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WELCOME

Thank you for your continued support of Skyhawk Athletics. As always, we are excited about this year's athletic endeavors and are proud of every one of our student-athletes. We look forward to an exciting and challenging winter and spring campaigns for our sports teams. Each program has great coaches and leadership, and we are hopeful that more successes are on the horizon for Winter and Spring.

We start the winter/spring campaign with seven sports: Men's & Women's Basketball, Men's & Women's Track and Field, Softball, Baseball, and Men's Tennis. Unfortunately, due to COVID, Men's and Women's Basketball did not have a season last winter. This year both teams are looking to get back to work and making a run at a Regional Title. Track and Field was brought back after not being offered for 40 years. Women's Track and Field was added for the first time in school history. COVID did take a toll on their track season last year but they were lucky enough to get to compete in the outdoor Track and Field season! Last season the Softball team was crowned Conference Champions and Head Coach Chelsea Eads was named the Arrowhead Conference Coach of the Year. The Men's Tennis last season did not disappoint either, earning yet another qualification to the National Championships. This year looks promising across the board, we are happy to have all of our sports back in play.

We compete in the Arrowhead Conference and the NJCCA Region IV. We always stack up well with our rivals, and the thing that can always help to push any team over the top is great fan support like yours. We encourage you to get out to as many contests as you can and consider the purchase of season tickets. Our squads feature a ton of local talent, and these hard-working student-athletes would love to have the support of the community.

So, come on out and support Skyhawk Athletics. We are sure that you will be glad you did. Again, thank you for all your support.

GO SKYHAWKS!

MICHAEL STEVENSON
Skyhawk Director of Athletics



The Skyhawks' SPORTS FLASH



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GOLF

Jacob Rude qualifies for Spring 2022 National Championships.

CROSS COUNTRY

Fall 2021: Skyhawk Men's National Qualifiers: Cameron Abell, Reece Bohms, Ruben Leal, and Chris Link. Skyhawk Women's Nationals Qualifiers: Melissa Allen, Madison Bland, Mika Martinez, Jorden Robinson.

VOLLEYBALL

Fall 2021: Fifth Place at National Championships in Fall 2021. Michal Willman named NJCAA Player of the Year.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Fall 2021: Second place in Region IV. Advances to NJCAA National Championships.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS:

38 Academic All-Conference. 14 Academic All-Americans.
3 Teams Academic All American (M/W Tennis, WXC).
Over 150 full time student-athletes in 2020-21 (all time high)
Over 135 full time student-athletes in 2021-22
Starting Athletic Hall of Fame
Starting Student-Athlete of the Year.

NEW OUTFIELD FENCE INSTALLED AT BASEBALL FIELD.



MEN'S BASKETBALL



2021-22 OUTLOOK

The Men's Skyhawk Basketball Team begins this season with a big step up. Having added some great division 1 competition, this year will be the toughest schedule the Skyhawks have had to date.

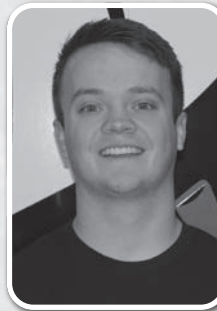
The Skyhawks are returning four key members from their 2019-2020 squad which finished the year 21-10. Among those players are sophomore guards, Derian Duncan, Cade Nailor, Beau Bailey, and David Williams. All Four of these guys look to be key contributors in the Skyhawks success this year. Derian and Beau joined the Skyhawks from Dixon high school and are both poised to have a breakout year. Cade Nailor joined the Skyhawks from Rock Falls high school and is transitioning to the guard spot this year. David Williams started 30 games for the Skyhawks in 2019-2020 and is looking to continue his success this season.

Due to covid last season the Men's basketball team was unable to participate in the season. However, most of the team from 2020-2021 returned this year for their first real season of college basketball. Those players include Jamal Winston, an athletic scoring wing from Davenport. Jalen Johnson, a Rock Falls alum, that understands hard work. Riek Riek, a high character big man from Minnesota that's looking to have a big year for the Skyhawks. Andre Brandon, a highly skilled big man from Iowa City that continues to show leaps of improvement. Dylan Leaf, another Rock Falls Alum that came back to the Skyhawks last year from St Xavier. Dylan came off a back injury last year and now that he is healthy is just started to get back to his groove. Anthony Whorton Jr. his dad was a former Skyhawk as well. Anthony joins us from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is a tremendous athlete and continues to improve every day.

