Wildcats medal 10, finish runner-up at home tournament

Louisburg senior Elias Pugh works for a pin during his 175-pound championship match Saturday at the Louisburg Wildcat Invitational. Pugh won the 175-pound title.

The Louisburg wrestling team put on a show in front of its home fans Saturday at the Louisburg Wildcat Invitational.

The Wildcats finished second in the team standings, had three champions and 10 medalists in their first action back from the holiday break.

In the 12-team tournament, Louisburg racked up 215.5 points. Basehor-Linwood captured the tournament title with 295 points.

"Basehor's team is definitely stacked, and they're going to be a power in 5A for a while to come," Louisburg coach Bobby Bovaird said. "Lots of their hammers are freshmen and sophomores. I'm very proud of how our guys battled in the tournament, regardless."

Louisburg racked up three first place finishes in a row as Elias Pugh (175), Ashton Moore (190) and Brayden Yoder (215)

each won their championship matches during the final round.

Pugh went 5-0 on the day and won all his matches by pin. That included a first period pin of Basehor-Linwood's Logan Plum in the championship match.

Louisburg junior Ashton Moore won the 190-pound title Saturday at the Louisburg Wildcat Invitational.

As for Moore, who is currently ranked No. 4 in Class 4A at 190 pounds, he also finished with a 5-0 day and had four pins. Moore ended his day with a 16-0 technical fall victory over Royal Valley's Cyrus Harding.

Moore's previous four matches all ended by pin in the first period as he put together a dominant day that improved his record to 17-3 on the season.

Yoder had a dominant day at 215 pounds as he went 4-0 with

four pins, including a second period pin of Blue Valley West's Noah Perchellet in the championship match.

"Those three combined for 14 wins (13 were pins and 1 was a tech fall), and they just stepped up and performed at the right time," Bovaird said. "It was the first varsity championship for Ashton and Elias, and Brayden is now a 2-time Louisburg champion."

Louisburg junior Brayden Yoder gets a pin in his 215-pound championship match Saturday.

Junior Logan Henry also put together a strong performance. After losing his first match to the eventual champion, Henry rattled off four straight wins — all coming by pin.

Henry pinned Leavenworth's Cameron Turner in the first period of his final match to take third place overall.

"Logan gave the eventual champion a really tough match," Bovaird said. "They were 0-0 after the first period, and we saw some awesome movement and positioning from Logan. His opponent was an absolute beast on top though. We chose the bottom position in the second period, and that's where that kid was toughest. Logan bounced back with four pins to finish in third place."

The Wildcats also had six wrestlers earn fourth-place medals. Levi Cotter (106 pounds), J'Lee Collins (126), Traden Noll (150), Jay McCaskill (157), Jonas Briley (175) and Miles Meek (285) all left the tournament with a medal.

Bovaird liked what he saw from those wrestlers, and several others, who helped the Wildcats to their runner-up team finish.

Junior Logan Henry finished third at 132 pounds Saturday after

getting this pin in his third place match.

"One thing I love about our tournament is how we're able to bring unattached wrestlers to give them some varsity experience," Bovaird said. "Initially, we were going to bring 6, but two of those guys ended up bumping up a weight to fill in for injured teammates. Blake Oliphant bumped up to 144 and finished 6th, and Miles Meek bumped up to 285 to take 4th place. Miles was giving up a lot of weight, too — one of his opponents was all of 285 pounds, and Miles was able to get a pin against him.

"Even though he wasn't scoring team points, Jonas Briley went 3-2 and earned 4th place in his first varsity meet of the year. Four other guys won medals too in Levi, J'Lee, Traden and Jay. They were all in tough weights, too, and I'm proud of how they battled. Overall, we were 48-36 with 33 pins, 3 tech falls, and 2 major decisions. Pretty solid performance for it being our first tournament back from the break."

Louisburg is back in action Thursday in a rare midweek tournament as the Wildcats travel to the Wellsville Invitational. Matches begin at 1 p.m. at Wellsville High School.

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Levi Cotter (11-9) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Levi Cotter (Louisburg) 11-9 won by fall over Dexter Lytle (Anderson County) 1-4 (Fall 3:22)
- Round 2 — Levi Cotter (Louisburg) 11-9 won by decision over Tanner Holt (Jayhawk Linn) 2-2 (Dec 4-2)
- Round 3 — Trevor Christenson (Basehor-Linwood) 20-2 won by fall over Levi Cotter (Louisburg) 11-9 (Fall 0:38)
- Championship Bracket — Landon Higgins (Jayhawk Linn) 17-3 won by fall over Levi Cotter (Louisburg) 11-9 (Fall 3:20)

- 3rd Place Match — Eric Vielhauer (Basehor-Linwood) 10-2 won by fall over Levi Cotter (Louisburg) 11-9 (Fall 1:44)

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Canaan Clayton (13-6) placed 5th and scored 11.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Lane Jones (Basehor-Linwood) 4-5 won by fall over Canaan Clayton (Louisburg) 13-6 (Fall 5:37)
- Round 2 — Canaan Clayton (Louisburg) 13-6 received a bye () (Bye)
- Round 3 — Canaan Clayton (Louisburg) 13-6 won by fall over Devin Vogel (Turner) 3-4 (Fall 1:10)
- Round 5 — Jet Millison (Basehor-Linwood) 13-3 won by fall over Canaan Clayton (Louisburg) 13-6 (Fall 1:23)
- 5th Place Match — Canaan Clayton (Louisburg) 13-6 won by medical forfeit over Jacob Garner (Leavenworth) 3-4 (M. For.)

