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The Wallace Wildcats enter the 2012–2013 basketball season with great anticipation. The Cats have a great deal of experience returning and they hope to build on all the summer camps they participated in. A concern for Wallace is the difficult schedule they will face this year.

The Wildcats, under the leadership of head coach Joe Hesse and assistant Ralph Swedberg, are looking to improve on last year's record of 8-12.

The team of 18 players is encouraged by the fact that all five starters are returning as well as two of the bench players from last year. These seven returning lettermen are seniors Jose Arvizo,Taylor Doell, Josh Grauerholz, and Lane Scott along with juniors Shane Anders, John Marquardt and Landon Swedberg.

Coach Hesse is looking for the experience on the team to really help push and challenge his group when they are practicing. He would like to see them become better decision makers when they are playing so that they have fewer mistakes.

The Wildcats did a lot during the summer to help be more prepared for this season. They participated in the North Platte Summer League and attended camps in Kearney, Curtis, Maxwell, McCook and Rapid City.

The Cats went 18 - 12 in their summer camps as they gained experience and learned to adjust to playing with different combinations of players. The extra time and effort will no doubt help the Wildcats in the 2012-13 season.

Wallace will open their season Nov. 30 when they travel to Maywood to do battle with the Tigers.

Saturday, Dec. 1 the Wildcats will have their first home game when they take on Wauneta/Palisade. The start time for this game has been moved up to 1p.m.

Ready or not, basketball season is here.