

Rebels Back At Building A Successful Team And Season

By Lynae Schenck

The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels baseball team has Bill Ibach as head coach this season. This is his 18th year coaching. Assisting him this season are Brant Mickelson, Damien Crawford, and Bryant Bergeson.

Last season the Rebels finished 14-2 in the regular season and they finished second place in the Heart O' Lakes Conference. The overall record after the section tournament was 17-4. The team finished fourth in the section behind Perham, East Grand Forks, and Thief River Falls.

The team lost Wes Hoover, Dylan Anderson, Camden Schreiber, Cayson Bergee, Alex Anderson, Tanner Cadwell, Brad Sereus, and Camben Altobelli from last year's roster. These seniors had a lot of experience and chemistry according to Coach Ibach. There are younger players to fill those spots and he believes the team can be very good but it will take some time to settle into a lineup this year.

"We lost eight very good seniors last year, so we are looking to our underclassmen to step in and get us rolling," notes Coach Ibach.

Returning for the Rebels are seniors Jack Seidler, CJ Mousseau, and TJ Fuller as well as four other seniors who played junior varsity as juniors. Juniors this season are Jace Baumgartner, Logan Thune, Zander Deutsch, Luke Krueger, and Drew Martin. There are also three other juniors that played junior varsity last season. Sophomores Isaac Leiran, Ty Hieb, and Ben Ueland. As well as eighth grader Tate Bergeson.

Jace Baumgartner was HOL honorable mention. He and Luke Krueger are team captains



The Rebels baseball team members are, left to right, front row-Benjamin Ueland, Ty Hieb, Mgr. Brock Moen, Drew Martin, Zander Deutsch, Devin Anderson, Tate Bergeson; middle row-Caleb Theis, Matthew Eilertson, Ian Halvorson, Jace Baumgartner, CJ Mousseau, Luke Krueger; back row-Wyatt Conklin, Trey Knackmuhs, Kole Wohlwend, Logan Thune and TJ Fuller. Not pictured are Isaac Leiran and Jack Seidler

this season. Jack Seidler, Jace Baumgartner and Luke Krueger are the players who will provide great leadership this season. They show it through how they practice and carry themselves as well as how they communicate with others according to Coach Ibach.

The team's asset this season is their pitching depth and the young talent.

"It's a talented group and I look for constant improvement, but our schedule is challenging as we have four games scheduled against Fargo/West Fargo schools as well as a tough

conference and section schedule," being the team to beat. They are acknowledges Coach Ibach. "We will also be playing a double header with Morris this year and they were undefeated in the regular season last year."

As far as the HOL Conference, Coach Ibach sees Perham as always

being the team to beat. They are a talented team and play a tough schedule in the spring and summer which helps their kids grow as ball players.

The challenges the Rebels will face will be the weather and games getting rescheduled with weeks with

lots of games. The pitching depth will be tested by this. Also the adding of the four games of Fargo South, Fargo Davies, and West Fargo that will provide a challenge.

The weather has already been making practices moving indoors at times. The group keeps working hard and are expecting a lot of themselves. That should serve the team going forward.

"Put simply, we want to improve every day and be playing our best baseball at the end of May," concludes Coach Ibach. "We focus on the process with the hope of giving ourselves the best possible chance to compete for a section title."

The roster for the Rebels is as follows:

1	Drew Martin	11	C/OF/IF
2	Caleb Theis	12	IF
3	Wyatt Conklin	12	OF/P
4	Ben Ueland	10	C/OF
5	Jace Baumgartner	11	C/P
6	Ty Hieb	10	IF/P
7	Luke Krueger	11	OF/P
8	Ian Halvorson	11	OF/P
9	Isaac Leiran	10	IF/OF/P
10	Zander Deutsch	11	OF/P
11	Tate Bergeson	8	IF/P
12	C.J. Mousseau	12	IF/P
13	Matt Eilertson	11	OF
14	Trey Knackmuhs	11	IF/OF/P
15	Josh Berg	10	C/OF
16	Logan Thune	11	1B/P
17	T.J. Fuller	12	1B
19	Devin Anderson	12	IF
20	Jack Seidler	12	IF
25	Kole Wohlwend	12	OF

Go Rebels!

