

YOUTH WRESTLING BLOG – from Coach Shane

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Yes, yes, what an awesome weekend IT WAS, WOPA! I will leave everyone with a blog in fact, but then working super hard as of late tonight to get some of our pix posted, even from tonight (5:45pm), along with the videos that we had too!

(Can anyone please forward this over DIRECT to Coach Jordan and or Anthony though please?? I can only Facebook them)

In the meantime, don't anyone forget that NEXT MONDAY is also our dual versus MAPLE VALLEY. So, from a coaching perspective I will be arranging tryouts for the primary/varsity spots THIS WEEK on Thursday.

As for the schedule, I am submitting in my further recommendations for where I planned on going this year to Tish/board and everyone below for the dates after Feb 5th though, also available off my website at the following: [Http://WWW.Camptisdale.com/affliction.html](http://WWW.Camptisdale.com/affliction.html)

HOLT WRESTLING CLUB OPEN

MYWA sponsored/Holt Wrestling Club
Sunday, Feb 6, 2011- day

IONIA WRESTLING CLUB OPEN

MYWA sponsored/Ionia Wrestling Club
Sunday, Feb 13, 2011- day
Ionia High School

- OFF - BREAK - FEB 19-20, 2011 -

JACKSON W. WRESTLING OPEN

MYWA sponsored/Jackson Co. W. Wrestling
Sunday, Feb 27, 2011- day

DOWN RIVER WRESTLING OPEN

MYWA sponsored/Down River Wrestling Club
Sunday, Mar 6, 2011- day
Locale: Anderson HS, Southgate, Michigan

CENTRAL REGION CHAMPIONSHIP MYWA sponsored/Central Region

Sunday, Mar 12, 2011- day
Mason HS, Mason, Michigan

MYWA INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

MYWA sponsored - all regions
Kellogg Arena-McCalmey Hotel, Battle Creek, MI

And yes, it was a TOTAL crazy weekend for COACH! He did a "Tommy Boy" the movie on the way in with the hood LITERALLY flying back OFF THE CAR backwards and cracking the windshield while doing 70MPH! Didn't matter, our kids are wrestling, time to find a way to still get there. WE DID, the wife and I arrived in early amidst our own disaray/dissaray, shock, and HORROR of it all. The hotel we were put up in by the club allowed us BOTH to go, be ready for the next day, and weigh in the night before too - HOW AWESOME WAS THAT!?

THANK YOU TO OUR CLUB FOR ALL THE HELP THEN THIS PAST WEEKEND, was great with the board taking care of us as usual.

We make it in the morning over to Morley Stanwood HS and I just can't seem to figure out HOW! jajaja In other words, WHERE is this place? Is it in the city of MORLEY, or in the city of STANLEY? I think I see it or STANDWOOD both on the map but can't seem to figure out what the heck is GOING ON! Anyway, we get a ride from Mr. McCaffery the night before, remember where, and it is all easy access after that back to the school, to our GORGEOUS hotel with pool, and even all the PIZZA WE HAD TO PACK BACK UP after our allusive party, WOPA!

Kids are not groggy on this day. They are ready.
The air is filled with excitement all abound, and there is something awry that I can't put my finger on.

Did we TRAIN SO HARD the last few weeks that we are READY for this? I didn't know, but something had to give; let's see how the kids do THIS WEEK in first round, as the previous tournament they were just TOO NERVOUS to ideally perform I thought.

Kick off with Zach as a highlight and it comes right down to the last second. I am eyeballing him because he is HUNGRY. He may smile all the time, a good kid, but you can tell he is sick of getting beat and put in uncompromised positions. SO I GRAB HIM before practice and start working with him last week. I transfer all my confidance into him to let him know HE WILL succeed if he does what I show him. HE DOESN'T LET US DOWN. The match comes down TIED to the last few seconds before a last reversal by our opponent. We still were ECSTATIC!

Best match ever wrestled, Zach had ARRIVED and popped his cork.

Tommy took the mat with a vengeance. He has always been determined, but now it was PERSONAL or something! jajajaj, I always knew this one was coming, but not to this extent. He tackled EVERYONE like he had learned a proper single to double leg, cut behind to overleg, to breakdown and pin combination. I am in shock thinking: "wait a minute, is this kid possibly making it to the FINALS but never has even placed yet at a wrestling tournament before, first year wrestler?" The silence reveals the truth, TOMMY WAS WRESTLING in the finals last ROUND!

