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(L-R) **FRONT:** Jackson Bauman, Rome West, Eric Heinzelman, Chase Brown, Kiefer Adams  
**MIDDLE:** Josh Brown, Marcus Gordon, Rayce Farmer, Bryson Butrick, Alijah Hernandez, Cayden Dunkhas, Alex McKim **BACK:** Carson Bredemeier, Kyle Eickhoff, Jon Craig, Jaxyn Strauss, Charlie McNeely, Joe Vrtiska, Josh Frederick  
**NOT PICTURED:** Gannon Ogden

# YOUNG TIGERS HOPING TO BUILD ON LAST SEASON

Story and Photo By Brian McKim

Coach Don Hogue enters his 23rd season as the play-caller for the Tigers basketball team. Hogue will be looking to replace four starters and six letter winners from last year's 9-13 squad. Not all is lost, as FC lost six different contests by five or fewer points and had a junior varsity team that finished 11-1. Falls City's season came to a close last season in sub-districts at the hands of Syracuse, 48-34.

Hogue, in search of his 300th win, currently is 290-239 at Falls City.

The Tigers will rely on two returning starters in Carson Bredemeier and Jaxyn Strauss. Bredemeier, a 6'1 guard, averaged 11 points per game, making a team-record 66 three-pointers last season, while Strauss, a 6'3 guard/forward had 84 points and 72 rebounds.

Coach Hogue will look to speed up the game while continuing to be solid on the defensive end of the court. To be successful this winter, the Tigers will need to take care of the ball on offense while hitting the boards hard on both ends of the court.

Hogue will also look to his bench for quality minutes. Seniors Rayce Farmer, 6'0 guard and Kyle Eickhoff, a 6'2 forward, will have to help fill spots on the court. Juniors Jon Craig, 6'3 center, Bryson Butrick, 6'0 guard, Joe Vrtiska, 6'0 guard and Alijah Hernandez, 6'0 guard, will all be called upon for minutes this winter.

According to Coach Hogue, they will be testing the waters a little at the point position as Butrick had a solid summer. Bredemeier has the shooting guard position locked up after hitting 66 treys last season. Farmer & Strauss can fire the rock as well.

Strauss will do most of his damage from the forward position, where the 6'3 versatile athlete will be able to get to the rim. Look for Eickhoff to make some noise at the forward position as well. According to Hogue, Eickhoff has a knack for getting to loose balls around the hoop.

The man in the middle appears to be Craig. Jon can find the bottom of the net from the post and has above-average moves for a big man. Craig's foot-work improved over the summer, as did his shooting from the charity stripe.


Falls City will miss Will Vitosh (13 points per game), Brock Hogue (team record 132 assists) and Tyler Uhri (81 points and 125 rebounds.)

The Tigers will be out for revenge as they open the season on the road at Syracuse on Friday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m.

## 2021 TIGER BASKETBALL


Dec. 3	@ Syracuse (gbGB)	4:30
Dec. 10	@ Johnson-Brock (gbGB)	4:00
Dec. 11	vs Freeman (gbGB) @ Adams	3:00
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Dec. 21	vs Elmwood-Murdock (gbGB)	4:30
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Jan. 4	vs Nebraska City (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 7	vs Lourdes Central (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 10-15	@ Fairfax Tourney (GB)	TBA
Jan. 20	@ Conestoga (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 22	Jo. Co. Central (gbGB) @ Tecumseh	2:00
Jan. 25	@ Auburn (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 27	Weeping Water (gbGB) Peru St.	4:00
Jan. 29- Feb 5	ECNC Tourney (GB)	TBA TBA
Feb. 8	@ Diller-Odell (gbGB)	4:30
Feb. 10	vs HTRS (gbGB)	4:00
Feb. 14,15, 17	Sub-districts (G)	TBA TBA
Feb. 18	vs Fairbury (bB)	5:30
Feb. 21, 22,24	Sub-districts (B)	TBA TBA
Feb. 25	District final (G)	TBA TBA
Feb.26	District final (B)	TBA TBA
Mar. 7-12	State Tourney (GB) @ Lincoln	TBA

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## IRISH HAVE SIGHTS SET ON A THREE-PEAT

Story and Photo By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish boy's basketball team will be gunning for their third consecutive Class D2 state championship this season. Last year, the Irish (20-7) pulled off the improbable, entering the tourney at the seven seed and taking down the #2, #3 and #4 seed to win the program's 11th state title. In mid-January, the Irish had lost four in a row and the postseason was looking bleak. After losing the Pioneer Conference tourney championship to Tri County, the Irish finished the year with eight straight wins to secure their back-to-back titles.

It's worth noting that Head Coach Doug Goltz tied the Nebraska boy's all-time win total in the title game last season. Goltz enters the season with a 694-183 record with the Irish, tied with Doug Mendlik of Wisner-Pilger.

Sacred Heart graduated Jack Fiegenger, Del Casteel and Kyle Bauman but will return four of the five starters from last year's squad. Fiegenger averaged 14 points and eight rebounds per game. Casteel added one point and two boards per game and Bauman scored three points and pulled in four rebounds per contest.

