

?SHS Wrestling Warriors preparing for new season

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? The Scottsburg High School wrestling team enters this season with several key members returning to action looking to improve on last year's results.

The Warriors return four wrestlers that qualified for regionals last year and two of those wrestlers have been named to the preseason rankings.

Juniors Tanner Howard and Nick Henderson both have garnered some preseason attention as both sit in the top 15 of their weight classes. Howard enters the season ranked no. 9 at 145 pounds and Henderson no. 13 at 171 pounds. Head Coach Tyson Skinner stated, "The preseason rankings are nice, but there will be a lot of changes to them after the season gets going. Both our guys are ranked based on last year and this summer, but both will be moving up a weight, so we will have to wait and see how everything pans out."

The Warriors' lineup is still a work in progress but return several wrestlers that should be competing for a varsity spot. They include sophomore Dustin Petty at 130/135 pounds; juniors Wes Davis at 125/130 pounds, Andrew Palmer at 135/140 pounds, Kris Sandlin at 140 pounds, Tyler White at 145/152 pounds, Tanner Howard at 152 pounds, Sebastian Rodgers at 160 pounds, Nick Henderson at 189 pounds, Jordan Collins at 189 pounds,

Billy Douglas at 189 pounds, Billy Earlywine at HWT; seniors Chris Chasteen at 171 pounds, Will Napier at 189/215 pounds; and Will Stone at 215 pounds. "We have a good nucleus of kids returning from last year that should help us be successful this year as a team," said Coach Skinner.

Newcomers to this year's squad are freshmen Gage Kelly at 103 pounds, Stephen Gary at 103/112 pounds, Coty Fink at 119/125 pounds, Zach Bush at 125/130 pounds, Michael Harvey at 125/130 pounds, Tanner Perkins at 140/145 pounds, Caleb Cole at 160/171 pounds; sophomores Coty Wells at HWT and Greg Duke at HWT; junior Richie Eldridge at HWT; and seniors Mickey Righthouse at 189/215 pounds and Justin Vandegrift at 189 pounds.

The Warriors open their season on Saturday, November 22, at the Batesville 6-way tournament. Wrestling begins at 9 a.m.