A veteran wrestling coach from Missouri and Nevada, Jimmy May, joined the Baker staff in 2008 to develop Baker’s wrestling program, which begins competition this fall. May served the Clark County (Nevada) School District from 1977 to 2008 as athletic director, dean, teacher and coach. He coached in the Nevada high school system for 32 years, along with a two-year stint as an assistant wrestling coach at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

As a head wrestling coach at Eldorado High School, May’s teams won 18 (4A) Regional Championships and 12 (4A) Nevada State Championships. He coached 63 individual state champions and 19 high school All-Americans. His historic run of state championships has been highlighted as the “Dynasty in the Desert” and the wrestling facility at Eldorado High School is named in his honor. He received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Wrestling Coaches Association. In 2009 Coach May was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame (Nevada Chapter), and Southern Nevada Sports Hall of Fame.

May is a cum laude graduate from the University of Central Missouri and earned his master’s degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. May was also a two-time Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association Champion and a member of the University of Central Missouri Wrestling Hall of Fame. Coach May is the father of three children: April, Danny and Heidi.
The Wildcats were highlighted by two place-winners. Billy Benz, from Gardner, Kan., finished seventh in the 125-pound weight class and became the sixth Baker wrestler to qualify for the national championships this season. Freshman Nathan Sommer, from Parker, Kan., joined Benz as a national qualifier by making it to the 7th-8th-place match before defaulting to 8th place in the 157-pound weight class because of injury.

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Alan Callahan  125 FR Baldwin City, KS
Jordan McGuire 125 FR Caney, KS
Josh Neal  125 FR St. Paul, NE
Kalem Bennett 133 FR Baldwin City, KS
Robb Waters 133 FR Topeka, KS
Joel Olivas 133 FR Kansas City, MO
Billy Benz 133 SO Eureka, KS
Zach Reeb 133 FR Topeka, KS
Brett Delich 141 FR Topeka, KS
Bryce Manker 141 FR Hiawatha, KS
Chris Attakson 149 FR Edwardsville, KS
Andrew Hurla 149 SO Overland Park, KS
Jimmy Stults 149 FR Valley Center, KS
Rick Bass 149 FR Las Vegas, NV
Darius Jefferson 149 FR Kansas City, KS
Ethan Becker 157 FR Eudora, KS
Spencer Nash 157 FR Shawnee, KS
Ryan Wood 157 FR Harrisonville, MO
Nathan Sommers 157 FR Roanoke, VA
Michael Faison 174 JR Waterloo, IA
Jackson Jordan 165 SO Overland Park, KS
Brandon Gebhardt 165 FR Waterloo, IA
Jakob Price 165 FR Sparks, NV
Brandan Scott 165 FR Topeka, KS
Travis Shadrich 165 FR Lawrence, KS
Cody Hanel 174 FR Lawrence, KS
Joe Pace 174 FR Topeka, KS
Adam Lackey 174 SO Locust Grove, OK
Derek Phillips 184 FR Topeka, KS
Rick Singer 184 FR Lawrence, KS
Jack Caywood 184 FR Lawrence, KS
Derrick Smith 184 FR Topeka, KS
Jason Schweer 184 JR Waverly, IA
Jacob Nowak 184 FR Overland Park, KS
Clarence Jordan 184 FR Waterloo, IA
Brandon Gebhardt 197 FR Topeka, KS
Dylan Pryor 197 FR Kansas City, KS
Jerome Newman 197 FR Kansas City, KS
Hakeem Young 197 FR Spring Hill, KS
Levi Calhoun 217 FR Oklahoma City, OK
Michael Faison 285 FR Gardner, KS
Jacob Miller 285 SO Gardner, KS