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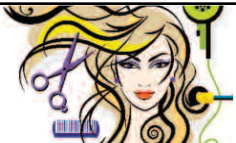
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**Athletes to watch**

Dominick Bright (Jr.)  
Griffin Byrum (Sr.)  
Cody DeHoff (Jr.)  
Dawson Goldsworthy (So.)  
Tucker Griffin (Sr.)  
Isaac Homan (Sr.)  
Jacob Weitzel (So.)

**Key departures**

**Caleb DeRome**  
39 strokes per 9 holes,  
81 strokes per 18 holes

**Gage Sims**  
42.9 strokes per 9 holes,  
84.2 strokes per 18 holes

**Key returners**

**Cody DeHoff**  
45.5 strokes per 9 holes,  
91.2 strokes per 18 holes

**Isaac Homan**  
51 strokes per 9 holes,  
102.3 strokes per 18 holes



Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School boys golf team. Front row from left are Kason Sims, Syllas Wenk, Cody DeHoff, Isaac Homan and Cody McFarland. Middle row are coach Jay Houck, Dominick Bright, Tucker Griffin, Jacob Weitzel, Cole Carpenter and assistant coach Dave Haines. Back row are Griffin Byrum, Dawson Goldsworthy, Beckett Brandenburg, Camden Buckland, Austin Schoenlein, Tobe Swartzentruber and Gavin Hambrock.

**2024 season**

After putting together a strong regular season, the Patriots came up 14 strokes short of advancing to the regional meet, despite Caleb DeRome shooting a 70 to become the first sectional medalist in school history. JCHS finished the season with an 11-2 record, only suffering losses to Delta and South Adams. The Patriots slipped to third in the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament behind South Adams and Adams Central.

**Fast facts**

- Caleb DeRome became the first Patriot to earn sectional medalist honors after shooting an even 70 at Hickory Hills Golf Course last season.
- This will be Jay Houck’s first season at the helm of Jay County. The 2017 JCHS graduate – he golfed all four years in high school – will keep former coach Dave Haines on as an assistant this year.
- The Patriots’ last regional appearance as a team came in 2022. They finished in 18th place with 377 strokes, 20 behind the 17th-placed Northeastern Knights.
- Only two golfers with varsity experience return for JCHS, as three graduated and one chose not to return.

**2025 Boys golf**

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, April 13	Yorktown Invite	10 a.m.
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	<b>Richmond</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Thursday, April 17	Wapahani	4:30 p.m.
Monday, April 21	Delta	5 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 22</b>	<b>Bluffton</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, April 24	Northeastern	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 26	South Adams	9 a.m.
Monday, April 28	Tri at Monroe Central	4:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	<b>Blackford</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 3	Winchester	9 a.m.
Tuesday, May 6	Heritage	5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Bellmont/Bluffton</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	<b>Southern Wells</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, May 22	Woodlan	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, May 24	ACAC Tourney	9 a.m.
Tuesday, May 27	Tri Randolph Southern	4:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 29</b>	<b>Adams Central</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 3</b>	<b>Daleville/Wes-Del</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>
Home games in bold		

**Coach Jay Houck says**

*“I want everyone to enjoy playing golf as the main thing. I want them to come in and if they want to get better each day, I want to be able to help them get better. I enjoy working with younger kids like that ... so, I want to help them get better as much as they want help from me, but I want to have fun. So far just in the few days that I’ve been practicing with them, it’s been a lot of fun to get to know them and joke around, build relationships and build a bond over the game of golf.”*

**Games to watch**

**Monday, April 21, at Delta**

The Eagles were one of two teams to beat JCHS in 2024, and was the final team to make the regional cut. This will provide an early season test for the Patriots.

**Saturday, April 26, at South Adams**

South Adams took away the Patriots chance at an ACAC title, as they bested the Patriots in both the regular season and tournament. This will provide an opportunity at some revenge.

**Saturday, May 24, at ACAC Tournament**

The ACAC Tournament is first goal the Patriots golf for, deciding the conference champion. It is also the only 18-hole match close to the sectional match in early June, providing the opportunity for a final tune up.



