

# 2020-2021



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# 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY



**FOR RELEASE.....**

**The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2020 Boys Cross Country award winners.**

**Team:**

**Boys:** Medford goes Back to Back to Back. After winning their 1<sup>st</sup> Conference championship in 2018, Medford got the 3<sup>rd</sup> peat, winning the 2020 Conference Championship. Medford had 5 runners in the top 10, showing their depth. Maple River finished second with 3 runners in the top 10. Cole Stencil from Maple River was the individual champion for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row.

Team results: Medford – 31, Maple River – 50, NRHEG – 106, WEM/JWP – 110, Hayfield – 118, Blooming Prairie – 119, USC - 153

**All-Conference**

**Conference Champion**

Cole Stencil                      Maple River                      17:35

**1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Tyler Stursa	Medford	18:11
Kole Wenner	Maple River	18:16
Cohen Stursa	Medford	18:30
Hosea Baker	BP`	18:55
Austin Erickson	Medford	18:59

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Robert Sullivan	Maple River	19:04
Isaiah Tempel	Hayfield	19:06
Casey Chambers	Medford	19:15
Garrett Fitzgerald	Medford	19:19
Micah Hamson	USC	19:20
Brock Merritt	Medford	19:22

**Honorable Mention**

Gabe Schroeder	USC	19:25
Daniel Nydegger	NRHEG	19:29
Noah Ziegler	Maple River	19:33
Josh Bengtson	WEM/JWP	19:45
Landon Dimler	WEM/JWP	19:49
Jacob Karl	NRHEG	19:52
George Roesler	NRHEG	20:13

**Sportsmanship Recipients**

Joe Pirkel	Blooming Prairie
Isaiah Tempel	Hayfield
Michael Karels	Maple River
Cohen O'Connor	Medford
Samuel Christensen	NRHEG
Zach Groh	WEM/JWP
Micah Hamson	USC

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# 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY



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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2020 Girls Cross Country award winners.

**Team:**

Girls WEM/JWP Grizzlies won the Girls Cross Country Conference Championship. The Grizzlies go Back to Back to Back with Gopher Conference Championships. The Grizzlies edged the Maple River Eagles. The Grizzlies and Eagles placed 9 in the top 15 runners. Claire McGregor from Maple River was the individual Champion.

Team results: WEM/JWP – 36, Maple River – 42, NRHEG – 78, USC – 88, Blooming Prairie – 102, Hayfield – INC, Medford - INC

**All-Conference**

**Conference Champion**

Claire McGregor                      Maple River                      21:54

**1<sup>st</sup> Team**

Quinn VanMaldeghem	NRHEG	21:59
Lauren Dimler	WEM/JWP	22:09
Kwynn Krause	WEM/JWP	22:13
Bri Burkhardt	Maple River	22:31
Emma Johnson	WEM/JWP	22:46

**2<sup>nd</sup> Team**

Alexis Thomas	Maple River	22:47
Lauren Mutschler	USC	22:54
Torri Vaale	NRHEG	23:05
Lauren White	WEM/JWP	24:03
Lyndsay Thunstedt	USC	24:34
Natalie Wenner	Maple River	25:06

**Honorable Mention**

Emily Miller	BP	25:10
Alexis Dahlberg	WEM/JWP	25:10
Ashlin Keyes	WEM/JWP	25:46
Jenny Mulholland	USC	25:50
Krystal Ulrich	Maple River	25:59
Annabelle Petsinger	NRHEG	26:02
Sidney Schultz	NRHEG	26:11

**Sportsmanship Recipients**

Ashleigh Alwes	Blooming Prairie
Grace Becker	Hayfield
Ashley Ulrich	Maple River
Clara Thurnau	Medford
Olivia Kofstad	NRHEG
Lindsay Condon	WEM/JWP
Lexi Johnson	USC

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### Section 2AA Standings (Coaches Vote)

