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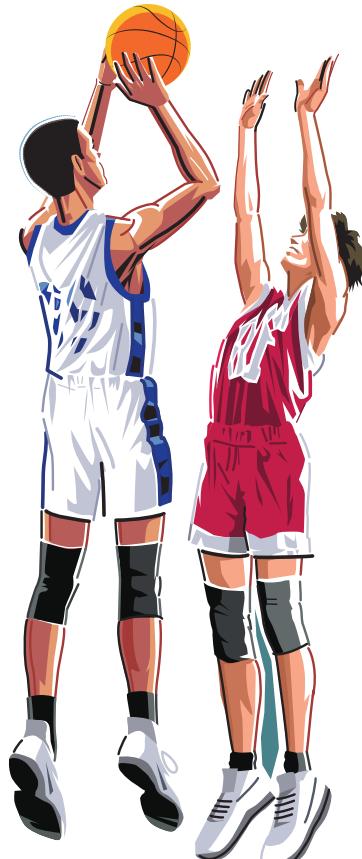
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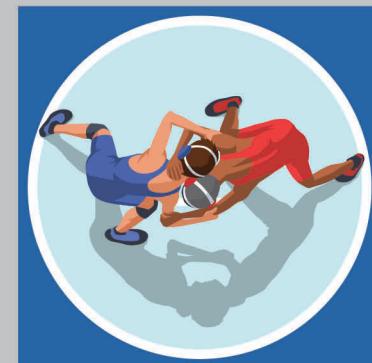
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Axtell Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Brian Hubbert
Assistant Coaches: Danielle Speckman, Maddie Brugh
Class Of Competition: Class D1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 6-17 record
Returning Letterwinners: **Seniors-** Emily Danburg, 5'6", 7 ppg; Maddie Wells, 5'5", 3.4 ppg; **Juniors-** Morgan Hawkins, 5'7", 5 ppg; Bristol Thorell, 6'1", 3.2 ppg; Ashlynn Nelson, 5'7"
Sophomore- Leah Stritt, 5'5"

Outlook: We return many starters and letterwinners from a young team. We hope to continue to build on our skills and rely on our varsity experience from a season ago. The Fort Kearny Conference looks strong again this season. Many teams return a strong core, and our goal is to be competing with them for a chance to play on the final Saturday of the conference tournament.



AXTELL GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front row: Elyn Houchin, Nicole Arner, Emily Danburg, Madison Wells, Adelyn Wells. Middle row: Kenandie Ketelsen, Leah Stritt, Brooklyn DeJonge, Gabbi Robinson, Solara Quigley, Mina Schilling, Hadley Most. Back row: Coach Maddie Brugh, Coach Brian Hubbert, Arianna Nickel, Leanne Ellingson, Amelia Halvorsen, Ella Lorenz, Ashlynn Nelson, Morgan Hawkins, Bristol Thorell, Coach Danielle Speckman. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

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12/4	Pleasanton	1/17	@ Lawrence-Nelson
12/5	@ Bertrand	1/20	@ Arapahoe
12/9	Silver Lake	1/23	Wilcox-Hildreth
12/12	@ Overton	1/29	@ Franklin
12/13	Harvard	1/31	FKC Bunny Bracket
12/18	@ Ansley-Litchfield	2/2-7	FKC Trny
12/19	Amherst	2/10	@ Loomis
12/30-31	Axtell Trny	2/13	Southwest
1/2	Kenesaw	2/16-19	Subdistricts
1/5	@ Alma	2/27	District Finals
1/9	SEM	3/4-7	State Trny
1/15	Elm Creek		

Axtell Boys Basketball



Head Coach: Craig Lorenz, 1st year as head
Assistant Coaches: Isaac Dunn
Class Of Competition: Class D2

Last Year's Accomplishments: 11-14 record, district finalist (lost to Howells-Dodge)

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Easton Bergstrom, 6'1; Reece Hunt, 6'1; Aydan Houchin, 6'1

Juniors: Warren Myers, 6'1; Connor Strolberg, 5'10

Sophomores: David Sonnenfeld, 5'9; Nolan Wells, 5'9

Outlook: We will be tasked with replacing five starters from last year. I am looking forward to seeing the growth our inexperienced team will display this year.

