

Perham Youth Wrestling shines on national level

Focus Staff Report
Members of the Perham youth wrestling program competed in the annual MYAS youth wrestling events throughout Iowa, Wisconsin, South Dakota and Minnesota. The annual tournament has thousands of participants from 19 states competing in wrestling tournaments for kids in kindergarten through eighth grade. This year, Perham youth wrestling had seven different individuals compete in at least one of the tournaments. While competing at the national level tournaments is impressive, Perham had three wrestlers place in all four

events. Payton Legatt earned a second place, a pair of fourth place finishes and a sixth place finish in the third and fourth grade class at 120 pounds. Paxton Legatt earned a pair of first place finishes and a pair of second place finishes in the third and fourth grade class at 105 pounds. Tiegian Detloff recorded four first place finishes in the third and fourth grade class at 95 pounds. The trio received Midwest Tour wrestling belts for placing in the top four at three of the four tournaments. Other wrestlers that competed were Dresden Wegscheid, Isaac Adams, Carson Zeise and Bo Bush.

Members of the Perham youth wrestling team had a strong season of success during several MYAS wrestling tournaments. Members of the team are pictured, from left: Dresden Wegscheid, Tiegian Detloff, Payton Legatt, Paxton Legatt, Carson Zeise and Bo Bush. Not pictured is Isaac Adams.
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The Perham youth wrestling staff said they are proud of them for their hard work and dedication. The youth wrestling team also competed at the St. Michael brawl on Jan. 27 and placed 29 out of 32 teams in the championship bracket.



MOSER

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Moser had some time to think about his match prior as the previous weights were still taking place. He said he was soaking in the experience of being on the big stage for the first time in his career.

Moser and Parrish wrestled a scoreless first period, but Moser got an escape to start the second and followed it up with a take down. His game plan was to stay aggressive as that's what brought him to the big stage. He stuck to the game plan and ended up with a late take down in the third period to secure the win. "We just had to be

aggressive and that's been my style all season," Moser said. "I really wanted to stick to it. It took me a little while to get in there, but once I started feeling it I knew that I was in the right spot and that I could get it done." After his hand was raised, Moser shook the hands of the opposing coaches and ran over and gave his father and

head coach, Robb, a big hug, a moment he said he will cherish forever. "Those are the moments you live for," Moser said. "He has been there every step of the way for me. To hug him after that is something that will last me a lifetime." The victory capped off a perfect season for Moser. The senior finished the season

with a 46-0 record. He finishes his career with a 196-30 mark.
Class AA Individual Tournament Championship
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Grant Parrish (KM) (Dec. 5-1)
Semifinals
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Josh Franklin (FRI) (Tech Fall 18-3)
Quarterfinals
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Zack Neuman (HIB) (Dec. 9-3)
First Round
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Jacob Neuberger (WORTH) (Tech Fall 17-2)

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"It's good. We were expecting to make the finals, but we came out of it the best way we could," Dawson Kellogg said. "Right away, but we knew as soon as we were done we could get third and that's just as good as losing in the finals."

Moser said one of the big matches for Perham came at 120 with Gareth Covington earning a 4-2 victory. Covington's victory was the second of three straight. Blaze Brady answered an opening major with a major of his own over Riese White. Gabe Bellefeuille followed with a 14-1 major decision as well.

"It was really good to see how happy he was an elated," Moser said. "Another one was Coltan Satter. He is in the final match of his high school career, he is in the third place match and he wins it in overtime. That was huge for us. We didn't give up the big points to their horses in the middle."

Satter earned a 7-2 victory in overtime, which was followed by another strong performance from Jack Fudge. Fudge went 3-0 for Perham with a 7-1 victory over Will Burroughs.

Moser said Fudge has been on a roll. He said he has been under the radar because there are so many good kids at 145, 152 and 160. Moser said he has had a nice end to the season.

Waconia answered with three straight wins, but the trio of Zach Peterson, Ty Moser and Kellogg sealed the victory. Robb Moser said he thought those three were starting to get a bit tired, but they still won and that it was fitting that those three helped seal the win.

