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Photos taken by Doug Carroll at Crete Public Library. Top from left: Briana Tellez and Emilia Perez, Dorchester girls' wrestling; Drew Siems, Tri County boys' basketball. Down steps: Taylin Schluter, EMF dance; Tyler Sladek, EMF girls' wrestling; Trinity McMillan, Crete girls' basketball. Seated: Hadley Brollini, Wilber-Clatonia girls' basketball

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BASKETBALL



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The 2024-25 edition of Crete girls' basketball includes, from left: (first row) Manager Adalyn Wagoner, Jordyn Adam, Sierra Crist, Trinity McMillan, Evannie Sand, Lesli Kratochvil, Ady Ziemann and Manager Reetz; (second row) Camry Draeger, Ariana Heusinkvelt, Maria Isabel Linares, Wendy Perez Lucas and Logan Ochinerio; (third row) Berkley Egge, Kynleigh Draeger, Cairyss Kirkpatrick, Kimberli Magana, Lidia Perez-Lucas and Brynlee Ziemann; and (fourth row) Kamaila Parnell, Gwen Kotil, Macy Dunaway, Kylie McMillan, Berkley Egge, Madynn Dunham and McKinley Yeager.

Crete girls' basketball

Coach: Britt Ehlers
Years coaching: 5
Assistant coaches: Taylor Gokie, Emerson Crist, Annie Gardiner, Makayla Tepe, Payton Cooley
Last season's record: 15-10
Conference affiliation: Central Conference
Seniors: Jordyn Adam, Sierra

Crist, Lesli Kratochvil, Trinity McMillan, Evannie Sand, Ady Ziemann
Returning letter winners: Jordyn Adam, Sierra Crist, Camry Draeger, Lesli Kratochvil, Trinity McMillan, Ady Ziemann
Incoming athletes to watch: Ariana Heusinkvelt
Team captains: Jordyn Adam,

Sierra Crist, Camry Draeger, Trinity McMillan, Ady Ziemann
Strengths of this year's team: We return seven players who have been a part of our program for the last two years. All seven provide good leadership and hard work which helps us form a foundation for our program for future years. We will need to

rely on defense as we settle into offensive roles for the season.
 We will have a good mix of returning players and newcomers, which will allow us to play a lot of players in order to find the right lineups to allow us to compete.
Holes to fill from last season: We lose five players from last

year's team, who constituted the vast majority of our scoring and rebounding.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Seward, York in conference. Norris, Pius and Waverly in the area. Skutt, Bennington, Gretna East, Pius and Seward will likely be the best five teams in Class B.



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Crete High's 2024-25 boys' basketball team includes, from left: (first row) Kenson Spence, Toryn Siske, Carson Kotil, Colton Fey, Everett Heath, Justus Gardiner and Corbin Coe; (second row) Oliver Oglesby, Carter Rezny, Paxton Stone, Alex Mora, Maddox Henderson and Tenyson Siske; (third row) Landry Kuntz, Haansh Patel, Brooks Piening, Carter Benes, Dan Underwood and Isaiah Crist; (fourth row) James Quinn, Keaton Draeger, Carson Sand, Greyson Cain, Hayden Pape, Brayden Kent and Boston Benes; and (fifth row) Braeden Schacht, Price Sharp, Giovanni Carrera, Cayden Reddish, Kaden Nitzel, Gunner Cline and Mark Nicolas-Francisco.

Crete boys' basketball

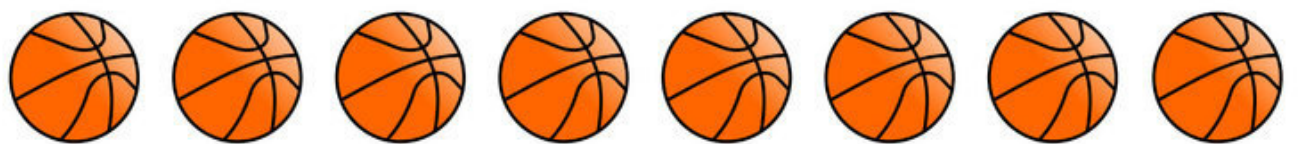
Crete basketball

Dec. 5	at Ralston	6/7:30p
Dec. 7	host Bennington	12:45/2:30p
Dec. 12	at Beatrice	5:30/7p
Dec. 13	host Northwest	5:45/7:15p
Dec. 19	host Seward	5:45/7:15p
Dec. 20	at Mount Michael Benedictine (b)	TBA
Dec. 27-28	at Doane holiday tournament	TBA
Jan. 3	at Waverly	5:30/7:15p
Jan. 4	at Omaha Mercy (g)	12:30p
Jan. 10	host Gering	5:45/7:30p
Jan. 11	host Scottsbluff	12:45/2:30p
Jan. 17	host York	5:45/7:30p
Jan. 23	host Blair	5:45/7:30p
Jan. 25	at Elkhorn (g)	2:45p
Jan. 27-Feb. 1	at Central Conference	TBA
Feb. 4	host Schuyler	5:45/7:15p
Feb. 6	at Wahoo	6/7:45p
Feb. 8	at North Platte	3/4:45p
Feb. 13	host Aurora	5:30/7:15p
Feb. 14	host Lincoln Northwest	5:45/7:15p
Feb. 20	at Plattview	5:30/7p
Feb. 21	at Plattview	6/7:30p
Feb. 24-25	at Subdistricts (g)	TBA
Feb. 26-28	at Subdistricts (b)	TBA
March 1	at District final	TBA
March 6-8	at State (g), Lincoln	TBA
March 13-15	at State (b), Lincoln	TBA

times listed girls/boys

Coach: Tony Siske
Years coaching: 24, fifth at Crete
Assistant coaches: Mark Sand, Max Hayes, Ty Martinson, Austin Luger, Todd Taravella
Last season's record: 26-1, state semifinals
Conference affiliation: Central Conference
Seniors: Justus Gardiner, Corbin Coe, Everett Heath, Carson Kotil, Toryn Siske, Kenson Spence, Colton Fey
Returning letter winners: Justus Gardiner, Corbin Coe, Everett Heath, Carson Kotil, Toryn Siske, Kenson Spence, Colton Fey, Carter Rezny
Strengths of this year's team: Return one starter from

last year's team. Several other players have been on varsity for a couple years but lack significant playing time. Some of these players have been playing JV for the last three years and are eager for their opportunity at the varsity level. Practices have been very competitive as there are multiple players competing for spots at each position. The goal will be to be playing our best basketball during postseason play.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Class B: Skutt, Norris, Pius, Bennington, Gretna East, Gretna, Scottsbluff, Elkhorn, Plattview



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Dorchester girls' basketball

Coach: Brandon Bruha
Years coaching: 11
Assistant coach: Brent Zoubek
Last season's record: 16-7
Conference affiliation: Crossroads Conference
Seniors: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Gabrielle Theis

Returning letter winners: Baylor Behrens, Atley Zoubek, Gabrielle Theis, Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, Bailey Theis, Lily Lehr, Makenzie Yager
Team captains: Baylor Behrens, Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek

Strengths of this year's team: We bring back a lot of our scoring from last year. We also should have a physical team that should cause other teams some problems.

