

Youth Wrestlers Continue Improving on Their Season

This past weekend, a small number of Governor youth wrestlers competed at a number of wrestling tournaments around the state and Wyoming. On Saturday February 8th, five members of the Pierre program traveled to Gillette, WY to compete at the Wild West Championships. An event hosted by the Rocky Mountain Nationals organization, the tournament hosted approximately 1,000 wrestlers from twelve different states. All five wrestlers placed in the top six at the event.

In the 10 and under division, Gabe Turman placed the highest winning an individual title in the 53lb weight class. Turman advanced to the semifinals with an 8-2 win over Morgan Touchton from Cheyenne, WY. He then earned wins by major victory over his opponents from Montana and South Dakota. Blake Judson also had a solid runner up finish advancing to the finals with significant wins over opponents from Colorado and Montana in the quarterfinals and semifinal matches. In the finals he faced Cole Gerhart from North Dakota and lost a close 1-0 match. "Blake does an outstanding job of not giving up unnecessary points in his matches putting him in a great position to win," said Jammie Raske, advanced group coach for the Pierre program. "He does a great job of keeping matches close even against some of the best kids in the region."



Gabe Turman works to pin his Helena, MT opponent during the opening round at the Wild West Championships in Gillette, WY. Turman finished the day with an individual championship in the 53lb weight class.

Solid performances came from three Governor wrestlers in the 12 and under division with all three wrestlers placing in the top six. Maguire Raske placed fifth in the 106lbs weight class with solid wins against Montana and other South Dakota opponents. Jack Van Camp finished sixth at in a very competitive 90lb weight class. After a loss in the quarterfinals Van Camp came back to win two matches in the wrestle backs to advance into the placing round. Will Van Camp placed fourth in the 66lb division. "Will made weight to compete at 62 but was forced to move up to 66lbs to generate a larger bracket. That put him up against one of the best kids in the country that knocked him out of title contention in the semifinals, said Paul Turman, level three coach for the program. "You just can't give up that kind of weight to kids of that caliber and expect to pull out big wins, so it was unfortunate he was moved up."

In more local action, 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 28 wrestlers from the Governor youth program wrestled at the tournament on Sunday February 9th, with a total of 11 individual champions crowned at the event. Individual champions included Andrew Snyder, Cooper Terwilliger, Leander Austin, Matthew King, Noah Williams, Brady Getz, Carson Stoesser, Nathan Williams, Charlie Williams, Hyaden Shaffer, and Broch Zeeb. Also placing at the event were a number of wrestlers finishing as runner-up (Matthew Hostler, Tyson Johnson, Hudson Stoesser, Lincoln Dilges, Cade Hinkle, Jacoby Taylor, Hudson Shaffer, Tyson Nemec, Tyrone Oldenkamp, Gavin Stotts), third place (Aiden Heathcote, Bryant Zeeb, Colton Cass, Owen Heiss), or fourth place (Evan Mcfarling, Spencer Taylor, Tristen Nemec).

Also on Sunday a small number of wrestlers traveled to Mobridge and Watertown with Elijah Boutchee, Kenyon Kuiper, Damen Horsley, Jayce Anderson finishing as champions. Kylen Horsley and Ayden Anderson finished third, while Noah Horsley finished fourth.

This coming weekend will see Pierre wrestlers competing at tournaments in Sioux Falls, Kimball, Wall, and Phillip. Individual results for Pierre Youth wrestlers over the past two weekends include:

Gillette, WY

- Gabe Turman – 1st
- Blake Judson – 2nd
- Will Van Camp – 4th
- Maguire Raske – 5th
- Jack Van Camp – 6th

Ft. Pierre

- Andrew Snyder – 1st
- Cooper Terwilliger - 1st

- Leander Austin - 1st
- Matthew King - 1st
- Noah Williams - 1st
- Brady Getz - 1st
- Carson Stoesser - 1st
- Nathan Williams - 1st
- Charlie Williams - 1st
- Hayden Shaffer - 1st
- Broch Zeeb - 1st
- Matthew Hostler - 2nd
- Tyson Johnson - 2nd
- Hudson Stoesser - 2nd
- Lincoln Dilges - 2nd
- Cade Hinkle - 2nd
- Jacoby Taylor - 2nd
- Hudson Shaffer- 2nd
- Tyson Nemec - 2nd
- Tyrone Oldenkamp - 2nd
- Gavin Stotts - 2nd
- Aiden Heathcote - 3rd
- Bryant Zeeb - 3rd
- Colton Cass - 3rd
- Owen Heiss - 3rd
- Evan Mcfarling - 4th
- Spencer Taylor - 4th
- Tristen Nemec - 4th

Mobridge/Watertown

- Elijah Boutchee - 1st
- Kenyon Kuiper - 1st
- Damen Horsley - 1st
- Jayce Anderson - 1st
- Kylen Horsley - 3rd
- Ayden Anderson - 3rd
- Noah Horsley - 4th

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- Keynon Kuiper – 1st
- Ayden Anderson – 3rd
- Jayce Anderson – 4th