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look to get
girls XC back
to regional***

Jay County High School fall sports preview 2025



Pictured is the 2024 Jay County High School volleyball team. Pictured, front row from left, are managers Kynlee Homan, Violet Trinidad, Adelynn Boeckman, Darcee Peters and Hadley Younts. Second row are managers Evelyn Carter and Mallory Hudson, Lani Muhlenkamp, Carley Trinidad, Chloe Byrum, Kayla Jetmore, Chloe Muhlenkamp and manager Opal Garrett. Third row are assistant coach CR Dillon, coach Amy Dillon, Maria Hemmelgarn, Mya Kunkler, Brenna Schmiesing and assistant coaches Sara Auken and Kailee Osterholt. Back row are Lydia Johnson, Elizabeth Barnett, Ella Rigby, Hallie Schwieterman and Paisley Fugiett.

Projected lineup

Maria Hemmelgarn – Middle
Mya Kunkler – Middle
Brenna Schmiesing – Middle
Hallie Schwieterman – Outside
Elizabeth Barnett – Outside
Ella Rigby – Opposite
Paisley Fugiett – Setter
Lani Muhlenkamp – Defense
Kayla Jetmore – Defense
Carley Trinidad – Defense

Top returners

Hallie Schwieterman
202 kills, 119 digs, 18 aces

Maria Hemmelgarn
182 kills, 72 blocks

Mya Kunkler
162 kills, 73 blocks

Paisley Fugiett
628 assists, 205 digs, 24 aces

Key departures

Brenna Bailey
337 digs, 32 aces

Matches to watch

Tuesday, Aug. 26, at Winchester

While Jay County cruised to a four-set victory over the Golden Falcons in the regular season, WCHS figured things out late in the year to put together a semi-state run. Repeating the result will be early proof that JCHS can hang with high-level teams.

Tuesday, Sept. 2, vs. Fort Recovery

Fort Recovery swept JCHS in three sets last season and put together a nice run in the postseason to make it to the regional.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, at South Adams

The Starfires’ sole loss in the ACAC came to Jay County last year. If the Patriots can repeat that result, they will put themselves in contention for a conference title.

2024 season

The Patriots were inconsistent last year as they never won or lost more than three matches in a row. They finished just above .500 with a 15-13 record and a third-place finish in the Allen County Athletic Conference. They went 4-2 in the ACAC, suffering a 3-2 loss to co-champion Adams Central and a 3-1 defeat to Heritage, but beating the other title winner South Adams 3-0. Jay County took down Connersville in the opening round of the sectional tournament, but ultimately fell to host and eventual champion New Castle 25-19, 25-16, 20-25, 25-13.

Coach Amy Dillon says

“We have a really great group of seniors this year that I think are going to lead us and keep us where we want to be in all aspects of our game and program. They’re great kids and are inviting the younger kids into the group. This is our first time trying out a C team. We have 27 kids for the 2025 season, so we’re developing more players that way.”

JCHS volleyball

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Aug. 19	Madison-Grant	6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 21	Delta	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26	Winchester	6 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28	Muncie Central	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Fort Recovery	6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4	Wapahani	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6	Shondell Invite	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Bluffton	6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11	Woodlan	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	Noblesville Tourney	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Adams Central	6 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Connersville	6 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 22	Blackford	6 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23	South Adams	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	ACAC @ Heritage	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Southern Wells	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	Heritage	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4	Patriot Invite	9:30 a.m.
Monday, Oct. 6	Daleville	6 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 9	New Castle	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11	Union County Invite	9 a.m.
Home matches in bold		

Fast facts

- It has been more than 20 years since the Patriots last won a sectional title. They went back-to-back in Class 3A in 2002 and 2003. (Their two other titles came in 1976 in the single-class system and in 1997 in Class 4A.)
- This will be Dillon’s sixth year at the helm of the Patriots. She is 66-84 (12-18 ACAC) overall and her team placed third in the ACAC last year.
- The Patriots will be strong in the middle as all three of their blockers finished with more than 125 kills and 50 blocks during the 2024 campaign.
- The Patriots return 96.8% of the points scored after graduating only one player from the 2024 roster.



