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ANYONE'S RACE



The trio of Owen Beardsley (2830), Alex Tuma (2841) and James Hoisington (2835) are all part of a relatively experienced group returning this fall for the Faribault cross country team. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

Summer mileage creating big goals for Faribault boys

By MICHAEL HUGHES
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The changes for the Faribault boys cross country team started this summer.

Last season, understandably, the Falcons didn't collectively put in a full summer training regimen. With the outlook of the 2020 season in flux for much of the summer, the inspiration to rack up the miles in 90-degree heat with humidity wasn't there, so when the fall season eventually did start, the base of training wasn't fully present.

Entering 2021, that's no longer a worry.

"They have made some fantastic improvements," Faribault coach Mark Bongers said. As we go into the season, I think we'll really see them start to shine. I think one of the things last year is they were younger and didn't have a lot of summer miles. This year, they got more summer miles on and they look a lot better coming into the season, which is exciting."

With the graduation of Tanner Longshore from last year, and rising senior Tanner Malecha choosing to sit out this fall's season due to injuries, last year's wave of varsity newcomers is set to shift into even bigger roles.

So far in the preseason, it's been junior Alex Tuma leading the way.

"His two older brothers over the years have ran for the team, and he's made some drastic improvements this year to try and elevate his running abilities," Bongers said. "To me, he's probably the one who stands out the most, but I think there's a number of kids that are really beginning to stand out, but he's the one who stood out the most for me so far. It seems like he got a lot of good summer miles on and good quality summer miles."

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Brynn Beardsley (497) and Felicity Foxhoven (499) were the second and third fastest runners for the Falcons at last year's Section 1AA Championships at Brooktree Golf Course in Owatonna. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

Returning depth, new-look Section 1AA has Falcon girls thinking big

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Replacing a pair of six-year varsity veterans is never an easy task.

Doing so with a healthy base of young runners that broke through on the varsity stage last year makes that a much easier hurdle to clear, however, which is why Faribault girls cross country coach Willie Clapp enters the 2021 season with plenty of optimism about

his team even after the graduation of Ruby Gernandt and Gabrielle Yetzer.

"That leaves a huge hole on the team, but we really had seven runners running pretty close together by the end of the year," Clapp said. "With five scoring, we should be just as strong as we finished last year with everyone coming back. It's pretty exciting to have depth like that."

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BOYS SOCCER

Experienced Falcons eyeing jump up the Big 9 standings

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On one hand, the 2021 version of the Faribault boys soccer team looks a lot like the 2020 version, since the Falcons are returning a bulk of their starters from a season ago.

On the other hand, however, Faribault coach Brendan Cox has been preaching throughout the preseason the importance of this year's group building its own identity and writing its own story independent of what they experienced last fall.

"We always talk about building and moving forward," Cox said. "The guys that return know what they did last year and are able to build on that, but at the same time our philosophy is

always forward and hammering into these guys that they're writing this chapter. They need to put their stamp on it and we don't expect them to be last year's team, even though a lot of the guys are there and they've gotten older and they've learned new things."

After finishing a combined 22-9-1 in 2018 and 2019, Faribault relatively struggled to a 4-8 overall record last year and a defeat in the Section 2A quarterfinals.

A setback was partially expected, considering how young the Falcons projected to be after the graduations of a number of major contributors, but Cox is excited about the prospect of resetting the standard this season.

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GIRLS SOCCER



Faribault forward Paige Ross is one of six seniors on this fall's girls soccer team, and is looking to help lead the offensive attack for the Falcons. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

Faribault girls soccer leaning on experience young and old

By MICHAEL HUGHES
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When you're replacing six seniors, it helps to bring back plenty of offensive firepower and add a pair of varsity veterans back to the ranks.

That's the case this fall for the Faribault girls soccer team, which after losing those six seniors is charging into 2021 with plenty of experience.

That starts with this year's six-player senior class, including Ainsley Howells, who is making her return to the Falcons, in addition to junior Izabel Klaras.

"(They) have already shown great leadership and have given so much to our program," Faribault coach Maddie Justin said of this year's

senior class.

