

BCHS hoopsters begin season with classic

The Dillon Beavers began last season as one of the hottest boys' basketball teams in the state, but a late season slump kept the Beavers from advancing to the state tournament.

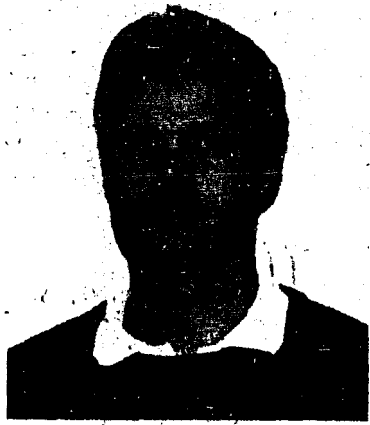
This year Craig Finberg, in his fourth year as head coach, will look to guide his talent-rich team to the promised land.

The Beavers, 13-8 last season, return seven varsity lettermen, all seniors, to the fold. Jason Donnelly, a 5'11" guard, Jason Stiff, a 6'3" forward, 5'9" guard Tory Taylor, 5'9" guard Brad Doig, 5'10" guard Shawn Allen, 6' forward Rich Ferris, and 6'4" center Andy Benson will be looked upon for leadership in their final season. Juniors Nick Miller, a 5'11" guard, and 6' forward Dan Ferris, along with sophomore guard Trent Taylor round out the squad.

Donnelly led the team in scoring last year with 14.6 points per game and is noted as one of the most dangerous three-point shooters in the conference. Donnelly connected on 57 triples last season.

Stiff was the second leading scorer with 12.2 PPG, followed by Ferris at 12.1. Stiff pulled down 5.5 rebounds per game and led the team with an 80 percent free throw percentage.

The guard trio of Taylor, Doig, and Allen give the Beavers a lightning quick backcourt that can distribute the ball, or pull up and hit outside shots at any given time. Taylor averaged 8.7 points a game last year, including 45 percent of his three-point shots. Doig averaged 9.6 points a contest and will create opportunities for teammates with his driving ability. Allen saw limited time last season, but will be



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called upon to add punch from the guard spot.

Benson also saw limited time last year and will use his height to offset some of the bigger teams that the Beavers will face. Miller, Dan Ferris, and Trent Taylor spent last season on the junior varsity team.

"We are excited with the returning players from last year's team," noted Finberg. "We feel with the talent we have we can be as good as anybody."

"I want to raise the expectation of the players," added Finberg. "We will expect more of ourselves and we will not be afraid to fail. Our goal is to win the state championship, but we will take care of the little things along the way. The program is in place and we will give it our best effort."

"Our keys for the season will be to stay free from injuries, play solid defense, have our players sacrifice for the good of the team, and to find the right team chemistry," said Finberg.

"We plan to attack teams defensively, push the ball up the

floor and not be afraid to shoot the ball if it's a good shot," noted Finberg. "We can hit shots inside and outside, and that should make us a tough team to defend."

"If we can utilize our quickness and take a lot of shots then it will be to our advantage."

"The conference should be very tough. Livingston and Anaconda played for the state championship last season so they know what it takes to make it to the big game. Havre and Browning should be very tough by tournament time."

"I feel it will be an exciting year for basketball in Dillon," concluded Finberg.

The junior varsity roster will consist of 11 sophomores: Greg Lemelin, Tod Petersen, Kasey Briggs, Damon Weekes, Larry Erickson, Scott Schield, Todd Kendall, Jay Holt, Jared Rora-baugh, Will Taylor, and Pat Bailey. Miller and Trent Taylor will swing between both teams.

