

2021 Girl's Track & Field Team Season Preview

All of 2020 spring teams throughout the State of Michigan lost a season. We had seven senior athletes last year not able to complete their final season of high school athletics. Those 2020 seniors were the following: Leah Burgess, Emily Chizek, Riley Davis, Morgan Kurth, Reagan Lehman, Myranda Montoye, and Hailey Neal. All of the seniors moved on to college and some went on to compete at the next level in athletics. Riley Davis is now playing basketball for Wayne State University. Myranda Montoye is running track for Oberlin College and Reagan Lehman is pole vaulting for Ohio State University. We are thankful for all of those 2020 seniors who contributed to the Chelsea track and field program and wish our past seniors all the best.

The 2021 Chelsea's girl's track and field team wants to make a memorable season. We have six seniors that are going to make a significant impact on their final season. Those seniors are Breanne Black, Natalie Davies, Natalie Falerios, Morgan Majeske, Kasey Matusik, Kendra Patterson, and Riley Thorburn. As of the writing of season preview, we have three athletes who have committed to compete at the college level in athletics. Those include: Natalie Davies who has committed to run cross country and track at Wayne State University, Kendra Patterson who is going to run track and play field hockey at Rensselear Polytechnic Institute, and Riley Thorburn who has committed to the Coast Guard Academy to run cross country and track.

The 2021 track and field season will have its ups and downs, especially being part of a pandemic. One of our overarching goals is to make the best of our circumstances and train through the adversity. One of our main goals as a staff is to take as many athletes to the State Finals as possible as well as have athletes performing their best at the end of the season. We feel our seniors will lead the way with others stepping in to help fill in the lineups.

In the hurdles, Kendra Patterson will be leading the hurdle group. Kendra is shooting for placing high at the league meet and Regionals. One of Kendra's main goals is to make the State Finals in the hurdle events. Other hurdlers to watch this season are junior Molly Mannor, sophomore Brooke Matusik, and junior Anna King.

In the throws, we have a small but hearty group lead by senior Morgan Majeske who is looking to qualify for States in shot and discus. She will need throws of 30' plus in shot and 100' plus in discus. We feel she has power and the determination to reach these goals. Our other competitive throwers are junior Ava Woodard and freshman Lily Paddock.

In the sprints and jumps, Breanne Black is looking to make big heights (9'+) and see if she can make the State meet again as a senior. Also, junior MaKayla Kegerreis will score many points in individual and relay sprint events. We feel that Makayla can make the State Meet in the 400m dash as well be an integral part of the 4x400m relay. Makayla also is one of our main long

jumpers and we are hoping she can pick up where she left off in her freshman year. Other sprinters and jumpers to watch are senior Natalie Falerios in high jump, senior Kasey Matusik in the sprints, junior Audra Guthre in the pole vault, and sophomore Laney Smith in the short sprints.

In the distance events, Riley Thorburn will be one of our main point earners and critical leg in the 4x400m and 4x800m relays. Riley's main goals are to make the State Meet in the 800m run and lead the 4x400m and 4x800m relays to the State Meet. Also, we are looking forward to the return of Natalie Davies in the 1600m and 3200m running events in the near future. She has the potential to make a State Meet qualifying standards in these events. Other talented distance runners who will contribute this season include: junior Rachel Bullock, junior Kate Gaiser, freshman Seren Angus, and freshman Trilian Krug.

As we come off of spring break, we are looking forward to a good start to the season with meets at Grass Lake, Pinckney, Lansing, and Lincoln over the next two weeks.