In addition to Howells, those seniors include Mercedes Huerta, Paige Ross, Emma Thibodeau, Adria Wellinghoff and Hannah Wetzel. Huerta and Ross formed a formidable one-two punch at the top of Faribault's formation last year, and that's not expected to change in 2021.

"Mercedes Huerta and Paige Ross will make some waves in our attacking third," Justin said.

Working backwards, Justin said junior Sydne Bauer will anchor Faribault's midfield and serve as a capable conduit between the team's backline and scoring options up front.

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Faribault sophomore Cristian Escobar, left, and senior Eddie Solis, right, are just two of a handful of returning starters for the Falcons this season. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

SPORTS

NFL

Vikings bring back 4-time Pro Bowl pick Griffen as backup DE

By DAVE CAMPBELL
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The Minnesota Vikings are bringing back defensive end Everson Griffen, yet another reunion with an established veteran in their attempt to revive the defense from a dismal 2020 season.

The Vikings signed Griffen on Monday, after the 33-year-old was at the team facility for a tryout last week. The four-time Pro Bowl pick, who has 80 1/2 sacks in 11 seasons in the NFL, played last year for Dallas and Detroit. Contract terms weren't immediately available.

Salary cap constraints last spring for the Vikings prevented the two sides from agreeing on a new contract, though there was mutual interest. Griffen lobbied particularly hard to return then, and he did so again this summer after becoming a free agent again.

With the gaping hole caused by the season-long absence of star Danielle Hunter with a neck injury, the departure of Griffen was clearly felt last year by a Vikings team that slipped badly to 27th in the league in yards allowed and 29th in points against.

Vikings coach Mike Zimmer said Griffen will be a situational pass rusher and not a starter, as Stephen Weatherly and D.J. Wonnum remain in audition at right end opposite Hunter. Griffen, a fourth-round pick by the Vikings in 2010, amassed 43 1/2 sacks in 62 games over his first four seasons as a starter from 2014-17.

"We talked to him for quite a while the other day, and it seems like he's in a good place," Zimmer said. "Hopefully he can continue to do that, and if he does he can help us."

Griffen, Weatherly, cornerback Mackensie Alexander and defensive tackle Sheldon Richardson have all re-signed with the Vikings this year after a brief time with other teams. Richardson was gone for two seasons, the others for just one.

Griffen came to the NFL as a work in progress out of USC



The Minnesota Vikings are bringing back defensive end Everson Griffen, now the fourth player on defense to rejoin the team this year after time away with another team. (AP Photo/Bruce Kluckhohn, File)

and got into some off-the-field trouble after his rookie year. He grew up quickly when his mother died unexpectedly on a visit in 2012. Griffen made a strong enough impression on Zimmer once he took over in 2014 that he was selected as a full-season captain for 2015.

There came a major setback in 2018, when Griffen was taken by ambulance to a hospital after a scary series of incidents around the Twin Cities during which he threatened violence in a hotel lobby and made repeated comments about people trying to kill him. After time away for mental health treatment kept him out of four games, Griffen returned to the field.

Still gregarious and an energy

source for the team, but sporting a bit less of the goofball style he did in his earlier days, Griffen is 15th in career sacks among the league's active players, according to Pro Football Reference.

"I think the way we rush would be more beneficial to him than the way he tried to do it last year," Zimmer said. "I think he probably recognizes that as well."

The Vikings also signed former Atlanta running back Ito Smith among several other moves to reduce their active roster to 80 players ahead of the next deadline.

Linebacker Cameron Smith was put on the reserve/retired list after ending his comeback from open heart surgery. De-

fensive tackle Jordan Scott, who had an interception in the preseason game on Saturday, was waived with an injury designation. Rookie defensive end Janarius Robinson, one of the team's fourth-round draft picks, was placed on injured reserve. An unlimited amount of players can now return from injured reserve after missing a minimum of three games.

There was another notable development in camp on Monday with a visit from Dr. Michael Osterholm, the director of the University of Minnesota's Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy.

One of the most-consulted epidemiologists in the country made the latest presentation to the team that, as of three weeks ago, had the NFL's lowest rate of

players vaccinated for COVID-19.

"I thought he did a terrific job, and hopefully it helps. I just care about these players, and I care about their families. So that's my main reason," Zimmer said.

