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Tigers Golf Waits For Spring To Arrive To Start Season

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It is a very old game but has generated a lot of interest in the young athletes of Rothsay.

"We have 25 students out for golf with a lot of younger kids joining this year," said second-year head coach Aaron Sletten. "The future looks good for our program."

But the Tiger golfers are not all youth and inexperience. The boys bring back six key athletes from last season, including seniors Wyatt Curtis, Landon Lang, Mitchell Fabre, and Riley Larson; junior Braden Moen; and sophomore Ethan Curtis. Rothsay did lose all-conference golfer Jacob Dunbar to graduation, but that is not a determining factor in the outcome of the season.

"All of the seniors need to step up a shot or two every round," noted Sletten. But this team is full of potential.

Sletten has characterized the Tigers as a "solid team returning with a lot of experience." That will play in favor for the Tigers as they look to keep up their competitiveness in the Quad County Conference.

In particular, Lang and Curtis have continued to improve their game and will contribute to the success of the Tiger team. Fabre, too, is looking confident and comfortable with the early strokes this season.

The Rothsay Tigers have marked their goals for this year's campaign, keeping up the high expectations from recent years. Sletten said that the Tigers should aim to "finish as a team in the top

three of every tournament."

He also expands that to individual goals, expressing that they could easily have three all-conference players this season. But that only comes with the right combination of ability, drive and support.

All seniors show positive signs early in the season but not just because of their own skill set. Sletten has noted their solid "senior leadership, good attitude, and support of the younger players."

Even with the strong experience and positive outlook, it will not be an easy road for the Rothsay Tigers. The Quad County Conference is a tough one. Ottetail Central, Ortonville and Pillager all demonstrated the ability to dominate last year, taking the conference final one, two and three. Each of the squads look just as competitive this season as they did last season.

But do not count Rothsay out. With a strong group of returners and eager youngsters joining the program, the fruition of the potential development may be closer than one may think.

Assisting Sletten this year is Tom Jensen, a familiar face to the Tiger golf program. Jensen returns to the Tiger program after a few years' hiatus but is already back into the swing of things.

In addition to the 24 boys golfers out for the team this year, Jenna Fabre is the sole female representation. Fabre, a sophomore, has played in years past and was able to get some experience on the links during her younger years.

Rothsay is formally scheduled to head to the tee box this week but will be battling less than ideal weather conditions and lingering snow and frost.



The members of the Rothsay Tigers boys and girls golf teams are, left to right, front row - Jenna Fabre, Wyatt Curtis, Landon Lang, Braden Moen; back row - Ethan Curtis, Mitchell Fabre, Nathan Bednarz and Brady Molter.

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