We end up taking a second and Tommy never gives. The trophy is HUGE as is the "perma-grin" on this kid's face. It is irreplaceable by all accounts. ALI along though DAD AND I BOTH KNEWit was coming, just a matter of time, well, that and our both agreed upon CRADLE INSTRUCTION (more coming there in the future!).

SICK AND INSANE at times, slang of course in a good way is what can at times describe the Sandell kids. The youngest one - Boo Boo is having fun while proving to everyone that HE IS FOUR YEARS OLD NOW, no longer THREE, no, he is FOUR, and eligible to wrestle with US!

jajaja, Brayden, older brother leads the way as FEARLESS. He will challenge anyone at any time, just like the other two. STRONG AS AN OX, he doesn't care who it is, HE WANTS OUT THERE. His strength is contagious to the team, and his coach.

Then we get the middle Sandell, code name - LOGAN. He will smile right at you, have fun, and do everything else his brothers stand for. He also with ATTACK YOU like you stole his last big of lunch money and it is PIZZA DAY on the last day of SCHOOL! This kid is actually joining what I call THE HUNGER, possibly along with Tommy, we'll see, and with what I call the little "all-stars" group in the room, led by Ethan and Connor. These kids are so DETERMINED TO ATTACK that sometimes we have to break them UP fearing their going to KO each other!

HOW FUN IT IS for a coach and seeing that veracity once again, like in all these kids, and that OVER determination to attack like Logan and some of the others have. Keep an eye on EVERYONE, not just these mentioned thus far, because as they get more and more confidence, they TOO will possibly open up and show us the same things. In the meantime, Logan is ON FIRE and winning now TOURNAMENTS, first place, almost ALL WINS, only loss I HAVE PERSONALLY SEEN was last second, argued call by me, only 2 points, WOW!

(and that is a FIRST YEAR WRESTLER TO NOTE TOO!)

Many are not around on this day/weekend, middle schoolers come out but only fill have the weights allowed to enter the team tournament, only half more by the little ones. So, needless to say I enter us as both teams and think that we will have two SEPERATE totals. WE DON'T. They tally it all and between the middle schoolers that came out we totaled 40 points with them, 30 with all the little ones and tallied up 70 TOTAL POINTS together, WOPA!

In 5th place right before the tournament is finishing and I have NO IDEA what is going on. Did we possibly get close enough to like 3rd or 4th place at all, I wondered. HOW CLOSE were we if not there. I hear Perry, the previous club I was at just last year talking, and they are saying that it was within 1 point between us. I almost give up, I am now just wondering since they have A CITY OF WRESTLERS, literally, what place they won, and were we still close to another too. The results come in, and no one can believe it, especially myself.

PERRY 69
GRAND LEDGE 70

I am in shock, didn't evesdrop well enough obviously to the other conversation, and now I am being told that we took the team, second place TROPHY HOME after beating OUT Perry, only 7 points away, or one more place from FIRST to Team Ignition. OH MY GOSH, they kids did it. I did nothing, but they, the middle schoolers in to help out, and all our little newcomers TOGETHER wrestled so hard that those that had at least a four man chart and PLACED, helped the entire GRAND LEDGE WRESTLING CLUB achieve a little history, how cool was THAT!

Many more wrestlers on fire, like the middle schoolers, although I can't really say too much because I don't know them all, or saw all their matches, but we had the following placers at least from what I had tracked, probably much MORE information to follow as for pins, amount there of, quickest, etc. in the future if I can just get some more help with stats. at the matches too, I PROMISE:

1st: Logan Sandell
(2nd? For 3 man chart? - Boo Boo, Camren Sandell
2nd: Tommy Lear
1st: Christian Legal

4th: Zach Moore

*4th: Luke McCaffery (update)

1st: Cole Janes

1st: Patrick Powers

1st: Dylan

2nd: Jack Snauko

4th: Ryan Legal

OK, more to follow, but this completes our BLOG FOR NOW, thanks for tuning in to the GRAND LEDGE WRESTLING CLUB's latest trials and tribulations at the Morley Stanley Wrestling Open near Big Rapids, Jan 16, 2011, CONGRATS EVERYONE and THANKS!

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