

2025 Fort Recovery spring sports preview



Friday, March 21, 2025

Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School girls track team. Front row from left are Kennedy Muhlenkamp, Joelle Kaup, Karlie Niekamp, Anna Roessner, Ali Siegrist, Maddie Weigel and Riley Heitkamp. Second row are Trinity Rammel, Kendall Buckland, Aubrey Shuttleworth, Alivia Brunswick, Haley Easton, Cora Pearson, Elisa Evers and Madison Heitkamp. Back row are coach Christy Diller, Theresa Hipple, Cat Moura, Scarlet Hiser, Mad-die Heitkamp, Lizzie Heitkamp and assistant coach Kierra Wendel.



- Athletes to watch**
Saidy DeRoo – Shot/Discus
Madison Heitkamp – Hurdles/Long jump
Riley Heitkamp – Distance
Joelle Kaup – Middle/Distance
Kennedy Muhlenkamp – Middle/Distance
Karlie Niekamp – Shot/Discus
Anna Roessner – Sprints
Ali Siegrist – Sprints
Aubrey Shuttleworth – Sprints

- Key returners**
Anna Roessner
Third in 200-meter dash
Fifth in 100-meter dash
at the state finals
- Key Departures**
Mara Pearson
16th in long jump
at the state finals
- Karlie Niekamp**
Eighth in discus
at regional meet
- Natalie Brunswick**
17th in 1,600-meter run
at the state finals

2024 season
The Tribe continued its recent success with a season that ended in Dayton, where it secured three state medals. Prior to the final meet, the senior-led Indian squad repeated as the Division III district runner-up at Spencerville and placed fourth at the Troy regional. Anna Roessner led the way at Welcome Stadium, reaching third and fifth on the podium in the 200-meter dash and 100 dash. The 4x100 relay team of Paige Guggenbiller, Kiana Matsuda, Mara Pearson and Roessner also finished fourth at the state meet. Pearson, who now competes at Marshall, failed to reach the finals in the long jump for the first time in her career, while Brunswick placed 17th in the 1,600 run.

- Fast facts**
- The Indians have sent athletes to the past six state tournaments and have brought home medals in the past four seasons.
 - This will be the first year that FRHS goes southwest for the district. The Tribe will still compete at the Troy regional for a spot at state.

Coach Christy Diller says

“We’re coming off a year with great momentum, so it’s just trying to maintain whatever momentum we can. We’re trying to put people in a place where they can be as successful as possible, but also enjoy themselves and be happy. I want happy kids. Happy kids are fast kids, are far throwers, are high jumpers. It’s just trying to make this kind of a rebuild year, so we can kind of set the stage for the next couple of years as well.”

2025 Track		
Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, April 1	Quad at Marion Local	4:30 p.m.
Friday, April 4	Celina Relays	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8	Tri at Parkway	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	Jay County	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Versailles, St. John’s	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Minster, St. Henry	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29	Quad at Fort Loramie	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	County prelims at Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	County finals at Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	MAC prelims at Coldwater	4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16	MAC finals at Coldwater	p.m.
Tuesday, May 20	District prelims at Piqua	4 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	District finals at Piqua	10 a.m.
Wednesday, May 28	Regional prelims at Troy	4:30 p.m.
Friday, May 30	Regional finals at Troy	4:30 p.m.
Friday, June 6	State prelims (Columbus)	TBD
Saturday, June 7	State finals (Columbus)	TBD
Home meets in bold		

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Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School boys track team. Front row from left are Braylon Rammel, James Westgerdes, Drew Heitkamp, Isaac Roessner, Reece Diller, Henry Jutte, Chase Fiely and Evan Diller. Second row are Huntley Ward, Aiden Brunswick, Carson Fullenkamp, Matthew Marchal, Caden Marchal, Charlie Stammen, Andy Niekamp, Mason Laux and Will Faller. Third row are A.J. Siefring, Cayson Kaikala, Milo Fiely, Russel Hart, Caleb Smith, Luke Lochtefeld, Jaxon Peck and Troy Post. Back row are assistant coaches Kierra Wendel and Christy Diller. Not pictured is coach Charlie Vasey.

Coach Charlie Vasey says

"I love the track season. We've got a few newcomers, who I'm excited to have out. Overall, we're a pretty young team but I just really like the energy of the guys that I know have been coming back and the new ones that we have. I'm excited to see the blend and sort of how they all work together and what we can piece together with re-lays. I'm excited to get out there, be around everybody and have a fun season."

Meets to watch

Tuesday, April 1, quad meet at Marion Local

The Tribe opens its season with one of its Midwest Athletic Conference meets, which provides it an immediate opportunity to measure itself against top competition.

Friday, May 16, at MAC Championships

The MAC Championship act as a measure of growth from the regular season, and works as a final tune-up to make tweaks before entering the postseason.