QRF Rank	Seed	Team (QRF)	Section	Overall	For	Agst	Streak
<a href="#">No. 2</a>	1	<a href="#">Blue Earth Area (66.3)</a>	2-0	7-0	43.9	10.4	Won 7
<a href="#">No. 11</a>	2	<a href="#">Maple River (39.6)</a>	1-2	5-3	16.8	20.8	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 10</a>	3	<a href="#">Medford (39.9)</a>	2-0	6-2	26.5	14.9	Won 2
<a href="#">No. 24</a>	4	<a href="#">Norwood-Young America (29.6)</a>	1-1	3-3	23.3	27.0	Lost 2
<a href="#">No. 21</a>	5	<a href="#">St. Clair/Loyola (30.9)</a>	2-1	6-2	22.4	14.3	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 30</a>	6	<a href="#">New Richland-H-E-G (25.7)</a>	0-1	2-2	18.0	17.0	Lost 2
<a href="#">No. 44</a>	7	<a href="#">Janesville-Waldorf-Pemberton (15.4)</a>	0-2	2-5	10.6	20.7	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 41</a>		<a href="#">LeSueur-Henderson (15.8)</a>	0-1	1-3	11.8	27.3	Lost 2

### Section 1A Standings (Coaches Vote)

QRF Rank	Seed	Team (QRF)	Section	Overall	For	Agst	Streak
<a href="#">No. 3</a>	1	<a href="#">Blooming Prairie (46.8)</a>	3-0	5-0	42.4	16.8	Won 5
<a href="#">No. 19</a>	2	<a href="#">Goodhue (27.0)</a>	2-1	4-3	18.3	18.1	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 24</a>	3	<a href="#">Randolph (23.1)</a>	3-2	4-4	14.8	27.8	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 31</a>		<a href="#">Rushford-Peterson (19.7)</a>	1-3	2-3	31.0	25.4	Won 1
<a href="#">No. 37</a>		<a href="#">Fillmore Central (15.4)</a>	1-2	2-4	18.8	25.8	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 48</a>		<a href="#">Hayfield (11.6)</a>	0-2	1-4	15.2	21.8	Lost 4

### Section 2A Standings (Coaches Vote)

QRF Rank	Seed	Team (QRF)	Section	Overall	For	Agst	Streak
<a href="#">No. 23</a>		<a href="#">Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop (26.0)</a>	2-0	4-3	38.0	25.4	Won 2
<a href="#">No. 25</a>		<a href="#">New Ulm Cathedral (21.0)</a>	2-0	4-3	19.3	19.7	Won 2
<a href="#">No. 32</a>		<a href="#">Minnesota Valley Lutheran (18.8)</a>	1-1	4-4	27.6	21.4	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 34</a>		<a href="#">United South Central (17.3)</a>	2-1	2-4	12.7	12.0	Won 1
<a href="#">No. 36</a>		<a href="#">Cleveland (16.9)</a>	1-2	2-5	8.0	21.7	Lost 3
<a href="#">No. 42</a>		<a href="#">Bethlehem Academy (14.6)</a>	0-1	2-5	14.6	22.1	Lost 1
<a href="#">No. 43</a>		<a href="#">Alden-Conger/G-E (14.2)</a>	1-1	1-6	4.3	26.3	Lost 5
<a href="#">No. 55</a>		<a href="#">Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (6.5)</a>	0-3	0-5	4.8	38.8	Lost 5



# 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL



**FOR RELEASE .....**

**The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2020 Volleyball award winners.**

**Team:**

**Standings:**

WEM:	7-0
FBA:	4-1
Medford:	5-2
Hayfield:	4-3
Bl.P :	2-4
NRHEG:	1-6
USC:	1-4
Maple River:	1-5

**Conference Champion:**

The WEM Buccaneer Volleyball Team captured their fourth ever and third consecutive Gopher Conference Championship! WEM's other volleyball conference championships came in 2019, 2018 and 1998. This season WEM amassed an overall season record of 11-0 and a perfect 7-0 Gopher Conference record. WEM did not drop a set in Gopher Conference play. To finish the season Class A #2 WEM traveled to Class A #1 Minneota to take on the Vikings. Minneota had defeated WEM in the 2019 Class A state championship match. This year WEM prevailed 3-1 in a hard-fought match to end the season. WEM finished the season ranked #1 in the Class A MNVBCA poll.

Head Coach: Crystal Lamont

Assistants: Ken Trnka, Danielle Wold and Kelsey Bauer.

WEM has 7 seniors on their team; Toryn Richards (OH), Kylie Pittmann (OH), Ellie Ready (S), Lindsay Condon (RH), Autumn Taylor (libero), Allison Rients (DS), Lily Grohman (MH)

**2020 Player of the Year:**

Name	Grade	School
Toryn Richards	12	WEM

Toryn Richards is a senior, outside hitter for WEM. Toryn was named to the 2019 MNVBCA Class A All-State first team, the 2019 Wells Fargo Class A State All-Tournament Team, 2020 MNVBCA Academic All-State, and likely will be a 2020 All-state recipient. She is a five-year letterwinner and was named to the Gopher All-Conference volleyball team in 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020. She holds the school record for career digs and is second in career kills. Toryn finished her career with 1,185 kills, 1,441 digs and 132 ace serves.

