



A great night of high school wrestling! A good crowd was on hand at the Harry S Truman High School gym and got to see something that has been absent for a long time. An actual JV match. There was a time when that was the norm, but in recent years, for some reason teams have not been able to field a full JV squad. Okay, last night's JV match wasn't perfect, there were a lot of weight classes missing and there were two or three weight classes repeated, but it was a JV match none the less. Sixteen kids from each school got to get out on the mat and try out the stuff they practice in the wrestling room. For North's part the boys showed very well. Of the sixteen matches, the Indians took fourteen and of those, eight were by way of falls, two by major decisions and four by regular decisions. Racking up falls were; **Kevin Janiczek, Shane Sutton, Cody Goldstein, Stefan Frick, Andrew DiSpirito, Mark McDonald, Jerry Meyer and Kenny Gafgen**. The two majors went to **Cody Ambacher** and **Kevin Murray**. Winning by decision was **Aldan Ely, Eddie Mauceri, Chris Child and Andrew Parker**. The final score was CRN 68 HST 9. This was a good look at what the Indians have in store for the future. Nice going guys!!

Varsity wrestling started at the 130 pound weight class with North's freshmen **Tyler Kelly** going up against Truman's standout senior Sean Edmondson. Edmondson is 16-0 for the year and is a returning State qualifier. He had his hands full with **Tyler** who gave up just a 10-2 major, but under the circumstances a great outing for the spunky underclassman.

Hayden Schenker followed at (135) with a 5-4 decision over the Tiger's Dan Balek. In the 140 pound bout, **Anthony Dutrow** had little trouble with the Tiger's Ray Nutall scoring a Tech Fall by a 15-0 score. That put the Indians ahead with the team score at 8-4.

At 145, **James Hollawell** made short work of his Truman opponent recording the fall over Justin Evens in 2:46. Coach 'V' inserted **Andrew DiSpirito** into the 152 slot where he proved too much for the Tiger's Steve Levin taking the bout 8-1.

By virtue of the switch, **Greg Lanctot** moved up to 160 where he met up with Shane Marchesani. Marchesani brought a 14-2 record into the bout and was looking tough on paper. Things were pretty close through the better part of the bout, but Marchesani tired late in the third period and **Greg** was able to turn him and the fall was called at 0:44 of the third period, a big win for **Greg**.

The 171 and 189 bouts went to Truman. **Jamie Callender** moved to 215 from 189 and took on Larry Abramson. The Truman Tiger got through the first period, but **Jamie** caught up with him a third of the way through the second period recording the fall in 2:46.

Two big boys in the 285 bout. CRN's **Jayfie Kaschak** vs HST's Quinton Bryant. Jayfie who would normally wrestle 215 moved up to the heavy weight spot to take on the tough Truman Tiger. A good match for both wrestlers, but Jayfie prevailed 7-2 to give North a 32-13 advantage with the four lightweight bouts to go.

Mathematically Truman still had a shot, but **Sean O'Neill** (103) slammed that door with a pin in 1:40 over Truman's Larry Lachman icing the win for the Indians. **John Dutrow** the freshmen 112 pounder came up one point short of a technical fall against the Tiger's Steve Evens with a score of 14-1.

Micah Haynes took a win by forfeit at 119 and **Adam Slezak** finished out the night in the 125 pound bout for the Indians with a 12-4 major decision over HST's Brandon Nutall. A good outing for the boys from Newtown. Next up the Escape the Rock Tournament hosted by CRS this Friday and Saturday.

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