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2024 season

The Patriots got off to a slow start in 2024 before Joseph Boggs joined the team. The addition of a third runner that could push the top-10 at events shot the team scores up, including a first-place finish at the Winchester Invitational, the runner-up spot at the Randolph Southern Invite and the third-best score at the Yorktown Jim Leffler Invite and the ACAC Championships. Jay County's team finished its season at the sectional after placing eighth with 169 points, but Caleb Garringer and Dash Thacker advanced to the regional as individuals, placing 36th and 38th, respectively.

Coach Gabby Williams says

"I think we've got a really good team coming out. We've got some new freshmen but also some returning faces. Not a lot of seniors, so it's kind of a younger group of boys, but they've really shown up this summer and put in the hard work. So we're just excited to kind of see what that'll look like for them in the season."



Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School boys cross country team. Pictured, front row from left, are Grant Glentzer, Ethan Powers, John Cook, Caison Lloyd and Alex Rivers. Back row are coach Gabby Williams, Caleb Garringer, Max Klopfenstein, Isaac Hawbaker and assistant coach Jared Owens.

Fast facts

- Only two of the top five runners returned for Jay County this year, including Caleb Garringer, who ran at the regional meet.
- Caleb Garringer is one of only two boys from the 2024 season to compete in every meet. The other was Dash Thacker, who is not with the team this year.
- Jay County has had a postseason dry spell. Despite getting individual runners through to the regional, it hasn't made it as a team since the 20th century.

Projected lineup

- Caleb Garringer
- Max Klopfenstein
- Alex Rivers
- Ethan Powers
- Isaac Hawbaker
- John Cook
- Grant Glentzer
- Caison Lloyd

Top returners

- Caleb Garringer**
17 minutes, 23.79 seconds
- Max Klopfenstein**
19 minutes, 39.4 seconds
- Alex Rivers**
21 minutes, 50.03 seconds

Key departures

- Dash Thacker**
17 minutes, 46.24 seconds
- Joseph Boggs**
18 minutes, 17.48 seconds
- Dougie Cox**
19 minutes, 37.65 seconds

Cross country

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Aug. 16	Warsaw Invite	9 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 23	Celina Rotary	9 a.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30	Taylor University	9 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 2	Fort Recovery	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Winchester/Union City	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	Randolph Southern Invite	9 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	Yorktown Jim Leffler Invite	10 a.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	New Haven Classic	10:30 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4	Winchester Invitational	9 a.m.
Saturday, Oct. 11	ACAC Championships at South Adams	11 a.m.
Home meets are in bold		

Meets to watch

Tuesday, Sept. 2, vs. Fort Recovery

The Indians have fielded strong girls teams and individual boys over the past half a decade and this year will likely be no different. This mid-week dual will pit the girls team against Makenna Huelskamp and Riley Heitkamp for a workout, while Garringer and Co. will see Reese Diller and a young squad.

Saturday, Sept. 27, at New Haven Classic

While Caleb Garringer and the girls team ran at New Haven during the regular season and the regional, the two groups still have limited experience on their potential second-round stop of the tournament.

Saturday, Oct. 11, at ACAC championships

The ACAC Championships act as a playoff before the IHSAA postseason and determine conference accolades. Last season, the girls ran away with the top spot in the conference as the five scores came in the top 15, while a pair of boys led JCHS to third.

Fast facts

•This is coach Gabby Williams' first season leading the Patriots. She has spent the past three seasons as the varsity assistant coach and also served as the junior high track coach for four years.

•Attendance soared in 2024 for the Patriots as seven runners, including all of the top five, competed at every meet. Two more girls only missed events in which the team could only carry seven athletes.

•A strong freshman class, which largely returned, led Jay County to its first regional appearance since 2020 by finishing as the runner-up at sectional.

•All seven Patriots ran cross country for the varsity team last season. Five of those seven averaged under 23 minutes per contest.