Newcomers to the Skyhawks for the 2021-2022 season are led by Devon House. Devon was a graduate from Newman High School. Devon joins the team as a transfer from University of Missouri Kansas City. He has great skill and is poised for a tremendous year with the Skyhawks. The next newcomer is Montez Taylor from Gilbert, Arizona. Tez is a lightning quick PG with a natural ability to score. Joining them is Leroy Williams and Davin Fields-Johnson, both from Milwaukee Wisconsin. Leroy is a tremendous athlete with a great ability of finding the ball and plays extremely hard. Davin is a young big with huge upside potential, he continues to improve daily and is bound to break out soon. Craig Jamieson comes to the Skyhawks from Switzerland. Craig is an extremely hard worker with a lot of growth. He continues to make improvements every day and is preparing for when he gets his chance. Our last newcomer is Jonah Lauff. Jonah joined the Skyhawks from Pana, IL. Unfortunately, Jonah was injured preseason, undergoing rehab he looks to make a full recovery and get back on the court in no time.

Overall, the Skyhawks are an extremely talented group. With some veteran leadership and a lot of young talent, these Skyhawks look to improve on their previous season and make a run at the regional title.

GO SKYHAWKS!

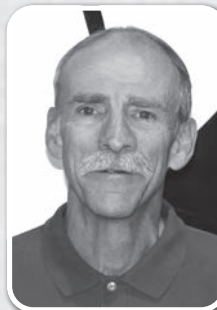


HEAD COACH, AJ SHARP

AJ Sharp enters his 4th season as the Head Men's Basketball Coach. The Skyhawks 2020-21 season was cancelled due to COVID, but we are looking forward to coming back this season and getting back to work. Coach Sharp graduated from Newman Central Catholic High

School in 2014 and continued his basketball career at SVCC. At Newman, Sharp led his team to a school record of 29-3 during his senior year, while receiving All-State and All-Area awards. At Sauk, Sharp was starting point guard and captain on the 2016 Regional Championship team.

He has his Bachelor's Degree in Business Analytics from Benedictine University.



ASSISTANT COACH, RUSS DAMHOFF

Russ Damhoff enters his 4th year as Assistant Men's Basketball Coach for the Skyhawks, but he's certainly not new to Sauk Basketball. Damhoff served as Head Coach for the Skyhawks for 31 years before retiring May of 2017.

"It has been exciting working under Coach Sharp, and hopefully I can help him be successful during his fourth season as head coach. I look forward to working with each of our players and helping them reach their goals," said Damhoff.

Damhoff received both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees from Northern Illinois University. He and his wife Jackie, live in Dixon.



**MEN'S
BASKETBALL
2021-22
ROSTER**



BEAU BAILEY
Sophomore
Dixon



ANDRE BRANDON
Freshman
Coralville



DERIAN DUNCAN
Sophomore
Dixon



DAVIN FIELDS-JOHNSON
Freshman
Milwaukee



DEVON HOUSE
Freshman
Sterling



CRAIG JAMIESON
Freshman
Switzerland



JALEN JOHNSON
Freshman
Rock Falls



JONAH LAUFF
Freshman
Pana



DYLAN LEAF
Freshman
Rock Falls



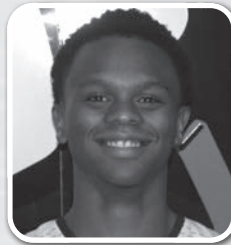
CADE NAILOR
Sophomore
Rock Falls



RIEK RIEK
Freshman
Rochester



TREYTON SELMAN
Freshman
Milledgeville



MONTEZ TAYLOR
Freshman
Gilbert



ANTHONY WHORTON JR.
Freshman
Milwaukee



NATE WILES
Freshman
Rock Falls



LEROY WILLIAMS
Freshman
Milwaukee



DAVID WILLIAMS
Freshman
Rockford



JAMAL WINSTON
Freshman
Davenport

NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HIGH SCHOOL	NAME	YR.	POS.	HT.	HIGH SCHOOL
Beau Bailey	SO	G	6'2"	Dixon, IL	Cade Nailor	SO	G	6'3"	Rock Falls, IL
Andre Brandon	FR	F	6'6"	Coralville, IA	Riek Riek	FR	F	6'8"	Rochester, MN
Derian Duncan	SO	G	6'1"	Dixon, IL	Treyton Selman	FR	G	6'1"	Milledgeville, IL
Davin Fields-Johnson	FR	F	6'5"	Milwaukee, WI	Montez Taylor	FR	G	5'9"	Gilbert, AZ
Devon House	FR	F	6'8"	Sterling, IL	Anthony Whorton Jr.	FR	G/F	6'5"	Milwaukee, WI
Craig Jamieson	FR	G	6'1"	Switzerland	Nate Wiles	FR	G	6'2"	Rock Falls, IL
Jalen Johnson	FR	G	6'0"	Rock Falls, IL	Leroy Williams	FR	F	6'6"	Milwaukee, WI
Jonah Lauff	FR	G	6'5"	Pana, IL	David Williams	FR	G	6'1"	Rockford, IL
Dylan Leaf	FR	G	6'0"	Rock Falls, IL	Jamal Winston	FR	G	6'4"	Davenport, IA



