

Boys lacrosse returns five players

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The boys lacrosse team returns five players to their squad this season, including David Keeton, Ethan Morgan, Samson Magnus, Casey Warburton and Damien Wills.

Keeton is the lone senior that returns to the team, and is an outstanding defensive player.

Coach Eric Wentzel said, "David has a passion to see those around him succeed. He is a natural leader on the team, and the younger players look up to him. He is one of the players that connects the lacrosse legacy back to Bill Rexford."

Morgan, Magnus, Warburton and Wills are all sophomores.

Morgan was also voted a team captain and will play at attack. Ethan spent significant time in the off-season to be prepared for this year.

"Ethan shows a passion for the sport of lacrosse that is infectious with his teammates," said Wentzel.

Magnus and Wills will both play at the midfield position.

"Samson is a player with no fear and is willing to be

aggressive in his pursuit to score goals. He will be a clear player in the success of our offense scheme. Damien is the player that the rest of the team has wondered what he did in the off-season. He's a player that is finding himself at the right place at the right time on the field. The coaching team is expecting a breakout season from him."

Warburton rounds out the returning players and Wentzel told *The Nugget* that Casey is a goalie that improves with every practice and is always willing to try new techniques.

"It's great to have someone in this position that loves the role of goalie," said Wentzel.

Five players will step up from JV to join the varsity team. Players include senior Chase Lawrence (midfield), and sophomores Sam Mitchell, Drew Hendrickson, and Ethan Kennedy, who will all play defense, and sophomore Gabe Patton, who will play attack.

Ten new players will also be added to the squad: sophomore Tyler Friend (midfield), sophomore Chayce Sproat (attack), freshmen Spencer Bordonaro and Bennett Lewis (attack), freshmen Trey

Stadeli, Jude Carhart, Willie Stewart, Kincaid Smelzer, and Keeton Green, who will all play midfield, and freshman Matt Harris, who will play defense.

Of the new players, Wentzel said, "Many of these new players have been playing together in Sisters Lacrosse League for a number of years. There is a genuine chemistry between them and the returning players.

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"We're a young team, which will present some challenges as we face High Desert opponents such as Bend and Summit, but this will only benefit in the years to come as we mature. The coaching staff, which includes Paul Patton and Doug Hull, are excited to be working with such a great group of young men. It is the highlight of my day."

Boys hoops announces all-league picks

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The Outlaws had five players selected to all-league teams, and Keegan Greaney was at the top of the heap as a first-team all-league pick.

Greaney averaged 10 points and three rebounds per game for Sisters, and played a huge role in the Outlaws' success on both the offense and defensive end.

"Keegan was a key offensively and defensively all season long," said Coach Rand Runco.

Steen Johnson earned second-team all-league honors. Johnson averaged close to nine points and four rebounds per game.

"Steen was excellent on both sides of the ball," said Runco. "He was one of our top defenders and had some huge games in league that really improved our league standings.

Hayes Moore, Tyler Head, and Scoot Waddell all received honorable-mention recognition.

Moore averaged eight points, five assists, and three

rebounds per game during the second half of league. Head led the team in rebounds and was the Outlaws' key post defender, who took on players much bigger than him. Tyler also averaged eight points per game. Waddell averaged 11 points per game.

Of the three honorable-mentions, Runco said, "Hayes started slowly, but became our floor leader, and really improved at the end of league, and going into playoffs. Tyler was so stable and reliable on the glass and in the scorebook all season. Scott was our most consistent scorer. He started as our five man, moved to forward, and finished the season as a combo guard/forward."

Runco told *The Nugget* that the all-league selections were very even this year, and that last year eight of the 10 first- and second-team selections were juniors, which made this a very strong senior year.

The Outlaws finished league in a second-place tie with Junction City. All five of the starters took turns in both scoring and rebounds.

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