

Spartan Wrestling Newsletter

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The Clash IV

The Simley team celebrated the last hours of 2005 by wrestling in one of the countries toughest duel tournaments, The Clash IV, December 30 & 31st. The Clash was a tough testing ground for our Spartans. Each day of the tournament the team won one duel and lost two. Day one the Spartans faced Billings, ranked #2 in Montana. Results: Simley 36, Billings 33. Scoring for Simley: #112 Kyle Bulera dec, #119 Jake Tabbert fall, #130 Kurt Knutsen tech, #135 Brian Watrud m-dec. #140 Mark Prokopowicz, #145 John Brandtjen & Hwt. Bill Lundblad falls.

Simley advanced to wrestle 2005 State AA Champions, and #1AA ranked, St. Michael-Albertville, MN. Simley lost 22-40. Putting points on the board for Simley: #112 Kyle Bulera dec. #119 Jake Tabbert fall over #1 AA ranked Greeno, #130 Kurt Knutsen dec. #145 John Brandtjen m-dec. and Bill Lundblad a fall.

Next, Simley faced Oklahoma's #1 ranked Midwest City. Scoring for Simley: #119 Jake Tabbert fall, #130 Kurt Knutsen dec., #145 John Brandtjen m-dec. forfeit at #215 and Bill Lundblad fall. Score: Midwest City 49- Simley 25.

Simley returned on day two, to wrestle the boys from Vacaville, California. Recording wins for Simley, #103 Tommy Glenn dec. #119 Jake Tabbert fall, #125 John Prokopowicz tech. #130 Kurt Knutsen fall, #145 John Brandtjen tech. #171 Alex Watrud fall. Hwt Bill Lundblad won by forfeit. Final score: Simley 37- Vacaville, CA 32.

Next up for the Spartans, 2005 AAA State Champions, Owatonna. Recording wins for the Spartans: #119 Jacob Tabbert 10-3 over Robinson, #130 John Prokopowicz 9-4 over Millan #135 Kurt Knutsen 2-0 over Card, #145 John Brandtjen 17-6 over Grunwald, #189 Brandon Millner 7-5 over Schelling and Owatonna forfeits to Bill Lundblad. Final: Owatonna 36-Simley 22.

Simley closed out 2005 by wrestling Wisconsin's #3 ranked Kaukauna. Putting points on the board for Simley: #119 Jake Tabbert, #130 Kurt Knutsen, #140 Brian Watrud, #145 Mark Prokopowicz, and at #152 John Brandtjen. Final score: Kaukauna 44 - Simley 17.

Congratulations to Jake Tabbert, Kurt Knutsen and John Brandtjen for going 6-0 in their Clash IV action.

Bismarck ND Rotary Individual Tournament Simley's Team score, 7th Place of 28 Teams.

#112 Kyle Bulera 7th Place. #119 Jacob Tabbert 3rd Place. #125 John Prokopowicz 6th Place. #130 Kurt Knutsen 6th Place. #140 Mark Prokopowicz 8th Place. #145 John Brandtjen 3rd Place.

St. Michael-Albertville comes to Simley

Didn't we just see these guys??? So what will be different this time around?? There were three constants for Simley, wins were recorded by; Kyle Bulera, John Brandtjen and Bill Lundblad. At #119 Tabbert lost a 0-2 dec. and STMA switched their #125 & #130 wrestlers- that tweak in their line-up and lack of scoring from Simley was loss of points on the scoreboard for Simley versus the match-up two weeks prior at The Clash.

Cambridge Duels:

It had been a few years since Simley attended a Cambridge tournament. First round action paired Simley up against Centennial. Earning wins for Simley: #103 Kyle Bulera dec. #112 Jack Barnes fall. #119 Jake Tabbert fall. #125 John Prokopowicz m-dec. #130 Kurt Knutsen dec. #145 John Brandtjen tech. #152 Alex Watrud fall. Final score Simley 33, Centennial 31. Simley advanced to wrestle #1 A ranked Pierz. Recording wins for Simley; #112 Jack Barnes fall. #119 Tabbert dec. #135 Brian Watrud dec. #145 John Brandtjen m-dec. and Hwt Bill Lundblad dec. Four of Simley's losses were by a point, missed opportunity. Final score Pierz 37 - Simley 19. In the 3rd place match Simley beat host team Cambridge-Isanti 40-21. Earning wins for Simley; #103 Kyle Bulera fall. #119 Jake Tabbert m-dec. #130 Kurt Knutsen m-dec. #135 Brian Watrud fall. #145 John Brandtjen tech. #152 Alex Watrud dec. #215 Tony Burger fall. Hwt Bill Lundblad fall.

Section 3AAA Team

Simley entered the tournament as the #2 seed. Simley received a bye in first round action. Round 2 action Simley met St. Paul Central. Final score: Simley 80, Central 0. Semifinal action resumed the following

evening at Simley. Hastings wrestled Sibley and Simley faced Park of Cottage Grove. Simley won 10 of the weights: #103 Bulera fall. #112 Jack Barnes fall. #119 Tabbert fall. #130 Knutsen m-dec. #140 Mark Prokopowicz dec. #145 Brandtjen tech. #152 Alex Watrud dec. #160 Zach DeLong dec. #171 Mic Berg fall. Hwt Bill Lundblad fall.

