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## March Disappointment for athletes as the COVID-19 pandemic forces the cancellation of the spring sports season

On Mar. 12, they were postponed. On Mar. 23, they were postponed again. On April 2, they were completely canceled.

Spring sports athletes would completely miss out on their season. For Eighth Grade athletes like Boys' Golf player Cohen Steill (8), that meant an abrupt end to their middle school sports career.

"I was looking forward to being a part of the team that has won conference 3 years in a row, and I wanted to experience the potential win again," Steill said.

On April 2, Governor Eric Holcomb announced that due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all schools in the state would remain closed for the rest of the school year. This news was a shock to spring athletes like Nick Peck (7) who had trained during the off-season for their spring sport, starting as early as November.

"In the off-season, I hit and throw into my baseball net, and I go to a practice facility called ProX," Peck said. "I train year-round with small breaks in between seasons to rest my arm because I am a pitcher. Also, I am on a travel baseball team called the Indiana Bulls."

For Seventh Grade athletes coming from the intermediate school, they wouldn't get the chance to experience middle

school sports with new coaches.

"Well, it's my first year in seventh grade, so I was pretty mad because I really wanted to play softball," Softball player Taryn Hanshew (7) said. "I wanted to see how the coaches would evaluate us, but now we don't get to play at all."

Returning athletes like Track runner Jada Easterhaus (8), were looking forward to getting another chance to race.

"I was really excited for this year's track season because I had an injury last year, so I couldn't participate for part of the season," Easterhaus said. "I was really looking forward to a new start and being able to improve my skills."

While the cancellation of spring sports was upsetting, it's not the end for athletes like Girls' Tennis player Carlie Lukowiak (8).

"When I heard that tennis was canceled, I was super disappointed because I was waiting for the tennis season all year," Lukowiak said. "Over the summer, I'm going to be playing almost every day to prepare for next season."







1. FIELD OF DREAMS. On Mar. 4, Preston Tamm (8) warms up with teammates at one of the baseball tryout sessions at the high school. "We were just warming up our arms at the beginning of practice with some quick throwing exercise and long toss," Tamm said. Photo by C. LANCASTER 2. THE ROOKIES. In the LGI, Chloe Tanner (7), Avery Banas (7) and Taryn Hanshew (7) watch the entation at the Seventh Grade Softball team callout during SRT on Mar. 10. "The thing that I am most disappointed about in regard to the middle school softball season is that I don't get to play with some people that I would otherwise probably not play with and hat I won't get to represent the school,



"My family started to stock up on meat and cleaning products around Feb. 27. We chose to stock up early because we heard from my grandpa who lives in Thailand that corona was coming, and we wanted to be prepared." - Charlie Epstein (8)

"My family stocked up on paper towels when the rumors about school getting canceled started to go around. My family uses paper towels a lot. My sister and I bake a lot so stocking up on paper towels was just a given."

- Sam Lemieux (8)

"Well, at first my family didn't because they didn't think it was going to be that serious but within like two weeks my mom started stocking up on fresh produce like vegetables and fruits and other stuff."

- Stella Seymour (8)

When did your family start to stock up on



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