**1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference**

Name	Grade	School
Maryx Young	12	Hayfield
Brianna Radatz	12	BA
Ellie Ready	12	WEM
Kylie Pittmann	12	WEM
Kinsey Cronin	12	Medford
Gabby Drews	12	Maple River





## 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE VOLLEYBALL



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Kennedy Tutak	12	BA
Micalyn Trihus	12	Blooming Prairie
Jenna Berg	12	Medford
Josie Schumann	12	USC
Autumn Taylor	12	WEM
Kendall Johnson	12	NRHEG
Isabel DeLeon	11	Medford

### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Sam Swanson	11	USC
Morgan Schendel	11	MR
Sierra Larson	10	BP
Reagan Kangas	10	BA
Alex Heuss	11	WEM
Clara Kniefel	11	Medford
Jenna Jacobsen	12	Hayfield
Grace Tufte	12	NRHEG

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Kenna Chick	11	Hayfield
Ava Hermanson	12	MR
Jennifer Robert	11	BA
Abby Hefling	10	BP
Lily Roehrick	12	Medford
Allison Rients	12	WEM
Dani Kirkeide	12	USC
Hallie Schultz	9	NRHEG

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## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS BASKETBALL

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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Boys Basketball award winners.

**Team:**

**Standings:**

Maple River	13-0
Hayfield	12-2 * Class A State Champions
WEM	8-6
USC	5-5
BP	5-9
NRHEG	4-9
BA	3-10
Medford	2-11

### Conference Champion: Maple River

The Maple River Boys Basketball team just completed a 18 and 2 season. The Eagles fell in the Sub-Section 2AA semi-final at Blue Earth Area 63-59. This is Maple River's 21<sup>st</sup> conference championship in 32 years at Maple River. For the Eagles in the Gopher Conference, it was their 3<sup>rd</sup> title in 8 years of competition in the league. Maple River finished the Gopher Conference season a perfect 13-0 including an impressive 25.6 scoring margin. The Eagles had just 2 of the 13 games decided by less than 20 points. Maple River was led by three seniors and their superb play and leadership; Teien Murphy, Devin Ward and Michael Karels. The 18-2 record marks the 5<sup>th</sup> highest winning percentage of any in the history of Maple River Basketball. Maple River was ranked in the top 15 of Class AA throughout the year, ending as the #11 ranked team in the state.

### 2021 Player of the Year: **Ethan Slaathaug**

Name	Grade	School
Ethan Slaathaug	12	Hayfield

24 ppg, 6 rebounds/pg, 1 steal pg, and 3 assists pg

**Summary:** Ethan led the conference in scoring at 23.9 ppg. He also averaged 6.0 rpg (11th), 4.9 apg (4th), 2.1 spg (8th), shot 49% from the field (6th), and 70% from the FT line (4th). He is a four-year starter for the Vikings and led Hayfield to the 2021 Class A State Championship by scoring 71 points in the three State Tournament Games.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Teien Murphy	12	Maple River
Domanik Paulson	11	WEM
Easton Fritcher	11	Hayfield
Isaac Matti	10	Hayfield
Mason Schirmer	10	Maple River





## 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS BASKETBALL

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Riley Staloch	12	USC
Zach Herrmann	11	Maple River
Brady Nutter	11	WEM
Drew Kittelson	11	Blooming Prairie
Ethan Pack	10	Hayfield
Will Sellers	10	Maple River

### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
AJ Vandereide	12	Medford
Kael Hermanstorfer	12	Medford
Porter Peterson	11	NRHEG
Ethan Fischer	11	Maple River
Lucas Doering	11	Maple River
Colten Quade	11	USC
Brady Strodtman	11	Bethlehem Academy
Daxter Lee	9	NRHEG

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Jarrett Malecha	12	Bethlehem Academy
Alex Miller	12	Blooming Prairie
Joey Tempel	12	Hayfield
Ethan McGregor	11	Maple River
Jeff Westergaard	12	Medford
Dylan Loken	12	NRHEG
Mason Stevermer	12	USC
Gabe Androli	10	WEM

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## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL

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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Girls Basketball award winners.

