

Grapplers Notch Two More Wins

The Worth County varsity wrestling Rams of Coach LTC (Ret) Wayne Kirkbride defeated the Georgia High School Association Region 2-A-A-A-A-A Houston County Bears of Warner Robins for the first time during the intense GHSA Region 2-A-A-A-A-A Houston County Bear Wrestling Duals in Warner Robins.

Kirkbride's mat men also upended the GHSA Region 1-AA Americus Panthers but came up short against the rugged GHSA Region 1-AAA West Laurens Raiders of Dublin.

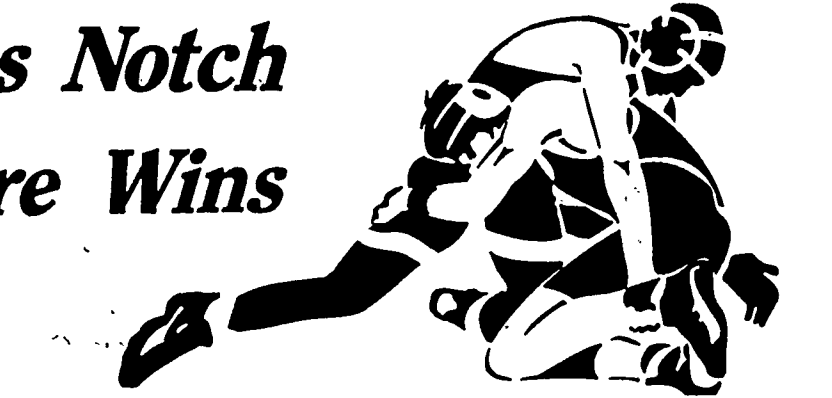
Seven Ram wrestlers returned home with medals while two more finished fourth in the championship round that followed the team competition.

West Laurens showed that it is the team to beat as it won five of nine matches for a 47-22 triumph.

Junior Evan Zupko at 103 pounds won by a major decision, freshman Chuck Gaughf at 112 won by pin, senior Johnny Ingram at 160 won by pin and senior Corey Brown at 215 won by pin.

The Rams forfeited at 171, 189 and 275 to surrender 18 points.

The Rams then faced Americus



which was just returning to the mats following a successful football season.

The Panthers forfeited at every weight classification from 103 to 140.

The Rams won the four contested matchups as sophomore Joe Walker at 145 won by pin, junior Jimmy Fraley at 152 won by pin, Johnny Ingram at 160 won by pin and Corey Brown at 215 won by pin.

The Rams forfeited at 171, 189 and 275 during a 54-18 decision over Americus.

The final team match was against Houston County as the Rams jumped out to a 4-0 lead as Evan Zupko at 103 won by a major decision.

Chuck Gaughf at 112 was pinned by the Bear team captain and state medalist from last year.

The Rams then went to work!

Sophomore Gamie Patten at 119 won by forfeit, junior Randy Adkins at 125 won by pin, sophomore Will Knox at 135 won by pin, Joey Knox

at 145 won by pin, Jimmy Fraley at 152 won by pin and Corey Brown at 215 won by pin.

Johnny Ingram at 160 lost a nail-biter and Houston County won by forfeits at 171, 189 and 275.

Worth County emerged with a hard-fought 43-39 victory.

Then the two wrestlers with the best records competed for first place and the two grapplers with the next best records faced off for third place.

Evan Zupko at 103 lost a 2-1 bout to finish as runnerup.

This was the first loss of the season for the Ram mat superlative but he will learn several lessons from the defeat.

Corey Brown at 215 was pinned in the opening period to claim runnerup status.

The Rams were successful in the finals of the consolation round as Randy Adkins at 125, Will Knox at 135, Joe Walker at 145 and Johnny Ingram at 160 all finished third.

Gamie Patten at 119 and Jimmy Fraley at 152 both finished fourth.

Ram Wrestlers Rack Up Wins

The Worth County varsity wrestling Rams of Coach LTC (Ret) Wayne Kirkbride have gotten off to an impressive start as they have exceeded statistics from any of the five previous years of competition.

Probably the highlight is the fact that the team is 18-3 after defeating many foes for the first time such as the Georgia High School Association Region 2-AA Cook Hornets of Adel, GHSA Region 2-A-A-A-A-A Shaw Raiders of Columbus, GHSA Region 2-A-A-A-A-A Houston County Bears of Warner Robins and GHSA Region 2-AA Irwin County Indians of Ocilla.

In addition, the team amassed a 10-match winning streak and finished first in the GHSA Region 1-AAA Westover Patriot Invitational Wrestling Tournament in Albany.

Several Rams have won honors that have eluded other Rams.

Junior Evan Zupko was the first champion at the Westover Patriot tournament and at the GHSA Region 1-AAA Fitzgerald Purple Hurricane Invitational Wrestling

Tournament.

