

HASTING WRESTLING CLUB

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HIGH SCHOOL SUMMARY

Coach Josh McLay

The 2015-16 wrestling team will be remembered as the team who got it done. No, we didn't win a state title which was our ultimate goal but, we hung another banner in the room that will be up there forever. Like every year, I feel fortunate to be leading such hard working, respectful and dedicated

young men.

Lead by two very special All-State captains Mark Vaith and Austin

Eichmann, we were able to win another section title and place 5th at state. This year we had to overcome much adversity and bumps in the road. The injuries to key starters probably for most programs would have sank the ship but, here at Hastings, it was an opportunity for others to raise to the challenge. This year we had all 14 individuals place at the section tournament and qualified 10 for state. At the state tournament, we had 4 All- State wrestlers: Adam McSorley 3rd place, Austin Eichmann 2nd place, Trey Rogers 4th place, and Jackson Schichel 3rd place. This

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was the most state placers we have had since 2012. The team state tournament didn't start as hoped drawing Apple Valley in the 1st round, but the team really stepped up to the challenge. In the second round, we showed how tough and resilient this team truly is. Farmington, who beat us

by 20 early in the year and was the team that kept us for the "Big

Show" the year before was primed to be an exciting match. We ended up beating Farmington by 20 making it a 40 point turnaround from earlier in the year. This was proof that our kids peaked at the right time and were ready for the challenge. Honestly, as a coach thus far, that was one of the best moments I have had! Speaking of moments, when Lynden Wilson, while beating cancer, went out and beat the Farmington kid early in the year and was so exhausted he could barely shake hands that has to be one of the greatest snap

Event Calendar

Gold Cards Sale July 26- August 6th

(Details Below)

****Annual Meeting****

!!All are encouraged to attend!!

Monday, August 8th @ 7:00 PM

Senior High School Commons

2016-2017 High school Schedule

Date/Time Event	Opponent	Location
11/21/2016	Season Starts	Hastings HS
12/3/2016	Raider Duals St. Francis, Albert Lea, Centennial, Coon Rapids, Elk River, Minnetonka, Prior Lake	Hastings HS
12/10/2016	Emmetsburg Invite	Emmetsburg HS
12/17-12/18	Christmas Tournament	Rochester RCTC
12/20/2016	Mahtomedi	Hastings HS
12/30-12/31	The Clah	Rochester
1/5/2017	Henry Sibley	Henry Sibley
1/12/2017	N. St. Paul	North SP High school
1/13/2017	Quad Park, Cretin-Derham Hall, St Paul Harding.	Park HS
1/14/2017	St. Cloud Tech. Invitational	St. Cloud Tech.
1/20/2017	Tartan	HOME
1/26/2017	St. Thomas	HOME
1/28/2017		
1/28/2017	Bloomington Kennedy Tourney	Bloomington K Kennedy HS
2/2/2017	South St. Paul	So. St Paul HS
2/9/2017	Simley	Hasting HS
2/17/2017	Sections Team	Hastings HS
2/24/2017	Sections Individual	Park HS
2/25/2017	Sections Individual	Park HS
3/2/2017	State Team	Xcel Center St Paul
3/2-3/4	State Individual	Xcel Center St Paul
Board Members		
President	Dave Eichmann	480-8430
Vice-President	Patti Kopp	438-2173
Club	Renee Bauer	
Coordinator		
Treasurer	Todd Pottinger	829-1958
Secretary	Greg Mikel	438-9322
Member at Large	Rick Zeien	437-4779
Member at Large	Amy Bjork	
Funding	Norm Rogers	417-860-7313

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shots of perseverance I've ever seen. I want to thank everyone in this wrestling family who has rallied around Lynden and our family. The outreach, support, and love have been unparalleled. We are blessed to be a part of this program and

have so many great relationships because of it. Now to the seniors: Austin Eichmann, Mark Vaith, Derek Edwards, Spencer Kopp, Jacob Bacon, Jonah Schill, Mariah Miser, Makenzi Marier, Ryan Nulty, Matt Peterson, and Kalob Reuter. You have left a

lasting impression on this program and we loved coaching you. Best of luck in college, please stay in touch and we will miss you! Looking forward there are big shoes to fill and we need to get to work training for next year. The banners do not hang themselves!

