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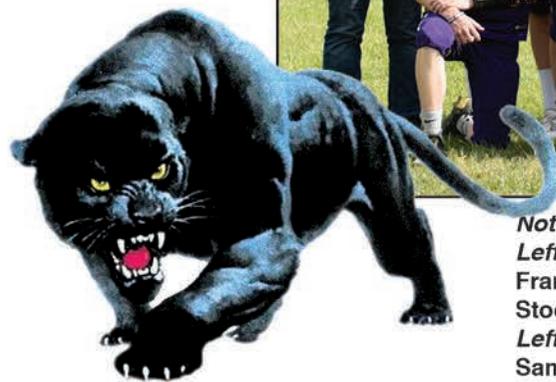
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New team, new personality

Saratoga Panthers field large nine-man team

by Mike Armstrong

"We are probably considered underdogs right now," Logan Wright, head football coach of the Saratoga Panthers said. "That means we might be overlooked, but we have two strong seniors in Geoffrey

(Johnson) and Alex (Irby), and a lot of good juniors and sophomores. So maybe we are underdogs and we get it." This is Wright's 4th year as coach of the Saratoga Panthers. "Our offensive line is young. It is pretty much all juniors and sophomores, but we have kids that can run the ball," Wright said. "We will work on fundamentals as we approach games."

He said although last year the team was known for getting the big play, he wants to concentrate on defense and wear down teams in the first half. "Hopefully the big plays will come eventually, but I think the 1st half will be a concentration of making teams work hard to score against us," Wright said. "Then the 2nd half, if we have done our job, the big plays can be more a part of

our game." Wright has a goal for the team to win more games than they did last year. "I think we can do it," Wright said. "Our competitive nature as a team, I believe would beat the team we had last year, even with the standout players we had." He said it is a new team with a new personality.

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A deep bench for Saratoga

Lady Panthers grow ranks for the 2021/2022 season

by Micky Jones

The Saratoga Lady Panther volleyball team has almost doubled in size this year with twenty-two players and one manager. With a large incoming freshman class of 11, there are many new faces

to the team. Getting more than just drills in during early practice, the Lady Panthers are finding their strengths with live scrimaggies. With two upcoming tournaments for the weekend, both varsity and Junior Varsity the volleyball season is off to a fast start.

The Lady Panthers are focusing heavily on defense and other basic skills.

“If you can play defensively, a team offense will come on its own.” said Head Coach Shayley Love.

Early on, serving is one skill the Lady Panthers plan to have solidified for the whole season.

“Had we served better in our regional game last year we would have made it to the state tournament” said Love. Making

improvements and finding their strengths early on, the Lady Panthers hope to make an appearance at the state level.

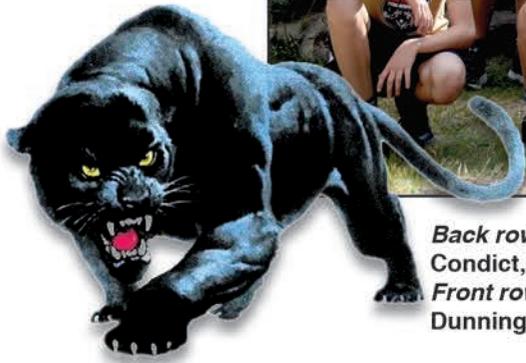
After a difficult year for all sports last year, the Lady Panthers are excited to move ahead. “We want to go forward and have the best season we can after COVID-19” said Love.

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Panthers



Back row left to right: Grady Bartlett, Aspen Sewell, Milan Scott, Zane Butler, Bennett Keel, Kelton Johnson, Calvin Condict, Douglas Anderson, Marilee Williams, Rhiwan Williams and Grant Bartlett.
Front row left to right: Eli Williams, Anthony Campbell, Madi Rodriguez, Madi Teichman, Jaden Campbell, Madi Dunning, Ashley Finney, Jett Arney and Zoe Butler

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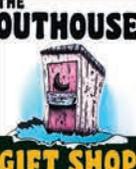
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Saratoga hitting the ground running

Cross country teams look to meet or exceed last year's state runner-up placing

by Joshua Wood

Fall is in the air, which means the long-distance runners of Saratoga are kicking it into high gear for the 2021/2022 cross country season.

