Let the games begin: LCMR athletes return to field

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ERMA — The fall 2020 sports season at Lower Cape May Regional High School will be unlike any other due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

The full fall sports schedule begins Oct. 2. Girls soccer. Sept. 28. Currently two teams will play in accordance with the New Jersey Youth Soccer guidelines. Boys soccer and girls volleyball will begin Oct. 2.

Thanksgiving Day Archangels Bowl games against Middle Township. Cross-Country will have five meets. More games and meets may be added for some teams.

Cross Country

Coach Syd Pletcher: Last year’s season boys 6-2, girls 6-1.
Key graduation losses: Jen Torri, Charlie Atkinson, Jared Goggin, Kael Johnson, Kevin McKeen.
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 NJSIAA Group II champion and the girls were NJSIAA Group III runner-up.

Field hockey

Coach Anne Bracken: 45-36-1 14-1 1 last season.
Top newcomer: Reagan Martinez – goalie.
Last season was an epic for the Lady Caper Tigers as they had the best season in school history, advanced to the South Jersey Group II final and Bracken was selected Cape-Atlantic League Coach of the Year.
This year they lost three all-league players in Bracken, Jackson and Hinker but they return one from Faulkner, who was all-league.
The girls are looking forward to the addition of new skilled players, Bailey looks forward to being highly competitive in the West Jersey Football League’s United Division.

Girls soccer

Coach Darren Rotherford: First season (team last season 3-5-4).
Key newcomers: Archie Dougherty – forward, Owen Soto, an outstanding goalie, the loss of Lawler to a pre-season injury. Dougherty, a strong contender for the South Jersey Group II championship and made the South Jersey Group II all-star team. The Lady Caper Tigers hope to improve on last year’s season but face a difficult schedule.
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Boys soccer

Coach Dennis Elia (83-92-11, last season 8-12-0) — assistant Dan Keen.
Key graduation losses: Mark Ryan – goalie, TJ Schiffer – forward and midfielder.
Top newcomers: Denzel Taylor, Evan Shofer.
Last season the Cape Tigers made the South Jersey Group II playoffs and Ryan Coughlan was selected Cape-Atlantic League Coach of the Year. A solid core of experienced players returns to face a challenging schedule. This fall 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: (89-30-15, last year) — Isolde Em. Wood.
Key returning players: Olivia DiDonato, Hope Randhoff, Sophia Laver, Riley Sullivan, Abby Sachs.
Top newcomer: Sam Mancuso,legacy Kearney – junior. A strong contender for the South Jersey championship this season.

Brett Boyd Outfield scheduled for Oct. 10

Boyd was re-elected to the Cape May County Republican Committee in honor of Lt. Andy Boyd was scheduled for Oct. 10 at Stumpy’s Beach Bar and Restaurant. The Andy Boyd Memorial Fund supports the National Amyloidosis Association and local community causes.

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As we move forward, we believe our experience and knowledge is needed now more than ever.

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