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PREP WRESTLING REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Cardinals advance five

Chi-Hi's Beckwith, Mattison, Hughes, Neal and Krager onto sectionals

CHIPPEWA HERALD
 NEW RICHMOND — The Chi-Hi wrestling team advanced five wrestlers to next Saturday's sectionals by virtue of strong finishes on Saturday at Division 1

regionals. Iverson Beckwith, Gabe Mattison, David Hughes, Xander Neal and Jonathan Krager scored fourth-or-better finishes for the Cardinals and will be in action next Saturday at Eau Claire North.
 "We got five going through and we're really happy," Chi-Hi coach



Hughes

Steve Anderson said of his team. Hughes (32-7) finished in second place at 126 pounds to lead the Cardinals. The senior pinned Hudson's Noah Moltzan in the third period of their semifinal match before falling by 5-1 decision to Superior's Connor Krueger in the championship match. Hughes beat Moltzan by rule for second.
 Neal and Krager are each moving on after taking third place. Neal (14-7) overcame a 132 semi-

final defeat against New Richmond's Thomas Jefferson to beat Eau Claire North's Elijah Vlcek by a 13-8 sudden victory for third and lost by rule for second. Neal started his day with a pinfall win over Superior's Logan Jennings. Krager (20-14) earned a technical fall in his 138 quarterfinal before suffering a 15-4 major decision loss to New Richmond's Noah Henning. Krager bounced back with a 13-5 major decision win against Hudson's Riley Steltzner

for third and fell by rule to Henning for second.
 Beckwith and Mattison each finished fourth to advance to sectionals. Beckwith (11-14) started his day with a 10-2 major decision over Menomonie's Carter Olson but fell in his semifinal matchup to River Falls' Travis Moelter and in his third place match to Hudson's Austin Krenz, both by pinfall. Beckwith beat Olson by rule

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SATURDAY PREP ROUNDUP

On to state

Chi-Hi's Beranek wins 100-yard breaststroke sectional boys swim title

CHIPPEWA HERALD
 HUDSON — Chi-Hi senior Ryan Beranek captured a Division 1 sectional boys swimming championship on Saturday in the 100-yard breaststroke to advance to next week's Division 1 state championships.

Beranek won the event with a time of one minute, 2.94 seconds to beat Stevens Point's Kyle Franz (1:03.88) and Hudson's Brady Wainionpaa (1:04.14) and will be in action next Saturday afternoon at the Waukesha South High School Natatorium in Waukesha.

Beranek also was a part of the team's 200 medley relay team with Erik Petrowski, Rowan Rinick and Noah Duex that finished in fifth place. Beranek was sixth in the 200 freestyle with Rinick taking 10th. Petrowski was fifth in the 50 freestyle while teaming up with Rinick, Luke McIntyre and Beranek to finish sixth in the 400 freestyle relay.

As a team Chi-Hi was seventh with 164 team points as Hudson (407) bested the Eau Claire Alliance (348) for the top spot.

Girls Hockey

Fox Cities 3, Chippewa Falls/Menomonie 2

At Neenah, a late goal lifted the Stars past the Sabers.

Brianna Buonincontro and Paige Steinmetz each scored for Chippewa Falls/Menomonie (12-11) with Kasandra Herr making 28 saves.

Maleiyah Streck scored with less than two minutes left for the Stars (19-3-1).

Boys Basketball

Bloomer 71, Barron 32

At Bloomer, the Blackhawks routed the Golden Bears in a nonconference battle.

Connor Crane led Bloomer (13-5) with 22 points and was joined in double figures by 14 points from Cael Iverson and 13 from Domanyck Schwarzenberger.

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PREP WRESTLING DIVISION 3 REGIONALS



BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

Cadott's Caden Kingston fights for a pinfall during his matchup at 170 pounds versus Glenwood City's Connor Gross on Saturday afternoon in Cadott.

EARNING VICTORY

Cadott wins team title, sends 10 to individual sectionals

BRANDON BERG
 Chippewa Herald

CADOTT — The Cadott wrestling team is going to be plenty busy in the next few weeks.

This time of year, that's a good problem to have.

The Hornets won a Division 3 team regional championship on Saturday afternoon to advance to Tuesday's team sectional tournament while also qualifying 10 wrestlers for next Saturday's individual sectionals in St. Croix Falls. Cadott finished with 271 points to top Glenwood City (217) and Boyceville (192.5) and will be in action when the program hosts the team sectional on Tuesday evening.