Rebels Return With Strong Team This Season

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The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels girls' softball team will be coached again this year by Ron Drechsel and Tyler Drechsel. They have been co-head coaches for the past 19 years. Assisting this year are Madison Hawes and Brooke Hunstad.

Last season, the Rebels ended with a 20-4 record. The team lost one player to graduation: shortstop Makayla Bjelland. She was an All-HOL (Heart O' Lakes Conference), All-Section 8AA, and All-State first team player.

Coach Ron Drechsel's thoughts on the returning players this season .

Seniors:

Katie Kittelson, centerfield, bats/left, throws right, and was All-HOL and All-Section 8AA. She takes care of business at the plate, being an excellent bunter, and creates more scoring opportunities in the lineup. She hits to all fields and for extra bases. She is a fearless outfield player with an outstanding ability to track a ball's range. She is a four-year starter who demonstrates passion for the sport and has committed to play softball at Valley City State.

Ellie Boyd, catcher, bats/right, throws/right, .376 batting average, and was named to the All-HOL team. She is a natural three-sport athlete and a behind-the-plate catcher, one of the best in the section. She is an RBI hitter who consistently gets on base. She is a fifth-year starter for the team.

Greta DeVries, second base, bats/right, throws/right, and has a .286 average. She is a great teammate and brings enthusiasm and leadership to the team on and off the field. She has surprising power in her bat, is always locked in, and is always asking questions. She is a battle-tested four-year starter at middle infield. The coaches expect an outstanding senior year from her.

Lexi Froemke, third base, bats/right, throws/right, and has a .324 average. She is a solid line-drive hitter and an excellent bunter. She is a very consistent player on both defense and offense. She plays an experienced and smart third baseman. She will be a four-year starter.

Karlie Wagner, first base, bats/right, throws/right, and has a .250 average. She plays solid defense at



The Rebels softball team members are, left to right, front row-Karlie Wagner, Kim Anderson, Abby Cadwell, Mady Myklebust, Morgan Fortier, Abby Berg; back row-Lexi Froemke, Greta DeVries, Katie Kittelson, Ellie Boyd, Autumn Leach, Justice Sanders, Peyton Purser, and Stella Swenson.

first base and is a very focused in-game player. She can play several positions and will be a second-year starter.

Juniors:

Autumn Leach, pitcher bats/right, throws/right, All-HOL and All-Section 8AA. She is a four-year starter who is a power hitter who also hits for average. She had a phenomenal sophomore season, including five no-hitters, three one-hitters, one perfect game, and ten shutouts.

Mady Myklebust, right field, bats/right, throws/right, and a .323 average. A third-year starter who is a heads-up baserunner who finds opportunities for extra bases. She is a very patient and reliable batter with a good understanding of the strike zone. She is a steady, reliable outfielder who is very coachable and enjoys softball and competition.

Justice Sanders, left field, bats/right, throws/right, and averages .312 at bat. A second-year starter who is a very coachable and steady player who is patient at the plate.

Sophomores:

Kim Anderson, infield, bats and throws right, is fast and always seeks extra bases with smart baserunning.

Abby Cadwell, pitcher/shortstop, bats/right, throws/right, and has a .286 average. She is an athletic and versatile player. She is one of the younger pitchers on the team.

Four newcomers this season that the coaches are looking at to help out at certain times are juniors Morgan Fortier, DH/IF, and Stella Swenson, DH/1B. Sophomores Peyton Purser, 1B/OF, and Abby Berg, P/IF.

Coach Drechsel looks to the five seniors, all returning from last year, as the team's leaders this season.

"They are a close, coachable group and their leadership will be provided by example," says Coach Ron.

The Rebels team has goals that do not change from season to season. They want to play well in all areas. When the section tourney rolls around, they want to be playing their best ball.

The return of so much experience should allow the team to be quite competitive this season during their schedule and tournament time. The season's outcome will depend on how the team progresses. They intend to build on their experiences

and success from last season.

The team should be well-balanced on both offense and defense. They should be able to hit for average and still be creative on offense. With a returning pitcher and catcher, they should be able to offer experience.

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 Your Season**