



North Hills Varsity WRESTLING 2017 - 2018

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INDIANS. TOGETHER. STRONG.

INDIANS not enough in section action against Hampton Talbots; Hillegas 3rd at Powerade

It was a busy week for the North Hills Indians, who closed out the 2017 year with a tough loss at home against Hampton, by the score of 45-27.

The Indians then traveled to Canon-McMillan for three days of wrestling in the 51st Powerade Invitational. The first day nine wrestlers competed in the JV Powerade. The wrestlers fought hard and showed some confidence which they would need to compete in the 51st Powerade Invitational, which is considered the second toughest high school wrestling tournament in the country. Our wrestlers wrestled tough but most of them were out matched with their opponents. Damon Thompson and Nathan Mankey won two matches a piece before being eliminated from the tournament. Our lone medal winner was a 3rd place finish for Sam Hillegas. The team placed 40th out of the 51 teams participating in this year's Powerade tournament.

Coach's Message:

Commitment is the foundation of all Success... Sink your unproductive ship of 2017, all the unproductive stuff that has not worked for you, and step off on faith into the small lifeboat to start a new chapter in your life.

Next-up:

Next on our schedule is a section 3B meet, on Wednesday, January 3 against Shaler Area High School at Shaler Middle School. Go Indians!

Indian of the week:

This past week the Indians participated in the prestigious Powerade Tournament; rated the #2 toughest High School Tournament in the Country by FloWrestling. After the dust had settled, the Indians had one place winner. Going into the tournament as the number two seed, Sam Hillegas had his goals set on winning the 126lb title. He knew the title would have to be earned. Standing in his path would be the number #9 ranked and number #2 ranked wrestlers in the country. Through his first four matches, he recorded a fall and dominated his opponents by a combined score of 43-4. His victories earned him a semi-final match-up that would put Hillegas, the number #11 ranked wrestler in the country, vs. the number #9 ranked wrestler in the country, Beau Bartlett. Sam was outwrestled in the semi-final showdown by a score of 2-0 giving him his first varsity loss of his career and dropping him down to the consolation bracket. Beau Bartlett did go on and win the 126lb title by defeating the unbeaten and three-time AA State Champion Gavin Teasdale in the finals. Hillegas kept a clear mind and set his goals on the next best thing, third place.

Hillegas would go on to dominate in his next two matches and win by major decision in the consolations finals by a score of 10-0; earning him third place. For his ability to remain focused and stay the course through adversity, we would like to congratulate Sophomore Sam Hillegas. Congratulations Sam Hillegas!