Individually Logan Harel, Brayden Sonnentag, Kaleb Sonnentag, Tristan Drier, Dawson Webster and Gavin Tegels secured regional championships for the Hornets while Ethan Duck, Cole Pfeiffer, Caden Kingston and Levi Lindsay earned advancement with second-place finishes.

"Guys wrestled really well today," Cadott coach Josh Spaeth said. "We only had a few things not go our way but that's for every team, every tournament. The guys persevered and we won the

Standings

Team	Points
Cadott	271
Glenwood City	217
Boyceville	192.5
Stanley-Boyd	91
Spring Valley/Elmwood	76
Thorp/Owen-Withee	72
Cornell/Gilman/LH	42

regional. That's our number one goal, we have a shot on Tuesday night to go to the team state tournament."

Harel (20-5) won the title at 120 pound with a pair of tight decision wins, beating Spring Valley/Elmwood's Tylor LaCroix by a 7-6 decision in the semifinals before edging Stanley-Boyd's Sasha Nitz 5-3 for the championship. Brayden Sonnentag (37-1) earned the win at 126 with a pinfall in 11 seconds over Glenwood City's Logan McVeigh in the semifinals and a 10-1 major decision against Stanley-Boyd's Breckin Burzynski. Kaleb Sonnentag (30-8) needed only one match to win the 138 title and pinned Glenwood City's Mitchell McGee at two minutes and 44 seconds.

Drier (39-2) pinned Glenwood City's Thomas Moede in 2:58 in their 152 semifinal before an 8-3 decision victory against Spring Valley/Elmwood's Max Schmitt for the championship. Dawson Webster (36-7) used two pin wins for the title at 182 by beating Spring Valley/Elmwood's Keegan Merth and Glenwood City's Noah Brite with pinfalls in the first period. Gavin Tegels (40-1) scored a pinfall in the 220 semifinals over Thorp/Owen-Withee's Wyatt Wulff before a forfeit win against Boyceville's John Klefsad for first.

Troy Duellman won the 145 championship for Cornell/Gilman/Lake Holcombe and is the team's lone sectional qualifier. Duellman (30-10) was unscored upon in two wins, starting his day with an 11-0 major decision in the semifinals versus Glenwood City's Jonas Draxler before a 6-0 decision against Duck for the title.

"Looking at the bracket we were pretty hopeful he could go out there and win it," Cornell/Gilman/Lake Holcombe coach Greg Sonnentag said of Duellman's victory. "So he went out there and didn't make any mistakes and stayed in control of

the matches and put himself in a good spot for next weekend."

Thorp/Owen-Withee's Nathan Zarins won the regional championship at 285. Zarins (20-6) pinned Cadott's Kane Mengel in the semifinals before a 3-0 decision win against Boyceville's Keegan Plemon for the title.

Duck (18-11) pinned Thorp/Owen-Withee's Connor Simington in the semifinals and fell to Duellman in the championship match before coming back to earn a 5-0 win over Draxler for second. Pfeiffer (36-6) pinned his way to the 160 finals with a semifinal win over Glenwood City's Jackson Logghe. Pfeiffer fell in the championship match to Boyceville's Ira Bialzik by a 12-10 decision, but came back to pin Spring Valley/Elmwood's Joel Anderson in 18 seconds for second.

Kingston (11-9) pinned Glenwood City's Connor Gross in the 170 semifinals before being pinned by Boyceville's Tyler Dormanen in the championship

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BRANDON BERG, CHIPPEWA HERALD

McDonnell's Emily Cooper dribbles while being defended by Cadott's Laken Ryan on Friday in Cadott.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

McDonnell earns top seed in D5

Cadott, Stanley-Boyd, Lake Holcombe and Gilman earn home openers

CHIPPEWA HERALD

The McDonnell girls basketball team has earned a No. 1 seed in its sectional for the upcoming Division 5 playoffs.

The statewide playoff pairings were released in a series of videos from the WIAA on Sunday afternoon and the Macks were revealed as a top seed.

McDonnell (18-3) will host No. 16 Prentice (2-19) in the Sectional 1B regional quarterfinals on Tuesday, Feb. 22. Lake Holcombe (14-5) is a No. 4 seed in

the same sectional and hosts No. 13 Owen-Withee (5-17) and No. 6 Gilman (15-7) hosts No. 11 Rib Lake (5-15). No. 10 New Auburn (7-12) opens on the road at No. 7 Turtle Lake (11-10) and No. 12 Cornell (2-17) is at No. 5 Clear Lake (16-6).

