
Hastings Wrestling Club

Volume 12 Issue 12

July 2012

2012 -2013 Wrestling Calendar

August 2nd – 8th – Gold Card Sales
August 13th – Tom Keene Memorial Golf @ Afton Alps
TBD --Elementary Wrestling Clinic (October - Mon & Thurs)
TBD—Elementary Show Case (November)
November 6th—Middle School Practice Begins.
November 19th -High School Practice Begins.
December 1st, 2012 – Raider Duals @ HOME
December 7th, 2012 – Shakopee@ Shakopee
December 14th -15th, 2012 – Christmas Tournament @ Rochester
December 20th, 2012 – White Bear Lake @WBL
January 3rd, 2013 – Park @ HOME
January 5th, 2013 – Cannon Falls Inv @ Cannon Falls
January 10th, 2013 – Cretin DH,Woodbury @ Woodbury
January 12th, 2013 – Kiffmeyer Duals @ St. Cloud Tech
January 18th, 2013 – Roseville @ HOME
January 24th, 2013 – East Ridge, Mounds View @ HOME
January 26th, 2013 – Eagle Duals @ Bloomington Kennedy
January 31st, 2013 – Forest Lake @ Forest Lake
February 2nd, 2013 – Anoka Duals @ Anoka
February 7th, 2013 – Stillwater @ HOME
February 9th, 2013 – SEC JV Conf. Tournament @ Forest Lake
February 14th & 16th, 2013 – Section 1AAA Team Tournament @ TBA
February 23rd, 2013 – Section 1AAA Individual Tournament @ TBA
February 28th – March 2nd – STATE TOURNAMENT @ Xcel Energy Center, St. Paul
** High School represents Varsity and Junior Varsity

Finishing on top in Section 1AAA for 2012—Coach Josh McLay

The 2011-12 seasons was a roller coaster of extreme highs and lows, but in the end it was an extremely successful season having many new faces step up for their team. We started the season of by losing to Coon Rapids at the Raider Duals placing 3rd. At the time we were very disappointed but knew we had a lot of room to improve. At the Raider Duals we didn't have a full line up, and that continued to be the theme throughout most of the season. We went back to the Clash where all the best teams from around the country come to compete. We ended up placing 3rd in tier 6 again without a full line up. The tournament is tough enough with a full line up so we did take our lumps but really showed a lot of character and fought hard. We did defeat Owatonna in a barn burner which proved to be a key win for the Team Section meet giving us a shot at the number 1 seed. We also went back to the Kiffmeyer duals which has proved to be peaking point for the Raiders every year. We defeated Cambridge-Isanti

ranked 6th in State followed by Albert Lea who were ranked 3rd which was crucial for section seeding. We then defeated STMA in the finals who were ranked 2nd in the state and defended our Kiffmeyer title for the 2nd year in a row. This was one of the most enjoyable wins as a coach that I have thus far - especially being as sick as I was. The boys were well prepared and looked to be in the best condition of any team. We then won the Eagle duals and the Anoka duals followed by another Conference Championship win. The seniors really wrestled their hearts out and everyone came through big for their teammates. Before our conference championship meet with Forest Lake, I told the 4 upper weight seniors that we may need four falls up top to get the win. Sure enough we sealed the deal with four falls, and one of the best memories of the year was when Cody Wagner pointed up to his brother after his fall and ended Forest Lakes chances of winning. This is the year that they thought they would have the best chance at beating us and we took it from them. We did take a hard loss against Scott West, but I told the boys that we don't train to peak before Sections and State and that we'd be ready to win at Sections and that is exactly how it went. We wrestled great at Team Sections beating Owatonna in the finals sending our team back to the big show for the first time in many years. Some of the best memories of my high school days and many of my assistant coaches were making it as a team to state. I am so proud of these kids for earning that same experience in a way they will never forget. The team had some hard fought battles at state beating Little Falls, but then falling to STMA. It was a tough loss and difficult to bounce back from. We ended the season losing to Prior Lake which was a disappointment for the entire team and coaching staff. The kids worked extremely hard this season and 4th is something to be very proud of. Hanging another banner in the wrestling room is something that can never be taken away from this group of young men.

Individually the year was a success as well having 12 kids place at Sections with 7 state entrants. We also had 4 all-state wrestlers: Luke Rowh 5th place, Eric Bauer 4th, Jake Swenson 4th, and Isaac Eichmann 2nd. I am very proud of these senior boys, and the Hastings wrestling family wishes them well on their future endeavors!