The Yellowjackets finish the season with a 31-2 record overall. It's the fifth

straight year the Yellowjackets have placed at the state tournament.

"That's a level of excellence that we rarely see, even by Perham standards," Moser said. "We rarely see something like that. Also, you throw in that so many of those seniors made the individual tournament, that's awesome and you can't replace it."

Perham vs. Marshall
The Marshall Tigers got on a roll and maintained the momentum when they defeated the No. 1 ranked Perham Yellowjackets 27-25 during the Class AA semi finals at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul on Feb. 28

Marshall opened the dual by winning the first four matches and built up a lead Perham wasn't able to overcome. Perham head coach Robb Moser said he thought they needed to win two of the first four matches. Ultimately, they dropped the first four.

"I thought Marshall really brought it to our younger guys," Moser said. "I think that caught us a little scared. Certainly, no person loses a match. There are lots of points there that we could have more points on a win or won some matches. That's what happens when you wrestle good teams. They sometime beat you."

Moser said during the season team's struggled to get runs and momentum on Perham, however, Marshall was able to do that.

"That kind of happened on us today. That's athletics and that's sports," Moser said. "I don't think it was overconfidence. We had a team that was wrestling really well and they are kind of a bad matchup for us. A couple of funky calls go one way or the other. At one weight, we thought we won, but we lost it because of some calls at the end. Those things kind of change the outlook



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Perham's Coltan Satter, top, wrestles Waconia's Gage Mueller during the Minnesota Class 2A Team Wrestling third-place dual Thursday, Feb. 28, 2019, in St. Paul.

of the whole match." Moser said Marshall turned up the intensity at the end, especially when they found themselves in the underdog spot against some of Perham's top wrestlers.

Rach, Jack Fudge, Dylan Fudge, Peterson, Moser and Lindquist earned wins for Perham in the loss.

Perham vs. Mora
The Perham Yellowjackets kicked off the Class AA Championships with a methodical 51-10 victory over the Mora Mustangs in the Class AA quarterfinals on Feb. 28 at the Xcel Energy Center in St. Paul.

"Our kids wrestled well for being able to come out at nine in the morning," Perham head coach Robb Moser said. "I thought our little guys set the tone well. We had a big match from Gareth Covington at 120 and he beat a very good kid. That kept us going. Owen Werner did well and Blaze Brady did a nice job. I thought Covington's match was one that kept us going in the right direction."

Perham started by winning the first five matches of the day. Owen Werner won by a 14-0 major decision, Blaze Brady followed with a 12-0 major, while Covington was victorious 8-6. Gabe Bellefeuille earned a fall at 126 and

day at 160, before Perham won four straight with Brian Ramos, Zach Peterson and Ty Moser.

- Class AA Third Place
Perham 27, Waconia 24
106: Tyson Peitz (WAC) def. Owen Werner (PER) (Maj. Dec. 11-0)
113: Blaze Brady (PER) def. Riese White (WAC) (Maj. 14-4)
120: Gareth Covington (PER) def. Joshua Wagener (WAC) (Dec. 4-2)
126: Gabe Bellefeuille (PER) def. Bradee Dwinell (WAC) (Maj. Dec. 14-1)
132: Max McEnelly (WAC) def. Leighton Rach (PER) (Dec. 8-4)
138: Coltan Satter (PER) def. Gage Mueller (WAC) (S-V 7-2)
145: Jack Fudge (PER) def. Will Burroughs (WAC) (Dec. 7-1)
152: Timothy Stapleton (WAC) def. Dylan Fudge (PER) (Dec. 4-3)
160: Mitchell Garnatz (WAC) def. Matthew Bush (PER) (Dec. 5-0)
170: Cade Mueller (WAC) def. Brian Ramos (PER) (Tech Fall 15-0)
182: Zach Peterson (PER) def. Jackson Boberg (WAC) (Dec. 10-12)
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Bram Fitzsimonds (WAC) (Maj. Dec. 15-0)
220: Dawson Kellogg (PER) def. Sam McEnelly (WAC) (Dec. 3-2)
285: Bennett Weber (WAC) def. Rowdie Lindquist (PER) (Fall 1-38)
Perham 27, Marshall 25
106: Dylan Louwagie (MAR) def. Owen Werner (PER) (Dec. 8-2)
113: Hsa Khee Lar (MAR) def. Blaze Brady (PER) (Dec. 4-2)
120: Tate Condezo (MAR) def. Blake Lorenz (PER) (Dec. 8-0)
126: Hsa Law Eh (MAR) def. Gabe Bellefeuille (PER) (Dec. 4-2)
132: Leighton Rach (PER) def. Lucas Hodges (MAR) (Maj. Dec. 12-0)
138: Noah Jensen (MAR) def. Coltan Satter