Holes to fill from last season: We lost five senior contributors from last year so we are going to have to rely on the younger girls to step up in important roles.



AMY HAUSMAN

The Dorchester girls' basketball team includes, from left: (first row) Mackenzie Yager, Gabrielle Theis, Atley Zoubek and Baylor Behrens; (second row) Micaela Loarca, Savannah June, Faith Elkins and Lily Lehr; and (third row) Kendall Kasl, Livia Schweitzer and Hadley Brandt.

Dorchester basketball

Dec. 5	at Deshler	6/7:30p
Dec. 6	host Meridian	6/7:30p
Dec. 10	at High Plains	6/7:30p
Dec. 13	at BDS	6/7:30p
Dec. 17	at Harvard	6/7:30p
Dec. 19	host Osceola	6/7:30p
Jan. 2	host Lewiston	4/5:30p
Jan. 4	at Cedar Bluffs	3/4:30p
Jan. 6	host Heartland Lutheran	6/7:30p
Jan. 9	host Sterling	6/7:30p
Jan. 16	host East Butler	6/7:30p
Jan. 17	at Giltner	6/7:30p
Jan. 21	host Cross County	6/7:30p
Jan. 23	at Shelby-Rising City	6/7:30p
Jan. 25-31	at conference, York	TBA
Feb. 4	host College View Academy	5:30/7p
Feb. 6	at Nebraska Lutheran	6/7:30p
Feb. 7	host Twin River	6/7:30p
Feb. 11	at Hampton (g)	5:30p
Feb. 14	at McCool Junction	6/7:30p
Feb. 17-18	at Subdistricts (g)	TBA
Feb. 21	at Hampton (b)	5:30p
Feb. 24-27	at Subdistricts (b)	TBA
Feb. 28	at District final (g)	TBA
March 1	at District final (b)	TBA
March 5-8	at State (g), Lincoln	TBA
March 12-15	at State (b), Lincoln	TBA

times listed girls/boys

Dorchester boys' basketball

Coach: Corey Bird
Years coaching: 3
Assistant coach: Brandon Sullivan
Last season's record: 0-21
Conference affiliation: Crossroads Conference
Seniors: Owen Vyhnalek
Returning letter winners: Owen Vyhnalek, Chase Tachovsky, Mason June

Incoming athletes to watch: Thor Nerud, Max Novak
Team captains: Owen Vyhnalek, Chase Tachovsky
Strengths of this year's team: Upperclassmen have been playing together for several years, have younger talent as well. Our team is small, but will work together to have a better year than in previous seasons. Continue work from the players to ensure the season is successful in multiple natures of the game.

Holes to fill from last season: Ball handling, scoring, rebounding

Teams to watch in conference/district: McCool Junction



AMY HAUSMAN

The 2024-25 Dorchester boys' basketball team includes, from left: (front row) Max Novak, Chase Tachovsky and Mason June; and (back row) Coach Brandon Sullivan, Thor Nerud, Hunter Wake, Owen Vyhnalek, Javier Munoz, Frank Matejka and Coach Corey Bird.





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LEESA K. BARTU

Playing for the EMF boys' basketball team in 2024-25 are, from left: (first row) Mason Vossler, Chase Paulsen, Jacob Klooz, Mikey Bartu and Carter Milton; (second row) Christian Conley, Zach Vossler, Jonah Geiger and Brett Kallhoff; (third row) Grady Bresson, Keltyn Kirchhoff, Adrien Mueller, Zayde Arp, Jacob Spohn, Rylan Bartels, Evan Brahmstedt and Truman Milton; and (fourth row) Taeven Ziegler, Elijah Ocegquera, Ty Svehla, Will Kallhoff, Kameron Schluter and Derek Conley.

EMF boys' basketball

Coach: Brian Arp
Years coaching: 12
Assistant coaches: Travis Kotas, Nathan Derr, Dalton Zelenka
Last season's record: 14-8
Conference affiliation: Pioneer Conference
Seniors: Mason Vossler, Jacob Klooz, Mikey Bartu, Chase Paulsen, Carter Milton
Returning letter winners: All seniors except Klooz and Christian Conley, Zach Vossler Grady Bresson, Keltyn Kirchhoff, Brett Kallhoff, AJ Mueller, Zayde Arp
Strengths of this year's team: We will have good depth, and some really skilled athletes who can really compete.
 I think this year's team will be really exciting to watch.
Holes to fill from last season: We lose a lot of seniors from last year's team. Replacing four-year starter Breckan Schluter will be our biggest hole to fill. Last year's team had lots of returning starters from the two teams of the coop, we will lose four of them.
Teams to watch in conference/district: John-

son-Brock, Thayer Central, Sandy Creek, Lourdes Central Catholic

EMF girls' basketball

Coach: Sara Pella
Years coaching: 2 as head coach, 12 overall
Assistant coaches: Allison and Preston Meints
Last season's record: 9-13
Conference affiliation: Pioneer Conference
Seniors: Kierra Papik, Lily Jeffries, Reagan Bartley
Returning letter winners: Reagan Bartley, Kierra Papik, Lily Jeffries, Taylin Schluter, Kiley Oldehoef, Aniston Meints, Avery Tuttle, Malorie Lawver
Incoming athletes to watch: Tori Bresson, Reese Tuttle
Strengths of this year's team: We lost majority of our scoring from last year, but I think our scoring will be more distributed this year, which will give us more threats on the court.
Holes to fill from last season: Point guard and our scoring, but I think this will come with time. I think our scoring will be more distributed this year, which will be good.
Teams to watch in conference/district: Johnson-Brock

