

CAMP TISDALE BLOG – GRAND LEDGE WRESTLING – SUN, 1-23-11



Where would we be without our coaches? I can personally assure everyone that I would be LOST. I am so appreciative for all the coaching assistant, volunteer work each and every weekend with Tish and the board, along with all other youths' parents on like food tables, etc., that it makes the wrestling so much more fun on the weekends.

This past weekend was no different with the amount of support found. We traveled over to E. Lansing HS for their own wrestling club's first tournament for MYWA in some time and had a great time. I was the last one out and that was still BEFORE 4pm to note as we awaited Karson Kost getting his medal for FIRST PLACE, CONGRATS!

We remained for Karson, just like his father Dan Herald, seen above, has waited for us in the mornings between matches to help coach any of our kids in need. So, with Anthony and I there till the end, we showed the support back – reciprocated. It was well spent/earned, and I was again “overly appreciative” for all their coaching support + Mark Snauko's!

THANK YOU EVERYONE!

Kids do great on this day, still placing these first few weeks which is SURPRISING at points for a new club for the most part. We have even some SURPRISE placings on this day on TOP of the fact. So, I am chagrined. Only a few things left to deal with – week after week unfortunately, as the kids realize it is a SIN to not bridge, reach back, headlock, underhooks.

For now, the kids are still learning, getting better, going out there HUNGRY and ready, few to NO technical violations, which was my GOAL actually. And, they are there in mass numbers too, sticking together. BIG MATCH again now tonight in fact to show just where they are again at as we head over to MAPLE VALLEY for our first team DUAL, WOPA!

So what HAPPENED, right? Well, a LOT did, ja ja ha, of course BEYOND just all the REACHING BACK which is driving me NUTS, even off of HALF NELSONS, or from the Roder Riding. I was running back and forth between TWO gyms once again, so that was awful, missing the older kids wrestling, video and photo of their matches and more, sadly.

We are competitive all day and BOOM, in comes match of the day honors once more. It is looking like it may be between Logan Sandell and a few others once again, but then Tommy Lear steals the honors. He, Tommy, goes into a GRUDGE match versus the same kid he had earlier in the day, and holds the guy to a overtime win before falling.

Tommy, to note, was also only one match away from placing on this day, one of the only second times that I have personally saw whereas we had to go OVERTIME also. Was a great match, much congratulations out to the Lears as Tommy is really progressing on his wrestling and truly earned the honor on this day IN OT as once more, MATCH OF THE DAY!



We go through all rounds and between Tommy, Karson, and Logan still wrestling, we get the tally in and get some places, bringing home some hardware. We also collect the video we need, pix, and even a few statistics that I have been eager to start accruing ALSO now. Here is a roll up so far of what we have in, much more wanted from parents if can submit:

PLACERS:

1st: Cole Janes

1st: Jack Snauko

1st: Karson Kost

1st: Dylan Steward

2nd: Isaac Hafner

2nd: Adam Hafner

3rd: Mitchel H.

4th: Logan Sandel

(let me know if anyone is missed though please from what I had on record on this day)

PINFALLS SUBMITTED/RECORDED:

:19 seconds: Dylan Steward

:26 seconds: BOO BOO (Camren Sandell)

:43 seconds: Isaac Hafner

2:10 seconds: Jack Snauko

All we need is for parents and the kids to help before turning in their bout slips each weekend to tell me their wins so that I can record such, plus the fall time if a pin, and I

guarantee we can have a bunch MORE to reflect about how GREAT these kids are doing this year! I am real proud and hope that they are having a great time and can see this proof!

RECORDS:

Not submitted as of yet (please forward and thanks!)

And yes, if you saw TWO names, actually TWO of the SAME last name APPEAR above for placing, plus one for quick fall time also recorded, the HAFNER boys have arrived! We have both Isaac, and younger brother Adam, that are ALL HEART. They haven't been naturals in the sport, but instead, just WON'T STOP wrestling when that buzzer



sounds!

As a result, both Hafner boys are doing AWESOME as first year wrestlers, are capturing a SHARED honor of week MOST IMPROVED, and are due to lead practice for stretching on this coming Thursday, CONGRATS GUYS!



What was the most fun for ME? I guess having the extra help was awesome, along with seeing all the many kids both working at the event, either at the tables, watching, coaching other teams, refereeing and more. It always is a true family atmosphere in wrestling if you make it such, and WE DO.

Between all the fun on the weekend, I was set back actually by how RELAXED I was. Between Anthony coming in to help the other dads and I coach, parents helping by collecting not only food for the table, but our stuff to “stash”, plus bout numbers on the charts, I had a little surprise HELPER this weekend also!

ENTER ZACH MOORE, he too has already come a long way in just a few weeks to

improve into a pretty good little beginner wrestler. I expect a LOT more out of him in the future on the mat. And, on this day he shows just how MUCH he cares about the team and even his coach. He volunteers to help be our LEAD camera man, and I reluctantly AGREE.

Each match is there by RECORDED by Zach without error or excuse, he is to every mat I send him, requiring zero to ill information or guidance, and hence, the mission gets accomplished so that I can coach and still get some pictures. The irony is that Zach lost out by second round, yet REMAINED to not only cheer on his team, but to help them & coach.

THANK YOU FOR THIS KID, and his commitment to the team, and what we had to do on this day. Zach also will be the true LEADER in charge now on Thursday’s practice with both Hafner boys, showing the team just HOW they can all accomplish the mission still TOGETHER.

Congratulations, so proud of you guys. See my Facebook for all pix uploads from yesterday, Youtube on my channel for all video uploads, and or my website for anything else between information to again pix uploads, and thanks!

Coach Shane