

2011
Bloomington Boys Golf
Season Scrapbook!

2nd at Macomb
2nd at Intercity
5th Place Big 12
3rd Place Regional

Advanced to Sectional for Fourth Straight Year!!



2011 Bloomington H.S. Boys Golf Season

Start of Season Preview from the Pantagraph.

Bloomington

Coach: Rich Gordon, 9th year

2010: Second Class 2A regional

Returning starters: Sr. — Nathan Cavanaugh, Clayton Hamilton

Other key contributors: Sr. — Michael Mardis; Jr. — Kent Frantz, Nick Gibson

Storyline: The Alex Burge era has come to an end for the Purple Raiders, who won last year's Intercity and Big 12 Conference tournament titles. "Alex Burge was a positive influence on the team and set the bar high," said BHS coach Rich Gordon of the University of Illinois recruit. "A lot of them are trying to play up to that level." Hamilton was co-medalist in last year's Intercity, while he and Cavanaugh were all-Big 12 all-stars. Junior Dylin Harris is a transfer from Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley. Freshman Gavin Halsey could break into the lineup.

Central Catholic Coach: Jason Welch, 4th year 2010: Class 1A regional champions Returning starters: Sr. — Connor Cox, Austin Egbers; Jr. — Evan Calvert, Joe Crawford Other key contributor: Jr. — John Willenborg Storyline: Egbers has played in the last two Class 1A state tournaments and gives the Saints a strong 1-2 punch with Cox. "Those two guys have played a lot of varsity golf," said Coach Jason Welch. "We'll lean on them. They'll be up to the challenge." Welch believes the Saints could be a better team this season provided Calvert, Crawford and Willenborg provide steady scores behind Egbers and Cox along with a promising freshman, Eric Gilpin.

Cornerstone Christian Coach: Jonathan Berry, 1st year, 2010: Sixth in Class 1A regional, Returning starters: Sr. — Nathan Pavey; Jr. — Jordan Hall, Drew Schwartz; So. — Austin Drake. Storyline: Hall became the first Cornerstone golfer to qualify for the Class 1A State tournament last year. Along with Pavey and Drake he gives the Cyclones a solid top three. "They'll be the ones we count on to play pretty consistently," said first-year coach Jonathan Berry, who has been Bloomington's freshman baseball coach the last four years. "The big thing is we have to have a guy be the No. 4 (score)." Schwartz, sophomore Jerad Wilcox and freshman Garrett Pavey, Nathan's brother, are battling for the fourth spot.

Normal Community Coach: Nathan Foster, 9th year, 2010: Fourth in Class 3A regional, Returning starters: Sr. — Sam Barry, Taylor Cook, Morgan DePew, Cody Kindred, Cale Sennett, Other key contributors: Jr. — Blake Amat, Luke Williams, Storyline: NCHS missed by a stroke of advancing to the sectional for the third straight year. Kindred and Sennett, who won the Bloomington-Normal Junior City 16-18 title last week, did advance to the sectional as individuals. Both also were all-Big 12 Conference all-stars. "I expect Cody and Cale to have really good years," said Coach Nathan Foster. "Cody has four years of varsity experience. Both contributed a lot last year." A freshman, Brady Quackenbush, could provide help.

