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Young Players Will Play Key Role This Season

By Kelli Froslie

Back for her sixth year as the head coach of the Rothsay Tigers Softball team, Anita Heier considers it extremely lucky that the team has been able to get some practices outside. "This will go a long way to helping develop our young players defensively."

The Tigers have some young players who will need to step in and play a big role in the outfield this year. Heier said they have all been working hard and are excited about the opportunity.

Team captains for the 2026 season are seniors Bethany Danielson, McKenzie Tillman, and Lauren Reber. Reber will be participating in the season from the sidelines. A knee injury has kept her from playing, but Heier has no doubt she will be a great emotional leader for the team. Danielson and Tillman were both all-conference winners last year.

"The combination of Bethany Danielson at pitcher and McKenzie Tillman at catcher will be fun to watch this season. Their leadership and experience will be key for us," said Heier. "Lydia Umlauf will be solid defensively at shortstop and will likely step into the leadoff batter position this year."

The leadership of experienced juniors and seniors will be a key



The Tigers softball team members are, left to right, front row-Kenzie Jensen, Anika Phillips, Khloe Wilkinson, Violet Cadmus, Macy Tillman, Lydia Umlauf, Kiersten Harrom, Kaylee Berg; back row-Coach Anita Heier, McKenzie Tillman, Anna Rurup, McKenzie Kohler, Bethany Danielson, Macie Kohler, Nora Schafer, Lauren Reber, and Kalli Leininger.

factor in the development of young players. "With a young roster, I anticipate we will struggle to hit at the varsity level early in the season. However, I expect the young players to get more comfortable as the season goes on, and they will find success."

Key young players who will play a big role for the Lady Tigers this year are sophomores Macy Tillman

and Kiersten Harrom, as well as freshmen Kenzie Jensen, Violet Cadmus, and Macie Kohler.

Solid pitching, with all-conference senior Bethany Danielson, matched up with junior Lydia Umlauf and freshman Kenzie Jensen, should give the Tigers significant strength on the mound.

Solid catching with all-conference senior catcher McKenzie

Tillman, Bethany Danielson, and Macy Tillman will help on the defensive end.

Heier will be assisted this season by Jason Haas.

"We are excited about the season and will continue to work hard and develop every day," said Heier. "We will continue to improve each and every day."

Team roster includes player, grade, and event/position:

McKenzie Tillman	12	C/SS/P	Kiersten Harrom	10	2B/3B
Lauren Reber	12	2B/SS	Kenzie Jensen	9	2B/OF/P
Bethany Danielson	12	P/CF	Macie Kohler	9	OF/1B
Kaylee Berg	11	OF	Violet Cadmus	9	OF/3B
Lydia Umlauf	11	SS/P	McKenzie Kohler	7	OF
Khloe Wilkinson	11	OF	Anna Rurup	7	OF
Macy Tillman	10	1B/OF/C	Anika Phillips	7	OF
			Nora Schafer	7	OF/2B
			Molleigh Berg	7	OF

Go Tiger Softball!

Tiger Baseball Under New Coaching Leadership

By Kelli Froslie

Each season brings different relationships, players, and areas of improvement, but it also brings back some veteran athletes. With multiple seasons under their belts, Tripp Meyer, Wesley Phillips, and Jeremiah Ziegler will be looked to for guidance and experience as they lead the 2026 Rothsay Tigers Baseball Team to success.

The 2026 Tiger baseball season is just getting underway, sticking to practices indoors. Practicing indoors at first, if not because of the weather, is beneficial for simple skills training and for building relationships. With limited indoor space, coordination efforts and communication are key.

"Most players have previous baseball experience and are eager to develop further. The more experienced players are willing to share knowledge and conditioning to help mentor others," commented Head Coach Nathan Ziegler. Eagerness to learn and adaptability are what Ziegler considers the Tigers' biggest strengths.

On the varsity roster are returning seniors Nathan Oien, Brennan Kort, and Tristan Hofer. Juniors returning include Tripp Meyer, Wesley Phillips, and Jeremiah Ziegler. Rounding out the varsity roster are freshmen Becker Kort, Ryan Metzger, and Evan Peterson.