Gilman defeated Rib Lake 63-41 on Jan. 10.

Cadott (17-6) is a No. 6 seed in its Division 4 Sectional 1B quarterfinal against No. 11 Augusta (9-13). The Hornets earned a 66-38 win against the Beavers on

Feb. 1. The winner will advance to play No. 3 seed Colfax (20-2) in the regional semifinals.

Bloomer (8-14) is a No. 9 seed in its Division 3 Sectional 1A and will open the postseason at No. 8 Osceola (12-10) with the winner advancing to play top-seeded St. Croix Falls (18-4) in the regional semifinals. Stanley-Boyd (7-15) is the No. 7 seed in Sectional 1B and hosts No. 10 Viroqua (2-19) and the winner faces No. 2 Elk

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AREA SCHEDULE

MONDAY
Boys Basketball—Gilman at Lake Holcombe, 7:15 p.m.
Girls Basketball—McDonnell at Eleva-Strum, 7:15 p.m.; Greenwood at Gilman, 7:15 p.m.
TUESDAY
Boys Basketball—Cornell at Lake Holcombe, 7:15 p.m.; New Auburn at Flambeau, 7:15 p.m.; Gilman at Owen-Withee, 7:15 p.m.; Eau Claire Regis at McDonnell, 7:15 p.m.; Osseo-Fairchild at Stanley-Boyd, 7:30 p.m.; Fall Creek at Thorp, 7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball—Cornell at Lake Holcombe, 5:45 p.m.; New Auburn at Flambeau, 5:45 p.m.; Stanley-Boyd at Bloomer, 7:30 p.m.
Boys Hockey Regionals—Ashland at Chi-Hi, 7 p.m.
Wrestling Team Sectionals—Saint Croix Falls, Ladysmith, Whitehall at Cadott, 6 p.m.

BRIEFLY

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Williams' late block preserves No. 3 Purdue's win over Terps

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Trevion Williams blocked a layup try in the final seconds and No. 3 Purdue, boosted by Jaden Ivey's go-ahead three-point play, held off Maryland 62-61 on Sunday.

Maryland's Donta Scott drove hard to the basket from the right baseline, but Williams rejected the shot with 5 seconds left. The Boilermakers (22-4, 11-4 Big Ten) corralled the loose ball, completing a rally from a 12-point deficit midway through the second half.

It was 59-all when Ivey shook loose down the lane for his three-point play with 13.1 seconds left. Fatts Russell then was fouled and hit both free throws for the Terrapins with 8.1 seconds remaining.

Purdue committed a turnover on the inbound pass, giving the Terrapins a shot. Russell led the Terrapins (11-14, 3-11) with 24 points.

Sasha Stefanovic scored 17 points, Williams added 12 and Ivey had 11 for Purdue. Zach Edey contributed 10 points and 11 rebounds.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Boston leads No. 1 South Carolina past No. 17 Georgia 72-54

ATHENS, Ga. — Aliyah Boston is making double-doubles look as automatic as South Carolina's wins.

Boston scored 18 points with 12 rebounds and No. 1 South Carolina coasted after a strong start to beat No. 17 Georgia 72-54 on Sunday for their 11th consecutive win.

Boston posted her 17th consecutive double-double and 18th overall in 24 games. Destanni Henderson added 15 points for the Gamecocks (23-1, 11-1 Southeastern Conference), who led by 30 points in the first half.

South Carolina kept its lead in double figures despite being outscored in the third and fourth periods.

"It's just a hole that's too big to dig yourself out of when you're playing a team as talented as they are," said Georgia coach Joni Taylor.

South Carolina is unbeaten since losing at Missouri in overtime to open its conference schedule on Dec. 30.

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Mound (17-5) in the regional semis.

No. 17 Chi-Hi (11-22) hits the road for its Division 1 regional quarterfinal opener at No. 16 Appleton West (6-16) with the winner advancing to play at No. 1 Hortonville in the regional semifinals.

The regional finals will be held on Saturday, Feb. 26 with sectional competition on March 3 and 5. The 2020 Girls Basketball State Tournament will be held on March 10-12 at the Resch Center in Green Bay.

Roundup

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Regan Vruwink scored eight points for Barron (9-11).

Girls Basketball
Eau Claire Memorial 50, Chi-Hi 33

At Eau Claire, the Old Abes outscored the Cardinals in the second half 18-8 in a Big Rivers matchup.