He is 21-1 going into the new year and has a lot of wrestling to go.

Senior Elliott McCrary is also 21-1 with runnerup titles at Westover and Fitzgerald. He has joined the 50 Win Club with 50 career victories and has 65 triumphs in three years of competition.

Several wrestlers have joined the Expect To Win Club by winning 10 matches in one month.

They are Evan Zupko, freshman Chuck Gaughf with 16 wins, sophomore Will Knox with 17 wins, sophomore Joe Walker with 12 wins and senior Johnny Ingram with 20 wins.

Weeks remain until area competition. The top four mat men in each weight classification will advance to state competition in Rome.

Therefore, the good records of December 2000 mean little except that the grapplers are getting prepared to wrestle tough in area and state competitions.

Several injuries have plagued the Rams as sophomore Gamie Patten and senior Josh Graham are out for the season.

"The number one issue I have in January is to find the good 189 pound and 275 pound wrestlers," Kirkbride pointed out. "These two weight classifications have produced seven wins all season."

"Everyone else has more wins than those two weight classifications combined. If you take the 103 and 112 together you will have 37 wins or if you take 135 and 140 together you will have 38 wins. You can see how much work I have in the heavy weights."

"We will continue to compete in tough tournaments including those in Tifton and Dublin. We will also wrestle our share of dual matches. We will be ready to win in a lot of weight classifications when area competition arrives."

Every Vote Cast Is Critical

As implausible as it sounds—considering the shenanigans which went on the the State of Florida during the recent farce of a United States presidential election—a well timed ballot can make a difference!

Consider that the following all occurred due to the placement on one solitary vote:

Adolph Hitler won leadership of the German Nazi Party in 1923. World War II started 16 years later.

A Texas convention voted for Lyndon Baines Johnson over former Texas Governor Coke Steven in a contested senatorial election in 1948. Johnson sent untold Americans to needless deaths in Viet Nam in the 1960s.

John Quincy Adams became U. S. president in a deadlock between himself and Andrew Jackson in 1824.

If one more person in 10 Cook County, IL precincts had voted for Richard Milhous Nixon in 1960 then

John Fitzgerald Kennedy would not have been elected to the highest office in the nation. Kennedy probably would not have been in Dallas, TX in November 1963.

Thomas Jefferson won the U. S. presidency over Aaron Burr when the election was thrown into the House of Representatives.

The English language was chosen over German for America in 1775.

Rutherford B. Hayes became U. S. president over Samuel Tilden in 1876.

Congress saved the U. S. Army from instant collapse by voting on August 12, 1941 to extend the Selective Serve Act of 1940—The Draft—which was about to lapse, for another 18 months.

Less than four four months later Imperial Japan launched an aerial assault on American Naval forces anchored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Many intelligent Americans do not view the draft-saving vote or the

December 7, 1941 attack as coincidences.

U. S. President Andrew Johnson was saved from impeachment.

Texas was admitted to the Union in 1845.

Washington, Oregon and Idaho became a part of the U. S.

Marcus Morton became governor of Massachusetts in 1839.



Some Pennsylvania farmers once believed they had to walk around a garden fence three times before 9:00 AM on St. Patrick's Day to keep moles out.

Dream Team Members Chosen

Holley Elementary School Dream Team members were Amber Blake, Briana Calswell, Marilana Hufstetler, Meagan Mims;

Lauren Cox, Crystal Jones, Deneitrice Richardson, Teddy Marks, Patrick Thomas, Ryan Blalock;

Alissa Boyd, Ryan Cook, Dezmon Hall, Kenyetta Jackson, Rakia Malachi, Kimberly Norris, Ashley Simmons;

Kristen Suggs, Jasmine Wooden, Allison Greene, Jessie Ledford, Daltyn Holcombe, Rebekka Parsons, Daniel Teal, Latrelle Williams, Genea Jackson, James Barwick, Allen Rogers, Cole White, Sheteria Billington;

Nolan Bryant, Shanice Byrd, Norman Hoggs, Cindy Hunt, Kevin Jackson, Kamposki Johnson, Haley Tomlinson;

Deandria Walker, Joshua Williams, Cornelius Burks, Courtney M. Billingsley, Jeremy Johnson, Akira Kendrick;

Dale Lackey, Christina Leeke, Kendra Moore, Jennifer Murillo, Jason Darrell Parrish, Chelsea Smith;

Dara Ann Wilson, Timothy Brooks, Caitlin Tabb, Brooke Watkins, Miranda Easom, Marisa Kendrick;

Sandra Watson, Brandon Nipper, Whit Benton, Whitley Apperson, Latesha Brown, Forrest Campbell, Clinton Clussman;

Tyeshia Drayton, Jared Edwards, Amber Everson, Shelly Giddens, Tyler Giddens, Jamal Milledge, Trenton Morris;

Matthew Rigbsby, Eric Thomas, Casey Thurmond, Brittany Webb, Ashleigh Welch, Brandon Woodworth;

