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Axtell Boys Basketball



Head Coach: Brent Hinrichs, 7th year this time, 14 years total in two stints
Assistant Coaches: Jeff Halvorsen and Craig Lorenz
Class Of Competition: Class D1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 18-7 record, won sub-district, lost in district final to State runner-up Ainsworth
Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Jacob Halvorsen, 5'10, hon. mention all-state; Elijah Bergstrom, 5'8, hon. mention all-state; Cade Axtell, 5'10; Brandt Modlin, 6'1; Noah Branstad, 5'6
Juniors- Reece Hunt, 5'10; Easton Bergstrom, 6'0

Possible Impactful Newcomers: Aydan Houchin, junior, 6'0
Goals: Our team goal is to look to improve every week
Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: We will build on our core of returning two starters (Halvorsen and Elijah Bergstrom). Must develop some depth because we won't be a deep team. There is not a lot of size so we must work very hard rebounding.



AXTELL BOYS BASKETBALL: Varsity Team: Noah Branstad, Conner Strolberg, Aydan Houchin, Warren Myers, Elijah Bergstrom, Brandt Modlin, Reece Hunt, Easton Bergstrom, Jake Halvorsen, and Cade Axtell. JV Team: Nolan Wells, David Sonnenfeld, Alexander Sandman, Elijah Sinack, Kiptyn Swartz, Aiden Orcutt, and Logan Cappel. Coaching Staff: Brent Hinrichs, Jeff Halvorsen, and Craig Lorenz. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Axtell Boys Basketball Season Schedule

12/5 @ Pleasanton	1/18 LAWRENCE-NELSON
12/6 BERTRAND	1/21 ARAPAHOE
12/10 @ Sil. Lake (Roseland)	1/24 @ Wilcox-Hildreth
12/13 OVERTON	1/30 FRANKLIN
12/14 @ Harvard	2/1-8 FKC Tourney
12/19 ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD	2/11 LOOMIS
12/20 @ Amherst	2/14 @ Southwest (Bartley)
12/27-28 AXT. HOLIDAY TRNY	2/21 SOUTHERN VALLEY
1/3 @ Kenesaw	2/24,25,27 Sub-District
1/10 @ SEM (Sumner)	3/1 or 3 or 4 Sub-State
1/11 ALMA	3/12,13,14,15 State @ Lincoln
1/16 @ Elm Creek	



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Axtell Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Brian Hubbert
Assistant Coaches: Jade Olson and Keegan Lindner
Class Of Competition: Class D1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 3-19 record
Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Jerzee Smidt, 5'7, 2.5 ppg; Cadie

Nickel, 5'6, 3.8 ppg;

Juniors- Emily Danburg, 5'6, 11.4 ppg, 3rd team all-FKC

Sophomores- Morgan Hawkins, 5'9, 2.7 ppg; Bristol Thorell, 5'10; Ashlynn Nelson, 5'7

Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: 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. Elm Creek, Wilcox-Hildreth and SEM all have quality basketball teams, 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: Nicole Arner, Mina Schilling, Emily Danburg, Jerzee Smidt, Cadie Nickel, Maddie Wells, Emma Hall, and Gabbi Robinson. Back Row: Ashlynn Nelson, Stephanie Cederburg, Ella Lorenz, Allison Fulmer, Leah Stritt, Morgan Hawkins, Brooklyn DeJonge, Bristol Thorell, and Coach Brian Hubbert. Not pictured: Coach Jade Olson and Coach Keegan Lindner. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Axtell Girls Basketball Season Schedule

12/5 @ Pleasanton	1/16 @ Elm Creek
12/6 BERTRAND	1/18 LAWRENCE-NELSON
12/10 @ Sil. Lake (Roseland)	1/21 ARAPAHOE
12/13 OVERTON	1/24 @ Wilcox-Hildreth
12/14 @ Harvard	1/30 FRANKLIN
12/19 ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD	2/1-8 FKC Tourney
12/20 @ Amherst	2/11 LOOMIS
12/27-28 AXTELL TRNY	2/14 @ Southwest (Bartley)
1/3 @ Kenesaw	2/17,18,20 Sub-District
1/10 @ SEM (Sumner)	2/28 Sub-State
1/11 ALMA	3/5,6,7,8 State @ Lincoln