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# 2025 Baseball

Date	Opponent	Time
<b>Friday, April 4</b>	<b>Eastbrook</b>	<b>7 p.m.</b>
Thursday, April 10	Hamilton Heights	6 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	Mississinewa	10 a.m.
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	<b>Coldwater</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	<b>New Castle</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Thursday, April 17	Yorktown	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	Centerville	10 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Norwell	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 24	Woodlan	6 p.m.
<b>Friday, April 25</b>	<b>Shenandoah</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	<b>Monroe Central</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	<b>Adams Central</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 3	Wapahani Invitational	9:30 a.m.
Tuesday, May 6	South Adams	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Bluffton</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 10	Hagerstown	10 a.m.
Monday, May 12	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 13	Southern Wells	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
<b>Saturday, May 17</b>	<b>Winchester</b>	<b>3 p.m.</b>
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, May 20	Blackford	5 p.m.
Thursday, May 22	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
May 28-June 2	Sectional at Yorktown	TBD
<b>Home games in bold</b>		

## 2024 season

The Patriots had an up-and-down season last year, leading to a 13-12 record. After starting the season on a five-game losing streak, Jay County strung together six straight victories to swing its record back above .500. JCHS finished third in the Allen County Athletic Conference with a 4-2 record, just one game behind co-champions Heritage and Bluffton. The Patriots fell to the New Castle Trojans 13-12 in an eight-inning sectional semifinal game to end the season.

### Coach Todd Farr says

*"We've been kind of taking a different approach to the season. Going into those last two seasons injury prone, we weren't able to get into a lot of my philosophy with baseball and this year, it's hit full force and they're getting into it. They're buying into it. They're a fun team to be around. They're a group of kids that I can get on them and they're not going to hang their heads. They're going to move on to the next pitch and sometimes that's really hard to get across to young guys. They're getting after it and they play extremely hard. That's what I love about them and they give me effort every day. ... This is a whole new stress and a fun stress this year. Now I have to find out who can play and put them in the right spot so they can be successful and win ball games. Not saying this to be cocky, but I truly believe this group can win baseball games and they're confident about their ability. They're relentless. The one thing we're hammering is, doesn't matter if we're down, we're going to keep coming at you. They're not going to quit and we're just ready to get after it."*

### Fast facts

- Jay County last won a sectional in 2019 before falling in the regional final to Yorktown.
- The Patriots have fallen to New Castle in the past three sectional tournaments.
- This will be Todd Farr's third season at the helm of the Patriots. Over the first two seasons, Farr has built a 26-26 record and has gone 5-7 in the ACAC.



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Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School baseball team. Front row from left are Garrett Bennett, Carter Barton, Grant Wendel and Brady Jetmore. Second row are coach Todd Farr, Wyatt Foster, Hunter Collins, Carter Fugiett, Leighton Brown, Camden Fraley, bat boy Kaysen Farr and manager Paisley Fugiett. Third row are assistant coaches Pete Byrum and Michael Schlechty, Brock Wasson, Kade Sommers, Joseph Geesaman and assistant coaches Andy Haffner and Josh Atkinson. Back row are A.J. Myers, Rylee Sollars, Gavin Byrum, Nick Snow, Aiden Phillips, Zedrian Vazquez and Drew Schemenaur.

### Athletes to watch

- Zedrian Vazquez – P
- Aiden Phillips – P
- Joseph Geesaman – P/IF
- Drew Schemenaur – C
- Kade Sommers – 1B/P
- Camden Fraley – 1B/P
- Grant Wendel – 2B/3B
- A.J. Myers – 3B/OF
- Carter Fugiett – SS
- Gavin Byrum – SS
- Leighton Brown – OF/P/C
- Brock Wasson – OF/P
- Brady Jetmore – OF
- Garrett Bennett – OF/C
- Rylee Sollars – OF/2B

### Key returners

- Zedrian Vazquez**  
38.1 IP, 2.37 ERA, 41 Ks
- Drew Schemenaur**  
.295 AVG., 16 RBIs, 28 stolen bases
- Aiden Phillips**  
38.1 IP, 3.69 ERA, 26 Ks
- Joe Geesaman**  
.267 AVG., 7 RBIs, 2.63 ERA

### Key Departures

- Sam Myers**  
.354 AVG., 22 runs, 24 RBIs
- Jackson Edwards**  
.319 AVG., 27 runs, 19 IP, 5.53 ERA, 22 Ks
- Ryne Goldsworthy**  
.429 AVG., 21 RBIs
- Parker Nichols**  
.262 AVG., 21 RBIs