**Team:**

**Standings:**

WEM	13-1
BP	12-2
Hayfield	8-5
Medford	8-3
Maple River	5-8
BA	4-9
NRHEG	3-11
USC	0-14

### Conference - Champion: WEM BUCS

The Waterville-Elysian-Morristown Girls Basketball team won the Gopher Conference title this year with a 13-1 record. This was the Bucs second consecutive and fourth overall conference championship. Captains Toryn Richards, Brielle Bartelt, Kylie Pittmann, and Ellie Ready were among the 11 seniors to lead the Bucs this season.

All-Conference players included: Richards (1st Team), Bartelt (1st), Pittmann (2nd), Ready (2nd), and Lindsay Condon (HM). This year the Bucs were coached by Head Coach Tyler Kaus, and assistants Dan Lemcke, Lois Masberg, and Jared LaFrance.

### 2021 Player of the Year:

Name	Grade	School
Megan Oswald	12	Blooming Prairie
<b>Conference Stats - 18.6 ppg – 10.9 rpg – 3.1 apg – 4.1 spg</b>		
<b>Overall Stats – 18.2 ppg – 11.3 rpg – 3.0 apg – 4.3 spg</b>		

Megan led the conference in scoring, rebounding and steals for the past two years. This season had an outstanding year as she posted career bests in points per game, rebounds per game, steals per game, assists per game, and field goal percentage. She is the current school record holder for Blooming Prairie Girls Basketball in points (1571), rebounds (1059), and steals (339). She was named All Gopher Conference as a Freshman, Sophomore, and as a Junior. Last year, she earned Honorable Mention Class A All-State and this year she received All-State recognition by the Coaches Association. Megan has committed to play college basketball for Jamestown University in North Dakota.

While she is a bit undersized as a post player, Megan has managed to control the interior on both ends of the floor throughout her amazing career. She has a motor that won't quit and uses her speed, strength and instincts to make plays for her team. She is a relentless competitor on the floor, but off the floor is a straight A student (4.0+ GPA) who is active in her community and church.

### 1st<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Toryn Richards	12	WEM
Brielle Bartelt	12	WEM
Bobbie Bruns	11	Blooming Prairie
Claire McGregor	9	Maple River
Kristen Watson	9	Hayfield



## 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Mercedes Huerta	11	Bethlehem Academy
Sidney Schultz	10	NRHEG
Ellie Ready	12	WEM
Kylie Pittmann	12	WEM
Andrea Bock	10	Medford
Natalie Beaver	9	Hayfield

### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Izzy O'Rourke	12	USC
Lindsay Condon	12	WEM
Maggie Bruns	12	Blooming Prairie
Clara Kniefel	11	Medford
Aine Stasko	11	Hayfield
Erin Jacobson	10	NRHEG
Kate Trump	10	Bethlehem Academy
Lexi Thomas	9	Maple River

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Malia Hunt	12	Bethlehem Academy
?????????	11	Blooming Prairie
Caitlyn Hendrickson	12	Hayfield
Ava Hermanson	12	Maple River
Isabella Steffen	12	Medford
Kendall Johnson	12	NRHEG
Dani Kirkeide	12	USC
Allison Rients	12	WEM

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## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE WRESTLING

FOR RELEASE .....

The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Boys Wrestling award winners.

### Team Standings:

Medford	9-1
Maple River	6-3
Westfield	5-4
NRHEG	3-7
WEM/JWP	2-8
USC	1-4

### Conference Champion: Medford

The Tigers finished the 2021 season with a conference record of 9-1. This is their 1st conference title since 2010 and the 7th overall in the program's history. Dennis Whitman has been the head coach of all 7 titles.

### 2021 Gopher Conference Wrestler of the Year: Bryce Sonnek-USC

Name	Grade	School	WT
Bryce Sonnek	12	United South Central	120

**Summary:** Bryce Sonnek finished the season 21-3, with 12 falls and 2 major decisions. Bryce went undefeated in the conference this past season with a 9-0 record. Over the past 4 years, Bryce has posted an impressive 27-5 record in conference duals. Over that time, he has wrestled 106, 113, 120, 126 and 132 pound weight classes. In addition, Bryce Sonnek has been a 3 time Section 2A Individual Champion and qualified for the State Tournament in each of the past 3 seasons. In his 5 year varsity career, Bryce compiled 113 wins.

