

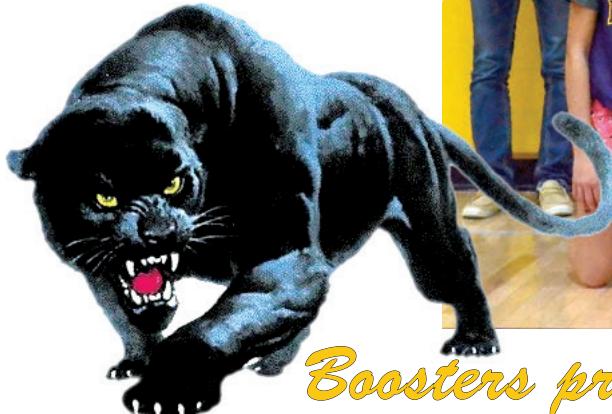


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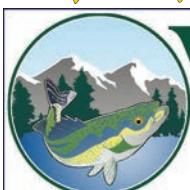
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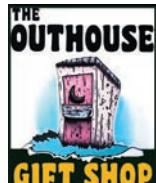
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Lady Panthers ready to strike

**Saratoga girls
ready to return to
a normal season
after 2021**

by Micky Jones

The Saratoga Lady Panthers had a great season last year with a good team making it to regionals for the season. Coming in with a win percentage of 0.529 percent, the team was

on top of things over the difficult season.

Though regionals were funky due to Covid, the Lady Panthers traveled to Farson for the win-or-lose regional quad. At the 2020-21 WHSAA 1A Southwest Girls Quad, the Lady Panthers lost 50-38 in their qualifying game. Facing the Fason-Eden Lady Pronghorns with a

the Lady Panthers did not qualify for the state championship. Although they missed out on the trip to state last year, Head Coach Heather Bartlett felt the team had a chance under different circumstances.

"If we had a normal regional tournament I feel we would have a better shot at making it to state, this year with a regular bracket we are

excited," said Bartlett. With a team of 16, the chances are high to advance in the season. With many returning and talented players along with new players and freshmen the team is looking solid, according to Bartlett.

I Hopeful to make it through this year's conference, the Saratoga Lady Panther Basketball team is ready to claw into

the season. Winning 9 games in the 2021 season the Lady Panthers are hopeful to add to that number and make the trip to state for the 2022 season. Saratoga Lady Panther basketball hasn't received a state tournament title since

1976 and 1981. These ladies will be fighting tooth and claw for a spot in the 2022 state championship matches.

With the Carbon County Classic beginning Friday December 10 and 11 the Lady Panthers have been preparing for weeks, with practice starting November 22.

The Lady Panthers have until March to prepare for the State tournament on March 3-5 2022 in Casper Wyoming.

SARATOGA Panthers



Front row, from left, Grady Bartlett, Seth Stephens, Frank Crimmins, Grant Bartlett, Douglas Anderson, Decker Sipe, Geoffrey Johnson. Back row, from left, Josie Little (manager), Calvin Condict, Heston Fisher, JD Buttle, Kelton Johnson, Rowdy Alameda, Deke Herring, Fischer Williams, Marilee Williams (manager).

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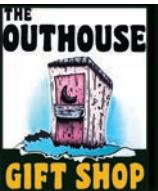
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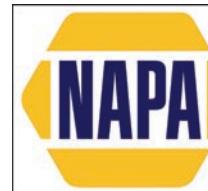
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Panthers finding their place

Saratoga boys basketball developing their team

by Joshua Wood

To say the last few seasons have gone well for the Saratoga Panthers would be an understatement. In 2020, the Panthers

became State Champions for the first time in school history and, in 2021, returned to Casper to become the State Runner-Ups.

"I think, ultimately, that's our goal is to make it back to the state championship, which is probably every team's goal. But, at the same time, (we) definitely

have to take it game-by-game. We lost the majority of our scoring and the majority of our rebounding and pretty much all of our offensive output last year," said Head Coach Jason Williams. "So, we've got to have guys that are going to step up and fill those voids. It will be a game-by-game thing. Looking at our

conference, it's going to be another dogfight every night."