### Games to watch

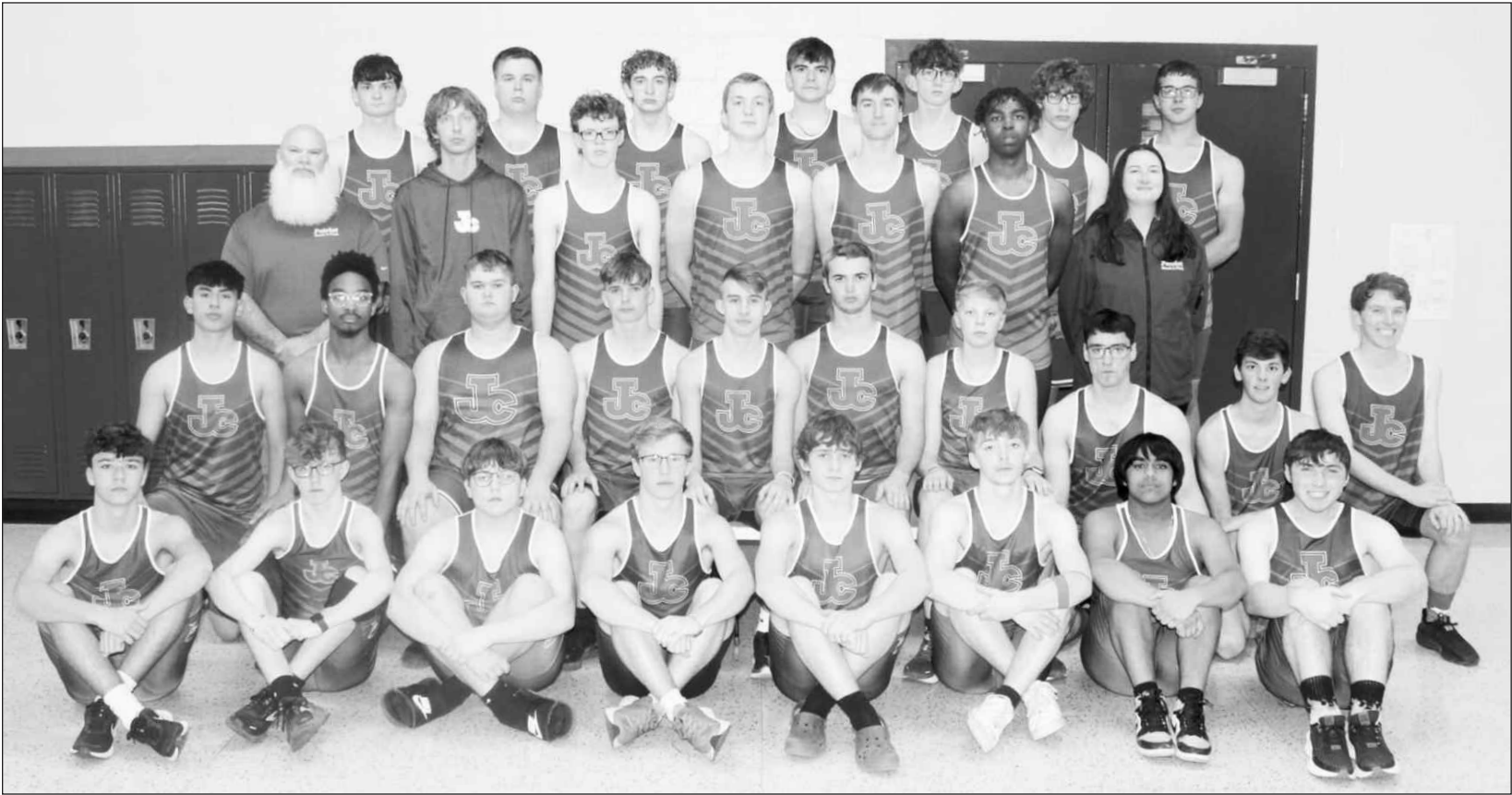
#### Tuesday, April 15, vs. New Castle

New Castle has ended the Patriots season three years in a row. The two teams have now added each other to the regular season schedule, which gives JCHS a chance at some early revenge and to get a look at the Trojans prior to the sectional.

