

JEWELL BLUE JAYS

BASKETBALL

Wawro takes over as Jewell coach

By GARY HENLEY
The Daily Astorian

One retirement at the end of last season created two new job openings at Jewell High School.

Longtime coach Mark Fick — who coached both Jewell boys and girls basketball for the last few years — retired following the very last games of the 2017-18 season, so the Blue Jays had to go looking for two replacements for the one departure.

While David Samuelson will coach the Jewell boys, the Lady Jays will be under the guidance of Hailee Wawro,

who served as an assistant to Fick last year with the Jewell girls.

The Lady Jays are coming off a 14-9 season, in which they finished third in the Casco League standings at 9-5, but worked their way to the No. 2 seed for the state playoffs with a 25-16 victory over Crosshill Christian in the league tournament.

Jewell went on to lose a 48-27 decision to Perrydale for the No. 1 seed, then came up short in a first-round state playoff game against Southwest Christian.

It was still a successful year for Jewell, and now Wawro will have to replace four

seniors heading into the 2018-19 season.

THE LADY JAYS

Jewell's preseason roster includes a healthy list of returners, led by seniors Lily Kaczynski and Cheyenne Stapleton.

The Jays also have three juniors with varsity experience — Nedi Morales, Haley Norman and Haven Shaw — while sophomores Lillie Meier and Ally Phillips, and freshmen Brenna Shaw and Alivia Swearingen round out the roster.

THE CASCO LEAGUE

The Casco will be a little tougher than it was last season,

as the league welcomes back St. Paul, which played last year in the Class 2A Tri-River Conference.

The Buckaroos were 24-6 at the 2A level, and finished third in the state tournament.

Following back-to-back losses against Perrydale and Livingstone Adventist last season, Jewell responded with five straight wins.

They were 13-5 following a 28-20 victory over Livingstone Feb. 1, but lost four of their last five.

The Lady Jays will be tested early this season, with a Dec. 4 game at Knappa, followed two days later with their league opener at Perrydale.



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Three of Jewell's returners for the 2018-19 season, from left to right, Nedi Morales, Haley Norman and Lillie Meier.

Jewell boys program rebuilding

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Jewell boys basketball will be building from the ground up for the 2018-19 season.

The Blue Jays have a new coach, as David Samuelson takes over for Mark Fick. And greeting Samuelson in his first season is a roster of 10 players that includes six freshmen, three sophomores and a junior.

If the youthful lineup wasn't enough, Jewell is coming off a season in which the Jays had just one win, and finished 1-20 overall, 0-14 in Casco League play.

A 27-18 win over Portland Waldorf was the only victory in Jewell's season of discontent, as the Jays closed out the year with 15 straight losses.

THE BLUE JAYS

Samuelson is looking at a complete roster rebuild. Only two athletes on Jewell's preseason list of players (sophomores Eddie Berg and Des-

mond Martin) were on last year's team, which had five seniors.

The eight newcomers include junior Josh Ruch and sophomore Aiden Bixel, along with freshmen Cyrus Blodgett, Jackson Gnuschke, Nick Nikander, Bradley Rogers, Andy Valdez and Zachary Van Dyke.

THE CASCO LEAGUE

Crosshill Christian is the defending Casco League champion, as the Eagles went 13-1 in league, before losing in

the first round of the state playoffs.

The Blue Jays will spend the first couple weeks of the season on the road, as they open with games at North Clackamas, Open Door Christian Academy and Perrydale, followed by three games in the Southwest Christian tournament, Dec. 7-8.

Jewell's home opener is Dec. 13 vs. Oregon School for the Deaf.



The 2018-19 Jewell boys basketball team.

Jewell School



The Jewell 'dome,' home of the Blue Jays.

Jewell School

SCOREBOARD

PREP SPORTS SCHEDULE

TODAY
Wrestling — Knappa Invitational, 5 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Preseason coaches polls
(1st place votes in parentheses)
Class 4A
1. Marshfield (11) 110
2. Banks 77
3. North Marion 60
4. Hidden Valley 57
5. Stayton 45
6. Marist Catholic 43
7. Newport 41
8. Baker 29
9. Valley Catholic 28
10. Cottage Grove 21
Others receiving votes: Astoria 20, Philomath 13.

Class 3A
1. Blanchet Catholic (7) 115
2. Salem Academy (5) 100
3. Clatskanie (1) 89
4. Yamhill-Carlton 53
5. Burns 54
6. Pleasant Hill 46
7. Warrenton 43
8. Amity 41
9. De La Salle 40
10. Creswell 30
Others receiving votes: Sutherlin 26, Dayton 25, Brookings-Harbor 13.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Preseason coaches polls
(1st place votes in parentheses)
Class 4A
1. Seaside (13) 130
2. Marshfield 108
3. Stayton 84
4. Valley Catholic 79
5. Banks 76
6. Marist Catholic 46
7. Philomath 42
8. Newport 30
9. Henley 21
10. La Grande 21
Others receiving votes: Woodburn 16, Sisters 13.

Class 2A
1. Columbia Christian (14) 158
2. Western Christian (3) 152
3. Kennedy 135
4. Toledo 113
5. Knappa 92
6. Monroe 41
6. Coquille 41
6. Santiam 41
9. Oakland 24
10. Jefferson 19
Others receiving votes: Grant Union 18, Lost River 17, Portland Christian 16, Stanfield 16, Vernonia 15, Pilot Rock 14, Heppner 13, East Linn Christian 10.

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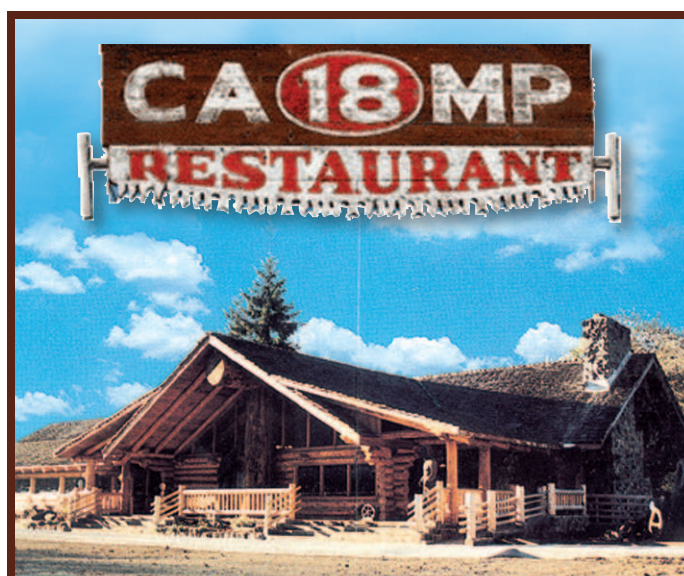
<p>League 1A-2 (2018-2021) Casco League Mascot Blue Jays Colors Royal Blue, Gold</p>	<p>Superintendent Alice Hunsaker Principal Terrence Smyth Athletic Director Mark Freeman</p>
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Boys Basketball Team Rosters

VARSITY						VARSITY						Head Coach	
No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.		No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.			
1	Cyrus Blodgett	P	9	5-07		30	Andy Valdez	G	9	5-09		David Samuelson	
2	Nick Nikander	G	9	5-05		32	Desmond Martin	G	10	5-08		Assistant Coach Shannon Wood	
3	Jackson Gnuschke	G	9	5-05		35	Zachary Van Dyke	P	9	6-00			
12	Eddie Berg	G	10	5-01		50	Josh Ruch	P	11	6-00			
24	Bradley Rodgers	P	9	5-10									

Jewell's 2018-19 roster

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