

Bulldog teams anticipate a new season

For the Owen-Gage girls hoops team, they are hoping for a repeat performance of last year. A year ago, the Lady 'Dawgs - under the direction of coach Doug Hyatt, shared the NCTL North division title and earned a Class D district tournament championship.

Among those back and ready to work towards that goal for Hyatt's squad are five seniors including Christin Harris, Lacie Prich, Mandy Muntz and Erika Mroz along with junior third-year starter Kayla Montreuil. The seniors are also third-year starting players.

Harris finished the season a year ago as one of the league's top three scorers while Muntz came up just shy of tallying 100 rebounds and 100 blocked shots.

"Prich' role on the team will be the hardest," Hyatt said. "She plays three different positions (shooting guard, point guard and small forward) and does them all well."

He added, Montreuil is very quick and is the best ball handler," they have on the team.

Hyatt predicted, "I would like to think we should be able to contend for the title on the North side (NCTL). Our team, for the most part, has been together for five years. With three new players, we have a nice mix of players that can play different positions."

But he asked himself and his players, "Are we going to be willing to work hard enough, and as the coach, can I make all the parts work together as a unit." That is a question that remains to be seen.

On the boys team, the Bulldogs are coached by Steve Hollocker and have returning players including Hunter Champagne who is a key offensive threat for OG, along with Andrew Fahrner, Ben Good and Eric Rievert.

The Owen-Gage boys finished last year with a pair of NCTL wins, their only victories of the year after compiling a 2-18 regular season mark overall.

Other players on the OG squad include Michael Mandich, Brett Morrish Zachery Wilson, Danny Jeffery, Quinn Smith and Allen Miller.



Here is the Owen-Gage boys basketball squad! Front row, left to right; Michael Mandich, Brett Morrish, Zachery Wilson and Danny Jeffery. back row, left to right; Hunter Champagne, Quinn Smith, Ben Good, Andrew Fahrner, Eric Rievert and Coach Steve Hollocker. Missing from photo is Allen Miller. Courtesy photo



Front : Courtney McCreedy, Miranda Radabaugh, Kayla Montreuil, and Katie Green Back: Mandy Muntz, Erika Mroz, Lacie Prich, Christin Harris, and Alexis Morrish.



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Meet the North Huron girls cage squad for this winter! Front row, left to right; Karlie Goretski, Ashley Case and Katie Knoblock. Middle row, left to right; Mechaela Levaine, Katie Alexander, Kim Koroleski and Caroline Osantoski. Back row, left to right; Coach Chad Knoblock, Nina Preston, Maddie McIntyre, Sarah Maurer, Kelly Ives and Kaila Morris.



Introducing the 11-12 Warriors basketball team! Front row, left to right; Ryan Krozek, Forrest Maxwell, Jake Schramski, Thomas Fischer, Evan Dhyse and Eric LesPerance. Back row, left to right; Kyle Case, Nick Polega, Dustin Siemen, Kris Andrews, Tyler Schramski, Brandon Kosinski and Coach Grant Champagne.

North Huron wanting to make noise in NCTL North

KINDE - It's the dawning of a new era for the North Huron Warriors, both in boys and girls basketball, as two new coaches take over the hoops programs. Grant Champagne, who has previous coaching experience at Owen-Gage, takes over the North Huron boys team while Chad Knoblock will assume the coaching duties for the girls squad.

Champagne inherits a team that rode the leadership of graduated seniors Erik Dhyse and Kevin Rice to earn a league championship in the NCTL North a year ago, finishing 12-8 overall and 10-3 in league action.

"Eric (LesPerance), Tom (Fischer) and Evan (Dhyse) have stepped up and taken over the senior leadership," Champagne said. "Those players, and some others, have stepped up to the task and are working to help us be a successful team."

Joining the North Huron trio on the team are Ryan Krozek, Forrest Maxwell, Jake Schramski, Kyle Case, Nick Polega, Dustin Siemen, Kris Andrews, Tyler Schramski and Brandon Kosinski.

The new coach feels his team will excel on the defensive side of the ball and commented, "Offensively, we're going to score some points. Defense will be key for us."

Though he says he cannot predict how well his team will do, he admits the NCTL North should prove to be exciting for fans to watch, and for the players. "I can guarantee we are going to come out and play our hardest every night. We'll see where it takes us."

Over on the girls side, Knoblock has eight returning players who will be working to replace graduated seniors Sara Clancy, Clara Yaroch and Amanda Navock. Leading the charge is forward Ashley Case, a 2nd team All-NCTL pick a year ago. She is joined by Mechaela Levaine (forward), Kim Koroleski (forward), Carolyne Osentoski (forward), Karlie Goretski (guard), Katie Knoblock (guard), Sarah Maurer (guard) and guard Nina Preston.

In addition to the long list of returning players are new members Maddie McIntyre, Katie Alexander, Keely Ives and Kala Morris. The team finished their campaign a year ago with a 5-9 mark in conference action.

Knoblock said, "We should battle for the top spot in the league this year. We have a very balanced scoring attack. We need to focus on keeping the number of turnovers we have down and play smart basketball."

In looking at the rest of the teams in the league, the new coach observed, "Port Hope is always tough for us and Owen-Gage has some good shooters."

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