



Lyons sophomore Peyton Young (above) returns as a state qualifier at 106 pounds. Right: Lyons junior Chris Goans has qualified for state in each of his first two varsity seasons.

(photos by Mike Courson)



## Goans, Young return to lead Lyons wrestlers

By MIKE COURSON

Last year the Lyons High wrestlers went without a medal at state. The good news for the 2017-18 season is two of the state qualifiers are back on the mats.

Then-seniors Oscar Jaime and Denzale Clark were half of the qualifying quad a year ago. Chris Goans and Peyton Young made up the other half.

The junior Goans returns as a two-time state qualifier. In 2016, wrestling at 113 pounds, he met the eventual third-place finisher in round one and still came up one win shy of a medal.

Last February, wrestling at 120 pounds, Goans again had a tough draw at state, this time running into the eventual state champion in round two. Goans lost his second match to the eventual fourth-place finisher.

This season, Goans will continue to move up the weight chart to wrestle at 126 or 132 pounds. He enters the season ranked No. 4 at 120 pounds.

Both the 126 and 132-pound brackets are top heavy. Silver Lake senior Jordan Priddy finished

second at 113 pounds in 2016, then won the title at 126 pounds last year. He enters the season ranked No. 1 at 126 pounds.

Ellis senior Bryce Younger finished second at 120 pounds in 2016, then placed fifth at 126 pounds in February. He enters the season ranked No. 2 at 126 pounds.

Wabunsee senior Riley Tubbs has been a mainstay in championship matches over the last two seasons. He won the 126-pound title in 2016 and made the finals at 132 pounds last year. He holds the top ranking at 132 pounds.

Young enters his sophomore year at Lyons after climbing the rankings at 106 pounds and winning a regional title at that weight a year ago. After pinning his first state opponent, Young was quickly pinned by the eventual state champion in Eureka's Kendall Beitz, who enters the season ranked No. 1 in the class. Young is ranked No. 3 at that weight.

Senior Trevor Weaver missed a spot at state last year by two wins in the 160-pound bracket at regionals. This year he moves up to 170 pounds. That keeps him out of a

loaded class that includes defending 160-pound champion and a runner up at 152 pounds, Isaiah Luellen of Rossville. Cherrvale senior Colben Dodson enters the season at No. 1 at 170 pounds. That bracket was decimated by graduation.

Senior Wendell Scobee returns to the mat, this time at 195 pounds. He won a regional match last year at 170 pounds. The defending champion at 195 pounds has graduated, but that class is still top heavy with 182-pound champion Josh Seabolt of Cimarron moving up a weight class to take over the No. 1 ranking. Marion senior Tyler Palic, the reigning runner up at 195 pounds, is ranked No. 2.

Elsewhere on the team, Brandon Ortiz will wrestle at 145 pounds. Owen Barber will take over Weaver's spot at 160 pounds, and Peyton Schwerdtfeger returns as a heavy-weight.

Junior Irlick Moreno would have filled in at one of the lighter weights after coming up two wins shy of state qualification last year at 132 pounds. He will miss the season after suffering a football-related injury.

## Lyons wrestling 2017-18

Nov. 30	HOME DD
Dec. 2	@Osborne Tourn.
Dec. 9	@Hesston Tourn.
Dec. 14	@Nickerson DD
Jan. 6	@Ellsworth Tourn.
Jan. 12-13	@Halstead Tourn.
Jan. 18	HOME
Jan. 19	@Council Grove
Feb. 3	HOME TOURN.
Feb. 8	CKL @Lindsborg
Feb. 16-17	Regionals TBA
Feb. 23-24	State @FHSU

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who last year finished 16-16 with 12 pins, returns at 132.

Two-time state placer Tanner Cassity, a senior at 138, is back to build on his 35-7, sixth-place state finish from last year at 132. Cassity is ranked fourth in the preseason poll.

Sean Urban, who earned fifth place at state at 160 pounds, returns as a multi-year state qualifier bringing a 38-4 record, with 19 pins, from his junior season. Urban cracked the top six preseason-wise at 160, in fifth place.

And Wyatt Pedigo breaks into the preseason top six in second place at 170 pounds as a sophomore, after just missing last year's state meet with an impressive 33-9, 23-pin record as a freshman.

"These five give us a really strong nucleus to work with," Coach Schmidt said.

The Cardinal roster is not short on numbers, beginning the season with 31 wrestlers. Coach Schmidt's fear, however, is that most of the 31 squad have not wrestled either a high school or junior high match.

"We are going to have some quality holes to fill, and some of our biggest matches early on might be the challenge matches going on in practice," Schmidt noted.

Here's a look at the 2017-18 roster, by weight:

- 106 – Quentin Boxberger, fr.; Kadin Nichols, so.
- 113 – Nicholas Rubio, fr.
- 120 – Bryce Hopkins, fr.; Devon Mater, fr.; Cole Steinert, fr.
- 126 – Jacob Decker, fr.; Jarret Shives, fr.; Will Spires, fr.
- 132 – Dustin Edmonson, sr.
- 138 – Tanner Cassity, sr.; Hunter Morris, fr.; Dayne Yott, so.
- 145 – Isaac Chambers, so.
- 152 – Christopher Ball, sr.; Nolan Wilborn, fr.
- 160 – Joshua Ball, fr.; Blake Deines, so.; Rudy Gearhart, sr.; Dante Urban, jr.
- 170 – Jaxen Bradley, fr.; Nicholas Long, jr.; Sean Urban, sr.
- 182 – Jason Bradley, jr.; Wyatt Pedigo, so.
- 195 – Bryce Shelor, so.
- 220 – Cade Boxberger, so.; Brayden Copp, fr.; Zachary Rubio, so.
- 285 – Riley Philbern, so.; Ki VanScyoc, so.

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