

January 26th, 2012

Cretin-Derham Hall Raiders at Forest Lake Rangers with Roseville Raiders

Recap:

On Thursday evening the Raiders met up with two Suburban East Conference opponents. Even though CDH had a short-handed lineup due to injuries and match count issues, the Raiders who stepped on the mat competed hard. Against Roseville, Noah Kelliher was the star of the night. He used two takedowns, two reversals, and a 3-point nearfall to win a 12-6 decision. Casey Malone-Povolny wrestled well, taking a 7-2 lead into the third period. Casey wasn't satisfied with a decision though, he worked hard to try for a fall with a cradle, but was reversed and pinned. The coaches appreciated his aggressiveness and urgency in continuing to work for the pin. Charlie Metz and Matthew Boncich both wrestled up a weight class, rather than taking forfeit victories.

Then against Forest Lake, who has been ranked as high as #3 in AAA this season, the Raiders were led by Matthew Boncich. He came out on top of a 3-2 decision. Also, on the Junior Varsity, Tyler Fuentes earned his third fall of the year. He is becoming a terror on top when he locks up his cradle! Casey Bulmer also had a good match, wrestling all three periods.

Final Notes:

With one more conference matchup left in two weeks, the Raiders have already demonstrated great improvement over last season. Seven different wrestlers have won at least one match in Suburban East Varsity competition. Andrew Pederson leads the team with four individual victories while Matthew Boncich and Charlie Metz each have three wins. Casey Bulmer, Zack Schreier, and Noah Kelliher all have two wins apiece, while Javonte Washington has one.

Up Next:

The Varsity and Junior Varsity will travel to South Saint Paul for an individual tournament on Saturday. The 9th grade team will also compete in their individual regional tournament at Richfield High School. The top two placers at each weight will qualify for the Minnesota Ninth Grade Wrestling League State Tournament on February 4th.