

Governors Win Youth Championship in Fargo

Youth dual tournaments have increased in popularity over the past five years allowing wrestlers an opportunity to experience a team competition at a young age. This past weekend, the organizers of the Rumble on the Red wrestling tournament in Fargo, ND hosted their third annual youth dual tournament representing 16 teams from Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska. The Pierre Governor Youth Dual team placed first in the tournament after four close duals against regional teams.

“We really had a great showing as a team at the event,” said Jamie Raske, the head coach for the team. “It was exciting for these kids to have a dual come down to the very last match a number of times as they come to understand how every single match can impact the team’s performance.” The Governors faced off against Farmington, MN in the opening round winning the dual 39-30. Down by three points as a team heading into the second to last match, Grant Judson found himself down 4-2, and earned a pin late in the third period to put the team up by three. “We knew we could score the pin at HWT, said Paul Turman, assistant coach for the team, “and we were just beginning to discuss



Blake Judson, Governor youth wrestler, works to turn his Farmington, MN opponent in the closing seconds of his match during the first round of action. Pierre went on to win the dual 39-30.

whether we could win on criteria if we tied. Grant kept great pressure on his opponent late into the third period and finally broke the kid to really help us pull out the dual.”

During the quarterfinals match the Governors defeated Cobber Club out of Moorhead, MN 46-34 with a significant win by Jack Van Camp who scored a pin in overtime at 90lbs to swing the dual back in Pierre’s favor. “That win by Jack was huge, as it earned us six points, when we were anticipating a loss. Had that gone the other way we would have found ourselves in trouble at our closing weights,” noted Raske. The semifinal match-up against the MatPac wrestling program from Bismarck, ND resulted in a 45-33 win for the governors putting them up against the defending tournament champions from Scotts West, MN.



Members of the Pierre Governor youth wrestling program competing at the Rumble on the Red Youth Dual Tournament on December 29th in Fargo, ND include (from left to right): Jacob Larson, McCoy Peterson, Spencer Davis, Jack Kruger, Cade Hinkle, Tyson Johnson, Sam Kruger, Samuel Larson, Blake Judson, Ryker Peterson, Will Van Camp, Jace Bench-Bresher, Jack Van Camp, Maguire Raske, Gabe Turman, Regan Bollweg, Nash Hutmacher, & Grant Judson.

The finals resulted in an exciting matchup with the Governors and Scotts West exchanged the lead nine times. The Governors fell behind 9-0 with losses at 50 and 55lbs, but three straight wins tied the dual going into the 75lb weight class. After two close losses, pins by Jace Bench-Bresher (80lbs), and Cade Hinkle (85lbs) put the Governors back in the lead 24-16 going into the 100lb weight class. Two pins by Scott West resulted in a 24-28 deficit until Maguire Raske earned a pin at 113lbs. “We knew they had two of their toughest kids at 120 and 130lbs, and we just didn’t match-up well there. We needed Regan Bollweg and Grant Judson to keep their matches close and not give up pins or major decisions, which is exactly what they did” said Turman. The Governors went into the final match down 30-34 needing either a

technical fall or pin at HWT to win. After securing a 8-0 lead Nash Hutmacher earned the pin to secure the team title: 40 seconds into the second period. In route to the team title, the Governors secured victories over the sixth, fifth, third and second place teams in the 16 team tournament.

Three Governor wrestlers went 4-0 on the day during the dual tournament competition including McCoy Peterson, Cade Hinkle, and Nash Hutmacher. Solid 3-1 performances were also achieved by Blake Judson, Will Van Camp, Jace Bench Bresher, and Maguire Raske. Individual performances for the Governor Youth Dual Team include:

- 50lbs – Samuel Larson – 0-4
- 55lbs – Gabe Turman – 1-3

60lbs – Blake Judson – 3-1
65lbs – Will Van Camp – 3-1
70lbs – McCoy Peterson – 4-0
75lbs – Tyson Johnson – 0-4
80lbs – Jace Bench Bresher – 3-1
85lbs – Sam Kruger – 2-2
90lbs - Jack Van Camp – 2-2
95lbs – Cade Hinkle – 4-0

100lbs – Jacob Larson – 0-4
106lbs – Spencer Davis – 2-2
113lbs – Maguire Raske – 3-1
120lbs – Regan Bollweg – 0-4
130lbs – Grant Judson – 2-2
HWT – Nash Hutmacher – 4-0

Individual Scores for each of the dual matches included:

Governors vs. Farmington 39-30

50 - Koy Buesgens (Farmington) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
55 - Alan Koehler (Farmington) over Gabe Turman (Pierre) Dec 3-2
60 - Blake Judson (Pierre) over Cash Raymond (Farmington) Dec 3-0
65 - Hunter Frost (Farmington) over Will Van Camp (Pierre) Dec 6-2
70 - McCoy Peterson (Pierre) over Michael Loger (Farmington) Dec 5-4
75 - Payton Handevitd (Farmington) over Tyson Johnson (Pierre) Dec 4-2
80 - Jace Bench Bresher (Pierre) over Gavin Anderson (Farmington) Dec 7-5
85 - Sam Kruger (Pierre) over Chase Vought (Farmington) Dec 4-2
90 - Luke Peterson (Farmington) over Jack Van Camp (Pierre) Fall 2:24
95 - Cade Hinkle (Pierre) over Parker Venz (Farmington) Dec 5-0
100 - Cole Kapplinger (Farmington) over Jacob Larson (Pierre) Fall 0:28
106 - Spencer Davis (Pierre) over John Bouthilet (Farmington) Fall 1:56
113 - Maguire Raske (Pierre) over Ty Gage (Farmington) Fall 0:27
120 - Brodie Rud (Farmington) over Reagan Bollweg (Pierre) SV-1 5-3
130 - Grant Judson (Pierre) over Mac Kukowski (Farmington) Fall 2:37
200 - Nash Hutmacher (Pierre) over Bosten Morehart (Farmington) Fall 0:35

