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Hugoton Team involved: Hugoton High School Wrestling

Event: Ulysses Tournament

Date of Event: December 9 - 10

Place of Event: Ulysses

Team Results: 3rd Baca County 1st, Ulysses - 2nd

Placers for Hugoton

Champions - Logan Livengood - 120, Zane Littell - 126, Lawson Fiss - 145, Patrick Weaver - 152

Runner-up - Ty Haller - 170 3rd - Bradley Campbell - 160

Warrior of the Week - Zane Littell - Sophomore at 126

Comments:

The team race this week went down like I thought it would, Baca is really loaded and looks to make a run in Colorado's class 2A Ulysses always wrestles their best at their home tournament as they should. We only filled 7 varsity weights this weekend due to some injuries and young kids not making weight yet, I think that by league and regionals (when it matters the most) we will fill 11 or 12 of the 14 weights. That said for only having 7 varsity we wrestled ridiculously well, with 4 champs a 2nd and a 3rd. and Freshman Genesis Martinez was a match away from placing going 3 and 2 on the weekend. All of our athletes wrestled to their seeds which is important to me, if you are seed 1st you need to win the tournament, if you are a 2 seed you need to make the finals, Bradley Campbell was the 4 seed and finished 3rd, he was only a few seconds away from making the finals on Friday night. He wrestled an old Colorado nemesis (Campbell moved in this year from Burlington, CO) Tyler Sharp of Baca Cnty. Bradley threw him to his back with about 24 seconds left in the match but just could not get the shoulders to touch before time expired. Patrick Weaver's final was just about as exciting, he drew Razy Morales in the finals. Weaver and Morales went back and forth all last year, until Patty threw him late in the 3rd in last years 5th place match at state. They did not wrestle last week. On Saturday at Ulysses the match went into what is called the ultimate tiebreaker. The wrestler who scored the first points of the match gets to choose top or bottom. If the guy on bottom gets away within 30 seconds he wins, if he does not get away the top guy wins. Razy chose down, got to his feet immediately, and Patrick hit a move we call a redrop, which is basically holding on to one leg to secure the win in OT. With 15 seconds the ref called a stalemate, which is a good call cause we are not letting go of that leg, so Morales gets a fresh start, this time we slow him down a little but as he comes to his feet we redrop catch the ankle and hold on till time runs out. That was by far our most exciting final, well maybe Ty Haller may have had a takedown as time ran out he would have tied up his match. Ty pulled weight for the first time in his career. He usually has a great motor but this weekend that was tested after the weight cut, but Ty may have the most heart of any kid I have coached in 16 years, and I knew that while his cardio would not be where it normally is that he could gut it out with anyone. Logan was impressive in his finals match, he majored his finals opponent for the second week in a row. Wrestling Livengood at 120 pounds must be like wrestling an octopus, a really strong octopus. Logan is one of those guys that can almost use his legs like arms and as a senior at 120 he is way stronger than any kid he has seen so far.

Logan finishes his career having never lost at Ulysses tournament. Now at Goodland next week he gets defending state champion Dustin Reed from Colby. Lawson Fiss suprisingly dominated his kid in the finals, Jace Nordyke is a 3 time state qualifier from Holly, Lawson beat him by a point in a very tight match a year ago in the semi-finals. Saturday night Fiss won very convincingly.

Zane Littell wrestled very well, he has yet to be beaten at Ulysses winning last year at 112. He is handling the increase in weight very well, I was honestly a little worried about that, but he is actually pretty strong at 126. and we may have pulled him down if not for Logan at 120.

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Zane drew a very good freshman from Baca in the semis, and took him down and stuck him like nothing, he had me literally saying "wow".

On the JV side Edgar Villa took 3rd place, he wrestled pretty well, I thought he could have made the finals, but he started out slow in his semi-final and his late rush in the 3rd period came up just a little short, he stuck his kid for 3rd.

I said at that end of last year that I did not think we would have the depth to accomplish some of the things we did in 2010-11, but that we would have more stingers, and I think be a better state tournament team than say a dual team. That appears to be the case, we should bill 10 weights this weekend at Goodland, which is not good for a dual tournament and we will probably not do super great as a team their but we are winning about 75% of our matches right now which means that we can get in the top 3 at a bracketed tournament with 7 guys by placing 6 with 5 in the finals

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