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Axtell Wrestling



Head Coach: Justin Swedburg, 7th season, 16-30 dual record at Axtell, 33-39 dual record overall including three years at Ord.
Assistant Coaches: Alex Jensen
Class Of Competition: Class D
Last Year's Accomplishments: 4-9 dual record; had a state champ in Taron Lavicky at 165 lb., our second in three years (Jacob Fox in '22)

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Preston LeClair 190, 39-14, State Qualifier; Caleb Kindschuh, 175, 22-21; Luc Lopez, 144, 12-11;
Juniors-Blake Sonnenfeld, 285, 4-4; Sadie Lorenzo (female), 115, 21-20
Sophomores- Kolton Lavicky, 144, 7-9
Potential Contributing Newcomers: Senior: Fletcher Clausen;
Junior-Jacob Stoner

Freshmen- Female--Binzley Walz and Jalena Lorenzo
Male--Tristin Benson, Nick Dahl, Levi Johnson
Season Outlook: The Axtell Wildcat wrestling team will have three returning senior boys leading the way in Preston LeClair, Caleb Kindschuh and Luc Lopez for the '24-'25 season. We return one state qualifier in LeClair. The boys' team will have two other wrestlers returning from last season with varsity experience in Blake Sonnenfeld and Kolton Lavicky. We will also add five newcomers in Tristin Benson, Nick Dahl, Levi Johnson, Fletcher Clausen and Jacob Stoner. The girls' team is excited to return junior Sadie Lorenzo who had a winning record last season and will add two talented freshmen in Binzley Walz and Jalena Lorenzo. There are others around the school who we hope decide to join the team once the season begins.
The majority of our team spent the offseason and summer working on improving their strength and getting mat time through various camps and different wrestling opportunities. If we can spread people out into separate weight classes, stay healthy and improve continuously throughout the year we should field a competitive Class D wrestling team during the upcoming season.
Other: Amherst should be the top team in the Fort Kearny Conference, and around the state (in no particular order) these teams should be near the top: David City Aquinas,

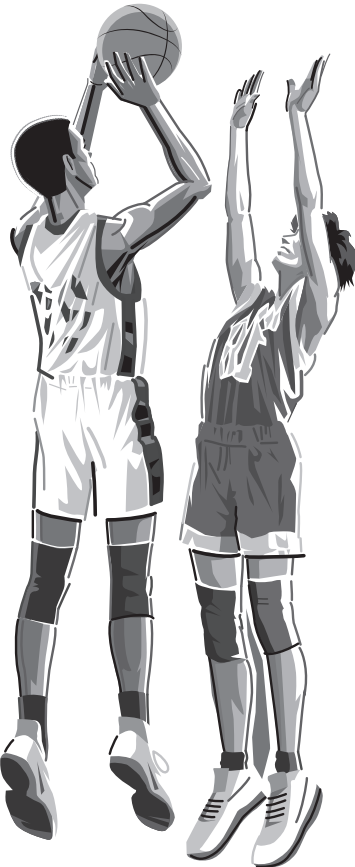
Shelby-Rising City, Plainview, Sutherland and Burwell.