The Tigers baseball team members are, left to right, front row-Jeremiah Ziegler, Becker Kort, Mavyn Peterson, Nathan Kroepin-Oien, Tristan Hofer; back row-Coach Ziegler, Evan Peterson, Tripp Meyer, Wesley Phillips, Brennan Kort, and Ryan Metzger.

The C team consists of eighth graders James Bakken, William Phillips, and Connor Magerus, and seventh graders Macalister Santana, Joey Blanchard, Reed Stockinger, Brody Umlauf, Liam Scheer, and Carter Grunwald. Macalister is

joining the Tigers for the first time, and Carter is an alternate.

"All players have their own unique talents and experience they bring to the game, and hope they can all stand out throughout the season and beyond," said Ziegler. Position

development and assignment are underway for all players.

Key goals that the team is trying to achieve are to never stop learning and not to be afraid of being uncomfortable. The players will be placed in different positions and

situations they may not be familiar with, but will be mentored to be successful in practices, games, and life, according to Ziegler.

Players to keep an eye on are Nathan Ziegler and Brennan Kort

for their leadership skills as senior classmen.

Ziegler did not name another team as their biggest competitor this year - he named the Rothsay Tigers. "I believe that our biggest competitor is ourselves as we maintain and become more competitive in our season goals." He continued, "Additionally, based on previous years, we have competed with other teams that have taught us a few things in our wins and losses to bring back to this season."

"Many players remain focused on development, improvement, and academics. As with any widespread age range, each player has an important development role in not only baseball, but also other extracurricular activities as well."

Ziegler is coming into the season for the first time as head coach. Helping him in the season are veteran assistant coaches Robbie Steiner and Dana Holland Sr.

"Win or lose, as a lead mentor, my job is to help these young men become a better version of themselves through respect, discipline, academic achievements, and teamwork. We are laser-focused on a successful season and hope for a healthy, competitive, and strong gameplay outcome."

Rothsay Tiger Golfers Are Young, But Eager

By Kelli Froslie

Development is the main focus of the Rothsay Tigers Golf Team. "We want to build a strong foundation and use this season to grow so we can be competitive moving into next year," commented head coach Aaron Sletten.