Projected lineup

Abby Fifer
Jessie Homan
Brooklynn Byrum
Ava May
Alexis Sibray
Paityn Wendel
Alyvia Muhlenkamp



Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School girls cross country team. Pictured, front row from left, are Brooklynn Byrum, Paityn Wendel, Abby Fifer, Ava May and Jessie Homan. Back row are coach Gabby Williams, Alyvia Muhlenkamp, Alexis Sibray and assistant coach Jared Owens.

2024 season

After struggling with consistency in 2023, the Patriots found a solid five in 2024, helping them to the top half of the standings in every meet. The slew of talented freshmen and a trio of upperclassmen earned the top spot at multiple events, including the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships, where they beat runner-up Adams Central by 16 points. They came in second at the sectional meet with 81 before slipping to 13th at the regional. Ava May earned the top finish for the Patriots at both postseason meets, while Abby Fifer led during the ACAC.

Coach Gabby Williams says

"Similar to the boys, I think we've just got a really good team coming up. We've got those freshmen that were exceeding all of our expectations last year, who are back in full force and working hard this summer. I think we're just excited to see the dynamic of the team and just to continue to watch them grow and work together."

Top returners

Abby Fifer
22 minutes, 12.81 seconds

Jessie Homan
22 minutes, 15.73 seconds

Brooklynn Byrum
22 minutes, 21.43 seconds

Ava May
22 minutes, 34.62 seconds

Alexis Sibray
22 minutes, 46.46 seconds

Key departures

Natalie Carreno
24 minutes, 20.37 seconds

Elizabeth Brunswick
24 minutes, 45.36 seconds

Lyla Kunkler
26 minutes, 16.52 seconds

Pictured at right is the 2025 Jay County High School girls golf team. Front row from left are Sophia Reagan, Bailey Towell, Taven Bentley, Alivya Schwieterman, Crystal Swartzentruber and Annie Mae Spencer. Back row are coach Carissa Allred, Reny Lingo, Alexa Ride-nour, Elizabeth Brunswick, Erin Aker and assistant coach Marvin Buckner.



The full girls golf season preview appeared in the Aug. 1 edition of The Commercial Review. View it online at thecr.com or get a copy at our office, 309 W. Main St., Portland.

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Pictured above, Jay County High School's Carter Fugiett tackles Cade Logston of New Castle during week No. 2's forfeit loss last season. Fugiett will play as a dual threat in the backfield and as a receiver, while slotting at cornerback on the other side of the ball.

Coach Eddie Fields says

"The big thing right now is we're just trying to put it together and put things in place the way we want things done. Change the expectation and let kids know, this is what we expect as coaches, this is what I expect as a coach, and then kind of set that standard. As far as the season, I told them when I got here, 'We're going to work hard. We're going to have fun. We're going to win games.' We've done the first two. Now we've got to go out and do that third one and I expect to do it. I think we're going to shock some people and our kids are ready to play good football."

2024 season

The Patriots took two of the first three games of the before stumbling through the back half of the year. Outside of the 49-0 beating at Blackford and the 47-0 victory over Southern Wells, Jay County only finished within one score of an opponent one time during the regular season (14-12 loss to Lapel). While JCHS struggled during the regular season, it picked up its first postseason win since 2017 – Tim Millsbaugh, a current assistant coach, led that team – with a 42-7 defeat of Bellmont. The Patriots' season and coach Grant Zgunda's career came to a close with a 41-8 loss against eventual Class 3A state champion Bishop Luers.

Key returners

Grant Wendel
18.8 receiving y/g, 1 TD

Carter Fugiett
11.1 receiving y/g, 1 TD

Brady Jetmore
9.2 receiving y/g, 1 TD

Garrett Bennett
10.3 tackles, 1 sack

Key departures

Sean Bailey
112.8 passing y/g, 9 TD

A.J. Myers
43.3 rushing y/g, 6 TD

Benson Ward
41.5 receiving y/g, 4 TD

Lucas Strait
107 tackles, 4 blk punts

Fast facts

•Eddie Fields takes over the program this season, following four seasons that Hall of Famer Grant Zgunda coached the Patriots. Fields previously coached at Fort Wayne South side and Manchester, with an overall 14-28 record in Indiana. Zgunda finished his career with a 218-88 career record, including a 12-29 record at Jay County.