Axtell Boys Basketball Season Schedule

12/4	Pleasanton	1/17	@ Lawrence-Nelson
12/5	@ Bertrand	1/20	@ Arapahoe
12/9	Silver Lake	1/23	Wilcox-Hildreth
12/12	@ Overton	1/29	@ Franklin
12/13	Harvard	1/31	FKC Bunny Bracket
12/18	@ Ansley-Litchfield	2/3-7	FKC Trny
12/19	Amherst	2/10	@ Loomis
12/30-31	Axtell Trny	2/13	Southwest
1/2	Kenesaw	2/20	@ Southern Valley
1/5	@ Alma	2/23-26	Subdistricts
1/9	SEM	2/28-3/3	District Finals
1/15	Elm Creek	3/11-14	State Trny



AXTELL BOYS BASKETBALL: Front row: Reece Hunt, Easton Bergstrom, Aydan Houchin (Black). Middle row: John Wegner, Caleb Hall, Carter Lorenz, Barrett Thorell, Elijah Sinachack, Micah Houchin, Kyler Kolbo, Logan Strolberg. Back row: Craig Lorenz, Maddyx Reiter, Landon Powers, Connor Strolberg, Warren Myers, Kiptyn Swartz, Luke Samuelson, Nolan Wells, David Sonnenfeld, Isaac Dunn (asst. coach) Grayson Bray, Kaison Most. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

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Axtell Wrestling



Head Coach: Justin Swedburg, 8th year, 19-39 dual record at Axtell, overall dual record 36-48, beginning 11th year as a head coach (3 years at Ord)

Assistant Coaches: Pat Freeland, Quinn Bertrand

Class Of Competition: Class D

Last Year's Accomplishments: 3-9 dual record (boys)

Boys Returning Letterwinners: Senior- Jacob Stoner, 175, 6-20 record

Sophomores- Coben Hill, 132, 4-24; Levi Johnson, 138, 8-25; Nick Dahl, 150, 22-23

Impactful Newcomers: Freshmen- Chase Nickel, Connor L'Heureux, Samuel Kindschuh, Carter Hardenbrook, Maddex Ristau, Luke Abbott

Girls Returning Letterwinners: Senior- Sadie Lorenzo, 110, 6-11 record

Sophomore- Binzley Walz, 125, 15-21

Impactful Newcomers: Sophomore- Allison Fulmer

Freshmen- Jerzey Ramirez, Samantha Vinchattle, Krystal Fickenscher, Madi Hays, Taelynn Myers

Outlook: The Axtell Wildcat wrestling team will have a young but talented roster for the 2025-26 season. The boys team will have four wrestlers returning from last year with varsity experience in Nick Dahl (22 wins as a freshman), Levi Johnson, Coben Hill and Jacob Stoner. We will also add six talented freshmen in Chase Nick-

el, Connor L'Heureux, Samuel Kindschuh, Carter Hardenbrook, Maddex Ristau and Luke Abbott.

The girls team will also add five talented freshmen in Samantha Vinchattle, Krystal Fickenscher, Madi Hays, Jerzey Ramirez and Taelynn Myers.

The majority of our wrestlers, both boys and girls, spent the offseason working on improving their strength in the weight room and getting mat time through different camps and wrestling opportunities.

If we can stay healthy and improve throughout the season we should field a young but competitive class D wrestling team during the '25-'26 season with multiple wrestlers who are full of potential.

In recent years we have had two state champions--Jacob Fox at 126 in 2022 and Taaron Lavicky at 165 in 2024.

The top boys teams in the FKC this year should be Loomis, Amherst, Elm Creek, Wilcox-Hildreth and Pleasanton.

Axtell Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

12/5	@ Southwest Invite	1/15	@ Ord Invite
12/13	@ Wood River Invite	1/24	Axtell Invite
12/20	@ Cambridge Invite	1/31	@ FKC Invite
1/2	@ Fillmore Central Invite		(Ansley)
1/9	@ Franklin Invite	2/6	@ Districts
		2/17-18	@ State (Omaha)

Axtell Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12/4	@ Pleasanton Duals	1/10	@ Franklin Invite
12/6	@ Plainview Dual Trny	1/16	@ SEM Invite
12/13	@ Osceola Invite	1/23	@ South Loup Invite
12/16	Axtell Invite	1/30	@ Ord Invite
12/20	@ Cambridge Invite	2/5	@ FKC Invite (Amherst)
1/2	@ Wilcox-Hildreth Duals	2/7	Dual Championships
1/3	@ Pleasanton Invite	2/13-14	@ Districts
1/6	Axtell Duals	2/19-21	State @ Omaha

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Axtell Wrestling



AXTELL BOYS WRESTLING: Front row: Ian Johnson (manager), Luke Abbott, Connor L'Heureux, Coben Hill, Chase Nickel, Charlotte Nicholson (manager). Back row: Chance Nickel (manager), Maddex Ristau, Samuel Kindschuh, Nick Dahl, Carter Hardenbrook, Wyatt Hays (manager). (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)



AXTELL GIRLS WRESTLING: Front row: Krystal Fickenscher, Sam Vinchattle, Sadie Lorenzo, Jerzey Ramirez, Taelynn Myers. Back row: Coach Walz, Madi Hays, Allison Fulmer, Binzley Walz, Charlotte Nicholson (manager). (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Basketball

Wrestling

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Minden Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Allie Prokoski, 1st year

Assistant Coaches: Caden Houghtelling, Trak Lewis

Class Of Competition: Class C-1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 26-3 record, 3rd place at State, SWC runners-up

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Myla

Emery, 5'11, honorable mention all-state, first team all-SWC; KayLynn Jorgensen, Lauren Starkey

Juniors- Navi Lennemann

Sophomores- Kaleigh Carr, Riley Eden

Impactful Newcomers: Freshman- Ruby Rhynalds

Outlook: We would like to make a return back to the state tournament and we want to be consistent each game on both ends of the floor.