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

2021-22 OUTLOOK

The 2021-2022 Sauk Valley Women's Basketball team is brand new with a Covid cancelled 20-21 season. This year's team hopes to continue to build on previous seasons successes and is very excited about getting the opportunity to participate this season.

The Skyhawks will bring in nine new players, 3 of which were scheduled to play last season, as well as 6 new players, all from our local talent pool. Sophomore players Jenna Johnson, Serena Criss, Alejandra Padilla and Josie Rank hope to make an immediate impact. Jenna Johnson, Newman Central Catholic, joins the basketball Skyhawks after crushing it on the softball field last season. She is a feisty player that will bring a physical presence to the Skyhawks and will be an ultimate team player. Serena Criss, Sterling, will be making her impact after first semester with her scoring ability around the hoop and is developing into a tremendous leader for the Skyhawks. Alejandra Padilla, Newman Central Catholic, will run the show for the Skyhawks from the point guard position and is continually growing into a player that allows the Skyhawks to play at a pace that will let them have some fun. Josie Rank, Newman Central Catholic, brings incredible athleticism and can score from anywhere on the court. She will however make her presence known on the defensive end, as she has an incredible knack of knowing where the ball is and getting a touch on it.

Newcomers include Skylar Savage from Newman Central Catholic, Ainsleigh Hendrix from Rock Falls and Hailey Walters and Nakiya Rascon from Sterling. Skylar is the jack of all trades; she will play inside and out. She can shoot the ball and bang inside, but her most important part to the team may be her competitive drive.

Ainsleigh Hendrix can shoot lights out on any given night and should allow the Skyhawks to spread teams out which will open paths for their teammates to score at the hoop. Hailey has a terrific motor and will be all over the floor at both ends. When you add that to her incredible ability to shoot the ball, she will be a fun player to watch. Nakiya brings with her valuable experience in the post and will be an important part of the rotation inside with her ability to out quick the opposing posts. All six of the newcomers have the potential to make an immediate impact on the court.

The Skyhawks are ecstatic to get the opportunity to play and hope to have some fun while being competitive. It will be a great group to watch and see grow as the season progresses, making this a very special group of young ladies

IT SHOULD BE ANOTHER EXCITING SEASON FOR THE SKYHAWKS!



HEAD COACH, SCHROEDER RANZ

Schroeder Ranz is in her first season as the Skyhawks head coach. She brings 17 years of varsity coaching experience in the high school ranks, as well as over 28 years of overall basketball coaching experience to the program. After graduating from Monmouth College and

participating in three sports in her college career, she continued to bring that love of athletics to her teaching tenure by coaching many sports.

While coaching varsity basketball in high school, she has won over 275 games. Her teams have won 4 conference championships, 3 regional championships and twice she led her team to the Sweet 16 in the state of Illinois. Coach Schroeder Ranz was recognized as coach of the year for her region by the IBCA in two different seasons.

She is very excited about the challenges coaching in college brings and is looking forward to building the Skyhawk program. *"I have always been intrigued by what coaching in college would be like and I am ecstatic about the opportunity to coach the Skyhawks. I hope to bring the women's basketball program to the level the other Sauk teams are achieving. I am equally excited to mentor these young women and watch them grow."*

Coach Schroeder Ranz currently teaches at Sterling High School as the Alternative School Instructor and resides in Sterling with her husband Ted.



ASSISTANT COACH, KILEY JOHNSON

Assistant Coach, Kiley Johnson, enters her first season with the Skyhawks. Johnson has spent the last 12 years coaching basketball at various levels and coaches middle school volleyball. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee with a degree in Early Childhood

Education. Johnson played basketball for four years, making an appearance in the NCAA tournament in 2006. She also participated in two overseas tours with USA Athletes International.