### All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Micah Hamson	12	USC
Makota Misgen	10	NRHEG
Thor Routh	12	NRHEG
Tommy Elwood	8	Medford
Tate Hermes	10	Medford
Gavin Hermes	12	Medford
Josiah Headenstein	12	Medford
Garron Hoffman	12	Medford
Boden Simon	11	Maple River
Ethan Evenson	11	Maple River
Cooper Ochsendorf	10	Maple River
Caron Petry	8	WEM/JWP
Lane Lembke	12	Westfield



## 2020 GOPHER CONFERENCE WRESTLING



### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Thayne Decker	11	Maple River
Bo Zweiner	8	Westfield
Dylan Ehmke	12	Westfield
Ethan Elvebak	11	USC
Konner Harpestad	11	USC
Tyler Archer	11	Westfield

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	School
Brady Walters	Maple River
Dylan Heiderschiedt	Medford
Max Sulten	NRHEG
Byron Getchell	USC
Gavin Krause	WEM/JWP
Sam Skillestad	Westfield

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# 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE BASEBALL



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The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Baseball award winners.

Team:

Standings:

Hayfield:	14-0
WEM:	10-4
United South Central:	9-5
Maple River:	8-4
Medford:	7-7
NRHEG:	6-8
Blooming Prairie:	4-10
Bethlehem Academy:	1-11

## Conference Champion: Hayfield Vikings

**Summary:** Hayfield went 14-0 during conference play in route to a perfect 26-0 record and a Class A State Championship. The Viking offense averaged 12.3 runs per game and had a team batting average of .398. On the mound, the Vikings rode a strong trio of starting pitchers (Easton Fritcher, Joey Tempel, and Nolan Klocke) that combined to only give up 1.8 runs per game. This is Hayfield's second consecutive conference baseball championship.

## 2021 Player of the Year:

Name	Grade	School
Easton Fritcher	11	Hayfield

**Summary:** Easton was a two way star for the Vikings. At the plate Easton batted .543 (44-81) including 8 doubles, 5 triples, and 8 home runs. He also led the team with 48 RBI's and 52 runs scored. On the mound, Easton was a perfect 11-0. In 49.2 innings pitched, he gave up 26 hits, 18 runs, 11 earned runs, with 90 strikeouts, 31 walks, and an ERA of 1.55. This is Easton's second Gopher Conference Baseball Player of the Year Award.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Karver Heydt	Jr.	Hayfield
Joseph Tempel	Sr.	Hayfield
Nolan Klocke	Jr.	Hayfield
Boden Simon	Jr.	Maple River
Lucas Doering	Jr.	Maple River
AJ Vandereide	Sr.	Medford
Andrew Phillips	So	NRHEG
Ian Crawford	Sr.	United South Central





## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE BASEBALL



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
JJ Malecha	Sr.	Bethlehem Academy
Alex Miller	Sr.	Blooming Prairie
Ethan Slaathaug	Sr.	Hayfield
Erik Bungum	Sr.	Hayfield
Isaiah Anderson	Sr.	Maple River
Brady Walters	Sr.	Maple River
Reed Cumberland	Jr.	Medford
Andy Krohnberg	Sr.	United South Central
Nick Bushlack	So.	United South Central

### Honorable Mention

Name	Grade	School
Bo Dienst	Sr.	Bethlehem Academy
Charlie Heimerman	Sr.	Blooming Prairie
Isaiah Tempel	Sr.	Hayfield
Skylar Jenkins	Jr.	Maple River
Jack Paulson	Jr.	Medford
Daxter Lee	Fr.	NRHEG
Colton Quade	Jr.	United South Central
Kolin Rients	Sr.	WEM

### Sportsmanship Recipients

Name	Grade	School
Aiden Tobin	Jr.	Bethlehem Academy
Joe Pirkel	Sr.	Blooming Prairie
Ethan Bushlack	Sr.	United South Central
Lucas Hansen	Sr.	Hayfield
Devin Ward	Sr.	Maple River
Josiah Hedensten	Sr.	Medford
Kordell Schlaak	Sr.	NRHEG
Kolin Rients	Sr.	WEM

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## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS GOLF

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**The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Golf award winners.**

**Team:**

In one of the tightest finishes of record, the Awesome Blossoms of Blooming Prairie edged USC by 2 strokes and FBA by 4 strokes.

### **Golfer of the Year**

#### **Keegan Bronson - Hayfield**

Keegan has played two seasons in the Gopher Conference missing one due to covid-19. In these two seasons he has been all conference as a freshman and conference champion as a junior . The 2021 season he had a scoring average of 38.8 with a low of 37 . In the conference final he carded a score of 75 on 18 holes to win the tournament and the season. He also qualified for his 3<sup>rd</sup> straight state tournament finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> at the section tournament with a 80-77. At state he shot 79 on the last day to finish 29th, the second best finish in school history.