#### Thursday, May 8, vs. Bluffton

Bluffton and Heritage were the two Allen County Athletic Conference teams to beat the Patriots in 2024. The Tigers only topped JCHS 5-4, so Jay County will have this game on the mind when looking to move up in the conference standings.





Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School boys track team. Front row from left are Jaxson DeHoff, Dougie Cox, Lucas Raines, Gabe Pinkerton, Alex Rivers, John Cook, Angel Gutierrez and Ethan Powers. Second row are Iker Nelson Con Quishpe, Sytree Jordan, Brasen Glassford, Blake Collins, Dash Thacker, Peyton Yowell, Kevin Dues, Garrett Hidy, Izick Cox and Lukes Powers. Third row are coach Joe Imel, assistant coach Jared Owens, Isaac Hawbaker, Max Klopfenstein, Joseph Boggs, Caden Gambill and assistant coach Sydney Noble. Back row are Kaiden Reynolds, Austyn LeMaster, Joey McAbee, Joey Nichols, Caleb Garringer, Sam Westgerdes and Adam Alig.

**Athletes to watch**

- Austyn LeMaster – Shot/Discus
- Adam Alig – Hurdles/High jump
- Lukes Powers – Pole Vault
- Peyton Yowell – Pole Vault
- Joseph Boggs – Distance
- Caleb Garringer – Distance
- Dash Thacker – Distance
- Caden Gambill – Sprints
- Garett Hidy – Sprints
- Gabe Pinkerton – Sprints

**Key returners**

**Adam Alig**

Third in high jump (6 feet) and fifth in 110-meter hurdles (16.04 seconds) at sectional

**Austyn LeMaster**

Fourth in discus (123 feet, 4 inches) and seventh in shot put (41 feet, 4 inches) at sectional

**Coach Joe Imel says**

*“I think what I appreciate the most is the group itself. There’s a lot of really good camaraderie, there’s a lot of really good positive competition among each other and that just makes us better. We can see that so far this year that it’s making us better in distance and sprints. Everybody wants to be the best and when you can have competition every day at practice, it’s going to get you better and better. My senior group is great. They’ll do anything I ask them to do and obviously that’s very good for a coach to have with his athletes. But with track and field, it’s specifically really good because you’re going to throw them in relays and different individual events and I know they’re going to compete.”*

**2025 Track**

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, April 8	Blackford	5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	<b>Fort Recovery</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, April 12	Wapahani	9:30 a.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	<b>Adams Central/South Adams</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Thursday, April 17</b>	<b>Delta/Yorktown</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, April 19	Oak Hill	11 a.m.
Tuesday, April 22	Bluffton	5:30 p.m.
Friday, April 25	Ansonia	4:30 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Friday, May 2	New Castle	5 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, May 6</b>	<b>Southern Wells/Woodlan</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Friday, May 9	ACAC Tournament at Bluffton	5:30 p.m.
Monday, May 12	Quad meet at Union County	5:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 17	Girls sectional at Delta	TBD
Thursday, May 22	Boys sectional at Muncie Central	TBD
Tuesday, May 27	Girls regional at Carroll	TBD
Thursday, May 29	Boys regional at Carroll	TBD
Friday, June 6	Boys state at North Central	TBD
Saturday, June 7	Girls state at North Central	TBD
<b>Home meets in bold</b>		

