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# Sports Preview



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Front row, left to right: Bennett Keel, Grady Bartlett, Decker Sipe, Frank Crimmins, Grant Bartlett, Burris Berger Back row, left to right: Hazen Williams, Calvin Condict, Finn Rolseth, Heston Fisher, Deke Herring, Rowdy Alameda, Fischer Williams Not pictured (they were

absent that evening): Newt Williams, Doug Anderson

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# Panthers are ready to pounce

Saratoga with seven seniors is looking forward to the season

#### by Mike Armstrong

The Saratoga Panther High School basketball team is one head coach Jason Williams feels very good about as the in the state tournament, this year his team has a strong roster of seniors who know each other well and are ready to see how far they can

season starts. Last year go. "We have a lot of not only because there the Panthers were the team because we defeated by the eventual are senior heavy," state champions, Williams said. "They are a great group to two juniors," Williams Upton. Williams said know our program and coach," Williams observed. "We have they know our culture. They its time to put in the work and work hard."Williams feels the team is going to do well

said. "These boys have been a source of pride over the past few years."Williams is a position probably

every coach wishes good leadership on are players who are to be in. "It is like I told excellent athletes, but them in practice, we also good people. "They have seven seniors and nine guys that almost any team in 1 A would start, having five to narrow it down to five is a good problem for

a coach to have to be this deep."Williams said the Panthers are ready to go."We are grateful to be able to start our season in front of our fans," Williams said. "It is exciting and fun and the team is really looking forward to it.

**Date** November 22 December 9 & 10 December 16-17 January 6 January 10 January 13 January 14 January 21 January 26 January 28 February 3 February 10 February 11 February 14 February 17 February 23-25

March 2-4

# **Opponnent**

**First Practice** Carbon County Classic Wrangler Invite Encampment HEM **LSRV Rock River** Farson-Eden Southeast **Encampment** HEM Farson Cokeville North Park **Wyoming Indian Regional Tournament** State Tournament

#### Location **Time**

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Top row left to right: Rhiwan Williams, Aspen Sewell, Sophia Diaz, Olivia Everett, Whitney Bennett, Anna Peterson, Tessa Peterson, Elizabeth Vannett Bottom Row left to right: Madison Rodriguez, Savannah Fagan, Madison Teichman, Allie Condict, Gillian Creed, Bailey Glode Not pictured: Cassidy

Herring, Ryley Alameda

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# Saratoga Lady Panthers aiming for State

ready to shoot for the win

by Virginia Parker

The Saratoga Lady Panthers ended last year's season at the 1A State Basketball Tournament where they faced off with

Cyclones and Kaycee's should prove to be even better. Returning this year are Seniors Whitney Bennett, Olivia Everett, and Madison

Saratoga girls are the Southeast Lady Teichman. Rhiwan Madison Rodriguez, Williams, Sophia Diaz, Lady Bucs. Overall the Olivia Everett, Anna Lady Panthers had Peterson, Elizabeth a great season last Vannett, Savannah These ladies will year, and this year Fagan, and Allie Condict are returning players with experience under the belt ready to mentor the newcomers

Tessa Peterson,

Gillian Creed, Bailey Glode, Cassidy Herring and Ryley Alameda. make it to the State championship matches. Bennett and Everett for the win. were both awarded

last year. Bennett was also awarded All-State honors for the third year in a row last year. This season should prove be fighting hard to to be exciting to watch as the Lady Panthers move across the court

The Saratoga Lady All-Conference honors Panthers begin their

season at the Carbon Invite on their home court, December 9. Facing Dubois Rams at 1:30 pm, followed by Midwest at 4:30 pm. Saturday, December 10 Burlington hits the court at 1:30 pm with the Lady's.



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Back Row: Dash Baysinger 10, Caleb Koehn 31, Arthur Columbus 15, Kaben Picket 24, Tyrel Brown 33, Brayden Barkhurst 1, Bryce Reid 30,

Dalton Chandler 32 Front Row: Brian Smith 13, Gunner Knotwell 2, Baylin Sifford 5, Lucas Stubbs 14, Bristin Sifford 21, Hayden Crowe 12, Korbyn Barkhurst 25, Ryon Miller 3

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# **Encampment Tigers prepare for the season**

Jake Johnson returns as Tigers coach

by Virginia Parker

The Encampment Tigers begin the season with Coach Picket, Tyrel Brown,

Jake Johnston at the Brayden Barkhurst, Columbus, Dalton helm. The Tigers start the season with sixteen men on their team, half of those with experience from the previous year. Returning are Kaben

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Bryce Reid, Gunner Knotwell, Baylin Sifford, Briston Sifford and Ryon Miller. Fresh to the Encampment team is Dash Baysinger, Caleb Koehn, ARthur

Chandler, Brian Smith, Lucas Stubbs, Hayden Crowe and Korbyn Barkhurst.