#### **1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Keegan Bronson		Hayfield
Brayden Larson		Bethlehem Academy
Teien Murphy	12	Maple River
Kadyn Neubauer		USC
Colin Jordison	11	Blooming Prairie
Kollyn Alwes	12	Blooming Prairie

#### **Honorable Mention**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Brody Pavel		Bethlehem Academy
Luke Pederson		USC
Garret Farr	12	Blooming Prairie

# Sportsmanship Recipients

~~Khrystjan Peterson~~  
~~David Kartes~~  
 ????  
 Jared Fields  
 Andrew Hoelsher  
 Landan Magnuson

Bethlehem Academy  
 Blooming Prairie  
 Hayfield  
 Maple River  
 NRHEG  
 United South Central

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## 2019 Gopher Conference Golf Summary

	April 9 USC-Oakview	April 16 NRHEG Riverview	April 23 Hayfield - Oaks	April 29 BP - BPCC	May 6 MR - Riverview T&C	May 14 BA Faribault G&CC	May 16 Conf Final Waseca	Average team Score	Conference Place
<b>Team Results 2019</b>	# Holes	9	9	9	9	9	9	18	
Maple River	180	188	164	170	162	176	348	173.5	Conference Team Champion
United South Central	178	184	164	175	179	171	359	176.3	2nd
Faribault BA	192	187	172	181	178	184	352	180.8	3rd
Blooming Prairie	212	208	199	192	194	206	398	201.1	4th
Hayfield	NA	202	198	202	206	211	408	203.9	5th
New Richland Hartland Ellendal	225	218	225	267	221	216	439	226.4	6th

## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE GIRLS GOLF

**FOR RELEASE.....**

**The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Golf award winners.**

**Team:**

The Blooming Prairie won the 2021 Gopher Conference Girls Golf Championship. The Blossoms edging the runner up Vikings of Hayfield 414 to 478.

### **Halle Strunk – Blooming Prairie**

Halle is the type of player that anyone would love to coach. Smart, energetic, competitive and willing to put in the time to become a good player. Most of all she is just fun to be around. I am proud to have been her coach! No doubt she will be successful and make friends wherever she goes.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Halle Strunk	12	Blooming Prairie
Jessica Ressler	12	Blooming Prairie
Ashley Rost	12	Bethlehem Academy
Mackenzie Walters	10	Maple River
Maggie Bruns	12	Blooming Prairie
Ari Schaper		USC
Emma Heggen		USC

### **Honorable Mention**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Avery Towey		Hayfield
Carly Bronson		Hayfield
Grace Wilkinson		NRHEG

### **Sportsmanship Recipients**

Ashley Rost	BA
Maggie Bruns	Blooming Prairie
Chelsea Christopherson	Hayfield
MacKenzie Walters	Maple River
Grace Wilkenson	NRHEG
Brooklyn Yokiell	United South Central

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# 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE SOFTBALL



FOR RELEASE on .....

The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Softball award winners.

Team:

Standings:

WEM:	13-1
NRHEG:	12-2
Maple River:	9-4
Hayfield:	6-8
Bethlehem Academy:	6-7
Blooming Prairie:	4-10
Medford:	3-10
United South Central:	1-13

## Conference Champion: Waterville-Elysian-Morristown (WEM)

**Summary:** The WEM Buccaneer Softball Team captured their second consecutive Gopher Conference Championship! This season WEM amassed an overall season record of 19-5 and a 13-1 Gopher Conference record. WEM won the Sub-Section 1A-West championship by defeating Hayfield 1-0. WEM fell just short of the state tournament losing in the Section 1A championship game 2-4 to Wabasha-Kellogg. WEM had seven seniors on the team: Allison Rients (C), Autumn Taylor (3B), Brielle Bartelt (SS), Ella Michael (Mgr), Ellie Ready (LF), Kylie Pittmann (2B), and Lindsay Condon (1B). Head Coach: Crystal Lamont, Assistant Coach: Kelsey Bauer

## 2021 Player of the Year:

Name	Grade	School
Sophie Stork	11	NRHEG

**Summary:** Sophie has been the starting pitcher for NRHEG since 8th grade. She is a big reason for NRHEG's successful 22-4 season as she pitched every single inning. Her numbers speak for themselves. She has struck out 197 batters and walked only 30 all season. Sophie's ERA is 1.3. Offensively she is hit .386, has 32 hits, scored 25 runs, and tallied a team best 31RBI's. Sophie's natural athletic ability coupled with hard work and playing softball year round, has made her into a great softball player.