"If they miss a game because of COVID, so be it. But I don't want them to get sick, and I don't want their families to get sick or their kids to get sick or my grandkids to get sick."

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FALL SPORTS PREVIEW

GIRLS TENNIS



Faribault sophomore Stacie Petricka is one of a number of younger returners this season for the Falcons. (File Photo/southern-minn.com)

Youthful Faribault girls tennis squad excited about growing level of depth

By MICHAEL HUGHES
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One match day in, and it's clear the Faribault girls tennis team features plenty of interchangeable parts.

At Saturday's season-opening quadrangular at Faribault High School, the Falcons took on Lake City, Bloomington Kennedy and Tri-City United. Faribault lost all three matches, but showed a level of depth that has the capability to grow and improve not just this year, but in future seasons.

"Our top three players are all 10th graders and are very equal in ability providing us some

flexibility on how we set up our lineups for matches," Faribault coach Jeff Anderson said. "Looking at the youth of our team is encouraging for overall development for the next several years. It is also encouraging to see several of our new players already stepping into varsity positions and helping the team."

Sophomore Stacie Petricka returns after a freshman season spent primarily at the No. 2 singles position. Saturday, she played at No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 singles across the three matches. Sophomore Lindsay Rauenhorst spent a pair of matches at No. 1 singles, where she twice lost in a third-set tiebreaker, and one

match at at No. 1 doubles alongside sophomore Hailey Reuvers.

Reuvers, that third sophomore Anderson projects in his top three, won alongside Rauenhorst at No. 1 doubles in straight sets against Bloomington Kennedy, won another No. 1 doubles match with freshman Grace Brazil against Tri-City United in a third-set tiebreaker and then claimed a three-set victory at No. 2 singles against Lake City. Reuvers played a part in three of the five matches won by the Falcons.

"After a long day of tennis, Hailey did well to dig deep and find some energy to take control of the second set," Anderson said of Reuvers' win at No. 2 singles. "She controlled much of the play in the second set and won 6-1 forcing a super tie breaker to decide the match. Maintaining her momentum from the second set, Hailey went on to win the super tie breaker 10-4 and also won the overall match."

One of Faribault's other wins Saturday came from the No. 3 doubles duo of freshman Gabbie Temple and sophomore Allison Norton against Tri-City United.

In both of Temple's and Norton's varsity debuts, the pair claimed a 4-6, 6-4, 10-8 victory.

"Both played well and had a good first set," Anderson said. "Gabbie was playing aggressive at the net while both her and Allison covered their court well. They came up a bit short in the first set losing 4-6, but were able to continue playing well into the second set and held on to win 6-4. This forced them to play a super tie breaker to decide the match. Both Faribault and TCU continued to play well trading points until Faribault held on and won the last two points winning the super tiebreaker."

Then against Lake City, freshman Nell Gibbs raced her way to a 6-0, 6-1 victory. Gibbs played large parts of last season in the varsity lineup as an eighth grader, but Saturday marked her

2021 SCHEDULE

- Tuesday, Aug. 24 — vs. Rochester Century, 2 p.m., at Northfield
- Tuesday, Aug. 24 — at Northfield, 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 26 — vs. Owatonna, 1 p.m.
- Thursday, Aug. 26 — vs. Austin, 5 p.m.
- Friday, Aug. 27 — vs. Stewartville, 3 p.m.
- Monday, Aug. 30 — at Farmington, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 31 — at Mankato East, 4:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept. 1 — at Waseca, 4 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 7 — vs. Rochester John Marshall, 4:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 — vs. Rochester Mayo, 4:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 — vs. St. Peter, 4:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16 — at Albert Lea, 4:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 21 — at Red Wing, 4:45 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 23 — at Mankato West, 4:45 p.m.
- Monday, Sept. 27 — at New Prague, 4:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 — vs. Winona, 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 2 — Big 9 Conference tournament, 9 a.m., Rochester Tennis Center



Faribault sophomore Hailey Reuvers prepares to serve during Saturday's quadrangular at Faribault High School. Reuvers won all three of her matches to start her season. (Photo courtesy of Faribault girls tennis)




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K-W quintet of runners set to help Cougars this fall

By MICHAEL HUGHES
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It's a new world this season for the Kenyon-Wanamingo/Zumbrota-Mazepa boys and girls cross country teams. With the sport of cross country expanding from two to three classes, the Cougars are moving up from Class A to Class AA.

