

2009 Blair Invite



Blair Invitational: 1st place 231 points

Individual place finishers:

103	Jesse Childers	4th Place
112	Nathan Quandt	NP
119	Jake Miller	Champion
125	Kelson Owings	2nd Place
125	Jordan Theisen	NP
130	Dakota Showalter	Champion
130	Ray DeLoa	4th Place
35	Justin Fenton	2nd Place
140	Derek Roach	2nd Place
145	Tyler Harris	Champion
152	J.J. Zekpa	3rd Place
160	Tyler Stender	Champion
171	Connor Barrientos	2nd Place
189	Large King	3rd Place
215	Sheldon Garcia	Champion
215	Vince Buenrastro	4th place
285	Freeman Coleman	2nd Place

Recap:

The Patriot varsity wrestling team put together a strong outing at the Blair Invitational to capture a 6th straight team title. The team was able to place 13 out of 14 varsity weights in the medal round. 3 JV team members were able to wrestle in the tournament as well with 2 out of 3 placing in the medals. All 17 wrestlers were able to win matches on the day. On the varsity side, 10 Patriots were in the finals with 5 of those being champions. The Patriots were able to outdistance Sioux City North by 64 points to win the championship.

"Even though we feel like we are behind in our training this year, it was a solid effort. Early season action is usually a measuring stick for where you are and where you want to be. We have a lot to work on, but we feel we are headed in the right direction. Our veterans turned in solid performances on the day. Guys like Jake Miller, Tyler Harris, Tyler Stender, and Sheldon Garcia have been to previous varsity battles; their leadership was evident the entire tournament." Said Coach Denson.

"We had a lot of new faces in the lineup this year so they kind of got a baptism by fire. For the most part, the new starters did really well. Dakota Showalter stepped up to the varsity lineup this year and took home a gold. He actually pinned his way through the tournament." Said Assistant Coach Nate Olson.

"It was nice to see our Freshmen stepping up as well. Two out of the three ended up in the medal round which is really good. Most times you don't know what to expect with Freshmen. Freeman Coleman did a nice job on the day finishing second at heavyweight. He has a lot of potential and all the right tools. We just have to get him focused, and the sky is the limit!" Said Assistant Head Coach Jay Meneely.