EMF basketball

- Dec. 5 host Lewiston..... 6/7:30p
 - Dec. 6 host Osceola..... 6/7:30p
 - Dec. 10 host Sterling..... 6/7:30p
 - Dec. 12 host Cross County (g)..... 6p
 - Dec. 13 host Sacred Heart..... 6/7:30p
 - Dec. 19 at Nebraska Lutheran..... 6:15/8p
 - Dec. 20 at Lawrence-Nelson..... 6:15/8p
 - Dec.27-28 host holiday tournament..... TBA
 - Jan. 3 host Lourdes..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan. 7 at Tri County..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan. 9 host Southern..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan.13-18 at MUDECAS, Beatrice..... TBA
 - Jan. 21 at Thayer Central..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan. 24 host Johnson-Brock..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan. 30 host Heartland..... 6/7:30p
 - Jan. 31 at Pawnee City..... 6:15/8p
 - Feb. 1-8 at conference, TBA..... TBA
 - Feb. 11 at McCool Junction..... 6:15/8p
 - Feb. 14 at Diller-Odell..... 6/7:30p
 - Feb. 17-18 at Subdistricts (g)..... TBA
 - Feb. 21 host Cross County (b)..... 7p
 - Feb. 24-27 at Subdistricts (b)..... TBA
 - Feb. 28 at District final (g)..... TBA
 - March 4 at District final (b)..... TBA
 - March 5-8 at State (g), Lincoln..... TBA
 - March 12-15 at State (b), Lincoln..... TBA
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LEESA K. BARTU

LEFT: Members of the 2024-25 EMF girls' basketball team are, from left: (first row) Kiley Oldehoef, Lily Jeffries, Kierra Papik, Reagan Bartley and Taylin Schluter; (second row) Aniston Meints, Cheyenne Krupicka, Abby Klooz, Avery Tuttle, Malorie Lawver and Alexis Paulsen; and (third row) MaKenna Burchett, Autumn Filipi, Reese Tuttle, Tori Bresson and Meredith Paulsen. Sydney Engert is not pictured.



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Members of the 2024-25 boys' basketball team at Tri County include, from left: (front row) Trevor Pearson, Caleb Schneulle, Trevor Kapke, Sammy Holsing and Cheston Stewart; and (back row) Garrett Smidt, Drew Siems, Jason Wehrman, Zac Strein, Ethan Jobman and Henry Kapke. Blake Pieper is not pictured.

Tri County boys' basketball

Coach: Jeremy Siems
Years coaching: 14
Assistant coach: Reese Hennerberg
Last season's record: 17-6
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska Conference
Seniors: Ethan Jobman
Returning letter winners: Drew Siems, Jason Wehrman, Henry Kapke
Athletes to watch: Drew Siems, Jason Wehrman, Henry Kapke
Strengths of this year's team: I believe that with having graduating six seniors from last season, we will have an opportunity to develop a new identity with our young players. While we may not be as big as previous teams I think our speed and quickness will be our strength.

Tri County basketball

Dec. 5	host Wilber-Clatonia	6/7:30p
Dec. 7	host Johnson County Central	2/4p
Dec. 10	at Pawnee City	6/7:30p
Dec. 13	at Southern	6/7:30p
Dec. 14	host Sandy Creek	2:30/4p
Dec. 17	at Sacred Heart	6/7:30p
Dec. 20	at Johnson-Brock	6:30/8p
Jan. 2-3	at holiday tournament	TBA
Jan. 7	host EMF	6/7:30p
Jan. 9	host Fairbury	6/7:30p
Jan. 11	at Freeman (b)	2:30p
Jan.13-18	at MUDECAS, Beatrice	TBA
Jan. 21	at Elmwood-Murdock	6/7:30p
Jan. 25	host Centennial (g)	2:30p
Jan. 28	host Thayer Central	6/7:30p
Jan. 30	at Freeman (g)	7p
Jan. 31	at Fillmore Central	6/7:30p
Feb. 3-8	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Feb. 11	host HTRS	6/7:30p
Feb. 14	host Sterling	6/7:30p
Feb.17-18	at Subdistricts (g)	TBA
Feb. 21	at Heartland (b)	6:30p
Feb.24-27	at Subdistricts (b)	TBA
Feb. 28	at District final (g)	TBA
March 4	at District final (b)	TBA
March 5-8	at State (g), Lincoln	TBA
March 12-15	at State (b), Lincoln	TBA

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STEPHANIE CROSTON

The 2024-25 girls' basketball team at Tri County includes, from left: (first row) Ashton Schwisow, Aubrey Siems and Ashlynn Brown; (second row) Esthefanie Pozo Benitez, Olive Clark, Macey Gronemeyer, Kenzi Scherling, Meila Gronemeyer and Isabelle Peters; and (third row) Sayber Hoesche, Norah Morrissey, Sage Holtmeier, Miley Garrison and Brooke Morgan.

Tri County girls' basketball

Coach: Mike Larson
Years coaching: first
Assistant coaches: Hannah Gay, Josi Remmers
Last season's record: 8-13
Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska Conference
Seniors: Aubrey Siems, Ashlynn Brown, Ashton Schwisow
Strengths of this year's team: We have a few juniors and sophomores (Isabelle Peters, Meila Gronemeyer, Brooke Morgan, Macey Gronemeyer) with good experience. There are also a couple of freshman (Sage Holtmeier and Sayber Hoesche) that will compete for minutes. We strive to excel defensively and take advantage of our speed and quickness on both offense and defense.
Holes to fill from last season: Lost a couple of seniors



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Wilber-Clatonia boys' basketball

Coach: Dan Conway
Years coaching: 11, second at Wilber-Clatonia
Assistant coaches: Tony Braithwait, Drew Tenopir
Last season's record: 13-13

Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska Conference

Seniors: Aiden Zajicek, Cooper Palmer, Cash Keslar, Garrett Nohavec

Returning letter winners: Aiden Zajicek, Cooper Palmer, Cash Keslar, Garrett Nohavec, Jameson Conway, Graysen Vlcan

