

"I hate every minute of training. But I said, don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion."
—Mahammad Ali

A Completely Different Girls Basketball Season



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—Guest Writer—

COVID has taken away a lot of opportunities for many athletes during this school year. Basketball got lucky and is able to have a season this year but with many changes with both practice and games.

Honestly, most of the basketball girls are grateful to be able to play during this time. They are willing to make adjustments just to be able to have fun for the most part and to play even through this hard time. Teamwork is key through this pandemic to make this season possible, especially for seniors since it will sadly be their last season.

A lot of changes have been made especially the way that they are able to practice this year. They have to stay socially distanced as much as possible or else there is a huge possibility of them having to quarantine for 10 days and that would take away from their practices and games. Especially since their season is cut shorter than previous years, 10 days is a lot and would not benefit in improving them

whatsoever. They also have to wear masks at all times no matter what. Not only do they have to wear masks, but it also has to be worn correctly over the nose and not under. This seems very difficult but they have to get used to it because it is reality during this time.

"COVID breaks" are a huge factor during practice. These are when the players are able to take their masks off, get some water, and get some hand sanitizer. But they need to be sure that they stay 6 feet away from one another so they don't risk getting quarantined. These breaks happen every so often so that they have time to catch their breath and be able to hydrate since playing with a mask is difficult and fairly new.

Basketball games have the most changes for the season. A big one is that there is a limit of 50 fans per game. This is really a game changer since fans are really the players hype during a game. Masks are also a main key for games. They have to be worn at all times on the bench and while on the court, they also have to be worn correctly or else the refs will have to issue many

warnings. They are going to be very harsh about wearing masks to make sure everyone is safe and so there is no possibility of anyone getting sick. It may be very difficult to wear, but they have incorporated masks during practice so they can be prepared for games.

Another thing that is not allowed in neither games or practice is giving each other high fives. This usually happens when someone does something good or when you go in for someone during a game. Giving each other high fives and handshakes is a big hype up for each teammate but this is not allowed to happen this season which is a downer.

This is where communication comes in with one another. Instead of high fives and all that good stuff, they need to use their voice as a way of acknowledging one another to replace high fives and handshakes. This is also something very different but it will keep the players safe and not risk spreading anything to one another.

Emily Lavier has been a key player to the girls varsity team since her sophomore

year. But she had suffered from a torn ACL, MCL, and a partially torn meniscus last year against their biggest opponent the Centauri Falcons.

Emily said she "made it through recovery even though it was super tough mentally and physically but made it through it." She also had to say that she is "glad to be back playing and that recovery. I am very lucky that I have such a good physical therapist and athletic trainer"

She finally had to say "I think my comeback is off to a good start judging off of my first game back and I think it will be special in terms of the rest of the season. I think this season can be successful for myself as well as the team as long as we all work together and play as one."

Emily has been very strong through her recovery and through the tough times with her injury but her comeback is going to be real this year.

The basketball girls had their very first game of the season on January 26 against the Del Norte Tigers.

They have not been able to play a game in about

10 months and it seemed to be very new this year with all of the COVID rules needed to be able to have a season. Their first game had been a very close one but they unfortunately lost with the final score being 44-39.

Their varsity team this year is mainly new players and consist of young players also. There are 4 seniors this year, Destiny Demarree, Laci Geringer, Emily Lavier, and Madison Martin, who are on their last ride.

Emily Lavier had a great comeback from her injury for the girl's first game of the season, ending the game with 19 points and 5 three pointers.

This is just the beginning of a new season and they can only improve from here on out. The JV girls ended with their first win of the season with the final score being 36-16 and they also will improve from now till the end of the season.

The Alamosa basketball program is dealing with something new this year but they will push through it even with the hard times. Good luck on the rest of the games this season Alamosa Basketball Girls.

Moose Wrestling Takes On COVID Season



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The Moose wrestling team had a great season last year and is looking to do great again this year. The Moose had four senior varsity wrestlers go. This year the team has five varsity seniors. The seniors are Davion Chavez, and. Zaq Bernal, Brandon Revelles, Isaiah Avila, Kodiak Rockcastle. These seniors are looking to lead their team to another team championship this year.

Last year the team placed fifth at state. The team finished second at regionals. The team last year had 20 dual meet wins and four dual meet losses. This was a great season last year. They are looking forward to having yet another year of a great season.

This season the Moose are going to have a shorter season due to COVID-19. Each wrestler is only allowed to wrestle 20 matches. not including State and Regionals. There are no regular tournaments this year; they are all dual meet matches meaning that the whole team will only wrestle one other team at a time. The only tournaments that will not be dual meet tournaments are

Regionals and State. State wrestling it will only be an eight man bracket and will only take the top 2 wrestlers from each region.

VS Bayfield 1/28/2021

The first dual was in Bayfield. Alamosa would wrestle Montezuma Cortez Panthers and Bayfield Wolverines. They wrestled Bayfield first starting at 106 pounds.

The Moose got off to a quick start as Dempsey Gibbs pinned Keaton Pickering in 3:56. Then the Moose had another fall at 113 with Dario Valdez. Up next at 120 pounds Davion Chavez with another fall for Alamosa. At 126 the moose had yet another fall.

At 132 pounds Trevor Maestas had their first loss of a decision 9-6. At 138 Isaiah Avila received a forfeit. wrestling at 145 Kodiak Rockcastle lost by a tech fall meaning.

At 152 the Moose forfeited. 160 Alamosa took another loss as Dante Gonzales got pinned. All the way up to heavyweight got forfeits Meaning they collect a win. including Jaeden Quintana, Benji Tomas, and Zaq Bernal.

At 285 pounds. James Sanchez got a fall for the moose.

The final score of the dual was 54 Alamosa 20 Bayfield.

VS Cortez 1/28/2021

Later that night the moose had another dual wrestling Montazuma Cortez. The Moose started the year of strong. As they took a win over the Montezuma Cortez panthers.

The Mean Moose took the win with an astonishing 58-12. The team looked great with the first two wins of the year. The Alamosa team had only

two losses against the panthers. with their first two duals down.

VS Dolores 1/30/2021

Two days later the Mean Moose traveled up to Pueblo Colorado to take on Dolores Huerta Preparatory school.

The Moose took yet another win. The Moose wrestling team now has a record of 3-0. the final score of the dual was 47-30 Alamosa. this is a great start for the Moose.

VS Colorado Springs Chris-

tian 1/30/2021

The Wrestling team also wrestled Colorado Springs Christian. The Alamosa wrestling team took their fourth win of the season. the final score was 42-21.

The Mean Moose wrestling team has started out the season very strong. They picked up their first four wins of the season without any losses. This is good start for them and is also good for their seeding at the Regional and State tournament.



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Whatever it Takes—Mean Mooses Trevor Maestas working on getting a cradle and pinning Floresces Ian Peek.