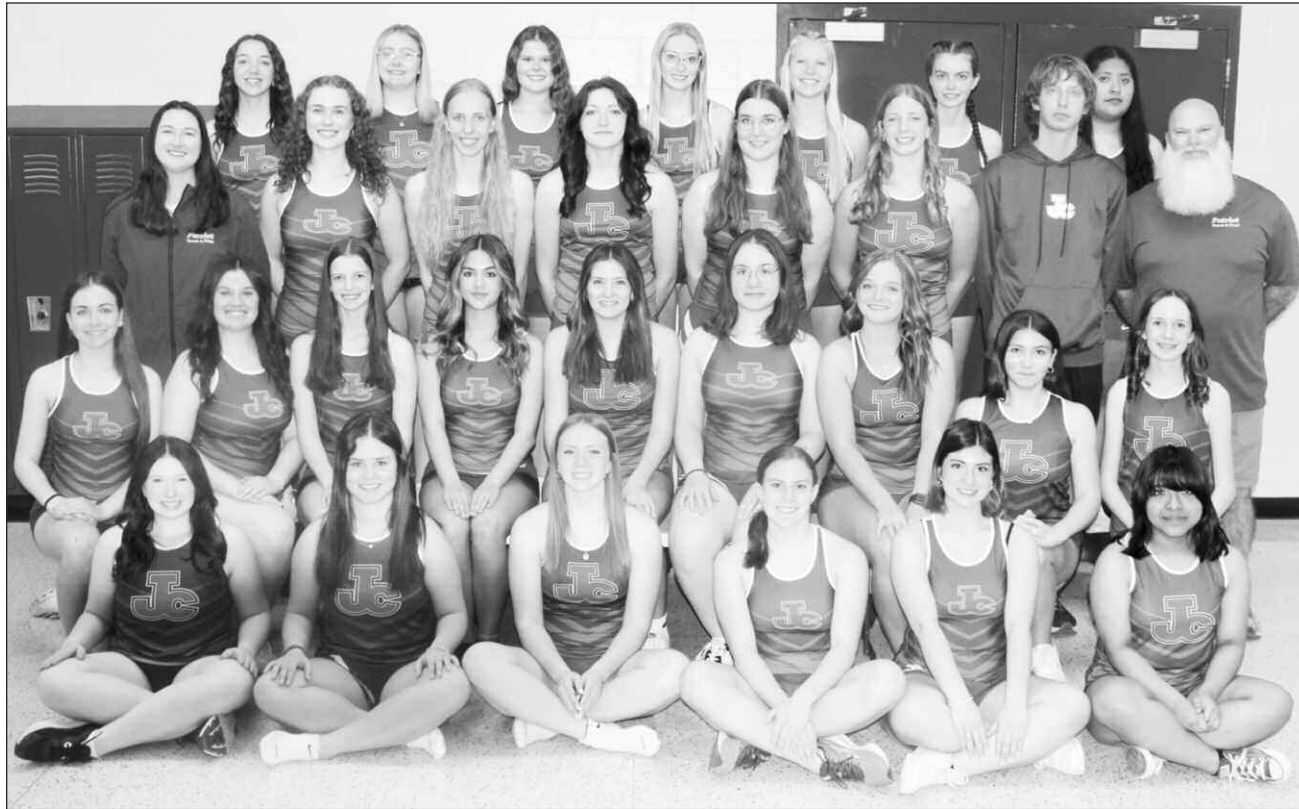
**2024 season**

With Isaac Kunkler graduating at the end of 2023, the Patriots slid back a spot in both the Allen County Athletic Conference and the sectional to finish fourth in the former and sixth in the latter. Adam Alig had the strongest season for JCHS, reaching the regional in the high jump and claimed a conference title in the 110-meter hurdles. Alig failed to clear the bar in the regional. The only other ACAC title came from the 4x100 relay team of Oskar Alart Mateo, Caden Gambill, Peyton Yowell and Garett Hidy. Austyn LeMaster came one spot short of a trip to the regional, throwing his discus 123 feet, 4 inches to take fourth.

**Fast facts**

- Jay County last had a member of its boys track team make it to state in 2012. Tyler Black qualified in the shot put, ultimately finishing 19th with a 49 foot, 10.75 inch throw.
- JCHS won the 2013 sectional meet hosted by Muncie Central with 122 points.
- Adam Alig, Caleb Garringer and the 4x100 meter relay team have broken indoor school records this year.
- The state finals has been moved from Indiana University to North Central High School for this season.





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Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School girls track team. Front row from left are Anna Mae Spencer, Mackenzie Cramer, Morgan DeHoff, Brooklynn Byrum, Eleonora Sanna and Juliana Hernandez. Second row are Mallory Hudson, Alice Ometti, Eva Carter, Hayley Gardener, Alexis Sibray, Dunja Jusufovic, Jordyn Hutzler, Lynzie Tobe and Ava May. Third row are assistant coach Sydney Noble, Elze Pivoriunaite, Mya Kunkler, Madison Gage, Jonna Holzapfel, Maria Hemmelgarn, assistant coach Jared Owen and coach Joe Imel. Back row are Peyton Carpenter, Allie McAbee, Sophie Shumaker, Lexi Litmer, Jenna Dues, Kiera Corwin and Angie Navarro. Not pictured is Jessie Homan.