The 1A Southwest Conference is one of the more difficult in the state as only four of the five teams can make it into the regional tournament each season. This year, for Williams, the season begins with finding the roles his players will fit

into.

"It's not about finding who's going to replace Teegan Love or who's going to replace Noah Rimmer or Gavin Bartlett," Williams said. "It's about how are the guys we got out here now, how are they going to gel and how are they going to fit in and play together and what are going to be

some good combinations? There's a lot of younger guys that they're stepping up to get ready to shine and their time is here, now." The first pre-season games for the Panthers will involve non-conference tournaments with the first being the Carbon County Classic on December 10.

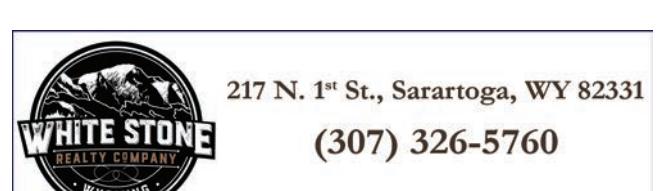
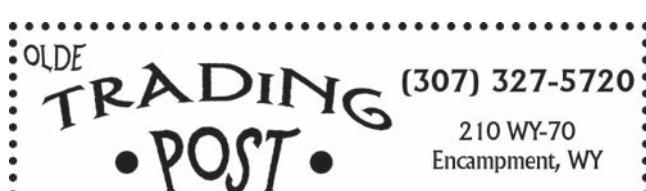
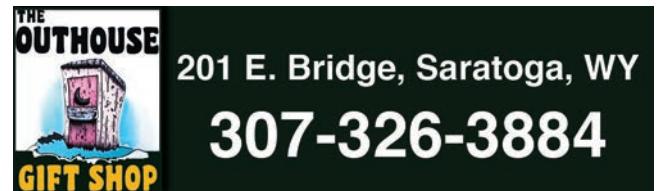


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**Back row, from left, Hailey Carr (Manager),
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Browns, Kyenna Jackson, Eckerley Pickett,
Kristin Jordan.**

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Lady Tigers prepared for new season

Encampment girls ready to claw into the 2022 season

by Micky Jones

After a difficult 2021 season, the Encampment Lady

Tigers are ready to last year's season tournaments held in County Classic held The Regional claw into the new the Lady Tigers Lander this year. in Encampment. tournament, held season. had a difficult run in The Lady Tigers After a long lineup February 24-26, Coming in with a win part due to Covid. have been practicing of games over the will be a normal percentage of 0.188 Not in last season's hard since November season the Lady bracket this season last year, the Lady qualifiers for the 29. They will have Tigers will have a as opposed to a Tigers are hoping to state championship, their first games chance to prove one-and-done quad up those numbers. hopes are high to December 10 and themselves at the seen during the 2021 Winning 3 games in make the regional 11 at the Carbon regional tournament. season.



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Encampment preps for new season

**With new coach,
Tigers prepare for
2022**

by Joshua Wood

The Encampment Tigers are beginning their 2021/2022 season under new leadership. The 14 student athletes who have gone out for

basketball will be hitting the hardwood under the coaching of Duane Gilbert, who previously served as assistant coach. Gilbert replaces Jake Johnston, who coached the Tigers from 2017 to 2021. Anthony Rakness will be taking on the role of assistant coach. A new coach isn't the only

change for Encampment this year. While Gilbert has five seniors on the team providing senior leadership, the Tigers have a number of players who don't have a lot of varsity experience. Still, the new head coach doesn't see much difference from any other season.

"It's like every year. You leave a team when they're at their best, you start a team when they're at their greenest," said Gilbert. "I like the way we match up with some teams and it'll be an interesting classic coming up our first weekend."