That means K-W/Z-M now joins Section 1AA alongside larger schools like Faribault, Austin, Albert Lea and Winona, but also still competes against its Hiawatha Valley League brethren Kasson-Mantorville, Cannon Falls and Stewartville.

With a combined 29 runners between the boys and girls teams, the Cougars feel ready for the challenge.

"So far in practice we have a very hard-working team, and our roster will probably fluctuate throughout the season as far as who is on what squad," coach Nathan Warneke said.

Last season, the K-W/Z-M boys finished fifth at the Hiawatha Valley League championships, while the girls snagged sixth with the help of Natasha Sortland's first-place individual finish.

Of those 29 runners, five of them attend Kenyon-Wanamingo High School in Nathan Carroll, Grace Vierling, Tate Miller, Bryan Jacobson and Holly Cal-

2021 SCHEDULE

Monday, Aug. 30 — at Wabasha-Kellogg Invite, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 2 — at St. Olaf Invite, 10 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 16 — at Rochester Invite, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25 — at Milaca Invite, 10 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 30 — Z-M/K-W Invite, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — at Owatonna Invite, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19 — Hiawatha Valley League meet, TBD, Rochester

strom. Carroll was part of the varsity lineup at last year's HVL championships.

While Warneke said he's still figuring out his lineup, and that it likely will change multiple times throughout the fall, he said he expects the quintet to contribute to K-W/Z-M's success whether that comes on race day or during practices.

"Nathan, Tate, Grace, Bryan and Holly all show a varsity-caliber work ethic and when given the opportunity they all push their teammates to be their best and never settle for the easy way out," Warneke said.

ROSTER

Courtney Andring
Miles Berg
Holly Carlstrom
Nathan Carroll
Carly Hauser
Siddha Hunt
Bryan Jacobson

Ambriel Johnson
Caleb Kevan
Noah Kevan
Collin Klassen
Tyson Liffbrig
Blake Lockner
Malcom Meyers
Aaron Miller
Ethan Miller
Tate Miller
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William Ottem
Zaynah Paider
Brayden Paulson
Brayden Rasmussen
Kayden Roderick
Natasha Sortland
Grace Vierling
Jacob Williamson
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BOYS XC

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Tuma is part of a Faribault core that won't only be here this year, but in 2022 as well. That includes Owen Beardsley, James Hoisington, Ricky Cordova and Trent Ta, who all ran at last year's Section 1AA race.

"The majority of them, if not all seven of them will be my seven runners this year and if they run well will be my seven runners next year," Bongers said.

That group will try to build off last year's eighth-place finish at the Big 9 Conference meet and 11th-place showing at the Section 1AA meet. Of course, due to returning experience and cross country's shift from two classes to three classes, that finish in Section 1AA is due for some natural inflation.

The top seven teams from last fall's Section 1AA meet are all part of the newly-formed Section 1AAA.

"For us, we were competing against schools that had a population that was so much larger than ours," Bongers said. "It was just hard to compete. There's no excuse for competition, but if you

have a class size triple the size of what I have at Faribault, they have a lot better chance percentage-wise to find the right group of kids. We have talent, we just struggled with the total numbers."

That changes this season, where Bongers said he anticipates a number of teams starting from the same area in terms of speed. The difference — and what might decide which two teams advance to state — will be the gains attained during the preseason and how healthy each squad is entering the postseason.

"I think there's a lot of teams in the same boat we are," Bongers said. "There's good teams with a lot of talent, but they need that fine-tuning."

ROSTER

Ahmed Bouabid, senior
Ricky Cordova, junior
Emanuel Panser, junior
Trent Ta, junior
Alex Tuma, junior
Ethan Amundson, sophomore
Owen Beardsley, sophomore
Andrew Flicek, sophomore
Gabriel Hoisington, sophomore
James Hoisington, sophomore
Dustin Boyd, freshman
Darby LaCanne, freshman
Finn Larson, freshman
Brandon Boyd, 7th grade

GIRLS XC

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In summer workouts and the early part of the preseason, the trio of Mariana Foxhoven, Felicity Foxhoven and Brynn Beardsley have created a front-running pack for the Falcons. Add in Cecelia Hoisington and Claire Linnemann, who last fall both consistently ran as part of the seven-member varsity lineup, and Faribault enters the season with five experienced options for the five scoring positions in varsity races.

