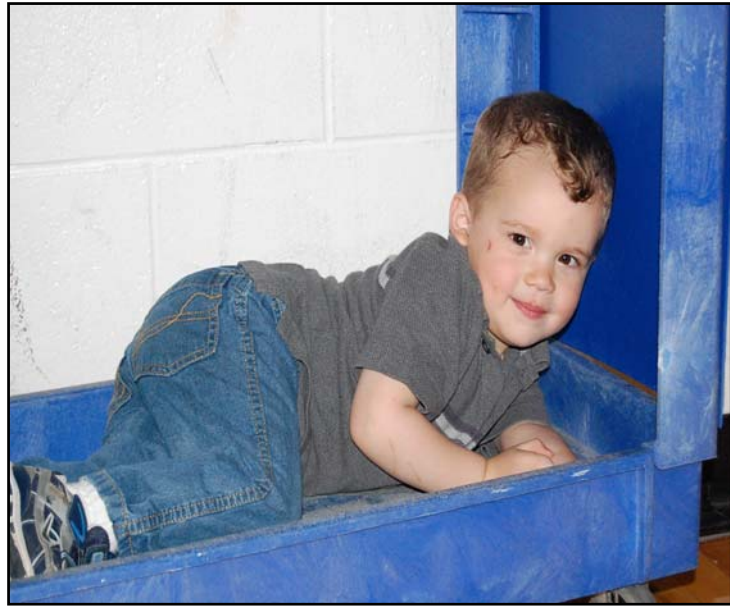


GRAND LEDGE WRESTLING – BLOG – SAT/May 8, 2011

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Eaton Rapids



Wrestling Tournament - week 6 for MUSAW, Michigan Wrestling Federation's latest Freestyle wrestling invitational now COMPLETE, PLUS even a little bit of GRECO present too, and Grand Ledge Wrestling Club was again - THERE!

Day started off good, had Greco FIRST, which is all THIS coach could ask for, along with having a few that wanted to partake. We had Jack Snauko (Novice/85lbs), and Logan Sandell (45lbs) – our 2011 MYWA State Champion both doing such, so I was hopeful.

We start off and Logan crushes the first three kids LITERALLY, and has won the competition! Unfortunately, it was almost all by headlock, or what we had a goal to break all season long for newcomers with the coveted “head and arm”. Nothing wrong with using that during Greco mind you, but not as the only move we ever do was the deal.

I talk repeatedly with Logan and think he understands that we are, in this case – were there to “learn”, try new things, EXPLORE, actually attempt to execute all the new moves and series that we have introduced at practice, week after week. But, it is to little avail with him, Logan that is. He has success with what he knows and that's about it for risktaking.

Logan goes on to do Freestyle too, which was awesome to see the kids really get a LOT more mat time and experience in such, but gets a case of what appears to be the “nerves”, and ends up dropping a match to the same kid he already beat in this style. Crying on the mat in what appears to be frustration, he keeps it together till after the end hand shake luckily.



AFTERRRRRRR the handshake became an entirely DIFFERENT thing of course for Logan, had a meltdown off the mat (matside), and I just couldn't really figure out why, because he had already won Greco, beat the same kid, and was wrestling better. But, bad news was that I had to address the behavior later because GLWC expects great sportsmanship.





Logan gets his head back together shortly thereafter, and we move on through the rest of the tournament.

Starts to become a LONGGGGG day though, as we see that traditional adult tournaments with Cadet-Masters are sharing the same day PLUS same gym. Plus, we have Greco. Added on too. Normally all these styles and divisions are split up between tournaments, days, or gyms, but not on this day; only time would tell what the end result was to be.



Brayden Sandell up next for Freestyle, and things start to look dismal. The one opponent he usually wrestles against from Gaylord is a STUD, and he was there at the tournament. But apparently there is another NEW team-mate that is not only really good like him, and



the other 3, but even BETTER & beating up everyone else from Eaton Rapids + beyond.

No time to panic just yet, let's see what Brayden can do at least IN THE match and see how this opponent reacts.

