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THE READY WRESTLING TOURNAMENT AND MATCH RESULTS

First Tournament –Olentangy Liberty: Great Competition Amongst The Chaos

The Silver Knight Varsity grapplers started their season out in a one day, first tournament grinder: The Olentangy Liberty Invitational. The tournament offered great competition but it wasn't exactly fan-friendly nor tightly run. That said, the wrestlers were assured of two things: a lot of matches and great competition!

Ready had five place winners, all members of the sophomore class:

126lbs.	Bobby Smith	CHAMPION
132lbs.	Dalton Scott	7TH PLACE
145lbs.	Will Martello	9TH PLACE
152lbs.	Patrick Stover	5TH PLACE
285lbs.	Patrik Garren	3RD PLACE

Bobby had a great finals match against a solid opponent from Toledo Central Catholic. He pulled out the win, Bobby-style, 3-2. Meanwhile, Patrik Garren also overcame a very strong opponent in JerVaughn Eppse from Sandusky Perkins.

READY WRESTLERS TRAVEL NORTH TO WRESTLE WITH THE BEST

In early December the Ready Varsity Wrestling Team traveled to North Canton, Ohio, for the oldest two-day tournament in the state. A dozen nationally ranked prep wrestlers participated along with wrestlers from Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Ready Grapplers got a real taste of where we want to be. We did have representation in the finals with Bobby Smith at 126 capturing second place behind the champion from Canon MacMillan out of Pennsylvania. Bobby's opponent has already given a verbal commitment to Cal-Poly to wrestle. Bobby went toe-to-toe with him, losing in overtime 2 – 1.

Patrik Garren, with each and every match, all eight, got more and more confident at this new 285 lbs. weight division. As a sophomore heavy weight, it's a substantial achievement to place at a top-notch tournament such as this one is.

READY GRAPPLERS TAKE ON DIVISION I COMPETITION IN HOME TRI-MEET

Right before Christmas break we had a triangular meet against Grove City and Worthington Kilbourne. With injury and illness, Ready had four weight classes forfeited, and still competed well against these O.C.C. foes. The final team scores were:

Bishop Ready	37	and	Bishop Ready	23
Grove City	33		Worthington Kilbourne	38

Individual two match winners, all sophomores, for the Silver Knights were:

Bobby Smith Dalton Scott Nick Skordilis Patrik Garren

Overall dual meet record to date is 1 – 1.

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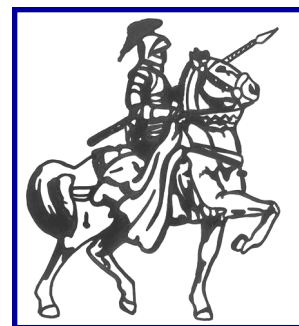
UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14th-15th CATHOLIC INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT @ Cincinnati Elder High School

January 20th OSU v. IOWA @ St. John Arena, 7:00

January 21st NORTHMOR, GRANVILLE, DESALES DOUBLE DUALS @ DeSales, time TBA

February 2nd NEWARK CATHOLIC DUAL @ Bishop Ready, 6:00 pm JV (Varsity to follow immediately after.) (LAST HOME MEET)



THE READY JUNIOR VARSITY WRESTLERS FARE WELL IN HOLIDAY TOURNAMENTS

The Junior Varsity wrestlers may be slim in numbers but they are tough in ability! The Silver Knights competed in two tournaments: The Mac Sims Memorial and The River Valley Holiday Tournament. The Mac Sims was our first tourney and for our novice JV wrestlers it was a good learning experience. Every one at least won one match and we had two place winners: sophomores Nick Headlee and Nick Skordilis, both of whom placed fourth. At the River Valley tournament anyone could see how the young JV has improved. In this 16-team tournament the Silver Knights had three place winners:

138	Nick Headlee/sophomore	CHAMPION
138x	David Smith/freshman	Runner-Up
132	Gavin Gatley/sophomore	Third

Most of the wrestlers were able to get four or five matches, giving them a lot of good mat time which these developing wrestlers needed. They all showed real growth and are starting to get more technically sound. Conditioning was also a big factor in many of our matches, as we won a lot of matches in the third period.

