

North Hills Grabs Fourth Place at Counties

January 17, 2010 – by Rick Smith

Eight All-County performers led the way to a fourth place finish for North Hills at the Allegheny County Wrestling Championships held January 15-16, 2010 at Fox Chapel High School. Only first place North Allegheny, also with eight, and third place Pittsburgh Central Catholic, with nine, had as many or more All-County wrestlers as the Indians at the 41-team tournament.

Finishing among the top eight wrestlers in their respective weight classes were seniors Ben Amrhein (160 pounds, 2nd place, 25.0 team points scored), Cameron Weber (119, 3rd, 25.0), T.J. McElwaine (215, 3rd, 20.0), Ryan Gibson (140, 7th, 9.0), and Mike Dietrich (285, 4th, 18.0), junior Kraig Esswein (125, 4th, 15.5), and freshmen Drew Walker (103, 5th, 14.0) and Tyler Walker (112, 6th, 13.0).

The other four wrestlers entered in the tournament by North Hills also won at least one bout and contributed team points, including senior Ben Smith (189, 9.5 team points scored), junior Troy Zangaro (130, 4.0), sophomore Joden Rocco (135, 4.0) and freshman Alen Turcinhodzic (171, 5.0).

The Indians will next be in action this Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at North Allegheny High School in Wexford to take on the Tigers. The WPIAL Class AAA sub-section 3B title will be on the line as both teams enter their final regular season section dual meet with 3-0 records.

North Hills results

103 – Drew Walker (#3 seed)

Championship 1st round – bye

Championship 2nd round – defeated Alex Baldanzi, Carlynton by major decision, 13-5

Championship quarterfinals – defeated James Harrison, West Mifflin by fall, 5:47

Championship semifinals – lost to Justin Alexander, Pittsburgh Central Catholic by decision, 9-8

Consolation semifinals – lost to Greg Gaus, North Allegheny by fall, 0:47

Consolation 5th place final – defeated James Harrison, West Mifflin by decision, 4-2

112 – Tyler Walker (#9 seed)

Championship 1st round – bye

Championship 2nd round – lost to Chris Nuss, Pittsburgh Central Catholic by fall, 1:32

Consolation 2nd round – defeated Shane Berardo, Highlands by fall, 2:48

Consolation 3rd round – defeated Hunter Lang, West Allegheny by fall, 4:06

Consolation 4th round – defeated Mike Wanner, North Allegheny by decision, 9-4

Consolation 5th round – defeated Pat Kaczka, South Park by fall, 0:46

Consolation semifinals – lost to Zach Kocak, Hampton by decision, 6-4

Consolation 5th place final – lost to Chris Nuss, Pittsburgh Central Catholic by fall, 1:43

119 – Cameron Weber (#4 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated Taylor Wenzel, South Park by fall, 2:38

Championship 2nd round – defeated Michael Kostas, Mount Lebanon by fall, 1:54

Championship quarterfinals – defeated Jason McKown, Thomas Jefferson by fall, 2:35

Championship semifinals – lost to Geoff Alexander, Shady Side Academy by fall, 1:36

Consolation semifinals – defeated Austin Killian, Pine-Richland by fall, 4:20

Consolation 3rd place final – defeated Jonathan Hanna, Brashear by major decision, 13-0

125 – Kraig Esswein (#2 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated Steve Hess, Thomas Jefferson by technical fall, 15-0 at 5:16
Championship 2nd round – defeated Braeden Shaak, Chartiers Valley by decision, 5-2
Championship quarterfinals – defeated Anthony Napoleone, Moon Area by decision, 11-7
Championship semifinals – lost to Phil Kail, Bethel Park by major decision, 8-0
Consolation semifinals – defeated Peter Craig, Hampton by decision, 4-3
Consolation 3rd place final – medical forfeit to John Marotto, Plum

130 – Troy Zangaro (#10 seed)

Championship 1st round – bye
Championship 2nd round – defeated Tyler Minachin, South Allegheny by decision, 6-1
Championship 3rd round – lost to Damian Link, Brashear by decision, 8-1
Consolation 3rd round – lost to Martin Sams, Bethel Park by decision, 7-4

135 – Joden Rocco

Championship 1st round – defeated Mark Thomas, Moon Area by fall, 1:47
Championship 2nd round – lost to Eric Nutter, Pittsburgh Central Catholic by fall, 0:25
Consolation 2nd round – lost to Tyler Spencer, Langley by fall, 2:39

140 – Ryan Gibson (#6 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated John McGuire, Gateway by decision, 5-2
Championship 2nd round – defeated Brandon Keck, South Fayette by fall, 3:24
Championship quarterfinals – lost to Richie Bass, Highlands, by decision, 5-1
Consolation fourth round – defeated Rodney Coulverson, Carrick by decision, 2-1 TB
Consolation fifth round – lost to Kevin Syman, Hampton by decision, 3-0
Consolation 7th place final – defeated Nick Camponizzi, South Allegheny, 2-1 TB

