

Spartan Wrestling Newsletter

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High School Wrestling

For the second consecutive year, the Spartan varsity loaded up vans and headed to North Dakota to wrestle in the premier individual tournament of North Dakota, The Rotary. Of the 27 teams representing Montana, Minnesota, and South & North Dakota, four State Championship teams wrestled in the tourney. The toughest competition came from Sidney, Montana who brought in six of the tournament's thirteen returning State Champions. The Spartans won a tough fought tournament and finish nearly twenty points ahead of 2nd place Sidney, MT winning their second Rotary Team title.

#103 Kyle Bulera went 1-2 and did not place. #112 Jake Tabbert was the #3 seed and was upset in the first round. Jake would turn around and win six matches in a row to place 3rd in the tournament. Jake recorded three falls on his way to his 3rd place finish. #119 Kurt Knutsen went 3-2 and placed in his first appearance at The Rotary. Knutsen finished in 7th place. #125 Mark Prokopowicz went 1-2 and did not place. #130 Seth Anderson beat two State champions in route to his second Rotary title. Seth beat 2x State Champion Jake Mellmer from Dickinson to win his second title. #135 Alex Watrud had a tremendous performance going 5-2.. Alex was unseeded and battled to 5th place finish. #140 Brandon Murphy ended his season slump and finished 5-0 to win his first Rotary title. Brandon beat a State Champion from Sidney, MT in the finals. Brandon's victory help solidify the Team title. #145 Mitch Millner placed 2nd finishing the tourney 4-1. In the finals, Mitch was leading in the 3rd period when he was caught and pinned. #152 Steve Staples went 1-2 and did not place. #160 Nate DuVal finished 4-2 placing 6th. Nate wrestled well and continued to battle the whole tournament. #171 in a weight, dominated with seniors, freshman Cullen Berg from out of nowhere placed 4th. Unseeded Cullen managed three upset wins to earn his way to 4th place. #198 Adam Hunter competed in his first individual tournament and did jus fine. Adam placed 4th going 4-2 for the weekend. #215 Chris Jones getting his varsity debut went 1-2 and did not place. Hwt Bill Lundblad went 4-1 losing in double OT in the finals to a North Dakota State Champion.

Team Totals of the 4 top finishers: 204 Simley. 190.5 Sidney, MT. 160.5 Bismarck, ND. 156.5 West Fargo, ND.

The Simley Team dedicated their victory and trophy to 2003 Graduate, Kyle Anderson, Lance Corporal US Marine Corps. Coach Short and Madigan delivered the trophy to Kyle where he has it displayed in his room at the VA medical center.

Simley wins 4th Conference Title

Simley punished the Classic Suburban competition this season. With low match counts, the Spartans let most of their stars wrestle in the conference matches. Simley lost only five individual conference matches all season.

Simley 63	South St. Paul	9
Simley 71	Henry Sibley	0
Simley 80	St. Thomas	0
Simley 77	Mahtomedi	0
Simley 69	Richfield	6
Simley 79	Tartan	3
Simley 72	North St. Paul	3

Varsity 2004-2005 Schedule

Thurs Feb 10: Team Section at Sibley 7:30pm
Fri. Feb 11: Team Sect Finals at Simley 6/8pm
Fri. Feb 18 Sect 3AAA Indiv: at Hastings 4pm
Sat. Feb 19 Sect 3AAA Indiv: at Hastings 10am
Thurs – Sat., Feb 24-26 State Tourney @ Xcel

JV Team Action

The Spartan JV team had a strong conference showing in January. In addition to match-ups in the area, the team wrestled two highly ranked Class A varsity teams. The team has worked hard at improving their technique & conditioning, made weight and passed skin checks. Nothing is taken for granted.

Simley 63	St. Thomas	12
Simley 60	Mahtomedi	12
Simley 63	Richfield	12
V Wadena Deer Creek 37	Simley JV 18	
V Wheaton 65	Simley JV 10	
Simley 78	Irondale	6
Simley 42	Tartan	27
Simley 51	North St. Paul	6

9th Grade & Under Individual State

At the 9th Grade & Under Section qualifying meet Simley placed five wrestlers, 8th gr. #100 Jack Barnes placed 1st, 7th gr. #105 Kurtis Julson placed 3rd, 8th gr. #112 Jake Hoffner placed 5th, 8th gr. #119 Mic Berg placed 3rd, and 9th gr. #189 Ryan Kovacs placed 4th.

