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# Trojan Wrestling Mixed With Experience And Youth

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The Barnesville Trojans enter the 2018-19 season under third-year coach, Scott Snobl. He was previously the head coach in Canby and Waconia before taking over the Barnesville program in 2016-2017. His overall career coaching record stands at 106 wins and 87 losses.

He will be assisted this year by Ryan Kempf, in his ninth season, Tyler Walsh, in his fourth year, and Jeff Titus, a second-year coach who previously served as a volunteer coach in the past. Volunteer coaches rounding out the staff include Nick Paur and Zac Anderson.

The Trojans will return a younger lineup with several upper-classmen with varsity level experience. As a team, Barnesville finished with a 4-14 dual record last year, often having three to four open weight classes. At sections, the Trojans defeated Pelican Rapids 47-22 in the opening round. However, Barnesville's team season came to an end at the hands of the eventual section runner-up, West Central Area, in the quarterfinals.

The Trojans responded well the following week at the individual portion of the Section 6A tourney, as six wrestlers placed in the top six, with two wrestlers earning their way to the state tournament. Jackson Poepping (second in the sections) and Brady Tweeton (section champ) represented the Barnesville Trojans proudly at the big dance.

Poepping would go 0-2, losing to wrestlers who placed third and fourth at 220 pounds, while Tweeton would become Barnesville's fourth state individual wrestling champion with an impressive tournament.

Tweeton would open with a 7-4 victory and won his quarterfinal match 2-0. In the semifinals, he won



Members of the Trojan varsity wrestling team, are left to right, front row - Tanner Kadrmas, Chase Brenner, Hunter Anderson, John Roller; back row - Nathan Rehder, Jackson Poepping, Brandt Thorson, Cole Swenson, Brady Kroll and Gannon Suedel. Not pictured are, Preston Snobl, Tim Boone, Toby Elliott, Wyatt Roller and Brogan Chevalier.

6-0 setting up a finals match with the defending state champion.

The final match of his career would have great drama. Tweeton gave up a take-down early in the match before earning an escape. He then scored a great scramble take-down ending the first period with a 3-2 lead. In the second, his

opponent scored a reversal and rode Brady out. Entering the third period down 4-3, Tweeton earned an escape to knot the score at 4-4. Brady countered a great low single attempt and ended up securing a take-down with a cradle, which led to two near-fall points. He allowed a reversal with less than 10 seconds left and was given an escape at the buzzer, resulting in a 9-6 victory. Brady had achieved his state championship and etched his name in Barnesville's wrestling history as the second all-time winningest wrestler.

Barnesville will need to replace some key members off last year's team as Brady Tweeton, Alex Jennison, and Tyler Stage all graduated. However, the Trojans return a great deal of experience.

Seniors returning this season will be Chase Brenner, who tallied 39 wins and eight losses, with Preston Snobl adding 32 wins and 10 losses, while Jackson Poepping added 24 wins and 20 losses. Nate Rehder, and Tim Boone add valuable experience.

Juniors include Tanner Kadrmas, Hunter Anderson, Brandt Thorson, and Gannon Suedel, as well as sophomores Brady Kroll, Wyatt Roller, Cole Swenson, Tobi Elliott, and Brogan Chevalier looking to make their own mark on the program.

The eighth graders include William Rotz, Quincy Morey, John Roller, Gavin Grommesh, Jordan Kroll, Hunter Kadrmas, and Tim Wells. Seventh-grade wrestlers include Ashton Dunham, Ayden Hauck, Hunter Blilie, Dawson Gregg, and Kaden Mueller

"I am excited for the season to begin and find out what type of team and individuals we have in the room," stated Coach Snobl. "Some individuals are going to need some time off after football to heal. I see a ton of potential for team and individual success through dedication and hard work. If we can stay healthy, our end of the year goals should be very attainable both individually and as a team."

Barnesville will once again compete in Section 6A and the Heart O' Lakes conference. Snobl believes that Perham is the conference top team, with Ottertail Central, Bertha-Hewitt-Verndale-Parkers Prairie, and West Central Area the top teams in Section 6A.

Due to the success of the football team, the first two events of the season have been cancelled, including the Wahpeton Tournament on November 30-December 1, and the triangular with Breckenridge and United Clay Becker on December 6.

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