MINDEN GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front row: Student Manager Kinley Deitloff, Student Manager Regan Johnson, Ruby Rhynalds, Navi Lennemann, Gabbie Lee, KayLynn Jorgensen, Lauren Starkey, Jaelyn Trew, Adysen Sloggett, Adelyn Whitten, Sophie Birkestrand, Student Manager Malayna Emery, Student Manager Berkley Hatch. Back row: Coach Allie Prokoski, Student Manager Emerson Kuehn, Student Manager Rozlyn Rhynalds, Student Assistance Makenna Anderson, Josa Ciemnaczolowski, Macy Jorgensen, Riley Eden, Bailee Fries, Myla Emery, Kaleigh Carr, Ava Pracht, Gisele Guthard, Student Manager Racy Rhynalds, Student Manager Charley Eden, Student Manager Reagan Carey, Coach Trak Lewis. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

We are excited to continue on the legacy that has been set before us in previous years. After losing seven instrumental seniors, we will need to look

to others to replace those roles and step up and fill some big shoes. However, with the return of starter Myla Emery, she will bring a lot of experi-

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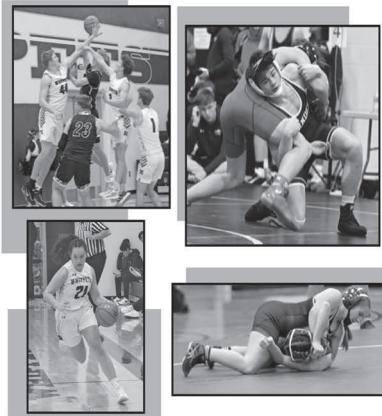


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Minden Girls Basketball

ence and leadership to this year's team. Additionally, with the work that was done in the off-season, the returning girls and new players are excited to take on more responsibility while bringing new energy to the team. Therefore, with the combination of guidance from our returners and eager forthcoming contributions from our new players, we hope to continue the strong legacy of Minden girls basketball in our efforts to return to the state tournament. We want to be a fast paced offense and switch up the defenses we are in. **Strengths:** athleticism, team chemistry, hard working mentality **Weaknesses:** young team, not as much height as last season



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Minden Girls Basketball Season Schedule

12/4	Southern Valley	1/17	McCook
12/6	@ Ogallala	1/20	St. Paul
12/9	@ Lexington	1/23	Holdrege
12/11	Broken Bow	1/27-31	SWC Trny
12/16	Central City	2/6	@ Cozad
12/18	@ Elm Creek	2/7	@ Gothenburg
12/26	@ GICC Trny	2/10	Adams Central
12/27	@ GICC Trny	2/12	Wood River
1/6	@ Beatrice	2/16-19	Subdistricts
1/8	@ Ord	2/27	District Finals
1/13	@ Ravenna	3/4-7	State Trny
1/15	@ St. Cecilia		



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Minden Boys Basketball



MINDEN BOYS BASKETBALL: Front row: Holt Aschenbrenner, Patrick Clark, Jesse Werner, Travler Pearson, Turner Schmidt, Devin Choquette, Cohen Schmidt, Cole Schwenka, Kyler Wilson, Bryson Knott, Luke Livingston, Kingston Riek. Back row: Coach Simon McKenzie, SM Drew Craig, Coach Tyler Egenberger, Jackson Armstrong, Sam Rowan, Landon Bules, Traelin Christensen, Luke Grollmes, Landon Grollmes, Luke Craig, Ambrose Bloomfield, Jack Scheibel, Bo Lutkemeier, Jack Widdifield, Coach Carson Blum, SM Logan Grollmes. Not Pictured: Zach Klabunde. (Courtesy photo by Jim Bunger, Kearney Media)

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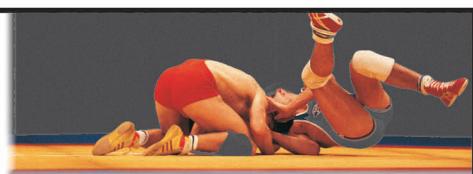
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Minden Boys Basketball Season Schedule

