

***Governor Youth Program
Hosts Wrestling
Invitational***

Three straight days of wrestling action concluded on Sunday in Pierre with the Governor Youth Wrestling program hosting their annual youth wrestling invitational following the East. Vs. West Duals on Saturday. The event represented the first annual Brook Monfore's Heart of a Champion Tournament in honor of the former Governor wrestler who lost his battle with Leukemia shortly after the Governors won the 2012 State A Tournament. Approximately 375 wrestlers competing in the tournament including 91 wrestlers from the Governor Youth program.

A total of 16 Governor wrestlers won individual championships at the tournament across the 54 weight classes and age divisions. The tournament used district style bracketing with designated weight classes with many of the wrestlers competing in 16 man brackets. Champions at the tournament included Daniel Mason in the 6 & Under division, while Ethan Martinmaas, Lincoln Dilges, Spencer Sargent, Elijah Boutchee and Rylan Shrakes each won in the 7 & 8 year old division. Gabe Turman, Noah Williams, Brady Getz, and Steven Fullerton each won their divisions in the 9 & 10 age group, followed by Will Van Camp, Cade Hinkle, and Maguire Raske in the 11 & 12 division. Logan Meyer represented the sole champion in the 13 & 14 year old division. "This is a very tough tournament format that really only attracts some of the best talent from clubs around the state," said club



Jayden Wiebe attempts to pin his Phillip opponent during the Brooks Monfore's Heart of a Champion Tournament in Pierre. Wiebe went on to place third at the event over the weekend.

president Trevor Wiebe. "People know that when they come to this event they are going to run into larger brackets with sometimes 7 to 8 state qualifiers making for a tough day of wrestling."

The program also produced 9 runner-up finishes (Grayson Agneau, Owen Heiss, Walker West, Brock Zeeb, Blake Judson, Tyson Nemec, Jack Van Camp, Justice Murphy, Gage Gehring), as well as 15 wrestlers winning the consolation championship (Avery Williams, Kenyon Kuper, Lincoln Shoenhard, Andrew Snyder, Hudson Shaffer, Ridge Leimbach, Zayden Rounds, Jayden Wiebe, Marcus Hutchinson, Gavin Stotts, Jace Bench Bresher, Jacob Larson, Gunnar Gehring, River Iverson, Jared Fahey). Paul Turman, advanced division coach for the Governor program, noted "While it can be tough for many of our younger wrestlers who are competing for the first time, we use the district style bracketing because it gives them an experience for what a region tournament will be like. Having to wrestle up to six hard matches in a day can be difficult to

adjust too, so we have set up this tournament to put them in that situation.”

Action continues this weekend as youth wrestlers will have an opportunity to compete in Onida on Friday January 31st, or Highmore on January 2nd. A number of other tournaments are distributed across the state and club members are also expected to compete in Brookings, Wessington Springs, Belle Fourche, Spearfish and Aberdeen. Individual results for local youth wrestlers at the Pierre Invitational include:

Tots

- Xoe Murphy – 4th
- Graysun Agneau – 2nd
- Avery Williams – 3rd
- Daniel Mason – 1st
- Damen Horsley – 5th
- Tucker Gruis – DNP
- Samuel Skjonsberg – 6th
- Blake Tostenson – DNP
- Samuel Larson – DNP
- Alec Eilers – DNP
- Bryant Zeeb – 7th
- Charles Williams – 8th
- Kaleb Lounsbury – 4th
- Cooper Terwilliger – 4th
- Wayne Cambell – 7th
- Devin Binger – 5th
- Kenyon Kuper – 3rd
- Lucas Hight – DNP
- Brady Lowerly – DNP
- Hudson Stoesser – 3rd
- Chris Roberts – 3rd

Bantam

- Owen Heiss – 2nd
- Jacob Mason – 6th
- Owen Sivage – DNP
- Keith Gorham – 5th
- Jacoby Taylor – 5th
- Ethan Martinmaas – 1st
- Lincoln Shoenhard – 3rd
- Walker West – 2nd

- Colton Cass – DNP
- Travis Boddicker – 7th
- Andrew Snyder – 3rd
- Carson Stoesser – 6th
- Max Hunsley – DNP
- Aiden Heathcote – 7th
- Lincoln Dilges – 1st
- Hudson Shaffer – 3rd
- Ridge Leimbach – 3rd
- Spencer Sargent – 1st
- Zayden Rounds – 3rd
- Jesse Eldridge – DNP
- Brock Zeeb – 2nd
- Elijah Boutchee – 1st
- Rylan Shrake – 1st

Midgets

- Gabe Turman – 1st
- Mathew Hostler – 6th
- Noah Williams – 1st
- Tristan Spencer – 5th
- Caynan Carr – 8th
- Simon Addison – DNP
- Blake Judson – 2nd
- Kylen Horsley – 6th
- Spencer Easland – 4th
- Nathan Williams – 5th
- Jayden Wiebe – 3rd
- Nicholas Murphy – 6th
- Jett Zabel – 4th
- Hayes Frahm – 5th
- Marcus Hutchinson – 3rd
- Jayce Anderson – 4th
- Evan McFarling – 5th
- Brady Getz – 1st
- Matthew King – 5th
- Gavin Stotts – 3rd
- Gabriel Laroque – 6th
- Steven Fullerton – 1st

Novice

- Tyson Nemec – 2nd
- Christian Rogers – 6th
- Will Van Camp – 1st

- Hayden Shaffer – 4th
- Kaylor Hindman – 6th
- Andrew Hoffman – 7th
- Derek Hoffman - DNP
- Ayden Anderson – DNP
- Tristan Nemec – 6th
- Jace Bench Bresher – 3rd
- Spencer Taylor – DNP
- Tyson Johnson – 6th
- Jack Van Camp – 2nd
- Cade Hinkle – 1st
- Jacob Larson – 3rd
- Maguire Raske – 1st
- Wesley Harsma – 4th
- Gunnar Gehring – 3rd
- Justice Murphy – 2nd

Schoolboy

- River Iverson – 3rd
- Logan Meyer – 1st
- Clarence Nichols – 4th
- Jared Fahey – 3rd
- Harlen Stotts – 5th
- Gage Gehring – 2nd