Strengths of this year's team: We expect the 2024-25 season to be another very competitive season for the Wilber-Clatonia Wolverines. We lost several key contributors from last year, but we return multiple very capable players, and the guys genuinely seem to enjoy being around each other this year. The strength of our team at this point is our versatility. We have a bunch of guys who are multi-skilled. As long as we as coaches can get them in the right spots, we will be tough to guard. We also expect our practice habits to be much better, which should translate into more consistent performances during games. We do have to replace a lot of our scoring and rebounding, but I believe we have the guys in place to do so. Building bench depth will be a critical task for us as the season progresses. We also aren't incredibly big, so we will have to be laser-focused on the defensive glass and team rebound. If we stay healthy, stay together, and continue to improve throughout the



The 2024-25 boys' basketball team at Wilber-Clatonia includes, from left: (first row) Graysen Vlcan, Cash Keslar, Aiden Zajicek, Cooper Palmer and Jameson Conway; (second row) Brock Young, Collin Kohout, Chandler Stutzman, Hayden Woerner, Aven Smith, Lino Capelle and Crew Pulliam; and (third row) Truitt Stohs, Chase Petersen, Connor VanLanningham, Phillip Zoubek, Easton Sand, Garrett Radcliff and RJ Klaassen. Garrett Nohavec is not pictured.

STEPHANIE CROSTON

year, we have a chance to be very good.

Aiden Zajicek (8.8 ppg, 3.5 rpg) enters his senior year as a three-year starter. He is a big who can stretch the floor, handle the ball, and finish around the rim. For us to reach our potential, Aiden will need to play at the level I know he is capable of. Aiden had a great summer in the weight room and gym, and we are expecting big things from him this year.

Cooper Palmer (4.4 ppg, 2.8 rpg, 1.7 apg) is another extremely experienced player as a guy who has started multiple games over the last three years. Cooper is unique in his ability to do a lot of different things on the floor. He can handle

the ball, shoot from the perimeter, get to the rim, and post up. He will be a match-up issue for a lot of teams. When Cooper is playing well, we are tough to defend. We look for Cooper to have a big season.

Cash Keslar (2.3 ppg, 1.4 rpg, 1.1 apg) is an extremely athletic guard. When he plays with confidence, he is a very good player. He can slash, shoot and distribute the ball. Cash will play multiple roles for us and will be expected to not only be our defensive stopper but also provide scoring on the offensive end.

Garrett Nohavec (1.1 ppg, 1.1 rpg) is a returning letter winner who played

significant minutes last year. He is a player who is in complete control of how good he can be. He plays with a ton of energy and is extremely athletic. We are looking forward to seeing how much Garrett can contribute this season.

Jameson Conway (4.0 ppg, 1.6 rpg) came on strong down the stretch as a sophomore and started the last half of the season. He will be one of the guys we depend on to score and handle the ball. He spent the offseason getting stronger and working on his game. We expect his game to take a big jump this season.

If Graysen Vlcan (1.7 ppg) isn't the best athlete on our team, he is in the

top two or three. He has a motor that doesn't seem to end. If he can provide energy for us on the defensive end and be solid on the offensive end, he has a chance to significantly impact our team.

Collin Kohout, a sophomore this season, started to come on as the summer progressed. He has a lot of skill and a good basketball IQ. He made a decision this summer to make himself the best player he could be and did a good job of getting into the gym and weight room. Collin will provide shooting and hopefully a great spark when he is in the game.

Crew Pulliam, a freshman, is a young but talented point guard who

we expect to have a great career as a Wolverine. Crew handles the ball well, makes good decisions and does a great job getting into the paint. Crew will need to be ready to play significant minutes this year.

Holes to fill from last season: Starters Carter Skleba and Carson Radcliff; Ty Kuhlmann, Connor Harms, Jack Zimmerman, Nick Jacobson

Teams to watch in conference/district: Conference: Sandy Creek, Fillmore Central, Thayer Central, Sutton; State: Auburn, Ashland-Greenwood, Lincoln Lutheran, Doniph-an-Trumbull, Bridgeport

Wilber-Clatonia girls' basketball

en, Mackenzie Anthony

Returning letter winners: Haleah Schuerman, Hadley Brollini, Sam Novak

Incoming athletes to watch: Kariss Rosenthal (fr), Haleah Schuerman (so), Samantha Novak (so), Kaylie Fritz (so)

Team captains: Alexa Landeros (sr), Hadley Brollini (jr), Haleah Schuerman (so), Kariss Rosenthal (fr)

Strengths of this year's team: Determined to make a change, a number of leaders throughout the team, resiliency. Young, a lot of underclassmen will be stepping up into big roles

Holes to fill from last season: Graduated a lot of experience from last year's team

Teams to watch in conference/district: Milford, Sandy Creek



Playing basketball for the Wilber-Clatonia girls' team in 2024-25 are, from left: (first row) Mackenzie Anthony, Maddux Johnson, Alexa Landeros and Star Thelen; (second row) Kaylie Fritz, Lilly Homolka, Sam Novak, Haleah Schuerman, Kariss Rosenthal and Hadley Brollini; and (third row) Alexis Kreshel, Lena Fritz, Hadley Jurgens, Hannah Kohout, BriAnna Hartman, Peyton Mischnick and Wangari Nedi.

STEPHANIE CROSTON

Wilber-Clatonia basketball

Dec. 5	at Tri County	6/7:30p
Dec. 6	at Heartland	6/7:30p
Dec. 12	host Raymond Central	6/7:30p
Dec. 14	at Superior	3:30/5p
Dec. 20	at Sandy Creek	6/7:30p
Dec. 21	at Fillmore Central	4/5:45p
Dec. 28	host Central City	5/6:30p
Dec. 30, Jan. 2	at holiday tournament	TBA
Jan. 7	host Syracuse	6/7:30p
Jan. 9	host Johnson County Central	6/7:30p
Jan. 11	host Southern	3:30/5p
Jan. 14	host Thayer Central	6/8p
Jan. 16	at Fairbury	6/7:30p
Jan. 21	at Centennial (g)	7:30p
Jan. 25	at Auburn	4/5:30p
Jan. 28	host Palmyra	6/7:30p
Jan. 31	host Milford	6/7:30p
Feb. 3-8	at Conference, TBA	TBA
Feb. 11	host Sutton	6/7:30p
Feb. 14	at David City	5:15/7p
Feb. 17-18	at Subdistricts (g)	TBA
Feb. 21	at Centennial (b)	7p
Feb. 24-27	at Subdistricts (b)	TBA
Feb. 28	at District final (g)	TBA
March 4	at District final (b)	TBA
March 5-8	at State (g), Lincoln	TBA
March 12-15	at State (b), Lincoln	TBA

