

DGF Rebels Back For Challenging Year In Section 8AA



The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels varsity wrestling team members are, left to right, front row-Victor Sosa, Joey Arends, Dominic Braton, Bryce Fischer, Bricker Bakken, Brody Bakken, Bodey Devries, Thomas Thureen, Colton Zutz, Gabe Schmitz, Aiden Edeen, Camden Mustachia, Jerome Gange; middle row-Preston Johnson, Aaron St. Claire, Zander Jenson, Brodie Strand, Logan Johnson, Jordan Summers, Tanner Schwehr, Hunter Fischer, Dylan Kangas, Dawson Zutz; back row-Cade Sogge, Matthew Pollock, Carter Schmidt, Tristan Olson, Dylan Taves, Jackson Wilson, Logan Tucker, Jack Fuchs, Carter Steen and Skylor Jerome.



The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels are ready for a challenge as they head into their second year in the 8AA Section.

Head wrestling coach Davis Kosen knows his boys have a challenging season ahead of them, but he's confident they will be a team to contend with.

"We want to continue having a great dual season and look to get a couple placing high enough in our tough section 8AA to advance to the state tournament," commented the veteran coach.

Losing three to graduation, Kosen is looking to his captains and the team veterans to help provide guidance to the newer wrestlers.

"This year's team does have varsity experience and has seen time on the mat from previous years," Kosen said.

"We have a number of guys that have been on varsity for a number of years now," said Kosen. "It's very rewarding to have that experience on our side."

The list of returning award winners from last year is quite impressive.

Senior Jack Fuchs is the lone returning wrestler with state participation experience.

Returning players to the Rebel team are Jordan Summers, Zander Jenson, Matthew Pollock, Jack Fuchs, Cade Sogge, Logan Tucker, Carter Schmidt, Carter Steen, Dylan Taves, Hunter Fischer.

"We have a very intense and tough schedule, though we believe that it prepares us for both team and individual sections. We always take pride in being our best come the end of February."

In his eighth year as coach, Kosen is joined by assistant coaches Billy Brazier, Greg Schmitz, Travis Jenson, Tayler Yliniemi and Randy Ascher.

"Our goals this year are to always be competitive in every match/dual/tournament," Kosen said. "We will strive to once again one of the top four team's within our section dual tournament."

The Rebels strive for excellence in their program. With that, they wrestle every Monday and Tuesday night throughout the summer.

"I love seeing the improvement that my athletes make over time," commented Kosen. "Both on and off the mat."

Team captains leading the Rebels for the 2018-2019 season are Cade Sogge and Jack Fuchs.

"We will have tremendous leaders and captains in those two to help this team achieve our goals. They work hard and lead by example."

"We also have some younger guys

on the team that bring toughness and strong work ethic, both on and off the mat."

A team goal for the Rebels is to compete and make it to the section finals.

Perham is the team Kosen sees as his team's biggest challenge.

But that will not stop the Rebels from going out on the mat and giving it all they have.

"We will look to improve all the way to the end of February. If we do that our dual record and our individual achievements will again be something we can be proud of at season's end."

Helping to lead the DGF Rebels to a successful season are:

- 06..... Arends, Joey.....7
- 106..... Bakken, Bricker.....7
- 106..... Bakken, Brody.....7
- 106..... Devries, Bodey.....7
- 106..... Schmitz, Gabe.....8
- 113..... Thureen, Thomas.....7
- 113..... Zutz, Colton.....7
- 120..... Gange, Jerome.....7

- 120..... Summers, Jordan.....8
- 120..... Zutz, Dawson.....10
- 126..... Fischer, Bryce.....8
- 126..... Mustachia, Camden.....7
- 132..... Johnson, Logan.....9
- 132..... Kangas, Dylan.....10
- 132..... Sosa, Victor.....8
- 138..... Schwehr, Tanner.....10
- 145..... Braton, Dominic.....8
- 152..... Jerome, Skylor.....12
- 152..... Olson, Tristan.....11
- 170..... Taves, Dylan.....12
- 182..... Jaime, Michael.....7
- 182..... Kohler, Joey.....12
- 182..... Wilson, Jackson.....12
- 195..... Edeen, Aiden.....7