"I am extremely grateful and excited to be a part of the Skyhawks program" Johnson said. *"I started my coaching career under Coach Schroeder Ranz at the High School level and look forward to furthering my knowledge at the next level."*

Coach Johnson is a Pediatric Therapist in Early Intervention.



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2021-22 ROSTER

#	NAME	YR.	HT.	POS.	HIGH SCHOOL
4	Ainsleigh Hendrix	FR	G	5'7"	Rock Falls
10	Josie Rank	SO	F	5'9"	Newman
13	Caylyn Kimmel	FR	G	5'8"	Dixon
20	Nakiya Rascon	FR	F	5'7"	Sterling
24	Alejandra Padilla	SO	G	5'5"	Newman
25	Hailey Walters	FR	G	5'6"	Sterling
30	Skylar Savage	FR	G	5'8"	Sterling Newman
31	Serena Criss	SO	F (2nd Sem)	5'10"	Sterling
40	Jenna Johnson	SO	F	5'8"	Newman



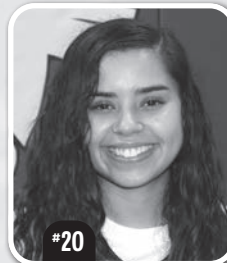
AINSLEIGH HENDRIX
Freshman
Rock Falls



JOSIE RANK
Sophomore
Newman



CAYLYN KIMMEL
Freshman
Dixon



NAKIYA RASCON
Freshman
Sterling



ALEJANDRA PADILLA
Sophomore
Newman



HAILEY WALTERS
Freshman
Sterling



SKYLAR SAVAGE
Freshman
Sterling Newman



SERENA CRISS
Sophomore
Sterling



JENNA JOHNSON
Sophomore
Newman



BASEBALL



HEAD COACH, EANN COX

Eann Cox was first named the Skyhawks assistant coach in 2019 under former head coach Zach Vanwassenhove. This 2021-2022 season is his second year as Head Coach. Cox has 4 years of coaching experience at the NJCAA level, and has coached in collegiate leagues for 3 summers. He also was the assistant coach for the Aurora Thunder in the Metro Collegiate League. In these roles, Cox was the pitching coach and catching coach. He also worked with hitters as well, as he was a 2-way player in college.

Cox played his collegiate ball for Black Hawk College as a 2-way player in 2011-2012 and 2012-2013. Filling the role of first base/ DH and starting pitcher. Cox earned 1st team All-Arrowhead conference pitcher in 2011-2012. He also earned 1st team All-Arrowhead Conference first baseman and pitcher in 2012-2013. In 2012 Cox was a crucial part to the Braves success on a 45-10 team where he was 3-1 on the mound with a 2.1 ERA covering 36 innings pitched allowing just 8 earned runs 19 hits and striking out 46. This helped secure the Braves a top 5 national rank. Cox's sophomore year at BHC he hit .361 at the plate with 30 RBI's 34 runs scored and 10 doubles. On the mound, Cox tossed 9 starts covering 64 innings and 7 complete games. Cox had a 1.83 ERA with 80 strikeouts to be a part of a pitching staff that finished in the top 3 for all pitching stats in the nation. While Cox was at Black Hawk College, the Braves won 2 arrowhead conference titles, 2 sectional titles, and appeared in the semifinals of 2 Region IV Tournaments. Cox finished his playing career at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL. There Cox pitched the Flyers to a postseason bid for the second season in a row. Cox started 13 games throwing 4 complete games leading the team in strikeouts and ERA. In his final year Cox led the team in ERA at 2.8 starting 10 games and throwing 5 complete games.

Native of Erie, IL, Cox Graduated from Erie High School in 2011. Cox then went on to complete 4 years of school at Black Hawk College and Lewis University, studying Sports Management and business. In addition to coaching at Sauk Valley, Eann also works part time as a teaching assistant for special-ed students at Oswego East High School in Oswego, IL. Eann is married to his beautiful wife Natalia and they have a daughter named Amelia.

2022 OUTLOOK

The 2022 season looks to be an exciting one for SVCC Baseball. The team originally a squad of 10 in 2019, has grown to a 38-person team for the 2021 season. Competing in conference looks promising, considering the immense talent on the roster this year. The team is a hardworking group of individuals, ready to work hard to achieve success for the 2022 season.

