



December 28 & 29, 2011

This was North's second trip to the Manheim Holiday Tournament. Last year the team finished twelfth out of the fifteen teams. This year an eleventh place finish. A small improvement, but an improvement none the less.

After the first round, seven Indians advanced while seven dropped to the consolations. **Micah Haynes** (120) scored a 4-0 decision over Shikellamy's Evan Witmer to move on. In his second round bout Micah lost to Hennessey, the first seed from Spring-Ford. In his first bout in the consis **Micah** scored a 4-2 decision win over Adam Borgia from Fort Le Boeuf. A 4-2 overtime win in the next round over Easton's Kyle Baker saw **Micah** move into contention for a medal. In his bout for third place **Micah** lost to Riggs from J.W. Roberts and had to settle for a fourth place finish. All in all a very good day for North's 120 pounder.

Johnny Dutrow (132) scored a 15-0 tech fall over Bald Eagle Area's Dion Barnard in 3:42 to advance. In the quarter finals **Johnny** pinned Robbie Rizzolino from Easton in 3:35. He had a tough match in the semi-finals against Jesse Rodgers, the number two seed from North Allegheny, scoring a 3-0 decision to move into the finals where he met the number one seed Dylan D'Urso from Reynolds. This was a great match between two outstanding high school grapplers. It ended 4-2 in Douro's favor. Maybe **Johnny** will get to see D'Urso at States, who knows and maybe things might work out a little differently.

Chris Child (152) missed the start of the season with an injury and this was his first competition in 2011. Not a bad way to start with a win by way of a 1:36 pin over Tyler Baney from Bald Eagle Area. Chris lost his next one to Ben Schweiger from North Allegheny and dropped to the consolations where he lost to Tom Harmon from Shikellamy and his day was done.

Eddie Mauceri (160) outscored Spring-Ford's Kyle Surbrook by a score of 7-3 to move to the quarter-final round. There he lost to J.W. Roberts' Jonathon Simmons. In the consolations Eddie scored a 5-4 come from behind win over Easton's Dyvon Gibson to advance to the next round. An 8-4 loss there and Eddie's tournament was over.

Marston Bell (195) advanced to the quarter finals with a win over Tommy Davis from Reynolds. A loss to Tyler Greene, the number two seed from Easton, and **Marston** would finish his day in the consolations. There he hooked up with Lower Dauphin's Travis Morrell and outscored the Falcon 7-5 to move onto the next round. **Marston's** day was done with a loss to Aaron Varner from Bald Eagle Area.

Tyler Callender (220) had a bye in the first round and advanced to the semi finals with a 4-0 win over Easton's Francis Slover. There **Tyler** lost to Nate Sharkley, the second seed, from Bald Eagle Area. In the consolations **Tyler** pinned Josh Boyer from Spring-Ford in 1:37 to move into the consolation finals for third place. Ironically he would meet up with Slover again. This time the contest went to the wrestler from Easton and **Tyler** had to settle for a fourth place finish. Not bad for the sophomore 220 pounder.

James Dutrow (285) pinned his way to the quarter finals with a 5:04 fall over Zachary Dorsey from Spring-Ford. **James** lost his first bout in the consolations and had to sit and watch for the rest of the tournament. Not a good finish but **James** will be a factor in the balance of the season.

Tyler Kelly (138) lost his first bout and had to finish in the consolations where he picked up a pair of wins. **Tyler** scored a 7-0

shutout win over Kevin Novick from Cumberland Valley and a 7-2 decision over Bald Eagle Area's Matt Dillon before being eliminated in his third round consi match. Finishing 2-2 for the day, not bad.

Brendon Poff (182) lost in the first round and dropped to the consolations. Brendon took on Chris Starroci from Cathedral Prep in his first consi match. **Brendon** outscored the Rambler 5-2 to advance to the next round. A loss there to Reynold's Jamar Henry and **Brendon** was done for the day.

This was a great tournament for the Indians. Some really tough wrestling and they gained the experience of being hosted by some of the folks in the Manheim community. The host families spoke very highly of the boys. And the boy came away with a wonderful experience in interacting with the folks that opened their home to them this holiday season. An experience they will always remember.

Next up, Abington on Wednesday at Abington. The Ghosts are always tough. CRN will have to be up for this one to keep their SOL record intact. Get over to Abington and cheer on the Indians. Wrestling starts at 5:30pm.

A foot Note: A Great Big Thank You to all the members of the team for their rendition of "Happy Birthday". That made my day.