



NESHAMINY YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB

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IMPORTANT DATES:

Thursday, April 29th 6:30-8:00
Pm - End of year banquet

Our end of the year tournament is a great way for our kids to see what real wrestling is all about, and most rose to the challenge. Thanks to our location, timing, and how smoothly it's run, we not only draw the most kids to our qualifier each year, we also draw the toughest. One weight class alone had three MAWA Eastern National Champions in it. It was an opportunity for some to see what they need to work on and for others to strut their stuff.

We did especially well in the 6 & U class. At 45 pounds, **Frankie Britsch** got to pound on some kids winning his first PJW Sectional Championship. Teammate, **Brandon Jacoby**, wasn't too far behind placing 4th. At 60 pounds, there were also a couple Skins singlets on the podium with **Aiden Bradley** taking 2nd and **Andrew Pokalsky** finishing 4th.

Clearly the weight class most dominated by the NYWC was the 8 & U 45 pound class. **Robert Lawlor**, **Nicholas Marchesano**, and **Ethan Ohler** have been great partners all year, and they were great competitors on Saturday taking first through third respectively. At 65 pounds, we just missed the top spot, but **Shawn Marchesano** placed a respectable second, with **Alex Daeche** right behind at 3rd.

We have a little bit of a void in our middle ages with **Chandler McCormick** grabbing our only 9 & 10 year old medal with a 2nd place finish at 90 lbs and **Noah Kisselback** our only 11 & 12 year old medalist with a 160 pound Championship.

At 13 & 14, first year wrestler, **Luke Stackhouse**, pulled off an impressive 3rd place at 107, and **Luke Kisselback** capped off his last PJW sectional with a championship.

All in all it was a successful day. We met our goals in terms of medal count. Several others who didn't place still had some awesome, well fought matches. We raised some money to help out with future endeavors, and the kids had a good time. This would have been impossible if not for all the efforts put forth by the club families. Great job parents, for this, the club thanks you, and your sons thank you.



Nicky Marchesano, Robert Lawlor, and Ethan Ohler

LOGAN GREEN WINS BRUTE EMPIRE NATIONALS ROCHESTER, NY MARCH 28TH, 2010

While many were enjoying and competing in the PJW State Championship, **Logan Green** was making the six hour trip to Rochester, New York to represent Neshaminy Youth Wrestling in the very competitive, Brute Empire Nationals, which brings competitors from the well-known wrestling states of Ohio, New York, Maine, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Logan took 1st place and won the much coveted Brute Empire Nationals Championship jacket in the 60lbs. Bantam Division. Logan won the title by defeating four opponents. His first bout featured a close 2-0 victory in which he scored a reversal with 10 seconds remaining against Justin McDougal of Niagara Falls Power Cats. In the quarters, Logan defeated Mason Gerber of New York 1-0 by getting an escape early in the third period. The semi-finals was a much easier match as Logan recorded the fastest pin of the day with a :27 second pin by cradle.

In the finals, his opponent was Dean Shambo of Mexico, NY - a very familiar name to Logan. Logan lost to this Northeast Nationals 4th place finisher last year 6-0 in the MAWA Regional tournament, which eliminated Logan from competing at Nationals. However, this day would belong to Logan as he defeated Dean 1-0 in the finals to become the 2010 Brute Empire Nationals Champion.

When Logan was asked about the victory, he said "Can we fly home instead of driving; I want to get home before dark to show my friends the jacket?"

NESHAMINY PLACES FIFTH IN THE ICWL

Last year we were 10th in the ICWL, which was impressive considering our comparable size. Well, the results are in and we placed 5th overall this year with 111 points. That's only six behind powerhouse Boyertown. When you compare our membership numbers to the other top ten teams, it would appear mathematically improbable that we could break into the top five, but math has nothing to do with wrestling. Wrestling is about skill, tenacity, hard work, and desire, and when it comes to that we are by far one of the top teams in the league. Based on our progress over the past two years, we will be looking at a top three finish next year.