That could be key in a year in which there's more at stake than in almost any previous season. Due to section realignment and cross country expanding to three classes, Faribault has suddenly turned from a small school punching above its weight into one of the largest teams in the field.

At last year's Section 1AA race, the Falcons finished sixth. Farmington, Lakeville South, Rochester Century, Owatonna and Northfield finished in the first five positions. All five of those schools were moved into the newly-created Section 1AAA, leaving Faribault as the top returning finisher in Section 1AA.

"We basically split our section in half and now we're one

2021 SCHEDULE

Tuesday, Aug. 31 — at Austin Invite, 4 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 10 — Faribault Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 14 — at Northfield, 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 21 — at Albert Lea Invite, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 25 — at Winona Invite, 10 a.m.
Friday, Oct. 1 — at Red Wing Invite, 4 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 7 — at Waseca Invite, 4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 12 — at Mankato Invite, 3:45 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19 — Big 9 Conference meet, 3:25 p.m., Owatonna
Tuesday, Oct. 28 — Section 1AA meet, TBD, Faribault

of the bigger schools," Clapp said. "That's something we've never experienced with Big 9 and Section 1. We're seeing that as a huge advantage. Before, we looked at Big 9s or sections as where we want to peak, and now it's definitely at the section meet because we can compete for that."

In past years, the idea of finishing first or second at the section race to advance to state was an unattainable goal. Even in 2018, when Faribault fielded what Clapp says might be the best team in program history, they settled for fourth place in the section.

That's life when dealing with powerhouses like Farmington and Lakeville South, which consistently maintained a stranglehold on those two state-advancing positions.

"If we have that team again we're going to state," Clapp said. "That's the cool part about it,

just that we can actually qualify for it and we're not the little school that has no chance."

That's not to say Faribault has a walk in the park to qualify as a team. Waseca consistently challenged Faribault in the middle of the section pecking order, while Red Wing, Winona

and Austin have all churned out teams that slot in right around the Falcons.

Add in newcomer Kenyon-Wanamingo/Zumbrota-Mazepa and its lightning-quick junior Natasha Sortland from Section 1A, and there's still plenty of speed in the new-look

Section 1AA.

Of course, with Owatonna also moving up to Section 1AAA, that means the Section 1AA race is now hosted by Faribault at Alexander Park, providing the Falcons with a home-course advantage.

"The biggest thing with this realignment was before it was always the best program that went through," Clapp said. "Now I think it's whoever's having the best year is going to go through. There's a handful of teams that we've been historically very competitive with, so it's about whoever's having the best year is going to go. Running on our home course at the end of October, that's one of our goals."

ROSTER

Kendra Albers, senior
Ella Beardsley, senior
Felicity Foxhoven, senior
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Abby Kugler, senior
Kadance Rice, senior
Gabriella Banks, junior
Mariah Tatge, junior
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Mariana Foxhoven, sophomore
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Kendallynne Boevers, 8th grade
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BOYS SOCCER

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Those high hopes are fueled by a strong opening week of practice and the return of young standouts like sophomore forward Cristian Escobar, last season's leading scorer, and sophomore goalkeeper Christian Trujillo, who's entering his third year as a varsity starter.

Seniors Eddie Solis and Henry Schonebaum anchor the midfield, which is also set to feature Alex Turcios, while senior Faustino Pimentel headlines the back four on defense, the one area where the Falcons enter inexperienced. With the loss of three defensive starters, Cox said he expects junior Reyes Turcios and sophomore Lucas Nelson to step into bigger roles this fall.

"We were young last year, which allowed us to gain a lot of experience, so this year it'll be a lot of fun just to see the next step in progress these guys take coming in," Cox said.

That places Faribault in a unique position in regards to the Big 9 Conference. Last year's champion, Austin, has won the last four Big 9 titles, but now has to replace star Henry Tolbert, who was a major part of all four of those conference titles and last year was named Minnesota Mr. Soccer.