12/4	Southern Valley	1/20	St. Paul
12/6	@ Ogallala	1/23	@ Holdrege
12/9	@ Lexington	1/27-31	SWC Trny
12/11	Broken Bow	2/6	@ Cozad
12/16	Central City	2/7	@ Gothenburg
12/18	@ Elm Creek	2/10	Adams Central
12/26-27	GICC Trny	2/12	Wood River
1/6	@ Beatrice	2/20	@ Hastings
1/8	@ Ord	2/23-26	Subdistricts
1/13	@ Ravenna	2/28	District Final
1/15	St. Cecilia	3/11-14	State Trny
1-17	McCook		



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Minden Boys Basketball



Head Coach: Carson Blum, 5th year

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Egenberger, Simon McKenzie

Class Of Competition: Class C1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 10-14 record

Returning Letter-winners: Seniors- Luke Grollmes, 6'3";

Landon Bules, 6'1"; Jackson Armstrong, 6'0"; Ambrose Bloomfield, 6'0"

Junior- Traelin Christensen, 6'2"

Sophomores- Luke Craig, 6'1"; Cole Schwenka, 5'10"

Impactful Newcomers: Seniors- Jack Schei-

bel, 6'2"; Sam Rowan, 6'1"

Junior- Turner Schmidt, 5'8"

Sophomore- Cohen Schmidt, 5'10"

Outlook: Every year we strive to be in the top half of the Southwest Conference. With our conference being very good over the last few years, that's a pretty tough goal to have. We have a pretty good mix of older guys that have played quite a bit of varsity basketball and some younger guys that are going to need to step into more significant roles than they had last year. The motivation from all of the guys has been great to see so far. They are determined to have a successful season.

One strength of ours will be our depth. We have 10-11 guys that we will feel confident in throwing out there every night. Our experience at key positions with Landon, Luke G. and Traelin is another strength. And I think our team camaraderie is maybe the highest it's ever been.

These kids really play hard for one another and they absolutely battle on the defensive end of the floor. One weakness that we've had in years past is shooting the basketball from the perimeter. We're hoping to turn this into a strength this time around.

The kids have really bought into what we're doing on both ends of the floor. They've put the time in that is needed to be successful. Our hope is that it will pay dividends this year on the court.

Last year we played a little slower on the offensive end to have a little more success. We're hoping to play faster this year with the guys we have on the team, both offensively and defensively.

Our boys are excited and ready for whatever challenges come their way this year. We're ecstatic to tip the season off!



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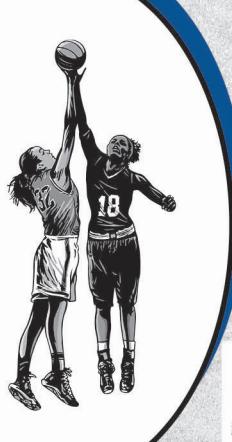
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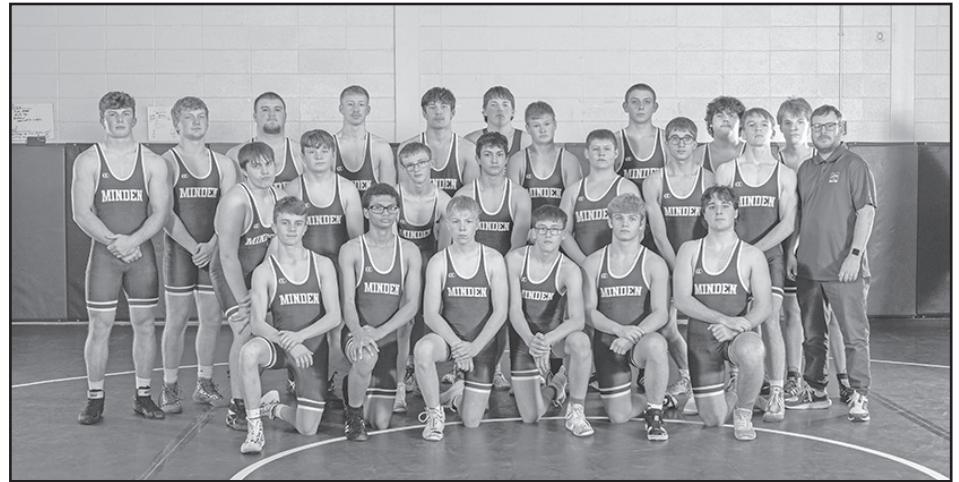