Olivia Sanborn and Brooklyn Sandvig scored eight points each for the Cards.

Lily Cayley led Eau Claire Memorial with 11 points.

ON TV

MONDAY
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Saint Louis at St. Bonaventure, CBSN, 4 p.m.; Bucknell at Lehigh, CBSN, 6 p.m.; Virginia at Virginia Tech, ESPN, 6 p.m.; West Virginia at Kansas St., ESPN2, 6 p.m.; ESPNU — NC Central at Coppin St., ESPNU, 6 p.m.; Dayton at Rhode Island, CBSN, 8 p.m.; Oklahoma St. at Kansas, ESPN, 8 p.m.; Washington St. at Oregon, ESPNU, 8 p.m.; Georgetown at Creighton, FSI, 8 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: Indiana at Nebraska, BTN, 6 p.m.; Florida at Auburn, SECN, 6 p.m.; Ohio St. at Illinois, BTN, 8 p.m.; Maryland at Iowa, ESPN2, 8 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOCKEY: Beanpot Tournament: Northeastern vs. Boston U., Final, Boston, NHLN, 6:30 p.m.
NBA: San Antonio at Chicago, NBATV, 7 p.m.; Golden State at LA Clippers, NBATV, 9:30 p.m.
TENNIS: Dubai-WTA; Doha-ATP, Marseille-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS, 4 a.m.; Dubai-WTA; Doha-ATP, Marseille-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m.; Dubai-WTA; Doha-ATP, Marseille-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS, 4 a.m. (Tuesday); Dubai-WTA; Doha-ATP, Marseille-ATP, Rio de Janeiro-ATP, Delray Beach-ATP Early Rounds, TENNIS, 5 a.m. (Tuesday)
TUESDAY
AUTO RACING: NASCAR Cup Series: Practice 1, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla., FSI, 4 p.m.; NASCAR Cup Series: Practice 2, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla., FSI, 5:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL: South Carolina at Mississippi, ESPNU, 6 p.m.; Iowa St. at TCU, ESPNU, 8 p.m.; Butler at DePaul, FSI, 8 p.m.; San Jose St. at Nevada, FSI, 10 p.m.
NBA: Boston at Philadelphia, TNT, 6:30 p.m.; LA Clippers at Phoenix, TNT, 9 p.m.
MEN'S SOCCER: UEFA Champions League: Real Madrid at Paris Saint-Germain, Round of 16 Leg 1, CBS, 2 p.m.

COMMENTARY

Analytics were right

Badgers' stumble against Rutgers shows team's flaws



JIM POLZIN

The grumbling has been pretty steady the last couple weeks, with both fans and media members complaining that computers weren't showing enough love to the University of Wisconsin men's basketball team.

The Badgers' resume and spot in the human polls suggested they were among the top 15 teams in the country. The numbers spit out by the analytics folks — KenPom, Bart Torvik, others — suggested UW wasn't quite as good as indicated by its gaudy record.

The nerds may be right, after all, based on a humbling couple hours Saturday afternoon at the Kohl Center. A 73-65 loss to Rutgers not only was damaging to the No. 14 Badgers' Big Ten title hopes, it was yet another sign of how vulnerable they can be regardless of opponent or venue.

It's been a fantastically fun season and having a player the caliber of Johnny Davis provides hope for a deep run in March.

But this team is flawed in too many areas and, frankly, it's a little surprising there haven't been more dud performances like this one.

"You can pick and choose a whole lot of stuff out of the game. It could be our turnovers, our free throws, our 3-point percentage," said UW junior forward Tyler

Wahl, who finished with a career-high 23 points and was one of the few bright spots for UW (19-5, 10-4 Big Ten). "We've just got to end up hitting shots and playing better basketball to come out with a win in that game."

Wahl is correct that there were a lot of reasons for this defeat. UW finished with 11 turnovers, including nine in 33 possessions after half-time. That's awful for any team, much less one that counts taking care of the ball as one of the pillars in this program's long run of sustained success.

The free throw shooting was poor as well. The Badgers came into the game shooting 75% from the line and went 9 of 17 against the Scarlet Knights, with Davis going 1 of 4. That's nine wasted chances for points — Davis missed the front end in a bonus situation in the first half — in an eight-point defeat.