A large key to our success was the Bantams. They won their division outright, with the second place Norchester trailing 14 points behind. Leading the charge was our 46 pound dynamos **Nick Marchesano** and **Ethan Ohler**. Thanks to some fortuitous seeding, they didn't meet each other until the finals. Nick was seeded first and went on to prove to everyone that that's exactly where he belonged. Ethan, on the other hand, was seeded 15th, but took out the 3rd, 7th, and 2nd seeds on his way to the finals. Then at 60 pounds, **Logan Green** smashed his competition with a 39 second fall, an 8-1 win, and then a 9-0 major decision in the finals. At 65 pounds, **Alex Daeche** was a cradle machine pinning all his opponents on the way to his championship. With so much talent at the young weights, Neshaminy has a bright future.



Alex Daeche, Michael Megahan, and Sammy Hayes

We also had three Midgets place. At 59.5 **Sam Hayes** placed 4th, but was one of the outstanding performers of the day. After pinning and shutting out his first two opponents, Sam faced Drexel Hill's Brendon Stocku. After a ferocious battle, Stocku emerged with the edge 3-2, and then went on to easily win the tournament. Sam dropped down to the consolation semi-finals where he beat up another opponent before losing his final match. At 66.5 **Shawn Marchesano** also took 4th. Shawn went three and two for the day, but he had a more important victory. Shawn has been so accustomed to steam rolling over all his opponents, he has had difficulty dealing with his equals. At the ICWL, Shawn kept his composure and continued to wrestle hard through all five matches, no matter what the score. This is the key to him performing at the bigger venues in the near future. Our last Midget to place was **Michael Megahan**. At 68.5 pounds, Michael is another wrestler who clawed his way all the way up from a 15th seed to the finals, taking out the 2nd, 7th, and 3rd seeds along the way. Michael works extremely hard in the room, but doesn't do a lot of outside tournaments, so the tournament seeding committee didn't know what he was capable of. With performances like this, it won't be easy to keep him hidden much longer.

In the Junior class, our only medalists were the dynamic duo from Jersey, **Avery DiNardi** at 96.5 pounds and **Matt Correnti** at 130. Avery made short work of his first opponent, pinning him in just 17 seconds. He then went on to score 11 unanswered points, shutting out his next two opponents before falling a little short in the finals. His buddy Matt pummeled his opposition. Starting from a 13th seed, he pinned his first two opponents, beat the next 5-2, and then shut out the top seed in the finals to take home an ICWL Championship.

We also had two medalists in the Intermediate Division. **JP Fay** has a knack for always peaking at the right time. He took third at the ICWL last year and repeated in his final performance in the ICWL at 96 pounds. JP started the day with a close 3-1 victory, but then picked up steam shutting out his next opponent 13-0. JP's only loss of the day was to the eventual champion, Jimmy Fratantoni of Norchester, in the semi-finals. JP wanted to finish his career with the Neshaminy Youth Club strong, and so he did. He registered two more first period pins with his consolation final match lasting only 41 seconds. Our final finalist was **Noah Kisselback** at 160 pounds. Noah had a fairly easy walk to the finals, but his most impressive performance wasn't the matches he won, it was the final match he lost. Being 12 in a 14 and under division, the maturity difference between him and Drexel Hill's Charles Livingston was obvious, so we gave Noah the "just go out there and do your best speech," not expecting it to be much of a match, but to the surprise of both Drexel Hill and Neshaminy fans alike, it was one nasty battle. Noah came up short in points 6-8, but not in heart. He, as well as all the participants, can be proud.

Great work boys! Congratulation Mom and Dad; your dedication to your son's and the team's progress was as important as your son's dedication to his own success. The coaching staff is very proud, but not content. We are already moving forward and are strategizing over what changes need to be made so we can return a top three finish next year. All season will be focused on this (as well as a few other goals). All practices and all matches are just preparation for the post season. With all the talent we have in the room and the support we have from you, the parents, we will reach our 2011 goals.