There is still the reality of the conference the

Tigers are in, with the 1A Southwest Conference being one of the more difficult in Wyoming.

"As everyone knows, the West is extremely tough. It's going to be a battle to get to regionals, really, the way the teams are," Gilbert said. "To get to state, that's the ultimate goal but a lot of things

have got to go right to get there."

The Encampment Tigers will stretch their legs out on the court this weekend as they host a portion of Carbon County Classic beginning at 10 a.m. on December 10.

HEM Miners



Back row, from left, Addison Scott, Avery Scott, Jamie Jeorges, Mackenzie Priest, Rainey Wilson
Front row, from left, Samantha Tylka, T'lyssa Solaas, Hanna Gonzales



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Lady Miners ready to dig into season

Hanna girls field eight players for 2022 season

by Mike Armstrong

There are eight players on the Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Lady Miner basketball team and, although it is not a large team, Head Coach Jackie Jones said they are committed.

"I have always been with these two seniors of the attitude that leading.

I will always take "quality over quantity," leader and Rainey Jones said. "I have some great talent on this team, but is there is an ebb and flow of 1A basketball. We lost four seniors, but Rainey (Wilson) and T'lyssa (Solaas) have stepped up to lead and it shows on court."

Jones believes good things will happen with these two seniors.

Bennett of Saratoga Jones is almost in a league of her own on a team that is excellent and has been a starter the Encampment freshman and knows too. Little Snake River Jones said this season will be tough up and coming."

Given the competition, Jones knows with "I look just in this county and see some team is young. Four excellent teams with of the players are out at 5' 6",

"I look just in this county and see some team is young. Four amazing talent," sophomores and one Jones said. "Whitney is a freshman. So,

Jones knows that to walk off the court no matter how the season goes she is harder than the other laying a foundation team, no matter the score."

Jones acknowledges Jones said the girls are looking forward to the Carbon County Classic held on December 10 and 11 at HEM.

"Size is not always going to be in our favor, because we top lets us know what we need to work on for the season," Jones said. "There is no question we have concluded."

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From left, Wes Clark, Dylan Romero, Kyler Proffitt, Rayce Ward, Cody Priest, Jesse Deegan, Hayden Atenio

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Miners Getting Ready

HEM boys field seven for 2022 basketball season

by Mike Armstrong

The Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Miner basketball team has seven players and Head Coach Cliff Jones knows the season will be a challenge.

"It will be interesting this year," Jones said. "We have one senior, three juniors, one sophomore and because quite a lot

two freshmen. From of the drills we have last year, we lost done in the past, we can't do with only our seniors. We are seven kids. We are scoring ability, so we have to find who will be able to step up and replace those lost." Jones recognizes this year will have different dynamics for the Miner team. "In the past we have been able to run the games. more than we will probably this year," Jones said. "It has been a transition in how we practice

"Hayden was hurt the first part of last year's season," Jones said. "He did well when he started playing and we look to him this year to continue to do well. Our freshmen Cody (Priest) and Wes (Clark) will learn as we go."

The first game for the Miners will be at the Carbon County Classic held on December 10 and 11 at HEM.

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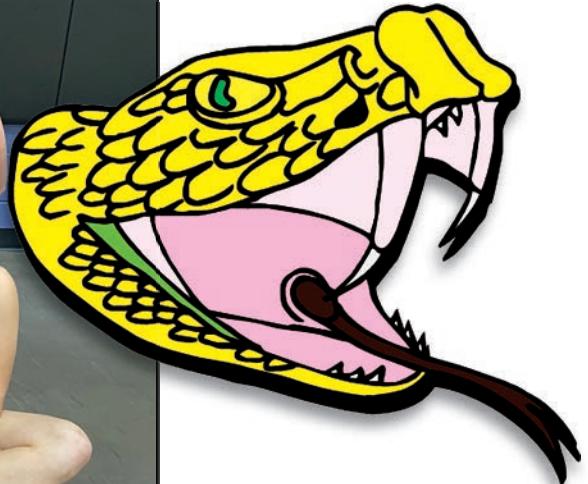
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Saenz, Destre Kaisler