•After moving down to Class 3A last season, the Patriots snapped a six-year postseason drought with a 42-7 victory over Bellmont.

•The Patriots got off to their best start since the 1985 season by winning their first three games of the 2023 season. They only managed one more win, failing to reach 0.500 for the

Football

Date	Opponent	Time
Friday, Aug. 22	Blackford	7 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 29	New Castle	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 5	Southern Wells	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 12	Adams Central	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 19	Bluffton	7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26	Woodlan	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 3	South Adams	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 10	Lapel	7 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 17	Heritage	7 p.m.
Home meets are in bold		

Games to watch
Friday, Aug. 22, vs. Blackford

The season opener against the Bruins rings in the new era under coach Eddie Fields, who follows Grant Zgunda. It will also be the first time the Patriots see coach Steve Boozier after he retired as the JCHS athletics director following the 2023-24 school year.

Friday, Sept. 19, vs. Bluffton

The Patriots gave Class 2A No. 9 Bluffton a real test in week five last year but ultimately fell short 34-25 after a pair of fourth-quarter touchdowns. It's also the first time facing the Tigers since former assistant coach Tim Millsbaugh rejoined the Patriots.

Friday, Oct. 10, at Lapel

JCHS fell just short of picking up its third win of the season last year when it fell to Lapel 14-12. A pair of failed extra point attempts made the difference and Jay County will look to avenge the loss.

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Pictured are the position groups from the 2025 Jay County High School football team. Pictured clockwise from top right are:

Defensive linemen and linebackers (front row) Hayden Ison, Wyatt Foster, Matthew Fisher, Garrett Bennett, Joaquin Johnson, Bo Brunswick and Trevor Jones; and (back row) Joey McAbee, Leighton Brown, Bryan Fields, Cooper Shimp, Caleb Sibray, Blake Bonifas and Aiden Phillips.

Quarterbacks, running backs, receivers and tight ends (front row) Logan Wendel, Grant Wendel, Garrett Bennett, Brady Jetmore, Oakland Gaerke, Leighton Brown, Hayden Ison and Caleb Sibray; and (back row) Wyatt Foster, Tyler Wasson, Brayden Fox, Nick Laux, Carter Fugiett, Kaiden Reynolds, Bryan Fields and Blake Bonifas.

Offensive linemen Brasen Glassford, Parker Moore, Cohen Shimp, Cooper Shimp, Freddie Lingo and Garret Dillon.

Defensive backs and kickers (front row) Logan Wendel, Grant Wendel, Brady Jetmore, Oakland Gaerke and Jacoby Penrod; and (back row) Tyler Wasson, Brody Collins, Brayden Fox, Kaiden Reynolds and Carter Fugiett.

Not pictured from the defensive line is Alan Ortiz.



Projected lineup

Offensive skill/Kickers

Nick Laux – quarterback
Garrett Bennett – running back
Leighton Brown – running back
Wyatt Foster – running back
Carter Fugiett – RB/WR
Brady Jetmore – wide receiver
Grant Wendel – wide receiver
Jacoby Penrod – kicker
Brody Collins – kicker

Offensive line

Brasen Glassford – center
Freddie Lingo – guard
Parker Moore – guard
Garret Dillon – tackle
Cohen Shimp – tackle
Cooper Shimp – tackle

Defensive line

Alan Ortiz – tackle
Matthew Fisher – tackle
Joaquin Johnson – end
Aiden Phillips – end
Blake Bonifas – end

Linebackers

Garrett Bennett – middle
Bryan Fields – middle
Grant Wendel – outside
Brady Jetmore – outside
Wyatt Foster – outside

Defensive backs

Brady Jetmore – cornerback
Logan Wendel – cornerback
Carter Fugiett – cornerback
Grant Wendel – safety
Brayden Fox – safety
Kaiden Reynolds – safety

Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School boys tennis team. Front row from left are Paul Dirksen, Kason Sims, Jace Vance, Dawson Goldsworthy and Henry Dirksen. Second row are Joseph Nichols, Nick Snow, Brock Wasson, Alex Miller, Brayden Barlow and assistant coach Andrea Garringer. Back row are Carson Westerges, Kady Carpenter, Gabe Overton, Clark Wellman and Beckett Brandenburg. Not pictured is coach Donald Gillespie.