## 1st Team All-Conference

Name	Grade	School
Caitlyn Hendrickson	12	Hayfield
Julia Langworthy	11	Maple River
Cloie Arndt	12	NRHEG
Brielle Bartlet	12	WEM
Malia Hunt	12	Bethlehem Academy
Bobbie Bruns	11	Blooming Prairie
Lily Roehrick	12	Medford
Lindsay Condon	12	WEM



## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE SOFTBALL



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-Conference

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Kate Trump	10	Bethlehem Academy
Allison Krohnberg	12	Blooming Prairie
Nora Bamlet	8	Hayfield
Olivia Pfeffer	12	Maple River
Gabby Drews	12	Maple River
Lydia Krenske	10	Medford
Hallie Schultz	9	NRHEG
Autumn Taylor	12	WEM
Allison Rients	12	WEM

### Honorable Mention

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Kenna Selk	8	Hayfield
Mariah Anderson	7	USC
Macy Lembke	9	Blooming Prairie
Josie Witter	10	Medford
Ava Hermanson	12	Maple River
Morgan Wilson	8	Bethlehem Academy
Grace Tufte	12	NRHEG
Ellie Ready	12	WEM

### Sportsmanship Recipients

<b>Name</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>School</b>
Caroline Sauer	12	Bethlehem Academy
Maren Forstek	12	Blooming Prairie
Anna Bamlet	11	Hayfield
Elyse Steffen	11	Maple River
Mackenzie Velishek	9	Medford
Haley VanWinkle	11	NRHEG
Hannah Olson	12	USC
Emma Woratschka	10	WEM

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## 2021 GOPHER CONFERENCE BOYS & GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

**FOR RELEASE.....**

**The Gopher Conference is proud to announce the 2021 Boys & Girls Track & Field award winners.**

**Team:**

WEM won the Girls Championship scoring 164 pts as Medford was runner up scoring 108 pts. WEM won 6 events. Their overall depth in all events helped the BUCS to the Championship.

Maple River won the Boys Championship scoring 171 as Medford finished runner up with 161 pts. The Eagles only won 3 events, but finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in 7 events, helping edge the Tigers for the 2021 Championship.

### Track & Field Athlete's of the Year

#### Henry Grayson Jr. Medford

Henry competed in four events at the Gopher Conference Track meet. He took 1st place in both the 400 & 200. Henry also placed 2nd in the 100 and 9th in the long jump. Henry currently holds two school records for Medford, the 400 (51.41) and also a member of the 4x200 (1:35.64).

#### Toryn Richards Sr. WEM

Toryn as a senior this year was able to help her 4x100 team earn a conference championship. She was also able to earn championships in the pole vault, high jump, and in the 200m dash. She then kept that momentum and won those events in the subsections. Later she was able to win a state championship in Pole Vault and a 2nd place finish in the High Jump. She was a very determined individual this year and her persistence was rewarded.

### Team Scores

#### BOYS

1) Maple River	171
2) Medford	161
3) New Richland-H-E-G	83
4) United South Central Alden Con	78
5) Bethlehem Academy	57
6) Blooming Prairie	54

7) Waterville Elysian Morrystown	49
8) Hayfield Vikings	41

- GIRLS

1) Waterville Elysian Morrystown	164
2) Medford	108
3) United South Central Alden Con	93.5
4) New Richland-H-E-G	82
T5) Hayfield Vikings	81
T5) Blooming Prairie	81
7) Maple River	50.5
8) Bethlehem Academy	30

## 2021 Gopher Conference Track & Field winners

All-Conference - winner of each event

### Relays

#### Girls 4x800 Meter Relay

New Richland-H-E-G 11:32.23

- 1) Utpadel, Journey 2) VanMaldeghem, Quinn 3) Nydegger, Evelyn 4) Vaale, Tori

#### Boys 4x800 Meter Relay

Medford 9:17.63

- 1) Stursa, Tyler 2) Merritt, Brock 3) Fitzgerald, Garrett 4) Stursa, Coen

#### Girls 4x200 Meter Relay

WEM 1:58.97

- 1) Duenes, Ella 2) Richards, Tatum 3) Williams, Jaiden 4) Condon, Addison

#### Boys 4x200 Meter Relay

Medford 1:37.95

- 1) Merritt, Brock 2) McCarthy, George 3) O'Connor, Cohen 4) Hermanstorfer, Kael