Middle, from left,
Emma Davis, Iesha Martinez,
Katelynn Englehart, Regina
Herrera, Kylie Evans

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Montgomery, Cashley Criswell,
Catrina Habel, Not Pictured,
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Lady Rattlers prepared to strike in 2022

Little Snake River Valley girls ready for new season had a busy last year the team is preparing to strike schedule of games bracket system. Coming in with a win percentage of .438% competition. Though the Little Snake River Lady Rattlers state championship Lady Rattlers are not qualifying for the November 22nd. The Lady Rattlers sunk their teeth into the competition. Though practice starting held December 10 and 11. The Lady Rattlers have a full schedule of games bracket system. Coming in with a win percentage of .438% competition. Though practice starting held December 10 and 11. The Lady Rattlers have a full schedule of games bracket system.

by Micky Jones The Lady Rattlers are ready to put in the work this season to get a total of 7 games work this year. The tournament, which will be held in Lyman. The tournament will be held in Lyman. The regional tournament will be held in Lander. The regional tournament will be held in Casper Wyoming.

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Kneeling left to right: Bridger Cozzens, Jaden Thomas, Isaiah Skalberg, Aldo Alvarez, Mason Jones, Wyatt Adams, Seth Maxson, Ervey Marquez, Hunter Jones

Standing left to right: Zander Risner, Zane Matheson, Chris Saenz, Wade Corson, David Hernandez, Hadley Myers, Hector Hernandez, Kannadis Peroulis, Landon Prestrud, Kenner Rodriguez, Tanner Duncan, Kody Feldmann, Mason Davis, Cale Cheatham

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Little Snake River boys poised for season

Rattlers coming into hardwood from success on the gridiron

by Mike Armstrong

The Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) Rattler basketball team is ready to challenge itself to do well this season according to Head Coach Jack Cobb.

He said a little over 20 kids have gone out for the team.

"We have a good balance of students from all the grades

trying out for the team," Cobb said. "With so many kids, I am still figuring out who will start and what roles each kid plays. Of course I want us to be competitive, but I want the boys to have fun and build a team." Cobb said because many of the players were on the State Championship football team, he is hopeful to instill the same competitive fire which propelled the Rattlers to be champions. "The heart of tough," Cobb said. "We

competitiveness can know shine in basketball well and Saratoga is a the same way it did in football even though they are very different sports," Cobb said. "That is what I am asking them to do; Cobb is pleased with where it takes us."

Encampment can know shine in basketball well and Saratoga is a contender along with Farson and Cokeville. I just want the boys to be able to compete as best as they can." Cobb is pleased with what he sees so far at go out and compete, what he sees so far at practice.

Encampment blessed because he is seeing several athletes that have natural talent. "Me, the other coaches and fans will have to be patient," Cobb said. "Basketball requires another type of skill set versus football, but I think we will rise to the occasion as the season progresses."

Cobb said he is looking forward to the season because he likes coaching games and there are more games to play in the season versus football. "I told the boys we are just going to get better with each game," Cobb said. "As a team we will think positive and I really have a feeling we will be getting better and better as the season goes on."

The Rattlers will start off their season at the Bridger Valley Tournament in Mountain View/Lyman

on October 10.

SARATOGA Panthers Basketball



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 22	First Practice	Saratoga	TBA
December 10 & 11	Carbon County Classic	Encampment	TBA
December 16-18	Shoshoni Tourney	Shoshoni	TBA
January 7	Encampment	Saratoga	4 pm
January 8	Kemmerer Tourney	Kemmerer	TBA
January 13	HEM	Hanna	5 pm
January 15	Rock River	Rock River	1 pm
January 21	Farson-Eden	Saratoga	4 pm
January 22	Cokeville	Saratoga	Noon
January 25	HEM	Saratoga	5 pm
January 28	Little Snake River Valley	Baggs	4 pm
January 29	Southeast	Saratoga	1 pm
February 5	Encampment	Encampment	Noon
February 11	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	4 pm
February 12	Cokeville	Cokeville	Noon
February 18	Little Snake River Valley	Saratoga	4 pm
February 24-26	Regional Tournament	Lander	TBA
March 3-5	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

