

**Eagles are looking good  
heading into track season**

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The Vienna High School boys track team is preparing for what could be a very exciting season. They have key guys returning from last year, as well as some excellent freshmen coming in.

"Our numbers are up from last year," said Coach Chuck Woody. "We have 21 guys on the team, and there is a good variety to fill every event."

The Eagles will look for some leadership from three Seniors: Justin Helton, B.J. Asberry and John Campbell, who are all returning for their final season.

"Justin is a tremendous athlete, who is coming off a fine basketball season," said Woody. "He will probably be in four field events to start the season. He has a great combination of power and speed. He was within four feet of the school record in Discus on the first day of practice."

"B.J. narrowly missed going to State last season in the Triple Jump, with a mark that he would like to achieve again," Woody commented. "He's worked hard in the off season and has a chance to reach the 40 foot mark. B.J. will also run in the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays."

"John Campbell will also be in the 4x100 and 4x200 meter relays. He is looking really strong in the springs. He should help keep us strong in those areas," Woody said.

Woody said he will need his freshmen to step up immediately.

"We've got a good group of young kids coming in this year. Tim Weakly and Brett Alexander are going to help us right away in the springs and jumps. Damon Farrow and Curt Rowden are going to anchor our distance guys. Colby Martin also looks good in the throws. These freshmen have been through the fire before and are accustomed to winning," said Woody.

Woody also has some guys participating this year that did not run last year, such as Juniors Sam Hagan, Michael Hutchison and Tyler Willoughby.

"Sam will be in the High

Jump; Michael in the middle distance races; and Tyler in the Pole Vault. These guys are really going to help," Woody commented.

"The boys have worked really hard so far. We feel like we have a good shot at the Conference Title this year, if we can run with Viburnum. Our field events look to be very

strong, as well as most of the running events. This is a very well-balanced team. I really like how hard the guys compete in practice. This is going to make them better when the season starts up," Woody said.

The Eagles will take the track at their first meet of the season on Monday, March 25 at Linn. Hope to see you there.