1989-90 Boys Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 8-9, Tip-off Classic, Butte
- Dec. 15, Helena Capital, Dillon
- Dec. 16, Anaconda, Dillon
- Dec. 20, Butte Central, Dillon
- Jan. 5, Hamilton, Dillon
- Jan. 6, St. Ignace, Dillon
- Jan. 12, Livingston, Dillon
- Jan. 13, Deer Lodge, Deer Lodge
- Jan. 18, Helena Capital, Helena
- Jan. 20, Anaconda, Anaconda
- Jan. 26, Butte Central, Butte
- Jan. 27, Belgrade, Dillon
- Feb. 2, Hamilton, Hamilton
- Feb. 9, Park, Livingston
- Feb. 10, Deer Lodge, Dillon
- Feb. 14, Boulder, Boulder
- Feb. 16, Belgrade, Belgrade
- Feb. 22-24, Divisional Tourney, Bozeman

Mar. 1-3, State Tournament, Bozeman

Sports Calendar

Wednesday:
WMC men's and women's basketball teams travel to Ricks College.

Friday:
BCHS wrestling team will be at the Butte High Invitational Friday and Saturday.

WMC men's and women's basketball teams travel to the College of Idaho.

Saturday:
WMC men's basketball team travels to Northwest Nazarene.

Standings

**Frontier Conference
Men's Basketball Standings**

Team	Conf	All
Montana Tech	0-0	6-0
Carroll	0-0	3-1
W. Montana	0-0	3-1
Rocky Mt.	0-0	2-1
N. Montana	0-0	1-2

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Directing traffic... BCHS head basketball coach Craig Finberg walks through a play during practice last week. Junior forward Dan Ferris listens closely to the instructions given.

District 11-C looking tough

The Twin Bridges Falcons, defending District 11-C Conference and District tournament champions, will look to hold off the hard charge of the Lima Bears and the Sheridan Panthers as they prepare for the 1989-90 season.

The Falcons are coached by Ron Mailey, in his sixth year, who guided his team to a 24-2 record last season.

Mailey returns a veteran lineup that saw only one player lost to graduation. Leading the way will be 6' junior Tracy Davis who averaged 14 points per game last year and dished out five assists per contest. Senior Shawn Kelly, 6'1", (12 PPG) returns as a strong rebounder with six caroms a game. Junior John Giles led the team with seven rebounds a game and scored 10 points a contest in his sophomore year.

Rounding out the squad will be 6'5" senior Louis Reynolds, 6'1" senior Emry McAlear, 6' senior Cory Day, 5'10 senior Todd Hubert, 6' junior Randy Boyd, 6'1" junior Chad Johnson, and sophomore Travis Gibson.

Junior Dustin Keltner, a starter last season, averaged eight rebounds and eight points per game but will be lost for the season with a knee injury.

"I feel real good about the season," noted Mailey. "We lost only one player to graduation (Andy Nye), and I feel that we have the talent to pick up the slack. If it is possible, I look for a better season this year than last. We will strive to improve on the personal improvement aspect."

"We will try to play within our own capabilities," added Mailey. "Teams will be pumped up to play us so we will have to be ready. We will continue to do the same things we have done in the past and by tournament time we hope to be playing our best ball."

Bill Gibson will return for his third year as an assistant to Mailey.

In Lima Head Coach Jerry Allen, in his second season,

welcomed 19 players to begin the year. The Bears finished 14-6 last season and third in the conference.

Allen returns four starters from last year's squad. Seniors Dan Brown, John Stosich, and Shane Kluesner will be joined in the starting lineup by junior Dallas Jensen.

Brown is a 6' guard, the 6'1" will play post, Kluesner is a 6' forward, and Jensen is a 6'2" forward. They will be joined by juniors Jackson Rose and Sean Estill.

"We are going to stress a lot of defense," noted Allen. "Defense and rebounding will be the key. If we can hit the boards hard it will make us a better team."

"We will try to spread the offense out and make our opponents guard all five guys," added Allen.

"We will stress rebounds, limiting the opponent to one shot, then getting back down the floor."

"It is nice to have the returners," said Allen. "We lost only one starter from last season and that should make us stronger."

Head Coach Rob Lott, in his eighth season at Sheridan, will look to turn around a team that finished 2-18 last year.