Brayden has a rough time but doesn't give up. We get some last second improvements, and he (Brayden), keeps it together till the end, no meltdowns after such either. So, I was happy, and ready to move on till next round KNOWING that this was one of Brayden's toughest matches all day, almost SO FAR for the season with this kid.

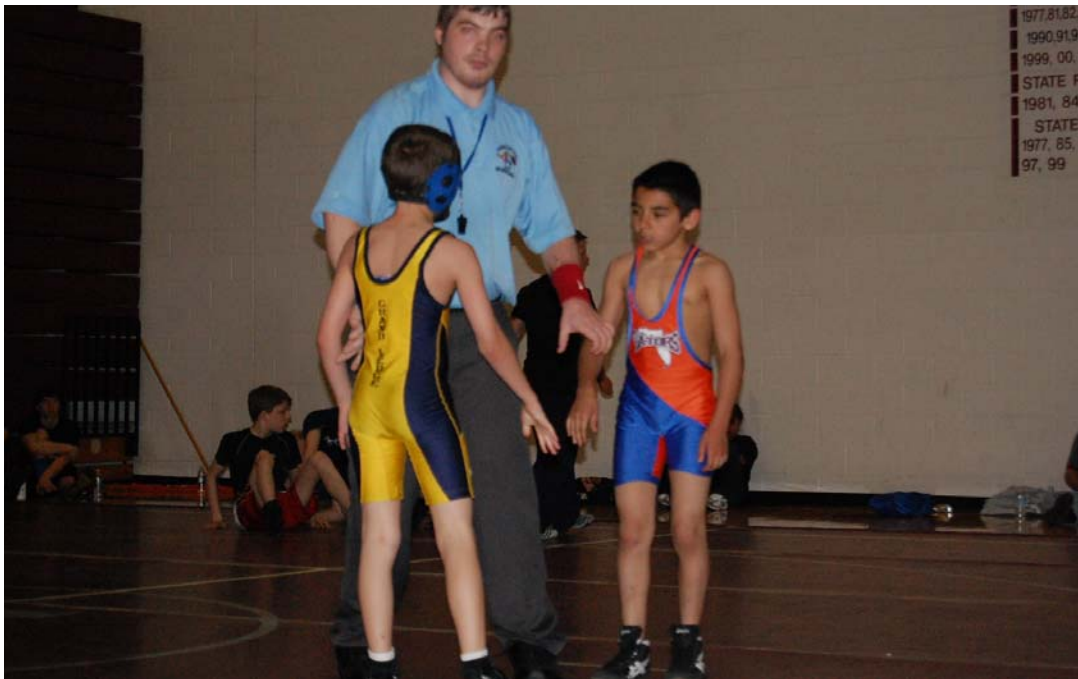


Ryan Legal up next, a sense of irony and “payback” in the air, I KNOW THIS KID he is about to tangle with.



This is the SAME kid that we barely beat in OVERTIME at Morely Stanley (Stanwood) early on in the year. Cole Janes (67lbs) had just ousted the boy, and now apparently the youth had bumped right up to Ryan’s weight. WHEWWWWWWW, we were in for a MATCH I thought, as this kid had REALLY impressed me early on, at least in Folkstyle.

SURE ENOUGH, I was right, kid was on fire still, and we were not getting our rolls and throws in at all. Not sure what happened or what Ryan had planned for the boy, but whatever it was, the match went quick and we dropped the first round because of such with Ryan (Novice/71lbs) in Freestyle.



Jack Snauko (Novice/85lbs) up NEXT for Round 1 of GRECO vs “Hawaii Trained”.



“Topsy - tervy”, this match DID GO both ways throughout. We didn’t give up though as we knew how hard Jack had been training during this season on not just Freestyle BUT THE GRECO. We held our breath between screaming out encouragement and ROLLED the dice to see all what Jack could do here. We were not let down.



Jack goes from down to UP and back again till finally we are TIED going into OT basically. GETTING A CASE OF THE NERVES now was I at this point, as mom kept it all together for all three of us as Jack took the mat back to see who would score between the top and bottom exchanges.



With a few seconds left ONLY, Jack gets his roll on to take back control of this match and get the win, WOW, thought I was going to have to check my blood pressure after!