Some of our JV wrestlers also got an opportunity to wrestle in the Ready Classic 2012. Our next big event is the St. Charles Tournament.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICED AWARD – 2011

This year at the 2011 Ready Winter Classic the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award was **Vince Simone**.

When you hear the names Howard Cosell, Jim McKay, or Bob Costas, we immediately think of great sportscasters. Although this individual is not a name dropped at the office water cooler, the Bishop Ready Wrestling family recognizes him as the most notable Ready Wrestling Silver Knight announcer.

Vince has been a devoted supporter of Bishop Ready over the years. In addition to serving as the announcer for various wrestling events, he has dedicated significant time to the school throughout the last 30 years. His three children attended Bishop Ready and participated in various sports, including wrestling. He has served as President of the Bishop Ready Advisory Board, worked on the committee that developed the concept of the Grand Knight Fundraiser, and worked with various individuals to develop the Bishop Ready Sports Advisory Committee that has become the organization now called the Blue Coats – a group that raises funds and assists at various sporting events.

Vince's voice will forever echo in our gymnasium during the Bishop Ready Winter Classic Tournament. We would like to recognize and commend Vince for his many years of commitment to the Ready Wrestling Program. His dedication and devotion are appreciated by all at Ready, particularly the Bishop Ready Wrestling Family.



THE 34TH ANNUAL BISHOP READY WINTER CLASSIC – 2011

The Bishop Ready Silver Knights hosted their home tournament on December 28th and 29th. The 21-team tournament had a four 5-man pool on the first day. The top two from each pool went into an eight- man double elimination bracketed tournament. The top four out of the bracketed tourney were place winners. The tournament had the following additions of teams: Cincinnati LaSalle, Tates Creek (from Lexington Kentucky), Dublin Scioto, Danville, Zanesville, and Columbiana.

The tournament went very smoothly and the competition was a step up from previous years. We will continue to make this tournament grow and become even greater! The results from this year's tournament are as follows:



Dalton Scott

Whitehall Yearling	274.0
Upper Arlington	239.5
Bishop Ready	198.5
Columbus West	185.5
Centerburg	166.5

NOTE: The complete list of teams can be found on the Bishop Ready website (brhs.org) under Athletics, Team Pages, Wrestling.

The individual place winners at the tournament from Ready (all sophomores) this year are:

Steven Pozz	106	4th PLACE
Dalton Scott	126	CHAMPION
Bobby Smith	132	CHAMPION
Patrick Stover	152	2nd PLACE
Patrik Garren	285	CHAMPION

NOTE: All place winners and brackets can be found on the Bishop Ready website under Athletics, Team Pages, Wrestling.



Patrik Garren

The Mark Schell Outstanding Wrestler for 2011 was **Bobby Smith**. Melvin and Leonna Schell were there to present the award.



Bobby Smith with Melvin and Leonna Schell

**Congratulations to these
and all the Ready wrestlers
for capturing third place as a team!**

BISHOP READY YOUTH WRESTLING-2011-12

We are gearing up for another exciting season for the The Bishop Ready Youth Wrestling Program. This year the instructional program has 29 wrestlers. Coach Van Gundy and Coach Anthony Aiello have been working hard, teaching these young grapplers the fundamentals of folkstyle wrestling. They are showing great promise and most importantly are having a lot of fun!!

The novice program has 33 wrestlers this year and we are looking forward to an exciting and challenging season with the newly formed Russ Hellickson Central Ohio Youth Wrestling League. Coach Anthony Aiello and Coach Scott Williams have been working the wrestlers hard in order to get them ready for this inaugural season. The newly-formed league is headed by our own Bill Stover, so you know we will be kept informed along the way.

The Junior High School Program is once again being headed up by Coach Vince Aiello. Coach Todd Hennessey is also returning to help the wrestlers get ready for a fantastic season with high expectations. In addition, Coach Carl Amerine and Coach Matt Place have also come on board and are proving to be outstanding additions to the program.

This year we have been fortunate enough to pick up additional wrestlers from the Grove City, Central Crossing, Teay's Valley, and Hamilton Township programs. Many of these wrestlers are state qualifiers and all bring greater depth and strength to our wrestling room. This will continue to build our program and improve all of our wrestlers. We are very excited and hold high expectations for the upcoming wrestling season.

