



# Titans Ready To Play Ball And Get On The Field

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The Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal Titans baseball team is back with Mark Hemberger as head coach. He has coached for 10 years. Assisting him this season are Dustin Flaten and Kain Schow.

The Titans lost six great seniors that ended their career as juniors in 2019 with the section 8A semi-final loss to Fosston. The players were Treyton Klemetson, Riley Resnick, Logan Miller, Chase Green, Tanner Douville and Parker Lien. The Titans would LOVE to be in that tourney again this year.

Even though the 2020 season got wiped out, the players were able to play senior Babe Ruth baseball league last summer and did well. They lost to Ashby in the semi-finals of the conference league tourney.

The Titans return two players to the team, senior Gavin Jacobson (team captain), catcher, and Connor Nelson, pitcher/outfielder. These two players are also team leaders. Coach Hemberger notes that Favis is the only senior who has played a lot of innings for the team. He is a great leader on and off the field and also is a good mentor to the younger players.

Connor has the on-field experience the team needs to show the younger guys the right way to play baseball. Nelson, who as a freshman pitcher had a 6-1 record with 40 strikeouts and a 1.78 ERA, will be asked to pitch a lot of innings,



The Titans baseball team members are, left to right, front row: Nathan Juarez, Seth Miller, Soren Bakke, Wyatt Crompton, Drew Jacobson, Gavin Jacobson, Brody Begg, Zech Juarez; back row: Reed Klemetson, Reece Brambrink, Aidan Flaten, Cade Bentley, Cody Noddsle, Connor Nelson, Dawson Thompson and Ryker Ellingworth.

play positions all over the field, and be a leader on offense.

There are a few key leaders as well for the team, such as Dawson Thompson. They are surrounded by good, young talent. There will be a lot of question marks because of the year off last spring so the team will need to find out who is going to do the things they need to be successful.

The sophomores, Drew Jacobson, Ryker Ellingworth, Reed Klemetson, Zech Juarez, Nathan Juarez and

Brody Begg, will get a chance to prove they can play at the varsity level.

The freshmen, Soren Bakke, Wyatt Crompton and Aidan Flaten, will have a chance to compete for a few varsity positions as well.

Freshmen Cody Noddsle, Cade Bentley, Reece Brambrink and Seth Miller will need to get some JV experience under their belts to show what they can do on the field and at the plate.

Hemberger also notes that Titan parents will be selling hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beverages, candy, Dippin' Dots and all kinds of snacks at all Titans home games again this year.

We will also be utilizing the new baseball press box to have an announcer keep you in tune with all the action on the field and also play some of your favorite tunes between innings. So come on out to the ballpark to cheer on the Titans and enjoy the games, food, music, and weather all season long!

"We are just happy to get back on the field again," concludes Hemberger.

The roster for the Titans is as follows:

**Seniors**  
#5 Gavin Jacobson C/IF  
#21 Dawson Thompson OF/P

**Juniors**  
#2 Connor Nelson OF/P

**Sophs**

#11 Brody Begg OF/C  
#9 Ryker Ellingworth 1B/P  
#4 Drew Jacobson SS/P  
#1 Nathan Juarez OF  
#7 Zech Juarez OF/IF/C  
#3 Reed Klemetson IF/P

**Freshmen**  
#10 Soren Bakke IF/C  
#15 Cade Bentley OF  
#13 Reece Brambrink OF  
#6 Wyatt Crompton IF/P  
#8 Aidan Flaten IF/P/C  
#26 Seth Miller OF  
#18 Cody Noddsle OF/P

# Titans Hoping For Another Good Season Of Softball

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The Norman County East/Ulen-Hitterdal Titans softball team has Steve Radniecki back for his 25th year of coaching. Assisting him are Shelly Brevik, varsity assistant/JV coach and Kari Bergstrom, JH coach.

The Titans finished up their 2019 season with a 20-4 record. They were the Pine-to-Prairie conference champions, Subsection 8A champions and section 8A runners-up.

The team lost a bunch of great seniors off of the 2020 team that only had a seven-day season. Ryah Opsahl was an All-State pitcher in 2019. Corie Peterick was an All-Section first baseman and Amber Eken was an All-Section catcher.

However, the Titans have players that should step up and give the team another good year. Madison Thornton will be the number one pitcher, Maggie Tjon is a good catcher and Gillian Keezer should fill in for Peterick at first base nicely. These players are all seniors this year.

Returning starters are seniors Madison Thornton, pitcher; Anna



The Titans softball team members are, left to right, front row: Annabelle Begg, Malynn Haverkamp, Payton Haspel, Kaitlyn Brenna, Tatum Halvorson, Trista Krueger, Jessica Wold; middle row: Regan Oberg, Jocelyn Braseth, Madison Thornton, Madelyn Sorensen, Jerran Madson, Gillian Keezer, Addison Yarbrough; back row: Coach Shelly Brevik, Gabby Askelson, Izzy Klemetson, Maggie Tjon, Anna Carlson, Aricka Botzet, Josie Tjon and Coach Steve Radniecki.

Carlson, third base; and Jessica Wold, centerfield. Also juniors Adi Klemetson, second base, and Gabby Askelson, left field. Madison and Anna are this year's team captains.

"The seniors are definitely our team leaders," notes Radniecki. "They have all been with the program for six years and they know what it takes to be successful."

The team's goal is, as in every year, to get better each week. In order to do that all of the players need to work hard to improve their game.

Coach Radniecki feels they can compete for the PTP conference title. Also they should be able to improve enough during the season to be able to compete for the subsection and section titles.

The PTP conference race could be wide open. There are a lot of unknowns from not having a season last year. Having mentioned that, Coach Radniecki feels that Lake Park-Audubon will be very strong in conference play this year.

The Titans' best asset as a team is they have a nice mix of older and younger players that can play the game. The girls are very coachable and are willing to work hard to achieve success.

COVID brings additional

challenges to every team this year. However, at least the teams do get to have a season. Radniecki feels that it has made the players more focused because they now know what a privilege it is to have a chance to play.

"I love our team's willingness to learn. They realize we have a long way to go to become a good team but are willing to work hard and accept coaching," concludes Radniecki. "That greatly increases their chance of having success."

The Titans roster is as follows:

1 Madison Thornton	P	12
3 Gabby Askelson	LF	11
4 Adi Klemetson	2B	11
8 Reagan Oberg	C	9
9 Annabelle Begg	IF	10
10 Jocelyn Braseth	P	9
11 Maggie Tjon	C	12
14 Izzy Klemetson	RF	9
16 Jerran Madson	SS	9
21 Trista Krueger	OF	10
23 Jessica Wold	CF	12
25 Kaitlyn Brenna	IF	10
32 Malynn Haverkamp	OF	10
36 Madelyn Sorensen	IF	12
37 Anna Carlson	3B	12
38 Gillian Keezer	1B	12

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