Lott will start with six returning lettermen from last year's club. Senior Bill Flager, 5'9", returns as the leading scorer with eight points per game and two steals a contest. Senior Kip Funk, 6', grabbed six rebounds a game last year and is expected to be an inside force for the Panthers this season.

Four juniors round out the returning lettermen. Jason George, 6'2", 6'4" Dave Fetterley, 5'8" Bill Bieler, and 5'11 Joe Forcella saw plenty of playing time last year and will be counted on for leadership during the long season.

Juniors Jason Simonsen, 6', 5'9" Jake Barnosky, and 6' John Smith will round out the Panther roster.

"We will try to become fundamentally as sound as possible,"

noted Lott. "We will play tough, aggressive defense and a faster pace game than we have played in the past."

"We will have to be successful rebounding against taller teams and will have to gain some confidence in our ability," added Lott. "We will have to learn to win in the tough games."

The three coaches were in agreement that Twin Bridges, Ennis, Lima, West Yellowstone, and Harrison will be the teams to beat in the conference.

The following is the basketball schedules for Twin Bridges, Lima, and Sheridan:

Twin Bridges Boys Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 8-9, Gardiner Tourney
- Dec. 15, Lima, away
- Dec. 16, Ennis, home
- Dec. 21, Manhattan Christian, away
- Dec. 22, Harrison, home
- Jan. 5, Sheridan, away
- Jan. 6, Willow Creek, home
- Jan. 12, White Sulphur, away
- Jan. 13, Three Forks, home
- Jan. 19, Lima, home
- Jan. 20, Ennis, away
- Jan. 26, Harrison, away
- Jan. 27, Manhattan Christian, home
- Feb. 2, Sheridan, home
- Feb. 3, Willow Creek, away
- Feb. 8, Gardiner, home
- Feb. 10, Three Forks, away
- Feb. 15-17, District, Dillon
- Feb. 22-24, Divisional, Helena
- Feb. 28-Mar. 2, State, Billings

Lima Boys Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 8-9, Granite Invitational
- Dec. 15, Twin Bridges, home
- Dec. 16, Sheridan, away
- Dec. 19, Willow Creek, away
- Dec. 20, Leadora, home
- Jan. 5, Whitehall, away
- Jan. 6, Ennis, away
- Jan. 12, Harrison, home
- Jan. 13, West Yellowstone, away
- Jan. 19, Twin Bridges, away
- Jan. 20, Sheridan, home
- Jan. 24, Clark County, away
- Jan. 26, Willow Creek, home
- Feb. 2, Whitehall, home
- Feb. 3, Ennis, home
- Feb. 9, Harrison, away
- Feb. 10, West Yellowstone, home
- Feb. 15-17, District, Dillon
- Feb. 21-23, Divisional, Helena
- Feb. 28-Mar. 2, State, Billings

Sheridan Boys Basketball Schedule

- Dec. 8-9, Ennis Tourney
- Dec. 15, Harrison, away
- Dec. 16, Lima, home
- Dec. 20, Ennis, home
- Jan. 5, Twin Bridges, home
- Jan. 6, Three Forks, away
- Jan. 12, West Yellowstone, home
- Jan. 13, Townsend, away
- Jan. 19, Harrison, home
- Jan. 20, Lima, away
- Jan. 26, Ennis, away
- Jan. 30, Butte Central JV, away
- Feb. 2, Twin Bridges, away
- Feb. 3, Three Forks, home
- Feb. 9, West Yellowstone, away
- Feb. 10, Townsend, home
- Feb. 15-17, District, Dillon
- Feb. 21-23, Divisional, Helena
- Feb. 28-Mar. 2, State, Billings

Reynolds named All-District

Jenny Reynolds, a junior from Twin Bridges, has been named to the NAIA District 12 volleyball team.

Reynolds joins 40 other players from Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota on the

elite team. Reynolds notched 178 kills and 96 blocks for the Lady Bulldogs last season.