Jakob Jordan, eight points, 117 assists and 52 steals will operate the point for the Irish. Jake Froeschl, seven points, 46 steals and 59 assists, will join Jordan in the backcourt. Evan Keithley, five points, three rebounds and 29 steals and Brogan Nachtigal, ten points, six boards and 38 assists will be back in the frontcourt for Coach Goltz. Look for sophomore Joe Simon to fill in the fifth position this winter for the Irish. Simon saw his playing time go up as the season progressed last year and was a significant contributor at the state tournament. Simon averaged three points and three rebounds per contest last season.

The Irish outscored opponents 53-41 and shot 44% from the floor while holding opponents to 37%.

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### 2021 IRISH BASKETBALL

Dec. 3	vs	Sterling (gbGB)	5:00
Dec. 7	@	NE City Lourdes Cent. (bgG)	5:00
Dec. 9	@	Sidney (gG)	6:00
Dec. 10	vs	Friend (GB)	6:00
Dec. 14	vs	Lewiston (bGB)	5:00
Dec. 17	vs	HTRS (gbGB)	4:00
Dec. 18	@	St Joe Bishop LeBlond (gG)	12:00
Dec. 18		Heartland Hoops-Loomis (B) Hastings	TBA
Dec. 21	@	Tri County (gbGB)	4:30
Dec. 28,29		Freeman Holiday (GB) Adams	TBA
Jan. 4	vs	Elmwood-Murdock (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 7	@	Diller-Odell (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 8	@	Bishop LeBlond (B)	4:00
		(Steve Vertin Classic)	
Jan. 10-15	@	MUDECAS-Beatrice (GB)	TBA
Jan. 18	@	Auburn (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 21	vs	Pawnee City (gbGB)	4:00
Jan. 25	@	Wymore Southern (gbGB)	4:30
Jan. 27	vs	Johnson-Brock (gbGB)	4:00
Jan. 31-Feb 5		Pioneer Conf. HTRS/DO/SH	TBA
Feb. 8	@	Tarkio..East-Atchison (gbGB)	4:30
Feb. 10	vs	Weeping Water (gG)	5:00
Feb. 11	vs	Sidney (bB)	6:00
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Feb 25.		Girls sub-state	TBA TBA
Feb. 26-Mar.1		Boys sub-state	TBA TBA
Mar. 7-12		Girls State Lincoln	TBA
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**(L-R) FRONT ROW:** Nicolas Knudson, Gage Schardt, Andrew Stalder, Niccolo LasRosa, Lennox Pechmann-Sadlo **BACK ROW:** Kody Jeralds, Hunter Bohling, Brogan Dunlap, Alex Koziol, JJ McQueen, Jack Hunzeker, Colt McClarnen, Brennen Vaughan and Kiffen Hunzeker **NOT PICTURED:** Hunter Frey and Jeremiahe Woolard **COACHES:** Mike Schardt (head) Schuyler Kuhlmann (assistant)

## TITAN BOYS WILL LOOK TO YOUNGSTERS FOR HELP

By Brian McKim (Photo Submitted)



The HTRS Titans enter year two under Head Coach Mike Schardt. Schardt and assistant coach Schyler Kuhlmann will look to improve upon last year's 7-16 record. Seven of those losses came by ten points or fewer, including a three-point loss to Johnson County Central to end the 2020-21 campaign.

The Titans will lean on their three returning letter winners, Gage Schardt, Nic Knudson and Andy Stalder. Knudson, a senior guard, has three years of starting experience and Schardt, a senior guard/forward, has been in the lineup for the past two seasons. Knudson led HTRS with 15.9 points per game and 5.1 rebounds per contest. Schardt averaged 11.7 points 6.9 rebounds per game and Stalder contributed 1.5 points and 3.7 rebounds per outing.

As a team, HTRS averaged 46 points per contest, 28 rebounds and ten assists each game. Coach Schardt will also have a big freshman class at his disposal this winter. Freshman will include Brennan Vaughn Brogan Dunlap, Kiffen Hunzeker and Hunter Bohling, among others. Sophomores looking for time will consist of JJ McQueen, Alex Koziol and Colt McClarnen.

Gone from last season's squad are Donovan Kostecka, Jayden McNeely, Trevor Plager and Jacob Joy.

The Titans will use a mix of strong play on the perimeter, coupled with good shooting and a solid inside game. Defensively, HTRS hopes to be aggressive yet disciplined.

"We will be a young team," said Coach Schardt. "Team speed will hopefully be faster. Bench depth will be better than in the past years. We want to improve on last year's record and individually as players to make us a better team. I expect the younger kids to be ready to contribute to the team."

According to Coach Schardt, Nebraska City Lourdes will be a good test early in the season. Falls City Sacred Heart is a team the Titans always want to play well against, Freeman will always be solid, and the Pioneer Conference and MUDECAS field will also provide intense competition.

The Titans will open the season with a home contest versus the Diller-Odell Griffins on Friday, December 3, at 7:30 p.m. Last year, the Griffins got the best of the Titans on opening night with a seven-point win, 45-38.