Axtell Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

12/6	@Southwest Inv. @Bartley
12/14	@Wood River Invite
12/21	@Cambridge Invite
1/3	@ Fill. Cent Inv. @Geneva
1/10	@Franklin Invite
1/16	@Ord Invite
1/25	AXTELL INVITE
2/1	FKC @Amherst
2/7-8	B-1 Dist. @ Ord
2/18-19	State @ Omaha



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AXTELL WRESTLING: Front Row: Student Managers Madi Hays, Jerzey Ramirez, Samuel Kindschuh, Connor L'Heureux, Brogan Pittz, Carter Hardenbrook, and Luke Samuelson. Second Row: Binzley Walz, Sadie Lorenzo, Jacob Stoner, Caleb Kindschuh, Preston LeClair, Tristin Benson, Kolton Lavicky, Levi Johnson, Coben Hill, and Nick Dahl. Back Row: Coaches Kim Walz and Alex Jensen. Not pictured: Head Coach Justin Swedburg. (Courier photo by Phil Serrone)

Axtell Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12/6	@Southwest Inv. @Bartley
12/14	@Wood River Invite
12/21	@Cambridge Invite
1/3	@ Fill. Cent Inv. @Geneva
1/10	@Franklin Invite
1/16	@Ord Invite
1/25	AXTELL INVITE
2/1	FKC @Amherst
2/7-8	B-1 Dist. @ Ord
2/18-19	State @ Omaha

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Minden Boys Basketball



Head Coach: Carson Blum, 4th year

Assistant Coaches: Tyler Egenberger and Simon McKenzie

Class Of Competition: Class C1

Last Year's Accomplishments: 10-13 record

Returning Letter-winners: Seniors- Brett Eckhardt, 6'5,

center, 6 ppg, 6 rpg, 1 blockpg; Will Runions, 6'0, guard; Tanner Gibb, 6'1, guard

Juniors- Luke Grollmes, 6'2, forward, 4 ppg, 2.7 rpg; Landon Bules, 6'1, guard

Potential Contributing Newcomers: Traelin Christensen, sophomore, 6'3, forward; Sam Row-

an, junior, 6'1, guard; Carter Frecks, senior, 5'9, guard; Jackson Armstrong, junior, 5'11, guard; Ambrose Bloomfield, junior, 6'0, guard

Goals: 1. Be a great teammate; 2. Improve each day in practice; 3. Top half of the Southwest Conference. Being a great teammate day in and day out is of utmost importance this year. We have a good mix of upper and under- classmen, and it will be important to gel with one another on a daily basis. Improving every day in practice will give our players the confidence to compete with anyone in our conference. Our seniors have already done a great job of instilling confidence in our young guys and are preparing them for the tough competition we will see in the SWC this year.

Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: The strength of our team will be on the defensive side of the ball. We fully feel that the kids have grasped what we're trying to do on that end of

the floor and every single kid has bought in. Offensively, we will have to shoot a much better percentage from the three-point line and the free throw line this year as a group. Hopefully the work the kids put in in the offseason will pay dividends during the season.

Our depth and lack of varsity experience is a concern for us this year. But the players know what is expected of them every time they step on the floor. As coaches, we will have to instill the confidence needed to succeed night in and night out!

Our kids have worked hard over the summer and over the last couple of months to have a successful basketball season at Minden. Watching them WANT to work on fundamentals like ball handling and shooting is exciting to see as a coach.

We are excited for the upcoming season and can't wait to get started.

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Boys and Girls Wrestling



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Minden Boys Basketball



MINDEN BOYS BASKETBALL: Front Row: William Masters, Zack Klabunde, Jack Widdifield, Cole Schwenka, Cohen Schmidt, Travler Pearson, Luke Craig, Turner Schmidt, Andrew Runions, Patrick Clark, and Drew Craig. Back Row: Coach Simon McKenzie, Coach Tyler Egenberger, Jackson Armstrong, Will Runions, Landon Bules, Tanner Gibb, Luke Grollmes, Brett Eckhardt, Andrei Ureche, Traelin Christensen, Jack Scheibel, Sam Rowan, Ambrose Bloomfield, and Coach Carson Blum. Not pictured: Bryson Knott, Colton Riley, and Kyler Wilson. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Minden Boys Basketball Season Schedule

