



The Big Splash



Carlos Garcia
—Section Editor—

The winter is here, and swimming is upon us. The Moose have athletes who swim for the Sargent swim team; this year, Alamosa will have nine swimmers who will be competing.

This year Alamosa will have Daniella AQUIINO, Dayzha Cruz, Isabella Lopez, Jade Canales. Kaylee Gonzales-Moore, Abby Adams, Julia Leary, Araceli Molina, Bella Clouse. These are all students of Alamosa High School who have attended swim!

The Moose swimmers competed throughout the summer and fall and attended open swim.

Open swim is when all swimmers can come and work on what they need to perfect.

Center, Centauri, and Alamosa all have different athletes who compete for the Sargent swim team.

The swimmers' commitment to the sport is excel-

lent; the swimmers strive to be the best.

When interviewing Kaylee Gonzales-Moore, she was asked what she is excited about this upcoming season and her personal goals. "I'm excited to train with the new teammates and break records with the relay team. I want to qualify for six individual events for state."

This year, the ladies opened up the season with Pueblo South. Pueblo South was good for the team.

When interviewing Araceli Molina, she says, "Pueblo South was good competition for the team. We had a little rust on us, but for the most part, we could shake it off. We had a lot of girls who competed very well in each of their events, and we hope to keep it up".

This year, the swim team will have many fundraisers to help raise money for the season and compete in many meets throughout December. They will host Salida, Pueblo West, and Pargosa. The Moose are excited to swim this season.

The Boys Are Back On The Mat



Dyson Woodward
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The 2023-2024 winter sports season is upon us, bringing another season of Mean Moose wrestling.

The Moose are looking to have a great season this year, returning many state qualifiers, including Junior Dyson Woodward, Sophomores Jeremiah DeLaCerde and Anthony Griego, and Senior James Sanchez.

The Mean Moose also lost many vital wrestlers, such as Dempsey Gibbs, who placed third at last year's state tournament, and Kyler Liddell, who placed second.

The Mean Moose will be a young team this year, with most of the lineup being freshmen and sophomores.

Also returning for the Mean Moose this year is long-time coach Rusty Johnson. Johnson is looking forward to the season and believes the team has a great chance of winning this

year's state tournament. Johnson knows the team is young but believes the team is also very talented and can do some damage at the state tournament in February.

Johnson also knows that the team is really committed to winning this year. Many kids would always show up to practice this summer and continued to show up during open gym once school started.

Usually, Johnson likes to take a break for about a month once school starts, but did not this year because there were still a lot of kids showing up to practice.

12/1 @ Rocky Ford Alamosa started the year traveling to Rocky Ford for the annual dual tournament that the Meloneers host.

This tournament was a time to see how well the Mean Moose will perform this year.

Alamosa wrestled against Canon City, Pueblo Centennial, Rocky Ford, Lamar, and Pueblo South at this tournament. Alamo-

sa looked good to start the year; they went 4-1 throughout the day.

Individually, the Mean Moose also performed very well. Freshman Uriah Martinez, sophomores Jeremiah DeLaCerde and Anthony Griego, and junior Dyson Woodward all went 5-0 throughout the day. This was a dual tournament, so no first-place awards were given out.

As for the rest of the team, everyone else won at least one match throughout the day, which is very good considering that most are freshmen and sophomores.

Returning state qualifier Anthony Griego was asked how he felt about the start of the season and said, "It felt perfect to be back out there again. The whole team looked excellent, and we hope to keep it up".

The Moose will travel all over this season. The Moose hope to keep the good start to the season rolling for the rest of the long season.

Basketball Season Is Underway



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As the weather gets cold, many new sports, such as basketball, are getting ready to begin, and the Alamosa boys' basketball team is ready for a successful season.

Ending with a very successful season last year, going 21-4, the Moose were a dominant team and are looking to repeat that story. Returning as the only starter from last year, Brant Jackson will be a crucial role player in the team's success, as he had one of the highest average scores from the previous year.

This year, the Moose are ranked in the top 10 for the 4a division in Colorado for pre-season ranking. The team will be an entire senior team, as there will most likely be 7 senior players. The Boy's basketball team is set to have the university's beginning-of-the-year tournament. This tournament always has perfect competition and will allow the Moose to have a starting sight of how the season may go.

The Moose have their first home game against Ellicott. Ellicott had a record of 14-9 last season. Both teams are talented, with many ath-

letes eager to show off their talent and ready to see how their seasons will turn out.

The Moose ran over Ellicott in their first game last year with a score of 63-43. The Boys Moose are eager to start the season the right way, come together as a team, and succeed.

The boys' basketball team will open with Ellicott on Friday, December 1st, and Lamar on Saturday, December 2nd.

The Moose started off hot Friday night against Ellicott, putting the Thunderhawks down by a lot.

The Moose finished the first quarter with a score of 26 and only allowed Ellicott to have 5 points. The team's defense was on point, allowing each quarter to score five or fewer points.

The Moose trampled the Thunderhawks with a score of 76-19. After that big win, the boys' basketball team had a bright outlook for the rest of the season. Senior Parker Gilmore stated, "This was a big win for us. After losing a lot of seniors from last year, we came together as a team to perform to the best of our ability. Our defense was on point, and our chemistry was also perfect.

This was a huge win to start the season, and we are headed in the right di-

rection. Beginning Saturday, the Moose struggled to start the game the same as they did the night before. Many mistakes were being made one after another.

The Moose were shooting themselves in the foot as turnovers were killing the Moose's momentum. After the first quarter, Lamar led Alamosa 10-6. This was a low-scoring game for both teams, making it difficult for the Moose to take the lead. Senior and team captain Brant Jackson stated, "It

was a plodding start. Seeing our performance from Friday night to Saturday was very different. We overlooked Lamar and are ready to return to work after this loss. We will come together as a team and shock the state throughout the rest of the season."

The Moose lost to Lamar with a score of 41-30. The Boys of the Alamosa Mean Moose team must come together to play every game, just like the first one against Ellicott. The

Moose started off the University Tournament against 0-3 Frontier Academy. The Moose must recognize their competition and must come together to have the ability to win.

The Moose must recognize all opponents for the rest of the year, and if they do so, then the Moose will be one of the top teams in the state.

Making the state playoffs is the team's biggest goal, but there is still much work to put in.



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SEALING THE GAME— Sophomore Victor Zepeda watches as his three point shot goes in to extend the lead for the Moose while the rowdy crowd cheers them on. AHS went on to win.