



The Indians made the hour and a half trip to Whitehall High School to take on the Hazleton Cougars. A lot of traveling and a lot of wrestling with more to go. Council Rock North wrestled three dual meets in Pottstown to take a third place in District One. They clinched third place beating West Chester Rustin at around 10:00pm Monday Night. Eighteen hours and one hundred and fifteen mile later they wrestled Hazleton Area High School in the first leg of the State Team Championships. They had to be tired but there seemed to be no signs of fatigue as they beat the Cougars 48-22.

Wrestling started at the 152 pound weight class where **Greg Lanctot** started things off with an 18-3 tech fall over Hazleton's Tom Biesadesky in 4:41.

The Cougars took the 160, 171 and 189 pound bouts and things were looking a little bleak for the Indians.

Jayfie Kaschak took a win by forfeit at 215 and the 11-16 scoreboard looked a little better.

One hundred and eighty-nine pound **Jamie Callender** gave up sixty pounds and took on Matt Starrick, the Cougar's heavy weight, and pinned the big fellow in 3:45. That gave the Indians the lead for the first time with a score of 17-16. (*see the Courier Times article about Jamie below*)

In the 103 pound bout, **Sean O'Neill** made short work of Hazleton's Lucas Johnson recording the fall in just 0:30.

John Dutrow took the 112 bout with a forfeit to make the spread thirteen points at 29-16.

Another pin for North in the 119 bout as **Shane Longstreth** recorded a fall in 0:30 over the Cougar's Josh Mussoline.

Hazleton took the 125 and 130 pound bouts and closed the gap to 35-22.

The last three bouts went to North. **Hayden Schenker** decisioned James Straight 9-7 **Anthony Dutrow** scored a major decision over the Cougar's Tim Samec and **James Hollawell** finished the night with a fall over Hazleton's Ian Kelly in 5:42.

Council Rock North will travel to Hershey this Friday to compete in the second round of the State team Championships at the Giant Center. There they will take on either Perry or Kiski Area. That Perry/Kiski match is scheduled for tonight.

Heavy burden borne well by Callender

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WHITEHALL - His team just five minutes away from official weigh-ins to begin the PIAA Class AAA Team Wrestling Duals, Council Rock North coach Tom Vivacqua handed Jamie Callender a bottle of water and told him to drink up.

Callender is one of the best 189-pound wrestlers in the state - if not the best - but he wasn't going to be wrestling at 189 pounds against the Indians' first-round state foe, Hazleton, on Tuesday afternoon.

He wasn't going to be wrestling at the next weight class up, either, which would be 215 pounds. No, Callender was going heavy, as in heavyweight, as in the 285-pound weight class.

In order to wrestle with the bigger boys, Callender needed to weigh 193.1 pounds, and he arrived at Whitehall's gym weighing 192.5. So Callender accepted the water bottle from his coach and chugged down the liquid.

The water did the trick and, even though Callender gave up 60 pounds to Hazleton heavy Matt Starrick, CR North's superlative wrestler pinned the shorter but much, much squatter Starrick with six seconds left in the second period.

The decking gave CR North a lead it would not relinquish en route to a 48-22 destruction of Hazleton and a Friday morning date in Hershey for the quarterfinals.

"It was different," said Callender, who placed second at the state tournament at 189 last year and is one of the favorites to win that weight class when the individual tournaments begin later this month. "I was excited. It was the first time I wrestled heavyweight."

Starrick is no slouch, with more than 20 wins on his record this season. Callender made him look like a novice, taking him down and putting him in a spread eagle for two near-fall points. Callender ran his lead to 7-0 before decking Starrick.

"I just tried to wrestle like I normally would," said Callender, who is signed to wrestle for Drexel next season. "I didn't want to get caught under him and I didn't think I'd (pin) him right away. I wanted to make him breath a little."

Hazleton led 16-11, despite a dominating technical fall registered by CR North's Greg Lanctot that opened the match at 152 pounds.

Callender's pin gave the Indians a 17-16 edge.

"When you've got a big gun like Jamie, it's easy," Vivacqua said. "Even though he was giving up a lot of weight, I would've been surprised if he didn't pin him. He's that good."

Callender's fall triggered a pin explosion when the lineup was turned over to the lightweights, as Sean O'Neill and Shane Longstreth each scored falls in 30 seconds at 103 and 119, respectively. In between was a forfeit win at 112 from CR North's John dutrow.

The romp was on from there.

"We were completely outwrestled, completely outmuscle," said Hazleton coach Dave Shafer. "Our guys were just not ready."