

## ***85 Pierre Wrestlers Advance to Regions***

This past weekend, potential members of the future Governor wrestling program took their first step toward a successful state tournament performance as they competed in the High School Coaches Association District 3 Wrestling tournament in Ft. Pierre on Saturday March 2<sup>nd</sup>. A total of 85 Pierre wrestlers, across 5 age divisions, will advance to the Region tournament held in Pierre on Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>.



**Pierre youth wrestler Jacoby Taylor works for a pin against his Ft. Pierre opponent during the first round of the District 3 tournament in Ft. Pierre. Taylor placed first at the event.**

The Pierre program produced a total of 37 champions (representing 57% of all titles awarded), along with 17 second place and 10 third place finishers at the event. Each weight class advances eight wrestlers to the region tournament to compete against regional competition from District 4. Those placing in the top three at regions will advance to the state tournament held in Brookings on March 23<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

Individual district champions for the Pierre Wrestling program include Jacoby Taylor, Carson Stoesser, Keith Gorham, Matthew Hostler, Trey Lewis, Jett Zabel, Gavin Stotts, Gabe Turman, Blake Judson, Jayden Wiebe, Hayden Shaffer, Ayden Anderson, Tyson Johnson, Brady Getz, Jacob Larson, Matthew King, Will Van Camp, Preston Dyk, Jace Bench-Bresher, Cade Hinkle, Jack Van Camp, Maguire Raske, Spencer Davis, Grant Judson, Grey Zabel, Justyce Murphy, Gunnar Gehring, Will Turman, Michael Lusk, Logan Meyer, Austin Senger, Aric Williams, D.J. High Bear, Garrett Leesman, Lucas Kessler, Gage Gehring, Pryce Dyk, and Easton Swartz.

“In a number of these weight classes we had runner-up finishes where Pierre wrestlers lost in the championship match to club members,” said Paul Turman, Pierre youth wrestling president. “Of the 17 runner-ups there were 14 that lost out to Pierre wrestlers, and there were four of the ten third place finishers in weight classes where Pierre club members took first and second.” Runner-up finishes included, Hudson Shaffer, Owen Sivage, Andrew Snyder, Spencer Easland, Nicholas Murphy, Rylan Shrake, Noah Williams, Shawn Van Liere, Brady Miller, Steven Fullerton, Matthew Lusk, Wesley Harsma, Harlan Quilt, Lincoln Turman, Austin Nadeau, Klarence Nichols, Cadin Buchholz, and Zane Zilverberg.

Turman indicated that “Our program has advanced the largest number of wrestlers to the state youth tournament for the past decade. With almost 50 wrestlers advancing it is often twice as many as some of the other big programs in the state like Rapid City, Sturgis, and Aberdeen. We are looking toward a similar performance out of our kids this year as well.” Individual



XXX, member of the Pierre youth wrestling program, attempts to cradle up his Lyman County opponent as he works toward a third place finish this past weekend at the District 3 tournament held in Ft. Pierre.

performances for Pierre Youth Wrestlers this past weekend include:

***District Champions***

Jacoby Taylor  
Carson Stoesser  
Keith Gorham  
Matthew Hostler  
Trey Lewis  
Jett Zabel  
Gavin Stotts  
Gabe Turman  
Black Judson  
Jayden Wiebe  
Hayden Shaffer  
Ayden Anderson  
Tyson Johnson  
Brady Getz  
Jacob Larson  
Matthew King  
Will Van Camp  
Preston Dyk  
Jace Bench-Bresher  
Cade Hinkle

Jack Van Camp  
Maguire Raske  
Spencer Davis  
Grant Judson  
Grey Zabel  
Justyce Murphy  
Gunnar Gehring  
William Turman  
Michael Lusk  
Logan Meyer  
Austin Senger  
Aric Williams  
D.J. High Bear  
Garrett Leesman  
Lucas Kessler  
Gage Gehring  
Pryce Dyk  
Easton Swartz

***District Runner-Up***

Owen Sivage  
Hudson Shaffer  
Andrew Snyder  
Spencer Easland  
Nicholas Murphy

Rylan Shrake  
Noah Williams  
Shawn Van Liere  
Brady Miller  
Steven Fullerton  
Matthew Lusk  
Wesley Harsma  
Harlan Quilt  
Lincoln Turman  
Austin Nadeau  
Klarence Nichols  
Cadin Buchholz  
Zane Zilverberg

***Third Place***

Ethan Martinmaas  
Tristan Spencer  
Tyson Nemeč  
Kahlor Hindman  
Zachary Oldenkamp  
Tristen Nemeč  
Lee Snyder  
Samuel Slocum  
Matthew Rounds  
Alex Odekoven  
Aiden Heathcote

***Fourth Place***

Ridge Leimbach  
Elijah Boutchee  
Nathan Williams  
Spencer Taylor  
Paul Heth  
Gabe High Bear  
Lincoln Dilges

***Fifth Place***

Jayce Anderson  
Kylen Horsley  
Tyrone Oldenkamp  
Jacob Mason  
Lincoln Shoenhard

***Sixth Place***

Brayden Houlette  
Caynen Carr

Colton Casss

***Seventh Place***

Zayden Rounds  
Samuel Larson

***Eighth Place***

Damen Horsley