12/5 @Southern Valley	1/21 @St. Paul
12/7 OGALLALA	1/24 @Holdrege
12/10 LEXINGTON	1/27-2/1 SWC Trny
12/12 @Broken Bow	2/7 COZAD
12/17 @Central City	2/8 GOTHENBURG
12/19 ELM CREEK	2/11 ADAMS CENTRAL
12/27-28 GICC Trny	2/13 @Wood River
1/7 BEATRICE	2/22 @Hastings High
1/10 @Valentine	2/24,25,27 Subdistricts
1/14 RAVENNA	3/1,3 or 4 Dist. Finals
1/16 HAST. ST. CECILIA	3/12-15 State @Lincoln
1/18 @McCook	

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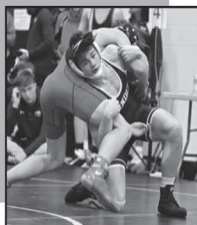
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Minden Girls Basketball



MINDEN GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front Row: Kinley Strong, Samantha Jorgensen, Sophie Birkestrand, Lauren Starkey, Brynn Smith, Jaelyn Trew, Blakeleigh Harsin, and Riley Strong. Second Row: Coach Lisa Wagner, Lincoln Maulsby, Mia Fritzsche, Gabbie Lee, Lucilla Selva, Navi Lennemann, Kaleigh Carr, Riley Eden, and Coach Allie Prososki. Back Row: Coach Taylor Maulsby, Kate Boudreau, Myla Emery, Makenna Starkey, Makenna Betty, Kinsie Land, Mattie Kamery, Carmin Gramke, and Coach Aaron Martin. Not pictured: KayLynn Jorgensen. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Minden Girls Basketball Season Schedule

12/5	@ Southern Valley	1/16	HAST. ST. CECILIA
12/7	OGALLALA	1/18	@ McCook
12/10	LEXINGTON	1/21	@ St. Paul
12/12	@ Broken Bow	1/24	@ Holdrege
12/17	@ Central City	1/28-2/1	SWC Tourney
12/19	ELM CREEK	2/7	COZAD
12/27-28	@ GICC Tourney	2/8	GOTHENBURG
1/7	BEATRICE	2/13	@ Wood River
1/10	@ Valentine	2/17,18,20	Sub-District
1/11	Showcase vs. Oakland-Craig @ Kearney High	2/28	Sub-State
1/14	RAVENNA	3/5,6,7,8	State @ Lincoln



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Minden Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Taylor Maulsby, 7th season, 97-55, 12th year overall coaching

Assistant Coaches: Aaron Martin, Lisa Wagner, Allie Prososki

Class Of Competition: Class C1 (District C1-9)

Last Year's Accomplishments: 20-4 record; Southwest Conference regular season and tournament champions; District champions; lost to Bridgeport first round at State Tournament; ended season ranked fifth in C1 by state media

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Mattie Kamery, 5'9", 15.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg, 2.7 apg, 2.7 spg, 4-year starter, 2nd team C1 All State, 1st team SWC, 1st team Kearney Hub and Hastings Tribune; Kinsie Land, 5'10", 10.6 ppg, 9.1 rpg, 1.5 apg, 2.8 spg, 4-year starter, 2nd team SWC, 3rd team Kearney Hub and Hastings Tribune; Makenna Starkey,

5'11", 6.4 ppg, 4.8 rpg, 2-year starter, hon. mention Kearney Hub; Makenna Betty, 6'0", 5.0 ppg, 4.2 rpg, 2-year starter, hon. mention Kearney Hub; Kate Boudreau, 5'8"; Carmin Gramke, 5'8"; Brynn Smith, 5'5"

Juniors- Myla Emery, 5'10", 11.3 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 3.0 apg, 2.6 spg, 3-year starter, 2nd team SWC, 3rd team Kearney Hub and Hastings Tribune; KayLynn Jorgensen, 5'4", 3.3 ppg, 1.1 rpg

Newcomers that will potentially contribute: Lauren Starkey, junior, 5'4"; Riley Eden, freshman, 5'7"; Kaleigh Carr, freshman, 5'8"