#### Girls 4x100 Meter Relay

WEM 52.46

- 1) Zimbrich, Madison 2) Sammon, Riley 3) Schuster, McKenna 4) Richards, Toryn

#### Boys 4x100 Meter Relay

Blooming Prairie 46.24

- 1) Kiley, Ezra 2) Kubicek, Derek 3) Rennie, Xavier 4) Simon, Bradley

Girls 4x400 Meter Relay

Medford 4:30.76

1) Ristau, Payton 2) Snow, Peyton 3) Kniefel, Clara 4) Kniefel, Annette

Boys 4x400 Meter Relay

USCAC 3:43.22

1) Dallman, Ethan 2) Clore, Nathaniel 3) Bullerman, Aaron 4) Staloch, Riley

## Individual

Girls 100 Meter Hurdles

Cole, Jackie Medford 12.96

Boys 110 Meter Hurdles

Staloch, Riley USCAC 16:45

Girls 100 Meter Dash

Johnson, Natalie NRHEG 17.82

Boys 100 Meter Dash

Sando, Derrick BA 11.52

Girls 400 Meter Dash

Nydegger, Evelyn NRHEG 1:06.88

Boys 400 Meter Dash

Grayson, Henry Medford 52.15

Girls 300 Meter Hurdles

Radatz, Brianna BA 49.82

Boys 300 Meter Hurdles

Caron, Isaac BA 42.55

Girls 200 Meter Dash

Richards, Toryn WEM 26.12

Boys 200 Meter Dash

Grayson, Henry Medford 23.48

Girls 1600 Meter Run

Volkman, Josie WEM 5:52.02

Boys 1600 Meter Run

Stencel, Cole MR 4:54.23

[Girls 800 Meter Run](#)

Kniefel, Clara Medford 2:41.89

[Boys 800 Meter Run](#)

Stursa, Tyler Medford 2:08.05

[Girls 3200 Meter Run](#)

VanMaldeghem, Quinn NRHEG 12:55.95

[Boys 3200 Meter Run](#)

Stencel, Cole MR 11:05.04

[Girls Shot Put](#)

Johnston, Madison Hayfield 38'8"

[Boys Shot Put](#)

Hermanstorfer, Kael Medford 44'2"

[Girls Discus Throw](#)

Johnston, Madison Hayfield 99'4"

[Boys Discus Throw](#)

Fischer, Ethan MR 177'6.75" NEW CONFERENCE RECORD

[Girls Long Jump](#)

Cole, Jackie Medford 16'6"

[Boys Long Jump](#)

Tebay, Steele Hayfield 20'1"

[Girls Triple Jump](#)

Radatz, Brianna BA 33'0"

[Boys Triple Jump](#)

Tebay, Steele Hayfield 39'3"

[Girls High Jump](#)

Richards, Toryn WEM 5'4"

[Boys High Jump](#)

Prigge, Sawyer NRHEG 5'8"

### Girls Pole Vault

Richards, Toryn      WEM      9'8"

### Boys Pole Vault

McCarthy, George      Medford      11'9"

## Honorable Mention

### Girls

Abby Kugler  
Megan Oswald  
Breanna Subbert  
Ryann Klammer  
MacKenzie Kellen  
Kyra Spies  
Melany Ehlert  
Loren Caldwell

Bethlehem Academy  
Blooming Prairie  
Hayfield  
Maple River  
Medford  
NRHEG  
United South Central  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

### Boys

Jason Shuda  
Samuel Skillestad  
Dawson Andree  
Will Trio  
Dylan Heiderscheidt  
Daniel Nydegger  
Isaac Burgett  
Evan Lange-Wenker

Bethlehem Academy  
Blooming Prairie  
Hayfield  
Maple River  
Medford  
NRHEG  
United South Central  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

## Sportsmanship Recipients

### Girls

Abby Kugler  
Madi Lea  
Gabriele Rosenthal  
Ashley Ulrich  
Reagan Sutherland  
Chloe Riewer  
Jenny Mullholland  
Mya Geyer

Bethlehem Academy  
Blooming Prairie  
Hayfield  
Maple River  
Medford  
NRHEG  
United South Central  
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

**Boys**

Jason Shuda  
Sam Skillestad  
Cameron Thoe  
Kole Wenner  
Mason Nagel  
Caden Riewer  
Riley Staloch  
Ahmad Alladin

Bethlehem Academy  
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