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The Wallace Wildcats will kick off their 2011 football season this Friday when they host the Potter Dix Coyotes. The Wildcats have 21 student-athletes participating in football this year.

Last year's season ended with a 4-5 record, so the Wildcats are aiming for improvement.

Graduation took a toll on the team, as they lost some talented skill players, as well as experience on the front line. On the upside, the Wildcats are excited about the experience that is returning on both sides of the ball and the excellent leadership from the senior class thus far.

Wallace will have two coaches sharing the head coach position this year. Gary Hager was an assistant coach last year and now he is at the head position along with Joe Hesse, the new History teacher at Wallace. Mr. Hesse volunteered at Dundy County-Stratton last fall. Ralph Swedberg will once again serve as an assistant coach for the 2011 season.

The Wildcats have already begun to battle injuries. As of last week they had anywhere from 4-6 players sitting out from practice dealing with injuries. However, the Wildcats are hopeful that they can turn things around.

Major strengths for the team would be up front on both the offensive and defensive lines. The team also feels confident in the depth they have at many positions.