Head Coach Rex Hohnholt has six returning runners and six new runners

for high school, with eight middle school athletes providing a future for the program. On the men's side, two-time state champion Grant Bartlett returns with two-time state runner-up Grady Bartlett. Calvin Condict and Kelton Johnson also return. On the women's side, Marilee Williams, who placed 5th at the 2A State Championship last year, returns with Jaden Campbell.

The women's team also adds an

experienced runner with recent arrival Madi Teichman and freshman Milan Scott, Rhiwan Williams and Aspen Sewell.

"Both teams finished second last year and they know they will have to perform their best when it counts the most for us to move up one slot to take that State Championship," said Hohnholt.

With the Bartlett twins only juniors and defending a back-to-back championship

and runner-up placing, Hohnholt says the two know the competition will be fierce.

"They will both tell you that it will be a challenge to hold those same positions at the state cross country championships as there are some pretty talented returning lettermen this year," Hohnholt said. "At the same time, I would tell you that the two of them are as competitive as anyone I have ever coached so I would say good luck trying to dethrone the two of them."

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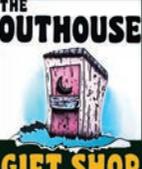
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Tigers target postseason

Encampment football eager to return to playoffs this year

by Joshua Wood

Last season, the Encampment Tigers took to the field with a varsity schedule for the first time in three decades. When they did, they came out with a roar as they made it to the

semi-final round of the six-man playoffs. Encampment's six-man program, which received district support last November, appears to still be doing strong as Head Coach Kegan Willford has 18 student athletes out for football this year.

"We did lose some valuable seniors last year but we have seven seniors on our roster this season," said Willford. "The seniors have done a great job stepping up and taking the

leadership roles this year and I expect that to continue throughout the season."

When the Tigers' season came to an end last year, it was due to a one-point loss to the eventual state champions, the Farson-Eden Pronghorns. According to Willford, Encampment is using that as they head into this season.

"We feel like we can learn a lot from last year's loss in the semi-finals and continue

to build from there. Since this is our third year of football at Encampment, I feel like we have upperclassmen that have gained valuable experience that is going to help us be competitive this season," Willford said. "We also had a great summer that included going to team camp, a summer weight program and workouts in the field. With all of this, one of our main goals is to get back to the postseason."

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The Lady Tigers have already hit the court as they hosted a game on August 28.

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Lady Tigers ready to start

Encampment volleyball eager for season

by Micky Jones

Encampment Lady Tiger Volleyball season is here with games already starting the first week of school. Speaking with Head Coach Robin Brown before the August 28 game, she

explained the team is hoping to have 10 players this year. Nine players were set to play. A young team with a lot of court experience, the Lady Tigers are excited to start the season early.

"It's always nice to start off the year with a team from the same school district" said Brown. Speaking about the season thus far, Brown mentioned,

with only one senior, the juniors on the team have stepped into a leadership role. This has helped the younger players adjust to the high school level. Focusing on communication and celebration, the young team has a great environment to grow into.

"As a team we want to emphasize doing everything as a group, not six

individuals on the court" said Brown when asked the Lady Tigers' goals for the season.

Having players with Jr. High and Varsity experience makes the postseason something to be excited for. Hopefully big things come from the Lady Tigers with a chance to prove their hard work this early season at Saturday's game.

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Miners



Not pictured Howard Bame
 Left to Right Front Row
 Tom Wagner, Anthony Solaas, Jared Nelson, Quinn Felton
 Left to Right Back Row
 Cody Priest, Rayce Ward, Joseph Borah, Jesse Deegan, Dylan Romero,
 Aaron Barron, Kyle Proffit

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Setting goals and achieving them

HEM football roster small but determined

by Mike Armstrong

Zack Scott, Head Coach for the Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Miners football team knows the team this year does not have a bench with a lot of players to utilize. He does feel good that there are a few returning seniors this year to give leadership to

the younger members. In the case of many 1A schools, there are not a lot of boys on the team.

Scott doesn't care how many players he has to work with though. What is important is the heart and will of the team to do their very best.

HEM will face Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) as their first test of the season. Two years ago the Rattlers

played the Miners for the six man state championship. Both teams have gone through changes since then.