NEW WEIGHT CLASS DIVISION IN HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

106, 113, 120, 126, 132, 138, 145, 152, 160, 170, 182, 195, 220, 285

The shift in weight classes was initiated this season. The shift created greater numbers of wrestlers toward the upper end, with fewer in the middle. The National Federation of State High School for Folkstyle Wrestling said the reason for the move is that:

“High school athletes are becoming bigger, stronger and faster and the upward shift in weight classes should accommodate a larger percent of potential wrestlers and subsequently increase participation.”

Coach Van Gundy was asked to comment on the move and said that he did not agree with the rationale behind the changes: “It just doesn't add up. I'm not sure of the method behind their madness. I don't think this improves the overall quality of wrestling.”

Agreeing with Coach Van Gundy is previous Ready Head Coach, Bob Stoll. “The 215 (now 220) weight class has never been the strongest, and maybe the people making the decisions feel that it will encourage more football players to come out.”

For the time being, we must deal with the change. We must continue to try to get youth coaches of all sports to understand that wrestling can complement the other ball sports. If youth athletes were introduced to wrestling at an earlier age, they would not feel as intimidated by the intensity and dedication necessary to participate in this great sport. If they are introduced to it at a younger age, so that they are more familiar to the sport, then the chances of increasing the participation later will begin to happen.

THE WRESTLERS OF THE WEEK

The coaches again this year are providing an incentive to work hard, prepare, and perform in competition by announcing a Wrestler Of The Week. We will award a Varsity and Junior Varsity award winner unless both levels do not compete. The winner is not always the outstanding wrestler of the tournament. It might be one who has wrestled above his level or sacrificed for his team in one way or another.

Wrestlers of the Week

DATE	VARSITY	JUNIOR VARSITY
12/10/11	Patrik Garren	Nick Headlee
12/17/11	Bobby Smith	NO EVENT
12/20/11	Nick Skordilis	David Smith
12/29/11	Dalton Scott	Gavin Gatley

The award winners will receive a shirt and certificate. If a wrestler is named a second time, he will have his name printed across the back of the shirt.



Bobby Smith



Patrick Stover



Coach Van Gundy's son, Blake.





Bishop Ready Varsity Wrestling 2011-12

11/22	All-Star Meet		@ Gahanna H.S.
11/26	Whitehall Scrimmage		@ Whitehall H.S.
12/10	Olentangy Liberty Classic	2 pts	@ Olentangy Liberty H.S.
12/16-17	North Canton Holiday Classic	3 pts	@ North Canton Hoover H.S.
12/20	Grove City/Worthington Kilbourne Tri.	1 pt	@ Bishop Ready H.S.
12/28-29	Bishop Ready Winter Classic	3 pts	@ Bishop Ready H.S.
1/7	Olentangy Orange Pioneer Invitational	2 pts	@ Olentangy Orange H.S.
1/14-15	Catholic Invitational Tournament	3 pts	@ Cincinnati Elder H.S.
1/21	Northmor/DeSales Tri	1 pt	@ DeSales H.S.
2/2	Newark Catholic Dual	1 pt	@ Bishop Ready H.S.
2/11	Central Catholic League Tournament	2 pts	@ Watterson H.S.
2/17-18	Sectional Tournament		
2/24-25	District Tournament		
3/1-3	State Wrestling Tournament		@ Schottenstein Center

Bishop Ready JV Wrestling 2011-12



11/26	Whitehall Scrimmage		@ Whitehall H.S.
12/3	Groveport Madison JV Tournament	2 pts	@ Groveport Middle School
12/20	Grove City and Worthington Kilbourne	1 pt	@ Bishop Ready H.S.
12/23	River Valley JV Tournament	2 pts	@ River Valley H.S.
12/28 & 12/29	Bishop Ready Winter Classic	3 pts	@ Ready H.S.
1/7	St. Charles JV Tournament	2 pts	@ St. Charles H.S.
1/21	Northmor/DeSales Tri.	1 pt	@ DeSales H.S.
1/27	Hilliard Bradley	2 pts	@ Hilliard Bradley H.S.
2/2	Newark Catholic Dual	1 pt	@ Newark Catholic H.S.
2/11	Central Catholic League	2 pts	@ Watterson