Jana Arnold, Jessica Arnold, Jeremiah Griffin, Malcolm Hope, Latifah Jenkins, Brandon Kennedy, Chelsea Metts;

Hope Thurmond, MaryLynn Wade, Thomas Adams, Chantal Austin, Josh Boddiford, Jamie Booth;

Richard Danne, Fredrick Deal, Nikita Ferguson, Carmen Harris, Keri Hathcock, Rachel Kelly, Cameron Littleton;

Ragan Patterson, Heather Pilcher, Lauren Royal, Thomas Malcolm, James Turner, Melinda Weldon, Heather Wentworth;

Jake Williams, David Avant, David Cooper, Ashley Cothorn, Lea Anna Crocker, Sabrina Daniel, Stephanie Galicia;

Katie Giddens, Amy Gonzalez, Charles Greene, Jessica Harrell, Justin Hartsfield, Joseph Hilton, Chanardress King;

Katie McDonough, Coley Moore, Courtney Woodard, Shontay Billingsley, Shaina Lowther, Kebeem Crapp;

Whitney Allen, Chance Andrews, David Apperson, Ben Brown,

Britanie Easom, Lakyn Foerster, Justin Fowler;

Azael Garza, Keshyuna Green, Shlungela Green, Morgan Holladay, Kristie Hughes, Jeremiah James, Cody Lane;

Holly Lovell, Amanda Marshall, Tongalera McGee, Shaniqua McGill, Kayla Newell, Mason Rabutn, Jolisha Richardson;

Allison Robinson, Jessica Thomas, Jeni Turner, Brandi Young, Tiffany Brown, Anthony Clark, Abigail Earnest;

Aquavius Hill, Tereva Moore, Lauren Moran, Alex Myers, Kayla Schofil, Danielle Thomas, Taylor Wagner;

Shabreeka Wallace, Destin Weldon, Sha-Don Williams, Jeremy Umphurs, Candace Powell, Ariana Epps;

BreAnna Walker, Cinnamon Parker, Cortesia Jordan, Samantha Ray, Aultman Hill, Ashley Miller, Amanda Wilson;

Ariana Anderson, Ariel Street, Charmange Parker, Kayla Baird, Makayla Caulder, Dustin Daniel, Kristen Davenport;

Ashley Frakes, Jovantae Harris, Terrence Heldenberg, Joseph Hitt, Adrienne Hope, Justina Lallam, Jerlanda Loud;

Chris Mann, Ashley McIntire, Jasmine Myers, Johnathan Pitts, Saferia Roddy, Ann Wilcher, Courtney Jones;

Jenisha White, Meghann Wiley, Monica Jordan, Quinton Riggins, Quintone Slaughter, Tangela Johnson, Monique Jordan, Maikita Royster, Cody Blake, Kaleb Booth, Brittany Camp;

April Carlton, Ryshekia Clayborn, Justin Cox, Jedd Davis, Shannon Free, Sherbreka Holder, Daniel Hood;

Akeeme Hooks, Jacob Hornsby, Daniel Jones, Gregory Jones, Jarris Newberry, Amanda Pafford, Rebecca Pearson;

Nicole Seeley, Crystal Terry, Jessica York, Marcus Avery, Emerald Burnes, James Brown, Toby Brown;

Kotana Cromartie, Charles

Driver, Nicholas Johnson, James Moree, Javius Parker, Gregory Rivers;

Corey Stanton, Kayla Thomas, Colby Vanma, Charles White, Joseph Adkins, Joshua Brown, Nick Connell;

Brittany Deal, Rachel Dykes, Caitlin Epp, Tiwanda Hooks, Baleigh Littleton, Jonathan McMurphy;

Johnny Pham, Quentalon Rockwell, Stacey Ridey, Brittany Williams, Samuel Young, Shannon Price;

Sherrie Graves, Javaris Johnson, Lydia Beach, Melissa Byrd, Carter Cross, Adam Dubose, Courtney Glover;

Allison Holton, Amanda Holton, Christina Mathis, Darrin Potts, Ashley Shiver, Bobby Sindy, Traye Sirmons;

Joey Smith, Michael Walker, Shonterria Walker, Brandon Williams, Stephanie Wrights, Shabreka Ray;

Beverly Stamps, Peyton English, Carlton Harris, Cayla Parker, Chase Newell, Kearsten McCalope, Gregory Stone;

Charity Yeamons, Ricky Elizondo, Riveria Holley, Jayne Belstone, Johnny Senn, Ariel Stockbower;

Tykeya Banks, Quentavia White, Venus Thomas, Kenneth Thomas, Amber Long, Sarah Hembree, Halsaf Glenn;

Marcus Dato, Shamika Burley, Jade Bridges, Hayley Boyd, Kristina Adams, Sara Williford, Willie Caldwell;

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