Noah Kisselback and JP Fay

AREA XI CHAMPIONSHIPS WYNDMOOR, PA MARCH 20-21, 2010

The Area XI Championships is always a battle, and this year was no exception. It is well known that Area XI, which covers all of South Eastern PA. from below us to above the Lehigh Valley is unequivocally the toughest area to get out of. Due to the huge geographic area, compounded by its dense population, Area XI took home more medals (61) than any other area in 2009 and accounted for one quarter of all the State Champions. This year, Area XI boasted more total competitors than any other area, with 799 vying for a shot at States. We knew we had our work cut out for us, but the boys who went, where up to the task.

We went in expecting to get two of our three Lilliputian gladiators, **Robert Lawlor**, **Nick Marchesano**, and **Ethan Ohler** to States at the 8 & U 45 pound spot, but it wasn't in the cards that day. Things started off well, with the boys advancing to the semi-finals with two technical falls from Robert and Ethan and a pin from Nick, but we where thrown a curve ball when Nick met up with former teammate Ryan Crookham. Nick started out strong, but once he accidently pulled Crookham on top of him, he lost his composure and subsequently lost the match. Ethan met Robert in the semi-finals, but couldn't keep up. Robert advanced to the finals where he defeated Crookham 8-1. Ethan and Nick dropped down to the consolations where they both easily beat their opponents to face each other in to consolation finals. Nick had beaten Ethan twice the week before, once in our PJW Sectional and again in the ICWL finals, but this day belonged to Ethan as he won their final match up of the season 5-0. Ethan and Nick get another shot at the 8 & U division next year. Hopefully it will be both their turn for a trip to States.

Noah Kisselback knew the 11 & 12 year old bracket would come down to him, Jordan Wood, last year's state champ from Boyertown, and Council Rock wrestler Connor Brunetti, and so it did. Brunetti and Wood met in the semi-finals and Wood squeaked by 1-0. Noah also advanced to the finals with a pin. Their two prior bouts this month were great battles, the last one going to double overtime, so this promised to be a great match. That was one promise that wasn't kept. Noah appeared to be sleepwalking through the match, as Wood shut him out 6-0. Brunetti, who easily wrestled his way back to third saw his opportunity and challenged Noah for true second. Well, Noah certainly seemed awake this time throwing Brunetti to his back each period before pinning him in the third.

Luke Kisselback actually had two rematches from our PJW Sectional, with similar results. He pinned Chris Davis of Council Rock in a minute and a half, and then had Malvern Prep's Anthony Feleziani. Luke had a controversial win against Feleziani at the sectional. Luke won the bout 7-3, but both wrestlers were awarded two points each due to stalling calls and Luke received an additional two points for unsportsmanlike conduct by Feleziani. Both wrestlers have a similar defensive style where they muscle each other and pummel before making a clear committed shot. The wrestling was similar this week, but the referee was not a factor. Luke won 1-0.

Alex Daeche and **Shawn Marchesano** competed at the 8 & U 65 pounds, as did **Chandler McCormick** at 9 & 10 90 pounds and **David White** at 13 & 14 107. The boys wrestled hard, but weren't quite ready yet. We commend them for stepping into the ring. Those who sit back and wait until they are ready, never will be. Most wrestlers compete at high level tournaments several times before placing. The first goal is making it there, the second is having the guts to compete; only then can we focus on the third goal, which is taking home the medal. Good job to all who competed.

NESHAMINY GRABS TWO MEDALS AT THE NEW JERSEY JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Neshaminy wrestling club is making an impact on both sides of the Delaware River. While most of us where taking a needed rest after our PJW Sectional Qualifier and the ICWL Championship, **Danny Boychuck** and **Matthew Correnti** where in their home state of New Jersey, showing them how Neshaminy boys get it done. **Danny Boychuck** made easy work of his first opponent with a first period pin. He followed that up with a 7-1 decision, and then a second pin. The semi-finals are usually the most competitive and hard fought matches at any tournament, but not this one. Danny won by technical fall 17-0 and advanced to the finals. There it was a little tighter, but he pulled it off 4-3 to become Neshaminy's first and only New Jersey Junior State Champion in the Intermediate 85 pound division.

