

# Men's golf team primed to keep conference title, state tournament appearance streaks alive

By Jack McLaughlin

The Edgerton High School men's golf team has taken home a whopping eight consecutive Rock Valley Conference championships, five of which came under current head coach Terry Dickinson (alongside assistant head coach Mike Schmidt and volunteer assistant Bob Albrecht).

So it goes without saying they're doing something right.

With this in Dickinson's mind—even though COVID-19 has hacked and rearranged high school sports seasons across Wisconsin—he doesn't plan to tinker with his winning recipe.

"I am not preparing or planning any different this year than any other," he said. "Do the best I can to prepare the kids for the season and do what I can to improve their golf games."

Alongside this season's approach to

preparation, what the team hopes to accomplish also hasn't changed from previous years. This starts with winning a ninth-straight conference title first and foremost, but they don't stop there.

"The team goals are the same every year: win conference, win regionals, and advance from sectionals to the state tournament," Dickinson said.

And while many other squads will cite the same goals, this Tigers team is primed to actually achieve them. All of them. The Edgerton High School men's golf team has competed in the last two state golf tournaments, placing second in 2018 and third in 2019 (there was no meet last year due to COVID).

Even with this year gap, Dickinson says a large percentage of the 2019 team is still intact this year, and only one senior was lost to graduation.

"The varsity lost only one senior from last year, so we are returning the

nucleus of our team," Dickinson said. "We will be led by junior Braden Hurst and senior Clayton Jenny, both two year letter winners, as well as Brady Callmer, a junior letter winner."

Additionally, talented sophomore Roman Frodel and freshman Cameron Lee will be making their varsity debuts.

And even though the Tigers are in place to make another major run—hav-

ing not lost many core team members and following an infusion of young talent—ultimately, according to Dickinson, they're just grateful to play at any level this year.

"After the cancellation of the season last year, the entire group of coaches, players, parents and district staff are excited about having the opportunity to compete this year," he said.

## COVID restrictions loosen for spring sports spectators

By Steven Slack

Spectators of Edgerton High School spring sports won't be subject to all the same restrictions as winter sports spectators.

"Outdoors helps tremendously with some of the social distancing that we can do," athletic director Jon Dupuis told the Edgerton Reporter. "It's a little more open comparative to where we first started in the winter."

Track and field, soccer, golf, softball, baseball and tennis are all outdoor sports, which naturally allow for better air circulation and distancing than the winter sports. Additionally, more Wisconsinites continue to get vaccinated, which loosens the restrictions set out by the CDC.

"We're continuing to trend in the right direction," Edgerton athletic director Jon Dupuis said of the pandemic. "But we're not past it."

Dupuis noted that masks and social distancing between people who do not live in the same home will continue to be encouraged at all Edgerton sporting events, but EHS cannot mandate it at every location.

Softball, for example, plays at Race-

track Park—a public facility where EHS has no authority to regulate. Dupuis noted that the park has plenty of space for spectators to bring lawn chairs and space themselves out appropriately down either baseline.

Similarly, golf takes place at a variety of courses and all attendees would be expected to adhere to the rules of those particular businesses.

In winter, the athletic department limited ticket sales to a certain number of attendees per student and even had a temperature check upon arrival. For spring, neither of those measures have been deemed necessary or plausible.

"Hopefully, everyone's excited," Dupuis said of the increased spectatorship for spring. "I know Grandma and Grandpa and uncles and aunts want to come and support our athletes."

Dupuis also stated that Edgerton is working on getting the concession stands open for the first time this season, with additional safety protocols in place.

"We're just trying to get back to having fun and doing what people like to do," Dupuis said. "Hopefully, next year we're back in a better place and people feel even more confident."



(From left) Assistant Coach Mike Schmidt, Clayton Jenny, Bryce Tate, Braden Hurst, Kyle Willie, Joe Forsting and head coach Terry Dickinson at the 2019 division 2 golf tournament; the team took third place.

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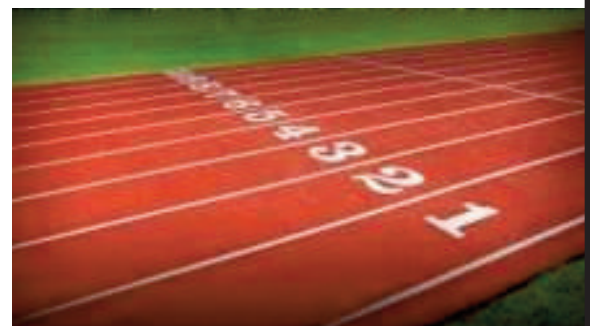
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