Second-place Northfield, meanwhile, must replace a staggering 12 seniors that all played a major role.

"I think we're coming to a point now where it's more even, and you don't have the frontrunners as far ahead as they have been in years past," Cox said. "This is really one of those seasons where we can make some noise, but it's going to be a lot of hard work. If the guys want to buy in and

2021 SCHEDULE

- Thursday, Aug. 26 — at Byron, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Aug. 28 — vs. Kasson-Mantorville, noon
- Tuesday, Aug. 31 — vs. Waseca, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 2 — at Rochester Mayo, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 — vs. Rochester John Marshall, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 11 — vs. Albert Lea, noon
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 — at Mankato West, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16 — vs. Mankato East, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 21 — at Red Wing, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 23 — vs. Owatonna, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 25 — at New Prague, 1 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 — at Rochester Century, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 30 — vs. Austin, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 2 — vs. Worthington, 2 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 — at Northfield, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 7 — vs. Winona, 7 p.m.

put the work in, I think they have a really good shot of being competitive and working for that first Big 9 title that's always been the goal for this team every year. It's a long season and a lot can happen between now and the end."

That landscape extends to Faribault in the postseason, where with soccer expanding from two classes to three, the Falcons are shifting from Section 2A to Section 1AA.

That moves Faribault away from Section 2A nemesis Mankato West and into a section with other Big 9 foes Austin, Albert Lea, Red Wing and Winona. In addition to those known quantities, however, the section field now includes Byron and Kasson-Mantorville, who the Falcons play in their first two games of the regular season.

"Other than the teams in the Big 9, it's been a few years since we've played Byron and Kasson and been in a section with those teams," Cox said. "It's a little bit of an unknown. I still think that Austin is definitely going to be a main rival in the section that we're competing against, but you always have to respect the

other teams, too, because they can beat you. It'll be nice to have a little bit more similar-sized schools in the section and a little bit closer regionally as well."

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- Thomas Malecha, senior, defense
- Faustino Pimentel, senior, defense
- Abdulajid Said, senior, defense
- Henry Schonebaum, senior, midfield
- Eddie Solis, senior, midfield
- Pablo Arriaza, junior, forward/midfield
- Muse Muhamed, junior, defense
- Marcos Ramirez, junior, forward
- Jackson Reb, junior, defense/midfield
- Alex Turcios, junior, midfield
- Reyes Turcios, junior, midfield
- Josh Arroyo, sophomore, midfield/forward
- Cristian Escobar, sophomore, forward
- Aaron Huerta, sophomore, forward
- Carter Johnson, sophomore, midfielder
- Lucas Nelson, sophomore, defense
- Christian Trujillo, sophomore, goalie



Faribault sophomore Skylar Bertram is one of a few young player coach Maddie Justin said to keep an eye on this fall. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

GIRLS SOCCER

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On the backline, junior Bergen Williamson is back for her third season as a major varsity contributor on defense. While Justin is still working out the specifics, she expects youngsters sophomore Skylar Bertram, freshman Ariana Garcia and sophomore Ismerai Arriaza Lopez to all step into key varsity roles this fall.

Collectively, that group will aim to build off last season's 0-11 campaign.

"Losing six seniors is a significant change for our program this year, however, we are looking very strong at the start of this season," Justin said. "A few veteran varsity players have returned and are looking very on top of their game."