Matt Correnti also made easy work of his first couple of opponents in the Intermediate 115 pound division. After receiving a first round bye, he scored a technical fall against his first kid 15-0, and beat the second, 15-11. His run was cut short in the semi-finals 2-7, so he dropped down to the consolation semi-finals, where he won 5-2. Matt lost his final match 0-3, and had to settle for fourth place. This achievement is more noteworthy, because he was in his young year and will be eligible to compete as an Intermediate again next year.

The Jersey boys were a nice addition to the room this year. To quote Field of Dreams, "If you build it, they will come." That's what we've done. We're building an excellent program, and the word is out, so people are coming. It is good for your kids that they are coming. Proverbs 27:16-18 tells us that, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." The addition of all this outside talent has only made our homegrown boys that much stronger.

Danny, Matt, and fellow Jersey boy, Avery DiNardi, are all scheduled to compete at the War at the Shore this weekend in Wildwood. Wish them luck as they represent Neshaminy at a huge national event.

NESHAMINY BRINGS HOME THREE MEDALS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA JUNIOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS WILKES-BARRE , PA MARCH 26-27, 2010

Our goal for 2010 was to return from the Pennsylvania Junior State Championships with three medals, and that goal was achieved. As an 8 and under 45 pounder, **Robert Lawlor** started the entire tournament off, and boy did he start off strong. Robert smoked his first opponent 13-1, and the next 9-0. In the semis, he met Maximos Stedford from North Allegheny. Maximos was a tiny gladiator worthy of his name. It was a battle, and we were nervous for Robert, but he proved up to the challenge defeating Stedford 7-3, earning a trip to the finals at his debut at States. Spot lights, seven thousand spectators, and TV cameras mat side are a bit much for an eight year old boy to take in all at once, and Robert was a little overwhelmed in the finals. Usually a cold, calculating Terminator on the mat, we could see the emotion welling up inside Robert this time. He wrestled a respectable 4-6 match against Kurt Phipps of Norwin, but fell just short of a PJW Championship. We are so proud of Robert and look forward to several more trips to States with him over his career.

At 11 & 12 160 lbs, **Noah Kisselback** had the longest tournament of our wrestlers, wrestling eight matches over the two days. That's the price of losing early, but having the guts to wrestle back. Noah pinned his opponent in his pigtail match, but then fell to Dakota Manning of Towanda. Dakota went on to the finals, while Noah dropped down to the loser's bracket for the long march back up the podium. He won the next five matches, with his highlight match being against last year's State Champion, Jordan Wood of Boyertown. Jordan and Noah have had a couple great battles this year, one at the Wildwood National Duals, one at the ICWL All Star Duals, and a third (not so great) match at the PJW Area XI Regional, but Jordan has always emerged the victor. Not this day. Noah summoned up all his courage in the third period. Down one, with 15 seconds left, he stood up, cut his hips and threw Jordan to his back, scoring a reversal. They went out of bounds and Jordan refused to return to the center, thereby defaulting the match to Noah. Noah used similar tactics in his consolation final match, throwing Buzzy Maines of West Branch several times, with one throw resulting in a one minute injury time-out for Maines. Unfortunately, none of the throws were called in bounds, so the match went into double overtime where Noah lost a ride out. Noah had to settle for fourth place.