These young men will hit the court with their eye on the Regional and

State Competitions. The Tigers play in the the 1A Southwest Conference, once of the most difficult in the state.

The Encampment Tigers first games will be at the Carbon Invite on December 9 on their home court. They will face Midwest at 3 p.m., and Dubois at 6 p.m. On December 10 Burlington and Rock River will hit the court.





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# Lady Tigers bring experience to the court

Encampment girls will be shooting for the top

by Virginia Parker Encampment's Lady

Tigers Basketball team goes into the season with eight seasoned players including Cora Schroeder, Allison Bromley, Eckerley

Pickett, Kyenna Jackson, Peyton Munroe, Karlee Boyles, Kayla Smith, and Hannah Lee who will be amazing mentors to newcomers

Sami Anderson, Regin Stewart, and Eva Schluter. Coach Clint Bromley has the experience to take these girls to Regionals and

State this year.

The Lady Tigers will be on home court at the Carbon County Invite December 9, facing Midwest and Dubois.

Saturday, Burlington's Lady Huskies will put the Tigers through their paces for a start to the season.



Cody Priest - Shane Carrol -Kyler Proffitt - Jesse Deegan - Slevyn Pelt - Quinn Felton (MGR) Not Pictured - Hayden

Atencio, Naythen Atencio, and Royal Olsen

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# Miners ready to start season

More players are on the team this year

by Mike Armstrong

The Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) High School Miners boys basketball team is still not the biggest considering

rivals, but compared to last year when the team had only six players, head coach Cliff Jones is glad to see the team increase in size.

"I am excited to see an increase in numbers this season," Jones said. "So far, it's been a fun group to work with and we are looking forward to pushing ourselves to grow and improve as the season progresses."

Jones knows with eight players the team will require the boys to be ready to play hard. He also knows the team will

have an opportunity to learn about themselves fairly early in the season as they participate in a tournament this coming weekend.

"We play some really good teams early in the season at our first couple of tournaments,"

Jones said, "So hopefully we will have a better understanding of where we are as we head into the holiday break."

The Miners proved last year, they were a team who played hard and with a lot of heart. It is their heart Jones is proud of from his players, no matter the win/loss record, and he is hopeful this year will enable the team to have a good season.

The team will host a tournament this weekend.



Back Row: Hanna Gonzalez - Sara Sikes - Jaque Nelsen -Mackenzie Priest - Sam Tylka - Justine Widdison - Addison Scott

Front Row - Sammee Widdison - Bella Vaipuna -Madison Widdison - Jaidyn **Booth** 

Not Pictured - Jamie Jeorgesen, Sarah Banks, and Madeline Christie (MGR)

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# Lady Miners are coming together

HEM girls basketball are gelling as a team as season begins

by Mike Armstrong

The Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) High School Lady Miners girls basketball team is coming together according to head coach Jackie Jones.

"This group of young ladies are ready to work and be a team," Jones

said. "We all know we have some rust to polish up and some skills to refine, but the way the team is coming together as a cohesive unit already is so encouraging."

Last year the team was smaller than this year and the team did not come together as strongly as the season went on. This is unusual for a Jones coached team, so the

coach is happy to see the team coming together.

"Our numbers are up with 13 girls coming out this season," Jones said. "That is a great morale booster for the program.

We are excited to start playing this weekend even though we won't have all our players."

HEM will be hosting a basketball tournament this weekend.



Matheson, Alexander Kunsman, Kody Feldmann, Wade Corson, Tanner Duncan, David Hernandez, Hadley Myers, Mason Davis, Ashton JeannerettMiddle row: Chris Saenz, Jaden Thomas, Mason Jones, Hunter Jones, Isaiah Skalberg, Ervey Marquez, Aldo Alvarez, Granit Ready

Front row: Aiden Jones, Chase McKee, Seth Maxson, Bridger Cozzens, Quin Sheaman Not Pictured: Tucker Devlin Coaches: Jack Cobb & Kyle Jeffres





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# LSRV looks to keep improving

The Rattlers look to do even better this season

#### by Mike Armstrong

The Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) High School Rattlers boys basketball team had a very good season when comparing it to the season before where the team went 1-15. Last year they made regionals

and were a game away from making state.

Many of the players on the Rattler basketball team played on the state champion football team this year.

Head Coach Jack Cobb said he knows his boys are athletes but the two games are entirely different.

"Besides them being different games, we are probably a couple weeks behind other teams because after winning the football championship we took a week off to relax and recover a little bit, then Thanksgiving was on us," Cobb said. "So that brings us back a little bit. Plus we are a young team."

Cobb said there were some players from last year which would be

"Besides the seniors we lost, there is a key player from that time not playing the year and we have had a few recent injuries that could also mean something to our season," Cobb said. "The important thing is that I think our team wants to prove that we may be a school known for football,

but we can be a team that is competitive in basketball and will improve each season. But very few schools dominate in both sports and that is because they are very different games being played."

