

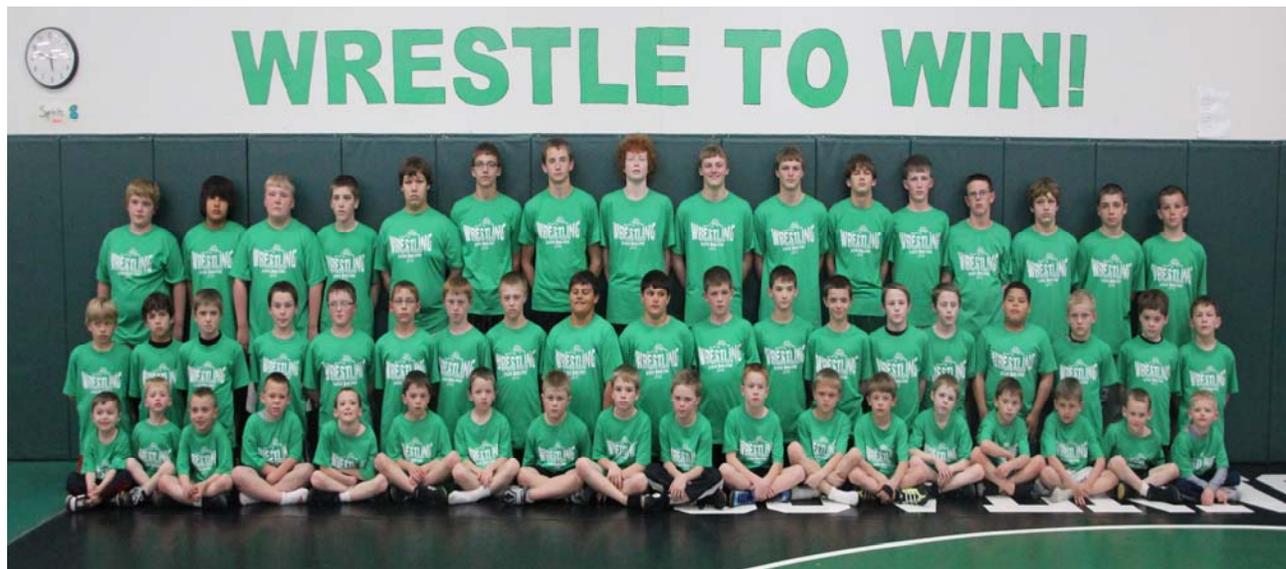
56 Pierre Youth Wrestlers Advance to State

At total of 87 wrestlers from the Pierre Youth Wrestling program competed in the Region 2 Youth Wrestling Tournament held in Miller on Saturday March 10th. 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 Aberdeen this Saturday and Sunday.

Fifty-six of the wrestlers from the Pierre program advanced on to the state tournament. This included 25 region champions, 13 second place finishers, and 18 third place finishers. Paul Turman, president of the youth program, noted that

“We had a great weekend and we are advancing the largest group of wrestlers that we have ever had as a club. There were a large number of championship matches where Pierre kids competed against each other, which bodes well for the quality of our program.” Three second place finishers were runner-ups to champions from the Pierre program. The 55lb bantam advanced all three wrestlers from Pierre (Blake Judson, Jayden Wiebe, and Nathan Williams). “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 has proven to be a significant advantage when it comes to the postseason competition.”

The wrestling club has consistently



State qualifiers from the Pierre Youth Wrestling program include: Front Row; Jacob Mason, Jacoby Taylor, Matthew Hostler, Rylan Shrake, Dylan Snyder, Noah Williams, Blake Judson, Gavin Stotts, Brady Getz, Jace Bench-Bresher, Hayden Shaffer, Will Van Camp, Jayden Wiebe, Gabe Turman, Nate Williams, Tyson Nemec, Andrew Snyder, Ethan Martinmaas. Second Row: Preston Dyk, Tyson Johnson, Matthew Lusk, Matthew King, Grant Judson, Logan Meyer, Maguire Raske, Austin Senger, Gage Gehring, Gunner Gehring, Grey Zabel, Aric Williams, Michael Lusk, William Turman, Lincoln Turman, Justyce Murphy, Jack Van Camp, Jacob Larson, Cade Hinkle. Back Row: Pryce Dyk, D.J. High Bear, Easton Swartz, Spencer Sarringar, Dustin Junk, Chase Harmon, Alec Williams, Ty Paulsen, Lucas Stoltenburg, Levi Stoltenburg, Nick Wiebe, Peyton Zabel, Matthew Rounds, Jacob Junk, Lucas Kessler, and Spencer Davis. (Missing are Jebben Keyes, Cadin Buchholz, & Cody DuBray).

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 52 state qualifiers a total of 32 placed at the state tournament, with 10 advancing to the state finals and 6 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.”

Region champions from the Pierre Program advancing to the state tournament include Ethan Martinmaas, Andrew Snyder, Rylan Shrake, Matthew Hostler, Gabe Turman, Blake Judson, Brady Getz, Matthew King, Will Van Camp, Jace Bench-Bresher, Jack Van Camp, Maguire Raske, Grey Zabel, Justyce Murphy, Preston Dyk, Lincoln Turman, William Turman, Peyton Zabel, Michael Lusk, Austin Senger, Spencer Sarringar, Lucas Stoltenburg, Levi Stoltenburg, Jebben Keyes, and Nick Wiebe.

Wrestling begins on Saturday morning at 8:00 for the younger wrestlers, and then the older kids wrestle starting at 2:00. Those placing at the tournament will compete on Sunday in the placing round. Individual place winners for all six weight classes include::

Tots

Jacob Mason – 3rd
Jacoby Taylor – 2nd
Ethan Martinmaas – 1st
Andrew Snyder – 1st
Rylan Shrake – 1st

Bantam

Matthew Hostler – 1st
Gabe Turman – 1st
Noah Williams – 2nd

Blake Judson – 1st
Jayden Wiebe – 2nd
Nathan Williams – 3rd
Brady Getz – 1st
Gavin Stotts – 3rd
Matthew King – 1st

Midget

Tyson Nemecek – 2nd
Dylan Snyder – 3rd
William Van Camp – 1st
Hayden Shaffer – 3rd
Jace Bench-Bresher – 1st
Tyson Johnson – 2nd
Cade Hinkle – 3rd
Jack Van Camp – 1st
Maguire Raske – 1st
Jacob Larson – 2nd
Grey Zabel – 1st
Spencer Davis – 3rd
Justyce Murphy – 1st
Gunnar Gehring – 2nd

Novice

Preston Dyk – 1st
Matthew Lusk – 2nd
Lincoln Turman – 1st
William Turman – 1st
Logan Meyer – 3rd
Grant Judson – 3rd
Cadin Buchholz – 3rd
Peyton Zabel – 1st
Gage Gehring – 2nd

Schoolboy

Michael Lusk – 1st
Aric Williams – 2nd
Austin Senger – 1st
Spencer Sarringar – 1st
Lucas Kessler – 4th
DJ High Bear – 3rd
Matthew Rounds – 4th
Jacob Junk – 3rd
Lucas Stoltenburg – 1st
Ty Paulsen – 3rd

Levi Stoltenburg – 1st
Pryce Dyk – 3rd
Easton Swartz – 4th

Cadet

Jebben Keyes – 1st

Nick Wiebe – 1st
Chase Harmon – 2nd
Alec Williams – 2nd
Dustin Junk – 2nd
Cody DuBray – 4th