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# THE KNIGHT TRIBUNE

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

The East Noble Knights Girls Basketball team is 2-2 on the young season with wins over Westview and Bishop Dwenger.

East Noble opened their season back on November 5 with a defensive intensity that stifled any momentum that Westview tried to gain. The Lady Knights finished with 24 steals in the contest that helped extend a halftime lead of 36-2. East Noble had 3 players reach double figures on the night: Avan Beiswanger with 14, Carly Turner with 13, and Kylie Garton with 11. Karly Kirkpatrick came away with nine steals, eight rebounds, and six assists.

Two days later, East Noble led Goshen for 30 minutes before Goshen tied the game with 2:00 to play. Brynn Shoup-Hill, a 6'3 Dayton commit, hit a big 3 from the top of the key with 30 seconds left to give the Redhawks the lead. The Knights got a clean look but were unable to connect.

Avan Beiswanger had 23 points in the loss for the Lady Knights.

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## 2020-21 EN GIRLS BB SCHEDULE

11/5	v. Westview	W, 59-15
11/7	v. Goshen	L, 36-39
11/10	v. FW Dwenger	W, 48-31
11/17	@ FW Concordia	L, 56-32
11/21	v. FW North	
11/23	@ Carroll	
12/1	@ Lakeland	
12/5	@ New Haven*	
12/9	@ FW Northrop	
12/11	@ Belmont*	
12/15	v. FW Snider	
12/19	v. Columbia City*	
12/29	@ Northridge Tourney	
1/6	@ Angola	
1/8	@ Huntington North*	
1/9	@ Central Noble	
1/16	v. DeKalb*	
1/19	@ Prairie Heights	
1/22	@ Leo*	
1/26	v. West Noble	
1/29	v. Norwell*	

(\*) denotes NE8 Conference Game

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The Knights were able to get back on track on November 10 with a big win over a Bishop Dwenger team who had garnered much pre-season praise in the 3A poll.

East Noble used a 41-17 run that lasted over 24 minutes to overcome a rough start to the game. Avan Beiswanger & Carly Turner each finished with 10 points in the win. Kylie Garton tallied 9 points. Karly Kirkpatrick finished with eight rebounds, four assists, and a steal to go with her two points.

The Knights anticipated match-up with Central Noble on November 12 was postponed and rescheduled for January 9.

“We are really starting to turn the corner defensively,” said Coach Shawn Kimmel. “Our early success can be attributed to...a lot of experience on this team and (how the girls) compete in practice and crawl out of the gym when practice is over.”

East Noble hosts Fort Wayne North on Saturday and travels to Carroll on Monday.



## **EAST NOBLE GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**Head Coach:** Shawn Kimmel

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# GYMNASTICS

## 2021 GYMNASTICS SCHEDULE

1/7	@ West Noble
1/9	EN Gymnastics Invite
1/12	v. Warsaw
1/16	@ Elkhart Invite
1/21	v. Huntington North
1/23	@ Plymouth Invite
1/25	@ Angola
1/28	@ FW Snider
2/1	v. Wawasee
2/6	@ Lakeland Invite
2/8	@ DeKalb
2/13	@ Angola Invite
2/17	@ FW Concordia
2/22	v. Homestead

## EAST NOBLE GYMNASTICS

### HEAD COACH:

Tami Housholder

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The East Noble Gymnastics team has a new head coach this season! She is not new, however, to the EN gymnastics program. After 16 years of being either a volunteer or assistant coach, Tami Housholder is the new head coach. She welcomes a new assistant coach, a former EN gymnast herself, Renae Helmkamp. They both are looking forward to an exciting season.

Key loss from last season - Jenna Zabona, currently a freshman at Michigan State University. Her dance and positive attitude in the gym will be missed. Other 2020 graduates include: Neveah Wolf, Bailey Landez, and Shelbi Pfeiffer.

The Lady Knights have several girls returning to the team, Miah Hudson and Kallie Davies are our lone seniors. The coaching staff expects big things from Miah as an all around and from Kallie, especially on balance beam. Also returning to the team are sophomore, Kiara Terry; and regional qualifier on beam last season, Ally Blackburn.

Several rookies are welcomed to the team: sophomores; Brooke Lindsey. We also welcome freshmen: Hadley Thiel, Taylor Sibert and Audrey Beiswanger. Some newcomers have gymnastics experience and some just love the sport and are eager for the competitive experience!

"We have high expectations for all of the girls and will always push them to do their best in this very challenging sport. They not only need to gain skills to excel but also have to gain mental toughness to perform some very challenging tricks on each of the events," says Head Coach Tami Housholder.

"We have high hopes for the season and hope to consistently score in the upper 90's or low 100's at every meet this year."

The gymnastics team has begun official practice, but their first meet is not until January 7 at West Noble.