## 2021 TITAN BASKETBALL

Dec. 3	Diller-Odell (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Dec. 4	@ Weeping Water (gbGB)		1:00
Dec. 7	Lewiston (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Dec. 10	Lourdes Cent. (gbGB)	NE City	4:30
Dec. 14	Freeman (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Dec. 17	@ Sacred Heart (gbGB)		4:00
Dec. 18	@ Wymore Southern (gbGB)		2:00
Dec. 21	Fairbury (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Dec. 28,29	@WeepingWater Tour (GB)	TBA	
Jan. 7	Sterling (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Jan. 8	@ Conestoga (gbGB)		1:00
Jan. 10-15	MUDECAS (GB)	Beatrice	TBA
Jan. 18	@ Pawnee City (gbGB)		4:00
Jan. 20	Jo. Co. Cent. (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Jan. 21	@ Mound City (gG)		6:00
Jan. 31-Feb. 5	Pioneer Conf. Tour. (GB.....		
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Feb. 8	Tri County (gbGB)	Humboldt	4:00
Feb. 10	@ Falls City (gbGB)		4:00
Feb. 11	@ Johnson-Brock (gbGB)		4:00
Feb. 14,15,17	Sub-districts (G)	TBA TBA	
Feb. 18	@ Palmyra (bB)		5:00
Feb. 21,22,24	Sub-districts (B)	TBA TBA	
Feb. 25	District Final (G)	TBA TBA	
Feb. 26	District Final (B)	TBA TBA	
Mar. 7-12	State Tourney (GB)	Lincoln	TBA

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(L-R) **FRONT:** Ava Armbruster, Chase Nolte, Makinley Scholl, Ashleigh Kirkendall  
**MIDDLE:** Delaney Godemann, Izzy Arbruster, Hannah Collier, Elyse Poppe  
**BACK:** Katelynn Ttius, Kaitlyn Kirkendall, Madi Jones, Reece McNeely, Jayme Ewers  
**NOT PICTURED:** Emily Vitosh

# WITH EXPERIENCE BACK, LADY TIGERS READY TO ROAR

Story and Photo By Brian McKim

The Falls City Lady Tigers look to make a jump in year number two under Head Coach Andy Armbruster. Last winter, Armbruster took over the reins from former Coach Max Milam. The Tigers fought to a 9-13 record last season, falling in five of their final six contests. With a year under their belts in the new system, the Tigers look to continue to climb in the win column.

Coach Armbruster will be joined on the bench again this season by Allison Haines and John Furrow.

The Tigers will have an abundance of experience coming back this season, returning eight letter winners from a season ago. Armbruster made it known that it won't be easy to replace Eryn Snethen from last year's team. Snethen averaged over nine points per game and led the team with 21 three-pointers made. Snethen also finished with 83 rebounds and 34 steals.

Falls City will likely go with Reece McNeely, a junior, at forward. Madi Jones, another junior at forward. Ava Armbruster, a sophomore, will run the point. Ashleigh Kirkendall, a sophomore, will play guard and McKinley Scholl, a sophomore, will play the guard/forward position. Armbruster was quick to comment that he would call upon Chase Nolte, Elyse Poppe and Emily Vitosh for essential minutes throughout the season.

Jones averaged eight points per game, pulled down 115 rebounds, dished out 33 assists and had 44 steals.

Kirkendall scored seven points per contest, secured 80 rebounds, had 32 assists and 33 steals.

McNeely scored four points per game, fought for 77 boards, passed off 32 assists and swiped the ball 31 times.

At the point, Armbruster averaged just three points per game but has a team-high 45 assists to go along with 54 rebounds and 43 steals.

Finally, Scholl scored two points per contest, pulled down 49 boards, had 21 assists and blocked six shots.

Coach Armbruster said some of the games were lost late in the contest last season.

"Lots of returning players-looking to finish close games with wins, to compete in the conference and hope to be playing our best ball at the end of the season. Hope to compete for a district championship," said Armbruster.

Falls City will open the year against a formidable foe in the Syracuse Rockets on Friday, December 3, in Syracuse at 6:00 p.m. The Rockets, a likely Class C1 contender, finished last season 21-4 and ended the Tigers season in sub-districts 48-24.

## 2021 TIGER GIRLS BASKETBALL

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(L-R) **FRONT:** Lauren Malone, Erison Vonderschmidt, Rachel Magdanz, Emma Littrel. **BACK:** Elle Falk, DeLanie Witt, Olivia Eickhoff, Jessica Wertemberger, Macy Keller, Jocelyn Olberding, Jentry Lechtenberg, Sadie Tisdell, Leila Frederick.

# IRISH WORKING TOWARDS TITLE NUMBER SIX

Photo & Story By Brian McKim

The Falls City Sacred Heart Irish girls' basketball team finished third in 2020, defeating Mullen 59-36 in the consolation game. Last season, the Irish fell to Humphrey St. Francis 57-48 in the title game, playing without starter Rachel Magdanz. This year, the Irish have one goal in mind, a state championship. The Lady Irish have won six titles, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Coach Luke Santo enters his 16th season in charge of the Irish, sporting a 365-52 record. Sacred Heart finished last season with a 26-3 record, losing by two to Lourdes Central, by three to Weeping Water and by nine in the finals to the Flyers. The Irish did take home the crown at the MUDECAS Tourney and finished runner-up in the Pioneer Conference Tournament.