2022 BASEBALL ROSTER

#	NAME	YR	HIGH SCHOOL
00	Justin Major	SO	Batavia
1	Noah Petersen	SO	Moline
2	Ethan Behrens	SO	Newman Central Catholic
3	Tristen Rife	FR	Pekin
4	Jacob Ryan	SO	Erie
5	Cam Schaaf	SO	McFarland
6	Austin Sandrock	SO	Rock Falls
9	Austin Miller	SO	McFarland
10	Julian Harris	FR	Rock Island
11	Alex Escalante	SO	Sterling
12	Aaron Exler	FR	Baldwin
13	Matt Paulsen	SO	West Branch
14	Rece Houghton	FR	Arlington Martin
17	Cam Miller	SO	Byron
18	Parker Mangelsen	SO	Clinton
19	Tommy Walsh	FR	Crystal Lake South
20	Bryce Rosenow	FR	Erie
21	Cole Stevens	FR	United Township
22	Brady Alexander	SO	Normal West
23	Jacob Forss	FR	Aurora Central Catholic
24	Brendan Allen	FR	Ridgewood
25	Peyton Byerley	SO	Dwight
26	Richard Makarios	FR	College Saint-Scaement
27	Jacob Hull	FR	Sycamore
28	Tyler Stanford	FR	Minooka
29	Josmar Maldonado	FR	Academia Discipulos de Cristo
31	Peyton Bolin	FR	Springboro
32	Zavier Deal	FR	Port Washington
34	Grant Wasson	SO	Rock Falls
35	Nick Hartje	FR	Davenport Central
36	Erik Daubman	FR	Erie
38	Matt Makarwich	SO	Richland
39	Luke Akerman	FR	Rock Falls
44	Noah Schueler	SO	Rock Falls
-	Hudson Deal	FR	Port Washington
-	Jake Formenti	FR	Coal City
-	Elias Henkel	FR	Newman Central Catholic
-	Cade Nailor	SO	Rock Falls



#00

JUSTIN MAJOR
Sophomore
Batavia



#1

NOAH PETERSEN
Sophomore
Moline



#2

ETHAN BEHRENS
Sophomore
Newman Central Catholic



#3

TRISTEN RIFE
Freshman
Pekin



#4

JACOB RYAN
Sophomore
Erie



#5

CAM SCHAAF
Sophomore
McFarland



#6

AUSTIN SANDROCK
Sophomore
Rock Falls



#9

AUSTIN MILLER
Sophomore
McFarland



#10

JULIAN HARRIS
Freshman
Rock Island



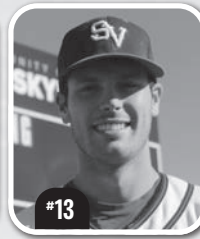
#11

ALEX ESCALANTE
Sophomore
Sterling



#12

AARON EXLER
Freshman
Baldwin



#13

MATT PAULSEN
Sophomore
West Branch



#14

RECE HOUGHTON
Freshman
Arlington Martin



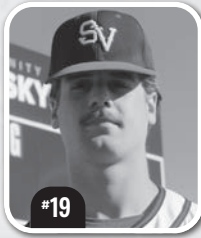
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CAM MILLER
Sophomore
Byron



#18

PARKER MANGELSEN
Sophomore
Clinton



#19

TOMMY WALSH
Freshman
Crystal Lake South



#20

BRYCE ROSENOW
Freshman
Erie



#21

COLE STEVENS
Freshman
United Township



#22

BRADY ALEXANDER
Sophomore
Normal West



#23

JACOB FORSS
Freshman
Aurora Central Catholic



#24

BRENDAN ALLEN
Freshman
Ridgewood



#25

PEYTON BYERLEY
Sophomore
Dwight



#26

RICHARD MAKARIOS
Freshman
College St. Scarement



#27

JACOB HULL
Freshman
Sycamore



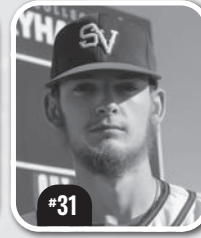
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TYLER STANFORD
Freshman
Minooka



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JOSMAR MALDONADO
Freshman
Academia Discipulos de Cristo



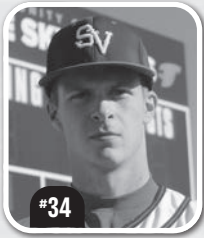
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PEYTON BOLIN
Freshman
Springboro



#32

ZAVIER DEAL
Freshman
Port Washington



#34

GRANT WASSON
Sophomore
Rock Falls



#35

NICK HARTJE
Freshman
Davenport Central



#36

ERIK DAUBMAN
Freshman
Erie



#38

MATT MAKARWICH
Sophomore
Richland



#39

LUKE AKERMAN
Freshman
Rock Falls



#44

NOAH SCHUELER
Sophomore
Rock Falls

NOT PICTURED:
Hudson Deal
Jake Formenti
Elias Henkel
Cade Nailor



SOFTBALL



2022 OUTLOOK

The 2020-21 Skyhawks came in strong following a year off from the pandemic in the past season. The Sauk Valley softball team were crowned Conference Champions in the spring of 2021, and Head Coach Chelsea Eads was named the Arrowhead Conference Coach of the Year.