# BOYS BASKETBALL



ABOVE: Braeden Ball takes a jump shot in a win over Wawasee last season. Ball was one of the most improved players for the Knights in 2019-20 and is the lone senior on the roster this season.

## 2020-21 EN BBB SCHEDULE

12/1	v. FW Snider
12/4	v. West Noble
12/5	v. Carroll
12/10	@ Northridge
12/14	@ Woodlan
12/18	@ Columbia City*
12/19	v. SB Washington @ Grace Col.
12/22	@ Goshen
12/29	Max Platt Tourney @ EN
1/2	@ Concord
1/5	v. Westview
1/9	v. Huntington North*
1/15	@ DeKalb*
1/19	v. Lakeland
1/23	v. Leo*
1/30	@ Norwell*
2/4	v. Belmont*
2/10	@ Bishop Dwenger
2/12	v. New Haven*
2/19	@ Wawasee
2/23	v. Angola
3/2	SECTIONAL @ EN

\*denotes NE8 Conference Game

The East Noble Basketball program graduated 6 Seniors at the conclusion of the 2019-20 schoolyear. Those 6 Seniors totaled 82% of the minutes played in 2019-20 and combined for 81% of the team's points.

Hayden Jones finished his career as the school's all-time leader with 522 assists along with 1247 points, landing him at 3<sup>rd</sup> on the school's career scoring list. Jones also leaves a hole at the point guard position he has anchored over the last 4 seasons.

Along with Jones, Nate Dickson averaged just under 10 points a contest and Gage Ernsberger posted 7 points and 5 rebounds a game. Brooks Miller, Luke McCue, and Luke Denton were key scrappers and defensive cogs who did a little bit of everything.

The 2020-21 Knights will be young and inexperienced. They will have to replace a lot of scoring and ball-handling. Size is an asset which should lead to winning the rebounding battle, but ball control will be a consistent focal point.

The lone returner who tallied over 100 minutes last season is 6'9 Junior, Chris Hood. Hood averaged 8.2 ppg as a sophomore on 55% shooting, to go along with 7.3 rebounds a game. Hood entered the starting line-up in mid-January a season ago and will anchor the middle on both ends of the floor this season. **(continued on pg. 5)**



6'3 Junior, Spencer Denton, returns to the line-up in 2020-21 after being sidelined all of last season with a knee injury. Denton had a solid Freshmen campaign coming off the bench for the 2018-19 squad who won the NE8 and finished 21-4 overall. Spencer will take over the point guard position this season.



6'9 Junior, Chris Hood, is the lone returner who tallied more than 100 minutes last season. Hood has worked hard to improve his strength and conditioning. After averaging more than 7 rebounds a game a season ago, he will be relied upon more heavily on the offensive end.

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Braeden Ball is the lone Senior on the Knights roster in 2020-21. Ball was one of the most improved players in the program last season who cracked his way into the rotation last February. Ball, known for his motor, is a tremendous rebounder at 6'1.

Spencer Denton, a 6'3 Junior, returns to the line-up after a knee injury sidelined him for the entirety of the 2019-20 season. Denton, a lefty slasher, was a key contributor off the bench as a Freshmen for the Knights in 2018-19, a team that won 21 games.

Max Bender, a 6'2 Sophomore, entered the rotation in late December last season before being sidelined with a broken elbow in mid-January. Bender will be a key contributor this season with his energy and effort on both ends.

Rowan Zolman, a 6'5 Junior, also cracked the rotation in late January last season. Zolman boasts tremendous athleticism and the ability to be a lock-down defender.

Keegan Foster, a 5'8 guard, will enter the rotation in 2020. The Junior will add a shooting threat from the perimeter to the Knights' arsenal.

Hunter Kline, a 6'6 forward, will add a boost the Knights' formidable front line. The Sophomore has an improved skill set to go along with his length and athleticism.

Avery Kline, a 6'3 forward, gained valuable experience on the Junior Varsity squad a season ago. Kline has the ability to play multiple positions and bring energy into the game each night.

After a few postponements due to football, the Knights will open their season on December 1 when they host the Fort Wayne Snider Panthers.