### Coach Joe Imel says

*"We're defending champions for the conference, so that means we've got to know that everybody's going to be looking to measure up to us. I think we're up for that task. As a group, I feel like we're stronger than last year. I don't think we're there yet, so that's good because we can continue to work to get to that spot. But I'm really looking forward to the girls season as we get close to conference and sectional, because I really do feel like we've got a good chance to do some good stuff."*

### Meets to watch

#### Thursday, April 17, vs. Delta and Yorktown

Delta and Yorktown took the top two spots in the girls sectional and finished second and third in the boys sectional. Having a meet with both teams will give the Patriots an idea of what competition they'll see in the postseason.

#### Tuesday, May 6, vs. Southern Wells and Woodlan

The Patriots and Woodlan have finished first and second in the previous two Allen County Athletic Conference Tournaments. This late-season meet will give both teams the opportunity to get a read on each other's rosters and how they can design a lineup to maximize points.

#### Friday, May 9, at ACAC Tournament

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

### Fast facts

- Gabi Bilbrey was the last Patriot to make the state meet in 2023. She placed 13th in the discus with a throw of 122 feet, 5 inches.

- Jay County last won a sectional title in 2019 with a score of 129 to beat the field at Delta.

- The JCHS 4x100 meter relay team set the school record in 2024. Matilda Mende, Jenna Dues, Morgan DeHoff and Moa Skamoto combined to run a 50.87 second time to break the 25-year record.

### Athletes to watch

Jordyn Hutzler – Shot/Discus  
Morgan DeHoff – Hurdles/Long jump/ High jump  
Mya Kunkler – High jump/Pole Vault  
Jenna Dues – High jump/sprints  
Maria Hemmelgarn – Pole Vault  
Alexis Sibray – Distance  
Paityn Wendel – Distance  
Brooklynn Byrum – Distance  
Jenna Homan – Distance  
Ava May – Distance  
Lyla Kunkler – Distance  
Aixa Lopez – Middle  
London Lloyd – Sprints  
Peyton Carpenter – Sprints

### Key returners

#### Morgan DeHoff

14th in 100-meter hurdles (18.55 seconds) at regional

#### Jenna Dues

16th in 200-meter dash (29.12 seconds) at regional

#### Jordyn Hutzler

16th in shot put (31 feet, 5 inches) at regional

### Key departures

#### Cash Hollowell

Third in 300-meter hurdles (50.69 seconds) at sectional

#### Matilda Mende and Makinsey Murphy

Mende ran in the 4x100 meter relay and Murphy ran in the 4x400 relay that both competed at the regional

### 2024 season

The Patriots found strength in numbers last year as six regional qualifications and five Allen County Athletic Conference titles pushed JCHS one spot higher in both the sectional and conference tournaments. Morgan DeHoff (100-meter hurdles), Jenna Dues (200 dash), Jordyn Hutzler (shot put) and Cash Hollowell (300 hurdles) along with the 4x100 and 4x400 relay teams advanced to the regional to help Jay County to third in the sectional. Both relay teams topped the competition at the conference meet, while the 4x100 relay squad set a new school record as well. Other ACAC titles belonged to Matilda Mende (100 dash), Jenna Dues (200 dash) and Mya Kunkler (high jump).



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Pictured is the rest of the 2025 JCHS girls track team. Front row from left are Aixa Lopez, Lyla Kunkler, Lexi Shoenlein, London Lloyd, Kali Newell and Renna Hurt. Back row are Paityn Wendel, Olivia Cox, Lucy Bailey, Jaley Stephens and Ariel Beiswanger.



**Athletes to watch**

Mallory Winner – P/2B  
Jaelynn Lykins – C  
Jozey Shimp – 1B  
Carley Trinidad – 2B/P  
Ava Bice– 2B  
Chloe Brown – 3B  
Zoe Romine – 3B  
Hallie Schwieterman – SS/OF  
Brenna Ruble – SS  
Opal Garrett – OF  
Morgan Missicano – OF  
Dakota Chowning – OF  
Jada Plessinger – OF

