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Chase County was represented nicely in Lexington at the John Higgins Invitational Wrestling Tournament held last Saturday.

Head Coach Matt Vlasin seemed pleased with the effort put forth by his wrestlers in the varsity division of the meet.

Jake Lueth wrestled in the 152 pound division while Michael May competed at 138. All of the other Chase County wrestlers were entered in the junior varsity division of the tournament.

Wrestlers are only allowed to wrestle five matches in one day and this rule became a factor in Lueth coming home with a fourth place medal instead of a third.

Coach Vlasin said it was the best Lueth has looked all year and thought he would have had a very good shot in the match for third and fourth, but unfortunately, Lueth had already wrestled his five match limit and was forced to forfeit the last match.

May started the day out looking very good, drawing a bye in the first round and winning his second match to advance to the semi-finals. That is where his day took a turn for the worse, as May lost the next three matches and had to settle for a sixth place finish.

Coach Vlasin entered four wrestlers in the junior varsity division of the tournament. Vlasin noted that this junior varsity meet is as tough as some of the varsity meets around. Caleb Bubak secured the only win in the junior varsity matches for Chase County.

Team scores: Kearney 180.5, Lincoln Southwest 144, Lexington 140.5, Beatrice 129, Schuyler 117.5, Millard West 110.5, Cozad 101, Scott City 98.5, North Platte 97, Hastings 75.5, Sidney 46, Chase County 22, Holyoke 19, McCook 18.

Individual varsity results

138 Michael May had a bye, decisioned Nathaniel Votruba (SID) 2-1, Major decisioned by Evan Augustyn (LSW) 1-14, decisioned by Huy Truong (HAS) 7-5, decisioned by Blake Peterson (MLW) 1-3 for sixth place.

145 Jake Lueth major decision over Ben Martinez (HOL) 15-5, pinned by Kenny Martin (LSW) 0:57, major decision over Alonso Hermosillo (SCC) 9-1, decisioned Austin Novak (SCH) 5-2, decisioned Derek Berumen (KEA) 6-5, forfeited to Cody Navickas (MLW) due to match limit for fourth place.

Junior varsity results

113 Caleb Bubak pinned Andrew Dubowsky (KEA) 2:28, pinned by Irbin Victorino (LEX) 0:37, major decisioned by Ricardo Orellana (SCH) 0-8.

126 Hunter Dillan had a bye, pinned by Cody Hoffa (HAS) 0:43, had a bye, pinned by Luis Lechuga (LEX) 1:00.

132 David Almanza decisioned by Jacob Larmeu (BEA) 4-2, had a bye, pinned by Devon White (HAS) 1:00.

152 Khris Kuhlmann pinned by Andy Mason (KEA) 1:44, pinned by Rafael Garay (LEX) 1:00.

Next action for the Longhorns will be the Medicine Valley Invite in Curtis this Friday, starting at 9 a.m.