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DGF Golf Hits Links With Strong Talent And Big Goals

By Kelsey Buchholz

With experience, depth, and high expectations across the board, the Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton boys golf team enters the 2026 season poised for a great spring, hopefully seen in both the weather and the scores.

Head coach Andrew Whitchurch, now in his sixth season, returns a roster full of experience, talent, familiarity to competitive golf. The Rebels bring back all six varsity contributors from last year, including seniors Levi Klungtvedt, Chase Bauck, and Brady Wadena, along with juniors Dawson Hoban, Camden Leichtenberg, and Jack Varty.

That experience is the foundation of a team Coach Whitchurch believes could etch their names in program history. “We are really excited for this season,” Whitchurch said. “It will possibly be the best boys golf team we have ever had at DGF. It is definitely the most well-rounded squad we have had.”

Leading the way is Klungtvedt, the team’s ace, whose dedication and approach have set the standard for the program. He is joined by fellow Heart O’ Lakes All-Conference returners Hoban and Varty, giving the Rebels a strong core of proven performers.

Hoban has really impressed early in the season. “Dawson has great talent and a pure swing,” Coach Whitchurch said. “We’re looking for him to take the next step this year.”

Team captains Wadena, Klungtvedt, and Bauck will provide



The Rebels boys golf team members are, left to right, front row-Callahan Frisco, Levi Klungtvedt, Chase Bauck, Jack Ross, Caysen Altobelli, Bentley Wear, Dawson Hoban; back row-Eli Hanson, Quincy Cox, Jack Varty, Chase Olson, Micah Strand, Nolan Verdi, and Camden Leichtenberg. Not pictured are Brady Wadena, Sam Thuen, and Brock Steen.

senior leadership to an experienced squad that is paired with more talent and competitiveness down the pipeline. While the roster is rounded out nicely based on last year’s squad, that doesn’t mean it will be the exact same. Additional competition for varsity spots comes from juniors Caysen Altobelli, Brock Steen, and Quincy Cox. Eighth grader Alec Varty has also impressed early,

showing promising potential for his future and the future of the program.

The Rebels have set ambitious goals for the season, aiming to finish in the top three in the competitive Heart O’ Lakes Conference and then the same in a tough subsection.

On their way to these team goals, the Rebel golfers are also chasing a benchmark that would cement their place in school history: low team

score. “We are looking to have sub-320 team scores this season and set our school record for a team score,” Coach Whitchurch said.

The Rebels continue to prepare for post-season play with tough competition throughout the regular season. Hawley, the defending conference champion, once again looks like they will field a strong team this season. However, DGF’s

combination of experience and depth gives them confidence they can compete at the top.

While the talent and skills are there, it is crucial to hone in on different parts of the game. So far Coach Whitchurch has been pleased with what he has seen on the tee box and the green, but the short game needs refinement, which is difficult to really work on until the weather

cooperates and the courses open.

The Rebels start their season at Whitetail Run Golf Course in a meet hosted by Wadena-Deer Creek then go to Hawley and Staples before their home meet at the Meadows Golf Course at the end of April.

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Rebels Driven By Experience And Team Focus

By Kelsey Buchholz

The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton girls golf team enters the 2026 season with a strong mix of experience, youth, and a growing sense of confidence under veteran head coach Matthew Endreson, who has led the program since 2008. Assisted by Josh Argall, now in his sixth year with the team, the Rebels are setting their sights high.

DGF returns nearly its entire roster from last season, losing just one senior to graduation. That depth includes a core group of experienced upperclassmen in seniors Savannah Johnson, Maddi Neisen, Elle Wahl, and Anna Skjerven, along with junior Leela Ring. The team is also features a promising group of younger players, including freshmen Hannah Desjarlais and Taylor Okeson, as well as eighth-grader Adelaide Klungtvedt.

Among the returning athletes, Desjarlais stands out as one to watch. After earning all-conference honors and finishing just three strokes shy of a state tournament berth last season, the freshman has already established herself as a key contributor. According to Endreson, her determination and work ethic make her a strong contender to compete for a conference title this spring.

Desjarlais isn’t the only one who is pushing herself to the top. The juniors and seniors are a solid group of athletes that have helped build the foundation for success over the past several years. It is that internal drive, the ability to positively push each other, and the dedication to the game that has elevated the team as a whole.



The Rebels girls golf team members are, left to right, front row-Skylar Wilm, Grace Carlson, Stella LaPash, Adelaide Klungtvedt, Leela Ring; back row-Addilee Sundby, Natalie Schwieger, Lailah Tommerdahl, Kylee Kind, Lexi Peterson, Taylor Okeson, Hannah Desjarlais, Anna Skjerven, and Elleana Wahl. Not pictured are Maddie Neisen and Savannah Johnson.

It is the focus on continual improvement and the constant play that has helped the Rebel golfers raise their stock in the conference. Coach Endreson said that the goal is to make “a run at winning the conference. We have the girls to do it.” The team’s confidence is fueled by both its depth and a collective drive to improve.

Early signs from practice have been encouraging. Endreson noted that players’ swings look “strong and smooth,” and the team has been

putting in extra work in the weight room and on simulators during the pre-season and regular season when snowy weather has its way. That preparation could prove crucial, especially as early-season weather in the region often limits time on the course.

While the challenges are present, every team has to deal with the difficult weather, and the Rebels believe their dedication and off-season work will help them overcome those obstacles. “I am so proud of the work they have put in to get better,” stated Coach Endreson. “I am extremely excited to see what this team of girls can do.”

With a deep roster, strong leadership, and a rising standout in Desjarlais, DGF enters the season as a team on the rise. As Endreson put it, “Keep an eye on the Rebels—they’re ready to make some noise.”

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