

AAU Wrestling Tournament Results
Astronaut High School
8 April 2006

This tournament marked the first competition of our season. We had a great turnout by our young guys and our older guys. Nineteen wrestlers, eleven from the Elementary/Junior High School division and eight from the High School Division, showed up to compete. This number doubled the number of the most we had to compete in a tournament last year (and we expect more to compete next week!!).

Elementary/Junior High School Division

Wrestlers

Skylar Canales 36-49 lbs

Darius Darr 50-54 lbs

Dylan Lightner 54-58 lbs

Sal Gianfortune 64-68 lbs

Adam Carver 69-74 lbs

Ruben Darr 69-74 lbs

Eric Ward 79-85 lbs

Tyler Dyke 79-85 lbs

Joe Dawley 84-88 lbs

Jacob Crawford 114-121 lbs

Geoff Starnes 132-144 lbs

What a great effort by this group of kids! We had kids that had wrestled for a few years and some who had never wrestled before this weekend. Those who did not have the experience made up with determination and effort. All put forth their best and with hard work and continued wrestling will become successful wrestlers. These tournaments are during the wrestling "off-season" and are filled with those kids who want to become the best and competition is stiff. Results: Skylar Canales 1st place, Darius Darr 1st place, Joe Dawley 1st place, Adam Carver 2nd place and Jacob Crawford 2nd place. Joe Dawley and Darius Darr went undefeated through the tournament. Dylan Lightner, Sal Gianfortune, Ruben Darr, Eric Ward, Tyler Dyke, and Geoff Starnes all wrestled hard and many experienced their first win.

High School Division

Wrestlers

Scott DeFillippo 103-110 lbs

Jeff Romanelli 120-126 lbs

Jon Starnes 139-149 lbs

Cameron Canales 135-138 lbs

John Solter 150-159 lbs

*Corey Dyke 160-170 lbs
Matt Canada 175-183 lbs
Tony Nachreiner 185-196 lbs*

Here is where the competition gets tough! The old saying “Summer wrestlers make winter champions” is brought to light at these tournaments. Most of the wrestlers who compete in these competitions are experienced wrestlers – with several being conference, district or regional champions as well as state qualifiers. These kids travel from throughout the state of Florida and other states to compete here. We had stiff competition and though we wrestled some tough matches we could only come away with two wrestlers placing in the tournament – Cameron Canales 2nd place and Tony Nachreiner 3rd place.

Congratulations to all wrestlers who competed this weekend! Now it's back to the wrestling room and on to Bayside High School next week.