Santo expects his team to be athletic enough to play fast and score points in transition.

"We will play mostly man to man on defense, we may use a full-court press when necessary, or we may mix in some zone," said Santo. "It sounds simple, but we just need to play to our potential and up to our ability. We have to get the most out of every player on our team."

This winter, the Lady Irish will have high expectations, returning four starters and eight letter winners from last year's runner-up squad.

Back on the court are all-staters Erison Vonderschmidt and Rachel Magdanz. Vonderschmidt led the Irish, scoring 16 points and pulling in seven rebounds per contest. Magdanz averaged ten points per game and dished out 108 assists. Magdanz suffered a terrible ankle injury versus Wynot in the semi-finals last spring, causing her to miss track season and all of the summer workouts. Olivia Eickhoff, a 5'7 guard, scored 172 points last season and added 70 rebounds and Jessica Wertemberger, a 5'9 forward, scored 178 points and pulled in 94 rebounds. Seniors Emma Littrel (114 rebounds) and Lauren Malone (56 assists) will provide solid minutes for the Irish, as will DeLanie Witt, Macy Keller and London Nachtigal.

"Expectations are going to be very high for our girls this year," said Santo. "We only lost Danielle Bippes, so we have a ton of experience and talent coming back. Our girls have to understand that it doesn't guarantee us anything. It just gives us a really good opportunity to have a special year. As always, our biggest goal is to be playing our best basketball when it matters most. With this being the last run for our seniors, and after what happened last year and being so close, we should have a very determined team this year."

The Irish will host the Sterling Jets on Friday, December 3, to open the 2021-22 campaign.

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Jan. 27	vs	Johnson-Brock (gbGB)	4:00
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Feb. 8	@	Tarkio-East-Atchison (gbGB)	4:30
Feb. 10	vs	Weeping Water (gG)	5:00
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Feb. 25.		Girls sub-state	TBA TBA
Feb. 26-Mar.1		Boys sub-state	TBA TBA
Mar. 7-12		Girls State Lincoln	TBA
Mar. 7-12		Boys State Lincoln	TBA

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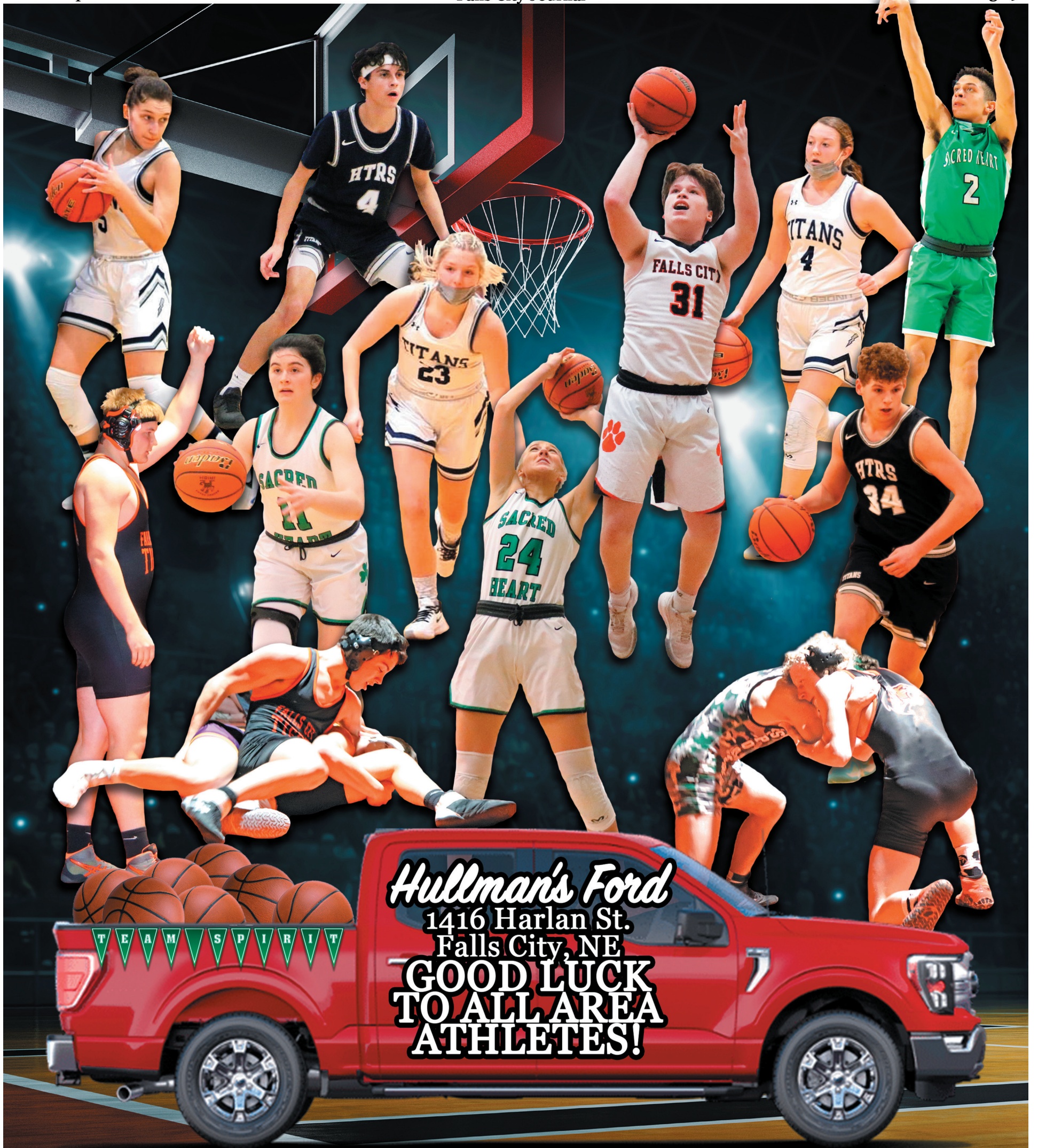
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According to Coach Goltz, the Irish will look to get up the court and run when it's there and run an inside-out offense. Defensively, the Irish will man up but once in a while will mix in a bit of zone.