Plus, UW went 4 of 19 from beyond the arc. Senior guard Brad Davison, stuck in a shooting slump that has reached four games, was 3 of 13 overall and 1 of 9 from 3-point range and forced the issue right around the time things went sour for the Badgers during the stretch run.

Badgers coach Greg Gard had another item for the list: shoddy defense out of the gates. Rutgers scored 25 points on its first 15 possessions of the game and Gard's biggest gripe was that blown assignments led to too many quality looks for the Scarlet Knights from 3-point range.

For me, the most shocking aspect of this loss was how UW completely fell apart at the end. This was a team that had shown tremendous

poise and grit when it needed it the most this season, producing an 11-1 record in games decided by six or fewer points.

That record is still intact, but only because the Badgers were so dysfunctional down the stretch that they let a tight game turn into what won't even officially be counted as a "close" loss.

UW took a 60-59 lead when Wahl scored on a hook shot with 4 minutes, 48 seconds remaining. Things got ugly after that and the Badgers' next seven possessions went something like I would have seen at the 6th grade basketball tournament I had to miss while covering this game: Davis turnover. Davison miss on a drive. Wahl miss from point-blank range. Davis miss on a forced shot. Wahl turnover in which he was picked from behind. Davis turnover on a pass that ended up in the stands behind the UW bench. Davis turnover.

By that point, a one-point lead had turned into a 10-point deficit and all remained was what the final score would be in Rutgers' first-ever win in six trips to Madison.

"That's not us," Gard said.

It was, indeed, an uncharacteristic display from a team that has overachieved this season. It's hard to even be too frustrated with this group — ask anyone back in November and they gladly would have taken a 19-5 record at this point of the season — but the loss dropped the Badgers out of a tie for first place and makes their path to a title much more difficult.

"There's no reason to dwell on our loss," Davis said. "There's nothing

we can do to go back and change it. But we've still got to see them in New Jersey."

That's a great attitude and it's a reflection of another strength of this team: its ability to bounce back and learn from bad experiences. I interviewed all three UW assistant coaches earlier this week and one of the things they thought stood out about this team was how it handled defeats. One example came when the coaches entered the locker room after a home loss to Michigan State on Jan. 21 and loved what they saw and heard from players who were disappointed but not crushed.

The confidence hasn't wavered in a resilient group. UW hasn't lost two games in a row this season, though that accomplishment will be put to the test in a game at Indiana on Tuesday night. Lose a game like this at home and it just means you need to steal one on the road somewhere to even things out.

"They're disappointed. It burns," Gard said. "I don't want them to be so happy-go-lucky that this doesn't matter. This matters. You could hear a pin drop in the locker room. This means something to them. But in this sport, in this league, you've got to flip it pretty quick. You can't let today impact us as we prepare for Tuesday."

There are still plenty of chances for UW to prove this was an aberration and that greatness still can be achieved. Or perhaps the computers were right all along and this was a team that had defied the laws of mathematics.

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Regional

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for fourth. Mattison (11-11) picked up a 17-0 technical fall win against Superior's Fjeordi Johnson but lost his next two matches in the semifinals to Menomonie's Kelyn Wolf by 7-2 decision and against New Richmond's Carter Sterba by 10-3 decision for third place. Mattison pinned Hudson's Ethan Anderson for fourth place.

Henry Brunner was sixth for the Cardinals with a pair of pinfall defeats at 106.

As a team the Cardinals were eighth with 74 points as River Falls (227.5) bested Hudson (207) atop the team title standings.

Blanchard, Rothbauer win regional titles

At Neillsville, Bloomer/Colfax seniors Luke Blanchard and Bowen Rothbauer each won Division 2 regional titles.

Blanchard (25-5) pinned Regis/Altoona's Liam O'Connell in the 152 semifinals before a 14-0 major decision win against Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal's Keeghan Anding in the championship match. Rothbauer (39-2) started his championship push at 160 with a pinfall over Abbotsford/Colby's Jacob Hoppe in the semifinals and followed up with a 7-1 decision win against Medford's Logan Kawa.

Ayden Anderson are Alex Poirier also moving on with second-place finishes. An-

derson (15-15) advanced to the finals at 106 with a 19-0 technical fall over Medford's Rylan Zoellick before being pinned by Regis/Altoona's Deaglan O'Connell in the championship match. Anderson beat Zoellick by rule for second. Poirier (15-7) picked up a pinfall win in his 145 semifinal matchup against Medford's Cory Lindahl before suffering a 6-0 decision defeat to Abbotsford/Colby's Tanner Halopka in the championship match. Anderson finished second by rule over Lindahl.

