



## Stars OF THE WEEK

### Blake Runners

The Blake School girls lacrosse team had hat tricks from Ellie Morrison and Erin Lee during an 18-9 loss to Edina May 25.

### Sydney Drevlow

The Hopkins High girls track eighth-grade phenom finished second in the 800 and third in the 1600 during State True Team competition May 26 at Rosemount High's Irish Stadium. Sydney Drevlow's times were 2:13.46 in the 800 and 4:54.92 in the 1600.

### George Jackson

Hopkins High's boys track and field star George Jackson dominated True Team competition May 26 at Rosemount with three first places and one second place for 95 points.

### Maya Mor

Minnetonka High sophomore Maya Mor had a breakthrough race in State True Team competition May 26 at Rosemount High with her second-place finish in the 1600. She ran a career-best time of 4:54.20 to finish ahead of Lake Conference rivals Abbey Nechanicky from Wayzata and Sydney Drevlow from Hopkins.

### Ruby Pajibo

Minnetonka High's school record in the 100-meter hurdles was broken by Ruby Pajibo when she ran 14.83 in State True Team competition May 26 at Rosemount High. She helped the Skippers finish third in the team standings.

### Zane Rutledge

The Eden Prairie High baseball team upset Hopkins 10-5 May 25 with Zane Rutledge going three-for-four and driving in five runs.

### Charlie Ryks

Breck School's boys lacrosse team beat Holy Family Catholic 17-3 May 25 with Charlie Ryks netting six points on five goals and one assist.

### Zack Zaetta

The Minnetonka High baseball shortstop went four-for-five May 26 during an 8-7 non-conference loss at Maple Grove.

# Royal boys shine in True Team track

## George Jackson is the highest scorer

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George Jackson, the best high school trackman in Minnesota in the eyes of most fans, had another winning day in the State True Team event May 26 at Rosemount High.

Jackson started his day with a win in the 110-meter high hurdles with a time of 14.22 seconds. He took the long jump with a best of 22 feet, 7 inches, and then placed second in the 100-meter dash in 10.88. His last event was the 200-meter dash, and Jackson won going away with a time of 22.09. He amassed a total of 95 team points, the best for anyone in the meet.

While Jackson was the No. 1 star of the meet, Hopkins teammate Sam Duffing had a good day, as well, with second place in the 110 hurdles and third place in the 300 hurdles. Those two performances netted a total of 45 team points.

Speaking of team points, as this week's edition of the Sun Sailor went to press with an early holiday deadline, an official meet champion had not yet been declared. Rosemount had what looked

like a safe lead over the next three teams - Wayzata, Stillwater and Hopkins - but the results from two teams, Rochester Mayo and Moorhead, who competed at other locations, had not yet been entered.

In addition to hurdles and sprints, Hopkins showed well in distance and middle-distance events.

Leo Goodman took third place in the 800 and the 1600 with some of his best times of the season. His 1600 was 4:15.70. Ben Haberman of the Royals ran fifth in the 3200 and eighth in the 1600, while Royals freshman Tony Provenzano took fourth in the 3200.

J.T. Zell finished second in the pole vault by clearing 13 feet. Lincoln Hatlestad placed fourth in the 300 hurdles and eighth in the 110 highs.

Charles Roberts hit a triple jump slightly over 40 feet for fifth place and teammate Myles Champion was tenth. Zach Peterson gave Hopkins seventh place in the discus. Ashton Brown placed third in the 100-meter dash and Duffing added a third place in the 400-meter dash, adding 22 more points to the team total.

Hopkins is looking forward to the Section 6AA Meet, which will be held Tuesday and Thursday, June 8 and 10 at Wayzata High Stadium.



(SUN PHOTO BY JOHN SHERMAN)

Hopkins boys track captain George Jackson dominates State True Team competition at Rosemount with three first places and one second place. Here he wins the 110-meter high hurdles.

## Tonka pitcher Molly Oehme led recent 5-game streak

### Young girls softball Skippers surge past Edina in 11-1 rout

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Early in the 2021 season, it seemed like the Minnetonka High girls softball team couldn't buy a win.

With several close losses, the Skippers started out 2-5, but with a surge through midseason, they are now 9-7 with a week and a-half to go in the regular season.

One of the big reasons for Minnetonka's turnaround is the pitching of senior right-hander Molly Oehme, who posted all five wins during the recent winning streak.

"Molly is very consistent and a great leader," Minnetonka head coach Mary Beth Wiig said earlier this season. This is Oehme's first year as the Skippers' starting pitcher. She would have been the starter last year, as well, but COVID-19 wiped out the entire 2020 season.

After she pitched a three-hitter to beat Edina 11-1 in a recent Lake Conference game at Minnetonka's Legacy Field, Oehme

talked about the progress the Skippers have made since the start of the 2021 season.

"We struggled early in the season," she said. "But now it seems like everyone in the lineup can get a hit. It's nice to know we have some momentum with the playoffs coming up."

Oehme has worked with three different catchers this spring, and has now settled into a groove with sophomore Zaria Anderson.

"Zaria basically reads my mind," Oehme said. "She was really confident coming up from JV, and she has a great arm."

Anderson was hot at the plate in the win over Edina with two singles and a double.

Talking about her pitching strategy, Oehme said, "I try to get to know the batters on the other teams, and I definitely mix it up."

Like most pitchers who make an impact on a high school varsity team, Oehme has an array of pitches, including a fastball, a riseball, a drop and a changeup.

Coach Wiig pointed out that Tonka's defense has rallied around the 6-foot-1 pitcher. "We didn't have an error today. The girls made

all the plays."

Minnetonka lost a 1-0 heartbreaker to Lake Conference champion Hopkins as the Skippers' winning streak finally ended. Oehme pitched a great game for Minnetonka, but lost a duel with Hopkins' pitcher Signe Dohse, who had a no-hitter and also scored the only run of the game on a home run.

Minnetonka assistant coach Theresa Johnson said, "The highlight of the season is how much everyone has improved. Molly is a solid leader, and she has taken dramatic steps forward with her pitching."