Youth Wrestling Program Off to a Good Start

Over the past two weeks members of the Pierre youth wrestling program competed in ten tournaments throughout the state, producing a total of 44 individual champions.

During the weekend of January 21^{st} and 22^{nd} fourteen members of the program competed at tournaments in Spearfish, Winner and Webster resulting in five tournament champions on these two days including Jayden Wiebe, Jacob Mason, Lincoln Schoenhard, Spencer Davis, and Steven Fullerton. Many of the club members did not compete



Pierre Youth Wrestling club member, Lincoln Turman works to pin his Crofton Nebraska opponent in route to his first place finish at the Bon Homme youth wrestling tournament.

over that weekend due to weather conditions. "The majority of our members were registered to compete down in Winner as they had stayed in town to watch the varsity compete in the East vs. West duals on January 21st," said Paul Turman, president of the youth program. "The icy roads the following day really hampered many of our plans to travel down to Winner to compete.

Participation was up significantly on January 27th, 28th, and 29th as a series of local tournaments in Onida and Highmore resulted in more than 55 wrestlers competing. The program had 19 individual champions in Onida on January 27th, and then another 13 champions at the Highmore tournament on January 28th. Turman noted that "many of the 2nd place finishes at these two tournaments came from loses to other kids in our program. When we have such large numbers traveling to these events it's not uncommon to have as many as three kids from our club in the same bracket."

A handful of other wrestlers competed in tournaments in Bon Homme, McCook Central, Aberdeen, and Wessington springs resulting in championships for Michael Lusk, Austin Senger, Cade Hinkle, Spencer Easland, Gabe Turman, Lincoln Turman, and Will Turman. The majority of wrestlers will compete at the Ft. Pierre invitational tournament on February 5th, and then again at the Pierre Invitational on February 12th where as many as 500 youth wrestlers from around the state are anticipated. Individual results for all Pierre Youth Wrestling members include:

Spearfish

Jayden Wiebe - 1st Hayden Shaffer - 4th

Winner & Webster

Jacob Mason - 1st Lincoln Schoenhard - 1st Spencer Davis - 1st Steven Fullerton - 1st Cole Rank - 2nd Cord Ellis - 2nd Easton Swartz - 2nd J.R. Mayer - 2nd Justyce Murphy - 2nd Matthew Hostler - 2nd Nicholas Murphy - 4th

Onida & McCook

Austin Senger - 1st Brady Miller - 1st Cade Hinkle - 1st

Cord Ellis - 1st Ethan Martinmaas - 1st Jace Bench-Bresher - 1st Jacoby Taylor - 1st Jayden Wiebe - 1st Maguire Raske - 1st Matthew Hostler - 1st Michael Lusk - 1st Nathan Williams - 1st Noah Williams - 1st Spencer Davis - 1st Steven Fullerton - 1st Tyson Johnson - 1st Gabe Turman - 1st Lincoln Turman - 1st William Turman - 1st Andrew Snyder - 2nd Easton Swartz - 2nd Havden Shaffer - 2nd Jacob Mason - 2nd Jacob Mayer - 2nd Justyce Murphy - 2nd Kahlor Hindman - 2nd Lincoln Schoenhard - 2nd Rylan Shrake - 2nd Tristan Spencer - 2nd Jacob Larson - 3rd Liam Hillestad - 3rd Matthew Lusk - 3rd Nicholas Murphy - 3rd Shawn Van Liere - 3rd Spencer Easland - 3rd Dylan Snyder - 4th Jaret Clarke - 4th Kasey Broers - 4th Mason Lebeda - 4th Robert Arnold - 4th Spencer Taylor - 4th

Aberdeen & Douglas

Austin Senger -1^{st} Cade Hinkle -1^{st}

Bon Homme

Austin Senger - 1st Gabe Turman - 1st Lincoln Turman - 1st William Turman - 1st

Highmore Av

Avery Anderson-Boardman - 1st Ayden Anderson - 1st Brady Miller - 1st Cord Ellis - 1st Hayden Shaffer - 1st Jace Bench-Bresher - 1st Jacob Mayer - 1st Kahlor Hindman - 1st Nicholas Murphy - 1st Preston Dyk - 1st Pryce Dyk - 1st Spencer Davis - 1st Tyson Johnson - 1st Andrew Snyder - 2nd Easton Swartz - 2nd Gavin Stotts - 2nd Hudson Shaffer - 2nd J.R. Mayer - 2nd Jacob Larson - 2nd Jacob Mason - 2nd Justyce Murphy - 2nd Lee Snyder - 2nd Matthew Hostler - 2nd Rylan Shrake - 2nd Tristan Spencer - 2nd Dylan Snyder - 2nd Jadon Anderson-Boardman - 3rd Lincoln Schoenhard - 3rd Sam Slocum - 3rd Shawn Van Liere - 3rd Tayne Anderson - 3rd Jaret Clarke - 4th Jayce Anderson - 4th Kasey Broers - 4th Robert Arnold - 4th Spencer Anderson - 4th Tyrone Oldenkamp - 4th

Wessington Springs

Spencer Easland - 1st Nathan Williams - 2nd Steven Fullerton - 2nd Noah Williams - 3rd