So, what's next for the Skyhawks? Returning to the nest are All-Conference and All-Region performers Payton Johnson (Sophomore, Newman Central Catholic) and Madison Craft (Sophomore, Newman Central Catholic). They will be joined by nine other sophomores and five freshmen.

Pitching will be the question, with only one full time pitcher on the card. Sophomore Payton Yanes (Rock Falls) will spend a lot of time on the mound. The Skyhawks are also developing some additional talent to be called to the bump.

Jenna Johnson (Sophomore, Newman Central Catholic) is expected to swing a big bat for the Skyhawks, coming off a year that included a .410 batting average, 10 home runs, and 37 RBI's. Madison Craft's .396 batting average and 22 RBI's from a year ago will bolster the team's offensive output

GO SKYHAWKS!



HEAD COACH, CHELSEA EADS

Chelsea Eads, from Morrison, IL, grew up playing softball with the Milan Aces '96. While on the Aces, they won three World Series titles and one National title. Eads attended Morrison High School, where

she was a three-sport athlete playing volleyball, basketball, and softball. She was on the Morrison High School softball IHSA State Championship team in 2011 and was awarded First-Team All-Conference Catcher her junior and senior seasons.

Eads went on to play softball on scholarship at Indian Hills Community College, in Iowa. There, she was awarded First-Team All-Conference First Baseman. While attending Indian Hills, the nationally ranked Warriors won two conference titles, a District J title, and had a ticket to Nationals. After graduating in 2016, Eads attended Millikin University in Decatur, IL and was the first basemen on the softball team. During Eads' junior season, the team was Conference Champs. She graduated from Millikin University in 2018 with a Bachelor's of Science degree in sport management.



SOFTBALL 2022 ROSTER



LATESHA ALDRICH
Freshman
Robinson



MATTEA BIANCHI
Sophomore
Newman



HANNAH JACOBY
Freshman
Sterling



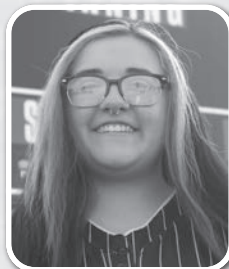
PAYTON JOHNSON
Sophomore
Rock Falls



JENNA JOHNSON
Sophomore
Newman



RILEIGH KINISON
Sophomore
Sterling



MADISON MELSNESS
Sophomore
Rock Falls



JOSIE RANK
Sophomore
Newman



KAYLEA ROESSLER
Freshman
Rock Island



KENNEDY SHAW
Sophomore
Rock Falls



DEBORAH SMICE
Freshman
Oregon



ADDISEN THAYER
Sophomore
Sterling



LAUREN WOODS
Sophomore
Moline



PAYTON YANES
Sophomore
Rock Falls

NAME	YR.	POS.	HIGH SCHOOL
Latesha Aldrich	FR	C/3B	Robinson
Mattea Bianchi	SO	OF	Newman
Hannah Jacoby	FR	1B/3B	Sterling
Payton Johnson	SO	SS	Rock Falls
Jenna Johnson	SO	C	Newman
Rileigh Kinison	SO	2B	Sterling
Madison Melsness	SO	C	Rock Falls
Josie Rank	SO	OF	Newman
Kaylea Roessler	FR	C	Rock Island
Kennedy Shaw	SO		Rock Falls
Deborah Smice	FR	C/OF	Oregon
Addisen Thayer	SO	1B	Sterling
Lauren Woods	SO	3B/OF	Moline
Payton Yanes	SO	RHP/1B	Rock Falls



MEN'S TENNIS



2022 OUTLOOK

This year's Men's tennis team is lucky to have three returning players from the Sauk's 1st ever Region Runner Up team from last season who competed in the NJCAA National Tournament. The #1 single's Preston Engel who was the Region 4 Champ and most valuable Player for 2021. Jonathan Rhodes who played 5 singles and along with partner placed 1st at 3 doubles in Regionals. Also, Zach Wallace who played 3 singles and 2 doubles and placed 3rd at Regionals. They know the caliber of competition to expect and are working hard off season to improve their skills.

