

Volleyball's Final Swing



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The Mean Moose volleyball team has had a great month so far. Alamosa put in the work this season and ended up ranked 5th in 3A before the regional tournament.

This means the team hosted the 5th region. The Pinnacle and Peak to Peak came down to the San Luis Valley. The Pinnacle was ranked 32nd and Peak to Peak was 20th.

The first game started at nine in the morning and the Moose played the Pinnacle Timberwolves. The first set was quick and well executed, ending 25-8 with the Moose on top. The second set was the same score with Moose prevailing once again. The third set ended 25-12, giving Alamosa the first win of the day, with a set score of 3-0.

Mary Masias led the team in this game with a whopping 18 kills. Morgan Ortega had five aces and Avery Mobbly had 11 digs.

The second game of the day was between The Pinnacle and Peak to Peak. Peak to Peak won the first two sets and thought they had it in the bag, but The Pinnacle came back and won the third set 25-20. Peak to Peak sealed the deal in the fourth set,

giving them the final set score of 3-1, winning the final game.

The third game of the day was between the Mean Moose and the Peak to Peak Pumas. Alamosa started the first set strong, winning 25-13. They got it done in the second set as well and ended it 25-10. The last set was the same story, with the Moose on top 25-16.

The Moose stayed consistent and strong throughout the whole day of play. They showed what they were capable of and showed that they won't be an easy team to compete with. Winning both of these games gave them a ticket to state and a lot of momentum.

Since the Mean Moose were the highest ranked team without a bye in the first round, they played the Manitou Spring Mustangs who were the lowest ranked team going to play in the state tournament.

On Wednesday, November 10th the Mean Moose team was sent off to the state tournament in Denver. They played the next day at 9:30 in the morning against Manitou.

The Moose took the first set 25-19, but the second set the Mustangs took it 20-25 and won. The Moose got the job done in the third and fourth sets winning 25-14 and

25-16. This matched the Moose up with the Faith Christian Eagles from Arvada.

The Moose started off this match slow and lost the first set 23-25. The next set they flipped the score though and won 25-23. The next two sets were the same story 25-27 and 25-22. This gave the Mean Moose their second win at state, moving them on to play the Resurrection Christian Cougars. This game sadly ended a loss in three sets.



Photo by: Kacey Hillis

Killer Swing—Senior Sydney Jackson goes up on the right side of the court for a kill against the Resurrection Christian Cougars.

Dribbling into the Season



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As the 2022-23 fall sports season comes to an end, that means another winter sports season is upon us. This season the Moose will move up from 3a to 4a. The team is led by head coach Erik Melgoza. He is assisted by new assistant Coach's, Kelly Stone and Wendi Wiedman. Melgoza is also assisted by Coach King who was coach Melgozas mentor growing up.

Some of the returners for the Moose are Seniors Mary Masias, Miranda Geringer, Brooke Gonzalez, Sydney Jackson, Charley Higham, and Miquela Abeyta. Last season Miranda Geringer led the team in points per game with 7.5. Sydney Jackson led the team in rebound per game with 5.3. Miranda finished off the season with a total of 143 points. Sydney Jackson finished off the season with 100 rebounds.

The Lady Moose finished the season 12-10 finishing 6-2 in league play, only losing to the Centauri Falcons. They made it into the state tournament and fell to the Delta Panthers 48-35.

The Moose will start off the season at home against the Ellicott Thunderhawks. This is a non-league match up for the Moose. Last season the Moose also opened their season with the Thunderhawks. It did not

end in the Mooses favor, losing by a final score of 50-25.

Ellicott 12/3

The Lady Moose started off the game scoring 13 points in the first quarter and the thunderhawks scoring 15. In the second quarter the Moose slowed down only scoring ten points

Ellicott took advantage and scored 16 points. In the second half the Moose showed signs of a comeback holding the thunderhawks to only 16 points, but in the end it was not enough.

This was a very tough loss for the Moose. Losing by a final score of 47-41. The leading scorer for the Moose was Sophomore Emily Malgoza with seven points.