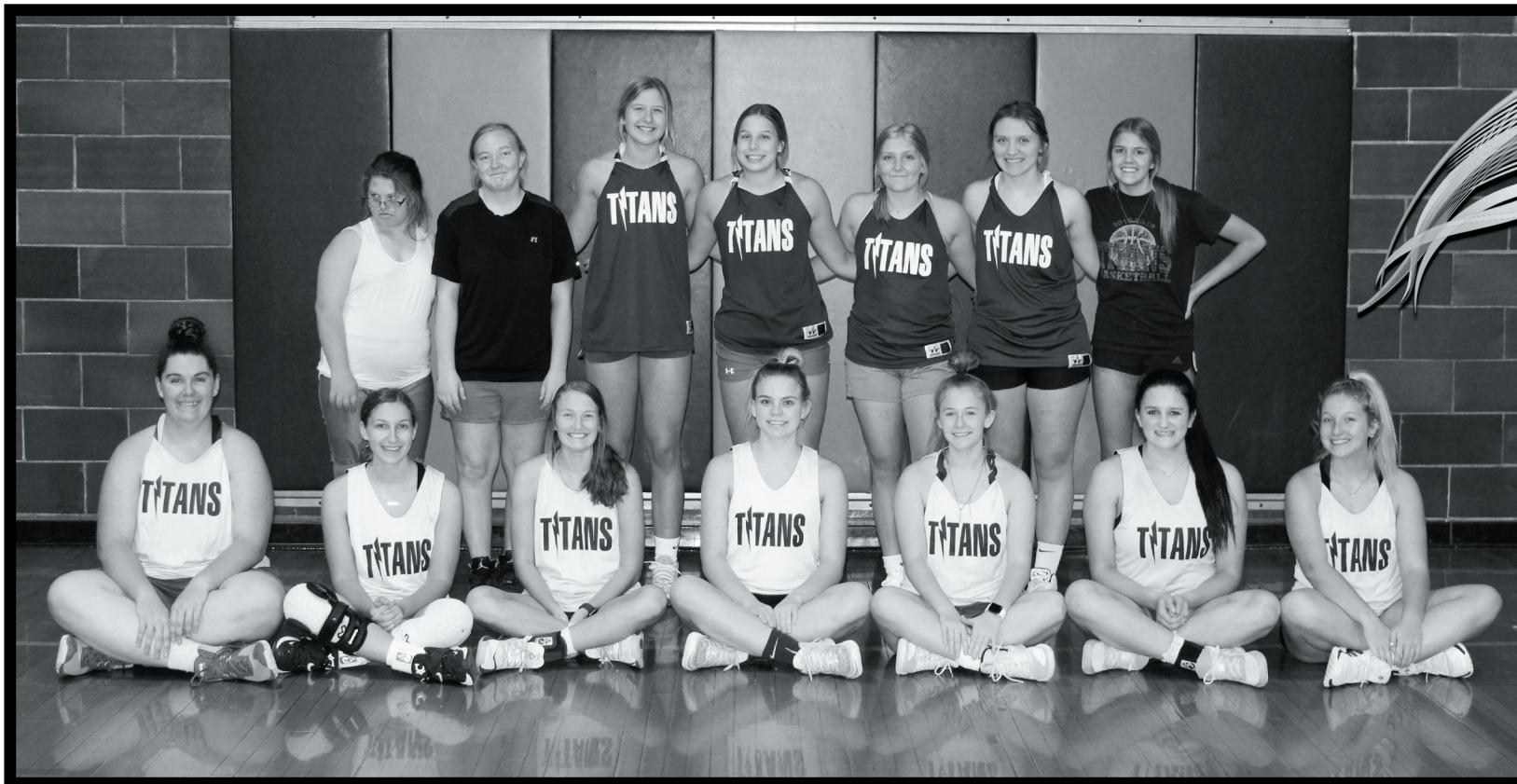
When asked about the season's expectations, Coach Goltz replied, "Get better each week, get to state and challenge for a title. We won't sneak up on anyone. We'll be the hunted, unlike last year."