1st - 3rd Place advanced to 9th Grade State. Simley's three young wrestlers, 7th grader Kurtis Julson and 8th graders Jack Barnes and Mic Berg preformed well at this competition. #100 Jack Barnes advanced to the 3rd place match where he lost to Fessler of Apple Valley, earning a 4th place finish. #105 Kurtis Julson did not place. Kurtis won his first match but lost the next two. #119 Mic Berg placed 2nd. In the finals Mic lost to Alex Zein of Hastings. Berg went 3-1 for the tournament. Congratulations Wrestlers!

All Parents & Wrestlers

Thank you for your willing participation in staffing our concession stand this past month. In addition to being a gracious host to the wrestling community and raising funds for the IGH Wrestling Club, there has been lots of fun fellowship. In February, concession workers are needed for:

- **Friday, Feb. 11th** as we host the Section 3AAA Team finals.
- **Sunday, Feb. 20th** as we host the AAU Youth Team State Tournament.

Contact concession coordinators Barb Barnes 651-453-0637 or Theresa Murphy 651-457-5618 to schedule a shift.

Looking ahead, mark your calendars Now for **April 8th, 9th & 10th** as we host an AAU Boys basketball tourney. (Last year this tournament was an *excellent* \$\$ raiser for our program.) Workers are needed at: the gate, concessions and courtside table workers.

Middle School Wrestling

Our Middle School Spartans finished their season with two tournaments in mid January. On Jan 15th, the 6th graders stayed home and wrestled in the Simley open tourney while the 7th & 8th grade went to the always tough Hastings conference tournament. At Hastings, the team was very successful. Six Spartans made it into the finals and all six came away Champions. Placing 1st, were Dylan Wright #75, Tommy Glenn #90, Kurt Julson #105, Torrie Morgan #115, Conner Anderson #120 and Charlie Gelhaye Hwt. Also placing, Brandon Kraskey at Hwt. Brandon defeated a wrestler from Hastings for 3rd place who had defeated him in first round action. Luke Perkerwicz placed 6th after having to injury default his last two matches.

Fourteen Spartans finished the season with winning records. Leading the pack were three Spartans with 28 wins; Kurt Julson, Conner Anderson and Tommy Glenn. Four other Spartans had 20 or more wins; Jake Hoffner, Torrie Morgan, Dylan Wright and Nicolai Jensen. Just missing the 20 win mark were Casey Kennedy, Matt Kruse and Luke Perkerwicz. Perkerwicz made great improvements over last season. Leading the team in pins was Jake Hoffner. Seventeen of his twenty-two wins were by fall. Others at the top of the pin list were Tommy Glenn, Luke Perkerwicz, Torrie Morgan and Alex Lashomb. Of the first year wrestlers, Alex Chruscielski had the most wins, showing much improvement thru the year. The Junior Spartans are coached by Kevin Jensen and Dan Dietrich.

Meet our Middle school Spartans and their individual record: Kurtis Julson 28-1, 9 falls. Conner Anderson 28-6, 10 falls. Tommy Glenn 28-7, 15 falls. Cola Jensen 24-10, 10 falls. Dylan Wright 23-4, 6 falls. Torrie Morgan 22-1, 11 falls. Jake Hoffner 22-8, 17 falls. Matt Kruse 17-6, 6 falls. Casey Kennedy 16-8, 8 falls. Luke Perkerwicz 16-11, 12 falls. Jesse Fuss 14-8, 9 falls. Alex Lashomb 14-9, 10 falls. Charlie Gelhaye 12-2, 5 falls. Alex Chruscielski 8-18, 3 falls. Bryce Nelson 5-9 2 falls. Brandon Kraskey 5-13, 3 falls. Travis Schindlecker 5-17 1 fall. McCaleb Morse 5-21, 3 falls. Buck Robinette 2-5, 2 falls. Alex Roth 0-22. Drew Downhour 2-20, 1 fall.



Youth Wrestling, It's where the Simley Spartan tradition begins!

Our Simley Youth wrestlers are doing an outstanding job of getting the most out of their practice time. The coaches greatly appreciate the discipline and technique growth the wrestlers are demonstrating at practice. This hard work is carrying over to the weekend tournament action.