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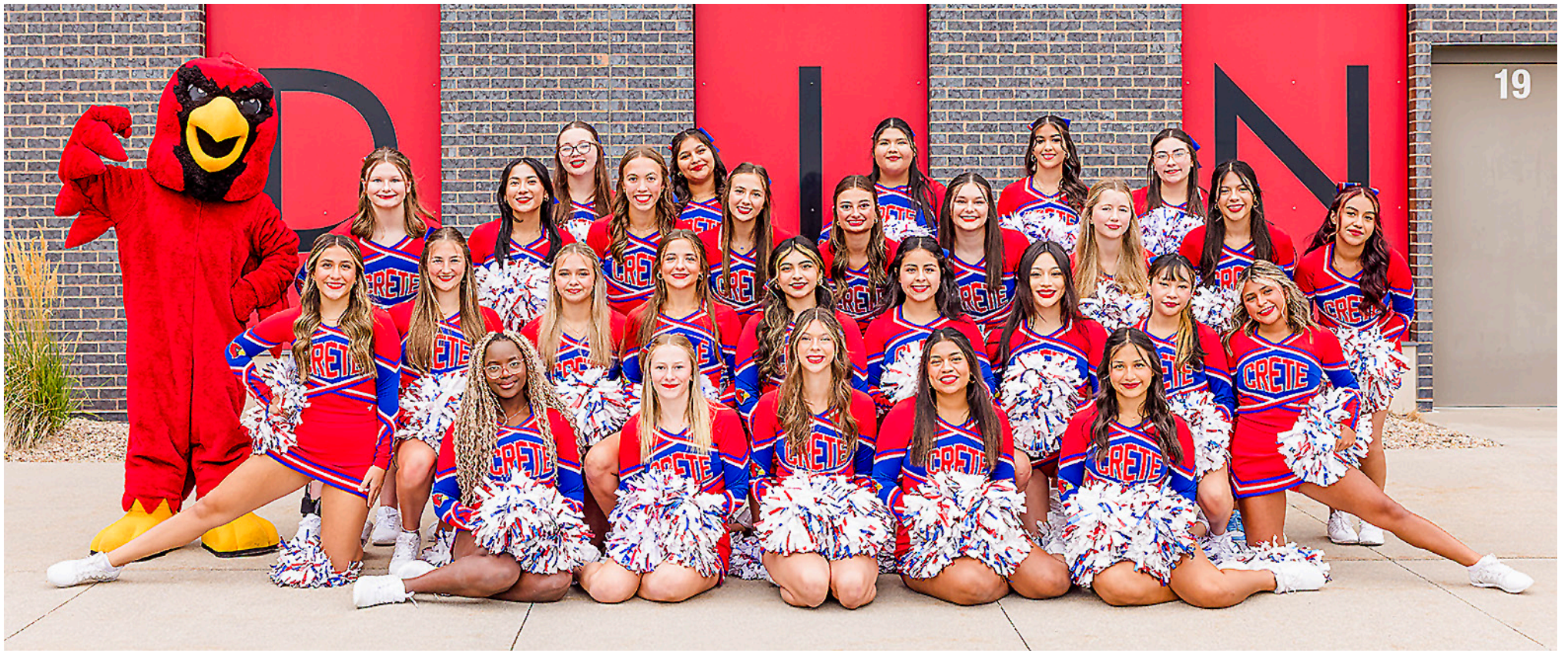


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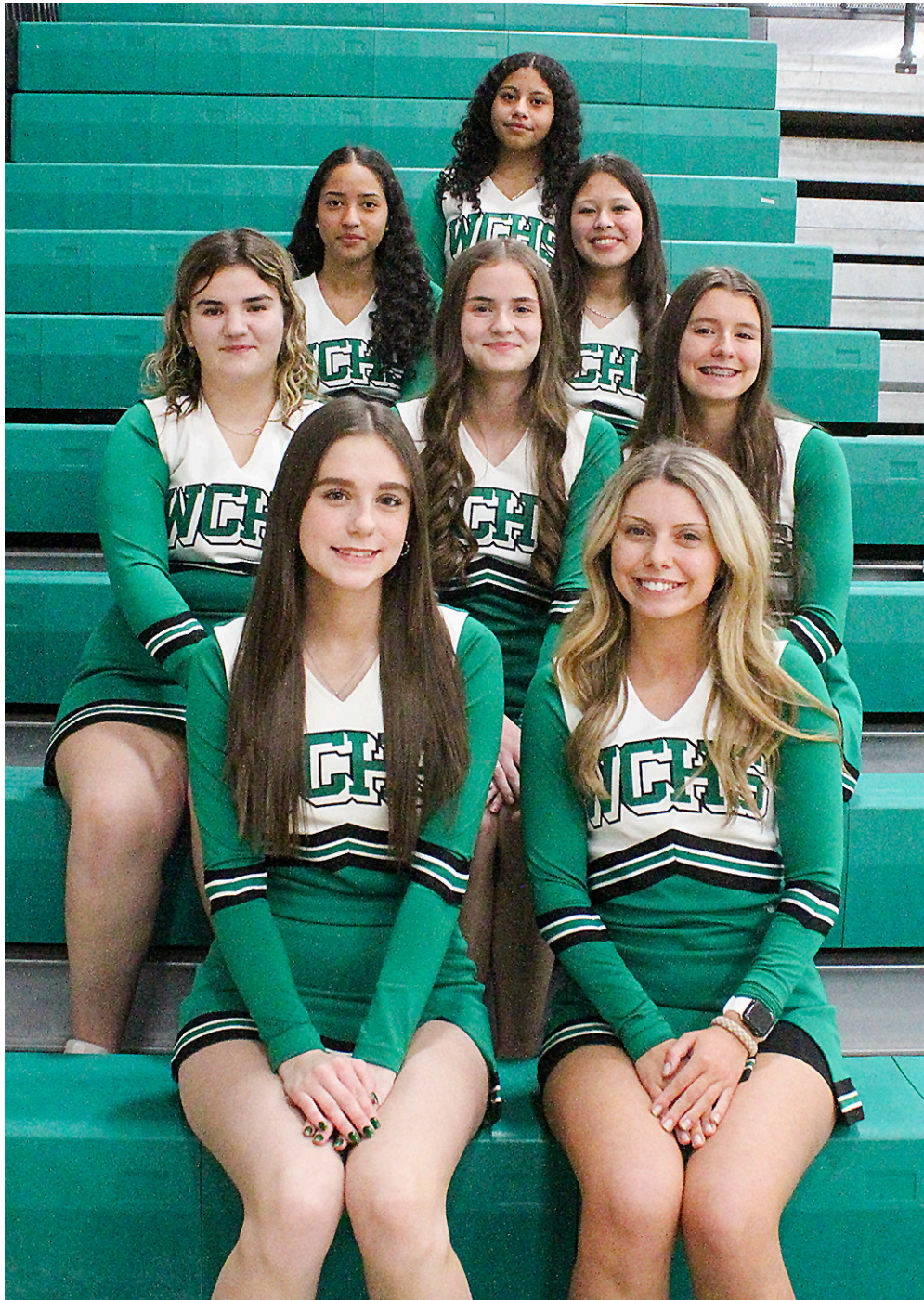
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The 2024-25 cheer squad at Crete High includes, from left: (first row) Conleigh Spence, Rylee Sommer, Lauren Corning, Jadya Sanchez and Jasmin Olague; (second row) Gloria Ixtaban, Adrianna Drevo, Faith Heusinkvelt, Colette Andelt, Stacy Mora, Yedi Zambrano, Katie Lopez, Amory Mejia and Angie Aguilar; (third row) Emma Clevette, Dayana Navas, Addison Dittmer, Ali McDowell, Evan Rezac, Alyiah Bakker, Peyton Wilford, Estefania Mendez and Jamie Escobar; and (fourth row) Jazmine Reynolds, Genesis Banos, Alejandra Sanchez, Yislen Llanes-Hernandez and Natalia Montejo.