"We are young and inexperienced," Scott said. "We are building for the future. It is about effort and attitude. Really, truly, it is about a lot of new kids setting goals and doing their best to achieving them."

Scott said he has some amazing kids and that is what makes him happy to

coach.

Dylan Romero, a senior, is the quarterback this year. Joseph Borah, another senior, is injured but hoping to get back into the game sometime in September. Aaron Barron is a senior who is playing for HEM football for the first time.

"These are quality kids and I am proud of them," Scott said.

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Not pictured- T'lysa Solaas, Jolyn Borah
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Lady Miners stay competitive

HEM volleyball sees new leadership in new season

by Mike Armstrong

The Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Lady Miner volleyball team, led by new coach Teira Scott, is looking forward to the season. This is a young team, but is not without

seniors who know what they have to do stay competitive.

The Lady Miners will certainly miss the Campbell twins and Taylor Scott, who were all co-captains. Their graduation left a void that would difficult for any team to fill. It will be up to seniors Rainey Wilson and T'lyssa Solaas to show the newer girls the way.

Scott is proud of the team when it

does not win.

"The girls stay optimistic and positive with each other even when it isn't easy with scoring going in the wrong direction," Scott said. "They understand the concept of team and that is valuable."

Scott credits former volleyball coach Jackie Jones for leaving a strong system for her to work with.

"Jackie did a legendary job here and I want to continue the tradition," Scott said.

HEM will be testing itself early going to a tournament the first week of September.

"This is a good team," Scott said. "We just have to learn how good we are as the season progresses."

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Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Saratoga	
Friday, September 3	Wyoming Indian	Saratoga	6:30 pm
Friday, September 10	Moorcroft	Moorcroft	2:00 pm
Friday, September 17	Pine Bluffs	Saratoga	6:00 pm
Friday, September 25	St. Stephens	St. Stephens	1:00 pm
Friday, October 1	Lingle-Fort Laramie	Saratoga	6:00 pm
Friday, October 8	Southeast	Southeast	6:00 pm
Friday, October 15	Wright	Wright	6:00 pm
Friday, October 22	Lusk	Saratoga	5:00 pm

ENCAMPMENT TIGERS Football



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Encampment	
Saturday, August 23	Encampment Jamboree	Encampment	Noon
Friday, September 3	Midwest	Midwest	6:00 pm
Friday, September 10	Little Snake River	Baggs	4:00 pm
Tuesday, September 14	North Park (JV game)	Encampment	4:00 pm
Saturday, September 18	Farson-Eden	Encampment	2:00 pm
Friday, October 1	Meeteetse	Meeteetse	3:00 pm
Friday, October 9	HEM HS	Hanna	2:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Dubois	Encampment	2:00 pm
Friday, October 22	Burlington	Burlington	2:00 pm

HEM Miners Football



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Hanna	TBA
Saturday, September 4	Little Snake River Valley	Baggs	2:00 pm
Saturday, September 11	Cheyenne East	Cheyenne	Noon
Saturday, September 18	Natrona County	Casper	10:00 am
Saturday, September 25	Guernsey	Hanna	Noon
Friday, October 1	Midwest	Midwest	6:00 pm
Saturday, October 9	Encampment (Homecoming)	Hanna	2:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Hulett @ Midwest	Midwest	2:00 pm
Saturday, October 23	Kaycee	Hann	Noon
Saturday, October 30	State Playoffs Begin	TBA	TBA

LSRV Rattlers Football



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Baggs	TBA
Saturday, September 4	HEM	Baggs	2:00 pm
Friday, September 10	Encampment	Baggs	4:00 pm
Friday, September 17	Burlington	Burlington	2:00 pm
Saturday, September 25	Dubois	Baggs	2:00 pm
Saturday, October 9	Meeteese	Baggs	2:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Natrona Sophomores	Casper	10:00 am
Saturday, October 23	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	2:00 pm
Friday, October 29	First Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Friday, November 5	Second Round Playoffs	TBA	TBA
Friday, November 12	Championship Game	TBA	TBA

