

Senior trio eclipses 100 career wins at CV Duals, Indians take third

Jan. 30, 2010 by Rick Smith – Three North Hills seniors reached 100 career victories and the Indians posted a 4-1 record for a third place finish at the 12-team Chartiers Valley Duals earlier today. North Hills (16-8) started the day with a perfect 3-0 record in their pool with lopsided wins over Mars, Keystone Oaks, and the host team, Chartiers Valley. After next dropping their semifinal dual meet to Albert Gallatin, the eventual tournament runner-up, the Indians bounced back with a 39-27 win over Upper St. Clair in the third place match. Fellow Section 3 rival Butler captured the team overall title.

It was a special day for Cameron Weber (119 pounds), Ben Amrhein (160 pounds), and T.J. McElwaine (215), as the trio joined the exclusive eight-member North Hills 100-win club during the competition. Weber was the first to lock in his membership to the Century Club with a forfeit win during the Indians' second round win over Keystone Oaks. Minutes later, Amrhein scored his 100th career victory with a 5-1 decision over the Eagles' Alex Diven. McElwaine quickly joined his teammates during the third round win over Chartiers Valley with a first period pin of the Colts' Mitchell Zajicek.

In the long history of North Hills wrestling, only five other wrestlers have recorded over 100 career wins, including Chris Fertig (109), Corey Perrotte (113), Adam Harold (121), Randy Hobbs (123), and all-time win leader Alex Martinez (131).

Joining Amrhein and McElwaine with perfect 5-0 records during the day's competition was 103-pounder Drew Walker who has now compiled an impressive 25-8 record during his freshman campaign. Twin brother Tyler Walker (112), Weber, and senior heavyweight Mike Dietrich all compiled 4-1 marks. Checking in with 3-2 records were seniors Ryan Gibson (140) and Ben Smith (189) along with junior Troy Zangaro (130). Also chipping in were Kraig Esswein (125), Joden Rocco (130), Jake Campbell (145), and Alen Turcinhodzic, as all 13 Indians chalked up at least one win during the event.

North Hills will have little time to rest, as the Indians will host the first round of the WPIAL Class AAA playoffs this Monday, February 1, 2010 at 7:00pm in the senior high gym. The opponent will be Greensburg Salem.

Here's all the results from the Chartiers Valley Duals...

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103 – Drew Walker (NH) wbf
112 – Tyler Walker (NH) fall Chad McDade (M), 2:48
119 – Cameron Weber (NH) wbf
125 – Kraig Esswein (NH) maj. dec. Andy Selker (M), 9-1
130 – Troy Zangaro (NH) dec. Dillon Lennen (M), 9-4
135 – Joden Rocco (NH) fall Erik Winters (M), 1:45
140 – Ryan Gibson (NH) maj. dec. James Flinn (M), 8-0
145 – Jake Campbell (NH) dec. Ryan McMahon (M), 5-0
152 – Jake Tumminello (M) wbf
160 – Ben Amrhein (NH) maj. dec. Ronnie Dakan (M), 10-2
171 – Shane Smith (M) maj. dec. Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 9-0
189 – Chris Boggs (M) dec. Ben Smith (NH), 6-2
215 – T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall John Glomb (M), 1:19
285 – Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Cameron Cress (M), 1:20

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112 – Tyler Walker (NH) tech. fall Colton Lorenz (KO), 17-0
119 – Cameron Weber (NH) wbf
125 – Kraig Esswein (NH) wbf
130 – Troy Zangaro (NH) fall Zach Collins (KO), 3:25
135 – Matt Drabick (KO) maj. dec Joden Rocco (NH), 10-1
140 – Ryan Gibson (NH) wbf
145 – Rico Canello (KO) wbf
152 – Sam Diven (KO) dec. Jake Campbell (NH), 3-2
160 – Ben Amrhein (NH) dec. Alex Diven (KO), 5-1
171 – Mike Kazalas (KO) dec. Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 4-1
189 – Ben Smith (NH) maj. dec. Dusty Curry (KO), 11-3
215 – T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall Rob Valenzuela (KO), 3:08
285 – Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Jake Maiette (KO), 5:03
103 – Drew Walker (NH) dec. Eric Fawcett (KO), 11-4

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119 – Cameron Weber (NH) fall Ethan Howard (CV), 2:24
125 – Braeden Shaak (CV) wbf
130 – Troy Zangaro (NH) fall Clayton Sekel (CV), 4:23
135 – Joden Rocco (NH) fall Sean Gracy (CV), 0:49
140 – Ryan Gibson (NH) dec. Chase Martini (CV), 6-5 UTB
145 – Kyle Kessner (CV) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 1:56
152 – Paul Trusiak (CV) wbf
160 – Ben Amrhein (NH) fall Tom Morrison (CV), 1:49
171 – Tyler Wilps (CV) fall Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 3:22
189 – Ben Smith (NH) fall Alex McGeough (CV), 5:30
215 – T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall Mitchell Zajicek (CV), 1:09
285 – Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Tyler Henzell (CV), 0:32
103 – Drew Walker (NH) fall Roy Soknich (CV), 1:48
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) fall Coleman Scanlon (CV), 1:58

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125 – Schuyler Moncheck (AG) wbf
130 – Tyler Haines (AG) maj. dec. Troy Zangaro (NH) , 9-0
135 – David Skiles (AG) fall Joden Rocco (NH), 1:49
140 – Chris Milligan (AG) dec. Ryan Gibson (NH), 6-1
145 – Patrick Palmer (AG) wbf
152 – Dakota Wheeler (AG) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 5:31
160 – Ben Amrhein (NH) wbf
171 – Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) wbf
189 – Daris Alum (AG) dec. Ben Smith (NH), 3-0
215 – T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall Justin Kalbaugh (AG), 1:07
285 – John Phillips (AG) fall Mike Dietrich (NH), 1:47
103 – Drew Walker (NH) dec. Will Valentine (AG), 7-0
112 – Brady Howell (AG) maj. dec. Tyler Walker (NH), 16-3
119 – Cameron Weber (NH) fall Chuckie Thomas (AG), 2:26

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- 130 – Austin Wilding (USC) dec. Troy Zangaro (NH), 9-4
- 135 – Josh Tropp (USC) dec. Joden Rocco (NH), 3-0
- 140 – Matt George (USC) dec. Ryan Gibson (NH), 4-2
- 145 – Dylan Lease (USC) dec. Jake Campbell (NH), 4-2 SV
- 152 – Sam Cramer (USC) wbf
- 160 – Ben Amrhein (NH) fall Alonzo Diaz (USC), 0:34
- 171 – Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) wbf
- 189 – Ben Smith (NH) dec. D.J. Scarton (USC), 3-0
- 215 – T.J. McElwaine (NH) wbf
- 285 – Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Ryan Rizzo (USC), 1:04
- 103 – Drew Walker (NH) fall Dennie Philips (USC), 0:53
- 112 – Tyler Walker (NH) fall Brian Counihan (USC), 0:50
- 119 – Mack McGuire (USC) dec. Cameron Weber (NH), 7-0
- 125 – Mike McGuire (USC) wbf