The Irish will participate in the Heartland Holiday Classic on December 18 against Loomis at Hastings College. Loomis was 22-5 a season ago and lost in the first round of the Class D2 state tourney to Parkview Christian. On December 21, the Irish will play at Tri County, a Class C2 state qualifier last season and on January 18, the Irish will take on the three-time defending Class C1 state champion, Auburn Bulldogs.

The Irish's quest for their third consecutive title begins at home on Friday, December 3, against the Sterling Jets.

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(L-R) **FRONT:** Larissa Goings, Ellie Schardt, Gracie Shafer, Alyssa Howe, Saydee Hardesty, Jacey Leech, Mikayla Flynn  
**BACK:** Libby Standerford, Alyssa Askren, Macy Vrtiska, Laramie Glathar, Jaylie McNealy, Ashton Bredemeier, Avery Dierberger  
**NOT PICTURED:** Kaylee Jerald's, Hannah Koziol, Jaylyn Bohling

# LADY TITANS READY TO JUMP INTO SEASON

Story By Brian McKim(Photo Submitted)

The HTRS Titan girls' basketball team is ready to get the season off and running. Head Coach Karmen Tomek enters her third season as the play-caller for the Titans with a 25-23 record. Assisting Coach Tomek on the sidelines for her second season will be Macie Coffey.

The Titans finished the 2020-21 season one game under .500 at 11-12. With nine letter winners returning, the 2021-22 squad looks to leap forward.

"We're really excited with the underclassmen we are pulling into our program. We have a few sophomores and freshmen that will make a big difference for us this year," said Coach Tomek.

The Titans were close to a winning season last year as three of the 12 losses came by six points or fewer. Unfortunately for the Titans, a slow start out of the gate doomed the season before it really got started. HTRS dropped seven of the season's first eight games, putting themselves in a hole they couldn't climb out of.

The Titans pulled themselves out of their spiral, putting together a good run in the middle of January last year, winning a season-high four consecutive contests and seven out of eight.

The Titans have proven they have what it takes to get big wins, taking first in the 2019-20 MUDECAS B Division tourney in Beatrice.

Coach Tomek will rely on four returning starters in seniors Jacey Leech, Ellie Schardt, Gracie Shafer and Aly Howe.

According to Coach Tomek, the Titans will have plenty to work on before the season tips off.

"We need to learn how to have a fluid offense. Practice jumping into the paly as soon as we get across half court," said Tomek.

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## 2021 TITAN GIRLS BASKETBALL

Dec. 3	vs.	Diller-Odell (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Dec. 4	@	Weeping Water (gbGB)	1:00 pm
Dec. 7	@	Lewiston (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Dec. 10	@	NE City Lourdes (gbGB)	4:30 pm
Dec. 14	vs.	Freeman (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Dec. 17	@	FCSH (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Dec. 18	vs.	Wymore Southern (gbGB)	2:00 pm
Dec. 21	vs.	Fairbury (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Dec. 28,29	@	Weeping Water Tourney	TBA
Jan. 7	vs.	Sterling (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Jan. 8	@	Conestoga (gbGB)	1:00 pm
Jan. 10-15	@	MUDECAS-Beatrice (GB)	TBA
Jan. 18	@	Pawnee City (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Jan. 20	vs.	Johnson County (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Jan. 21	@	Mound City (gG)	6:00 pm
Jan. 31-Feb 5		Pioneer Conference (GB)	TBA TBA
Feb. 8	vs.	Tri County (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Feb. 10	@	Falls City (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Feb. 11	@	Johnson-Brock (gbGB)	4:00 pm
Feb. 14,15,17		Sub-districts (g)	TBA TBA
Feb. 25		District final (G)	TBA TBA
Mar. 7-12		Girls State Tourney-Lincoln	TBA

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# TIGERS LOOKING TO TAKE DOWN THE COMPETITION

Photo and Story By Brian McKim

The Falls City Tiger wrestling squad is roaring and ready to hit the mats in Class B this season. Falls City will return two state qualifiers from a season ago in sophomore Wyatt Olberding and senior Thomas Fields. The Tiger coaching staff will also welcome back Jaden Nolte, a senior who was a state qualifier as a freshman. Nolte sat out last year with an injury. Olberding had an extremely successful season last year, finishing with a 33-8 record. Fields also was solid all season long, ending at 32-14. The Tiger team also took home a third-place finish at last season's ECNC Tournament.

Coach Nick Kraft will be entering his eighth year with the program and Coach Quentin Coatney will begin his second year with the Tiger wrestlers. They will also be joined by Coach Troy Nelson who has helped shape the wrestling program for over 20 seasons.

Overall, Falls City will have great numbers on the mat this winter, with 25 wrestlers ready to go. Of those 25, eight are returning letter winners, 12 are freshmen and five are girls. The Tigers have added a girls wrestling program for the 2021-22 season.

