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Trojans Return Experienced Golfers This Season

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The Barnesville Trojan Boys Golf team returns for another season on the links behind the tutelage of Coach Matt Askegaard, in his seventh season as leader of the Trojan golfers. The team returns three All-Conference players, with two of those players going to the 2017 Section golf meet.

Senior and 2018 captain, Charle Aakre, earned Heart O' Lakes All-Conference, as did freshman Adam Tonsfeldt, with both golfers making a trip to the Section 8AA golf meet. Add in junior Grant Inniger who also made the HOL All-Conference team, and Coach Askegaard has the makings of a very talented top three golfers to his six-man rotation.

"As a team, we finished last season in third place in the Heart O' Lakes Conference with Perham winning the title and Hawley coming in second," said Askegaard. "Charle Aakre and Adam Tonsfeldt advanced to the Section 8AA golf tournament. Adam had a fantastic first day shooting a 78, but struggled in

day two, leaving him just short of the state tourney. Charle was the exact opposite, as he had a rough first day before shooting a very respectable score on day two. Unfortunately, he did not move on to the state tourney either. In order to advance to state, a golfer at the Class 2A level must shoot par or slightly under. Both golfers were close last year and are hoping to improve upon their individual results this season."

Other golfers looking to crack the top six for the Trojans varsity squad include juniors, Luke Tonsfeldt and Jackson Ernst, sophomores, Graham Abarr, and Cole Loeks, and freshmen, Eric Ackerson, Mason Moen, Aaron Scheifert and Cole Swenson. Eighth-grader Logan Ernst also returns after gaining valuable experience on the varsity squad.

Junior high golfers include eighth graders Eric Church, Brady Dollison, Ryan Rustad, Dalton Rutherford and Lincoln Wahl, with seventh graders Gavin Grommesh, Tate Inniger, Isaac Maneval, Aaron Pearson, William Rotz and Theron Walseth looking to make their mark on the program in 2018.

"Grant Inniger also played very well last season and made the HOL All-Conference team," Askegaard said. "That gives us three All-Conference golfers in our top six, while we also return our top

six golfers from last year's team. With that being said, I expect us to compete at a high level in every meet.

"For the past decade plus, Hawley and Perham have dominated the HOL Conference. I hope we can make a run at the conference title this season and possibly advance to the section tournament. Our conference is going to be very competitive again. It should be a fun season."

As stated, the Trojans will compete in the HOL Conference and Class 8AA again in 2018. Askegaard will be assisted by first-year coach Hunter Moen, who will also handle the junior high golf program.

"Our conference is highly competitive, but moving up to Section 8AA has been our biggest challenge," stated Askegaard. "Competing with the larger schools such as Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls and Crookston has been difficult to say the least. We do not have the numbers that the big schools have, but we will give it our best shot and compete to the best of our abilities each and every day. I am looking forward to a fun-filled 2018 season."

Askegaard believes that Hawley and Perham are the HOL conference favorites with Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Hawley and Perham favored to win the section meet.



Members of the Barnesville Trojan baseball team are, left to right, back row - Mason Moen, Lincoln Wahl, Jackson Ernst, Grant Inniger, Charle Aakre, Tate Inniger; middle row - Logan Ernst, Brady Dollison, Ryan Rustad, Luke Tonsfeldt, Graham Abarr, Cole Loeks; front row - Aaron Pearson, Adam Tonsfeldt and Eric Ackerson.

Lady Trojan Golfers Return Experienced Squad

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The Barnesville Lady Trojans are back at work, getting ready for the 2018 golf season, and returning a roster full of players with another year of experience, including team captains, senior Alyssa Allen and junior Callie Krause.

Allen and Krause return after having a solid 2017 campaign. Both golfers were voted to the Heart O' Lakes All-Conference team with Krause making it to the section

championship in Bemidji, where she was able to get 36 holes of experience with some of the top girls in the state.

Head Coach George Haj said, "Callie grew a lot as a golfer playing with the top girls and didn't shy away from the challenge. I am also very proud of how hard she worked during the off season."

Haj is back for his fifth season as the head of Barnesville's girls golf program. Long-time coach Jerry Loegering, who heads the junior high program, will join him. Loegering has been a big key to the success of the program and enjoys being with the girls and teaching them the fundamentals.

Joining Allen and Krause will be Allie Aadland, Kailey Boman, Liv Brasel, Emily Delaney, Grace Halverson, Emily Olson, Claire Rehder, Kaci Stage, Alexandria Hamman and Maddalyn Stuvland. All of these girls will have an opportunity to compete for a varsity spot.

"Last year was a fantastic season with all the girls because of how hard they worked, propelling us to a second place finish in the conference" said Haj. "Everyone pushed to beat their personal records on a daily basis. We return all our golfers from last season, so I expect us to compete in the Heart O' Lakes Conference, pushing Perham for the conference title."



Members of the Barnesville Lady Trojans golf team are, left to right, back row - Kailey Bowman, Kaci Stage, Alyssa Allen, Emily Olson, Livina Brasel; front row - Claire Rehder, Madelyn Stuvland, Alex Hamman, Grace Halverson and Allie Aadland. Not pictured Callie Krause, Emily Delaney and Sidney Ahles.

Haj believes that Perham is the favorite to win the HOL Conference with Detroit Lakes favored to win the Section 8AA title and moving on to the state tourney.

Haj said, "We are the smallest school in 2A golf but will not

back down from the challenge of going head to head with the bigger schools."

Look for the Lady Trojans to make gains this year and be very competitive.

"We are hoping to be outside soon," Haj said. "Please come out and support our girls at our golf meets this season. 26The girls and I look forward to seeing you out at the course."



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