2024 season

The Patriots struggled with their front-loaded schedule in 2024, losing five matches before they finally pulled off a 4-1 win against Union City. Jay County went on to finish 9-11, but got swept in the Allen County Athletic Conference. JCHS had success against sectional teams, sweeping the three schools from Randolph County in the regular season before earning its second straight sectional title. Delta ended Jay County's season for the third time in a row with a 5-0 sweep.

Projected lineup

Paul Dirksen – Singles
Henry Dirksen – Singles
Clark Wellman – Singles
Alex Miller – Doubles
Kady Carpenter – Doubles
Gabe Overton – Doubles
Brock Wasson – Doubles
Nick Snow – Doubles
Jace Vance – Doubles

Top returners

Kady Carpenter and Alex Miller
6-11 at No. 1 doubles

Key departures

Eli Dirksen
15-5 at No. 1 singles

Tucker Griffin
7-11 at No. 2 singles

Gabe Pinkerton
7-11 at No. 3 singles

Coach Donald Gillespie says

“Fifteen young men are on my roster this year with only one senior and we graduated six seniors last year so this is a young squad. ... I’ve been very blessed with some good recruitments from my players and this is the year where you’re going to see the junior high program is kicking in. ... What really pleases me with this team is from top to bottom it’s probably the strongest team I’ve ever had, because there’s really no bottom. These kids can all compete at a different level. ... I’ve got kids who want to be out and playing tennis and that’s all I can ask for going into my fifth year.”

Matches to watch

Thursday, Sept. 11, at Bluffton

The Tigers won the Allen County Athletic Conference last season and return most of their players. If Jay County wants an ACAC title, it will have to pick off Bluffton.

Saturday, Sept. 13, in Patriot Invitational

The Patriot Invitational marks a potential turning point in the year, when the Patriots schedule goes from brutal to manageable. If Jay County can beat Wabash and Blackford, it can create some positive momentum going into the final half of the year.

Thursday, Sept. 16, at Winchester

The Patriots swept the five matches against sectional opponents last year, but only got one look at the Golden Falcons. WCHS retained the most players of the four teams, but lost some key cogs, including transfer Gabe Overton who will be a Patriot.

JCHS boys tennis

Date	Opponent	Time
Saturday, Aug. 16	Trojan Kickoff Duals	9 a.m.
Monday, Aug. 18	Madison-Grant	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 19	Alexandria-Monroe	5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 21	Norwell	5 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 25	Union City	5 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30	Muncie Central Invite	10 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4	Marion	5:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 8	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Randolph Southern	5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11	Bluffton	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	Patriot Invitational	10 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 15	Blackford	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Adams Central	5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Winchester	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	Pendleton Heights	10 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 22	Bellmont	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	South Adams	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	Eastern Hancock	9 a.m.
Home matches in bold		

Fast facts

- Jay County’s sectional title in 2024 gave it back-to-back-to-back sectional championships for the first time since 2005, 2006 and 2007. Despite having 10 sectional championships, the Patriots have not made it out of a regional.
- The Patriots return four players with varsity experience, but only two made regular appearances (Kady Carpenter and Alex Miller).
- While Delta stopped JCHS in 2023, Abraham Dirksen advanced two more rounds into the playoffs as an individual before falling to Westfield’s Alex Sagarra.
- Coach Donald Gillespie enters his fifth year leading the Patriots. Jay County has a 43-39 record and three sectional titles with him at the helm.