Returners for FC are Jaden Nolte, Hwt., Kemper Foster, 220, Thomas Fields, 195, Cameron Schramm, 182, Kayden Strecker 152, Wyatt Olberding 138, Ray Feek 120, Kaleb Zulkoski 113 and Kellen McAfee at 160.

"We are really looking forward to improving on our dual record from last year," said Coach Coatney. "Last year we gave up six weight classes and were giving each team we competed against 36 points. With this incoming freshman group, we will be filling the majority of the open weight classes from last year. A lot of the young guys have been wrestling for years and we are looking forward to bringing their talent into the room to have a little more competition. Falls City also sanctioned girls wrestling this year and we will have our first year with a girls-only program. We are really looking forward to watching these girls improve throughout the season and see what they will be able to accomplish."

Falls City will have home duals vs. HTRS on Thursday, December 30 at 5:30 and against Conestoga on Thursday, January 20 at 6:00.

2021 TIGER WRESTLING			
Dec. 2	@	Syracuse (JV,V)	6:00 pm
Dec. 4	@	Omaha North Tourney (JV,V)	9:00 am
Dec. 10	@	Syracuse Invite (JV,V)	4:30 pm
Dec. 17	@	Platteview Invite (JV,V)	2:00 pm
Dec. 18	@	Auburn (V) Invite	9:00 am
Dec. 30	vs	HTRS (JV,V) Dual	5:30 pm
Jan. 4	@	Auburn Double Dual	5:00 pm
Jan. 6	@	Nebraska City Dual (JV,V)	6:00 pm
Jan. 7	@	Ashland-Greenwood Tourney (V)	4:30 pm
Jan. 13	@	Sabetha Double Dual	5:30 pm
Jan. 15	@	Nebraska City Dual Tourney	10:00 am
Jan. 20	vs	Conestoga Dual (JV,V)	6:00 pm
Jan. 21	@	Plattsmouth Invite (JV)	4:30 pm
Jan. 22	@	Plattsmouth Invite (V)	9:30 am
Jan. 29	@	Raymond Central Invite (JV,V)	9:00 am
Feb. 4	@	Weeping Water ECNC Tourney	2:00 pm
Feb. 11,12		Districts TBA	TBA
Feb. 17,18,19	@	Omaha State Tourney	TBA

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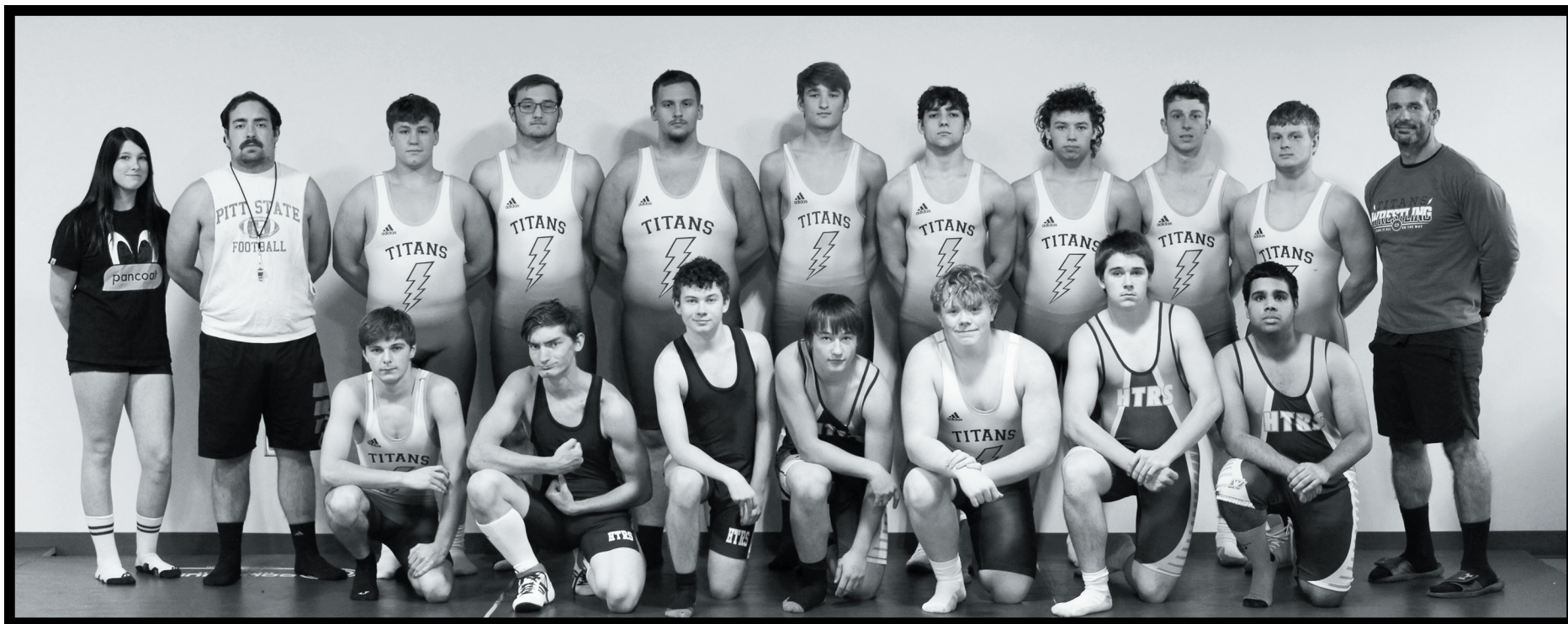
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(L-R) **FRONT:** Roman Coats, Caleb Werman, Isaac Thompson, Jesse McGlaughlin, Clayton Howe, Zachary Hedden, Yadriel Cartagena. **BACK:** student manager Ricky Long, Coach Koalton Taicet, Aiden Worthey, Isaac Bitner, Ty Faulks, Brandt Leach, Devin Zermeno, Marcus Bratrsovsky, Andy Maloley, Clayton Shook, Coach Shane Maloley