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Minden Boys Wrestling

Minden Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12/5 Minden Tri w/St. Paul and Mitchell	1/16 Minden Invite
12/6 @ York Invite	1/17 @ Gothenburg Duals
12/11 @ Wood River	1/22 Central City
12/13 @ Holdrege Invite	1/23 Younes Duals @ Kearney Sports Plex
12/18 Minden tri w/Aurora and Gothenburg	1/24 Higgins Invite @ Lex
12/20 @Boone Central Trny	1/31 @ Raymond Central
1/10 @ Central City Invite	2/6 SWC @ Holdrege
1/12 @Holdrege Invite	2/13-14 District (TBA)
	2/19-21 State @ Omaha



MINDEN BOYS WRESTLING: Front row: Morgan Johnson, Tirzo Borrego, Owen Hostetler, Owen Gillming, Byron Kring, Frank Kovacs. Middle row: Dathan Foth, Reed Morlang, Grayson Heggemeyer, Aaron Banuelos, Matt Dixon, Lukas Labenz, Isaac Reed, Coach Keaton Gracey. Back row: Parker Hatch, Caleb Schwenka, Evan Lutkemeier, Kanin Heath, Cael Smith, Aaron Nielsen, Christian Sorensen, Sage Saunders, Judah Bedunnah, Steel Saunders. (Courier photo by Jim Bunger, Kearney Media)



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Head Coach: Keaton Gracey, 8 years

Assistant Coaches: Heath Wragge, Austin Olson, Greg Seiler, Lige Reed, Daulton Kuehn

Class Of Competition: Class C

Last Year's Accomplishments: SWC champions, Class C-3 District champions, 4th at NSAA Class C State Dual Championships, State runner-up at NSAA Class C State Championships

Returning Letterwinners: **Juniors-** Parker Hatch, 157; Kanin Heath, 165, state qualifier; Cael Smith, 190, 5th at State; Evan Lutkemeier, 285, 3rd at State

Sophomores- Isaac Reed, 138; Byron Kring, 144;

Drew Seiler, 215

Impactful Newcomers: **Junior-** Caleb Schwenka, 175

Freshmen- Mason Johnson, 113; Lukas Labenz, 132; Aaron Banuelos, 150

Outlook: Our team goal is to have as successful season as possible. Minden graduated eight seniors last year, and we have no returning seniors due to injury and transfers. We will look to our strong class of juniors for leadership as they have great experience in high-level dual meets and have competed at the state meet. Essentially, the goal for these kids is to make another run. We should have a strong lineup in the middle to upper weights, kids who have been to or placed at the state meet. A weakness would be that we might struggle to fill some of the lighter weights.

We went to team camps this summer to gather data on incoming freshmen and to refine skills of the more experienced wrestlers.

Minden Girls Wrestling



Head Coach: Jhett Ostrom, 5th year
Assistant Coaches: Macie Oertle, Milly Jacobsen, Aliena Osterbuhr and Xitlali Nunez
Class Of Competition: Class B

Last Year's Accomplishments: 14-3 record, state dual champions, 10th place at state, district runner-up, SWC champions

Returning Letterwinners: **Juniors-** Myka Petersen, 130, 21-15 record, tied the school record for major decisions in a season; Autumn Johnson, 155, 14-19

Sophomores- Keira Crane, 105, 43-8, 4th at state, set school record for nearfalls in a season and wins in a season; Victoria Hansen, 140, 21-22, state qualifier, SWC champion; Cristal Gonzalez, 145, 12-21



MINDEN GIRLS WRESTLING: Front row: Victoria Hansen, Keira Crane, Myka Petersen. Middle row: Coach Aliena Osterbuhr, Kaylie Lawless, Jade Melroy, Cristal Gonzalez, Ashlyn Zerr, Coach Xitlali Nunez, Coach Amelia Jacobsen. Back row: Coach Macie Oertle, Autumn Johnson, Marlie Petersen, McKinley Segelke, Brinley Pohl, Annika Soelberg, Coach Jhett Ostrom. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Minden Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

12/4	@ Gr. Island H.S.	1/16	@ Ord Invite
12/6	@ Kearney Invite	1/22	Central City
12/11	@ Wood River	1/23	Younes Duals @ Kearney Sports Plex
12/13	@ Crete Invite	1/29	@ Lexington
12/19-20	Girls Fracas @ Gr. Isl. High	1/31	SWC @ Minden
1/6	Aurora	2/6-7	District (TBA)
1/9	@ Malcolm Invite	2/17-18	State @ Omaha

Impactful Newcomers: **Freshmen-** Brinley Pohl, Ella Warburton and McKinley Segelke all have middle school state experience and will look to make an impact right away.

Sophomore: Marlie Petersen missed last season due to injury but will look to contribute in a big way this year.

Outlook: Our team goal this year is to repeat as SWC champions, though we know we need to reload quickly after losing over half of last year's dominant team to graduation. Underclassmen will need to acclimate to the speed of high school wrestling and contribute to the varsity lineup if we hope to achieve our goal.