Governors vs. Cobber Club 46-34

50 - Brody Bakken (Cobber Club) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
55 - Kylier Lauridsen (Cobber Club) over Gabe Turman (Pierre) Dec 6-4
60 - Blake Judson (Pierre) over Kael Lauridsen (Cobber Club) Dec 4-2
65 - Will Van Camp (Pierre) over Blake Bakken (Cobber Club) Maj 13-0
70 - McCoy Peterson (Pierre) over Jacob Thomas (Cobber Club) Fall 2:00
75 - Laredo Bugbee (Cobber Club) over Tyson Johnson (Pierre) Maj 11-0
80 - Jace Bench Bresher (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
85 - Sam Kruger (Pierre) over Gabe Bellefeuille (Cobber Club) Fall 2:57
90 - Jack Van Camp (Pierre) over Colton Hackel (Cobber Club) SV-1 2-0
95 - Cade Hinkle (Pierre) over Preston Johnson (Cobber Club) Fall 0:40
100 - Reed Leabo (Cobber Club) over Jacob Larson (Pierre) Fall 0:22
106 - Zane Swanson (Cobber Club) over Maguire Raske (Pierre) Dec 6-2
113 - Spencer Davis (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
120 - Wyatt Thorson (Cobber Club) over Reagan Bollweg (Pierre) Fall 0:52
130 - Ethan Jerome (Cobber Club) over Grant Judson (Pierre) Fall 0:56
200 - Nash Hutmacher (Pierre) over Dawson Kellogg (Cobber Club) Fall 1:53

Governors vs. MatPac 45-33

- 50** - JJ Thompson (MatPac) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 55** - Gabe Turman (Pierre) over Lane Cooper (MatPac) Dec 4-0
- 60** - Cole Gerhardt (MatPac) over Blake Judson (Pierre) Dec 2-0
- 65** - Will Van Camp (Pierre) over Shaydon Auck (MatPac) Fall 0:57
- 70** - McCoy Peterson (Pierre) over kaden renner (MatPac) Fall 1:16
- 75** - joseph thompson (MatPac) over Tyson Johnson (Pierre) Dec 7-0
- 80** - drew steidler (MatPac) over Jace Bench Bresher (Pierre) Dec 6-3
- 85** - clay gerhardt (MatPac) over Sam Kruger (Pierre) Dec 4-2
- 90** - Garrett Jangula (MatPac) over Jack Van Camp (Pierre) Dec 8-1
- 95** - Harrison Fuller (MatPac) over Jacob Larson (Pierre) Fall 1:49
- 100** - Cade Hinkle (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 106** - Spencer Davis (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 113** - Maguire Raske (Pierre) over Traeden Bertch (MatPac) Fall 0:48
- 120** - Ebby Williams (MatPac) over Reagan Bollweg (Pierre) Fall 2:45
- 130** - Grant Judson (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf
- 200** - Nash Hutmacher (Pierre) over Unknown (Unattached) Forf

Governors vs. Scott West 36-34

- 50** - Caleb Tracey (Scott West) over Samuel Larson (Pierre) Fall 1:16
- 55** - Landon Church (Scott West) over Gabe Turman (Pierre) Dec 4-2
- 60** - Blake Judson (Pierre) over Adam Kelvington (Scott West) Dec 2-0
- 65** - Will Van Camp (Pierre) over Zach Tracey (Scott West) Dec 5-0
- 70** - McCoy Peterson (Pierre) over Jacob Hill (Scott West) Dec 6-0
- 75** - Alex Kowalchyk (Scott West) over Tyson Johnson (Pierre) Maj 9-0
- 80** - Jace Bench Bresher (Pierre) over Blake Riemer (Scott West) Fall 2:27
- 85** - Mitchel Peterson (Scott West) over Sam Kruger (Pierre) Dec 2-0
- 90** - Jack Van Camp (Pierre) over Colton Kerkow (Scott West) Dec 4-0
- 95** - Cade Hinkle (Pierre) over Joe Worm (Scott West) Fall 1:29
- 100** - Caden Ochendorf (Scott West) over Jacob Larson (Pierre) Fall 0:30
- 106** - Jace Demmers (Scott West) over Spencer Davis (Pierre) Fall 1:18
- 113** - Maguire Raske (Pierre) over Jace Demmers (Scott West) Fall 0:34
- 120** - Hunter Struffert (Scott West) over Reagan Bollweg (Pierre) Dec 6-0
- 130** - Trent Rasmussen (Scott West) over Grant Judson (Pierre) Dec 5-1
- 200** - Nash Hutmacher (Pierre) over Dylan Whitaker (Scott West) Fall 1:40