Lamar 12/3

The Moose had back to back games on Friday and Saturday. The second game was against the Lamar Thunder.

The Moose started off the game hot scoring 23 points and the thunder only scoring 16.

In the second half it was the same story scoring 20 points and coming out on top. The Moose won by a final score of 43-35. The leading scorer for the Moose was Senior Brooke Gonzalez with nine points.

Overall it was a very successful weekend for the Moose. The Lady Moose next game will be in Greeley against DSST Montview. This is a tournament so their next

game will be depending on if they win or lose.

Sydney Jackson was asked how she predicted the season to go. She responded by saying, "I think our team has grown a lot since last year, and we have an advantage because we did not lose any seniors last season." She was also asked What do you think your biggest advantages this season are.

She said "Our biggest advantages are how close our bond is and I think that since we played together all of last year and can flow into this year with chemistry."

Miquela Abeyta was asked how she feels going into her senior season. She said "I feel very upset that this is going to be my last year playing basketball. I am going to cherish all the memories I have made with my teammates." She was also asked "How do you predict this season is going to go? She responded by saying "I think we will make it farther then last season and hopefully make it past regionals."

Head Coach Erik Melgoza was asked how he predicts the season will go. He said "I think we will be very successful this year, we have a very good group of seniors. They have very good leadership."

He was also asked what are your goals for this season? He responded by saying "I have the same goal every year and that is to win it all."

AHS Wrestling



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The 2022 winter sports season is among us and with that brings another season of Alamosa Wrestling. The Mean Moose are looking like they are going to have a really good team this year, returning five state qualifiers from the previous season, and three state placers.

Returning for the Mean Moose is sophomore Dyson Woodward, who is a returning state qualifier, seniors Dempsey Gibbs, who took third at last year's state tournament, Dario Valdez, who took sixth at last year's state tournament, Sage Rockcastle, who is a returning state qualifier, and Kyler Liddell, who took fourth at last year's state meet.

The Mean Moose are also losing some big time names this year including Trevor Maestas, who took third at the state tournament, and Logan Garcia, who took sixth at the state tournament.

Both wrestlers are going to be extremely difficult to replace. Alamosa is also losing Dante Gonzales, who did not place at state last year, but is now playing college football at The College of St. Scholastica in Minnesota.

12/3 @ Rocky Ford

The Mean Moose started off the season traveling to Rocky Ford for a dual tournament, going against some of the best in the state. The

Mean Moose started off the day going against Canon City in the first dual.

Freshman Jeremiah DeLaCerde started off the dual for the Mean Moose at the 106 pound weight class, but ended up losing the match by fall. Next up for the Mean Moose was freshman Gaspar Andres but also ended up losing his match by fall.

At the 120 pound weight class was Dempsey Gibbs who won his match by fall in 2:07. Wrestling at 126 pounds for the Mean Moose was Dario Valdez, who won his match 11-2 against Elias Knoce. At 132 pounds for the Mean Moose was Dyson Woodward who won his match by fall in 1:20.

Jace Morgan was next up for Alamosa who lost by fall in 4:24. Wrestling at the 144 pound weight class was Donovan Valdez who won his match 5-3.

Kyler Liddell was next up for the Mean Moose, who also lost by decision 13-10. Wrestling at 157 pounds for the Mean Moose was Jaxon Morgan, who won by fall in 5:26.

The rest of the dual was downhill for Alamosa as the mean Moose ended up losing 48-25.

Alamosa would end up going 2-1 the rest of the day, beating Lamar 47-28, losing to Roosevelt 33-34, and beating Pueblo Cennterial 45-33.

The next week the Mean Moose would travel to Delta for a competitive dual and tournament.

when asked about her time there. "A last hoorah."

Overall, the Moose ended this season strong, going further than the team has at the state tournament. Their hard work paid off, and tied them for 5th place overall in 3A Coach Annie Mortenson is a great coach and will certainly keep guiding the team to victory The team thanks the community for the support they have shown. Look out for the volleyball team in the 2023 season next