

BOYS

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the best players," Gill said. "It's one thing to have talent, but the work ethic he puts in — he's a gym rat, along with Dorran."

It's hard to pull all three out of the weight room, he said.

The roster includes seniors Williams, Devin Packard and Brogan McKrola, as well as two juniors, four sophomores and four freshmen.

Packard and McKrola are transfer students, and Packard was on the Panther team two years ago.

The seniors and junior, Wilson, all said they're excited for their first game.

They host the Adrian Antelopes at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 2.

"I'm looking forward to having a great bunch of guys out this year," Williams said. "I'm excited to see the outcome of our first game, and see what the rest of the season looks like."

"I'm having fun with these guys, and I think we'll do well," Packard said.

"So far, we've been working really hard, and I think if we keep that up, we should be looking good this season," McKrola said. "Hopefully we're going to win a lot of games."

"I love the enthusiasm so far," Wilson said. "We're looking forward to what we're going to become toward the end of the season — I think this year is our year."

Gill said the seniors have stepped into leadership roles, showing the younger players the ropes.

"They bring some toughness that we kind of lacked last year," he said.

The four freshmen and other players will be involved in junior varsity games.

"We've got some JV games scheduled, so we can get experience for some of the younger guys," Gill said. "Last year, we weren't afforded that opportunity."

He added, "All the freshmen are looking really good and working hard."

This year's 1A High Desert League opponents include: Adrian, Burnt River, Crane, Harper, Huntington, Jordan Valley and Monument/Dayville.

Gill said the coaching staff has developed their team identity and season goals in preparation for competition.

"Our focus is defense," Gill said. "That's where our foundation starts this year. That's going to be our strong point and hold us together this year."

He added, their overall vision isn't just about winning games.

He wants the players to buy into the team, encourage each other and share the ball.

"We're about molding these guys," he said. "We want to win, but building memories and relationships and transforming these boys into young men, these are the tools to be successful young men in our community and society."

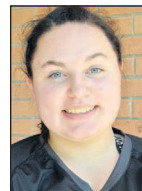
He said he appreciates the fans that came out to the games last year.

"We want to encourage the community to come out and support us and fill the stands," he said. "I'm really excited and happy to be back. I've grown a deep love for this community and these kids."

PANTHER SENIORS



Lindsay Wall



MaKenzie Jones



Taci Perrenoud



Sarah Ennis



Devin Packard



Wyatt Williams



Brogan McKrola

GIRLS

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said. "I think we have a lot of potential. We just need to start putting the puzzle pieces together."

Wall said she's looking forward to the season, hopeful for wins.

"I can't wait to see what the season has in store for us," she said.

Perrenoud, new to the school this year from Wyoming, said this is the first time she's played the sport.

"I'm excited for the potential we have and seeing the team pull together," she said.

Workman said the juniors Brianna Zwegardt, Cassie Hire and Megan Camarena are bringing a lot to the table.

"They're strong players, good leaders and have been keeping up the intensity," the coach said.

That intensity, and execution, is what will be needed for what Workman said is expected to be a tough league.

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The Eagle/Angel Carpenter
Prairie City Lady Panthers chase after a rebound in last week's practice. From left, Megan Camarena and Hailee Wall.

Workman said the team is headed in the right direction, with his players showing positive attitudes and an eagerness to learn.

"They've been working hard," he said. "They're trying to do things right, and I see good things coming from that."

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