



### **By LaDonna Swedberg**

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The bright Friday night lights will soon be lighting up the football fields and for the Wallace Wildcats, the switch can't get turned on fast enough. The Blue and White have two weeks of practice behind them and they are anxious to get the season started and see how they measure up against the competition.

Wallace would love to improve on last years 5-4 record and make it back to the playoffs. Knowing the difficulty of the schedule, the boys understand that they will have to take one game at a time and continually work to improve as the season progresses.

The Wildcats are returning eight letter winners, so they will have some experience to work with the exception being the line. Graduation took a toll, so most of this years linemen will be playing a new position but each player has stepped up with a determined attitude to take the challenge.

Attitude has been a positive all over the field. The players have shown enthusiasm and a tenacity to work hard so they can improve each day.

The only real concern for the Wildcats at this point, is depth.

Wallace will have 17 players on the roster this year; four seniors, four juniors, three sophomores and six freshmen. With a healthy team, the Wildcats could have an experienced player in nearly every position but an injury would change that picture. The team would love to play well enough early in the season that the younger players could get some playing time and gain some valuable game experience.

The Wildcats will open their season Aug. 30 when they travel to Big Springs to take on the South Platte Knights, kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. CT. Their first home game will be a 3:30 p.m. game on Sept. 6 against the Creek Valley Storm.