- (PER) (Dec. 4-2)
145: Jack Fudge (PER) def. Coltan Marcy (MAR) (Fall. 32)
152: Dylan Fudge (PER) def. Jackson Hughes (MAR) (Dec. 10-5)
160: Grant Louwagie (MAR) def. Matthew Bush (PER) (Fall 4-14)
170: Eijah Steiner (MAR) def. Brian Ramos (PER) (Dec. 4-1)
182: Zach Peterson (PER) def. Tyler Timm (MAR) (Tech Fall 22-3)
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Zach Stahl (MAR) (Maj. 21-8)
220: Jaiden Bahr (MAR) def. Dawson Kellogg (PER) (Dec. 3-1)
285: Rowdie Lindquist (PER) def. Zack Felcym (MAR) (S-V 5-3)
Class AA Quarterfinals
Perham 51, Mora 10
106: Owen Werner (PER) def. Avery Nelson (Mora) (Maj. Dec. 14-0)
113: Blaze Brady (PER) def. Brook Folkema (Mora) (Maj. Dec. 12-0)
120: Gareth Covington (PER) def. Connor Gnahli (Mora) (Dec. 8-0)
126: Gabe Bellefeuille (PER) def. Tucker Hass (Mora) (Fall 5-15)
132: Leighton Rach (PER) def. Cody Haggberg (Mora) (Tech Fall. 18-3)
138: Ryan Nosbush (Mora) def. Coltan Satter (PER) (Maj. Dec. 10-1)
145: Jack Fudge (PER) def. Parker Voss (Mora) (fall 3-44)
152: Dylan Fudge (PER) def. Jon Smith (Mora) (Dec. 9-2)
160: Austin Voss (Mora) def. Matthew Smith (PER) (S-V 9-5)
170: Brian Ramos (PER) def. Danny Schroeder (Mora) (Dec. 5-0)
182: Zach Peterson (PER) def. Dom Adams (Mora) (Fall. 56)
195: Ty Moser (PER) def. Jake Nowling (Mora) (Tech Fall 20-5)
220: Dawson Kellogg (PER) def. Collin McCarthy (Mora) (Fall 2-33)
285: Tanner Gangruth (Mora) def. Dominic Gottwatt (PER) (Dec. 8-2)

HISTORY

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Moser said they talk about the board in the wrestling room, which lists all the state place-winners.

"Wayne (Werner) said this year that we want to have enough to have a new board and getting six names on the board was really awesome," Moser said. "I can't say this enough for those that are not in Class AA wrestling might not understand, it is so hard to be good in double A wrestling because there is such depth. State champions are good at all classes, but the depth in double A is so deep that it's really hard to get state place-winners. We have

had awesome wrestlers that don't get to place. To have six is really fun and really gratifying. Some of the guys are coming back and we have some others, we think that can place. With how the team ended, it's just a great weekend."

Moser was honored by his peers as well during the tournament. It was announced that he was named the Class AA Coach

of the Year. Moser was named the Section 8AA Coach of the Year during the Section 8AA Individual Championships.

The Yellowjackets graduate seven seniors from this team, four of them Class AA place-winners. The Yellowjackets posted a 31-2 mark overall and ran its streak of Section 8AA Championships to five straight.

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