNABB LAKER RELAYS (Camdenton, MO)	Neutral
4/16	..... Skyline	..... Neutral 4:00 pm
4/22	..... Osage Varsity Invitational (Osage Beach, MO)	..... Neutral
4/25	..... Eugene HS Invitational (Eugene, MO)	..... Neutral
5/7	..... Crocker Invitational (Waynesville, MO)	..... Away

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