Next, the face-off anticipated all season against Hastings. For Simley to earn a win and a trip to the State Tournament, some luck would need to be on the Simley side. #103 and #112 went as Hastings wanted, score: 0-10 Hastings. #119 would be the start of the make or break for Simley. Tabbert vs State Champion Trey Bertram. Tabbert's win woke up the Simley gym. The momentum continued with wins recorded by #125 John Prokopowicz and #130 Kurt Knutsen. The score tied up at 10-10. Simley was in need of a big momentum win at #145, Hastings crafted out a dec. loss. At #152 Simley lost an OT dec. #160-#215 went Hastings' way. Bill Lundblad ended the Simley team season with a win at Hwt. Final Score Hastings 36 Simley 16.

Sections & State Tournament Schedule

Fri. Feb 24th Sect 3AAA Indiv: @ Hastings 4pm

Sat. Feb 25th Sect 3AAA Indiv: @ Hastings 10am

Thurs. March 2nd 8am AAA Ind. Preliminaries

approx. 10am AAA Ind. Quarterfinals

approx. 2pm AAA Team Quarterfinals

Fri. March 3rd 8am AAA Ind. Wrestle-backs

approx. 10am AAA Team Semi & Consolation

3:30pm AAA Ind. Champ Semi finals &

Consolation Quarter finals

approx. 6:30pm AAA Ind. Consolation Semifinals

Sat. March 4th 10am Team Consolation & 3rd Place

approx. 12p Individual. 5th & 3rd Place

approx. 2:30pm Parade of Champions

approx. 3pm Individual Championships

approx. 5:30pm Team Championships

9th Grade Team

By Coach Dan Dietrich

Coaches Dan Dietrich and Dan Tabbert are very proud of the fine season that the 9th grade team had. The team went 6-2 during the regular season with four open weights making the 9th grade Team State Tournament. Team 9th grade wrestled very well at State. The team went 1-2 on the day.

Members of Team 9th Grade; 7th grade: Cola Jensen, Matt Kruse. 8th grade: Dylan Wright, Tommy Glenn, Kurtis Julson, Torrie Morgan, Luke Perkerwicz, Alex Roth, Dmitriy Jensen. 9th grade: Justin Nordstrom, Jack Barnes, Jake Hoffner, Conner Anderson, Mic Berg, Bryce Nelson, Brandon Krasky & Charlie Gelhaye.

Simley's 9th Grade team entered eight wrestlers in the Individual 9th grade regions. The top three wrestlers in each weight class advanced to the State 9th grade

individual tournament. Simley's 9th grade team wrestled well with each wrestler winning at least one match. #95 Tommy Glenn placed 3rd, 3-1 on the day. #100 Cola Jensen placed 3rd, 4-1. #105 Justin Nordstrom dnp, 1-2. #119 Jake Hoffner placed 5th, 3-1. #125 Kurtis Julson placed 1st. His second trip to 9th grade State. #130 Conner Anderson place 3rd, 4-1. #135 Torrie Morgan place 3rd, 4-1. Hwt Charlie Gelhaye placed 3rd, 3-1. Six wrestlers advanced to 9th Grade State where Kurtis Julson placed 3rd, and Tommy Glenn, Torrie Morgan and Charlie Gelhaye placed 8th

Middle School Wrestling

By Coach Kevin Jensen

The Simley middle school team finished the season with five conference meets and one tournament at the always-tough Hastings. At Hastings' 13 Team, individual tournament the Spartans placed 5th. Four Simley wrestlers advanced to the finals. One Spartan champion was crowned. #85 Matt Kruse defeated a Hastings wrestler to earn his 1st place finish. Placing 2nd #90 Dylan Wright, #100 Cola Jensen and #135 Torrie Morgan. Two Spartans took 3rd; #140 Luke Perkerwicz and #80 Gabe Spooner. Also placing were Jeremy Boettcher, Brent Smith and Casey Kennedy.

The middle school team finished with 10 wrestlers having 20 or more wins. Led by 6th grader Pedro Delao with a 26-4 record followed by Matt Kruse and Robin Schauls with 24-5 records. Pedro also lead the team in falls with 17. First year wrestler Steve Rud was second in the falls stat with 15 followed by Luke Perkerwicz with 14, McCaleb Morse and Cola Jensen with 13 closely followed by Robin Schauls and Dmitriy Jensen.

The Middle schoolers finished the season with 29 wrestlers, plus 3 wrestlers who spent the season with the Varsity and JV. Eight 8th graders will move on to the high school next year, leaving thirteen returning 6th graders and eleven 6th graders to continue the tradition of hard work in the middle school program. Two first year wrestlers reached 20 wins for the season; Cody Hazellet and Steve Rud while two others just missed with 19 wins; Gabe Spooner and Jeremy Boettcher. The Middle school team is coached by Kevin Jensen and Dan Dietrich.

Middle School Season Stats

6: Pedro Delao 26-4, 17 falls. 7: Matt Kruse 24-5, 10 falls.