Middle School Update From Coach Kyle Kreuser

The HMS Wrestling Team once again had a successful wrestling season. The team consisted of over 40 wrestlers grades 5-8. This was the first season where 5th graders were on the team and it was a great experience for these young kids. The team started off the season by winning the Henry Sibley Duals going 4-0 on the day and beating Woodbury in the finals by over 20 points. They then set their sights on the conference team tournament, which was held at Hastings this year. HMS looked to continue their two decades of dominance by winning their twentieth consecutive conference crown, which they did in dominating fashion! The boys took down four different teams, including, once again, Woodbury in the finals. The last tournament of the season, the Livingston Invitational, was hosted by HMS. The team wrestled extremely hard and ended up finishing in a close second to Kenyon-Wanamingo. Even though they didn't finish the season they way they wanted, this will bring an even greater motivation to win the Livingston next year. Great job to all the wrestlers this year as they continue their championship tradition!

Wrestling Club Wrap up—Sheri Leflay

The Hastings Wrestling Club ended the year with 76 registered wrestlers for the 2011/2012 wrestling season!! Our club had 27 wrestlers compete at the 2012 MN USA State Wrestling Tournament. 2nd place was taken home by Judd O'Connor and Jake Anderson; 3rd place finishers were Riley Zietlow and Austin Eichmann; 4th place was taken by Adam McSorley and Cody Leflay; and 6th place by Austin Leflay and Bailey Burr. The following wrestlers also competed at this event: Vincent Zeyen, Connor Larson, Blake Reamer, Evan Svoboda, Tyler Miller, Jordan Burow, Lynden Wilson, Mac Wilson, Corbin Leflay, Alex O'Connor, Bradan Svoboda, Jack Robinson, TJ Pottinger, Kyle Erickson, Spencer Kopp, Cole Benson, Ben Route, Jackson Schichel, and Reed Zietlow. Ten Hastings Wrestling Youth competed at the 2012 Gopher Nationals Wrestling Tournament including Austin Leflay (1st Grader); Tyler Miller (2nd Grader); Corbin Leflay & Alex O'Connor (5th Graders); TJ Pottinger (6th Grader); and Jackson Schichel, Ben Route, Cody Leflay, Judd O'Connor and Adam

McSorley (7th Graders). Cody Leflay and Judd O'Connor both finished in 5th place while Adam McSorley took home 1st!

11 youth wrestlers represented Hastings at the 2012 NYWA State Wrestling Tournament. Austin Eichmann took home 1st place; Riley Zietlow 3rd; Adam McSorley & Mark 5th; and Evan Svoboda 6th. Our 7th & 8th Grade Team took 6th out of 32 teams at the 2012 NYWA State Team Wrestling Tournament.

Congrats to Adam McSorley for taking 8th place in the Schoolboy division and Jake Anderson for taking 6th in the Cadet division at USAW Folkstyle Nationals! Both were also awarded ALL American status!

Golf Anyone??

The 16th Annual Tom Keene Wrestling Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, August 13th, 2012 at the Afton Alps Golf Course. You can register as a team (\$320) or yourself (\$80) with Amy at 6600 Peller Ave, Hastings. Green fees, golf cart, donation, meal, starter kit included (18 hole, best ball scramble). This will be a noon check in with a 1:00 shotgun start. Donations are always appreciated.

Concessions Update

The concessions that the club runs during football games and wrestling a major source of funding for our wrestling program. It is also a great way to meet other parents and student athletes! They are always looking for volunteers. Please call Patti Kopp @ 438-2173 if you can help out.

****Annual Meeting****

!!All are encouraged to attend!!

Monday, August 6th @ 6:00

Senior High School Commons

Agenda

- 1. Financial Update.
- 2. Announce individuals running for office.
- 3. Concessions stand update.
- 4. Open question and answer session.
- 5. Update from Coach Josh McClay
- 6. Election of officers

Board Members

| | | |
|------------------|---------------|----------|
| President | Dave Eichmann | 480-8430 |
| Vice-President | Patti Kopp | 438-2173 |
| Club Coordinator | Sherri Leflay | 278-3801 |
| Treasurer | Rhonda Shemon | 437-6230 |
| Secretary | Greg Mikel | 438-9322 |
| Member at Large | Rick Zeien | 437-4779 |
| Member at Large | Paul Leifeld | 437-8541 |