We will continue to field a quality wrestler at every weight class which will keep us competitive in duals, but our lack of experienced seniors may show especially early in the season until the sophomore and junior leaders begin to find their footing. Several of the girls compete in spring wrestling, and we took a crew to Gunnison, Colorado for the Western Colorado dual team camp and we competed very well.

We will see how fast they develop, but this is the most experienced group of freshmen I have ever had so I am excited to see what they can do this year! Keira Crane has put in a ton of offseason work looking to improve from last season's 4th place finish, and she is definitely a state title contender this year.

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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Cody Whipkey, 11th year
Assistant Coaches: Andrew Warner, Reagan Flehart
Class Of Competition: Class D2

Last Year's Accomplishments: 19-10 record, 3rd place FKC regular season, FKC Tourney runner-up, District D2-5 champions, 4th place Class D2 State Tournament

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Cheyenne Lieb, 5-5, guard, 2-year starter, 3x letterwinner; Kamryn Russell, 5'6, forward, 1x letterwinner;

Junior- Chloe Johnson, 5'6, guard, 1x letterwinner
Impactful Newcomers: Senior- Kaylan Ogier;

Freshmen- Kinley Hansen, Allegra Johnson

Outlook: Our 25-26 team will certainly have a different look

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to it than year's past teams have had, as we graduated four seniors off of last year's team, and will lose three other returning letterwinners to other winter athletic endeavors. I think that this is a group that is willing to work hard though. It may take a little bit of time for us to figure out the right lineup combinations and style of play to best suit this group, but I know they will maintain a positive outlook and work together to be their most competitive.



**Best of Luck to
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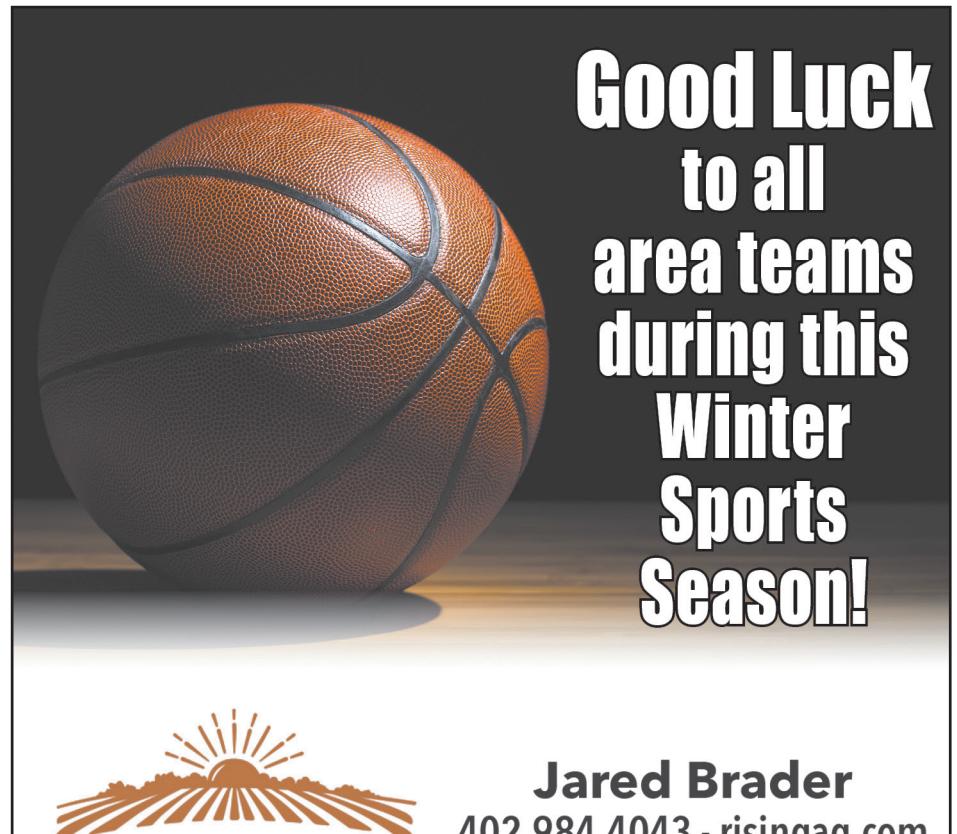
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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Basketball

Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Basketball Season Schedule

12-4	Hi-Line	1-9	Kenesaw
12-5	@SEM	1-10	Elm Creek
12-12	Alma	1-16	@ Loomis
12-13	@ Shelton	1-17	@ Ansley-Litchfield
12-16	@ Red Cloud	1-23	@ Axtell
12-18	Arapahoe	1-24	Amherst
12-20	Pleasanton	1-27	Silver Lake
12-29 & 30	Wil-Hil Holiday Trny	1-30	Franklin
1-3	@ Doniphan-Trumbull	1-31 to 2-7	FKC Trny
1-6	@ Bertrand	2-10	@ Overton



