

Cook takes over healthy Lady Cardinal golf program

By MIKE COURSON
How do you replace a legend? All Kolten Cook can do is try. Cook takes over for long-time Cardinal golf coach Bruce Cooper. Fortune is shining on Cook, who has back four golfers from last year's team that finished fourth in Class 3-2-1A.

"We bring back a solid core of girls this year," Cook said. "We want to defend our league and regional titles as well as improve on our fourth-place finish at state last year."

The Lady Cards did lose a pair of state scorers to graduation. Hadleigh Gardner finished 21st at state and Jaci Schremmer placed 22nd to help pick up team

points.

That means Cook has back two state scorers and two more state competitors. Senior Maleigha Schmidt led last year's team at the Smoky Hill Country Club with a 95 for seventh overall. Senior Trinity Dolezal tied teammate Schremmer in 22nd. Freshman Addison Smith finished 57th overall, and senior Liza Ward finished 63rd.

The bad news for Schmidt and company is that most of last year's top golfers should be back this fall. TMP senior Hsiang Chin beat last year's field by five strokes with a 76. In all, just one of the top-nine and four of the top-17 golfers from state have

graduated.

In the team race that could loom large as reigning state champion Syracuse loses its No. 3 scorer from state. Johnson County, Goodland,

Hoisington, and Caney Valley were separated by just four strokes for places 2-4, and the Lady Cards took the biggest knock to graduation in that group.

Hoisington golf 2018

Aug. 28	@Nickerson
Sept. 4	@Medicine Lodge
Sept. 10	@Pratt
Sept. 13	@Larned
Sept. 13	@Kingman
Sept. 17	@Russell
Sept. 24	HOME
Oct. 1	@Hays TMP
Oct. 2	@Cheney
Oct. 8	Regional TBA
Oct. 15	State @Hays

Hoisington tennis 2018

Aug. 30	@Larned
Sept. 4	HOME
Sept. 8	@Great Bend
Sept. 13	@Ellsworth
Sept. 18	@Central Plains
Sept. 22	@Wakeeney
Sept. 25	@Ellsworth
Sept. 29	CKL @Hesston
Oct. 5-6	Regionals
Oct. 12-13	State

Nearly two dozen out for Hoisington tennis team

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He's back! Kerry Mooney was oft seen at Hoisington tennis meets in one coaching capacity or another, but he's officially back for a ninth season as head coach for the 2018 season. He has 21 players out this fall but just seven have varsity experience.



Gone to graduation are both of the Lady Cardinals who played singles in a tough Class 3-2-1A regional in Hesston last fall. Aurora Ingram and Audrie Harms both made early exits from that bracket that featured three of the top-five placers at state a week later.

Mooney does have back two players who played on the doubles side of that regional. Seniors Bailee Bachar and Emma Mooney are joined by fellow senior Jacqueline Gonzalez. Bachar took a winning 14-13 record into that bracket alongside Katelyn Knapp. Emma Mooney teamed up with Cassidy Harms as Hoisington's No. 1 doubles team.

Mooney said the goal of this season is getting the girls to a point where they can succeed, and seeing that transformation will be one of the highlights in his return as head coach.

Hoisington hosts just one meet on Sept. 8, but the Lady Cards stay in county with meets in Great Bend and Claflin, and also make a pair of short trips to Larned and another to Ellsworth.

Good luck, cardinal athletes!

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