Goals/Outlook: The Minden Whippets are really excited and looking forward to the 2024-25 season. The team is returning five starters and the top six leading scorers from last season. It all starts with our senior class. They are a very talented, deep and experienced group who will need to lead this team on and off the court. Strengths start on the defensive end. We are very long and athletic at all five positions. Our goal is to speed up our opposition, turn them over, and not give them any comfortable looks. Our team is at its best when we can get out in the open floor where we have a lot of

playmakers who share the ball really well. My goal for our team is to become better outside shooters and just be more efficient in a half court setting. The keys to the season are to find more depth, stay healthy, and continue to improve individual skills and give great effort on both ends of the floor. I am excited about the makeup of this team and there should be a lot of competition for playing time which will make everyone better. The girls have very high expectations and we look forward to pushing to achieve them. The girls have all had great success in their fall sports and we look forward to seeing how those seasons finish up.

Expected top teams in C1: Lincoln Christian, Clarkson/Leigh, Columbus Scotus, Battle Creek, Milford, Malcolm, Gothenburg

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Minden Boys Wrestling

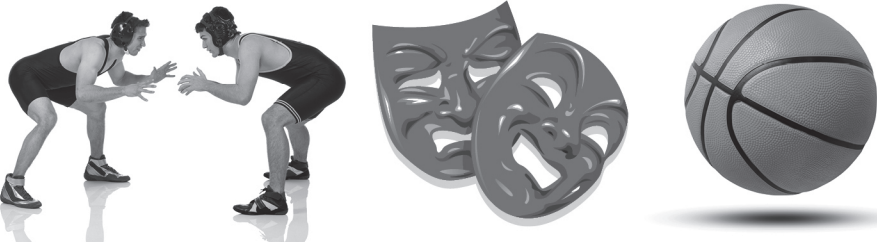
Minden Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12/6	MINDEN TRI	1/23	@Central City
12/7	@York Inv.	1/24	@UNK Inv.
12/12	WOOD RIVER	1/25	@Lexington Inv.
12/14	@Holdrege Inv.	2/1	@Raymond Centr. Inv
12/19	@Gothenburg	2/6	SWC @Gothenburg
12/21	Boone Cent. Inv. @Albion	2/8	State Duals @Kearney
1/7	@Aurora	2/15	C-3 Dist. @Summerland
1/11	@Central City Inv.		@Ewing
1/17	MINDEN INV.	2/20-22	State @Omaha



MINDEN BOYS WRESTLING: Front Row: Owen Gillming, Mason Johnson, Harrison Reed, Chad Teel, Cade Harsin, Koltdyn Heath, Isaac Reed, and Byron Kring. Second Row: George Hurt, Zacheriah Beck, Braxton Hatch, Brody Sexton, Orrin Kuehn, Frank Kovacs, Parker Hatch, Robert Nelson, and Caleb Schwenka. Back Row: Aaron Nielsen, Evan Lutkemeier, Judah Beounnah, Drew Seiler, Sage Saunders, Christian Sorensen, Cael Smith, and Kanin Heath. Not pictured: Justin Bernshausen, Dylan Hernandez, Adrian Keys, and Sebastian Sharkey. (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

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Head Coach: Katon Gracey, 7 years
Assistant Coaches: Heath Wragge, Austin Olson, Lige Reed, Greg Seiler and Daulton Kuehn
Class Of Competition: Class C

Last Year's Accomplishments: NSAA Class C State Dual runner-up; 5th place at the NSAA State individual tournament
Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Orrin Kuehn, 47-2, STATE CHAMP; Harrison Reed, 21-20; Koltdyn Heath, 45-7, 3rd at state; Braxton Hatch, 24-12, state qualifier; Cade Harsin, 39-11, 6th at State; Robert Nelson (did not compete in '23-'24 due to injury)
Juniors- Brody Sexton, 8-18;

Sophomores- Parker Hatch, 11-15; Kanin Heath, 19-18; Caleb Schwenka, 9-24; Cael Smith, 21-19; Sage Saunders, 0-16; Evan Lutkemeier, 32-12, state qualifier
Possible Impactful Newcomers: Freshmen- Byron Kring, Isaac Reed, Drew Seiler
Goals: Our team goal this year is to have the best year our team has had. Last year the team was runner-up at State Duals and 5th at the State Tournament. Orrin Kuehn was a state champion, and the team looks to add more to the list of state champs.
Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: Our strength as a team is that the wrestlers are great on their feet. This year takedowns are 3 points instead of 2, so we look to capitalize on that rule change.
Other: We spent the month of June at camps across the state.