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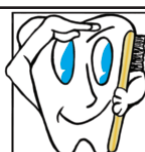
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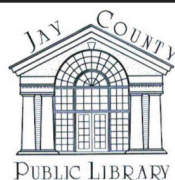
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Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School girls soccer team. Front row from left are Alexis Tipton, Gracie Rowles, London Lloyd, Gabby Raines, Elly Byrum and Natalia Gaucin. Second row are Renna Hurt, Araitz Lekue Magro, Finley Hatzell, Emma Hatzell, Saki Onishi, Raylah Newton, Aixa Lopez, Fatine Lamziouaq and Brilyn Wilmore. Third row are coach Kendra Muhlenkamp, Kali Newell, manager Sonachi Nakane, Raylin Hummer, Charlee Peters, Ayla Jackson, Gabby Gibson, Milee Rickard and assistant coach Amber Houck. Back row are Brielle McConnell, Tessa Frazee, Allie Paul, Kady Allred, Maria Laux, Avery Snow and Ariel Beiswanger. Not pictured are Maleah Parsons and Lexi Schoenlein.



Projected lineup

Forwards

London Lloyd
Finley Hatzell
Elly Byrum

Midfielders

Aixa Lopez
Raylin Hummer
Brilyn Wilmore
Maria Laux
Gabby Gibson

Defensive mids

Raylah Newton
Kady Allred
Charlee Peters

Defense

Ariel Beiswanger
Tessa Frazee
Emma Hatzell

Goal keeper

Maleah Parsons

2024 season

After a slow 2023 season, the Patriots came out strong to earn an 11-4 record. They swept their Allen County Athletic Conference schedule 6-0 to earn their first ACAC title since 2019. Two of the six losses came at the hands of Delta, including the sectional semifinal. While Jay County couldn't overcome the Eagles, it did beat sectional champion Yorktown 2-1 during the regular season.

Top returners

Aixa Lopez
13 goals, 8 assists

London Lloyd
7 goals, 3 assists

Maleah Parsons
137 saves

Key departures

Morgan DeHoff
14 goals, 9 assists

Jayla Huelskamp
5 goals

Jenna Dues
3 goals

Coach Kendra Muhlenkamp says

"I think the biggest thing is we've increased our numbers by 10 players this year. Our team this year, varsity-wise, is going to be led by all grades. ... Last year was the first year in I believe five years that we won ACAC; we went 6-0. This year ... our goal is to be undefeated and reach our full potential by the end of the season. With all the numbers, I was telling coach Amber Houck, my assistant, that this has been the most challenging year as a coach because it's hard to figure out where to put these girls in a way that makes us flow best."

Matches to watch

Saturday, Aug. 30, vs. Woodlan

Woodlan finished second behind JCHS in the ACAC with a 4-2 record. The Warriors will likely place a target on Jay County to try and claim this year's conference title.

Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Delta

The Eagles bested Jay County twice last year, including the sectional semifinal. Both teams return large chunks of their 2024 rosters, so this match could be a sectional final preview.

Thursday, Sept. 25, vs. Yorktown

The Patriots' biggest win of 2024 came against Yorktown right after falling to Delta two days earlier. A win against the Tigers would do a lot for Jay County's confidence heading into the postseason.

JCHS girls soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Monday, Aug. 18	Richmond	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 21	Heritage	7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28	Coldwater	5 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30	Woodlan	10 a.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 2	South Adams	5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 4	Norwell	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 9	Wapahani	5 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11	Oak Hill	5:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 13	South Adams	10 a.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Southern Wells	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	Woodlan	noon
Tuesday, Sept. 23	Delta	6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 25	Yorktown	7 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	Heritage	3 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Blackford	5 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
Home games in bold		

Fast facts

•The Patriots last won the sectional 11 years ago in the 2014 season. Since then, Yorktown has won it seven times and Hamilton Heights, which eliminated JCHS in five of the last six seasons – won it three times.

•The Patriots claimed the Allen County Athletic Conference title last year for the first time since 2019. Southern Wells formed a soccer team this year, giving JCHS seven conference matches.

•Coach Kendra Muhlenkamp said the girls like to run a 2-3-2-3 formation but tested two more out during Saturday's scrimmage.

•Muhlenkamp enters her fourth season as the Patriots' head coach. Through the first three years, Jay County has built a 28-19-1 record (10-5 ACAC).