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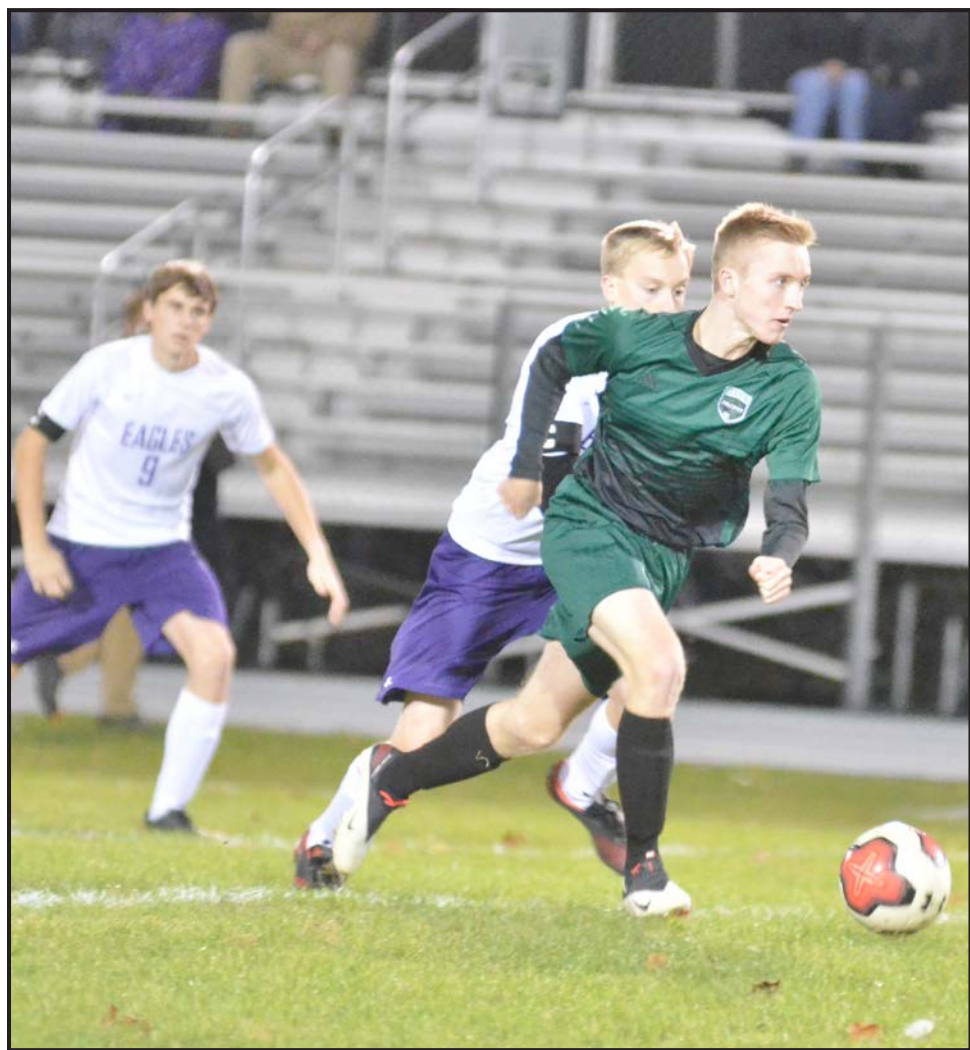
- Ainsley Howells, senior
- Mercedes Huerta, senior

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- Thursday, Oct. 26 — vs. Byron, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Oct. 28 — at Kasson-Mantorville, noon
- Tuesday, Oct. 31 — vs. Jordan, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 2 — vs. Rochester Mayo, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 7 — vs. Cannon Falls, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 9 — at Rochester John Marshall, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 11 — at Albert Lea, noon
- Tuesday, Sept. 14 — vs. Mankato West, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 16 — at Mankato East, 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, Sept. 21 — vs. Red Wing, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 23 — at Owatonna, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, Sept. 25 — at New Ulm, noon
- Tuesday, Sept. 28 — vs. Rochester Century, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 30 — at Austin, 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 — vs. Northfield, 7 p.m.
- Thursday, Oct. 7 — at Winona, 7 p.m.

- Paige Ross, senior
- Emma Thibodeau, senior
- Adria Wellinghoff, senior
- Hannah Wetzel, senior
- Sydne Bauer, junior
- Alexis Garcia, junior
- Izabel Klaras, junior
- Regan Vogelsberg, junior
- Bergen Williamson, junior

- Ismerai Arriaza Lopez, sophomore
- Skylar Bertram, sophomore
- Meredith Umbreit, sophomore
- Hannah Wheeler, sophomore
- Estefany Galindo, freshman
- Ariana Garcia, freshman
- Jocelyn Lozano, freshman
- Addison Thibodeau, freshman



Faribault senior midfielder Henry Schonebaum returns in the midfield this fall for the Falcons. (File Photo/southernminn.com)

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