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Will Showalter (8-11) placed 11th and scored 4.5 team points.

- Round 1 — Carson McCrory (Basehor-Linwood) 9-2 won by fall over Will Showalter (Louisburg) 8-11 (Fall 2:25)
- Round 2 — Denton White (Jayhawk Linn) 15-1 won by fall over Will Showalter (Louisburg) 8-11 (Fall 1:51)
- Round 4 — Will Showalter (Louisburg) 8-11 won in sudden victory — 1 over Jace Diezman (Blue Valley West) 7-13 (SV-1 6-4)
- Round 5 — Will Showalter (Louisburg) 8-11 won by tech fall over Sammy Blair (Girard) 2-4 (TF-1.5 4:39 (17-2))
- Round 6 — Colby Cross (Turner) 2-3 won by fall over Will Showalter (Louisburg) 8-11 (Fall 0:21)

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J`Lee Collins (10-6) placed 4th and scored 11.0 team points.

- Round 1 — J`Lee Collins (Louisburg) 10-6 won by fall over Myles Finley (Piper) 6-12 (Fall 1:12)
- Round 2 — Samuel Vasquez (Leavenworth) 12-5 won in sudden victory — 1 over J`Lee Collins (Louisburg) 10-6 (SV-1 10-8)
- Round 3 — J`Lee Collins (Louisburg) 10-6 won by decision over Owen Thompson (Anderson County) 1-4 (Dec 7-6)
- Round 4 — Matthew Tracy (Royal Valley) 14-4 won by medical forfeit over J`Lee Collins (Louisburg) 10-6 (M. For.)
- Round 5 — Cael Puderbaugh (Basehor-Linwood) 19-2 won by medical forfeit over J`Lee Collins (Louisburg) 10-6 (M. For.)

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Logan Henry (12-5) placed 3rd and scored 20.0 team points.

- Round 2 — Evan Vielhauer (Basehor-Linwood) 18-2 won by fall over Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 (Fall 2:33)
- Round 3 — Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 won by fall over Albert Green (Shawnee Mission West) 10-7 (Fall 2:12)
- Round 4 — Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 won by fall over Eli Herr (Anderson County) 0-5 (Fall 0:02)
- Round 5 — Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 won by fall over Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 0:33)
- 3rd Place Match — Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 won by fall over Cameron Turner (Leavenworth) 12-9 (Fall 1:13)

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Freddy Moreau (4-6) placed 5th.

- Round 1 — Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 won in sudden victory — 1 over Albert Green (Shawnee Mission West) 10-7 (SV-1 8-6)
- Round 3 — Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 won by fall over Eli Herr (Anderson County) 0-5 (Fall 1:55)
- Round 4 — Evan Vielhauer (Basehor-Linwood) 18-2 won by fall over Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 1:46)
- Round 5 — Logan Henry (Louisburg) 12-5 won by fall over Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 0:33)
- 5th Place Match — Freddy Moreau (Louisburg) 4-6 won by major decision over Domnic Conley (Royal Valley) 7-9 (MD 12-1)

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Mika McKitrick (9-10) placed 6th and scored 6.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Mika McKitrick (Louisburg) 9-10 won by major decision over Anthony Heger (Blue Valley West) 1-3 (MD 12-4)
- Round 3 — Bowen Wade (Jayhawk Linn) 14-7 won by fall over Mika McKitrick (Louisburg) 9-10 (Fall 1:21)
- Quarterfinal — Grey Robinson (Shawnee Mission East) 13-10 won by fall over Mika McKitrick (Louisburg) 9-10 (Fall 0:59)
- Cons. Round 1 — Mika McKitrick (Louisburg) 9-10 won by decision over Nathaniel Atwell (Leavenworth) 8-11 (Dec 10-7)
- 5th Place Match — Keith Slaughter (Piper) 9-8 won by fall over Mika McKitrick (Louisburg) 9-10 (Fall 1:39)

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Blake Oliphant (4-6) placed 6th and scored 7.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Blake Oliphant (Louisburg) 4-6 won by fall over Conner Prothe (Anderson County) 1-4 (Fall 3:18)
- Round 2 — Breck Adams (Shawnee Mission West) 5-10 won by decision over Blake Oliphant (Louisburg) 4-6 (Dec 8-4)
- Round 3 — Brady Felt (Jayhawk Linn) 12-7 won by fall over Blake Oliphant (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 2:26)
- Round 5 — Blaise Overbey (Leavenworth) 14-8 won by fall over Blake Oliphant (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 1:44)
- 5th Place Match — Darren Bausch (Royal Valley) 8-7 won by decision over Blake Oliphant (Louisburg) 4-6 (Dec 8-5)

