

MOUNTAIN Kid Sports NEWS

Highlighting the Athletic Achievements of Loma Prieta & CTE Students

Wrestling

This year's Cheetah wrestling team grew by 50% since last year, and 75% of our participants were first year wrestlers. Even as inexperienced as we were, our athletes grew exponentially and performed well, with winning records in all but one dual meet this season. "Being a first year wrestler is tough – the majority of opponents have more experience, strength, and technique, and most new wrestlers will lose many of their matches. It takes a lot of courage to get on the mat in the first place – alone, with a big audience, in a physical battle for dominance – and it takes a lot of character to get back on the mat after a loss. Merely completing a season is a huge accomplishment for first-year wrestlers and they have a lot to be proud of," said Coach Kissner.

At JV League Finals, CTE had strong end of season finishes by Corbin Lane (a 5th grader, the youngest competitor in the JV finals), Grace Longstreth (having only a few weeks of practice under her belt), Ryan Niles, Ella Plautz, Alec Bercaw, and Cade Watson. Placing 4th in the JV league finals were Maciej Buszco and Max Cunningham. Cyrus Van Sciver pulled off 3rd place with two final wins and Jake Caligiuri placed 3rd by winning an exciting last round. Strong 2nd place showings by Adrian Andres and Andrew Peck, both with overwhelmingly winning records for the season. Martin Moelgaard won three in a row to take 1st place in JV Finals. Not competing in league finals, but important parts of the team were Jacob Cool, only in 4th grade, Blade Castro, Julia Shab, and Jorge Gomez. Ethan Almaneih started off strong, before succumbing to an injury. Sam Fulton, 6th grader, had a solid winning season and took 1st place at the Mustang Classic before an injury took him out right before finals.

At Varsity League Finals, Adam Schmidt wrapped up a great season in one of the toughest weight classes in the league. Cade Hickok also ended a winning season, showing great growth in technique and strength. Team Captain Ethan Davis earned 2nd and Shane Ford and Raffe Villa both took 1st place at League Finals and all three advanced to sectionals.



Ethan ended the season 4th in the section, Raffe took 3rd, and Shane took 1st, going on to place second in the county finals. Coach Kissner said, "We are excited about next year, as most of our new wrestlers this year will be returning as experienced wrestlers next year. We are looking to grow in numbers and experience next season. Congratulations to all of our wrestlers for a season of hard work and dedication! Go Cheetahs!"

One more thing...

If you know about a local student-athlete that has excelled in their sport – whether it's mountain biking, skiing, equestrian events, gymnastics, you name it! – please send an email to mtnkid_sportsnews@yahoo.com. We'll be highlighting the extracurricular sporting achievements of Loma Prieta and CTE students in future editions.