2024 season

Trevor Heitkamp fueled the Fort Recovery boys track team's season, making his third trip to state to cap off his senior season. He didn't manage to net the Indians a team score, finishing ninth in the 3,200-meter dash, but his 11 regional points earned the Tribe 17th place at Troy. Fort Recovery finished eighth out of 15 teams in the district meet with placements from Heitkamp (distance events), Reese Diller (3,200 run), Carson Fullenkamp (shot put), Lucas Acheson (high jump) and the 4x400 relay team.

Athletes to watch

Reese Diller – Hurdles
Reese Diller – Distance
Will Faller – Shot put/discus
Carson Fullenkamp – Shot put/discus
Drew Heitkamp – Sprints
Cayson Kaikala – Sprints/Long jump
Troy Post – Sprints
Isaac Roessner – Sprints/Long Jump/Hurdles
Caleb Smith – Sprints/Long jump/High jump
Huntley Ward – Shot put/Discus

Key returners

Reese Diller
Sixth in 3,200-meter run at district meet

Key Departures

Trevor Heitkamp
Ninth in 3,200-meter run
11th in 1,600-meter run at the state finals

Carson Fullenkamp

Sixth in shot put at district meet

Lucas Acheson

Sixth in high jump at district meet

Fast facts

- The Tribe has sent athletes to eight of the last nine state tournaments, only missing out in the 2021 season. During that stretch, Fort Recovery secured 11 medals, including a high of five in 2019.

- While FRHS graduated its only returning state qualifier in Trevor Heitkamp, there are a plethora of first-time varsity track athletes to bolster the Indians' numbers including nine freshmen and three new juniors.

- This will be Charlie Vasey's second year as the head coach of the boys track team. He will continue to split responsibilities with Christy Diller, the girls coach, focusing on certain events.

- The state tournament will return to Jessie Owens Memorial Stadium on the campus of Ohio State University after a year off. Last season, state was held at Welcome Stadium in Dayton while the traditional site was undergoing renovations.

Hope this season is the best one yet!

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Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School baseball team. Front row from left are Reece Wendel, Caden Grisez, Austin Siegrist, Colson Post, Cody Klenke and Dylan Klenke. Middle row are Jacob Foote, Caden Homan, Gavin Evers, Keegan Muhlenkamp and Luke Fortkamp. Back row are coach Kevin Eyink, Mason Diller, Brody Hart, Hayden Siefing, Alex Gaerke and assistant coach Ben Homan.

2024 season
The Indians entered the playoffs below .500 before putting together a magical run that carried them all the way to their first trip to Akron for the state tournament in nine years and first championship game appearance since the 1953 season. Despite the losing record in the regular season and finishing fifth in the Midwest Athletic Conference, the sixth-seeded Indians picked off district No. 2 seed Crestview before their bats came alive to beat a pair of MAC teams, including fourth-seeded Marion Local. Fort Recovery rolled through Montpelier and Leipsic in the regional round to make the state semifinal, in which it took down Hillsdale 3-1 to make the final. FRHS finally fell in the ultimate game 3-2 to No. 1 Highland.

2025 Baseball		
Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, March 31	Celina	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 3	Adams Central	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5	Fort Loramie (DH)	11 a.m.
Monday, April 7	Lehman Catholic	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 8	Houston	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	Marion Local	5 p.m.
Friday, April 11	Anna	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	Ansonia	11 a.m.
Monday, April 14	Shawnee	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Parkway	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	New Bremen	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	South Adams (DH)	5 p.m.
Monday, April 21	Lincolnview	11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Minster	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	Coldwater	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29	New Knoxville	5 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	Versailles	5 p.m.
Saturday, May 3	Russia (DH)	11 a.m.
Monday, May 5	Arcanum	5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 6	St. John's	5 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	St. Henry	5 p.m.
Friday, May 9	Crestview	5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	Memorial	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	Wapakoneta	5:30 p.m.
Friday, May 16	Franklin Monroe	5 p.m.
Home games in bold		

Coach Kevin Eyink says

"I think we've got a good group back. Coming off of that run from last year, we've got a good group back. I think they're motivated, they're excited. I think we've got a good opportunity to compete again and hopefully do a little better in the MAC and have another good chance to make a nice playoff run."

Games to watch
Monday, March 31, at Celina

The Tribe opens its season with a tough non-conference game at Celina, which finished 18-9 last season. This will work as an immediate measuring stick for where the Indians are at after a run to state.

Tuesday, April 22, vs. Minster

Minster tied with Versailles for the Midwest Athletic Conference title a year ago. Getting the Wildcats at home can provide an opportunity to steal a win and climb up in the standings.

Saturday, May 3, doubleheader at Russia

Russia was the fourth team at the state tournament last year that Fort Recovery didn't see in Akron. These games can act as a tune up for FRHS before the closing stretch.

Fast facts

- Fort Recovery made it back to the state tournament for the first time since 2015 last season. It also made the final for the first time in 71 years. FRHS returns four of nine starters from that run.
- The Indians won their only Midwest Athletic Conference title in 2018 and haven't finished above fourth since. They reached fourth in 2022 before placing fifth the past two seasons.
- Alex Dues threw the only perfect game in Fort Recovery history last season against the New Bremen Cardinals. The perfect game also put him on a short list of only five pitchers that threw no hitters for the Indians.
- This will be Kevin Eyink's fourth season as the Tribe's head coach — his eighth overall — in which he has built up a 40-37 record, going 14-13 in the MAC.

