

Indians earn fourth place at 40-team Wheeling Park Duals

By Rick Smith – A total team effort helped the North Hills Indians roll to a 6-2 overall record and a fourth place finish at the 19th annual Wheeling Park Duals held December 29-30, 2009 at the WesBanco Arena in Wheeling, West Virginia. Forty teams from five different states were represented at the two day event.

Senior captains Cameron Weber (119 pounds) and T.J. McElwaine (215) both recorded perfect 8-0 records during the competition to lead the way for North Hills. Junior 125-pounder Kraig Esswein was also perfect at 7-0, but missed the final dual meet for third place against Cuyahoga Falls (OH) because of an injury.

The Indians began the competition on Tuesday with a 3-0 record in their four-team division, following up a hard fought 39-25 win over John Marshall (WV) with easy wins over Trotwood-Madison (OH) and Greenbrier East (WV). North Hills was next placed into a division with four other 3-0 teams. North Hills then won its final dual meet of the first day of competition over Southern Garrett (MD), 54-24. Southern Garrett, featuring three wrestlers that have won a total of five state titles, is the defending Maryland Division II state champion.

North Hills started Wednesday's action with a 37-24 win over fellow WPIAL team Peters Township followed by a 34-30 loss to Steubenville (OH), the eventual second place finisher. The Indians then bounced back with a 37-28 win over Section 3 rival Fox Chapel to advance to the third-fourth place match against Cuyahoga Falls, dropping that dual by a 45-22 score. The North Hills win over Fox Chapel avenged three losses to the Foxes last season.

Recording 6-2 records for the Indians were freshmen Drew Walker (103) and Tyler Walker (112), and seniors Ben Amrhein (160) and Mike Dietrich (285). Chipping in at 5-3 were junior Troy Zangaro (130), and seniors Ryan Gibson (140) and Ben Smith (189). Freshman 171-pounder Alen Turcinhodzic was also 5-3 in his first-ever varsity action. Sophomores Joden Rocco (135) and Jake Campbell (145) also contributed victories to the effort.

The Indians' season record is now 10-4. North Hills will next be in action at Shaler Area on Wednesday, January 6, 2010. The Section 3B dual meet will be held at Shaler Area Intermediate High School and will begin at 7:00pm.

2009 WHEELING PARK DUALS RESULTS

1st PLACE – Parkersburg South (WV) 8-0

2nd PLACE – Steubenville (OH) 7-1

3rd PLACE – Cuyahoga Falls (OH) 7-1

4th PLACE – NORTH HILLS 6-2

Round 1 - North Hills 39 John Marshall (WV) 25

103 - Zach Tubaugh (JM) fall Drew Walker (NH), 5:21
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) maj dec Jacob Wood (JM), 14-6
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) fall Cody Boles (JM), 1:07
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) maj dec Paul Flores (JM), 13-0
130 - Justin Goode (JM) maj dec Troy Zangaro (NH), 13-2
135 - Josh Longworth (JM) dec Joden Rocco (NH), 5-2
140 - Dalton Hall (JM) dec Ryan Gibson (NH), 5-4 2OT
145 - Lewis Mason (JM) dec Jake Campbell (NH), 3-0
152 - Levi Hall (JM) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) maj dec Marshall Mason (JM), 10-1
171 - Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) fall Chris Henry (JM), 3:02
189 - Ben Smith (NH) maj dec Michael Simmins (JM), 9-1
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) tech fall Andrew Clark (JM), 20-5 at 5:39
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Michael Berardo (JM), 3:50

Round 2 - North Hills 77 Trotwood-Madison (OH) 6

103 - Drew Walker (NH) fft
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) fall Beau Foley (TM), 2:15
119 - Cameron Walker (NH) fft
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) fft
130 - Troy Zangaro (NH) fft
135 - Joden Rocco (NH) fall Chae Harris (TM), 2:42
140 - Ryan Gibson (NH) fall Mike Sanford (TM), 4:47
145 - Jake Campbell (NH) fall Adrien Henderson (TM), 5:22
152 - Anthony Grayson (TM) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) tech fall Tevin Wise (TM), 16-0 at 3:27
171 - Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) fall Josh Harrell (TM), 2:40
189 - Ben Smith (NH) fall Thailand Pierce (TM), 0:16
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall Duane Hairston (TM), 2:23
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Peter Betts (TM), 0:14

Round 3 - North Hills 70 Greenbrier East (WV) 11*

103 - Drew Walker (NH) fft
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) maj dec Nick Jerman (GE), 18-4
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) fall Jacob Sockriter (GE), 2:57
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) fft
130 - Troy Zangaro (NH) fft
135 - Joden Rocco (NH) fall Matt Surgeon (GE), 3:11*
140 - Ryan Gibson (NH) fft
145 - Aaron Shaffer (GE) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 1:50
152 - David Solak (GE) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) fall Garrett Williams (GE), 2:22
171 - Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) inj def J.J. Blevins (GE), 3:15
189 - Ben Smith (NH) fall Andrew Zimmerman (GE), 1:22
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) fft
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Tanner Hughes (GE), 4:18