**EAST NOBLE BOYS BASKETBALL**  
Head Coach: Ryan Eakins **TWITTER:** @CoachRyanEakins



# SWIM & DIVE

## 2020-21 SWIM / DIVE SCHEDULE

11/18	@ FW North (G)	W
11/24	v. Wawasee (G)	
11/30	v. FW Northrop	
12/1	@ Huntington North*	
12/3	v. Columbia City*	
12/8	v. DeKalb*	
12/10	v. Bishop Dwenger	
12/12	@ Wawasee Invite	
12/19	@ Warsaw Dive Invite	
1/7	@ Norwell*	
1/13	@ FW Snider	
1/16	NE8 @ Norwell*	
1/19	@ Goshen	
1/21	@ Angola	
1/26	v. Belmont*	
2/2	v. Wawasee (B)	
2/4-6	G Sectional @ Elkhart	
2/8	v. FW North (B)	
2/18-20	B Sectional @ Elkhart	

(\* ) denotes NE8 Conference Meet

The EN girls swim team has a bit more depth and versatility this year with 23 girls. Stand-outs Lily Meyer, Paige Anderson, and Aiva Wilson return and are looking to be top point scorers again. Lily started this season out already beating her best diving score from the 2019-2020 season. In addition to all the returning athletes who worked hard over the summer, the team welcomes 9 new athletes--6 experienced freshmen, 2 sophomores, and one senior.

The boys, although on the smaller side number-wise, return several stand-out athletes. The lone senior, Kyler Corbin, was a top athlete last year and returns looking even stronger this season. In addition, 6 experienced juniors return, 2 sophomores, and 2 freshmen who are well-versed in swimming. Although the spots might not all be filled, the boys are looking to improve their times and scores and focus on individual and relay placing.



## EAST NOBLE SWIMMING

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# WRESTLING

## 2020-21 WRESTLING SCHEDULE

- 12/5 @ DeKalb JV Invite
- 12/10 v. Leo\*
- 12/12 @ Goshen JV Invite
- 12/12 @ DeKalb 4-way
- 12/17 v. Huntington North\*
- 12/19 @ Carroll Super Duals
- 1/2 @ Plymouth
- 1/6 v. Columbia City\*
- 1/9 EN Invite
- 1/13 @ West Noble
- 1/18 @ New Haven\*
- 1/21 EN JV Invite
- 1/23 NE8 @ Huntington N.
- 1/27 NE8 JV Invite @ DeKalb
- 1/30 Sectional @ Westview

(\*) denotes NE8 Conference Meet

## EAST NOBLE WRESTLING

**HEAD COACH:**  
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"This season there is a lot of potential for our wrestling team," says 3<sup>rd</sup> year Head Coach Sam Riesen. "We have two returning state qualifiers in Aidan Sprague (6<sup>th</sup> at 113), and Keegan Malott (Qualifier 106). We added a state place winner from Alabama in Blake Byerly (4<sup>th</sup> @106). To go along with those who have state finals experience our program touts several returning lettermen from last season's sectional championship team."

Semi-State qualifiers Garner Owens (145) and Jacob Graden (170) top that list, along with returning regional qualifiers Grant Owens (132), Jacob Everson (160), Kainon Carico (195) and Jalen Belhumuer (113 in 2019). The team also has several younger wrestlers with varsity experience coming into this season.

The team lost a solid group of seniors last year, including two-time semi-state qualifier Blaine Malott. Also gone to graduation are Noah Schooley (285), Omar Varol (220) and Caden Conley (182).

From 106-170 the team returns a lot of depth and quality performers. The lowest three weight classes that feature three wrestlers with state experience should really be in the 'wheelhouse' of this team, but the team's strength will rely on depth in those weight classes. 182-285 will be a key to the season.

Aidan Sprague, Keegan Malott, and Blake Byerly all hope to return to their all state form this season. Those three give the Knights a great start in many events. Semi-state qualifiers Jacob Graden and Garner Owens will be a real threat in the state tournament, as will three-time regional qualifier Grant Owens. There are several other returners who step into new roles and will prove to be pivotal in the outcomes of our season.

As last year's sectional champion, the Knights as a team are Pre-season ranked #2 in the Goshen Regional according to Indianamat.com.

"As a team our goals are to have multiple state placers, win the sectional and the regional, have 40 plus on the roster, and grow our women's team," said Coach Riesen. "We feel that all these goals are attainable and plan to work to do just that."

The Knights now boast 6 female wrestlers who are working hard each day. Coach Riesen is excited about growing that number in the future!



Thank you to our ***Cheerleaders*** and the East Noble ***PEP BAND*** for your outstanding performances along with school spirit!  
The atmosphere you help create at our events is ***second to none!***



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES:

East Noble is excited to offer the opportunity to purchase winter passes and/or online tickets to all sporting events (assuming Noble County is not in the RED) beginning with our Winter sports in 2020-21. Tickets are available at [eastnobleknights.com](http://eastnobleknights.com) **Click on 'More' at the top followed by 'Ticket Spicket.'**

**Max Platt Holiday Basketball Tourney – 12/29**

**EN Wrestling Invite – 1/9**

**Hall of Fame Night – 2/12**

**Winter Senior Night (TBD) – 2/23**

**OUR APPAREL STORE WILL BE OPEN AT EVENTS ON THE FOLLOWING WINTER DATES:**

**December 4**

**December 5**

**December 15**

**January 5**

**January 15**