Minden Girls Wrestling



Head Coach: Jhett Ostrom, 4th year
Assistant Coaches: Macie Oertle and Milly Jacobsen

Last Year's Accomplishments: One tournament championship, two state qualifiers
Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Xitlali Nunez, 110lb. class, previous state qualifier; Myia Hofaker, 110, '23 qualifier, career major decisions school record holder; Aliena Osterbuhr, 120, 3X state qualifier, school records for season and career wins, pins, tech falls and takedowns; Aubree Bules, 125; Addison Brown, 135; Trinity Carr, 145; Maliyah Melroy, 170; Isabel Serrano, 190; Cheyenne Vahl, 235
Juniors- Madeline Kring, 140
Sophomores- Ashlyn Zerr, 105; Myka Peterson, 130; Autumn

Johnson, 155
Remaining Teammates: Junior-Cheyenne Vahl; **Sophomores-** Lauren Starkey, Brooklyn



MINDEN GIRLS WRESTLING: Front Row: Trinity Carr, Aubree Bules, Mia Melroy, Aliena Osterbuhr, and Cheyenne Vahl. Second Row: Aclynn Osterbuhr, Marlie Petersen, Addison Brown, Xitlali Nunez, Myia Hofaker, Isabel Serrano, Annika Soelberg, and Bailey Alkire. Third Row: Coach Macie Oertle, Madalyn Morey, Madeline Kring, Ashlynn Zerr, Victoria Hansen, Zoey Seiler, Kassandra Fetterolf, Jade Melroy, and Coach Jhett Ostrom. Back Row: Myka Petersen, Emma Goodrich, Nyayah Riek, Cristal Gonzalez, and Autumn Johnson (Courier photo by Cindy Ramsey)

Minden Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

12/5	@Gr. Island High	1/9	Columbus Inv. @CCC
12/7	@Kearney High	1/14	@McCook Tri
12/12	@Wood River	1/17	@Ord
12/14	@Crete Invite	1/23	@Central City
12/17	@Axtell	1/24	@Lexington Inv.
12/19	@Gothenburg	1/30	State Duals @ West Point
12/20-21	Flatwater Fracas	2/6	SWC @Gothenburg
	@Heartland Events Ctr.-Gr. Isl.	2/7-8	B-2 Dist. @Falls City
1/7	@Aurora	2/18-19	State @Omaha

Workman, Isabelle Martin, Alyssa Johnson
Possible Impact Newcomers: We will have 10 freshmen this season, many of which will be featured in the varsity lineup. Most notable will be Keira Crane, who picked up offseason wins over Colorado club state champions, and Marlie Peterson, who finished fifth at AAU state.
Goals: Our goals are to earn hardware at State and at NSWCA Girls State Duals Tournament Championship. The strength and depth across the entire lineup puts us in a great position to push each other and raise the level of expectation for the program.
Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: We will have to bring our 10 freshmen up to speed and prepare them for high school wrestling right away, as they are all extremely talented and will be great wrestlers once they understand the step up in competition going from middle school to high school. The leadership of our nine seniors will play a pivotal role in how that happens. This summer a group traveled to Western State University for a 5-day camp with live wrestling and technique taught by collegiate coaches.
Other: Watch out for Aliena Osterbuhr this year. While she is not "under the radar" as a 3X state qualifier, being seconds away from a state medal last year is driving her to be the best wrestler she can be. Keira Crane will have to prove herself as a freshman, but she is intense, tough and demands perfection of herself. Her work ethic will turn heads immediately.