* - one team point deducted from GE for unsportsmanlike conduct

Round 4 - North Hills 54 Southern Garrett (MD) 24

103 - Drew Walker (NH) fall Garrett Beachy (SG), 0:15
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) fft
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) fall Sean Chapman (SG), 1:30
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) fft
130 - Troy Zangaro (NH) fall Dakota Pritt (SG), 3:28
135 - Dakota Workman (SG) dec Joden Rocco (NH), 7-2
140 - Ryan Gibson (NH) fall Matt Slowne (SG), 4:45
145 - Lex Ozias (SG) fft
152 - Lewis Hardester (SG) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 3:43
160 - Brutus Scheffel (SG) dec Ben Amrhein (NH), 7-3
171 - Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) fall Derek DeWitt (SG), 1:49
189 - Bubba Scheffel (SG) fall Ben Smith (NH), 0:52
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) fall Dale Marple (SG), 3:21
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Kevin Miller (SG), 1:40

Round 5 - North Hills 37 Peters Township 24

103 - Drew Walker (NH) dec Devan Evanovich (PT), 5-0
112 - Mike Buckiso (PT) fall Tyler Walker (NH), 1:04
119 - Cameron Walker (NH) dec Luke Palamides (PT), 4-0
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) dec Derrick Evanovich (PT), 10-3
130 - Troy Zangaro (NH) dec John Ivaschenko (PT), 6-2
135 - Jake Caputo (PT) dec Joden Rocco (NH), 8-4
140 - Ryan Gibson (NH) dec Tyler Wilkes (PT), 1-0
145 - Sean Woodrow (PT) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 0:45
152 - Zan Kail (PT) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) maj dec Matt Sikora (PT), 10-1
171 - Jeff D'Abarro (PT) dec Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 6-5
189 - Ben Smith (NH) fall Mark Seraly (PT), 4:54
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) fft
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Colt Yienello (PT), 1:14

Round 6 - Steubenville (OH) 34 North Hills 30

103 - Anthony Craig (S) maj dec Drew Walker (NH), 13-5
112 - Chris Tingler (S) fall Tyler Walker (NH), 0:53
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) dec Shawn McGhee (S), 3-2*
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) dec Chastin Hobley (S), 3-0
130 - Chad Needham (S) maj dec Troy Zangaro (NH), 13-4
135 - Art Hobley (S) fall Joden Rocco (NH), 0:40
140 - Ethan Kelley (S) dec Ryan Gibson (NH), 6-2
145 - Alvin Taylor (S) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 2:33
152 - Jacob Howarth (S) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) fall Charlie Keenan (S), 2:44
171 - Alen Turcinhodzic (NH) dec Devon Wicker (S), 11-9
189 - Ben Smith (NH) fall Greg Moray (S), 3:38
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) dec James Deval (S), 10-3
285 - Mike Dietrich (NH) fall Ryan Wood (S), 1:45

* - Steubenville deducted one team point for unsportsmanlike conduct

Round 7 - North Hills 37 Fox Chapel 28

103 - Drew Walker (NH) fall Jared Rice (FC), 3:55
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) fft
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) fall Connor Whelan (FC), 0:34
125 - Kraig Esswein (NH) maj dec Sam Molina (FC), 11-0
130 - Carson Brooks (FC) fall Troy Zangaro (NH), 1:15
135 - Joden Rocco (NH) fall Mike Dunn (FC), 1:45
140 - Ryan Gibson (NH) dec George Marsico (FC), 3-1
145 - Shane Biowas (FC) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 1:35
152 - Gentry Kerwood (FC) fft
160 - Ben Amrhein (NH) dec Dave DiBenedetto (FC), 5-0
171 - Stefano Geary (FC) maj dec Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 10-1
189 - Anthony Brooks (FC) dec Ben Smith (NH), 4-2
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) dec Dan Mahon (FC), 7-4
285 - Tyler Lever (FC) dec Mike Dietrich (NH), 3-2

Round 8 - Cuyahoga Falls (OH) 45 North Hills 22

103 - Drew Walker (NH) fft
112 - Tyler Walker (NH) dec Nich Johnson (CF), 11-6
119 - Cameron Weber (NH) fall Justin Wiezbiski (CF), 3:24
125 - Scott Hysell (CF) fft
130 - Troy Zangaro (NH) dec Joey Repasky (CF), 9-3
135 - Colin Taylor (CF) fall Joden Rocco (NH), 2:38
140 - Connor McMahon (CF) fall Ryan Gibson (NH), 3:15
145 - Dylan King (CF) fall Jake Campbell (NH), 0:19
152 - Kyle Meade (CF) fft
160 - Tyler Tesney (CF) dec Ben Amrhein (NH), 10-3
171 - Tyler Eastman (CF) dec Alen Turcinhodzic (NH), 3-0
189 - Tony Repasky (CF) dec Ben Smith (NH), 8-3
215 - T.J. McElwaine (NH) maj dec J.D. Berghone (CF), 16-4
285 - Derek Rhodes (CF) fall Mike Dietrich (NH), 3:10