

# In our WRESTLING shoes

Sophomores Tate Enriken and Karter Krapfl share what it was like to make it to state for the first time. by sophomore Madison Michael

**SAT. FEB. 15 AT DISTRICTS**

Got 2nd in an exciting wrestle back, advancing him to state.

Yes! I got 2nd and made it to state!

**MON. FEB. 17-WED. FEB. 19 AT HOME & SCHOOL**

Take better care of my body: no chips and more water!

I need to eat healthier this week now the weekend is over.

I need to focus on school, not just wrestling this week.

It feels like any other week, really.

**WED. FEB. 19 TO DES MOINES**

Worked on conditioning and getting out from bottom.

Practiced like other weeks but focused on weak areas.

I am feeling excited... and nervous... but prepared!

**THURS. FEB. 20 AT STATE**

I am excited to be competing at state for the first time!

**FRI. FEB. 21-SAT. FEB. 22 AT STATE**

Medaled 5th in Class 1A 152#

Medaled 6th in Class 1A 138#

## Going up?

HHS Sports Programs move up a class for competition

by sophomore Linsey Tjepkes | illustration by sophomore Mac Kelly

Five of Hudson's varsity sports will be competing at a whole new level. Class size for high school sports is decided by the enrollment in grades 9-11 from the previous year. Two years ago at the enrollment check, Hudson was at 164, putting them in Class A for football, where they won the championship in 2018.

But, with smaller classes graduating and bigger classes coming into the high school as well as getting new students moving into the district, enrollment is up, moving the football team to Class 1A for the 2020 season.

**Did You Know?** This may mean a challenging season ahead of them. Along with losing seven talented seniors, Hudson will be going up to a very talented class dominated by schools like Waukon, Tipton, and West Marshall.

For schools that combine with another school for a sport, such as Hudson's boys soccer team that has players from Union High School, the enrollment of grades 9-12 for both schools is taken into account. That is why that varsity team has competed in Class 2A since 2009.

But junior Tony Trevino said with the right mindset and work ethic, "I think we can compete with them."

Head boys basketball coach Derek Girling said facing bigger schools had its advantages. "It makes you want to work harder and be better."

The boys varsity basketball team found moving up to 2A to be most challenging in the postseason play, where the Pirates ended their run for state with a 25-44 loss to South Hamilton. This spring, both the girls and boys track teams have moved up from 1A to 2A. But according to sophomore Madison Michael, that change is just a number.

"There won't really be much of a challenge for us," said Michael.

The team, which placed 16th at the state meet last spring and didn't graduate any runners, already faced some 2A schools at the indoor meet March 3rd. There Hudson competed fiercely, but what will be a challenge is going against them more often especially since they are already one of the top 10 smallest teams. But their coach feels that it will make them work harder, hold themselves, and other teammates accountable.

Hudson boys are already one of the top 10 smallest teams. But head coach Blaire Puls feels that it will make them work harder and hold themselves and other teammates accountable. Still unknown is if the varsity boys baseball team will remain 1A for the Summer of 2020 or move up to 2A. Regardless, players like senior Drew Stanfield are prepared to take on the challenge of whatever teams they face.

**Did You Know?** Boys and girls sports have different athletic unions determining differing classes. In Iowa, boys sports are divided into four different classes with the exception of football, which is made up of six classes, including eight-man. Girls sports have five different classes for their sports.

### Hudson's Twinning-est Coaches

by sophomore Caroline Mitchell

No, you're not seeing double! HHS has not one, not two, but three coaches who are twins.



Boys track coach Bair Puls (right) and her twin Brooke found a love for running at the age 8. Said Puls, "We competed all the way through college at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln as Cornhuskers."



Cross country coach Sherri Selenke (right) said of her twin (left) and his brother, Joe, "Having this built-in workout buddy helped us be the best we could be and didn't allow us to get complacent."



Basketball coach Sean Leonard (right) and his brother, Joe, enjoyed both baseball and basketball. Leonard said, "Growing up, it was very convenient to always have someone to play 1-on-1 and catch with."