# TITAN WRESTLERS POISED TO MAKE SOME NOISE ON THE MATS

By Brian McKim (Photo submitted)

Head Coach Shane Maloley has a lot to look forward to this winter for the HTRS Titan wrestlers. Coach Maloley, entering his second season, returns nine letter winners from last year's squad. Coach Maloley will be joined this winter by Koalton Taicet and Nick Novak.

The Titans will have a pair of state qualifiers from 2020 in Aiden Worthey and Isaac Bitner. Gone from last season's squad is William Taylor.

"We are obviously looking at big things from Aiden Worthey and Isaac Bitner being returning state qualifiers at 195 and 220," said Coach Maloley. "Andy Maloley was 32-15 at 182 last year with a tough district, missing a state berth in the last 30 seconds in the heartbreak round. Brandt Leach should be tough this year at the right weight and we're hoping Ty Faulks will do big things at heavyweight." The Titans held their own last season on the mat, placing at least three wrestlers in every meet. This season, Coach Maloley has his sights set even higher.

"We are returning some very good wrestlers this year and are hoping for multiple state qualifiers," said Maloley. "We'd like to finish in the top five or better at each invite this year."

The Titans will look to make noise at every invite this year.

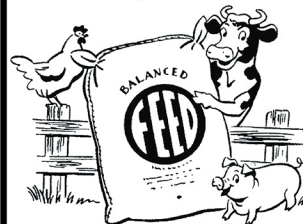
"All meets are important; we enjoy all of them; we start with a tough one in Conestoga and they don't get any easier from there," said Maloley.

## 2021 TITAN WRESTLING

Dec. 4	@	Conestoga Invite	9:00 am
Dec. 11	@	Sabetha, KS Invite	9:00 am
Dec. 16	@	Louisville Triangular	5:30 pm
Dec. 18	@	Johnson County Tecumseh	9:30 am
Dec. 30	@	Falls City Dual	5:30 pm
Jan. 8	@	Tri County Invite	9:00 am
Jan. 11	vs	HTRS Dual/Conestoga	6:00 pm
Jan. 14	vs	Syracuse Invite	4:30 pm
Jan. 15	@	Cross County Invite	9:00 am
Jan. 21	@	Louisville Invite	2:30 pm
Jan. 24	@	Weeping Water Invite	3:00 pm
Jan. 29	@	Raymond Central Invite	9:00 am
Feb. 4	@	Fairbury Invite	1:30 pm
Feb. 11, 12		Districts	TBA TBA

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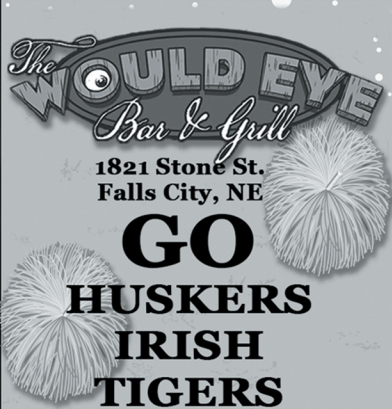


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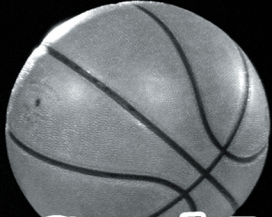
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Defensively, she said it's pretty simple; the Titans need to be able to transition quicker.


"I feel like this year we have a very good chance at being successful. We need to establish our dominance right away with the right teams," said Tomek. "Diller-Odell is a game we've come close to winning multiple times and I'd like to succeed this year. Weeping Water and Southern are other schools on our radar."

Last year, the Titans opened the season with a three-point loss to Diller-Odell. In 2019 HTRS fell to the Griffins by four in overtime to kick off the year. The Lady Titans will look to reverse a run of bad luck against the Griffins. HTRS has fallen to Diller-Odell in 13 consecutive season-openers. HTRS last opened the season with a win in the 2007-08 campaign when they defeated Diller-Odell 43-34 and went on to a 17-7 record for the year.

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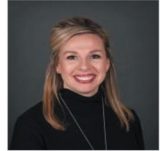
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