

# SPRING SPORTS RADAR

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season one to remember- if they get the chance.

Last year, Hudson's girls golf team was ranked 10th and was expected to do very well. However, they never got the opportunity to compete.

"Last year, it was disappointing to know that I had lost the majority of my team, the time I got to spend with them, and possibly making history with them," said senior Halle Haack, the only returning senior.

Head coach Jeff Curley empathizes with Haack. "It was very disappointing because so many kids put in so much time and effort but didn't get to compete," said Curley.

The likelihood of them competing at the same level is slim. As of December 2020, the girls team only had four players committed to going out, two of which are inexperienced.

The girls track team was also expected to have an impressive season. "I accomplished goals as a sophomore and was ready to build off of that," said senior Kylee Sallee, who was the class 1A Long Jump State Champion in 2019. She never got the possibility to repeat her achievements. This year, she hopes she does.

"Missing a season has everyone eager to run and makes you perform even better," said

After spring sport athletes found out their 2020 season was canceled due to COVID-19, those in the Hudson Class of 2021 knew that everything was riding on this year. Their final season.

A few of the female athletes are especially ready to make their last

Sallee.

The girls track team lost some distance runners but have just as much talent returning. Sallee is confident that the team will do just as well as they would've last year.

In addition, the girls soccer team hopes that the 2021 season will give them a chance to prove themselves. Last year would've been their first without former Dike-New Hartford (DNH) teammates, who chose to start their own separate team. They lost that season to see how they would fare alone due to the pandemic.

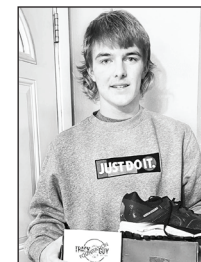
Now, for senior Hannah Tjepkes, it's less about seeing what they can do against DNH and more about seeing what they can do with each other. Tjepkes said, "It makes me sad because I like to work with my team and be together. That's what makes soccer fun."



photos by senior Jetta Colsch and sophomore Josie Bergmeier

**Ready To Rumble** | As the spring seasons draw near, the coaches are beginning to gather the teams for meetings to gauge the amount of athletes planning to participate in the upcoming season. The girls' track team had approximately 20 girls attend their preseason meeting (pictured above). The boys golf team had approximately 21 boys in attendance, resulting in the search for an assistant golf coach.

**Track Guy Foundation** | Notorious track and field announcer, Mike Jay, established the Track Guy Foundation in 2018. Since then, the foundation has funded camps, clinics, scholarships, and over 250 pairs of shoes for high school runners in Iowa. Senior Trey Jochumsen was a recipient of shoes and a handwritten letter from Mike Jay (pictured right, left). Much of the money comes from donations and selling Track Guy merchandise. Senior Kylee Sallee smiles with her Track Guy shirt with the saying, "All I want for Christmas is Track + Field in 2021".



photos courtesy of Sarah Jochumsen and Dee Sallee

## ATHLETES TO WATCH

signed to run at Wartburg next fall



track  
senior Jada Gaskill

placed 12th at state cross country



track  
senior Sam Hansen

led team in assists in 2019



soccer  
senior Faith Hoffman

had one of the highest shot percentages in 2019



soccer  
junior Zander Larson

competed in Regional Finals in 2019



golf  
senior Halle Haack

named Rookie of the Year in 2019



golf  
junior Levi Budreau