

January 28th, 2012

Cretin-Derham Hall Raiders at South Saint Paul Veldman Invitational and Region 4 Championships

Recap:

The Cretin-Derham Hall wrestlers had another great weekend. Each and every wrestler who competed Saturday won at least one match! Five Raiders competed in the 16-team individual tournament at South Saint Paul. Andrew Pederson used a bye along with a 2-2 record on the day to place 7th at his weight class. He earned a fall in the 7th place match to cap off a great day of wrestling. Javonte Washington also won a wild match by decision 12-8 in the Varsity bracket.

In the Junior Varsity competition, a trio of Raiders earned third place honors. Jack Gainer, Stuart Cleveland, and Noah Kelliher each earned first period falls in their round-robin brackets.

The 9th Grade team traveled to Richfield for the Region 4 Championships. This was the first year that CDH has had a 9th Grade team, and they've enjoyed the competition immensely. It was a terrific opportunity for these young men to compete against opponents at the same age and ability level for great mat experience. Ryan Tracy got his first of many wins to come with a 9-6 decision! He ended up placing 6th at his weight class. Mason Rostad also placed 6th, earning a fall in his second match of the day. Casey Malone-Povolny won a tight 4-2 decision over an opponent who had beaten him earlier in the year.

Final Notes:

Even though the Raiders did not have everyone in the lineup, it was still a highly successful day for those who could compete. Several wrestlers have been sidelined by injuries, illness, or match count issues. Those wrestlers who plan to compete in the Varsity Section tournament are limited to 36 total matches throughout the season. Most wrestlers are in a comfortable position now where they are clear to wrestle in all four of the remaining team duals. Hopefully the entire team can regroup and focus on putting forth a strong effort to end the season on a positive note.

Up Next:

Cretin-Derham Hall will have an away match on Thursday, February 2nd. They will travel to Saint Paul Como Park along with Saint Paul Harding. Then they will have the weekend off to rest and recover for the final week of the regular season when they have their last home match of the season against South Saint Paul and Park-Cottage Grove on Thursday, February 9th. Then the post-season gets started with the Suburban East Conference Junior Varsity Championships in Stillwater on Saturday, February 11th.