- 285..... Anderson, Bryce.....12
- 106..... Strand, Brodie.....9
- 126..... Jenson, Zander.....10
- 126..... Pollock, Matthew.....11
- 138..... Fuchs, Jack.....12
- 145..... Sogge, Cade.....11
- 145..... Tucker, Logan.....11
- 152..... Schmidt, Carter.....11
- 160..... Johnson, Preston.....10
- 170..... Fischer, Hunter.....10
- 170..... Steen, Carter.....11
- 220..... St. Claire, Aaron.....10

"I know we will be our best by the end of the season. This team battles. We don't quit," concluded Kosen.



Different Approach, Same Dedication Out Of DGF Rebels Dance



"As a team this year," said DGF Dance Coach Tayler Leysring, "we are looking to continue our past success and advance our placements at competitions. Coming off of last year as runner up in our conference, we are excited to start competing and push for the next goal."

Leysring is in her seventh year at the helm of the DGF dance team and has really grown the program and raised the bar on expectations on routines and executions. Leysring is accompanied by assistant coaches Annie Brewer and Melissa Burk.

DGF returns 17 dancers to their squad and is adding seven seventh graders as well. This healthy competition keeps everyone performing at their top level. And they will have to do so to fill the void from two key seniors who graduated last year.

"They were a big part of our success over the years," Leysring said. "They are missed but we have many team members that have stepped up and are filling the void. Ariel McRorey, as our only senior this year, has shown tremendous growth in her skills and continues to bring a positive vibe to our team each day."

McRorey was an All-Conference selection last year, as was junior Gracie Arends. All-Conference honorable mentions went to junior Jocelynn Pederson and sophomore Annie Waale, who also received an additional honor of being named to the All-State Kick team.

"We have a lot of strong leaders on our team. Everyone brings a unique dynamic, but our captains are the pillars of our leadership," Leysring said.



The Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton Rebels dance team members are, left to right, front row-Jocelynn Pederson and Ariel McRorey; second row-Annie Waale, Gracie Devier, Dayna Jenny, Alyssa Camacho, Sophia Roll, Taylor Rothschild; row three-Jadyn Hilgers, Skylar McRorey, Taylor Macziewski, Grace Hawk, Talya Dufault; back row-Coach Annie Brewer, Coach Tayler Kuhel, Gracie Arends, Macy Renner, Josie Kern and Coach Melissa Burk.

McRorey, Arends, and Waale will serve as captains for the Rebels Dance team this year.

"Gracie Arends is returning for her third year as captain and has really taken charge in a lot of aspects. We look to her to keep our team organized moving forward."

"Ariel is a first year captain but has already taken ownership of her role. She is a great motivator

and has a positive attitude for our team."

Leysring continued, "Annie Waale, as a sophomore this year, is also a first year captain. She has endless energy and also pushes her teammates to work hard. We look forward to having her leadership for years to come."

These girls have set the tone for the Rebels this season and helps keep the focus on their routines and their goals.

"We want to push our limits and continue to increase our overall points at each competition," stated Coach Leysring.

Dance competitions are exactly that - competitive. And while DGF is near the top, there is still room for improvement. Frazee consistently leads the way in the conference. So DGF has worked diligently to set themselves apart from the pack and find a way to surpass the

Hornets and their other strong competitors.

Ultimately this region has so many strong dance programs that the Rebels are competing against some of the top teams in the state every weekend.

Leysring noted the uniqueness of song choice as well as choreography possibly being that distinguishing factor.

"Our kick routine this year is a new style and very different

from what we have done in the past," she said. "We are excited to see how we score and hope our changes with help launch us into being a front runner this season."

Furthermore, the jazz routine is pushing the boundaries and skill sets of a lot of the Rebel dancers. It is breaking them out of their comfort zones, and hopefully will lead to that "top tier of success" Coach Leysring has challenged them to strive for.