

Three wrestling Warriors advance to Semi-State

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? The Scottsburg High School wrestling team traveled to Bloomington South High School with five grapplers for this year's IHSAA Regionals.

They came home with three of those wrestlers making the jump to the Semi-State to be held at Roberts Stadium in Evansville. The three wrestlers set a new school record in one season.

Qualifying for the next step in the State Tourney will be juniors Tanner Howard, second at 152, and Nick Henderson, third at 189 pounds, and senior Chris Chasteen, fourth at 171 pounds.

Howard opened the day with a win by a pin over Joyal of Terre Haute South in 1:49 and then knocked off Prieboy of Bloomington South 7-1 before losing to undefeated Fudurich of Sullivan 2-6 in the finals.

Head Coach Tyson Skinner stated, "Howard wrestled well all day. In the finals, he ran into a tough grappler in the Sullivan boy. He has a tough road ahead, but he is a very talented wrestler."

Henderson opened the day with an overtime win over Heston of Edgewood 7-5, and then lost to Brownfield of Columbus North 5-10. He finished by defeating Kopitzke of Jennings Co. 12-1 for third place. "Henderson started off slow in his match with Edgewood, but by the end of the day was wrestling better than he has all year," said his coach.

Chasteen opened the day with a win by fall over Edington of Terre Haute North in 1:48, then lost to Watson of Columbus North 2-10. He lost by fall to Biggs of Jennings County in 4:33 for fourth. "Chasteen has a big challenge ahead of him. Placing fourth means he will wrestle a champ from another regional in the first round," related the coach.

Junior Sebastian Rodgers and senior Will Stone both lost in their opening round matches. Rodgers lost a heartbreaker to eventual runner-up Terrell of Bloomington South 4-5 in the 4th overtime. Stone lost by fall to eventual champ Vandenveter of Bloomington North. "Rodgers' match was a tough one. He was continually attacking throughout the match only to get called for stalling in the last OT and being penalized one point and that was the matc,." Skinner said. "Stone has been battling the injury bug all year and put up a good fight early only to get caught."