Ride-outs would prove to be the downfall for his brother, **Luke Kisselback**, at the 13 & 14 167 lb division as well. Luke, who won the 160 pound class two years earlier and was expected to meet Tyler Dibert in the finals, but that never happened. Luke wrestled an extremely low scoring (nerve wracking) tournament winning his first bout 1-0, losing his second in a double overtime ride out 1-2, to then win his next one in another double over-time ride-out 2-1. In the consolation semi-finals, it appeared that we were headed yet again to another overtime, but Luke got stuck on bottom when Cole Macek of Montour threw in double legs and a power half. He was slowly working his way out the back for a reversal, but time simply ran out, and Luke suffered his second loss of the tournament. He was shocked and disappointed, but collected himself for his fifth place match where he handled Zac Croyle of Kittaning 6-0. His 2008 experience was certainly the more enjoyable one, but his performance this year was a better test of his character. It's not easy to bounce back when you're on top of the world and get knocked off. He handled it well, but realizes now that in wrestling you must continually work harder than the previous year simply to maintain that year's success. It's like standing in a river with a strong current. To stay the same, is to move backwards. We all need to constantly push forward, striving to get better and better, because our competition surely is.

Speaking of the competition, Area XI once again dominated the PJW taking home 62 medals. That is more than any other area in PA. We are truly the toughest Area in PA and to simply make it to States from Area XI is an accomplishment.



Luke Kisselback, Robert Lawlor, and Noah Kisselback

SPRING/SUMMER PRACTICE

So, we had a great season, and are looking for an even better one next year; where do we go from here? If you are in middle school or high school, there isn't much of a choice; you need to do some off-season wrestling to be successful. If you are in elementary school, the choice is also simple, if you enjoy it, keep doing it; if you need a break, take a break. My personal suggestion is that for wrestlers 1st – 4th grades, they should continue practicing one day a week, which is enough to maintain and increase their skills, but will not burn them out. 5th - 8th graders should be practicing around twice per week, and High School kids who want to push to the next level should be on the mat three times per week. This is all relative to maturity, commitment, individual personality and other obligations. What spring programs are available?

PTA Wrestling Club

Coach Winter and the Neshaminy High School Staff will be running a club inside the high school wrestling room Mondays and Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM through spring and summer. They will focus on folk-style and also cover some freestyle and Greco wrestling. For only \$60 annual dues (which go to the HS boosters) you will get a great overview of Coach Dan's system and what he expects you to know before entering the high school.

Apache

If you are unable to find partners your size at PTA, Apache is always a good option as the teaching is sound and it draws many of the best kids from our area. Coach Silimperi is very familiar with our team and has offered a \$25 discount to any NYWC member. For more info check out www.apachewrestling.com.

Redskin Greco Roman Wrestling Club

It is important that wrestlers of any age, but especially young ones, concentrate mostly on their folk-style fundamentals and leg attacks, so I recommend the above two options first, but Coach Ed, Coach Joe, and Coach Ruslan will be holding a Greco clinic on Mondays at Maple Point Middle School from 7-8:30 focusing on only upper body moves. There is some increased risk involved in being thrown, so this is only for those preparing PAWF freestyle & Greco Roman States or those who really need a change of pace, but want to still get some mat time. The fee is only \$50 but USA cards will be required.

BANQUET

The end of the season banquet is scheduled for April 29th at 6:30 in the cafeteria at Neshaminy High School. There will be pizza, drinks and desserts being served. There is no cost to you but donations will be accepted that night.

There will also be a drawing for a free membership. Tickets will be sold at **\$10 per child** and the winner will receive on free wrestling membership for the 2010-2011 season.

Please respond no later than **APRIL 20TH**. You can respond to Jenn Marchesano at dandj624@comcast.net. When responding please include your child's name and the number of family members attending.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING AN AWESOME SEASON.....HOPE YOU CAN ALL MAKE IT!

2010-2011 REGISTRATION

We will be accepting registrations for next season at the banquet. Those who register now can register at this year's rates. Membership in the Neshaminy Wrestling Club begins on the date a member signs up and ends at the banquet each year. Members are entitled to club benefits during their entire registration period. One great benefit is significant discounts on summer camps. All Neshaminy Wrestling Club members will receive a \$100 discount on any Ken Chertow summer wrestling camp, \$30 off the Malvern Prep Wrestling Camp, and ½ (\$62.50) off the Xtreme Wrestling Camp held at Council Rock South. So for you accountants out there, if you join now and go to just one camp, you are basically wrestling for free next year, if you go to more than one camp, you profit by joining now.



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