

Wrestlers Compete Well in Closing Weeks of Regular Season

Following the Big Dakota Wrestling tournament this past weekend, the Ft. Pierre wrestling club hosted their annual youth wrestling tournament with close to 300 local wrestlers competing in the event. A total of 67 wrestlers from the Pierre Youth Wrestling program wrestled at the tournament on Sunday February 3rd, with a total of 19 individual champions crowned at the event. Paul Turman, Pierre youth wrestling club president noted “The Ft. Pierre program always pulls off a nice tournament and attracts a large number of kids from programs like Phillip, Rapid City, and Wall that we often don’t get to see until the state tournament. We often find ourselves wrestling kids from our own club in many of the brackets, but the chance to wrestling a variety of other kids from around the state can be very rewarding.”

Individual champions at the Ft. Pierre tournament included Jacob Mason, Jacoby Taylor, Hudson Shaffer, Hayden Shaffer, Lincoln Schoenhard, Andrew Snyder, Garrett Leesman, DJ HighBear, Spencer Davis, Gunner Gehring, Steven Fullerton, Tyson Johnson, Noah Williams, Noah Williams, Gavin Stotts, Matthew Hostler, Nicholas Murphy, and Rylan Shrake.

The 20 runner-ups at the event included Alex Oedekoven, Caleb Morris, Carson Stoeser, Kenyon Kuiper, Caynen Carr, Jett Zabel, Keith Gorham, Spencer Easland, Tristan Spencer, Sam Slocum, Ayden



Blake Judson, Pierre youth wrestling club member (pictured in the red South Dakota singlet) elevates his Mt. Vernon opponent for a takedown at the Plankinton Youth Wrestling Tournament. Judson went on to place first at the event.

Anderson, Brady Getz, Jeremiah Church, Mason Dell, Tyson Nemece, Gabe HighBear, Harlen Stotts, Justye Murphy, Cadin Buchholz, and Pryce Dyk. A number of other wrestlers also placed third (Zayden Rounds, Damen Horsley, Owen Sivage, Brayden Houlette, Cole Rank, Elijah Boutchee, Jayce Anderson, Ridge Leimbach, Logan Meyer, Matt Rounds, Easton Swartz, Gage Gehring, Lee Snyder, Tristen Nemece, Tyrone Oldenkamp, Matthew King, Shawn Van Liere, Spencer Taylor) and fourth at the tournament (Cotton Cass, Dale Balfany, Cayden Morris, Gabriel Laroque, Isaac Gilk, Thomas Stobbe, Kyle Horsley, Zachary Oldenkamp, Wesley Harsma, Klarence Nichols).

In other action around the state, a number of Pierre club members also travelled to Plankinton on Sunday February 2nd, and Faulkton on Saturday February 1st resulting in a significant number of individual champions at these two events. John Lusk, Pierre youth wrestling vice president stated that “As we get further into the season we

start to see a handful of our wrestlers traveling to a variety of tournaments hosted by other clubs outside our regions to take advantage of key matchups that they are likely to face once the postseason arrives. Faulkton provides a great look at district two competition, and Plankinton has always attracted a large number of region three clubs.” A sizable number of individual championships were awarded at these two events with tournament titles earned by Blake Judson, Jayden Wiebe, Gabe Turman, Will Turman, Lincoln Turman, Cade Hinkle, Will Van Camp, Jack Van Camp, Preston Dyk, and Tyson Johnson. All the remaining wrestlers earned runner-up finishes in their divisions including Maguire Raske, Jacob Larson, Samuel Larson.

The next two weeks will provide an opportunity for club members to compete at the remainder of the regular season tournaments. Wrestlers will head to Gillette, Wyoming this weekend for the Wild Wild West Championships, as well as tournaments in Sturgis, Lemmon, Rapid City, Watertown, Custer, and Bon Homme.

Ft. Pierre Invitational

- Jacob Mason 1st
- Jacoby Taylor 1st
- Hudson Shaffer 1st
- Lincoln Schoenhard 1st
- Andrew Snyder 1st
- Garrett Leesman 1st
- DJ HighBear 1st
- Spencer Davis 1st
- Gunner Gehring 1st
- Steven Fullerton 1st
- Tyson Johnson 1st
- Noah Williams 1st
- Gavin Stotts 1st
- Matthew Hostler 1st
- Nicholas Murphy 1st
- Rylan Shrake 1st
- Nathan Williams 1st

- Hayden Shaffer 1st
- Alex Oedekoven 2nd
- Caleb Morris 2nd
- Carson Stoesser 2nd
- Kenyon Kuiper 2nd
- Caynen Carr 2nd
- Jett Zabel 2nd
- Keith Gorham 2nd
- Spencer Easland 2nd
- Tristan Spencer 2nd
- Sam Slocum 2nd
- Ayden Anderson 2nd
- Brady Getz 2nd
- Jeremiah Church 2nd
- Mason Dell 2nd
- Tyson Nemec 2nd
- Gabe HighBear 2nd
- Harlen Stotts 2nd
- Justyee Murphy 2nd
- Cadin Buchholz 2nd
- Pryce Dyk 2nd
- Zayden Rounds 3rd
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- Cayden Morris 4th
- Gabriel Laroque 4th
- Isaac Gilk 4th
- Thomas Stobbe 4th
- Kylen Horsley 4th

Zachary Oldenkamp 4th
Wesley Harsma 4th
Klarence Nichols 4th

Plankinton & Faulkton

Blake Judson 1st
Jayden Wiebe 1st
Gabe Turman 1st
Lincoln Turman 1st

Will Turman 1st
Cade Hinkle 1st
Will Van Camp 1st
Jack Van Camp 1st
Preston Dyk 1st
Tyson Johnson 1st
Maguire Raske 2nd
Jacob Larson 2nd
Samuel Larson 2nd