LEESA K. BARTU

ABOVE: The 2024-25 Black Lightning dance team includes, from left, Maddy Kenney, Sophia Weber, Miley Ricenbaw, Taylin Schluter, Coach Lori Vyhnaek, Alexis Paulsen, Gracie Vyhnaek and Meredith Paulsen.



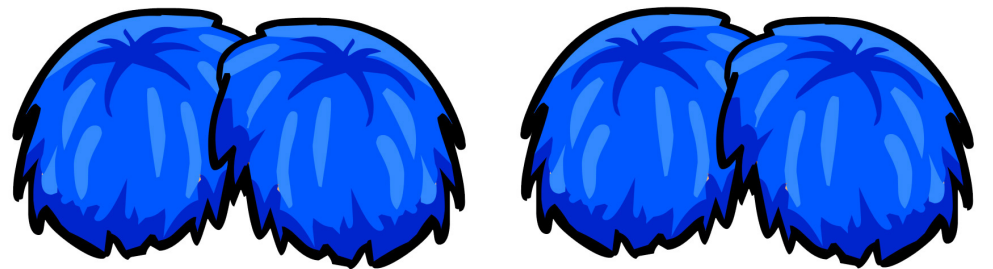
STEPHANIE CROSTON

LEFT: The 2024-25 cheer squad at Wilber-Clatonia includes, from left: (first row) Sierra Timmerman and Addison Combs; (second row) Lilee Smith, Pauline Lierz and Valerie Ninneman; (third row) Malinda Phillips and Ashly Ayala; and (fourth row) Roselyn Castro.



LEESA K. BARTU

EMF cheerleaders for the 2024-25 sports seasons are, from left, Sydney Engert, Selah Petersen, Lily Jeffries, Alivia Luzum and Cheyenne Krupicka.



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GIRLS' WRESTLING



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Girls wrestling for Crete High in 2024-25 include, from left: (first row) Trinity Williamson, Ruby Van Horn, Addison Woods and Jordan Parde; (second row) Stacy Mora, Jennifer Cervantes Mendoza, Juana Lucas Velazquez, Maria Chanchavac, Kelsey Talkington, Genesis Garay and Adriana Gomez; (third row) Sandra Vicente Reyes, Angela Avelar-Mendez, Alondra Munoz, Eimy Rueda, Elana Olague and Grace Anderson; (fourth row) Nayeli Villa, Melani Linares, Yarely Manjarrez Sandoval, Ariana Alvarez, Adelyn Brewer, Natalie Davis and CeCe Byers; and (fifth row) Miya Diaz Ornelas, Charlotte Sebaaly, Genesis Banos-Avelar, Adrianna Linares, Yazlyn Quiroz, Jaslyn Munoz and Lily Begay.

Crete girls' wrestling

Dec. 5	host triangular.....	5p
Dec. 6	at York tournament.....	3p
Dec. 10	host Lincoln High.....	6:30p
Dec. 12	host triangular.....	5p
Dec. 14	host tournament.....	9a
Dec. 19	at Fairbury tournament.....	2p
Dec. 21	at Platteview tournament.....	10a
Dec. 28	at North Platte tournament.....	10a
Dec. 30	at Spotlight on Girls Wrestling.....	9a
Jan. 10	at Beatrice tournament.....	3p
Jan. 14	host Nebraska City.....	6:30p
Jan. 17	at Schuyler tournament.....	9:30a
Jan. 18	at Nebraska City tournament.....	10a
Jan. 24	at Louisville tournament.....	10a
Feb. 1	host conference.....	9:30a
Feb. 4	at Beatrice.....	6p
Feb. 8	at Districts, TBA.....	TBA
Feb. 18-19	at State, CHI Health Center, Omaha ..	TBA

Coach: Jeff Steele

Years coaching: 3 as girls' head coach

Assistant coaches: Yesenia Ramos, Ethan Sherman

Conference affiliation: Central Conference

Seniors: Trinity Williamson, Alica Nolan, Ruby Van Horn, Addison Woods, Jordan Parde

Strengths of this year's team: We have a strong group of seniors this year and a large group of freshmen that help push others to be their best.

Holes to fill from last season: We lost an experienced group of seniors and state qualifiers. Varsity spots at 140 and above will all be new to the line up.