"The middle of our weight class is our strength," Bloomer/Colfax coach Cecil Philson said, "they have been all year. They've been practicing together for the last couple weeks, rotating in with (Alex) Poirier and other one of our wrestlers

that took second. They just put out a great couple weeks of hard work in and it paid off."

Brok McCann (9-10) was third at 195, one spot away from advancing to sectionals. McCann fell to Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal's Dan Polzin by pinfall in the 195 semis but bounced back to beat Regis/Altoona's Alex Wood with a pin before falling by rule to Polzin for second.

Brison Tuschl finished fourth at 120, James McElroy and Samy Espinal came home fifth at 126 and 220, respectively, and Evan Nittek finished sixth at 182 for the Raptors. Bloomer/Colfax finished fourth with 128.5 points as Neillsville/Greenwood/Loyal won the team regional title with 220 points over Regis/Altoona (198.5).

Wrestling

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match. Kingston beat Gross by rule for second to move on. Lindsay (19-17) earned a pin against Stanley-Boyd's Caden Koepl in the 195 semis and was pinned in the championship match by Boyceville's Sebastian Nielson. Lindsay came back to pin Glenwood City's Carter Clemens for second.

Cadott joins St. Croix Falls, Whitehall and Ladysmith as regional champions that will clash in team competition Tuesday night with a trip to state awaiting the winning team.

"That's how you win championships, you necessarily don't win every match but you do your absolute best and the guys did that today," Spaeth said.

Stanley-Boyd advanced three wrestlers to sectionals as Sasha Nitz, Breckin Burzynski and Troy Trevino each finished second in their respective weight classes. Nitz (16-7) won

his semifinal match at 120 by pinfall over Glenwood City's James Knight after a defensive pin. Nitz lost a competitive championship match to Harel and beat Knight by rule for second. Burzynski (25-5) pinned Cornell/Gilman/Lake Holcombe's Preston Fredrickson in the 126 semifinals before the loss to Sonnentag. Burzynski beat Fredrickson by rule for second. Trevino picked up an 8-4 sudden victory over Cadott's Nick Fasbender in the 132 semifinals. Trevino was pinned in the second period by Glenwood City's Gabe Knops in the title match, but moved on with a rule win for second.

"All three of those guys wrestled well," Stanley-Boyd coach Greg Burzynski said of his team's sectional qualifiers. "They earned themselves a spot to go to the next week and see what happens."

Thorp/Owen-Withhee's Cera Philson (12-18) is moving on at 113 after finishing second. Philson

earned a 4-0 decision win against Stanley-Boyd's Dale Sayles in the semifinals and was pinned by Glenwood City's Ian Radintz in the championship match. Philson defeated Sayles (13-17) by rule for second.

Kaleb Lodahl, Nick Fasbender and Kane Menton each finished third for the Hornets, just missing out on advancing to individual sectionals. Lodahl (24-12) lost this semifinal match by 10-9 decision to Boyceville's Noah Evenson and later fell by rule for third. Fasbender (26-14) battled back from the loss to Trevino by pinning Boyceville's Jake Bialzik for third but lost second by rule. Mengel (8-15) fell in his first match but won his third place match against Glenwood City's Marcis DeSmith by injury and lost a 4-0 decision to Plemon for third.

Sayles and Landen Hoel each were third for the Orioles. Hoel (14-14) fell in the semifinals by a 12-0 decision to Glenwood City's Mitchell McGee and

later lost second by rule to McGee. Koepl (11-17) was fourth at 195 as a team Stanley-Boyd was fourth with 91 points.

Fredrickson (17-11) was third as 126, battling back from his semifinal loss to Burzynski with a pinfall win against Glenwood City's Logan McVeigh for third with Burzynski taking second by rule. Braeden Person (26-14) was fourth for the Wolfpack as Cornell/Gilman/Lake Holcombe came home seventh in the team standings with 42 points.

Thorp/Owen-Withee was one spot ahead of the Wolfpack in sixth with 72 points, four behind Spring Valley/Elmwood (76). Wulff (13-17) finished third at 220, winning his quarterfinal contest over Glenwood City's Blake Fayerweather by pinfall before the loss to Tegels. Wulff came back to pin Spring Valley/Elmwood's Trace Anderson but fell by pinfall to Boyceville's John Klefstad by pin for second and Connor Simington was fourth at 145 for the co-op.