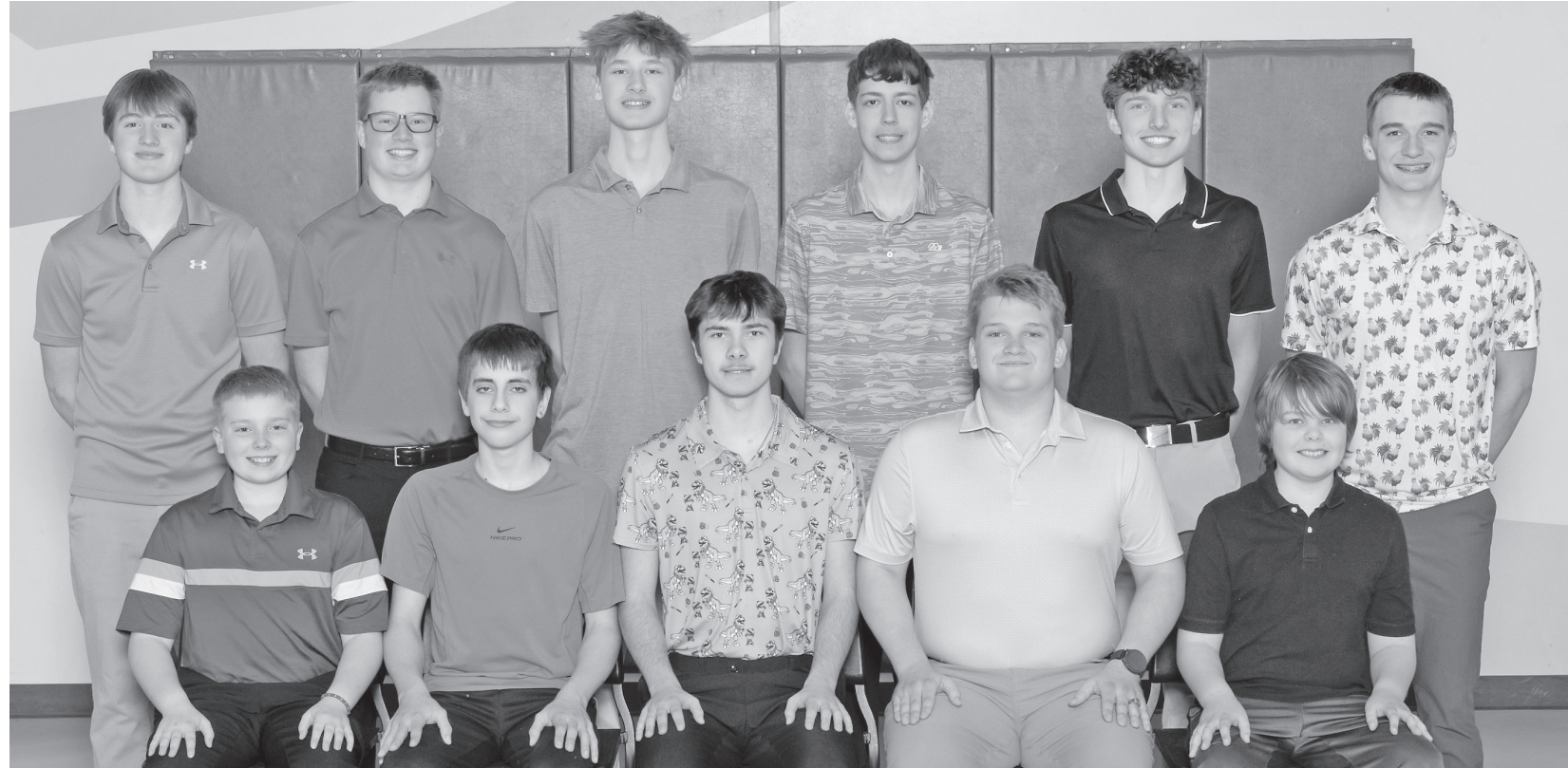
The Tigers have been able to practice on the football field but are anxious to get out on a real course.

"We are a very young team with only one senior. That youth brings energy and enthusiasm," stated Sletten. "But it also means we have a lot to learn as we gain experience."

New this year to the Tigers lineup are a couple of sophomores and a junior.

Standout players include team captains Memphis Sletten and Emmitt Curtis, along with Mason Heidecker.

"With such a young team, I am going to be looking at those three young men to help mould the new and young golfers. The younger players seem to be enjoying practice, working hard, and learning the fundamentals, which is a great sign moving forward."



The Tigers boys golf team members are, left to right, front row-Carter Grunwald, Ty Blanchard, Asher Kadel, Emmitt Curtis, Tahnor Brandt; back row-Evan Peterson, Memphis Sletten, Collin Jacobson, Michael Sturm, Mason Heidecker, and Ben Metzger. Not pictured are Karson Jensen, Tre Holland, Jaxon Eckley, and Tydan Holland.

Sletten is back for his eighth year as head coach. He is assisted by Danielle Sletten.

"We are a very young team with only one senior on the roster. That youth brings energy and enthusiasm, but it also means we have a lot to learn over the next eight weeks as we gain experience."

Members of the 2026 Tiger golf team are:

Senior: Karson Jensen;
Juniors: Ben Metzger, Emmitt Curtis, Tre Holland;
Sophomores: Memphis Sletten, Mason Heidecker, Asher Kadel, Michael Sturm;

Freshmen: Evan Peterson, Collin Jacobson, Jaxon Eckley, Hunter Berneking;

Eighth: Ty Blanchard, Tydan Holland;

Seventh: Carter Grunwald, Tahnor Brandt.

Go Tiger Golfers!