

Border Battle title to Iowa, 50-32

Sanders defeats Pedretti in match of state champions

More than 500 high school wrestling fans enjoyed 23 matches Friday night in the Crestwood gymnasium and watched the Northeast Iowa contingent raise its record to 4-2 over seniors from Southeast Minnesota, 50-32.

In the key match of the night, Zach Sanders of Wabasha-Kellogg defeated Kyle Pedretti of MFL Mar-Mac, 14-6. Sanders is a five-time Minnesota state champion and was 44-0 this past season. Pedretti, a two-time Iowa champion with a 41-2 record, scored a takedown to tie the score at 4-4 after the first period. It was the first offensive points scored against Sanders in the past two years. Late in the second period, Sanders scored a takedown to break away from a 6-6 tie, then added an escape, takedown and three-point near fall in the final period for the win.

Four Crestwood wrestlers competed in five matches, coming away with a 3-2 record. Cadet wrestler Jeremy Henderson gave up a late takedown to fall to Trevor Glomski of Wabasha, a Minnesota state runner-up, 2-0. Later in the night, Crestwood's Luke Stika, runner-up in the Iowa state meet, scored four first period points to edge Glomski, 4-2.

Crestwood's Levi Ledbeter was decided by Justin

Bain of GMLOK, a fourth place finisher in Minnesota, 11-3. Ledbeter came back later to decision Kurtis Harvey of Chatfield, 10-2.

Johnny Roberts was the fourth Cadet wrestler, defeating Tyler Idso of Stewartville, 7-1.

"It was an enjoyable evening," said organizer Jim Turvold of Cresco. "There was good quality wrestling up and down the lineups on both sides."

The annual Border Battle, sponsored by the Iowa Wrestling Hall of Fame, featured high school seniors from the northern counties in Iowa facing their counterparts from Minnesota. The event is a benefit for the Cresco-based hall of fame and also gives college coaches an opportunity to see seniors wrestle.

Results in order of appearance (Iowa wrestlers first):

135: Aaron Kapell, Dec., lost dec. to Nick Foltis, Stew., 1-0.

145: Jordan Oulman, Rice., dec. Matt Merrick, Chat., 7-3.

152: Dustin Bolsley, Osage, lost dec. to Avery Becker, Cal., 7-3.

160: Andrew Kapell, Dec., lost dec. to Jordan Holst, FC, 2-1.

160: Levi Ledbeter, CW, lost dec. to Justin Bain, CMLOK, 11-3.

215: Jeremy Henderson, CW, lost dec. to Trevor Glomski, W-K, 2-0.

215: Bryan Mueller, Post, dec. Cole Jensen, Stew., 6-1.

125: Lars Ellingson, Dec., dec. Jim McDermott, Ars., 7-1.

112: Seth Olson, Central Elk., dec. Jeremiah Johnson, BP, 11-9.

125: Kyle Pedretti, MFL, lost dec. Zach Sanders, W-K, 14-6.

130: Jared Bohr, Dec., fall over Michael Pitts, Cal., 2-20.

140: Adam Hageman, SW, dec. Zach Struckmann, Stew., 4-3.

140: Johnny Roberts, CW, dec. Tyler Idso, Stew., 7-1.

171: Tyler Mensink, St. Ansg., fall over Bandon Vick, Cal., 2-45.

189: David Smith, St. Ansg., lost dec. to Mike Schmitz, Stew., 5-1.

189: Lucas Keune, Dec., won by default over Justin Turner, GMLOK.

135: Dustin Noble, Rice., lost dec. to Seth Danielson, Cal., 8-3.

145: Jordan Oulman, Rice., dec. Jay Nelson, GMLOK, 11-3.

152: Dustin Balsley, Osage, lost dec. to Josh Bain, GMLOK, 5-0.

160: Levi Ledbeter, CW, dec. Kurtis Harvey, Chat., 10-2.

160: Andrew Kapell, Dec., lost dec. to Ethan Hackbarth, LARP, 2-0.

189: Luke Stika, CW, dec. Trevor Glomski, W-K, 4-2.

215: Brad Evans, Osage, dec. Cole Jensen, Stew., 6-1.

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