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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Basketball



Head Coach: Cody Whipkey, 10th year

Assistant Coach: Andrew Warner

Class Of Competition: Class D2

Last Year's Accomplishments: 16-10 record; 4th place finish at FKC tournament for the second year in a row; Lost to eventual state champ Overton in the subdistrict finals; Earned a wildcard berth to the District finals where the Falcons lost to Plainview and came up just short of a State tournament berth

Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Cara Bunger, 6'0, guard/forward, 8.4 ppg, 5.2 rpg, 3.0 spg, 3rd team FKC; Katelyn Bunger, 5'11, guard/forward, 7.5 ppg, 4.4 rpg;

Madison Bunger, 6'0, forward/post, 12.9 ppg, 9.7 rpg, 3.8 spg, 3.5 blks pg, 1st team FKC; Reagan Johnson, 5'7, forward, 1.8 ppg, 2.3 rpg

Juniors- Cheyenne Lieb, 5'4, guard, 3.0 ppg, 1.8 rpg

Sophomores- Madison Sheen, 5'8, guard, 2.9 ppg, 1.5 rpg; Chloe Johnson, 5'6, guard, 1.0 ppg, 1.2 rpg

Remaining Teammates: Junior- Kamryn Russell, 5'6, forward; **Freshmen:** Camryn Bunger, 5'8, guard/forward; Ona Wilsey, 5'4, guard

Goals: Expectations for the '24-'25 season are extremely high. We will return all seven players from last season, have four seniors on the roster and gain a player in the incoming freshmen class who will make an immediate impact. One of our goals will

be to make the finals of the conference tournament after coming up short in the semi-finals the past two seasons. Our biggest goal will be to make a return to the State Tournament, something we have done only once in school history ('22-'23).

Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: The biggest strength of our team will be how experienced we are, as all seven players on last year's team were letterwinners and started multiple games. Playing in the second toughest conference in all of Class D2 last year prepared us to play in challenging games. If we are going to take the next step as a team, we are going to need to become a better shooting team.

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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Basketball Season Schedule

12/5 @Hi-Line	1/14 @Elm Creek
12/6 SEM	1/17 LOOMIS
12/13 @Alma	1/18 ANSLEY-LITCHFIELD
12/14 SHELTON	1/24 AXTELL
12/17 RED CLOUD	1/25 @Amherst
12/19 @Arapahoe	1/28 @Silver Lake
12/21 @Pleasanton	1/31 @Franklin
12/28 & 30 HOLIDAY TRNY w/ HAMPTON, HARVARD, KENESAW	2/1-8 FKC Tourney
1/4 DONIPHAN-TRUMBULL	2/11 OVERTON
1/7 BERTRAND	2/17,18,20 Subdistricts
1/10 @Kenesaw	2/28 District Finals
	3/5-8 State @Lincoln



WILCOX-HILDRETH GIRLS BASKETBALL: Front Row: Chloe Johnson, Madison Sheen, Cheyenne Lieb, Ona Wilsey, and Kamryn Russell. Back Row: Cara Bunger, Camryn Bunger, Madison Bunger, Katelyn Bunger, and Reagan Johnson. Not pictured: Head Coach Cody Whipkey and Assistant Coach Andrew Warner. (Courtesy photo Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)



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Wilcox-Hildreth Boys Wrestling



Co-Head Coaches: Aaron Pistulka, 8th season, and Justin Patterson
Class Of Competition: Class D (District D-2)

Last Year's Accomplishments: Four state qualifiers, two who medalled-- Graiden Ritner (3rd) and Gavin Patterson (6th). The other two--Brody Patterson and Cauy Twohig
Returning Letterwinners: Seniors- Gavin Patterson, 132, 42-13, 6th at state; Graiden Ritner, 165, 50-4, 3rd at state; Eli Pistulka, 144, 17-9
Juniors- Brody Patterson, 138, 40-10, state qualifier; Cauy Twohig, 150, 31-16, state qualifier; Brandon

Wagner, 190
Sophomores- Kyler Masters, 126, 29-24; William Welsh,144; Damien Campbell, 157; Brett Woollen, 175; Craig Bunger, 285
Incoming Freshmen: Micah Eiley, 106; Drake Ritner, 138; Jacob Jezbera, 215
Outlook/Strengths/Weaknesses: Everyone except freshmen lettered last year. Kyler had a great year as a freshman and should be a contributor to our team this year. Elijah is looking to finish out his high school career strong after dealing with various injuries. Brody and Cauy will both look to build off their seasons as state qualifiers. Graiden and Gavin both look to better their state meet finishes from last year.