6: Robin Schauls 24-5, 12 falls. 7: Cola Jensen 22-4, 13 falls.

8: Luke Perkerwicz 22-7 14falls 8: Dylan Wright 13-1,4 falls

6: Alex Biggs 20-4, 10 falls 6:Cody Hazelett 20-6, 8 falls

6: Steve Rud 20-9, 15falls. 7: McCaleb Morse 20-13, 13falls

7: Gabe Spooner 19-4 7falls 7: Jeremy Boettcher 19-6, 6falls

6: Micah Barnes 19-7, 3 falls. 8: Dmitriy Jensen 13-2, 10falls

7:Casey Kennedy 17-12 3falls 7:My'Kar Groves 17-14, 8 falls

7: Brent Smith 17-16 10 falls 7: Tyler Young 12-14 7 falls

6: Tom Helseth 9-12 4 falls 6: Dan Eddy 9-16 3 falls

6: Jeremiah Morse 7-13 3 falls 6: Tim Rascher 7-17 5 falls

Dylan Schindeldecker 7-14, 4 falls 8: Alex Roth 5-18 1 fall
7: Alex Chrucielski 6-12 4 falls 8: Drew Downhour 5-21 3 falls
Travis Schindeldecker 4-15 2 falls 7: Nathan Skoglund 1-23
8: Torrie Morgan 6-1 1 fall 8: Kurt Julson 3-0 2 falls
6: Tyler Rodriquez 4-0 3 falls.

Youth Wrestling



By Coach Keith Gliva

The Simley youth wrestlers have been busy wrestling every weekend in four-man round-robin tournaments. With over 50 youth in the program, keeping track of individual results is a difficult task. A fact; each weekend wrestlers are doing their very best.

Over Christmas break, Kyle Gliva and Jake Short traveled to the Dixie Nationals in Georgia. Kyle had 30 kids in his weight class representing 13 States. Jake had 24 kids at his weight representing 14 States. Kyle as the 5th seed wrestler won his weight class going 5-0 for the tournament. Kyle beat a kid that he'd never beaten prior. Jake took 4th place in an extremely tough weight. Jake is on the young side of his 12U age bracket. Jake fought his way back after losing in the second round and finished the tourney 6-2.

Respectfully submitted by Kyle Gliva

Congratulations Boys!!! Thank you for doing such an outstanding job representing Minnesota wrestling and the Simley Youth program.

On January 22nd the Simley Youth wrestlers competed in the Apple Valley Youth Team Duals and captured 1st Place with a victory over Apple Valley in the Championship match 52-31. This marks the first time that the Simley Youth team has beaten the Valley Youth team in recent history. This victory is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our entire youth program. In the preliminary rounds Simley faced New Prague winning 76-21, win over Coon Rapids 66-21, and a semi-final win over a tough Forest Lake team 52-40. Once again Congratulations to all the boys!!

On February 24th & 25th The Simley Youth program will be sending nine wrestlers to Kansas City Missouri to compete at the Liberty Nationals. This tournament is annually considered one of the toughest National Kids competitions. Representing Simley will be Juan Torres, Cortez Arredondo, Pedro Delao, Kyle Gliva, Jake Short, Nick Wanzek, Robin Schauls, Cola Jensen and Trevor Schauls. Good Luck!

All Parents & Wrestlers

Thank you for your willing participation in staffing our concession stand these past weeks. You have been a gracious host to the wrestling community and raised funds for the IGH Wrestling Club. Thank you to our concession coordinator Barb Barnes

Looking ahead, mark your calendars Now for **April 8th, 9th & 10th** as we host a 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.

2006 Ironman May, 25-29th

Soon a training schedule will be posted on the web site for Spartan wrestlers wanting to compete at the AAU Ironman World Championships in Lancaster, Pennsylvania over Memorial weekend, May 25-29th.

The IGH Wrestling Club believes that every wrestler in our program deserves opportunities to attain their goals in wrestling. The Club believes that the Ironman experience encourages many of our student athletes to continue their strength, conditioning and technique training beyond the traditional high school season by competing in the three styles of wrestling over the Memorial weekend.



The Ironman experience is unique in that no other tournament in the country offers the opportunity for wrestlers to compete in three styles of wrestling within the same tournament. Each day tournament place finishes are earned. At the conclusion of the three days, place points are tabulated; a Gold, Silver and Bronze Ironman are crowned at each weight class. Our Spartan wrestlers that have taken part in past Ironman training regiments, and wrestled in the Ironman have made significant progress towards attaining their goals as wrestlers.

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 **2005-2006 Wrestling Season Potluck Banquet Monday, April 3rd at 6:pm** in the Simley High School Cafeteria.

Please bring a dish to share.

Hot Dishes: High School Wrestlers & Statisticians

Salads: Middle School Wrestlers

Desserts: Elementary Wrestlers

IGH Wrestling Club will provide dinnerware & beverages. A program will begin at **6:35pm** recognizing the many accomplishments of all wrestlers; Elementary, Middle School, 9th Grade, JV, Varsity Team & graduating seniors.

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