Results from the Forest Lake Tournament:

Liam Morse	gr. 2	4 th place
Jeremiah Morse	gr. 5	4 th place
Dan Rascher	gr. 1	1 st place
Brad Rascher	gr. 5	3 rd place
Brad Rehtzigel	gr. 1	1 st place
Cole Estrem	gr. 1	3 rd place
Ryan Erhart	gr. 2	3 rd place
Bryce Heille	gr. 5	4 th place
Tra Wright	gr. K	3 rd place
Dylan Wright	gr. 7	1 st place
Alex Biggs	gr. 5	1 st place
Jack Ryan	gr. 2	1 st place
Kyle Nordstrom	gr. 2	1 st place
Juan Torres	gr. 4	1 st place
Pedro Delao	gr. 5	2 nd place
Nick Wanzek	gr. 4	1 st place
Mack Short	gr. 3	1 st place
Jake Short	gr. 4	2 nd place



Simley Youth competed at the Apple Valley Kids Team Duals on January 23rd where the Simley Youth had a great showing. Simley took second to Apple Valley in what is being talked about as one of the toughest dual team tournaments for Kids in the State. In semi-final action Simley beat Albert Lea, a perennial State Champion at the Kids level by a substantial margin advancing to the finals where Simley lost a close fought dual to Apple Valley for the Championship. Team results: 1st Apple Valley, 2nd Simley, 3rd Albert Lea, 4th St. Francis, 5th Forest Lake and 6th Owatonna.

IGH Wrestling Club is hosting the Youth State AAU Team Tournament on Feb 20th. A very competitive line-up of youth teams are registering for this tournament, such as; Adrian, Albert Lea, Apple Valley, Chaska, Forest Lake, Hastings, Monticello, Prior Lake, Simley, Tartan, Farmington and openings for 5 more teams.

Results from the Simley Youth Tournament will be posted in next Spartan Newsletter issue.

It's Time to Celebrate... Simley Wrestling!

All Wrestlers: High School, Middle School & Elementary, Satiations/video, Coaches, Parents, Siblings, Alumni & Fans Are Invited to the **2004-2005 Wrestling Season Potluck Banquet Tuesday, March 15th at 6:25pm** in the Simley High School Cafeteria.

Please bring a dish to share.

Hot Dishes: High School Wrestlers & Satiations

Salads: Middle School Wrestlers

Desserts: Elementary Wrestlers

IGH Wrestling Club will provide dinnerware & beverages. A program will begin at 7pm recognizing the many accomplishments of all wrestlers; Elementary, Middle School, 9th Grade, JV & Varsity Teams.

Simley Spartan Wrestling Quilt

Congratulations to our quilt winner Shelly Anderson. Shelly's son, Seth, who has had his eye on the quilt for weeks now is grateful to long-time wrestling fans Robert & Colleen Kuehnast for pulling his mom's name out of the bucket.

Thank you to the many Spartan wrestling fans who purchased chances to win the Spartan quilt, a history collage of Simley Wrestling T-shirts. Over \$200 was raised for IGH wrestling.

Kyle Anderson Up-date

Kyle was transferred to Minneapolis VA hospital where he daily participates in intense therapy sessions. Late December his team of physicians determined that he is officially out of the coma. Kyle's willpower is long established. He's progressing through his weekly therapy goals. Kyle receives a great deal of encouragement and strength from the prayers, messages and well wishes that are sent to him.

Cards/letters can be sent to: LCPL Kyle Anderson, VA Medical Center, 1 Veterand Drive, Ward 1D Room 103, Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Honoring Kyle Anderson

Since Kyle's injury in October Simley Wrestling has been sending a weekly care package to his platoon who remain on active duty in Iraq. If you would like to donate to this project, bring your donation/s to the concession stand at home meets or drop your donation off at the Tabbert's, 7877 Delano Circle.

Suggested items are: baby wipes, beef jerky, magazines, CD's DVD's, letters, food that will not spoil, motivational/inspirational reading, AT&T phone cards, black socks, toothpaste, deodorant, soap, AA & AAA batteries-they must be packaged, hard candy, gum, sunflower seeds, Gatorade/Kool-aid/lemonade mix, power bars, and anything else that you can think of that might make life a little easier.



Do you have **Simley Spartan Wrestling Apparel** for the State Tournament? Apparel is available for purchase at JDLettering, located across from Applebee's at Upper 55th & Blaine Avenue in Inver Grove Heights. OR Simley Wrestling long sleeve tee's are available for \$20.

Please note: What is published in the newsletter is what has been forwarded to the editor.

Next IGH Wrestling Club Board meeting:

March 8th at 7pm. Location posted on the varsity-wrestling door. All are welcome to attend.

High School Wrestlers are reminded that their assistance Will be need on April 8, 9, 10 as IGH wrestling plays host to an AAU basketball tournament.

Check: www.simleywrestling.com often through out the season for a variety of wrestling updates. Join the email list. This is *very* helpful.

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