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St. John shines on big stage in Urbandale

Prep wrestling

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West High senior Derek St. John was named the Outstanding Wrestler at the Ed Winger Invitational on Saturday in Urbandale, crushing a loaded weight class at 160 pounds.



The Trojans won the team race by 70 points, beating second-place Southeast Polk 221½ to 151½ in the 16-team meet.

"I feel pretty good about our overall team performance," West coach Mark Reiland said. "We're wrestling pretty well right now. There's not a lot you can complain about right now."

West had 14 wrestlers place in the top eight, 12 in the top six and 10 among the top four.

Dylan Carew (145), Nick Moore (152) and St. John won titles. Jack Hathaway (103), Jon Skarda (112), Gradey Gambrell (125), Justin Koethe (135) and Brandon Kuehl (hwt.) each finished third.

St. John beat second-ranked Michael Moreno in the final by major decision 18-8. That came after pinning No. 4 Joe Range of Burlington in 4:35 in the semifinals.

"We know what he's capable of," Reiland said of the Iowa recruit. "A lot of people question if he's really that good. If there is any question about it, it was answered today."

"Coaching him isn't too hard. I point him to where the mat is, and shake his hand when he gets done."

Team scores -- 1. West High 221½; 2. Southeast Polk 151 ½; 3. North Scott 142; 4. Indianola 138; 5. Bettendorf 123; 6. Des Moines Roosevelt 117; 7. Urbandale 105 ½; 8. Dallas Center Grimes 101; 9. Dowling Catholic 71; 10. Ames 67; 11. Davenport West 59; 12. Centerville 59; 13. Burlington 58; 14. Fort Madison 50; 15. Cedar Falls 44; 16. Council Bluffs Thomas Jefferson 5 ½.

Final result, West placement match results

103 -- Cory Clark (SEP) maj. dec. Connor Ryan (NS) 8-0. THIRD -- Jack Hathaway (West) pinned Richie Elkenberry (Bdorf) 3:21.

112 -- Adam Perrin (NS) maj. dec. Wade Edgington (I) 14-6. THIRD -- Jon Skarda (West) dec. Jake Agnitsch (Ames) 5-3.

119 -- John Meeks (DMR) maj. dec. Taylor Wickett (Bett) 10-7. THIRD -- Vinny Gomez (I) dec. Hunter St. John (West) 8-4.

125 -- Josh Pugh (DC) pinned Garrott Schligman (NS) 1:26. THIRD -- Gradey Gambrell (West) maj. dec. Talon Larson (DMR) 16-6.

130 -- Cody Swin (I) pinned Gabriel Moreno (U) 3:11. THIRD -- Ben Cash (DMR) dec. Garrett Hathaway (West) 7-3.

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135 -- Trevor Duke (Burl) dec. Bill Borseth (SEP) 6-4. THIRD -- Justin Koethe (West) maj. dec. Tanner Anderson (NS) 10-0.

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140 -- Chad Lowman (DMR) maj. dec. David Kellogg (DCG) 11-0. FIFTH -- Connor Paulsen (NS) maj. dec. A.J. Bailey (West) 11-2.

145 -- Dylan Carew (West) dec. Michael Kelly (CF) 6-3.

152 -- Nick Moore (West) dec. Joe Trizzino (Bett) 9-4.

160 -- Derek St. John (West) maj. dec. Michael Moreno (U) 18-8.

171 -- Walt Gillmor (NS) dec. Mikey England (Cville) 10-4.

189 -- Brandon Abernathy (I) dec. Trevor Voelker (DCG) 11-9 OT.

215 -- Ethan Bass (SEP) pinned Nolan Proehl (DW) 1:30. FIFTH -- Stefan Breitling (Ames) pinned Matt Behnami (West) 5:40.

Hwt. -- Jacob Crawford (SEP) dec. Brodie Bettie (Bdorf) 3-2. THIRD -- Brandon Kuehl (West) pinned Spencer Emerson (DC) 1:33.

Midland Invitational

- CCA: Clear Creek Amana finished third Saturday at the 10-team invitational in Wyoming.

"We were fourth behind three pretty good teams," CCA coach Mark Moody said. "I'm happy with the team finish. A couple kids avenged previous losses, which was good."

Anthony Hutchinson (130) and Drew Cox (160) led the Clippers by finishing second.