145 – no entry

152 – no entry

160 – Ben Amrhein (#2 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated Bill Baldwin, Fox Chapel by fall, 1:01
Championship 2nd round – defeated Dalton Karwowski, Thomas Jefferson by fall, 3:42
Championship quarterfinals – defeated Alex Diven, Keystone Oaks by major decision, 15-2
Championship semifinals – defeated Tommy Ziegar, Montour by decision, 6-2 SV
Championship final – lost to Troy Reaghard, West Allegheny by decision, 5-1 TB

171 – Alen Turcinhodzic

Championship 1st round – defeated Devante Tiller, Oliver by decision, 12-10
Championship 2nd round – lost to Tyler Wilps, Chartiers Valley by major decision, 11-2
Consolation 2nd round – defeated Percy Taylor, Woodland Hills by fall, 1:18
Consolation 3rd round – lost to Stefano Geary, Fox Chapel by decision, 6-0

189 – Ben Smith (#10 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated Chris Russo, Highlands by fall, 3:20
Championship 2nd round – lost to Anthony Brooks, Fox Chapel by decision, 9-4
Consolation 2nd round – defeated Jon Wolf, Moon Area by technical fall, 15-0 at 5:00
Consolation 3rd round – defeated Trevor Fiorentini, South Fayette by fall, 1:42
Consolation 4th round – lost to Mike Caprara, Woodland Hills by fall, 4:42

215 – T.J. McElwaine (#1 seed)

Championship 1st round – defeated Josh Fournier, Elizabeth Forward by fall, 2:49

Championship 2nd round – defeated Regis McGill, Riverview by fall, 1:46

Championship quarterfinals – defeated Chris Hugus, Gateway by decision, 5-3

Championship semifinals – lost to Anthony DiLonardo, Plum by decision, 7-5

Consolation semifinals – defeated Mark Centofanti, West Mifflin by decision, 5-3

Consolation 3rd place final – defeated Dan Mahon, Fox Chapel by decision, 1-0

285 – Mike Dietrich (#7 seed)

Championship 1st round – bye

Championship 2nd round – defeated Andrew Stewart, Gateway by decision, 2-2 RO UTB

Championship 3rd round – defeated Randy Bush, Baldwin by fall, 2:44

Championship quarterfinals – lost to Nick Ciesielski, Shady Side Academy by fall, 4:10

Consolation 5th round – defeated Alex Panormios, North Allegheny by decision, 2-1

Consolation 6th round – defeated Trey Cole, Pittsburgh Central Catholic by decision, 2-1

Consolation semifinals – defeated Tyler Lever, Fox Chapel by decision, 3-1 TB

Consolation 3rd place final – lost to Jamal Conroy, Shaler Area by fall, 0:18

2010 Allegheny County Wrestling Championships

TEAM SCORING

1. North Allegheny 220
2. Shady Side Academy 197
3. Central Catholic 183.5
4. North Hills 162
5. Hampton 155
6. Bethel Park 133
7. Fox Chapel 132.8. Plum 131
9. West Allegheny 114.5
10. Mt. Lebanon 103

11. Elizabeth Forward 98.5, 12. Brashear 93.5, 13. (tie) Keystone Oaks & Upper St. Clair 87, 15. Highlands 86, 16. Chartiers Valley 79, 17. Pine-Richland 74, 18. Penn Hills 73, 19. Shaler 71, 20. Carlynton 67, 21. West Mifflin 63.5, 22. Montour 61, 23. South Allegheny 60, 24. Baldwin 57, 25. South Fayette 56, 26. Gateway 55.5, 27. Thomas Jefferson 46, 28. Woodland Hills 46, 29. Peabody 44, 30. McKeesport 32, 31. Steel Valley 31, 32. Perry 28, 33. Avonworth 26.5, 34. Riverview 26.5, 35. Langley 24, 36. Carrick 23.5, 37. Oliver 23, 38. Schenley 22, 39. South Park 22, 40. Moon 21, 41. Allderdice 8.

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

- 103 - Godwin Nyama, Brashear major dec. Justin Alexander, Central Catholic, 12-4.
112 - Mackenzie McGuire, Upper St. Clair major dec. Jake Diana, Elizabeth Forward, 11-2.
119 - Geoff Alexander, Shady Side Academy dec. Nick Rodgers, North Allegheny, 11-4.
125 - Anthony Elias, Shady Side Academy dec. Phil Kail, Bethel Park, 6-1.
130 - Frank Martellotti, Shady Side Academy dec. Tyler Zymroz, Central Catholic, 2-1 TB.
135 - Matt Tadich, Shady Side Academy dec. Eric Nutter, Central Catholic, 5-0.
140 - Lorenzo Thomas, Central Catholic major dec. Dom Pietropaolo, Plum, 12-0.
145 - Nick Carr, South Fayette dec. Andy Candiello, North Allegheny, 3-2.
152 - Montana Trombetta, Carlynton dec. Aaron McKinney, West Allegheny, 2-1 3OT.
160 - Troy Reaghard, West Allegheny dec. Ben Amrhein, North Hills, 3-1 TB.
171 - Ty Wilps, Chartiers Valley dec. Matthew Cunningham, Shady Side Academy, 1-0.
189 - Seb Fischer, North Allegheny dec. Jake Hart, Hampton, 6-1.
215 - Anthony DiLonardo, Plum dec. Nick Yaroszewski, Hampton, 3-2.
285 - Adam Lazenga, Bethel Park dec. Nick Ciesielski, Shady Side Academy, 3-2. 4 falls