The three new faces this year will be Abbot Haner from Keokuk Iowa who played 1 singles and qualified for State during his high school career. He will be a welcomed addition to the Sauk team. Jared Mitchell from Freeport who played in high school a few years back and also qualified for State. Corey Engel from Freeport and Preston's father will be playing also. They all are very competitive athletes with the skills necessary to be successful at the collegiate level. This is the first time that a father son duo will be playing on the Sauk Men's team. Sauk has had a mother daughter play about 17 years ago and were very successful.

We have a very competitive Region to participate in. All the men are working hard off season getting into shape and practicing their skills. Our goal is to place in the top three teams at Regionals to make it to the National Tournament again. We are looking forward to a very challenging season and we believe we will have a successful season.



HEAD COACH, SARA KIPPING

Coach Sara Kipping begins her 17th year as coach of the Skyhawk Men's tennis program. Kipping continues to build a solid men's tennis program. Her 2021 Men's team was Region Runner Up for the 1st time in school history. This is the first time a Men's team qualified and participated in the NJCAA National Tennis Championships. Also, she has coached the Women's team for 30 years. Several of her teams have placed third at Regionals before the rule that top three qualify for Nationals.

Kipping was inducted into the Region IV hall of Fame in 2013 and has been named coach of the year several times.

A Sauk graduate and former Skyhawk tennis and softball player, Kipping knows the dedication and determination it takes to compete in a sport and excel academically. She graduated with an Associates in Science with an emphasis on education. As a player she was one of the first athletes to receive an athletic waiver award from SVCC. She was on the first Women's team to qualify for nationals from Sauk.

Kipping lives in Dixon with her husband Bob of 36 years and is a Title 1 Paraprofessional at Jefferson School. She has 2 children and 3 almost 4 grandchildren. Matt Kipping (Korissa), Katie and Dilan Dempsey. All played for Kipping and graduated from SVCC. Her grandkids are Karley and Zander Kipping. Lane and baby due in Nov. Dempsey.



MEN'S TENNIS 2022 ROSTER

NAME	YR.	HIGH SCHOOL
Preston Engel	FR	Freeport
Abbot Haner	FR	Keokuk
Holden Logan	FR	
Jonathan Rhodes	FR	Newman
Zach Wallace	FR	Altoona



PRESTON ENGEL
Freshman
Freeport



ABBOT HANER
Freshman
Keokuk



HOLDEN LOGAN
Freshman
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JONATHAN RHODES
Freshman
Newman



ZACH WALLACE
Freshman
Altoona

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TRACK & FIELD

2021-22 OUTLOOK

The Track and Field program was brought out of the mothballs in 2019-20 for the first time in over 40 years. Along with restoring the Men's program, Women's Track and Field was added for the first time in school history. However, after an exciting beginning, the season was cut before the team could even attend a meet, due to COVID 19. In 2020-2021, order was restored, and the Skyhawks were able to complete the outdoor Track and Field season, it's first in decades.

2021-2022 should bring excitement and excellent performances for the Track and Field team. Back for his second year is NJCAA All-American Cameron Abell (Erie/Prophetstown) in the pole vault. He looks to continue his growth and improve upon his performances from a season ago. Joining Abell are returning veterans on the men's side is Chris Link (Erie/Prophetstown) and William (Reece) Bohms (Princeton).

On the Women's side, back into the fold for a second year are many returning faces. The team will be led by sprinter Melissa Allen (Bushnell/P.C.) and hurdler Katelynn Trobaugh (Sterling). Three women are returning to the Mid-Distance and distance corps. Those returners are Madison Bland (Sterling), Madisyn Nicklaus (Sterling), and Kayleigh Thomas (Dixon).

A host of new recruits have joined the program as freshmen and look to make their mark on the 21-22 campaign. *"We should be strong in a few areas. The increased roster sizes from a year ago (especially on the Women's Side) should allow us a great deal more flexibility. One of the things I am particularly excited about is the new group of horizontal jumpers we will have on the team this year. We go from having none last year to having four or five this year,"* said head coach Michael Stevenson. *"We should also be able to compete in relay events as well, which is an added dimension for our teams"* He added. *"Last year, we had only one representative at the National Championships. With our rosters this year, I fully expect to send at least a handful onto the Nationals. I think Sauk will be well represented,"* said Stevenson.



HEAD COACH, MICHAEL STEVENSON

A Track & Field coaching veteran leads the recently formed Skyhawks Track & Field team. Michael Stevenson enters his third year as the head coach, after starting the program three years ago. Stevenson has 30 years of collegiate coaching under his belt, with 22 years at Western Illinois University,

3 seasons at Purdue University, and 2 years at the California Institute of Technology.

