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# Raiders Boys Hoops Has Length And Speed This Season

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The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders boys basketball head coach, Kyle Haberman, is back for his fifth year leading the team. Assisting him are Eli Beachy, junior varsity; Daren Ulrich, C-team; along with Connor Waselk, Kenny Smigelsky and Ben Carson.

The Raiders lost a few players from last year's squad. Grant Pederson, Carter Raaen and Garret Frank all started last year and graduated. Haberman is looking for players to fill these roles for this season. Last season the Raiders finished 10-19. They won three playoff games and beat the number two and number three seeds. The boys ended their season with a loss in the subsection championship game.

Returning for the Raiders are Henry Jaster, 6'6" center; Cody Wolfswinkel, 6'3" forward; Tyler Bjerke, 6'3" forward; Garret Cossette, 5'9" guard; and Tyler Svare 6'0 guard.

Haberman is looking to the leadership of Tyler Bjerke. He has been in a number of big moments and has delivered. More importantly, Bjerke puts in the time needed to be great. He is constantly working on his craft and hopefully it pays dividends this year.

The team hopes to compete every night and be playing their best ball in March. They want to be playing their best when it matters. The team has length and speed as an asset this season to help them on the court.

In the Pine-To-Prairie conference,



The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders boys basketball varsity team members are, left to right, front row-Korey Smigelsky, Garret Kleven, Zeb Lewis, Brayden Ecker, Trent Bjerke, Garret Cossette; back row-Tyler Svare, Nick Donovan, Tyler Bjerke, Henry Jaster, Cody Wolfswinkel and Ryan Voge. Not Pictured is Ben Olson.

Haberman sees Ada as a team to beat. They have experience, and they added some of the former Norman County West team players this season.

Haberman has had some good moments coaching Raiders

basketball. They have had two section championship games in recent years. He also relishes last year's win at Concordia.

"One of my favorite things about coaching Raiders basketball is the fight our guys have toward the end

of the year," concludes Haberman. "They do not give up and they do not turn on each other."

The Raiders roster this season is as follows:

3 Garret Cossette G 5'7 10

4 Garrett Kleven G 5'11 11  
5 Brayden Ecker G 6'1 9  
13 Cody Wolfswinkel F 6'3 11  
15 Ryan Voge G 5'11 12  
20 Tyler Svare G 5'11 12  
21 Ben Olson F 6'0 10  
23 Korey Smigelsky G 5'8 10

23 Trent Bjerke G 6'0 9  
24 Tyler Bjerke F 6'3 11  
33 Zeb Lewis F 5'9 10  
41 Nick Donovan F 6'2 12  
45 Henry Jaster C 6'6 11

# Raiders Return Entire Team Back For This Season

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The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders girls basketball team will see a new face as head coach this year. Beau Kirkwood takes the head of the Raider program this year, and will

be assisted by Ben Bencoter.

The Raiders will be returning their whole team from last season. Kirkwood believes his team is full of leaders. He is not even thinking about last year's season and only looking ahead at what is in store for the team.

"If I could say some names I would say Grace Bowers, Maria Schauer, Carlie Ecker, Etta Miosek and Kay Pederson," says Kirkwood. "All of them bring experience and a



The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders girls basketball varsity teams members are, left to right-Kay Pederson, Grace Bowers, Hailey Frohman, Lily Frohman, Gracie Johnson, Maria Schauer, Maddie Thompson, Beth Schauer; back row-Carlie Ecker, Etta Miosek, Paris Roy, Izzy Olson, Mia Gehrig, Grace Schauer and Kiara Gullard.

desire to get better. They push each other and all of their teammates. They enforce what is being instructed and help solve problems that we encounter."

Team goals for the season are to improve every day and play with passion and desire. The team is hoping to continue an upward trend throughout the season so they are peaking at playoff time. The team has a lot of room for improvement, but they hope to be a competitive team on a nightly basis. They don't want to be viewed as an easy win by other teams.

"We have some athletic girls, and I hope can harness that ability and produce on the basketball floor," notes Kirkwood.

The team also has players that

complement each other well where they won't have to rely on only a couple girls to do the scoring. There are about seven to eight players that can be scoring on any given night.

In the Pine-To-Prairie conference, Kirkwood sees Ada as a team to beat. They are a well coached and

efficient team. They are hard to stop and hard to score against.

Kirkwood's favorite thing about coaching the Raiders team this year is that he's coached all of the girls during their junior high careers and he gets to coach them again.

"I am looking forward to seeing how we progress," concludes

Kirkwood. "We will have some hard times during the season, but I feel like we will be resilient and end up being very competitive."

The Raiders roster this season is as follows:

2 Maria Schauer F 5'7 12  
4 Carlie Ecker G 5'7 12  
5 Grace Bowers G 5'5 12  
11 Izabella Olson G 5'7 9  
14 Hailey Frohman F 5'6 11  
15 Madison Thompson G 5'4 9  
20 Kay Pederson G 5'6 11  
21 Mia Gehrig F 5'6 11  
22 Paris Roy G 5'5 9  
23 Beth Schauer F 5'7 9  
33 Lillian Frohman G 5'6 9  
40 Grace Schauer F 5'9 10  
42 Gracie Johnson F 5'5 9  
44 Etta Miosek C 5'11 11

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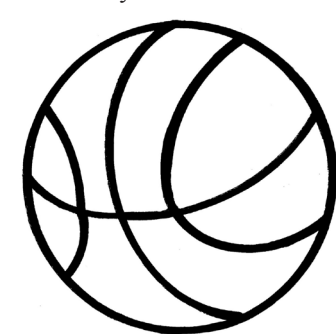
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