Cobb said he was proud the team went to regionals last year after missing going there for three years. This year he hopes to get to State.

"We are going to learn a lot about ourselves in the next couple weeks as we play some tough, tough teams in tournaments," Cobb said. "Once we go through them, we will have learned a lot about ourselves and which players are going to step up."



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# Lady Rattlers ready to take a bite

LSRV girls basketball are looking forward to the season

#### by Mike Armstrong

The Little Snake River Valley (LSRV) High School Lady Rattlers girls basketball team lost two seniors last year, but the team has seven players coming back with a lot of experience according to head coach Mark Gillies.

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"The girls returning are coming off a solid season from last year and I am really excited to see what we are going to do this season," Gillies said. "Our dynamic will change a

little bit from last year, but we are experienced and I am looking forward to us going out and competing."

Gillies feels the team has tremendous potential to do very well this season.

"This is my third year coaching the team. My first year was during COVID and that was not a great time for basketball," Gillies said. "Last year I was able to interject a little bit of my coaching philosophy while still respecting what went on before and it worked. This year we will do a few more tweaks, but that is what coaches do."

He said the players are unselfish and are coming

together as a team.

"I think it is going to be exciting this season," Gillies said. "I think we are going to have a very balanced attack. I think one night one player will be the high scorer and then the next night it will be another. By being balanced it makes it

difficult for other teams to know who to cover as the season continues."

The Lady Rattler coach admits having two returning all conference players gives the team a boost too.

"I think this is going to be a good season for us," Gillies said.



Top, left to right: Ben Waqv, Kellen Reeder, Douglass Campbell, Lane Robinson, Quade Jordan, Silas Vannett, Logan Robinson

Bottom, left to right: Skyler Wood, Tuker Carricato, Josiah Stockwell, Anthony Campbell, Allyster Ingraham







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# Panther Wrestlers bring experience and teamwork to season

Saratoga and **Encampment** team up

by Virginia Parker Saratoga Panther's ready to rock with the team being made up of and only one newcomer.

Wrestling team is members include Ben Wagy, Kellen Reeder, Douglass Campbell, experienced wrestlers Lane Robinson, Quade Jordan, Silas Vannett, Returning team Logan Robinson,

Skyler Wood, Tuker Carricato, Josiah Stockwell and Allyster Ingraham. Anthony Campbell joins these young men this year

as well. After a full schedule of meets starting December 9 at the Lusk Invite, these wrestlers will no doubt

Regionals on February 17, followed by the State Tournament on head for Southeast February 24 and 25.



Elisabeth Hammond (MGR), Mckaylee Widdison - Destiny Demari - Alaina McNees. Jared Nelsen, Wes Clark, Darius Seager, Samuel Ramirez, and Tom Wagner Not Pictured: Anthony Solaas

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# **HEM** wrestling around

Miner wrestling team looks to improve over last season

by Mike Armstrong

The wrestling Miner team at the Hanna, Elk Mountain, Medicine Bow (HEM) High School is looking forward to this season according to head coach Robert Riddle.

"It is a promising season," Riddle said.

"There are several kids that are returners and several new wrestlers. The team is looking strong and well conditioned."

The Miners is not a large team, but is a team

which has had a female wrestler competing for the last four years in a row. It started with one and in a year it was two girls competing. Now there are three on a team of nine wrestlers.

Riddle likes what he sees.

"The girls season is looking promising," Riddle said."One returning wrestler is a state qualifier. The two new girls look to be doing very well so far."

The Miner wrestlers will have their first meet at the Carbon County Tournament on December 15.

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## **Opponnent**

Lusk Invite Saratoga Triangular West Grand Invite Shoshoni Duals Don Runner Invite

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Lusk Saratoga Kremmling, Co. Shoshoni Pavillion

#### **Time**

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#### January 21 January 27 & 28 February 4 February 10 & 11 February 17

February 24 & 25

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Riverton Rawlins HEM Sundance Casper

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# **Opponnent**

First Practice Wind River Duals **Torrington Duals Burns Duals Dogger Duals** Wind River Duals **HEM Triangular** Southeast Duals Carbon County Duals **Regional Tournament** State Tournament

## Location

**Time** 3:45 pm Hanna **TBA** Pavillion **Torrington TBA** Burns **TBA** Lingle **TBA** Pavillion **TBA** Hanna 5:30 pm **TBA** Yoder Saratoga/Hanna **TBA** Glenrock **TBA** Casper **TBA** 

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Opponnent First Practice Carbon County Classic North Park Lingle Southeast Saratoga **Rock River** Little Snake River Valley Farson-Eden Cokeville Southeast Saratoga LSRV HEM Cokeville Farson-Eden HEM **Rock River Regional Tournament** 

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**Regional Tournament** 

State Tournament

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