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# Raiders Baseball Is On The Rise This Season

By Lynae Schenck

The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders baseball team has a new head coach this season. Brandon Johnson is taking over the program. He has spent the last eight years in a variety of head coaching roles for Detroit Lakes, including junior high, Legion, JR Legion, and amateur baseball. Assisting him are Tim Henrikson, varsity assistant, Tom Bergman, junior high coach, and Garrett Illg, junior high assistant.

The team had a tough year, finishing winless. They lost only one player from last year's team. There are a handful of guys in competition to solidify that ninth spot.

There is a core of sophomores returning to lead the team-Tate Schlauderaff, Ian Ullrich, Carson Ullrich, Oakley Walz, Isaac Hiemenz, Isaac Jones, and eighth graders Henry Krause and Brayden Bergman return.

The sophomores have taken on leadership roles. After getting a taste of varsity-level play and finding minimal success, they are driven to work hard, get better, and hold others accountable. They want to ensure, as a program, that everyone is working hard, getting better, and growing.

The Raiders' biggest challenge will be the weather. Game cancellations cause havoc on their schedule and make the team stretched thin for pitching at different times throughout the year.

The team is striving to develop a strong baseball IQ and become fundamentally strong. They have heart, desire, and passion to drive them.

"The team is on the rise, and we will find more success than last year," notes Coach Johnson.

A team to watch in the Pine To Prairie conference will be Fosston, according to Coach Johnson. They have a program rich in tradition with a state title in recent years.



The Raiders baseball team members are, left to right, front row-Ethan Richard, Henry Krause, Breck Doran, Grayson Olsen, Isaac Hiemenz, Jace Beyer, Easton Walter; middle row-Head Coach Brandon Johnson, Jerry Cucich, Oakley Walz, Isaac Jones, Dalton Soyryng, Coach Tim Henrikson; back row-Tate Schlauderaff, Alex Wasche, Carson Ullrich, Ian Ullrich and Brayden Bergman.

"This program is right at the grassroots of creating something special with a newly resurrected youth baseball association; the boys are working hard behind the scenes," concludes Coach Johnson. "We are providing athletes a more enjoyable and productive opportunity to learn and play this game. This year, we will see growth and find the success

that these young men are thirsting for." The roster for the Raiders baseball team is as follows:

Isaac Hiemenz	10
Isaac Jones	10
Tate Schlauderaff	10
Ian Ullrich	10
Carson Ullrich	10
Oakley Walz	10

Alex Wasche	10
Jace Beyer	9
Jeremiah Cucich	9
Breck Doran	9
Ethan Richard	9
Easton Welter	9
Grayson Olsen	9
Dalton Soyryng	9
Brayden Bergman	8
Henry Krause	8

**Go Raider Baseball!**



# Raider Softball Hoping To Have A Strong Season

By Lynae Schenck

The Lake Park-Audubon Raiders softball team has Mark Howback as head coach this season. This is his seventh year as head coach. Assisting him this season are Jason Mattson, Corbey Mattson, Tammy Lundstrom (JV), and Cassandra Rieger (JV).

Last season, the team finished 12-7. The team did well but had a disappointing loss in their last game of the season. The team lost Megan Musolf and Paige Vanderplaats to graduation from last year's team. Megan was a pitcher, and Paige played second base. Senior Alivia Jacobson will fill the role of starting pitcher, but the team has two strong underclassmen who can throw well too-Alivia Thomasson and Alex Mattson. As for second base, there are three or four girls who are competing for that position.

Most of the team is returning to the Raiders team. Seniors Morgan Borcharding, Alivia Jacobson, Flynn Mattson, Kenna Mattson, and Tallyn Nerdahl. Juniors Brooke Ihry and Hanna Kahle-Skersick. Sophomores Emma Bjerke, Kasydie Harris, Abigail Kahle-Skersick, Molly Miletto, Ava Poegel, Addi Schwartz, and Alivia Thomasson. Freshman Anna Johnson and Alexandra Mattson.

Kenna, Flynn, Brooke, and Alivia Jacobson were all-conference or second-team all-conference last season. Kenna was also all-district. The team captains this season are Kenna, Flynn, and Alivia Jacobson.

Coach How sees Kenna and Alivia Jacobson as good team leaders. Kenna is a good leader on and off the field. Alivia has stepped



The Raiders softball team members are, left to right, front row-Molly Miletto, Kasydie Harris, Anna Johnson, Emma Bjerke, Brooke Ihry, Addy Schwartz; middle row-Hanna Kahle-Skersick, Flynn Mattson, Morgan Borcharding, Alex Mattson, Alivia Thomasson; back row-Head Coach Mark How, Tallyn Nerdahl, Alivia Jacobson, Ava Poegel, Kenna Mattson and Coach Jason Mattson. Not pictured is Coach Corby Mattson.

up to help lead the team and organize various outings and practices. With that said, he does feel that most of the varsity team are leaders. They are good friends and do their part. The Raiders want to do their best in

every game and see if they can win a conference championship. They would also like to do well in the section and see if they can make a state tournament showing.

"We have a solid team, we just need confidence, and we need to perform well," notes Coach How. "I think these girls can go a long way." Time is the asset for this year's Raiders team. They have all gone through the program with Coach

How and know what to expect and how to play the game. The team has five strong seniors as well as freshmen through juniors. Coach How is looking forward to this season. The five seniors playing

this year have been with him since seventh or eighth grade. He feels that they have become very good softball players and can pretty much run things on their own if given the opportunity. The freshman through junior players are strong this season as well.

"The girls and the coaches have bought into this program, and put a lot of time into it on and off the field (for) softball-related things," concludes Coach How. "With that said, if the girls have a good year, they have the potential to go a long way into the postseason. We need to put all the pieces together."

The Raiders softball team members are as follows:

Alivia Jacobson	12
Flynn Mattson	12
Kenna Mattson	12
Tallyn Nerdahl	12
Brooke Ihry	11
Hanna Kahle-Skersick	11
Emma Bjerke	10
Kasydie Harris	10
Abigail Kahle-Skersick	10
Molly Miletto	10
Ava Poegel	10
Addi Schwartz	10
Alivia Thomasson	10
Anna Johnson	9
Alexandra Mattson	9