Pictured is the 2025 Jay County High School boys soccer team. Front row from left are Angel Gutierrez, Oscar Alcantar, Carter Lloyd, Dougie Cox, Tony Beiswanger, Said Cuervo Hernandez and Camden Vinson. Second row are Jacen Dame, Rocky Beiswanger, Cameron Coats, Peyton Yowell, Kevin Dues, Jaxson DeHoff and Sam Wiggins. Third row are assistant coaches Ian Ruiz and Angel Perez, Rhoen Brown, Zavier Hudson, Max Klopfenstein, Cristian Carreno and coach Rodney Reynolds. Back row are Blake Collins, Jacoby Penrod, Karsen Kuhn, Brody Collins, Elias Mueller, Emmitt Reynolds and Raif Beiswanger.



Projected lineup

Forwards
Jacoby Penrod
Elias Mueller

Midfielders
Emmitt Reynolds
Jaxson DeHoff
Brody Collins
Rocky Beiswanger

Defense
Blake Collins
Angel Gutierrez
Sam Wiggins
Raif Beiswanger

Goal keeper
Peyton Yowell

2024 season

The Patriots got off to a hot start last year, rolling to five straight wins before falling to Heritage 5-2. Despite taking the conference loss, Jay County swept Woodlan and beat Heritage in a rematch to claim its first outright ACAC title. The only other losses the Patriots took last year were to Richmond and Park Tudor in the regional semifinal. In the first season under Rodney Reynolds, JCHS earned a 14-3 record and its seventh sectional crown.

Top returners
Blake Collins
5 goals, 3 assists

Emmitt Reynolds
2 goals, 5 assists

Peyton Yowell
102 saves

Key departures
Levi Muhlenkamp
35 goals, 5 assists

Dylan Marentes
10 goals, 19 assists

Aryan Montes
2 goals, 3 assists

Coach Rodney Reynolds says

“We’re going to be very young this year. We lost nine last year, seven of which were starters. So we’ve got to build. We’ve got some great young talent coming in and we’re starting to get things down where it needs to be, like who’s going to play and a lot of switches going on from last year and a lot of kids moved positions just to build a team. ... The chemistry is going to be great. These guys are young, they’re solid, they’re go-getters. ... We’ll know pretty quick where we stand, because it’s no easy task because we have one of the hardest schedules that I know of just by looking on paper.”

Matches to watch

Thursday, Aug. 28, at Delta

Jay County took down the Eagles twice in 2024, including in the sectional semifinal. Delta and leading returner Maddox Huffman will be looking to exact revenge in the early-season test.

Tuesday, Sept. 16, vs. Richmond

Richmond was one of only two teams to beat the Patriots during the regular season last year. This is also the Patriots’ first home game in 16 days as their schedule is loaded with road matches at the front.

Monday, Sept. 8, and Monday, Sept. 22, against Heritage

Heritage picked off the Patriots early in 2024, for their only ACAC loss. If JCHS can take care of Heritage, it will be in prime position to repeat as conference champs.

JCHS boys soccer

Date	Opponent	Time
Tuesday, Aug. 19	Muncie Central	5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 26	New Castle	7 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 28	Delta	6 p.m.
Saturday, Aug. 30	Woodlan	noon
Thursday, Sept. 4	Norwell	6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 6	Anderson	6:30 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 8	Heritage	7 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 11	Yorktown	7 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 16	Richmond	5:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 18	Bellmont	5 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20	Woodlan	10 a.m.
Monday, Sept. 22	Heritage	6 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27	Connersville	2 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30	Blackford	5 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2	Liberty Christian	6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 4	Huntington North	10 a.m.
Home games in bold		

Fast facts

- The Patriots are one of three teams to win the sectional multiple times over the past 10 seasons. They claimed the title in 2024 and 2022. Yorktown and Eastbrook also have multiple titles since 2015.
- This will be coach Rodney Reynolds’ second season captaining the Jay County boys soccer team after leading them to a 14-3 record.
- The Patriots lost three of their top players and the entire defensive line from the 2024 season. Included in those losses were Aryan Montes, who will play in the MLS Next league and Levi Muhlenkamp, who set the school record for career goals at 82.
- JCHS split with Heritage and swept Woodlan to claim its second consecutive ACAC title and first outright.

Jay County High School fall sports preview 2025

***Jay County
boys soccer,
boys tennis
claimed
sectional
titles in 2024***

