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Young Golfers Have Direct, Strong Focus

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Sports Writer



After having a break from an official golf season last spring, everything may seem new. There are some new golf rules and terms that are still just a few years old and when not able to put them into practice last year, refreshers may be needed.

There are new leaders in the clubhouse, new competition, and new players to round out your team. All may be true when looking at the Lake Park-Audubon boys golf team for their 2021 campaign. The Raiders are bringing in all new athletes to their set roster for varsity competitions as they lost four spots

to graduation over the last few years.

However, there are a few golfers who have a couple of meets under their belts, but not a full, consistent season of play. Dalton Dornbusch, Logan Holmstrom, Braden Kruger, Trent Bjerke, Sam Bestge, and Tanner Clappsaddle will bring their experience to the Raider golf team and help lead the younger, novice golfers.

Spearheading the improvement and confidence efforts is Head Coach Kyle Haberman. He returns for his fourth season at the helm of the Lake Park-Audubon team and is on his seventh year with the program. That familiarity with golfers, swings, meets, and coaching strategies will all work in favor for the Raiders as they work to rebuild their team this year.

Coach Haberman has taken the young team and the young season

and given it a direct, strong focus.

"We need to get our guys out golfing and learning each day," he said. "We are young and inexperienced but we have a group that should get better the more they compete."

That is promising as there is always room to improve in golf. Haberman is optimistic that this group of boys is strong enough and smart enough to make adjustments throughout the season and during meets as well.

And the time in the meets are key for this squad. "Some of our guys went and played over the summer but it takes meets and practice to improve in this game," noted Haberman.

While we are all thankful the season is happening, the Raiders are doing all they can to make the most of this opportunity. They are focused



The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders boys golf team members are, left to right, front row-Sam Bestge, Brayden Kruger, Tanner Clappsaddle, Collin Curran, Trent Bjerke, Caden Ehlers, Dalton Dornbusch, Lucas Keizer and Logan Holmstrom.

in practice, ready for the first meet, and eager to make adjustments throughout the spring to stay

competitive in the Pine to Prairie conference all season.





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