Team scores -- 1. Maquoketa 209½; 2. North Linn 207; 3. Lisbon 152; 4. Clear Creek Amana 132; 5. Center Point-Urbana 122; 6. Tipton 85½; 7. Regina 47; 8. Edgewood-Colesburg 45½; 9. Midland 29; 10. Lone Tree 23½.

CCA results

103 -- Dalton Beckler, 2-2, 3rd.

112 -- Ryan Hall, 4th.

130 -- Anthony Hutchinson, 2-1, 2nd.

140 -- Casey Rohret, 2-2, 3rd.

145 -- Josh Floyd, 5th.

160 -- Drew Cox, 2-1, 2nd.

171 -- Tyler Walls, 3-1, 3rd.

189 -- Tyler Grauer, 3-1, 3rd.

215 -- Bob Hora, 2-2, 4th.

Hwt. -- Dakota Prymek, 2-2, 3rd.

East Marshall Tournament

- WEST BRANCH: The Bears took third place Saturday at the East Marshall Tournament.

West Branch lost to East Marshall/GMG in its opening match, then went on to win four straight duals. East Marshall/GMG went on to win the tournament.

EAST MARSHALL/GMG 49, WEST BRANCH 18

125 -- Matt Smith (WB) pinned Eric Bro 1:22.

130 -- Gabe Uhde (EM) dec. Rilen Carew 5-4.

135 -- Blake Meling (EM) pinned Travis Maker :55.

140 -- Jake Slocum (WB) dec. Dylan Newbrough 7-5.

145 -- Jase Schossow (EM) tech. fall Jake Rozinek 17-2.

152 -- Cole Kelly (WB) dec. Jason Mellows 7-7.

160 -- Ryan Valline (EM) dec. Jayson Madsen 14-7.

171 -- Sam Upah (EM) won by forfeit.

189 -- Jesse Buchanan (EM) pinned Derek Miller 1:02.

215 -- Tanner Williams (EM) dec. Mitch Slocum 10-7.

Hwt. -- Kyler Kober (WB) pinned Bobby Proffitt 3:37.

103 -- Cole Harre (EM) won by forfeit.

112 -- Jeremy Roberts (EM) tech. fall Michael Hart 17-2.

119 -- Nate Dixon (EM) pinned Blake Bradley 3:20.

WEST BRANCH 51, DES MOINES LINCOLN 26

130 -- Carew (WB) won by forfeit.

135 -- Slocum (WB) pinned Jacob Brouillette 1:08.

140 -- Leo Nopoulous (WB) won by forfeit.

145 -- Rozinek (WB) pinned Zach Vasey 4:47.

152 -- Kelly (WB) pinned Zach Cooper 3:10.

160 -- Madsen (WB) pinned Dice Larpenter :21.

171 -- Adam Webb (DML) maj. dec. Miller 12-4.

189 -- Tim Baker (DML) won by forfeit.

215 -- Slocum (WB) dec. Zach Salisbury 5-4.

Hwt. -- Kober (WB) pinned Zach McClelland 1:00.

103 -- D'Riece Shirley (DML) won by forfeit.

112 -- Anthony Vaughn (DML) won by forfeit.

119 -- Zach Parsons (DML) maj. dec. Bradley 10-0.

125 -- Smith (WB) pinned Justin Powell :35.

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135 -- Slocum (WB) tech. fall Parker Turner 18-3.

140 -- Clint Stout (W) pinned Nopoulos 1:47.

145 -- Rozinek (WB) dec. Travis Shelman 15-11.

152 -- Kelly (WB) pinned Reylon Jones 3:00.

160 -- Madsen (WB) pinned Chris Graf 1:32.

171 -- Miller (WB) pinned Pedro Cossio :24.

189 -- John Vergera (W) won by forfeit.

215 -- Slocum (WB) won by forfeit.

Hwt. -- Kober (WB) won by forfeit.

103 -- William Wheeler (W) won by forfeit.

112 -- Michael Hart (WB) pinned Jake Ruenger 5:22/

119 -- Jordan Kay (W) pinend Bradley :17.

125 -- Smith (WB) maj. dec. Zach Weilgren 8-0.

130 -- Carew (WB) pinned Tyler Jaspering 1:43.

WEST BRANCH 42, SOUTH TAMA 34

140 -- Nopoulos (WB) won by forfeit.

145 -- Rozinek (WB) won by forfeit.