**Key returners**

**Mallory Winner**

.351 AVG., 96 IP, 2.99 ERA, 61 Ks

**Jaelynn Lykins**

.563 AVG., 25 RBIs, 10 runs

**Jozey Shimp**

.457 AVG., 29 runs, 28 RBIs

**Carley Trinidad**

.417 AVG., 32 RBIs, 48 IP, 4.23 ERA, 41 Ks

**Morgan Missicano**

.493 AVG., 25 runs, 11 RBIs, 17 stolen bases

**Key departures**

**Riah Champ**

.400 AVG., 31 runs, 21 RBIs, 5 stolen bases

**Maddy Fraley**

.333 AVG., 22 RBIs, 18 runs, 3 stolen bases



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Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School softball team. Front row from left are Opal Garrett, Chloe Brown, Dakota Chowning, Zoe Romine and Ava Bice. Second row are Carley Trinidad, Jaelynn Lykins, Brenna Ruble, Jozey Shimp, Natalie May, Jada Pelssinger and Morgan Missicano. Third row are assistant coaches Jody Missicano and Matt Peterson, Mallory Winner, Stella Skirvin, Hallie Schwieterman, coach Doug Arbuckle and assistant coach Monty Missicano. Back row are Hailee Randall, Avery Lykins, Kaileigh Compton, Harlow Hough and Danielle Wright.

**2024 season**

Jay County put together a strong 2024 campaign to earn a 16-7 record and make it back to the sectional final for the first time since 2010. The Patriots opened the season with four straight wins before hitting a slight skid and responding with an eight-game winning streak. They hit one final hiccup in the regular season before rolling through the first two rounds of the sectional. They eventually fell 4-2 to Yorktown. The Patriots tied for second with Woodlan in the ACAC at 4-2. The two losses came to champion South Adams and Adams Central.

**Games to watch**

**Saturday, April 12, at Fort Recovery**

The Patriots and Indians missed out on the 2024 clash due to weather. The series with the team to the east will be revived early this season.

**Tuesday, May 6, at South Adams**

The Starfires went undefeated in the ACAC in 2024, and beat the Patriots 3-1. South Adams will be the biggest hill for the Patriots to climb to move up in the conference.

**Thursday, May 22, vs. Huntington North**

Huntington North put together an 18-7 season and made its way to the regional. The Vikings will give the Patriots a late-season test to measure how ready they are for the sectional.

**Coach Doug Arbuckle says**

*“Out of the 20 girls we’ve got here, we’ve got 10 freshmen. So, we’re going to have to take some baby steps to get everybody gelling together and knowing each other and then we’ll go from there. Hopefully we can be competitive in every ball game, that’s a goal. I think once we figure it out, the lineup could be pretty solid 1-10 with no weaknesses. We’ve got a lot of returning offense. I think the big thing will be our two pitchers hitting their spots and missing barrels and then the defense playing good behind them not giving them extra outs. If we can do that, I think we’ll be pretty successful this year.”*

**Fast facts**

- The Patriots have never won a sectional championship despite making the final six times since 1999.
- This will be Doug Arbuckle’s third season since returning to the softball program in 2023. He previously coached the Patriots from 2009-15.
- The Patriots have never won the Allen County Athletic Conference during the 10 seasons of membership, but they tied for second place in the past four seasons.

•JCHS returns seven of nine starters as only its third baseman and center fielder graduated. The two departures made up 22.2% of runs scored and 23.4% of runs batted in.

**2025 Softball**

Date	Opponent	Time
Thursday, April 3	Marion	5:30 p.m.
<b>Saturday, April 5</b>	<b>Winchester</b>	<b>11 a.m.</b>
<b>Monday, April 7</b>	<b>Blackford</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, April 8	Bellmont	5:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, April 10</b>	<b>Delta</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, April 12	Fort Recovery	11 a.m.
<b>Monday, April 14</b>	<b>St. Henry</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 15</b>	<b>Eastbrook</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, April 18</b>	<b>Norwell</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Monday, April 28	Wapahani	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	<b>Adams Central</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 3	Woodlan	10 a.m.
Tuesday, May 6	South Adams	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Bluffton</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 10	Lady Panther Classic	10 a.m.
<b>Monday, May 12</b>	<b>New Castle</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, May 13	Southern Wells	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	<b>Heritage</b>	<b>6 p.m.</b>
Saturday, May 17	Argyll Invite	10 a.m.
<b>Thursday, May 22</b>	<b>Huntington North</b>	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>
Friday, May 23	Richmond	5:30 p.m.
May 26-31	Sectional at Delta	TBD
<b>Home games in bold</b>		