Crete girls' wrestling

Teams to watch in conference/district: Crete will be hosting wrestling conference and district tournaments this season for both boys and girls.

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The 2024-25 girls' wrestling team at Wilber-Clatonia includes, from left: (front row) Mary Klabenes, manager, Natalie Chrans, Haylee Parmentier, Alysa Zoubek and Taya Schellhorn; and (back row) Mollie Bates, manager, Korrina Paulsen, Faith Klabenes, Matilda Koll and Aria Polite, manager.



LEESA K. BARTU

The EMF girls wrestling team is Kyler Sladek (left) and Aubrey Bachle.

Wilber-Clatonia girls' wrestling

Dec. 14	at Crete tournament	9a
Dec. 19	at Fairbury tournament	2p
Jan. 9	at Thayer Central	6p
Jan. 23	at Thayer Central tournament	3p
Jan. 25	at Centennial tournament	9:30a
Feb. 1	at conference, Sandy Creek	10a
Feb. 7-8	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 18-19	at State, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA

EMF girls' wrestling

Dec. 5	at Dorchester triangular	6p
Dec. 6	at York tournament	3p
Dec. 14	at Meridian tournament	9a
Dec. 19	at Fairbury tournament	4p
Dec. 21	at Tecumseh tournament	9:30a
Jan. 3	at Fillmore Central tournament	9a
Jan. 10	at Franklin tournament	3p
Jan. 17	at Superior tournament	3p
Jan. 23	at Thayer Central tournament	3p
Jan. 25	at Centennial tournament	11a
Feb. 6	at East Butler tournament	2p
Feb. 7-8	at Districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 18-19	at State, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA



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Dorchester girls' wrestling

Coach: Chris Nelson
Years coaching: 8
Assistant coaches: Jeff Schoepf, Breckin Schoepf
Conference affiliation: Crossroads Conference
Seniors: Isabella Cornejo, AyLynn Schwisow, Ariana Tellez
Returning letter winners: Isabella Cornejo, AyLynn Schwisow
Team captains: Isabella Cornejo, AyLynn Schwisow
Strengths of this year's team: They all work well together.
Holes to fill from last season: Continuing to learn and grow as athletes.



AMY HAUSMAN

The Dorchester girls' wrestling team includes, from left: (front row) AyLynn Schwisow, Isabella Cornejo and Ariana Tellez; and (back row) Briana Tellez, Emilia Perez and Lindsay Deltoro.

Dorchester girls' wrestling

Dec. 5 host triangular 6p
 Dec. 6 at West Point Beemer tournament 2p
 Dec. 14 at Crete tournament 9a
 Dec. 20 at Wahoo tournament 1p
 Dec. 21 at JCC tournament 9:30a

Jan. 3 at Fillmore Central tournament 9a
 Jan. 10 at Malcolm tournament 3p
 Jan. 18 at Nebraska City tournament 10a
 Jan. 23 at Thayer Central tournament 2p
 Jan. 31 at Raymond Central tournament 2p

Feb. 1 at Doniphan-Trumbull tournament 9:30a
 Feb. 7-8 at Districts, TBA TBA
 Feb. 18-19 at State, CHI Health Center, Omaha .. TBA

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BOYS' WRESTLING



DAWN WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

The 2024-25 Crete High boys' wrestling team includes, from left: (first row) Ranger Dwehus, Ashton Sundling, Alex Martinez, Ricardo Vicente-Vasquez, Roger Ramos, Jonatan Zelaya and Emilio Badillo; (second row) Manager Jose Ixen, Greyer Slevin, Lyle Van Horn, Javier Loza, Jalala Korjo, Gabriel Manjarrez, Anthony Nelson and Benji Espinoza; (third row) Noah Rudebusch, Adan Perez Lemus, Eduard Valle, Brandon Filipi, Guillermo Guiza, Liam Boldt, Jackson Stehlik and Samuel Lopez-Loarca; (fourth row) Juan Tercero Rafael, Giovanni Reymundo, Chase Parde, Geovanni Banos, Yuniur Aguilar Sandoval, Adolfo Paiz-Ramos, Bryson Woods and Zachery Delano; and (fifth row) Oscar Ortiz, Braylan Miguel Jacinto, Caleb Egger, Frank Mejia, Jesse Cervantes, Santiago Rincon-Manzano, Marcelino Gomez, Alanzo Blanco and Nicolas Simon-Deleon.

Crete boys' wrestling

Coach: Aaron Wagoner
Years coaching: Seven as head coach
Assistant coaches: Casey Viger, Leo Van Horn
Conference affiliation: Central Conference
Seniors: Roger Ramos, Ashton Sundling, Ricardo Vicente-Vasquez
Returning letter winners: Roger Ramos, Ashton Sundling, Ricardo Vicente, Trinidad Sanchez, Gabriel Manjarrez, Greyer Slevin, Lyle Van Horn, Liam Boldt
Incoming athletes to watch: Jonatan Zeyala (junior transfer from Wilber)
Strengths of this year's team: Numbers- We have over 40 wrestlers on the squad. This should created some re-

ally good competition in the wrestling room to help guys compete and improve.

We have a very young squad with over 20 freshman on the team. There will be a lot of new faces, but they have shown the desire to work hard, get better, and compete. It should be a year where our team progresses a lot throughout the season.

Holes to fill from last season: Losing so many seniors left some big shoes to fill in the area of leadership. Our more experienced guys are going to have to step up and be leaders of our young group of wrestlers.

Teams to watch in conference/district: York, Lexington

Crete boys' wrestling

Dec. 5	host Schuyler	6:30p
Dec. 7	at Cozad tournament	9:30a
Dec. 10	host Lincoln High	6:30p
Dec. 14	host tournament	91
Dec. 17	at Beatrice	6p
Dec. 19	at Standing Bear	7p
Dec. 20	at Ralston tournament	4:30p
Dec. 28	at Shelby-Rising City tournament	9:30a
Jan. 3	at York tournament	TBA
Jan. 11	at Beatrice tournament	9:30a
Jan. 14	host Nebraska City	6:30p
Jan. 16	at Yutan tournament	4p
Jan. 18	at Nebraska City tournament	10a
Jan. 23	at Norris	6p
Jan. 24	at David City tournament	9:30a
Jan. 30	host triangular (WC, TC)	5:30p
Feb. 1	host conference	9:30a
Feb. 15	at districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 20-22	at state, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA

EMF wrestling

Coach: Nathan Baber
Years coaching: 6
Assistant coach: Dustin Payne
Seniors: Kyler Sladek, Dayton Kremer, Marshall Wells
Returning letter winners: Kyler Sladek, Dayton Kremer, Hunter Svehla

Strengths of this year's team: We have all returning wrestlers for both and girls along with new wrestlers boosting our numbers. Our returning talent is bringing years of experience and skill with them.