ENCAMPMENT TIGERS Basketball



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 29	First Practice	Encampment	TBA
December 10 & 11	Carbon County Classic	Encampment	TBA
December 18	Lingle Ft. Laramie	Lingle	TBA
December 18	Southeast	Yoder	TBA
January 7	Saratoga	Saratoga	4 pm
January 8	HEM	Encampment	Noon
January 14	Rock River	Rock River	4 pm
January 15	Little Snake River Valley	Encampment	Noon
January 21	Farson-Eden	Encampment	4 pm
January 22	Cokeville	Encampment	Noon
January 28	Southeast	Encampment	4 pm
January 29	Little Snake River Valley	Baggs	Noon
February 4	HEM	Hanna	4 pm
February 5	Saratoga	Encampment	Noon
February 11	Cokeville	Cokeville	4 pm
February 12	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	Noon
February 18	Rock River	Encampment	4 pm
February 24-26	Regional Tournament	Lander	TBA
March 3-5	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

HEM Miners Basketball



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 22	First Practice	Hanna	TBA
December 10 & 11	Carbon County Classic	Hanna	10 am
December 13	Wheatland Sophomores	Hanna	4:30 pm
December 16 & 17	Shoshoni Tourney	Shoshoni	TBA
January 7	Rock River	Rock River	4 pm
January 8	Encampment	Encampment	Noon
January 13	Saratoga	Saratoga	5 pm
January 15	Farson-Eden	Hanna	Noon
January 21	Midwest	Midwest	4:30 pm
January 22	Guernsey-Sunrise	Hanna	Noon
January 25	Saratoga	Hanna	5 pm
January 29	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	Noon
February 4	Encampment	Hanna	4 pm
February 5	Rock River	Hanna	Noon
February 10	Wheatland Sophomores	Wheatland	4:30 pm
February 12	Lingle-Ft. Laramie	Lingle	Noon
February 18	Guernsey-Sunrise	Guernsey-Sunrise	3 pm
February 19	Kaycee	Hanna	Noon
February 24-26	Regional Tournament	Torrington	TBA
March 3-5	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

LUSK Rattlers Basketball



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 22	First Practice	Baggs	TBA
December 10 & 11	Lyman Tournament	Lyman	TBA
December 14	Craig 9th Grade	Craig, Co.	5 pm
December 17 & 18	Shoshoni Tournament	Shoshoni	TBA
January 7 & 8	Kemmerer Tournament	Kemmerer	TBA
January 11	Craig 9th Grade	Baggs	5 pm
January 14	Farson-Eden	Baggs	3 pm
January 15	Encampment	Encampment	Noon
January 20	Meeker	Meeker, Co.	4:30 pm
January 21	SoRoCo	SoRoCo	4 pm
January 28	Saratoga	Baggs	4 pm
January 29	Encampment	Baggs	Noon
February 4	Farson-Eden	Farson-Eden	3 pm
February 5	Cokeville	Cokeville	Noon
February 10	Meeker	Baggs	4:30 pm
February 11	Rangley	Rangley, Co.	3 pm
February 18	Saratoga	Saratoga	4 pm
February 19	Cokeville	Baggs	Noon
February 24-26	Regional Tournament	Lander	TBA
March 3-5	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

