



Well it wasn't a great trip to the land of buggies and chicken pot pie but it was okay. This was Council Rock North's first time participating in the Manheim Holiday Tournament. The Indians didn't fare to well as a team but four North guys managed some Manheim hardware. CRN finished in the bottom third of the fifteen team field, not to impressive but it was pointed out that at least we came in ahead of the host team. There were some really tough teams there, teams like Easton, Reynolds, Erie Prep and J. W. Robinson a team from Fairfax Virginia that proved it could hang with some of Pennsylvania's best. All in all a very well run and highly competitive tournament.

At 103 North was two and out. Freshman **Tim Ambacher** lost his preliminary bout at 112 but managed two very impressive wins in the consolations. **Tim** took his consi first round bout over Mike Wagner from Erie Prep by way of a 1:39 fall. He followed that with a second win by fall over Jeannette's Anthony Ruane in the second round. Alex Wolfe from Cumberland Valley put an end to **Tim's** day in the third round but **Tim** has to be happy with his effort which keeps just getting better and better.

As stated earlier there were some really impressive teams with some really impressive wrestlers at this tournament. One in particular showed up in the 125 pound weight class by the name of Mason Beckman last year's 119 pound double A State Champion. **Shane Longstreth**, who has been wrestling really well, had the misfortune of meeting up with

Beckman in the semifinals. **Shane** hung tough with Beckman for three periods but Beckman was just too much giving **Shane** his first loss and a trip to the consis. In his first consolation bout **Shane** had outscored Justin Geidroc from Bald Eagle Area 8-0 before pinning him in 2:28 to move into the consi finals, where he would meet Jack Bass from J. W. Robinson. **Shane** had wrestled Bass in the quarter finals earlier taking that one by a score of 7-5. **Shane** garnered the tournament third place spot beating Bass by a score of 3-2. A nice win for **Shane** and a good kick off for the upcoming league matches.

Johnny Dutrow came out of the gate smokin' in his first 130 pound contest with an 11-0 shutout over Kiski Area's Shawn McGowan. In the semifinals **Johnny** wrestled Santiago Valdez From Robinson. A tough, tough bout with the win going to Valdez 3-2. In the consolations **Johnny** took on Vaughn Dalzell from Jeanette. No problem here **Johnny** dispatched Dalzell in just twenty seconds. Bald Eagle Area's Dan Yori proved a much tougher opponent but, **Johnny** eked out a 2-0 win to move to the fourth round of consolations. In that bout it looked like a tussle between Mighty Mouse and Gumby. Calvin Daly from Easton had to be six feet tall if he was an inch and all arms and legs. When **Johnny** tried to lift Daly he always managed to keep something on the mat. The match went into overtime with Daly winning with two escapes to **Johnny's** one. That loss setup a match for **Johnny** with Spring-Ford Ram's Jason Dombrosky for fifth place. Dombrosky had looked tough all day but **Johnny** looked like he was on a mission, pinning the Ram in fifty-eight seconds.

North's 35 pounder sophomore **Tyler Kelly** came out of the prelims with a 5-2 win over North Allegheny's Vince Leschak only to face Jeanette's number one seed, Michael DePalma in his next bout. A loss there and it was down to the consolation second round. Tyler matched up with Adam Mummau from the host Manheim Barons. Two tough scrapper sent this one in to extra innings with **Tyler** pulling off a 6-4 win in sudden victory.

Tyler was up 4-1 for most of his next bout when the ref decided to get involved in the outcome. **Tyler** had been called for stalling early in the bout, a legitimate call. He was wrestling his butt off from the bottom late in the third period when the ref, unlike many of us, thought he saw stalling and awarded Bower from Fort LeBoeuf a point followed by a very quick count three point near fall and **Tyler** lost 4-5. Not the way you want to lose.

Justin Wasmund from Erie Prep was **Anthony Dutrow's** opponent in the 140 pound preliminaries. That one lasted just over two minutes with **Anthony** pinning Wasmund in thirty-six seconds of the second period. Nice start but now he was looking at a match with the number one seed. A fellow by the name of Austin Matthews from Reynolds. **Anthony** gave up the takedown but caught Matthews with that backward over the head whatchamacallit and pinned the stunned Raider in 1:15. That moved **Anthony** into the semifinals where he met Matt Neff one of the Braves from Shiellamy. A great match but the Brave beat the Indian 5-6 which meant **Anthony** would finish his day in the consolations. His semifinal match pitted him against one of the Barons from the host school. Tyler Griffith wrestled tough but Anthony took the bout by six points with an 8-2 decision to move into the consolation finals. A loss there saw **Anthony** finish in fourth place overall. A real nice finish of a good day of wrestling for the senior middle weight.

One hundred and forty-five is notoriously a tough weight class. And this lineup was no exception. **Hayden Schenker** lost in the prelims which meant a long hard trip through the consolation if a medal was to be had. He started the journey with a 3-1 win over Jesse Quave from Spring-Ford and then a 6-5 nail biter against Cumberland Valley's Will Long. That win moved **Hayden** one step closer to medal contention where he shutout Zak Depasquale from Robinson 3-0. Losses in the next two matches saw **Hayden** take sixth place, surely not what he wanted but a really good showing in a very tough division.

Aldan Ely, North's undersize 152 pounder, lost his opener to Kyle Skelly from Kiski Area 8-2. In the consolations **Aldan** won his first bout by a score of 4-1 over Ryan Gelnett from Lower Dauphin. Although he lost his next bout, that win has to be a big confidence builder for this scrappy competitor going into the dual meet season.

All in all not a bad tournament. North came away with four medals. A third, a fourth, a fifth and a sixth.

Speaking of the dual meet season. Council Rock North opens the 2010-2011 season hosting Suburban One rivals the Galloping Ghosts of Abington High School next Wednesday January 5th. Come out and support the Indians. JV at 5:30 followed by the Varsity at 7:00pm.