We have Cole Janes in attendance, but no one at his weight. So, he is there in support, but not attendance on this day in Eaton Rapids. Between all the parents there, along with Dan Herald, previous coach and long time GLWC supporter, we have our support channels in place. But, for HOW LONGGGGGG became the question as the tournament was moving slow.



Tommy Lear up next for his match as Brayden wrestled in another side of their wrestling pool. He, Tommy, drops his first match it appeared like we were not having as much luck in ROUND ONE, which use to be an EPIDEMIC for us during Folkstyle season at times.

Time goes on, and just TOO MUCH OF IT as all parents start agreeing in consensus that the day should be getting done soon, but it hadn't really even BEGUN yet for even second ROUND yet of Freestyle for the kids. HMMMM, time to make a big decision it was, as many had other plans on this day already and NO ONE wanted to stay till night time.

2:30/3:00pm and NOT ALL WELL as GLWC decides to PULL from the tournament. All agree, and only Jack Snauko decides to see if he wants to wrestle just one last round or not, depending on how long it takes. Within the next 30 minutes the round comes up but just as the Snauko's decide to now pull also. Already been a long day, all are on their way home.

Eaton Rapids I heard was pissed, not all refunds even honored, I didn't want to bad mouth that program, the tournament, the tournament director, staff, or Troy, who I really like, but I did remind everyone of the past history out there w/Eaton Rapids at least. We had boycotted their tournaments in the past because they ALWAYS were run too late.

Keep most my opinions to my self, I was there all day and night regardless as coach, and since I was already abreast to YEARS of how Eaton Rapids' youth tournaments had been run, nothing was going to be a surprise to me, just made me want to hold my own the next year on the same day so that people realized how an efficient tournament was to run.



Well anyway, tournament not finished it was tough to assess true places and awards. We had two styles in which to think about evaluating, about 4 kids competing out of the 5 in attendance, and a long day of possible extra matches and mat time to arrive at an end decision. Yet only 1 person really made it past 1st round—Logan Sandell, besides Snauko.



DEFINITELY WOULD HAVE MADE SENSE that either Jack or Logan were in top contention for this week's awards since they were once more the only ones that decided to do BOTH styles, had the most matches at 2 and 3, and Logan even had took first PLACE in Greco, WOPA! Yet, I was sad, because I couldn't give an award to Logan.

Awards the way that I had always done such were not just given out, but earned. And none of such were ever given as "MVP" for example, or "Most Improved" either for those that then exhibited not good sportsmanship at the event. So, Logan did still great, but no longer in contention. Everyone else didn't FINISH! Jaja, So, that narrowed things.

Snauko, on the other hand, did both styles, had DEFINITELY the MATCH OF THE DAY, and did place, much like Brayden Sandell had before the day had ended, and some were able to still collect medals for either incomplete brackets, or end places for charts not completed was the end deal.



So Jack Snauko took home ALL THREE awards for the weekend, and definitely earned them for the first time EVER that I had had someone do such. With him remaining after everyone else had departed additionally, this didn't mean that he was not going to leave also, but he definitely showed why he was in highest contention to win such, definitely.

Congratulations to Jack Snauko, good work still for all others that still showed up and were there to show the support, and hope to see everyone this weekend in HOWELL for the finale for the now State Championships for 2011 for MUSAW, or Michigan Wrestling Federation, both Freestyle AND GRECO, WOPA!



Here's the end match listing that was submitted, although inconclusive, and thanks everyone:

GRECO.

? – Jack Snauko, 1-0

1st Place, Logan Sanell, 3-0

FREESTYLE

? – Logan Sanell, 0-1

? – Tommy Lear, 0-1

? – Brayden Sanell, 0-1

? – Ryan Legal, 0-1

? – Jack Snauko, 0-1

? – Cole Janes – NA

Let me know who I forgot, or if any places need correction, and thanks! I just need to affirm everyone's matches, wins or losses from the last few weeks at Thursday's practice for those remaining. All pix, video, and website updates are now complete. If you you'd care to link directly to download such indirectly, please see any of below, along with our respective link to our video library which I am working on now to get uploaded also, and thanks!

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Thanks everyone,



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