

AAU Wrestling Tournament Results
Palm Bay High School
14 April 2007

While we have had a few wrestlers participating in events the past few weekends, this tournament marks our first “team” participation. We had a strong turnout with twenty-four wrestlers showing up to compete. We had five wrestlers compete in the lower elementary school division, three in the middle elementary school division, 5 in the upper elementary school division, five in the junior/middle school division and six in the high school division. Competition was well represented with wrestlers coming in from Astronaut High School, Sebastian High School, Treasure Coast High School, Satellite High School, Melbourne High School, Martin County High School, Ft. Pierce High School, Vero Beach High School, Bayside High School, Palm Bay High School, Okeechobee Youth Program, Titusville Area Youth Program, Sebastian Area Youth Program, South Florida Youth Program, Circle of Champions Youth Program and West Melbourne Youth Wrestling Program.

Elementary School Division

Wrestlers

*Skylar Canales 52-59 lbs lower elementary
Dylan Lightner 52-59 lbs lower elementary
Michael Fangman 60-80 lbs lower elementary
Tanner Martin 60-80 lbs lower elementary
Logan Dorgeloh 60-80 lbs lower elementary
Kody Martin 59-66 lbs middle elementary
Sal Gianfortune 83-89 lbs middle elementary
Matthew Fangman 100-120 lbs middle elementary
Justin Andreas 61.5-72.4 lbs upper elementary
Eric Ward 90.8-96.3 lbs upper elementary
Tyler Dyke 90.8-96.3 lbs upper elementary
Alex Amenta 100-112 lbs upper elementary
Grant Eller 125-135 lbs upper elementary*

This group (Elementary Division) was the biggest participant in our program with thirteen wrestlers coming out to compete. Results: Justin Andreas 1st place, Grant Eller 1st place, Eric Ward 2nd place, Tanner Martin 2nd place, Dylan Lightner 3rd place, Sal Gainfortune 3rd place, Alex Amenta 3rd place, Tyler Dyke 4th place, Matthew Fangman 4th place and Kody Martin 4th place. Justin Andreas and Grant Eller went undefeated through the tournament. Justin has been wrestling for a while and is well on his way to becoming a future “star” at the high school level. Special mention needs to go out to the first year wrestlers for their hard work and efforts. Grant Eller’s aggressive wrestling and hard work is showing with

his first place finish, and the Martin Brothers (Kody and Tanner) with their second and fourth place finishes as well. There was no greater determination shown than that of the Fangman Brothers (Matthew and Michael), Alex Amenta and Logan Dorgeloh. These guys really put forth a great effort. The returning wrestlers (Eric Ward, Sal Gianfortune, Skylar Canales and Tyler Dyke) are showing that they are building on the skills they acquired from last season. This group's hard work and enthusiasm shows from the fact that ten of the thirteen went home with medals or ribbons.

Junior/Middle School Division

Wrestlers

Joe Dawley 95-108 lbs

Jacob Crawford 113-133 lbs

Blake Robison 113-133 lbs

Sam Scarpaci 139-154 lbs

Michael Saskill Heavy

This group of kids are in the processing of gaining that greatly needed experience to compete at the high school level in the next year or two. Results: Joe Dawley 1st place, Blake Robison 1st place, Sam Scarpaci 1st place, Jacob Crawford 2nd place, and Michael Saskill 4th place. Joe Dawley, Sam Scarpaci and Blake Robison went undefeated through the tournament. Joe had a tough first match that he had to come back in the last few seconds in the third period to pull out the win. Sam had a tough match that he won with a takedown in overtime that put him in first place. Matches like this are what build champions. Along the same lines was the match between Blake Robison and Jacob Crawford. This match determined who would finish first and second. It was a tough fought match in which Jacob was ahead on points and Blake fought back to win by a pin. All of these guys are showing that they have the ability to be good wrestlers at the next level. Michael Saskill showed great determination and hard work in this his first year of competition.

High School Division

Wrestlers

Scott DeFillippo 93.1-108.7 lbs

Chad Young 120-125 lbs

Josh Hattendorf 130-131 lbs

Jeff Romanelli 131 lbs

Jon Starnes 150-154 lbs

Geoff Starnes 157-169 lbs

This where the high school wrestlers get to sharpen their skills and practice those moves and situational wrestling for the high school season next year. Our guys performed well and gained valuable experience for

next year. Results: Scott DeFillippo 1st place, Josh Hattendorf 1st place, Jon Starnes 1st place, Chad Young 2nd place, and Geoff Starnes 3rd place. Scott DeFillippo and Jon Starnes went undefeated through the tournament.

Congratulations to all wrestlers who participated this weekend and to the coaches for their hard work. What a great showing in numbers and placing (20 of 24 wrestlers). Keep up the hard work and it's time to get back to the wrestling room and on to our next competition. Thanks to all the parents who came out to support our athletes and a special thanks to those parents who helped with the tournament.