WILCOX-HILDRETH GIRLS BASKETBALL: Chloe Johnson, Kaylan Ogier, Kinley Hansen, Kamryn Russell, Cheyenne Lieb, and Allegra Johnson. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

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Falcons*



*Two Great Towns Make
Winning Teams In
Basketball ~ Wrestling*

Wilcox-Hildreth Boys Basketball



Head Coach: Matthew Hinrichs, first year
Class Of Competition: Class D1

Last Year's Accomplishments:
5-19 record

Returning Letterwinners: Senior- Thomas Donley, 6'3", center, 7.6 ppg, 7.6 rpg; Cody Schriner, 6'0", forward, 2.4 ppg, 3.5 rpg, 1.3 spg
Junior- Kaleb Johnson, 6'3", forward, 7.7 ppg, 8.8 rpg

Sophomores- Drew Blank, 5'10", guard, 6.3 ppg, 6.1 rpg, 2.1 apg; Landon Lienemann, 5'8", guard, 7.7 ppg, 3.2 rpg

Impactful Newcomers: Freshman- Luke Lush, 5'11", guard

Outlook: The Falcons return four starters and a few other lettermen with a good mix of upperclassmen and younger players. Donley and Johnson give the team good size and experience in the post while Lienemann and Blank, though just sophomores, gained a lot of experience on the perimeter. Schriner and Lush, along with Jacob Beck and Stetson Guthrie give Wil-Hil a good rotation of players the Falcons will count on.

The team hopes to improve on last season's win-loss record and, with the hard working attitude the squad has, the chances for the best season in about five years seems likely attainable.



WILCOX-HILDRETH BOYS BASKETBALL: Front row: Micah Bell, Alex Klatt-Terabelian, Kip Johnson, Sutton Strong, Stetson Guthrie, Rylan Lush, and Ethan Eiley. Middle row: Landon Lienemann, Luke Lush, Kaleb Johnson, Kaeden Davis, Thomas Donley, Cody Schriner, Kaden Schriner, Drew Blank, and William Masters. Back row: Head Coach Matthew Hinrichs. Not Pictured: Jacob Beck. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

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	Holiday Trny	2-10	@ Overton
1/6	@ Bertrand	2-20	Giltner/Harvard
1-9	Kenesaw		

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Wilcox-Hildreth Boys Wrestling



Head Coach: Justin Patterson
Assistant Coach: Wade Brashear
Class Of Competition: Class D

Last Year's Accomplishments: 9-2 dual record; finished 4th at State Duals; 7 top-three finishes in tournaments, FKC Tournament champions.

Returning Letterwinners: **Seniors-** Brody Patterson, 144, 46-14 record, 6th at State; Brett Woollen, 150, 3-26; Brandon Wagner, 215, 13-31; Cauy Twohig, 150, 43-12

Juniors- Kyler Masters, 138, 35-23, state qualifier; William Welsh, 144, 16-21; Craig Bunker, 285,

15-26

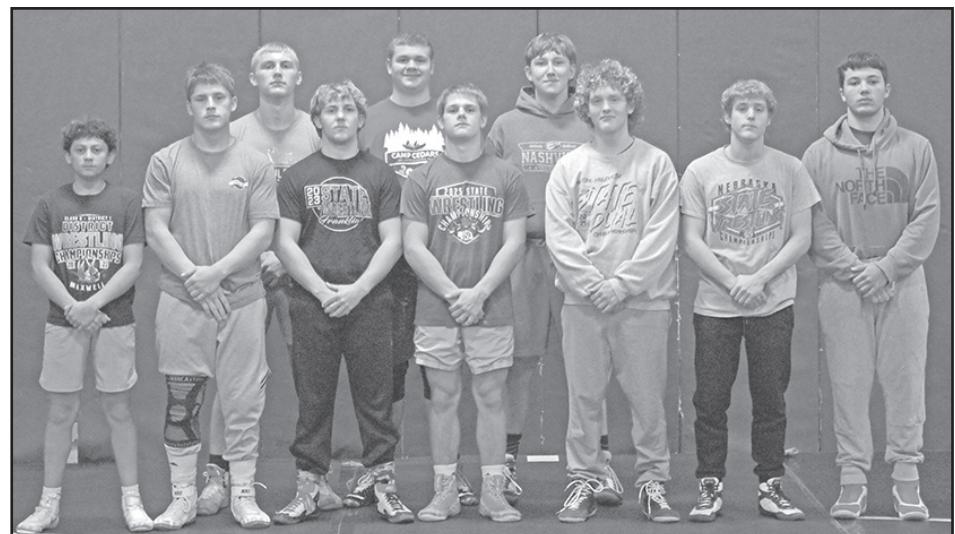
Sophomores- Mikah Eiley, 106, 5-32; Drake Ritner, 157, 10-26; Jacob Jezbera, 175, 20-27

Impactful Newcomers: Cooper Woollen, senior; Gavin Ironshell, junior

Outlook: We are very excited for this season. Last year we had our best season in school history with a 4th place finish at State Duals and four qualifiers and three medalists at the individual State Tournament. This year's team will be led by seniors Brody Patterson (3-time state qualifier, returning 6th place medalist) and Cauy Twohig (2024 state qualifier).