SARATOGA Panthers Cross Country



Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Saratoga	TBA	Friday, September 24	Shanna Ward Memorial Invite	Saratoga	TBA
Friday, August 27	KW Beartrap	Casper	TBA	Friday, October 1	Wheatland Invite	Wheatland	TBA
Thursday, September 4	Lander Invite	Lander	TBA	Friday, October 8	Cheyenne East Invite	Cheyenne	TBA
Saturday, September 11	Liberty Bell Invite	Littleton, CO	TBA	Friday, October 15	Simulated Race	Saratoga	TBA
Friday, September 17	Rawlins Invite	Sinclair	TBA	Saturday, October 23	State Championship	Ethete	TBA



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Saratoga	
Saturday, August 28	Riverton Invite	Riverton	TBA
Saturday, September 4	Wind River Invite	Pavillion	TBA
Thursday, September 9	Little Snake River	Saratoga	4:00 pm
Friday, September 10	Rock River	Rock River	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 14	HEM HS	Saratoga	5:00 pm
Saturday, Septmeber 18	Farson-Eden	Saratoga	4:30 pm
Friday, September 24	Little Snake River	Baggs	4:00 pm
Saturday, September 25	Cokeville	Cokeville	11:00 am
Friday, October 1 & Saturday October 2	Thermopolis Invite	Thermopolis	TBA
Thursday, October 7	Encampment	Saratoga	5:00 pm
Friday, October 8	Southeast	Yoder	1:00 pm
Saturday, October 9	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	TBA
Tuesday, October 12	HEM HS	Hanna	5:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Cokeville	Saratoga	1:00 pm
Thursday, October 21	Encampment	Encampment	5:00 pm
Friday, October 22	Lusk	Saratoga	1:00 pm
Friday, October 29 & Saturday, October 30	Regional Volleyball	Lander	TBA
Thursday November 4 - Saturday November 6	State Volleyball	Casper	TBA



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Encampment	
Saturday, August 28	HEM HS	Encampment	Noon
Friday, September 3 & Saturday, September 4	Wyoming Indian Tournament	Ethete	TBA
Saturday, September 11	Little Snake River	Encampment	Noon
Friday, September 17	Rock River	Rock River	5:00 pm
Saturday, September 18	Farson-Eden	Encampment	10:00 am
Friday, September 24	HEM HS	Hanna	4:00 pm
Saturday, September 25	Cokeville	Cokeville	2:00 pm
Friday, October 1 & Saturday, October 2	Thermopolis Invitaional	Thermopolis	TBA
Tuesday, October 5	North Park	Walden	4:30 pm
Thursday, October 7	Saratoga	Saratoga	5:00 pm
Saturday, October 9	Farson-Eden	Farson	2:00 pm
Thursday, October 14	Rock River	Encampment	4:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Cokeville	Encampment	10:00 am
Thursday, October 21	Saratoga	Encampment	5:00 pm
Friday, October 22	Little Snake River	Baggs	4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 26	North Park	Encampment	4:30 pm
Friday, October 29 & Saturday, October 30	Regional Volleyball	Lander	TBA
Thursday November 4 - Saturday November 6	State Volleyball	Casper	TBA



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Hanna	
Saturday, August 28	Encampment	Encampment	Noon
Friday, September 3 & Saturday, September 4	Wyoming Indian Tournament	Pavillion	TBA
Friday, September 10	Guernsey	Guernsey	4:30 pm
Tuesday, September 14	Saratoga	Saratoga	5:00 pm
Friday, September 17	Little Snake River Valley	Baggs	4:30 pm
Saturday, September 18	Rock River	Rock River	11:00 am
Friday, September 24	Encampment	Hanna	4:00 pm
Saturday, September 25	Lusk Invitational	Lusk	TBA
Friday, October 1	Guernsey	Hanna	4:00 pm
Thursday, October 7	Little Snake River Valley	Hanna	5:00 pm
Friday, October 8	Tensleep	Hanna	4:00 pm
Tuesday, October 12	Saratoga	Hanna	5:00 pm
Friday, October 15	Rock River	Hanna	4:30 pm
Saturday, October 16	Midwest	Midwest	12:30 pm
Friday, October 22	Tensleep	Tensleep	3:00 pm
Friday, October 29	Regionals	TBA	TBA
Thursday, November 4	State Tournament	Casper	TBA