Middle School-Strength in numbers

Coach Kyle Kreuser

The Hastings Middle School wrestling team completed yet another great season. We finished the season with nearly 60 wrestlers on our roster, which also included 20 eighth graders, and 12 fifth graders (the most we have ever had). All of the coaches were impressed by how much our wrestlers improved since the start of the year, which definitely showed in our results throughout the season.

Our first test came at Henry Sibley High School, where we competed in the 12-team Henry Sibley Duals. The Blue Team finished second place, losing to Blaine in the finals. Our gold squad finished 7th place, narrowly missing out on the top half of the bracket. For many of our wrestlers, this was their first tournament in their lives, so this was a great test for them.

The next challenge was the Middle School Conference

Tournament, which we hosted this year. There were 18 teams in this year's tournament and the field was tougher than ever. The top four teams all were very equal in ability, but in the end, our team took home the championship for the 29th year in a row! In the semi-finals we battled Forest Lake in a hotly contested dual. It came down to bonus points, and even though we lost 10 of the 17 matches in the dual, our guys battled off their backs and got pins where they were needed. The semi-final match was highlighted by Jacob Wichern, who wrestled Forest Lake's best wrestler at heavyweight, and refused to get pinned to seal the victory by one point! This dual was a true team effort. In the finals, we took on Cottage Grove and beat them soundly (by over 25 points). The entire tournament was an awesome experience for our guys!

The final tournament of the year was the Livingston Individual Tournament. Our guys came ready to wrestle that day and won the tournament by over 100 points, distancing themselves from second place Hudson. Individual champions were Zander Hallis, Nolan Meyers, Devon McSorley, Ryan Erickson, and Mukhtar Ali.

Thanks to all the parents and Hastings Wrestling Club supporters who made this season possible. With your help, we were able to host two tournaments, 8 matches, and send our kids to the Minnesota State Wrestling Tournament to watch our varsity team wrestle. These experiences will last a lifetime and hopefully help these kids develop into better people in the future!

Thank you All

What does it take to turn out a Hastings Wrestler? From the first time they put on a singlet to the last time they walk off the mat—it takes a lot! Consider all those involved:

- Parents
- Grand Parents
- Siblings
- Coaches!
 - Youth Wrestling
 - Club Wrestling
 - Middle School
 - High school
- Athletic Directors
- Teachers
- School Secretaries
- Concession Workers
- Concession Coordinators
- Wrestling Board Members
- Financial Supporters
- Fundraiser Coordinators
- Team Managers
- Club Coordinators
- Golf Event Coordinator
- Sponsors
- Scholarship sponsors
- Bus Drivers
- Athletic Trainers
- School Janitors
- PA Announcers
- Alumni

Score Keepers

Financial Manager

Finally, a boy with or in need of a positive attitude and strong work ethic!

Club News-Our future looks bright!

The Hastings youth club continues to succeed. Our club had 50 kids for the 2015-2016 season. The new kids were eager to learn, and our returning youth worked hard on improving with the help of our great coaches. Our returning head coach Luke Vaith was back with assistant coaches Todd Pottinger and Chad Beissel. A new addition was another Hasting alumni, Tyler Rohr.

A number of wrestlers qualified for the MNUSA State Tournament. We also had a hand full of kids wrestle at the National level tournaments this year.