Wilcox-Hildreth Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12-6	Broken Bow Invite	1-24	Neligh-Oakdale Invite
12-12	Southern Valley Invite	1-30	Wil-Hil Tri. (Alma, Weeping Water)
12-16	Axtell Invite	1-31	Doniphan-Trumbull Inv.
12-20	Cambridge Invite	2-5	FKC/TVC championships @ Amherst
1-2	Wil-Hil Triangular (Axtell and Kenesaw)	2-7	State Dual Championships @ Kearney (Buff. Co. Fair grounds)
1-10	Amherst Invite	2-13 & 14	Districts (TBD)
1-15	Loomis Tri. (Wil-Hil, Neligh-Oakdale)	2-19, 20, 21	State @ Omaha CHI Health Center
1-16	SEM Invite		
1-22	Hi-Line Tri. @ Eust.-Farnam (Wil-Hil, Brady)		
1-23	South Loup Invite		



WILCOX-HILDRETH BOYS WRESTLING: Front row: Mikah Eiley, Gavin Ironshell, Cauy Twohig, Brody Patterson, Brett Woollen, Cooper Woollen, and Damien Campbell. Back row: Jacob Jezbera, Craig Bunker, and Brandon Wagner. Not Pictured: William Welsh and Drake Ritner. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

This year's team is looking to build off last year's success and there is a lot of excitement around this program. We have multiple wrestlers ready to fill the spots of last year's seniors.

Ranking the top teams in the FKC: 1) Wilcox-Hildreth, 2) Amherst, 3) Loomis, 4) SEM

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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Wrestling



Head Coach: Mitchell Sloggett, first year at Wilcox- Hildreth, 6th overall
Class Of Competition: Class B

Returning Letterwinners: Senior- Dinah Culp
Sophomore- Ayva Bendorf

Impactful Newcomers: Sophomores- Ona Wilsey, Camryn Bunger

Freshman- Elin Patterson

Outlook: We are a small team and continuing to grow as last year there were three wrestlers and this year there are five. I am excited to see what the newcomers will bring to the mat.

Each week we are looking to improve. My goal is for each girl to medal every week and continue to build off the week before. We are a newer team and I am looking forward to breaking season records. Our team is small but with a small team they are very close and each wrestler is very smart and pick up things very quickly. I am looking forward to my first year coaching the Falcons.



WILCOX-HILDRETH GIRLS WRESTLING: Camryn Bunger, Elin Patterson, Ona Wilsey, Dinah Culp, and Ayva Bendorf. (Courtesy photo by Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

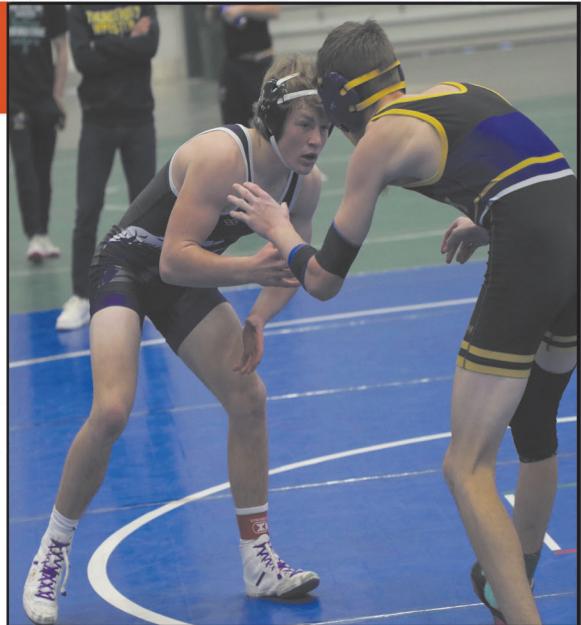
12/6	Southwest Invite	1/18	Shelton Invite
12/14	Wood River Invite	1/25	Axtell Invite
12/21	Cambridge Invite	2/1	FKC @ Amherst
1/10	Franklin Invite	2/7-8	Districts (TBA)
1/17	Superior Invite	2/18-19	State @ Omaha

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