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Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School girls tennis team. Front row from left are Chloe Muhlenkamp, Bailey Towell, Emmeline Crouch and Lilly Johnson. Second row is Maddie Brewster, Sophia Sprunger, Paycie McCoy, Raylah Newton and Kaitlyn Fisher. Third row is assistant coach Donald Gillespie, Faith Faulkner, Courtney Harris, Meredith Dirksen, Kenzie Tobe, Trinity Glassford, Taven Bentley and coach Andrea Garringer. Back row are Tessa Frazee, Lydia Johnson, Gretchen Link, Brenna Bailey, Olivia Gillum and Hallie Homan.

**Players with returning varsity experience**  
Brenna Bailey  
Merideth Dirksen  
Tessa Frazee  
Faith Faulkner  
Lilly Johnson  
Courtney Harris  
Sophia Sprunger

**Key returners**  
  
**Brenna Bailey**  
11-6 overall record, 10-5 at No. 2 singles, 1-2 in ACAC

**Meredith Dirksen & Sophia Sprunger**  
8-11 at No. 1 doubles, 0-3 in ACAC

**Key Departures**  
  
**Brenna Haines**  
10-7 at No. 1 singles, 2-1 in ACAC

**Maggie Dillon**  
9-10 overall record, 8-8 at No. 3 singles, 1-2 in ACAC

**Zion Beiswanger & Lucie Henneaux**  
4+5 at No. 2 doubles, 1-1 in ACAC

**2024 season**

Jay County claimed its fourth consecutive sectional championship with a 4-1 victories over Randolph Southern in the opener and Union City in the final. The Patriots finished the season with a 9-6 record and 1-2 in the Allen County Athletic Conference with losses to Adams Central and South Adams. JCHS swept its sectional foes, beating Winchester and Union City during the regular season, while the match against Randolph Southern got cancelled.

**Fast facts**

- The Patriots have won four consecutive sectional titles, boasting their resume to nine total championships. They got swept in two of the regional openers, fell to Mississinawa 3-2 in 2023 and 4-1 to Marion in 2021.
- This will be Andrea Garringer’s second season at the helm. Last year she led Jay County to a 9-6 (60%) record and 1-2 in the Allen County Athletic Conference.
- JCHS only returns three staples from last year’s lineup while graduating two singles players and two doubles. In total, 61.3% of the matches played left.

**Games to watch**

- Saturday, April 12, at Hagerstown**  
With a largely inexperienced roster, the first three matches will play a key role in helping the Patriots fill out their lineup.
- Monday, April 21, vs. Winchester**  
Jay County will get its first crack at a potential sectional opponent when the Golden Falcons come to town. This match can show how it measures up to postseason foes.
- Monday, April 28, vs. South Adams**  
Of the two ACAC losses from 2024, the loss to the Starfires was more competitive. JCHS will need to flip the 3-2 result to try and climb up the standings.

2025 Girls tennis		
Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, April 8	Blackford	5 p.m.
Thursday, April 10	Bellmont	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 12	Hagerstown	10 a.m.
Thursday, April 17	Buffton	5 p.m.
Saturday, April 19	Eastern Hancock Invite	9 a.m.
<b>Monday, April 21</b>	<b>Winchester</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, April 22	Frankton	5 p.m.
<b>Monday, April 28</b>	<b>South Adams</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	<b>Union City</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Tuesday, May 6	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 8</b>	<b>Adams Central</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b>	<b>Randolph Southern</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Friday, May 16	Richmond	5 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	Lapel Invitational	9 a.m.
<b>Monday, May 19</b>	<b>Alexandria-Monroe</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday, May 21</b>	<b>Sectional semifinal</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
<b>Friday, May 23</b>	<b>Sectional final</b>	<b>5 p.m.</b>
Home matches in bold		

# *Good luck during the spring season*



## **Girls track**

*Opening date: March 3  
Sectional: May 20*

## **Girls tennis**

*Opening date: March 31  
Sectional: May 20-24*

## **Boys track**

*Opening date: March 3  
Sectional: May 22*

## **Softball**

*Opening date: March 24  
Sectional: May 26-31*

## **Baseball**

*Opening date: March 31  
Sectional: May 21-31*

## **Boys golf**

*Opening date: March 31  
Sectional: June 5-9*