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In a very tough class B wrestling tournament, Chase County emerged in 10th place out of 11 teams but brought home a championship in the 140 lb. weight class.

Jeremiah Lueth extended his perfect season to 6-0 after winning all three matches Saturday.

After winning a very one-sided match over Vincent Baray of Sterling 15-3, Lueth faced Dallen Johnston of Holdrege. Lueth had defeated Johnston the previous week in Holdrege by a single point. This match would not be nearly as close, with Lueth winning a 7-2 decision.

In the finals, Rolando Gonzalez of Lexington proved to be difficult to turn, but Lueth was able to garner a 6-4 victory for the gold.

Other medalists coming home with hardware were Keithan Cochran with a third and Nathan Hinojosa with fourth.

Cochran won by pin in just 43 seconds in his first match, but got caught off guard a little and was pinned in the second match of the day. Cochran stormed back through the consolation bracket with two more pins for his third place finish.

After winning his first match by pinfall, Nathan Hinojosa lost a 6-2 decision which sent him to the consolation bracket. After a quick pin he faced Pedro Garcia of Cozad for his final match. In a very even match, Hinojosa was trailing late in the third and was unable to bring Garcia down in his attempts at the end of the period. Garcia won the match 2-4, giving Hinojosa a fourth place finish.

Two wrestlers were able to pick up their first varsity wins of the season Saturday. Michael May pinned Chris Dillman of Scottsbluff in his first match before losing his next two matches.

Steven Way lost his first match but came back in the consolations with a 15-5 win over Nico Ross of Sidney. Way lost his next match to finish the day.

Other wrestlers who had 0-2 outing included Misael Garcia and Trevor Fuehrer.



Two wrestle at JV meet

Michael May and Steven Way attended the junior varsity meet in McCook on Dec. 17. May went 3-0 to take the 130 pound title while Way went 2-1 for third place.

Coach Vlasin said he thought this tournament would give both wrestlers a confidence boost.

Next action after break

The Chase County wrestlers will return to action on Jan. 9 in Ogallala.

This tournament is run a little differently. All teams are drawn out and split into two groups. Each group then duals all the teams in their group. At the conclusion of these duals, the winner of each group faces each other for the championship while the second place finishers square off and so on down the line.

Coach Vlasin noted this would be a very difficult tournament for Chase County due to the fact they only have eight wrestlers on the varsity.

Results from Sidney:

112 Keithan Cochran pinned Dane Aurich (Sid) 0:43, pinned by Kelby Nelson (All) 3:07, pinned James Garcia (Oga) 0:55, pinned Cody Rhodes (Yor) 2:08 for third place.

119 Misael Garcia pinned by Terrence Hessler (Sco) 3:09, pinned by Nathan Garcia (Oga) 1:44.

130 Michael May pinned Chris Dillman (Sco) 3:45, pinned by Francisco Garcia (Ger) 3:27, dec. by Travis Sweetser (Sid) 0-6.

140 Jeremiah Lueth major dec. over Vincent Baray (Str) 15-3, dec. Dallen Johnston (Hol) 7-2, dec. Rolando Gonzalez (Lex) 6-4 for first place.

145 Steven Way pinned by Spencer Isaacson (Hol) 0:49, major dec. over Nico Ross (Sid) 15-5, pinned by Bill Reynoso (Lex) 2:28.

171 Trevor Fuehrer dec. by Joe Walker (Lex) 13-11, dec. by Jessy Richard (Ger) 5-1.

285 Nathan Hinojosa pinned Dominick Boyles (All) 2:49, dec. by Tom Heimbough (Ger) 2-6, pinned Ryan Barlow (Hol) 1:03, dec. by Pedro Garcia (Coz) 2-4 for fourth place.

Team scoring—1st, Gering, 141; 2nd, Sidney, 105; 3rd, Scottsbluff, 104.5; 4th, Lexington, 82; 5th, Holdrege, 80; 6th, Ogallala, 76; 7th, Sterling, 74; 8th, Cozad, 68; 9th, Alliance, 63; 10th, Chase County, 52; 11th, York, 44.