SARATOGA Panthers Wrestling



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 22	First Practice	Saratoga	TBA
December 10	Lusk Invite	Lusk	TBA
December 16	Saratoga Triangular	Saratoga	TBA
December 17 & 18	West Grand Invite	Kremmling, Co.	TBA
January 8	Shoshoni Duals	Shoshoni	TBA
January 14 & 15	Don Runner Invite	Pavillion	TBA
January 18	HEM Triangular	Hanna	TBA
January 22	Dogger Duals	Lingle	TBA
January 28 & 29	Ron Thon	Riverton	TBA
February 4 & 5	Greybull Invite	Greybull	TBA
February 11 & 12	Carbon County Invite	Saratoga	TBA
February 19	Regional Tournament	Sundance	TBA
February 25 & 26	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

HEM Miners Wrestling



Date	Opponent	Location	Time
November 22	First Practice	Hanna	TBA
December 10	Tiger Invite	Lusk	9 am
December 16	Saratoga Triangular	Saratoga	5:30 pm
December 17 & 18	West Grand Invite	Kremmling, Co.	TBA
January 6	North Park Quad	Walden, Co.	6:30 pm
January 7 & 8	Shatto Invite	Douglas	TBA
January 15	Don Runner Invite	Pavillion	TBA
January 18	HEM Quad	Hanna	TBA
January 22	Dogger Invite	Lingle	TBA
February 4	Rawlins Invite	Rawlins	TBA
February 11 & 12	Carbon County Invite	Hanna	TBA
February 18	Regional Tournament	Sundance	TBA
February 25 & 26	State Tournament	Casper	TBA

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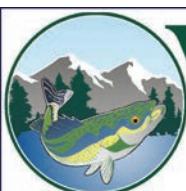


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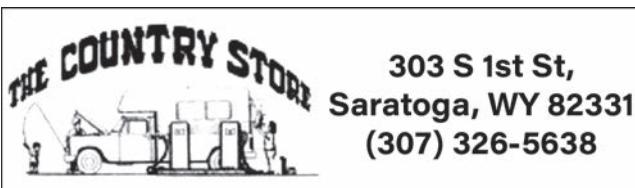
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Panther grapplers fills roster

Saratoga fields large team from Saratoga, Encampment schools.

by Micky Jones

Saratoga Panther Wrestling has been busy

at work practicing since November 22. Head Coach Jared Mason is fielding more than a dozen grapplers this season.

The first wrestling meet will be held December 10 in Lusk, Wyoming.

After a full line up of meets over the season the wrestlers will have a chance to prove themselves at the State Tournament held February 25 and 26 in Casper, Wyoming.

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Left to Right- Anthony Solaas, Jared Nelson, Joseph Borah, Howard Bame, McKaylee Widdison

Not pictured- Sheylin Seager, Tom Wagner, Managers (not pictured) Jaque Nelsen, Sara Sikes



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Miners ready to grapple

HEM wrestling ready for season with variety of experience

by Mike Armstrong

The Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) Miner wrestling team continues to field co-ed members with grapplers from all grades.

The Miners have a senior, three juniors, a sophomore and recording videos and

two freshman on the helping the team as team. One of the best as I can." freshman is a girl, The team is excited Sheyli Seager, as is about the return of one of the juniors, junior Tom Wagner McKaylee Widdison. who might weigh in at 150.

McKaylee Widdison, a returning junior who had 5 wins last year, will wrestle at 106. She said she is helping Seager get ready for the season.

Howard Bame, also a returning junior, will be wrestling at about 140.

"I had a few wins last year, but I was sick a lot last season," Bame said. "I am hopeful to stay healthy this year."

Anthony Solaas, a sophomore, is wrestling at 106 although he weighs 96 pounds. He had over a half dozen wins last season.

Freshman Jared his wrestlers.

Nelson, weighing in at about 136, wrestled in junior high and never lost a match.

"We are a small team," Travis Ward, the assistant wrestling coach said. "We have all the grades represented and that says a lot about the kids in our school here."

Ward knows the season will require a lot of dedication from

"We won't be focusing on wins right off the bat, but hopefully each week, they get better and better, and hopefully by regionals and state, they are wrestling at their best," Ward said. "I hope at the season's end they will be the best they can be."

The wrestlers will start their season at the Tiger Invite in Lusk on December 10.