By earning the honor Reynolds will be eligible to be named to the NAIA All-American Team.

Back-drafting stoves can kill or injure

Every winter, according to the Montana Energy Safety Council, there are fatalities and near-fatalities of people who are asphyxiated in their own homes. Back-drafting, especially during the coldest months of a Montana winter, has been labeled the "Quiet Killer."

Back-drafting occurs when the by-products of combustion in a fireplace, stove or gas furnace are drawn back into the room, in place of fresh air for combustion, rather than being exhausted to the outside. It is, according to the Safety Council, a serious problem as the by-products may contain carbon monoxide.

Fireplace and wood-burning stoves, especially, require a lot of air while burning. Many well-sealed homes, the product of weatherization practices such as

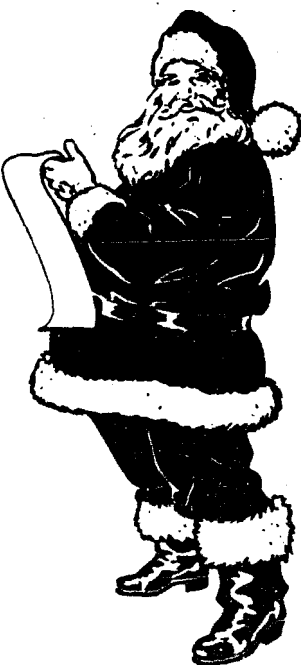
caulking and weatherstripping, are often too tight to provide adequate air for safe operation of open-flame heating systems. It may be necessary to add a combustion air source to prevent back-drafting.

To check for back-drafting, the council says, start a fire in the fireplace on a cold day. After a few minutes, carefully touch the vent pipe of the furnace, hot water heater or any space heater. If the vent is cold, the fireplace could be creating a dangerous back-draft. Turn down the thermostats and water heater temperature controls immediately and let the fireplace turn out. The council advised people with a back-draft problem to contact a heating and plumbing contractor or the local utility company for further assistance.

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Speech results

Beaverhead County High School's speech team earned second place honors for schools in classes A, B and C at the Butte tournament last weekend.

Dillon area finalists in the tournament included Heather Gneiting, seventh place in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; Karen Peters, second place in the Lincoln-Douglas debate; Mary Frances O'Connor, second place in humorous oral interpretation; Jodi Jones, second place in memorized public address and Becky Angell, first place in original oratory.

Bowling

King Pin Bowling League - Nov. 23
Individual High Game: Jo Dickey, 214; Maggie Lundberg, 202; Key Peterson, 181; Individual High Series: Jo Dickey, 645; Maggie Lundberg, 516; Key Peterson, 513.
Team High Game: Ralph's Excess, 886; Cherry Creek Angus, 864; First National Insurance, 878; Team High Series: First National Insurance, 2448; Ralph's Excess, 2404; Elia's, 2392.

City Bowl Bowling League - Nov. 21
Men's Individual High Game: Ray Pater, 212; Dan Hill, 189; Men's Individual High Series: Ray Pater, 601; Dan Hill, 512; Kerry Clark, 496.
Women's Individual High Game: Tami Holland, 186; Jo Dickey, 170; Cherry Drama, 168; Women's Individual High Series: Tami Holland, 610; Jo Dickey, 498; Cherry Drama, 480.
Team High Game: Great Harvest, 751; 750; Ferris Wheel, 744; Team High Series: Great Harvest, 2239; Ferris Wheel, 2186; Hankinson's Dudes, 2027.

Treasure State League
Individual High Game: Mike Ross, 223; Jim Watkins, 204; Roy Lewis, 201; Individual High Series: Jim Watkins, 696; Mike Ross, 568; John Joyce, 537.
High Team Game: Ralph's Excess, 950; Dell Mercantile, 928; Jim's Arts Body, 882; Team High Series: Ralph's Excess, 2658; Dell Mercantile, 2599; Pendergast Ranch, 2557.