

Prep Baseball and Softball

Exira-EHK/Audubon off to fast start with pair of big victories

**SOFTBALL**  
**Exira-EHK / Audubon 10, IKM-Manning 0:** The Spartans opened the season with the No. 2 ranking in Iowa Class 2A, on the strength of the program's state runner-up finish from a year ago. It appears the program is picking up where it left off with a dominating win over the

Wolves Tuesday night. After battling to a scoreless tie the first two innings, the Spartan offense got going in the third inning, on Zoey Rasmussen's RBI single and a double-steal to score Anna Larsen. Five stolen bases in the fourth inning helped lead to a big seven-run fourth inning, and the Wolves went

down in order in the bottom half of the inning to end the game. Riley Miller gave up just two hits while striking out five to pick up the win. Abby Wanser and Jordan Mulford each had two hits, with Wanser collecting two RBIs. The Wheelers also won their home opener Wednesday, defeating Underwood 12-2. All games this year are at Audubon.

**BASEBALL**  
**IKM-Manning 7, Audubon 0:** The Wolves scored four runs in the bottom of the first inning, with seven of their first eight batters reaching to aid their cause as the Wheelers were

shut out. Wheeler pitchers also walked seven batters, and was unable to string together any hits against Wolves' ace Brock Kusel, as he and closer Karsyn Lorenzen combined for the two-hitter. The Wheelers did get five walks themselves, but could not take advantage.

Wheeler starter Carson Wessel struck out eight and gave up three hits, while Jack Stanerson was in relief and gave up two hits and striking out one. Audubon is 1-21 on the year, 0-2 in the Western Iowa Conference, following Underwood flying to a 15-0 win over the Wheelers.



Brian Rathjen/NT Sports Editor  
**Audubon's Brody Schultes in the Iowa Class 1A boys' shuttle hurdle relay.**

State track  
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Schultes, the lead off

runner for the shuttle hurdlers, said he had a good start coming out of the blocks. "I felt really good after



Brian Rathjen/NT Sports Editor  
**Audubon's Mason Steckler in the Iowa Class 1A boys' shuttle hurdle relay.**



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**Audubon's Mason Steckler hands to Brody Schultes in the Iowa Class 1A boys' distance medley relay.**

I got to the first hurdle but then I got to the second and third hurdle and clipped it with my trail leg, but I got to the hurdle and smoothed out and felt really good after that," he said. "Season best, yes sir," added Steckler of the shuttle hurdle. "It feels really good. Our biggest goal today was to beat Colo-NESCO, they beat us at the district meet and they were in the same heat as us. I saw that I had a lead on them from these three and yep, I'm keeping it. We did felt really good." Of the distance medley, Steckler said he was really happy about the race and how everyone did. "This year Adam and I had a really good handoff," he said, recalling that a year ago there was a botched handoff and it got them disqualified. "This year we

turned it around." Meyer was competing for the first time at state and admitted there were nerves. "I didn't do as well as I wanted to but we're going to build on this. We're going to try to get back here and get better," he said. "It took a lot of coaching and watching us doing it over and over again and what works and doesn't work. (But) this is awesome. Never been a part of something like this ... it's awesome." Obrecht and Steckler were the state meet seniors competing for the final time, while Olsen was also an outstanding competitor all four years. Obrecht took a moment to reflect after his 200-meter leg in the d-med was the final he'll ever run in high school. "It hasn't all hit me



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**Audubon's Gabe Jensen in the Iowa Class 1A boys' shuttle hurdle relay.**

yet, to be honest, but I'm sure it will tonight when I leave this place and atmosphere," he said, noting a future studying aerospace engineering at Iowa State University in Ames. "Kind of that way with graduating, I haven't really believed (it's over) yet and I'm kind of in denial, but I'm excited for what the future holds for me." Steckler will return to Drake University this fall, but as a student and enrolling in law school. "It's been great. I love the school and I'm re-

ally appreciative of coach (Tony) Konkler, to build us up in the athletes we want to be, building our leg strength and getting us ready for meets. Really appreciative for the coaches I've run under." Schultes, a junior, is excited for the 2026 season. "We've got good freshmen who have good distance, and we hope to get back in the distance med and 4x400," he said, noting that there's also a good eighth-grade group coming in, including distance runners.

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AUDUBON COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES	
May 20, 2025 Transfer Station Scale House Members Present: Hoegh, Murray, Grabill, Blum Members Absent: Schmidt Others Present: Tami Anderson	
5:00 P.M. Motion by Blum to approve the agenda, second by Grabill. All voted Aye.	
Motion by Murray to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, second by Grabill. All voted Aye	
Motion by Murray to approve monthly expenditures, second by Blum. All voted Aye	
Motion by Grabill renew ICAP policy for 2025/2026, second by Blum. All voted Aye.	
Motion by Murray to purchase a new desk for office, second by Grabill. All voted Aye.	
Anderson updated Commission on operations & personnel. Updated Commission on door.	
5:45 p.m. Motion by Grabill to adjourn, second by Murray. All voted Aye.	
April 2025 Expenditures:	
Meeting Compensation –Penny Schmidt 63.00, Jessica Hoegh 35.00, Teresa Murray 35.00, Kent Grabill 35.00, Mike Blum 35.00	
Roy Anderson –services.....	345.00
Virgil Schmidt –services.....	557.00
Harrison County Landfill.....	9828.86
Tami Anderson .....	520.91
Ace Hardware .....	26.99
Agriland .....	1548.38
Audubon County Advocate Journal .....	60.43
Audubon State Bank .....	1221.30
Feld Fire .....	154.70
HLW Engineering .....	3255.00
Intuit .....	82.39
Soppe Chiropractic.....	80.00
The Iron Shop .....	9175.83
The Office Stop .....	1483.71
Johann Vesper .....	260.00
Vetter Equipment .....	179.35
Waspy's Truck Stop .....	31.92
City of Audubon.....	31.50
Midamerican Energy .....	212.11
Windstream .....	99.86
EFTPS .....	3682.18
IPERS.....	2341.49
Net Wages .....	11462.74
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