152 -- Kyle Lux (ST) maj. dec. Kelly 12-4.

160 -- Madsen (WB) pinned Winston Wolf :30.

171 -- Miller (WB) pinned Josh Ginanetto 3:20.

189 -- Ben Cecak (ST) won by forfeit.

215 -- Slocum (WB) pinned Cody Bartling 2:50.

Hwt. -- Kober (WB) won by forfeit.

103 -- Dustin Horne (ST) won by forfeit.

112 -- Aaron Davenport (ST) pinned Hart 1:27.

119 -- Cody Taylor (ST) tech. fall Bradley 17-0.

125 -- Tyler Waltz (ST) dec. Smith 7-0.

130 -- Logan Mathes (ST) maj. dec. Carew 9-0.

135 -- Slocum (WB) won by forfeit.

Williamsburg Round Robin Tournament

• WILLIAMSBURG: The Raiders cleaned up at their own tournament Saturday, crowning six winners in Williamsburg.

J.C. Vercande at 103 and Austin Blythe at heavyweight led the charge, each getting five pins in their five wins. Mitchell Kesterson (112), Spencer Dale (130), Jake Masterson (145) and Colton Koch (189) also went 5-0 for Williamsburg.

Team scores -- 1. Williamsburg 190; 2. Mount Pleasant 172; 3. Maron 159; 4. Grinnell 156; 5. Pella 78; 6. Dike-New Hartford 69.

Winner, Williamsburg placewinners

103 -- 1. J.C. Vercande (WB) 5-0.

112 -- 1. Mitchell Kesterson (WB) 5-0.

119 -- 1. Ryan Matherly (G) 5-0; 2. Anthony Davis (WB) 4-1.

125 -- 1. Aussin Weisinger (M) 5-0; 2. Trevor Knepper (WB) 4-1.

130 -- 1. Spencer Dale (WB) 5-0.

135 -- 1. Nick Rutherford (G) 5-0; 4. Zack Milder (WB) 2-3.

140 -- 1. Ryan McSweeney (M) 5-0; 4. Zack Miller (WB) 2-3.

145 -- 1. Jake Masterson (WB) 5-0.

152 -- 1. Alex Conway (M) 5-0; 5. Aaron Zuber (WB) 1-4.

160 -- 1. Curtis Ette (M) 5-0; 5. Levi Reitzler (WB) 1-4.

171 -- 1. A.J. Arrendell (P) 5-0; 3. Brett Waughop (WB) 3-2.

189 -- 1. Colton Koch (WB) 5-0.

215 -- 1. Jay Hackett (MP) 5-0; 4. Tom Malloy (WB) 2-3.

Hwt. -- 1. Austin Blythe (WB) 5-0.

Alburnette Invitational

• SOLON: The Spartans came just two points shy of a team championship Saturday, finishing as the runner-up to Monticello 88-86 in Alburnette.

The Spartans crowned three individual champs in the six-team round-robin event -- Cody Fritz, Devin Bender and James Morris.

"It's hard to finish just two points away," Solon co-head coach T.J. Bevins said. "It's the sixth time this year we've come just a couple of points short, but I'm real proud of our guys. With just one senior, to be doing this well, it shows that in the next few years we'll be a very good team."

Fritz (25-9), a freshman, won the first title of his career with a 5-0 record on the day at 135 pounds. Bender (23-6), the team's lone senior, went 5-0 at 152. Junior 215-pounder James Morris (25-0) stayed perfect for the season with a 5-0 day.

J.J. Hanus, Ben Nigg, Andy Ashton, Andy Constant and Jake Brown all turned in runner-up finishes for the Spartans.

Team scores -- 1. Monticello 88; 2. Solon 86; 3. North Cedar 68; 4. Alburnette 66; 5. Valley of Elgin 52; 6. Central Elkader 36.

Solon individual finishes, records

125 -- 4. Marshall Koehn 2-3.

130 -- 3. Jordan Siddell 3-2.

135 -- 1. Cody Fritz 5-0

140 -- 2. J.J. Hanus 4-1.

145 -- 2. Ben Nigg 4-1.

152 -- 1. Devin Bender 5-0.

160 -- 3. Zach Reede 3-2.

171 -- 2. Andy Ashton 4-1.

189 -- 2. Andy Constant 5-1.

215 -- 1. James Morris 5-0.

Hwt. -- 2. Jake Brown 4-1.

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