Stevenson has seen a great deal of success during his collegiate coaching career. He has coached every event area in the program during his tenure, but specializes in the sprints and jumping events. He is a USATF Level II certified coach in the jumps. His charges have seen success as well, as he has coached NCAA All-Americans, Conference Champions and School Record Holders. Stevenson has multiple Coach of the Year honors and has a track and field scholarship named after him at Western Illinois University.

As an athlete, Stevenson attended WIU, where he is still listed as the top-ten sprinter in the program. He was a multiple time All-Conference performer, and was named regularly to the Academic All-Conference team as well. He holds a Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Kinesiology from Western Illinois.

Now at Sauk Valley Community College, along with being the head track and field coach, Stevenson serves as the Director of Athletics, Director of the Fitness Center, and teaches courses in Physical Education at the college. He resides in rural Sterling with his wife Sara and three children (Riley, Ella, and Ruthanne).



ASSISTANT COACH, NICK HARTZ

Hartz was Head Coach for track at Bureau Valley High School, and has helped guide multiple athletes to medal at state meets. He is also a USATF Level I certified coach and USATF Level II Coach in Endurance, Sprints, Hurdles, and Relays. He joined the SVCC staff in 2015 as an Assistant Coach for Cross

Country and in 2017 as Co-Head Coach with current Assistant Coach of Cross Country, Mike Sullivan.

Coach Hartz is a 1996 graduate of Bureau Valley High School. He graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Monmouth College in 2000 and a Master of Education in Educational Psychology from the University of Illinois in 2007. He is currently a teacher at Bureau Valley North Junior High School.

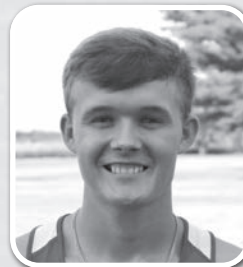


MEN'S TRACK & FIELD 2022 ROSTER

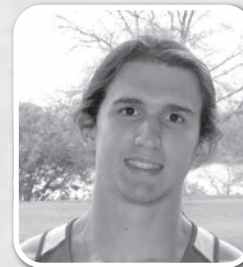
NAME	YR	EVENT	HIGH SCHOOL
Cameron Abell	SO	Pole Vault	Prophetstown
Reece Bohms	SO.	Mid-Distance	Princeton
Ethan Fox	FR.	Sprints/Jumps	Dixon
Ruben Leal	SO.	Distance	Sterling
Chris Link	SO	Distance	Prophetstown
Anthony Whorton	FR	Sprints	



CAMERON ABELL
Sophomore
Prophetstown



REECE BOHMS
Sophomore
Princeton



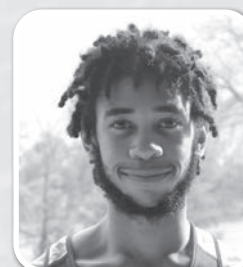
ETHAN FOX
Freshman
Dixon



RUBEN LEAL
Sophomore
Sterling



CHRIS LINK
Sophomore
Prophetstown



ANTHONY WHORTON
Freshman
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WOMEN'S TRACK & FIELD 2022 ROSTER

NAME	YR	EVENT	HIGH SCHOOL
Melissa Allen	SO	Sprints	Bushnell
Madison Bland	SO	Distance	Sterling
Gracie Hanes	FR	Sprints	Byron
Sadie Lenz	FR	Jumps	Weston Central
Jorden Robinson	FR	Distance	Erie
Sofia Rumbolz	FR	Jumps	Sterling
Zoe Ryan	SO	Pole Vault	Sterling
Kiley Sanders	SO	Jumps/Sprints	Newman
Kayleigh Thomas	SO	Distance	Dixon
McKenna Tremble	FR	Distance	Oregon
Katelynn Trobaugh	SO	Hurdles	Sterling



MELISSA ALLEN
Sophomore
Bushnell



MADISON BLAND
Sophomore
Sterling



GRACIE HANES
Freshman
Byron



SADIE LENZ
Freshman
Weston Central



JORDEN ROBINSON
Freshman
Erie



SOFIA RUMBOLZ
Freshman
Sterling



ZOE RYAN
Sophomore
Sterling



KILEY SANDERS
Sophomore
Newman



KAYLEIGH THOMAS
Sophomore
Dixon



MCKENNA TREMBLE
Freshman
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