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Iowa grapplers crush Minnesota

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Competing in the Second Annual Border Battle on Friday night at Crestwood High School, the Iowa high school wrestling squad avenged last year's loss to Minnesota by cruising to a 46-6 win.

A large crowd of approximately 1000 people were treated to 13 matches between the top Iowa high school wrestlers and the top Minnesota grapplers plus an exhibition match between Mitch Langreck of Turkey Valley and Wade Machin of Osage. Langreck won a state title in Class 1A at 215 pounds this season.

Iowa schools represented at the meet included: MFL-Mar-Mac, Postville, RRMR, South Winn, Crestwood, Turkey Valley, NSRF and Osage. Minnesota schools represented included: Southland, Fillmore Central, Caledonia, Rushford-Peterson and Grand Meadow.

Three Crestwood state qualifiers competed for the Iowa squad includ-

ing: Mark Jensen, Tylor Burke and Eric Pedretti. Jensen placed fourth at 130 pounds in Class 2A at the state tournament this season while Pedretti earned first place at 171.

Competing against the Minnesota wrestlers, Jensen and Burke both won their matches by fall, and Pedretti won an 11-5 decision. Burke's victory gave him 100 wins for his high school career.

Langreck won a 7-6 decision over Kevan Meiners of Caledonia, and he won by fall over Wade Machin of Osage.

Adam Landherr of Southland recorded the only two match wins for the Minnesota squad.

Individual match results are listed below.

Match 1: Pete Fisk (MFL) won a 1-0 dec. over Pete Churchill (South).

Match 2: Adam Landherr (South) won a 9-2 dec. over Blair Everman (Post).

Match 3: Travis Turner (Post) won by fall over Matt Erickson (FC),

0:35.

Match 4: Mitch Langreck (TV) won a 7-6 dec. over Kevan Meiners (Cal).

Match 5: Brent Bleitz (MFL) won a 2-0 dec. over Zack Stratton (South).

Match 6: Dustin Hofler (RRMR) won an 8-1 dec. over Gary Burchichter (Cal).

Match 7: Chris Phillips (SW) won a 5-1 dec. over Hank Becker (RP).

Match 8: Mark Jensen (Crest) won by fall over Taylor Bunne (GM), 1:48.

Match 9: Tylor Burke (Crest) won by fall over Taylor Bestor (FC), 2:37.

Match 10: Mitch Hageman (SW) won by fall over Joe Klaehn (South), 2:27.

Match 11: Eric Pedretti (Crest) won an 11-5 dec. over Kyle Stern (GM).

Match 12: Derek Pike (NSRF) won a 14-6 major dec. over Pete Churchill (South).

Match 13: Adam Landherr (South) won a 6-0 dec. over Pat Fisk (MFL).

Exhibition: Langreck (TV) won by fall over Wade Machin (Os), 2:28.