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THE 2021 EDGERTON SPRING SPORTS PREVIEW

Spring sports return to Edgerton High School

By Steven T. Slack

After two years off, spring sports are set to return to Edgerton High School. As COVID-19 began spreading across the United States last March, Wisconsin high school sports were shut down.

Edgerton High School and the Rock Valley Conference canceled all spring sports, following a precedent set by both collegiate and professional sports across the country.

Although the teams will be playing fewer games in a shorter amount of time, Edgerton will be offering the full slate of spring sports: co-ed track and field, girls soccer, boys golf, boys tennis, baseball and softball.

With so many kids having lost an entire season, Edgerton athletic director Jon Dupuis worked with staff to ensure the high school could offer every sport at some point this school year.

"I think we did a really good job of being proactive in looking at the overlap," Dupuis said. "I'm really thankful for the staff coming together and coming out with a plan that allowed our kids not to have to choose."

There was one week where some student athletes and coaches had practice for two different sports on the same day.

"It's been a busier week with some late nights for sure," Dupuis told the Edgerton Reporter. "Just thankful we figured out a way to allow everybody to participate in what they want to."

Last year, the WIAA cancelled its winter tournament series before champions were even crowned.

While winter sports did not crown a winner, spring sports never even took the field.

"You just feel terrible, especially for those seniors," Sharon Fox, volleyball coach and parent of a spring athlete said.

The loss of a season has added perspective for some of this year's athletes.

"So much got taken away...It was pretty tough," senior Carly Rebman said in reference to last spring. "Having this great [basketball] season with my friends made everything so much better, kind of put some light in my life."

Editorial

Wishing all EHS athletes success with spring sports

Welcome to our Spring Sports preview.

All the businesses involved with this special issue wish every athlete much success during this sports season. We know how much time and effort you are taking to be the best you can be in the sports of soccer, golf, track & field, baseball, softball and tennis. This is the time for big goals, big plans, big dreams and visions of wins and titles. As we did in the fall, we want to highlight four items that will help achieve your success.

TEAMWORK

There is value in a team. Even if athletes participate individually, such as in golf or tennis, there is real value in understanding the power of a team and using the synergy for success.

DISCERNMENT

We have editorialized before on the power of discernment. It is one of the most important attributes for a successful life. On some level, we all know there are some things we can't control. In sports, it could be the weather, the officiating, coaching decisions, reaction of fans and the opponents' strategy. The best approach is to control what you can and let go of getting caught up with those things beyond your control.

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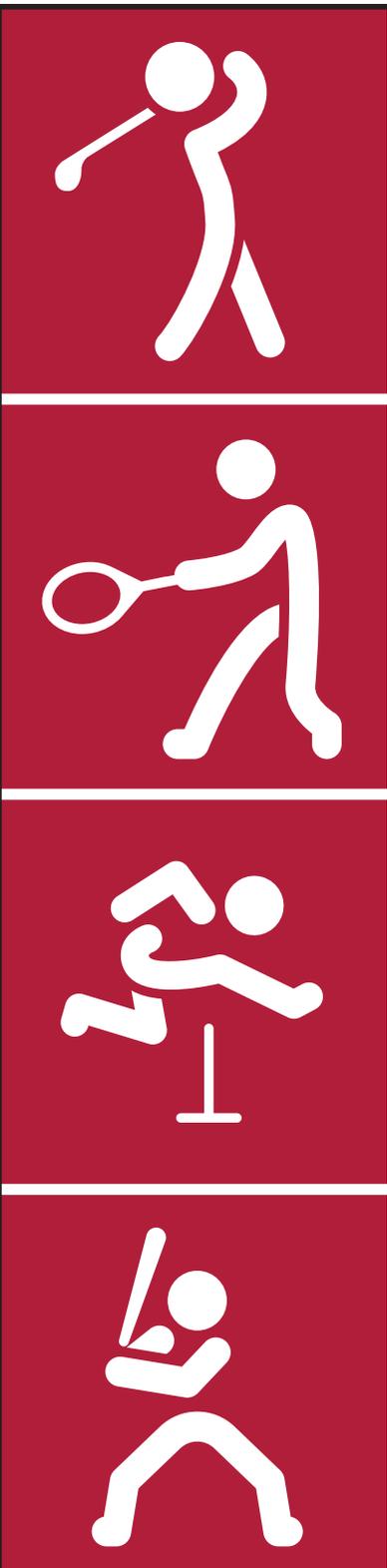
School life, just as in life in general, is full of interruptions, distractions and lots of doubt. We all know we have to work hard to improve, especially if we want to be our best at a sport. It is a gift to have the ability to give up something good to attain something better. Discipline is that gift.

LASTLY, IT'S ABOUT THE JOURNEY

A reminder to enjoy the moment. There will be monumental wins and disappointing losses. Savor the journey. Winning or losing is the potential result but the journey—playing the game—has lasting value.

Enjoy the season, good luck and God bless you.
 We also say welcome back.

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