THIRD-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

- 103 - Russell Losteter, South Allegheny dec. Greg Gaus, North Allegheny, 2-0.
112 - Rob Heuler, Bethel Park major dec. Zach Kocak, Hampton, 13-3.
119 - Cameron Weber, North Hills major dec. Jonathan Hanna, Brashear, 13-0.
125 - John Marotto, Plum by forfeit over Kraig Esswein, North Hills.
130 - Kevin Monper, North Allegheny dec. Ken Scott, West Allegheny, 2-0 OT.
135 - Josh Etzel, Elizabeth Forward dec. Matt Drabick, Keystone Oaks, 6-5.
140 - Richie Bass, Highlands by forfeit over Mike Pavasko, Steel Valley.
145 - Rico Canello, Keystone Oaks dec. Joseph Washington, Penn Hills, 4-2.
152 - Cameron Fine, Elizabeth Forward pinned Dave DiBenedetto, Fox Chapel, 4:22.
160 - Jared Lux, North Allegheny pinned Ron Festa, Highlands, 1:28.
171 - Perry Hills, Central Catholic dec. Nick Bonaccorsi, Bethel Park, 3-2.
189 - Londele Cox, Peabody dec. D.J. Martin, Plum, 6-3.
215 - T.J. McElwaine, North Hills dec. Dan Mahon, Fox Chapel, 1-0.
285 - Jamal Conroy, Shaler pinned Mike Dietrich, North Hills, 0:18.

FIFTH-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

- 103 - Drew Walker, North Hills dec. James Harrison, West Mifflin, 4-2.
- 112 - Chris Nuss, Central Catholic pinned Tyler Walker, North Hills, 1:43.
- 119 - Anthony Mazzenga, Plum major dec. Austin Killian, Pine Richland, 9-1.
- 125 - Peter Craig, Hampton pinned Stephan Gannon, Mt. Lebanon, 0:15.
- 130 - Carson Brooks, Fox Chapel dec. Austin Wilding, Upper St. Clair, 7-4.
- 135 - Ryan Craig, Hampton dec. Dan Bruni, West Allegheny, 6-3.
- 140 - Kevin Synan, Hampton dec. Dom Leschak, North Allegheny, 8-2.
- 145 - Wayne Murphy, Brashear dec. Josh Rago, Montour, 7-4.
- 152 - Jack Hnath, Mt. Lebanon pinned Ryan Scisciani, Highlands, 2:21.
- 160 - Tommy Zieger, Montour dec. Kei Pasch'l, Penn Hills, 5-2.
- 171 - Josh Fleming, Shaler by forfeit over Ben Kramer, Avonworth.
- 189 - Matt Giel, Shady Side Academy dec. Bob Harazcy, Central Catholic, 2-1.
- 215 - Jake Heintz, Pine Richland pinned Mark Centofanti, West Mifflin, 1:24.
- 285 - Tyler Lever, Fox Chapel dec. Carlos Sanders, Peabody, 4-3.

SEVENTH-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

- 103 - Seth Carr, South Fayette dec. Alex Baldanzi, Carlynton, 9-8.
- 112 - Jeremy Keenan, Steel Valley dec. Pat Kaczka, South Park, 8-2.
- 119 - Fomba Sheriff, Baldwin pinned Ronnie Seibert, Central Catholic, 2:56.
- 125 - Tanner Cogar, West Allegheny major dec. Demond Young, Peabody, 13-2.
- 130 - Adam Kemerer, Mt. Lebanon dec. Mark Irwin, Carlynton, 3-2.
- 135 - Josh Tropp, Upper St. Clair major dec. Lamar Thomas, Schenley, 10-1.
- 140 - Ryan Gibson, North Hills dec. Nick Camponizzi, South Allegheny, 2-1, 4OT.
- 145 - Ian Slack, Gateway dec. Tyler Toboz, Thomas Jefferson, 3-2.
- 152 - Alex DeCiantis, North Allegheny dec. Sean Tomko, Baldwin, 5-1.
- 160 - Alex Diven, Keystone Oaks pinned Evan Williams, McKeesport, 4:41.
- 171 - Scott Allen, Mt. Lebanon dec. Stefano Geary, Fox Chapel, 4-2.
- 189 - Mike Caprara, Woodland Hills dec. Anthony Brooks, Fox Chapel, 6-5.
- 215 - Chris Hugus, Gateway pinned Davone Grayson, Brashear, 1:32.
- 285 - James Davis, West Mifflin by forfeit over Trey Cole, Central Catholic.

- Outstanding Wrestler - Tyler Wilps, Chartiers Valley.
- Most Pins In Least Time - Adam Lazenga, Bethel Park.
- Garrison Award - Godwin Nyama, Brashear.