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Monday, August 16	First Practice	Baggs	TBA
Saturday, August 28	SoRoCo Tournament	Oak Creek	TBA
Friday, September 3 & Saturday, September 4	Wind River Tournament	Pavillion	5:00 pm
Thursday, September 9	Saratoga	Saratoga	5:00 pm
Saturday, September 11	Encampment	Encampment	Noon
Friday, September 17	HEM	Baggs	5:30 pm
Saturday, September 18	Cokeville	Cokeville	1:00 pm
Friday, September 24	Saratoga	Baggs	5:00 pm
Friday, October 1 & Saturday, October 2	Thermopolis Tournament	Thermopolis	TBA
Thursday, October 7	HEM	Hanna	6:00 pm
Friday, October 8	Farson-Eden	Baggs	4:00 pm
Thursday, October 14	Hayden	Hayden	6:00 pm
Friday, October 15	Cokeville	Baggs	4:00 pm
Saturday, October 16	Rangely	Baggs	1:00 pm
Friday, October 22	Encampment	Baggs	5:00 pm
Saturday, October 23	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	5:00 pm
Friday, October 29 & Saturday, October 30	Regional Tournament	Lander	TBA
Thursday November 4 - Saturday November 6	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

LSRV

Rattlers



Standing left to right: Isaiah Skalberg, Cale Cheatham, David Hernandez, Kannadis Peroulis, Wyatt Adams, Hadley Myers, Seth Maxson, Wade Corson, Clayton Clark, Chris Saenz, Logan Haiflich
Kneeling left to right: Clay Erickson, Zane Matheson, Zander Risner, Bridger Cozzens, Jordy Valles, Aldo Alvarez, Ervey Marquez, Jaziel Giron, Hunter Jones, Mason Jones

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Two dozen Rattlers

LSRV football sees 24 student athletes out for program

by Mike Armstrong

The Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) Rattlers football team were six man state champions two years ago when they

faced off against another Carbon County; the Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Miners.

Head Coach Jack Cobb sees a very different team this year.

"I honestly don't know if I have ever seen a more balanced team of ability right now," Cobb said. "Usually, by this time, I know who is my strongest player. I just can't say that this year. This team has a lot of talent, but we are young, too."

Cobb said the West division is filled with power house teams and it is too difficult to even project who will be the toughest to play against.

Cobb is not lacking for players. He has 24 on the team, so it is no surprise he is still figuring out who will be his starters.

"We are lucky that so many kids want to play and I want to give them every chance to do so that I can," Cobb said. "I want them to enjoy the game and being able to

have playing time is important to that."

Cobb looks forward to the season starting with the team he faced in the championship game two years ago.

"There is respect between our program and Zack Scott's (Head Coach of HEM)," Cobb said. "No matter what the score, I know all the players on both teams will give their best."

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LSRV Rattlers



Standing left to right: Coach Kaycee Miller, Regina Herrera, Catrina Habel, Skylynn Ready, Kinlie Montgomery, Cashley Criswell, Jaydence Dietrich, Katelynn Englehart, Coach Jenny Evans
Kneeling left to right: Bailey Weber, Iesha Martinez, Emma Davis, Kayden Hinson, Destre Kaisler, Kylie Evans, Jessa Nunn



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Lady Rattlers look for return to state

LSRV volleyball sinking fangs into 2021/2022 season

by Joshua Wood

Last season, the Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) Lady Rattlers made it to Casper to compete in the State Championship, but ultimately fell to the Kaycee Lady Bucs in the consolation round.

"This season, the seniors want to push hard and they want to get to state and bring home some hardware and that's their goal for the season," said Head Coach Jenny Evans.

Seniors Skylynn Ready and Katelynn Englehart, the two seniors on the team, not only want to return to Casper and come back with a trophy, but they are stepping into the leadership role which will hopefully make that happen.

"I am very impressed with them," said Evans. "They're being encouraging and they're supportive of the underclassmen. They really are pushing our team to try to be the best that we can be. It's been awesome."

According to Evans, it was stressed to the two seniors on the team they would have to provide great leadership to help the team see great success this season. So far, it seems to be working as the Lady

Rattlers have only experienced one less in the past two tournaments.

"What's really helped us is the attitude," Evans said. "Everybody has a positive attitude and they're just working really hard and it's just going to be fun."

With a total of 14 student athletes on the LSRV volleyball team, Evans appears to have a deep enough bench, and invested senior leadership, to see a successful season.

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