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The Chase County wrestlers took just eight varsity wrestlers to the Oshkosh double dual Dec. 5 and came home with two wins.

In the first action of the 2013-14 wrestling season, Chase County took on the Garden County Eagles and the Bridgeport Bulldogs.

Chase County won a decisive victory over the Eagles 35-22, and pulled off a victory over the Bulldogs by virtue of a pinfall tie-breaker 37-36.

In the first dual of the night, Garden County started the evening collecting two forfeits at the 182 and 275 pound weight classes. After both teams were open at 106, wrestling began in the 113 pound division.

Freshman Adam Burpo started the season on a good note, pinning Tate Cross with just 13 seconds left in the first period.

Colton Burpo followed that up with a win by forfeit in the 120 pound class. Both teams were open at 126.

Hunter Dillan faced Jesus Marquez in the 132 pound class. Dillan led at the end of the first period 3-2, but Marquez pinned Dillan 54 seconds into the second period.

Manuel Hinojosa won by forfeit in the 138 pound division.

Freshman Bryson Fisher faced senior Rio McGinley at 145 pounds. McGinley led the entire match winning a 12-2 decision.

Senior Austin White faced Garden County's senior Terrel Vineyard at 152 pounds. White trailed after the first period 1-2 but turned the match around in the second, pinning Vineyard with 55 seconds left in the period.

Junior Jake Lueth faced fellow junior Tristen Kirch at 160. Lueth dominated the match, winning a major decision 17-2 in the second period.



In the final match of the first dual, Khris Kuhlmann pinned MaClane Beck in 1:26 to secure the match and finish the dual with a final score of 35-22.

### **Bridgeport dual**

In the second dual of the night the Longhorns needed every point they earned to secure the win. When the final score was tallied, the teams both had accumulated 36 points. In the tie-breaker, whichever team has more pinfalls is awarded a single point.

Chase County amassed five wins by pinfall, compared to just one for Bridgeport giving the Longhorns a one point victory.

With the dual starting at the 195 pound class, both teams were open. Chase County gave up forfeits to Travis Albertz in the heavyweights and Paul Brown at 106 before wrestling the first match.

Adam Burpo wasted no time getting the Longhorns on the board, pinning Ramon Dominguez in just 58 seconds.

Colton Burpo was unopposed at 120 pounds to tie the match at 12.

Peyton Baumann of Bridgeport took a forfeit at 126. At 132, Hunter Dillan trailed by just a single point to Adrien Dally after the first period. Halfway into the second period Dally secured the win with a pin, putting Bridgeport ahead 24-12.

Bryson Fisher pinned Joe Vergil-Weibert with 10 seconds left in the first period at 138 pounds to tighten the match 24-18.

Austin White finished Wes Christensen in the 145 pound division by pin in 1:25 of the second period. That tied the dual at 24.

Chase County was open at 152 giving Brandon Nichols a win by forfeit.

Jake Lueth led 4-2 after the first period against Lawrence Schneider at 160 pounds. Lueth turned it on in the second and secured a pin with just two seconds remaining in the period.

Knowing that Bridgeport would get six points for a forfeit to Jerrod Fedorchik at 182 pounds, the only chance was for Kuhlman to win by pinfall against Cole Retchless in the final match at 170 pounds.

Kuhlmann was up for the challenge and secured the pin in just under a minute to tie the dual score at 36.

Chase County's next action for the wrestlers would be a very tough Broken Bow tournament on Saturday, Dec. 7.