

KHS Matmen End Dual Season in Grand Style

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Having a dual meet the week of the Eastern Wisconsin Conference Tournament helped the Kewaskum High wrestling team accomplish what coach Dennis Aupperle wanted it to. It allowed the Indians to stay sharp competitively, and beating host West Bend East 39-36, with a thrilling ending, was fun, too.

Had East's Tanner Pruett, one of its top two wrestlers, pinned Nathan Seitz in the concluding match at 125 pounds, the Suns would have gained a 39-39 tie on the scoreboard, and East would have won on one of the first criterias, most pins.

Seitz, a sophomore who is in just his second season of wrestling and who was pinned by Pruett a little over a week ago, had other ideas to preserve his team's lead.

Fight and don't get pinned were two ideas screaming in Seitz's ears, and the Kewaskum fans encouraged him throughout as he was defeated 10-3.

"He (Seitz) did a nice job working up from the bottom, stayed in good position and just kept moving," Aupperle said. Stephan Kattar also drew one of East's standouts, Zach Mueller, and like Seitz, was able to protect the lead the Indians had built. He lost to Zach Mueller by a score of 8-4.

"Bud (Stephan) and Nathan wrestled two very solid kids," Aupperle said about the final two matches. "Bud was in his match the whole time, and Nathan knew what he needed to do to win the dual and really worked hard, kept moving out there and lost by decision ... Tanner and Zach are both good kids."

The flip of the coin determined the match would start at 130, and East quickly jumped out front 12-zip because of a Kewaskum forfeit and Alex Mueller's win over Jeremy Parker.

Just as quickly, the match was close, thanks to the 11 points scored by Mason Smith (pin) and Eric Ogi (and technical fall).

Three of the Indian "reliables," Cody Seibel at 160, Jake Turowski at 189 and P.J. Krueger, all posted wins, Seibel and Turowski by pin, to put Kewaskum out front, then after the teams traded forfeits, Calob Olla won by forfeit, putting the Indians ahead 39-30 with the two bouts to go.

Mike Pfothenhauer was held out of action because of a slight injury he is recovering from, and Tyler Swanson missed the meet because of a skin infection.

The Indians finished 11-3 in dual meets. After Saturday's EWC Tourney at Roncalli, the Indians host a Division 2 regional, Saturday, Feb. 10. Action begins at 10 a.m. Other teams in the competition include: Brown Deer, Campbellsport, Grafton, Milwaukee Lutheran, Pewaukee, and St. John's NW Military Academy.

The top two at each class advance to the sectionals at Milwaukee Lutheran on Feb. 17.

WB East 36, Kewaskum 39

130 FF to Clint Griswold

135 Jeremy Parker lost by fall to Alex Mueller, 2:42

140 Mason Smith pinned Mike Olsen 3:11

145 Eric Ogi tech falled Ryan Stoltzman 18-3

152 Ray Wollner lost by fall to Derek Yogerst 3:11

160 Cody Seibel pinned Brad Moder 1:48

171 Matt Buker lost by fall to Justin Nothem 4:50

189 Jacob Turowski pinned Dustin Shellinger 2:52

215 PJ Krueger decisioned Jake Moder 8-0

285 FF to Kyle Gerhke

103 Andrew Haugen won by FF

112 Caleb Olla won by FF

119 Stephan Kattar lost to Zach Mueller 8-4

125 Nathan Seitz lost to Tanner Pruett 10-3