

# Let the games begin: LCMR athletes return to field

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games and meets may be added for some teams.

ERMA — The fall 2020 sports season at Lower Cape May Regional High School will be unlike any other due to the ongoing COVID-10 pandemic.

The full fall sports schedule begins Oct. 2. Girls tennis began earlier, on Sept. 28. Currently most teams will play eight to 10 games in the Cape-Atlantic League against opponents of near similar enrollment and in relatively close geographic proximity. Football, competing in the West Jersey Football League, will play a six-game schedule including its traditional Thanksgiving Day Anchor Bowl game against Middle Township. Cross-Country will have five meets. More

## Cross Country

Coach Syd Peterkin: First year (last season boys 6-2, girls 2-6)

Key graduation losses: none

Key returning runners: Jesse Coombs, Shea Bonner, Zeb Hinker, Hailee Stiefel, Anthony Gentile, Haley Mohr, Elijah Jackson, Julianna Mendo, Anthony Magliocco, Sean Murphy, Nathan Stewart, Philip Jordan, Eirnin McKinney

Top newcomers: Conner Deigan, Kaitlyn Crouthamel

Veteran boys track coach Peterkin begins his first season as cross-country coach by welcoming back almost all of last year's

successful teams. The boys were the Big 5 champions and second in the CAL. Jackson was all-league and Hinker finished high in the state Group II meet. He expects another strong showing by his talented and deep squads, as well as much individual improvement from his highly dedicated and motivated athletes.

## Field hockey

Coach Anne Bracken: 45-33-6 (14-4-1 last season)

Assistant: JoAnn McLaughlin

Key graduation losses: Eden Brojakowski, Reese Bracken, Makayla Hueber, Emma Golden, Anna Franklin, Gabby DiDonato, Kiersten Keywood, Juliana McClain, and Julia Cook.

Key returning players:

Maggie Boyle — midfield, Joanna O'Neil — defense, Sabrina Faulkner — midfield, Maddie Schiffbauer — forward, Julia Gibson — defense, Alyssa Wagner — midfield, Lexi Bright — defense.

Top newcomer: Reagan Morrison — goalie

Last season was an epic one for the Lady Caper Tigers as they had the best record in school history, advanced to the South Jersey Group II final and Bracken was selected Cape-Atlantic League Coach of the Year. They lost three all-league players in Brojakowski, Bracken and Hueber but one returns in Faulkner. Lots of young, talented players remain and they hope to continue and expand on that winning legacy. The schedule is difficult but they're eager to meet the challenge, according to Bracken.

DB), Aiden McCarraher (RB/WR/DB)

Bailey begins his second tenure as head coach after coaching at Richard M. Titleman Middle School and at other high schools. While many key players were lost to graduation, including leading rusher Lumbruno, a core of very experienced players on offense and defense return. They include both lines, wide receiver, running back, tight end, defensive back and kicker. Conner, Connelly, White and Schiffbauer were all-league selections. Given expanded numbers, depth and experience, plus extensive senior leadership, a revitalized team attitude and the addition of new skilled players, Bailey looks forward to being highly competitive in the West Jersey Football League's United Division.

in a tough league so any improvement in record would be great progress.

## Boys soccer

Coach Dennis Elia (83-159-12, last season 8-12)

Assistant: Dan Keen  
Key graduation losses: Mark Ryan — goalie, TJ Shoffler — forward and midfielder

Key returning players: Jordan Pierce — forward, Tony Genaro — midfield, Collin Hassay — midfield, defense, Donovan Richardson — defense, Miguel Valencia — forward, midfielder, Taj Turner — midfielder

Top newcomers: Deron Azille, Evan Shoffler.

Last season the Caper Tigers made the South Jersey Group II playoffs and Ryan again made the All-South Jersey team. A solid core of experienced players returns to face a challenging schedule. Elia feels just having an opportunity to play is the ultimate win and that his team will be competitive in all its games.

## Girls tennis

Coach Greg Douglass: (198-233, 15-5 last year)

Key graduation loss: Emily Worster

Key returning players: Delaney Brown, Vika Simonsen, Hope Sandhoff, Sophia Levin, Riley Sullivan, Abby Sachs

Top newcomers: Sam Mancuso, Marley Krone-meyer, Jayci Shivers

Douglass has all but one player from last year's highly successful team, which advanced two rounds into the district playoffs. Worster and the doubles team of Sandhoff and Sachs advanced in the league championships and made the All-CAL team last season. The Lady Caper Tigers racquetees should be a strong contender for the league championship again this season.

## Football

Coach Lance Bailey: first season (overall record 12-18, team last year 2-8)

Assistants: Colin Thompson, Sam Lawler, Matt Danze, Billy Damiana, Ricky Vento, Mike Wilson, Bob Bonner, Steve Composeo

Key graduation losses: Jonas Lumbruno, Damion Bencivengo, Nico Castellano, Camron Leslie, Ryan Jackson, Dylan Hickey.

Key returning players: Matt Craig (OL/DL), Jackson Schiffbauer (OL/DL), Rob White (RB/LB), Christian Ray (OL/DL), Sean Connelly (OL/DL), Marcus Hebron (RB/LB), Christian Campanaro (TE/LB), Mikey Castellano (WR/DB), Erik Konczyk (TE/DB), Sean Stoner (OL/DL), Wes Tosto (K).

Key newcomers: Archie Lawler (WR/DB), Jacob Bey (TE/DE), Mike Cronin (WR/DB), Oguer Nunez (RB/LB), Alec Giancola (QB/WR/DB), Quinten Hagen (OL/DL), Pat West (OL/DL), Hunter Ray (QB/

## Girls soccer

Coach Darren Rotherford: First season (team last season 3-15-1)

Assistant: Meaghan Sheddlock

Key graduation losses: Haddon Miller — defense, Maddie Owens — defense, Layla Francis — midfielder.

Key returning players: Chloe Lawler — forward, Jordan Dougherty — midfielder, defense, Molly McGuigan — midfielder, Kiara Soto — goalie.

Top newcomers: Kaitlyn McGuigan — midfield, defense, Tessa Hueber — midfielder, Sienna King — midfielder.

The Lady Caper Tigers hope to improve on last year's record but face a difficult task, complicated by the loss of Lawler to a pre-season injury. Dougherty, a multi-talented athlete, and Soto, an outstanding goalie, give them a sound defense. McGuigan is a solid veteran player. Rutherford is encouraged by several talented newcomers. They face a challenging schedule


## Boyt Paddle Out scheduled for Oct. 10

CAPE MAY — The 10th annual memorial Paddle Out in honor of Lt. Andy Boyt is scheduled for noon

Oct. 10 at Steger's Beach, Jackson Street and Beach Avenue.


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