

48 Pierre Wrestlers Advance to State

At total of 91 wrestlers from the Pierre Youth Wrestling program competed in the Region 2 Youth Wrestling Tournament held at Riggs High School this past Saturday. Wrestlers from around the area competed in the event, which coincided with competition at four other region tournaments held throughout the state. The top three wrestlers from each age division and weight class advance to the State Tournament held in Rapid City on March 26th and 27th.

Forty-eight of the wrestlers from the Pierre program advanced on to the state tournament. This included 22 region champions, 14 second place finishers, and 12 third place finishers. Paul Turman, president of the youth program, noted that “We had a great weekend and there were a large number of championship matches where Pierre kids competed against each other, which bodes well for the quality of our program.” Kahlor Hindman defeated Blake Judson in the championship match at 50lbs in the Bantam division. This was followed by matches between Jace Bench-Bresher and Will Van Camp, Cade Hinkle and Joshua Rowse (all four in Midgets), as well as Austin Senger and Aric Williams in the Novice division. “With the numbers we have in our club there is a good chance that our wrestlers have state champions or place winners to practice with on a weekly basis,” Turman said. “This is a significant advantage when it comes to the postseason competition.”

The wrestling club has consistently taken just under 50 wrestlers to the state tournament during the past five years and constantly returns with a large number of state finalists. This past year, of the 49 state qualifiers a total of 28 placed at the state tournament, with 17 advancing to the state finals and 8 individual champions. Ryan Noyes, head high school wrestling coach, commented that “When you consider the success that the high school team had this year; it’s great to see the caliber of kids that we have competing in the youth program right now. We have 6 of our

state place winners and 4 state qualifiers from this year’s team coming back next year, and the pool of talented young wrestlers is very deep right now.” This coming weekend roughly 20 club members will travel to Denver for the Rocky Mountain Nationals Tournament before going to compete at the state tournament in two weeks. Results from individual wrestlers can be found below:

6 & Under - Tots

Tukker Boe – 1st
Andrew Snyder – 3rd
Tristan Spencer – 3rd
Spencer Easland – 1st
Gavin Stotts – 2nd
Evan McFarling – 3rd

7 & 8 - Bantam

Gabe Turman – 1st
Noah Williams – 1st
Kahlor Hindman – 1st
Blake Judson – 2nd
Jayden Wiebe – 3rd
Hayden Shaffer – 2nd
Tyson Johnson – 3rd
Jacob Larson – 2nd

9 & 10 - Midget

Jace Bench-Bresher – 1st
Will Van Camp – 2nd
Cade Hinkle – 1st
Joshua Rowse – 2nd
Matthew Lusk – 1st
Jack Van Camp – 3rd
Maguire Raske – 1st
J.R. Mayer – 2nd
Grey Zabel – 2nd
Gunner Gehring – 2nd

11 & 12 - Novice

William Turman – 1st
Lincoln Turman – 1st
Michael Lusk – 1st
Austin Senger – 1st
Aric Williams – 2nd
Vicente Ramirez – 3rd
Lucas Kessler – 2nd
Garrett Leesman – 3rd
Peyton Zabel – 2nd
Zane Zilverberg – 3rd

13 & 14 - Schoolboy

Spencer Sarringar – 1st

Jebben Keyes – 1st

Skyler Leesman – 3rd

Nick Wiebe – 1st

Lucas Stoltenburg – 1st

Quinn Reimers – 1st

Chase Harmon – 1st

Devon Grant – 3rd

Levi Stoltenburg – 3rd

Wyatt Leesman – 2nd

Dawson Monfore – 1st

15 & 16 - Cadets

Brooks Monfore – 1st

Alec Williams – 1st

Dylan Bennett – 2nd