We had some wrestlers get very close to making it to state last year

in Class C, and with EMF being in Class D this year we are looking forward to the fact that we can send two wrestlers in one weight class to state. The fact that we could not have two wrestlers in one weight class was one thing that did not benefit us last year.



LEESA K. BARTU

The 2024-25 EMF boys' wrestling team is, from left, Marshall Wells, Jaxson Brandt, Gabriel Covarrubias, R J Clevenger, Hunter Svehla, Dayton Kremer and Brighton Riley.

EMF boys' wrestling

Dec. 7	host Bob Arehart Memorial	9a
Dec. 14	at Meridian tournament	9a
Dec. 21	at JCC tournament	9:30a
Dec. 28	at Shelby-Rising City tournament	9a
Jan. 11	at Franklin tournament	10a
Jan. 16	at Yutan tournament	TBA
Jan. 18	at Cross County tournament	9a
Jan. 24	at Thayer Central tournament	10a
Jan. 31	at Freeman tournament	3p
Feb. 14-15	at districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 20-22	at state, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA

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Wilber-Clatonia boys' wrestling

Coach: James Bates
Years coaching: 38, 32 at Wilber-Clatonia

Assistant coaches: Paul Havel, Cody Vana

Conference affiliation: Southern Nebraska Conference

Seniors: Iverson Mejia, Ryan Marsh, Jamil Sampson, Ivan Znamenacek, Anderson Melendez, Grant Petersen

Returning letter winners: Everyone on the team who is back from last year is a letterwinner.

Team captains: Iverson Mejia, Zaiyahn Ornelas, Grant Eschiti, Ivan Znamenacek, Logan Zimmerman

Strengths of this year's team: Z (Ornelas) is a returning state champ. Iverson (Mejia) is a returning state runner-up. Several elite wrestlers. If we can find some other guys to step up and fill the gaps, we can be pretty tough.

Z is going for third state title. Iverson is looking to improve on his third and second place finishes.

Holes to fill from last season: Lack of small guys (106 and 113 might be opens)

Teams to watch in conference/district: We are in District 4 with 12 teams from out west – Valentine, Mitchell, etc.

Tri County wrestling

Coach: Jerod Spahr
Years coaching: 22
Assistant coach(es): Travis Likens, Kenny Benraty
Last season's record
Conference affiliation:



STEPHANIE CROSTON

The boys' wrestling team at Wilber-Clatonia for 2024-25 includes, from left: (first row) Zach Marsh, Logan Zimmerman, Ryan Marsh, Grant Eschiti and Zaiyahn Ornelas; (second row) Ivan Znamenacek, Gabe Klabenos, Alex Dunagan-Mildward and Jamil Sampson; and (third row) Anderson Melendez, Iverson Mejia, Gavin Steffensmeier and Aiden Wright. Ty Roesler is not pictured.

Southern Nebraska Conference

Seniors: Riley Kopf, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand

Returning letter winners: Riley Kopf, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Owen Lewandowski, Henry Holtmeier, Sean Chase, Keyton Reck, Nick Sullivan, Luis Alarcon

Incoming athletes to watch: Carver Olberding, Justus Wehrmann

Team captains: Riley, Cole and Cooper

Strengths of this year's team: Great senior leaders and they spread out in the weight classes, so they can help develop the younger wrestlers. Seniors are all healthy and ready for the

season. We have quality from the top to the bottom.

Holes to fill from last season: Cael Washburn is a hard replacement, but with what Cooper Stokebrand

did in the offseason, he should be able to fill that responsibility. Lucas Lewandowski will be missed for his ability to wrestle any weight class.

Teams to watch in conference/district: District: Battle Creek, Broken Bow

and Syracuse; Conference: David City

Wilber-Clatonia boys' wrestling

Dec. 7	at O'Neill tournament	9:30a
Dec. 14	at Crete tournament	9a
Dec. 21	at Kearney Catholic tournament	9a
Jan. 9	at Thayer Central	6p
Jan. 10	host dual tournament	3p
Jan. 16	at Raymond Central triangular	4p
Jan. 18	at Cross County tournament	9a
Jan. 30	at Crete triangular	5:30p
Feb. 1	at conference, Sandy Creek	10a
Feb. 7	at Norris tournament	3p
Feb. 8	at state duals, Kearney	TBA
Feb. 14-15	at districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 20-22	at state, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA

Tri County wrestling

Dec. 5	at Palmyra Duals	TBA
Dec. 7	at EMF tournament	9a
Dec. 12	at Fairbury triangular	5p
Dec. 14	at North Bend Central tournament	9:30a
Dec. 19	at Lincoln triangular	TBA
Dec. 21	at Logan View tournament	9a
Jan. 10-11	host dual tournament	2p/9a
Jan. 17	at Syracuse tournament	4:30p
Jan. 23	at Southern	6p
Jan. 24	at Thayer Central tournament	10a
Jan. 30	at Crete triangular	5:30p
Feb. 1	at conference, Sandy Creek	10a
Feb. 7	at Norris tournament	3p
Feb. 8	at state duals, Kearney	TBA
Feb. 14-15	at districts, TBA	TBA
Feb. 20-22	at state, CHI Health Center, Omaha	TBA



STEPHANIE CROSTON

Wrestling for Tri County in 2024-25 are, from left: (first row) Silas Sedlacek, Keyton Reck, Cole Spahr, Cooper Stokebrand, Riley Kopf and Sean Chase; (second row) Jason Sullivan, Carver Olberding, Owen Lewandowski, Luis Alarcon and Brodie Chase; and (third row) Audree Sullivan, student manager, Gabe Alarcon, Justin Schwisow, Cade Spahr, Justus Wehrman and JoJo Ambrose, student manager. Henry Holtmeier and Nick Sullivan are not pictured.

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