WILCOX-HILDRETH BOYS WRESTLING: Front Row: Kyler Masters, Damien Campbell, Cauy Twohig, Brody Patterson, Eli Pistulka, and Brett Woollen. Back Row: Coach Aaron Pistulka, Graiden Ritner, Craig Bunger, Brandon Wagner, William Welsh, Gavin Patterson, and Coach Justin Patterson. Not pictured: Drake Ritner and Mikah Eiley. (Courtesy photo Wilcox-Hildreth Public Schools)

Wilcox-Hildreth Boys Wrestling Season Schedule

12/7 @Broken Bow	1/24 So. Loup Invite @Callaway
12/13 @Southern Valley Inv.	1/25 @Neligh-Oakdale Invite
12/17 @Axtell Invite	1/31 TRI. w/ALMA and WEEPING WATER
12/21 @Cambridge Invite	
1/2 @Axtell Tri. w/Kenesaw	2/1 @Doniphan-Trumbull
1/11 @Amherst Invite	2/6 FKC/TVC Trny @Shelton
1/16 TRI. w/NELIGH-OAKDALE and LOOMIS	2/8 State Duals @Kearney
	2/14-15 D-2 DISTRICT @WILCOX
1/17 @SEM Invite	2/20-22 State @Omaha
1/23 Tri. @Brady w/Hi-Line	

As a newcomer, Cauy has the potential to contribute to our team. This year will be another great year to pay attention to Wilcox-Hildreth wrestling! We have had a fantastic off season with almost our entire team attending the Oklahoma State Wrestling camp. Open mat time was well attended and they were busy in the weight room. We have a great group of upperclassmen on the roster. We have four returning state qualifiers with two being medalists. I see no reason we won't improve on those numbers. This group of seniors is a great group and it should be a fun year. As to who could be the top teams in our class, we (coaches) don't really pay attention to that, to start the year anyway. We just focus on our kids.

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Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Wrestling



Head Coach: Melissa Myers, 2nd year
Last Year's Accomplishments: Last year was the first year for girls' wrestling at Wilcox-Hildreth
Returning Letterwinners: Juniors- Dinah Culp, 105 lb.
Remaining Teammates: Ayva Bendorf, 120; Maddalynn Mulinde, 125

Outlook: I am excited for the second year of girls' wrestling at W-HHS. We have one returning wrestler, junior Dinah Culp, who ended the season last year with an injury so we are looking forward to having her back to see what she can accomplish. We have two freshmen, Ayva Bendorf and Maddalynn Mulinde, who have decided to join the team. I am eager to see how these two do throughout the season.



WILCOX-HILDRETH GIRLS WRESTLING: Head Coach Melissa Myers, Ayva Bendorf, Dinah Culp, Madalynn Mulinde, and student manager Elin Patterson. (Courtesy photo)

Wilcox-Hildreth Girls Wrestling Season Schedule

12/6 @Southwest Inv. (Bartley)	1/18 @Shelton Invite
12/14 @Wood River Invite	1/25 @Axtell Invite
12/17 @Axtell Invite	1/31 TRI w/ALMA, WEEPING WATER
12/21 @Cambridge Invite	
1/10 @Franklin Invite	2/1 FKC @Amherst
1/16 TRI w/NELIGH-OAKDALE and LOOMIS	2/7-8 B-1 Dist. @Ord
	2/18-19 State @Omaha
1/17 @Superior	

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