

Boys track looks to regain 2019 form after missing last season

By Jack McLaughlin

After missing out on the entirety of the 2020 season, the Edgerton boys track team looks to rebound in form in 2021.

Because even with a full gap year on their resume, this is still a talent-rich team with postseason aspirations. Not only does Head Coach Kurt Muchow believe this boys squad could have taken home at least a conference title in 2020, but they also held a real shot at sending athletes to the state level.

And according to Muchow, these goals remain the same in 2021.

Hoping to repeat an absolutely breakout 2019 season is senior Tony Beighly, whose long jump of 22 feet and 6.75 inches stole third place at the division 2 state meet, even though he was seeded as only the 13th-best leaper.

What's more, Muchow believes he has the gas to go the distance in more than one event as well. "He has a chance [to make state] in the high jump and the 110 hurdles as well."

But this isn't just a one-man show, either.

Other competitors for the Tiders include senior Ethan Krause, who took third place at the 2019 sectional in pole vault with 11 feet and 9 inches, a move that qualified him for the 2019 Sectionals.

Another returning athlete to keep an eye on is senior Lucas Norland. As a sophomore, he blazed through the 2019 Regionals meet, running a 55.4-second 400-meter dash, 17.45 seconds in the 110m hurdles and 24.2 seconds in the 200-meter dash, all good enough to qualify for 2019 Sectionals.



Nathan Crouch (left) passes the baton to Micah Boyd in track meet.

Photo by courtesy of Edgerton High School

Girls track boasts depth and experience heading into 2021 season

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Edgerton High School stadium has a new track that's itching to be used in real race competition.

Now back from a one-year hiatus due to COVID-19, the Edgerton girls track team looks to do just that.

And even though the last time the Edgerton girls competed (barring several early season practices last year), was in 2019, according to head coach Kurt Muchow, this group was a talented bunch then, and many varsity-level contributors have returned for 2021.

Although many of the team's top-level competitors have graduated since the 2019 season, including Morgan Demrow (who anchored the Tiders shotput and discuss throwers for several years), Kaitlin Severson (2019 Sectionals qualifier in multiple intermediate distance races) and Olivia Brittan (triple jump), the team is returning many varsity-level starters and should enjoy an influx of solid young talent as well.

"I have been coaching 20 years at the school and was really excited last year with the talent

we had on the team," Muchow said. "But we have a lot of talent on the roster this year as well."

Looking to lead the women Tiders into a conference title and beyond in the 2020 season is the team's ace distance runner, Ruby Schieldt. Also a prominent part of the Edgerton High School Cross Country team, the junior made a splash during the 2019 season when she qualified for Sectionals as a freshman in the 400 (1:03.78), and the 800 (2:26.69).

Muchow sees fellow junior Madisen Zych acting as a triple-threat of sorts for the team this year as well, as he plans to

have her take part in the 100 meter hurdles in addition to the shotput and discuss.

Likewise, Kylie Cornett is another talented and versatile piece for the team this season. The junior qualified for Sectionals in 2019 as a freshman after serving as a leg in the team's 4x400 meter relay (completed in 4:27.30), but that's not all she can do, as Cornett is slated to run shorter dashes, such as the 100 and 200 meter, as well as the long jump.



Edgerton's Morgan Demrow tosses a 4kg (8.8lb) shot put in 2019

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