Placing at Gopher National was- PreK&K Division- Prestyn Rueter-6th ,1st&2nd grade -Trey Beissel-2nd ,Taylon LittleSoilder-6th ,Mark Svoboda-6th ,3rd&4th Grade- Blake Beissel-6th &Creed Peterson-6th . We also had a group of kids who followed the Tour wrestling in South Dakota & Lacross WI, . We had 3 Belt Winners (Placing in 3 out of 4 national tournaments) Trey Beissle, Blake Beissle and Mark Svoboda. Wrestling also in the national tour was David Bauer, Sylar LittleSoilder, Fletcher Peterson,

Hastings had a total of 32 kid's wrestling at the MNUSA State Folk style tournament in Rochester MN. Of those 37 kids 20 were from our youth program. Placing at the State Tournament were: Peewee Division- Prestyn Reuter- 6th Place, Bantam Division-Taylon LittleSolider- 4th Place, Intermediate Division- Trey Beissel-2nd Place, and Derrick Steinke -4th Place. Girls Division –Skylar LittleSoilder- 3rd Place. Also wrestling in the state tournament was Peewee-Sullivan McNamara, Bantam- Allister Norquist, Colton Herman, David Bauer, Dylan Ward, Ivyn Hallis, Mark Svoboda, Presley McCrae, and Tristan Herbst, Intermediate-Fletcher Peterson, Lucas Poellinger, Steve Seleski, Wyatt Herman, Novice, Blake Beissel, and Creed Peterson.

Our Youth Club also hosted a Youth Team Tournament at the Middle School taking 1st Place home! The Youth Team also wrestled in the Cannon Falls Team Tournament placing 4th overall.

The Youth Club also had the opportunity of competing in two different dual matches last season. The first meet was at Henry Sibley, and our 2nd was our Youth Night at East Ridge where they enjoyed the night with pizza in the commons after the dual.

Our Youth Club is strong and growing each year. Come join the fun!

Concessions

Our concession workers enjoy their times working with other parent and helpers. It funds a number of the clubs activities. We currently provide concessions during varsity football games, wrestling meeting, wrestling tournaments, and even basketball games! This is a great way to meet other parent! We have a great leader in Patti Kopp who coordinates our concessions. Please call Patti @ 438-2173 if you can help out!

Attention!!

To: Middle School and High School Wrestlers / Parents
What: Fundraiser - **GOLD CARDS**

When: Selling from July 25th - August 6th.

Pre-Blitz Sale: All wrestlers should stop in the wrestling room at the High School on Monday, July 25th, Tuesday, July 26th or Wednesday, July 27th, Thursday, July 28th from 12:45 pm to 3 pm to pick up cards to sell to neighbors and friends. There will be a 30 card limit per wrestler. When you turn in your money for 30 cards, you can pick up an additional 30, etc. If those pick up times do not work, please call or text for pick up at coach McLay's house.

NO WRESTLERS ARE TO SELL CARDS AT ANY PLACE OF BUSINESS UNLESS THEIR PARENTS ARE WITH THEM AND THEY HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL FROM THE STORE OWNER/MANAGER!!!

Blitz Day: All wrestlers will meet in the High School (Upper Level) Commons at 8:30 am on Saturday, August 6th for juice and donuts and partner up to cover the community. We will sell from 9:00 am until noon and then meet for pizza and pop. Cards will be redistributed for the weekend after lunch.

Rewards and Drawings: All remaining cards and money will be turned in on Monday, August 8th between 2:30 pm and 3:00 pm in the High School Weight Room. The drawings and prize money will be given out at that time.

INCENTIVES - (\$375 Total)

One Group Grades 5-12.

Top Seller - \$100 cash

Second - \$75 cash

Third - \$50 cash

The remaining wrestlers that sell 30 or more gold cards will have their name entered into a drawing for a \$50 prize. Three \$50 prizes will be awarded.

In addition, your earnings account will be credited \$6 for each card you sell.

Why Participate: To raise money for the Wrestling Program, raise money to pay for your camps and tournament entry fees, wrestling activity fees, buy wrestling clothing or pay for your club registration.

If you decide not to continue in wrestling, the account money will be transferred to a siblings account.