Projected lineup	Key returners	Key Departures
Brodie Hart – C	Alex Gaerke	Alex Dues
Jacob Foote – 1B	.223 AVG., 13 RBIs,	2.18 ERA, 66 Ks,
Caden Homan – 1B/DH	12 runs	67.1 IP, 7-3
Austin Siegrist – 2B	Caden Grisez	Troy Homan
Caden Grisez – 3B/P	.284 AVG, 14 RBIs,	.293 AVG., 21 runs,
Cody Klenke – 3B/P	1.97 ERA, 28 Ks	10 RBI, 11 stolen bases
Alex Gaerke – SS	Reece Wendel	Riggs Tobe
Gavin Evers – LF	.288 AVG., 23 runs,	Caught 161 innings,
Reece Wendel – CF	16 stolen bases	26.32% caught stealing
Mason Diller – RF		
Keegan Muhlenkamp – OF/P		

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2024 season

The Tribe saw considerable strides in 2024 after a down season in 2023. After finishing winless in the Midwest Athletic Conference in 2023, Fort Recovery put together a 4-3 MAC record to tie with Versailles for fourth place en route to a 12-13 overall mark last year. They were only one game behind Coldwater for third place. The Indians entered the postseason as the eighth seed in the district before picking up a sectional championship after upsetting the No. 4 seed Fairview and third-seeded Wayne Trace. Their post-season run ended in the district opener as they fell to Coldwater for the third time on the campaign by a margin of 10-6.



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Pictured is the 2025 Fort Recovery High School softball team. Front row from left are managers Lydian Will, Mya Will, Rihanna Wuebker, Leah Willmann, Brooklyn Wuebker and Nora Schoen. Second row are Aubree Heitkamp, Emma Will, Kayla Heitkamp, Kylie Post, Ava Grisez, Ella Schoen and Jenna Homan. Third row are Alex Careto, Alexis Grisez, Ivy Tobe, Kalia Dues, Lilly Schwieterman and Carlie Gaerke. Fourth row are Jadyn Wyerick, Lilah Thien, Paisley Hart, Layla Armstrong, Emily Boeckman, Malia Grisez and Courtney Klenke. Back row are coach Carrie Schoen and assistant coaches Val Stammen, Kasey Froning and Haley Knapke.

2025 Softball

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, March 22	Franklin Monroe (DH)	9 a.m.
Monday, March 24	Ansonia	5 p.m.
Thursday, March 27	Memorial	5 p.m.
Friday, March 28	Bradford	5 p.m.
Monday, March 31	National Trail	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 1	Russia	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 5	Lima Shawnee	11 a.m.
Monday, April 7	Celina	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	Marion Local	5 p.m.
Friday, April 11	Fort Loramie	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	Jay County	11 a.m.
Monday, April 14	Newton	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 15	Parkway	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 17	New Bremen	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	Coldwater tourney	11 a.m.
Monday, April 21	Wapakoneta	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Minster	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	Coldwater	5 p.m.
Monday, April 28	Tri-Village	5 p.m.
Tuesday, April 29	Anna	5 p.m.
Thursday, May 1	Versailles	5 p.m.
Thursday, May 8	St. Henry	5 p.m.
Friday, May 9	South Adams	5 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	Covington Classic	10 a.m.
Home games in bold		

Projected lineup

Jenna Homan – P
Kylie Post – C
Alexis Grisez – 1B
Layla Armstrong – 2B
Ella Schoen – 3B
Ava Grisez – SS
Kayla Heitkamp – LF
Emma Will – CF
Kylia Dues – RF
Paisley Hart – 2B/OF

Key returners

Jenna Homan
.391 AVG., 115 IP,
4.69 ERA, 118 Ks
Emma Will
.387 AVG., 36 runs,
14 RBIs, 28 stolen bases
Ella Schoen
.380 AVG., 23 runs,
23 RBIs

Key Departures

Cali Wendel
11 runs, 7 stolen bases
5 RBIs, 90.5 % fielding
Britney Tebbe
3.95 ERA, 49.2 IP, 40
strikeouts, 14 RBIs

Coach Carrie Schoen says

“I’m really looking forward to coaching this group of kids. We’ve got eight re- turning letter winners, five seniors that have been with the program from the very beginning. They’re very strong seniors. They’re great on the field, great off the field, they’re great kids. So, really looking forward to an enjoyable season with this team. We’ve got 20 total now, which is awesome so we can play some JV games, which is something this program needs to grow it. ... Overall, we want to improve every day, that’s always been our goal. We want to see our overall record im- prove. We were 12-13 last year, so we really want to be on the winning side of the record. We were 4-3 in the MAC last year, and I’d really like to see us have more wins for that as well. And one of our team goals is to get further along in the tournament.”

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Sectional: May 19-24

Softball

Opening date: March 22

Sectional: May 10-17

Track

Opening date: April 1

District: May 19-24