

Pierre Youth Wrestlers Continue Action into the Fourth Week of Competition

As the youth wrestling season continued into its fourth week of competition, members of the Pierre youth wrestling program competed in seven tournaments throughout the state, producing a total of 30 individual champions.

The closest action for the local youth wrestlers was in Onida on Friday January 25, where 30 wrestlers competed in their annual youth tournament. More than half of the Pierre wrestlers were champions in their weight and age divisions including Andrew Snyder, Hudson Shaffer, Aiden Heathcote, Ethan Martinmaas, Gavin Stotts, Hayden Shaffer, Jace Bench-Bresher, Justyce Murphy, Matthew Hostler, Nicholas Murphy, Spencer Davis, Trey Lewis, Tyler Johnson, Tyson Johnson, Tyson Nemeć and Garrett Leesman. Seven runner up finishes were also produced including Brady Miller, Easton Swartz, Elijah Boutchee, Jett Zabel, Lincoln Shoenhard, Matthew King, and Matthew Rounds. A number of other wrestlers also placed either third (Mason Dell, Ridge Leimbach, Thomas Stobbe, and Wesley Harsma) or fourth at the event (Colton Cass, Robert Arnold, and Tristen Nemeć). “We traditionally have a good showing at this tournament each year and having it on Friday night makes it easy for many of our kids to then also compete at a number of other tournaments throughout the state on the same weekend” said Paul Turman, Pierre Youth Wrestling president.

A series of other tournaments in Wagner, Wessington Springs, Aberdeen, Brookings, and Desmet also drew wrestlers from around



Pierre Youth Wrestling club member, Zayden Rounds works to turn his Ft. Pierre opponent.

the area. At these five events Pierre produced eight individual champions (Jacob Mason, Jacoby Taylor, Mason Dell, Matthew Hostler, Jacob Larson, Cade Hinkle, and Nathan Williams) and runner ups (Spencer Easland, Tristan Spencer, and Noah Williams). Spencer Taylor, Rylan Shrake, and Samuel Larson each all placed at one of these events. Jammie Raske, advanced group coach noted, “It’s the right time in the season for our kids to start traveling around the state to face some different competition. With the postseason just under a month away, these additional tournaments provide a great opportunity to see how we match up with wrestlers from those regions we normally only see at the state tournament.”

Finally, Sunday January 27 also provided for wrestling at the annual Highmore youth tournament where 19 Pierre wrestlers competed. Individual champions were Aiden Heathcote, Carson Stoesser, Lincoln Schoenhard, Matthew Rounds, Sam Slocum, and Tyson Johnson. A number of other wrestlers placed second (Garrett Leesman, Tyrone Oldenkamp, Tyson Nemeć), third

(Jayce Anderson, Matthew King, Ridge Leimbach, Spencer Davis, Tristen Nemec, Zachary Oldenkamp) and fourth (Robert Arnold, Tyler Johnson). Participation

Action will continue this coming weekend as Pierre will field a team at the Plankinton K-6 Youth Dual tournament on Saturday. The majority of wrestlers will compete at the Ft. Pierre invitational tournament on February 3rd, or travel to Faulkton or Redfield for district four level competition. Individual results for all Pierre Youth Wrestling members include:

Onida

Andrew Snyder – 1st
Hudson Shaffer – 1st
Aiden Heathcote – 1st
Ethan Martinmaas – 1st
Gavin Stotts – 1st
Hayden Shaffer – 1st
Jace Bench-Bresher – 1st
Justyce Murphy – 1st
Matthew Hostler – 1st
Nicholas Murphy – 1st
Spencer Davis – 1st
Trey Lewis – 1st
Tyler Johnson – 1st
Tyson Johnson – 1st
Tyson Nemec – 1st
Garrett Leesman – 1st
Brady Miller – 2nd
Easton Swartz – 2nd
Elijah Boutchee – 2nd
Jett Zabel – 2nd
Lincoln Schoenhard – 2nd
Matthew King – 2nd
Matthew Rounds – 2nd
Mason Dell – 3rd
Ridge Leimbach – 3rd
Thomas Stobbe – 3rd
Wesley Harsma – 3rd
Colton Cass – 4th

Robert Arnold – 4th
Tristen Nemec – 4th

Wagner & Wessington Springs

Jacob Mason – 1st
Jacoby Taylor – 1st
Mason Dell – 1st
Matthew Hostler – 1st
Spencer Easland – 2nd
Tristan Spencer – 2nd
Spencer Taylor – 3rd
Rylan Shrake – 4th

Aberdeen, Brookings & Desmet

Jacob Larson – 1st
Cade Hinkle – 1st
Andrew Snyder – 1st
Nathan Williams – 1st
Noah Williams – 2nd
Samual Larson – 4th

Higmore

Aiden Heathcote – 1st
Carson Stoesser – 1st
Lincoln Schoenhard – 1st
Matthew Rounds – 1st
Sam Slocum – 1st
Tyson Johnson – 1st
Ayden Anderson – 2nd
Colton Cass – 2nd
Garrett Leesman – 2nd
Tyrone Oldenkamp – 2nd
Tyson Nemec – 2nd
Jayce Anderson – 3rd
Matthew King – 3rd
Ridge Leimbach – 3rd
Spencer Davis – 3rd
Tristen Nemec – 3rd
Zachary Oldenkamp – 3rd
Robert Arnold – 4th
Tyler Johnson – 4th