

opportunity AWAITS

JV member gets moved up to Varsity

who Layton Fowkes '22 originally was only on JV.

what "I was sad to leave my team because I had gotten so close to them. There was a little bit of pressure but I am happy I got this opportunity," Fowkes said.

when Few weeks before nationals.

how "When the coach called me, I was shocked and excited. I didn't think it was real and I was really nervous," Fowkes said.



pictured: Ryan McEntee '22 Photo by: Ava Harding

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julia griswold '20

PICKING up the PIECES

Losing more than half the team from last year, varsity members work to keep the legacy

entering a building year, the varsity cheer team had only five returning varsity members. Being returners, they have to take control and train the new team.

"Last year, most of the people were on the team for 2-3 years and this year everyone was new. This was a big challenge," Ethan Laman '21 said.

According to athletes, the team faced many challenges after losing four of their coaches.

"Because of the amount of people that graduated last year, it was a whole new team this year. Our goal was to be successful and work with new teammates and coaches," Julia Griswold '20 said.

The team entered a new division in Colorado: 4A/5A game day. They used this change as motivation to set the standard for years to come.

"Our motivation was wanting to prove ourselves in a new division. We wanted to win this year so we could forget about last year," Griswold said.

They ended in fourth place out of 32 teams at state on Dec. 6.

"I was very satisfied with the performance. We used all of our energy and hit our routine," Mackenzie Nelson '21 said. "It was an amazing feeling knowing I'm out there with the best teammates working hard to give it our all."

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SPIRIT vs. COMPETITION

Cheerleaders balance not only school cheer, but All-Star cheer as well

"I do think they benefit each other because you improve your skills and meet new people. I get overwhelmed and stressed sometimes doing both but it's worth it," Isabel Morgenthaler '22 said.

"Through doing both, I have gotten better at competing at two different types of competition and it has helped me make a lot of friends," Kate Miller '22 said.



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1. HUGGING IT OUT: The varsity cheer team works for months leading up to state where they are determined to make finals. Mackenzie Nelson '21 felt the anticipation, wondering if their performance was good enough. "It's such a gut-wrenching feeling, but when they announced Castle View, it was a 'we did it' feeling among everyone. It felt amazing," Nelson said. **2. OVERCOMING INJURIES:** Two-year varsity member Chloe Bullock '21 suffers two severe concussions this season. Although she was advised to stop and take time off, Chloe was determined to get her skills back. "I did feel defeated, but I recovered and went back to practice to work harder and be better," Bullock said.

pictured: Madison Pszanka '21, Kate Miller '22, Alyssa Sweich '23



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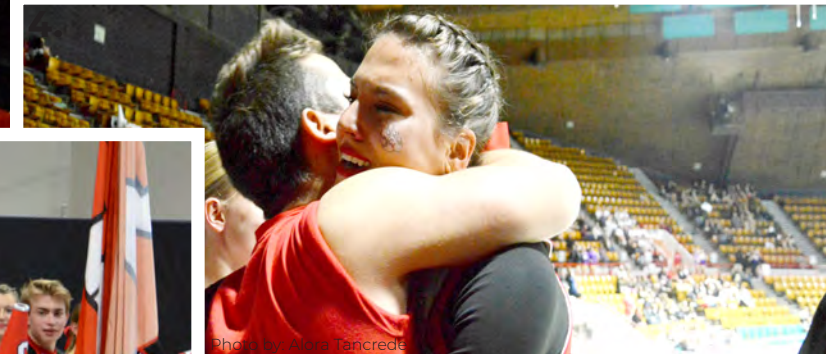


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3. NEW EXPERIENCES: First year cheerleader and varsity member Avery O'Hara '21 feels the pressure going into state. The coaches had high expectations going into a new state division. "The coaches expected us to give it our all at all times. On a team with 4 state titles, you don't get to be lazy," O'Hara said. **4.**

DETERMINATION IS KEY: Senior captain Julia Griswold '20 leads the team through the season. Being one of two seniors Griswold was determined to help the team be successful. "Everyone has a different attitude. They work really hard and they want it really badly," Griswold said.

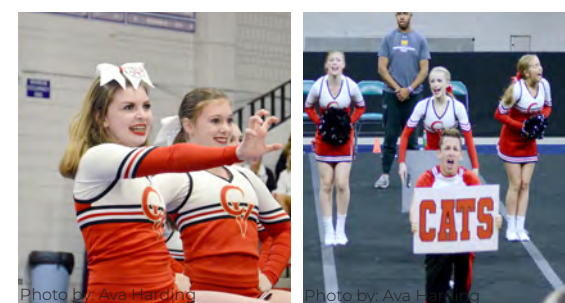


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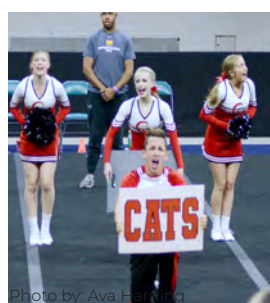


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a very shocking VICTORY

The JV cheer team wins their first state title in two years

After injuries and people quitting, everyone was very stressed and it was hard to focus on what was important. My motivation was it's going to be okay if I put things into perspective instead of freaking out it helped me relax."

ankara graper '21

"We weren't expecting to win, but we went into it with a good attitude and decided to make the best of it. When we won, I just looked at my other captain in shock and we couldn't believe we did it."

peter rejman '22

"I was definitely physically scared, but mentally prepared. Everyone was really stressed out but we knew we needed to pull it together. We worked hard and didn't want to disappoint ourselves."

ashley hughes '21

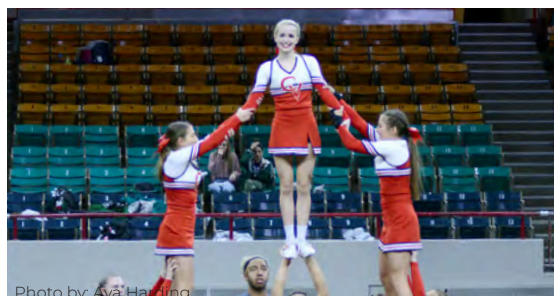


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history

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For the second year in a row, the head cheer coaches leave in the mid-season

starting over

"It was disappointing because they had come in to save our program and then they almost gave up on us, but it motivated us to work harder. It was different this year because we pretty much had to start over," Ella Temme '21 said.

adapting

"I just thought 'what are we going to do? Why did they just leave and how are we going to fix this?' The team adapted really quickly and embraced the change," Payne Schoen '21 said.

finding a way

"At first we were lost, but our new coach helped us find our way. We couldn't do it without her," Hannah Hughes '21 said.

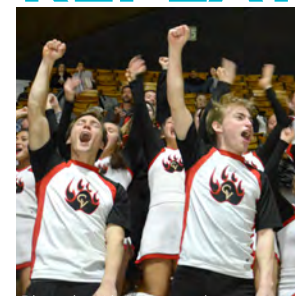


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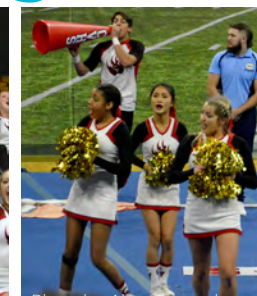


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yeah we got SPIRIT

Cheerleaders vote on their favorite sport

78 PERCENT prefer cheering for football

4 PERCENT prefer cheering for boys' soccer

13 PERCENT prefer cheering for boys' basketball

4 PERCENT prefer cheering for girls' swim

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