150

Traden Noll (13-7) placed 4th and scored 16.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Traden Noll (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Ray Phillips (Leavenworth) 6-13 (Fall 0:52)
- Round 3 — Traden Noll (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Carson Mills (Piper) 6-4 (Fall 0:50)
- Quarterfinal — Traden Noll (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Joe Musick (Shawnee Mission East) 11-9 (Fall 3:50)
- Semifinal — Aj Schaffer (Anderson County) 5-0 won by fall over Traden Noll (Louisburg) 13-7 (Fall 2:00)
- 3rd Place Match — Brady Watts (Blue Valley West) 10-6 won by decision over Traden Noll (Louisburg) 13-7 (Dec 8-4)

150

Colin Robinson (5-7) placed 5th.

- Round 1 — Colin Robinson (Louisburg) 5-7 won by fall over Weston Ross (Royal Valley) 4-9 (Fall 4:54)
- Round 2 — Ruben Escalante (Piper) 16-3 won by fall over Colin Robinson (Louisburg) 5-7 (Fall 2:29)
- Quarterfinal — Aj Schaffer (Anderson County) 5-0 won by fall over Colin Robinson (Louisburg) 5-7 (Fall 0:39)
- Cons. Round 1 — Colin Robinson (Louisburg) 5-7 won by decision over Joe Musick (Shawnee Mission East) 11-9 (Dec 3-2)
- 5th Place Match — Colin Robinson (Louisburg) 5-7 won by fall over Carson Mills (Piper) 6-4 (Fall 4:21)

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Jay McCaskill (15-5) placed 4th and scored 13.5 team points.

- Round 1 — Jay McCaskill (Louisburg) 15-5 won by tech fall over Noah Shovlowsky (Shawnee Mission West) 0-4 (TF-1.5 2:03 (19-4))
- Round 2 — Jay McCaskill (Louisburg) 15-5 won by fall over Brody Nelson (Blue Valley West) 3-18 (Fall 1:45)
- Round 4 — Jay McCaskill (Louisburg) 15-5 received a bye () (Bye)
- Round 5 — Caden Puderbaugh (Basehor-Linwood) 16-6 won by major decision over Jay McCaskill (Louisburg) 15-5 (MD 11-1)
- 3rd Place Match — Andres Flores (Jayhawk Linn) 15-4 won by decision over Jay McCaskill (Louisburg) 15-5 (Dec 10-8)

165

Vance Hahn (4-9) placed 8th.

- Round 1 — Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 won by decision over Blake Thomas (Shawnee Mission West) 6-9 (Dec 9-8)
- Round 3 — Arnez Woods (Leavenworth) 12-9 won by fall over Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 (Fall 1:26)
- Quarterfinal — Cody Layton (Piper) 10-8 won by decision over Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 (Dec 5-1)
- Cons. Round 1 — Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 won in sudden victory — 1 over Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 (SV-1 8-6)
- 7th Place Match — Calvin Riley (Royal Valley) 2-3 won in sudden victory — 1 over Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 (SV-1 9-7)

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Bryce Thompson (11-6) placed 5th and scored 8.0 team points.

- Round 2 — Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 received a bye () (Bye)
- Round 3 — Colten Wittman (Anderson County) 2-2 won by decision over Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 (Dec 11-6)
- Quarterfinal — Tucker Hutchison (Basehor-Linwood) 14-3 won in sudden victory — 1 over Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 (SV-1 3-1)
- Cons. Round 1 — Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 won in sudden victory — 1 over Vance Hahn (Louisburg) 4-9 (SV-1 8-6)
- 5th Place Match — Bryce Thompson (Louisburg) 11-6 won by fall over Colten Wittman (Anderson County) 2-2 (Fall 2:13)

175

Jonas Briley (3-2) placed 4th.

- Round 1 – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 (Fall 3:23)
- Round 3 – Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 won by medical forfeit over Kevin Davidson (Shawnee Mission West) 0-2 (M. For.)
- Round 4 – Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 won by fall over Henry Nelson (Shawnee Mission East) 11-12 (Fall 4:11)
- Round 5 – Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 won by fall over Connor Fowles (Blue Valley West) 16-12 (Fall 1:31)
- 3rd Place Match – Connor Scott (Turner) 6-3 won by decision over Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 (Dec 6-3)

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Elias Pugh (13-7) placed 1st and scored 32.0 team points.

- Round 1 – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Jonas Briley (Louisburg) 3-2 (Fall 3:23)
- Round 2 – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Kevin Davidson (Shawnee Mission West) 0-2 (Fall 0:46)
- Round 3 – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Connor Fowles (Blue Valley West) 16-12 (Fall 0:27)
- Round 5 – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Henry Nelson (Shawnee Mission East) 11-12 (Fall 3:25)
- 1st Place Match – Elias Pugh (Louisburg) 13-7 won by fall over Logan Plum (Basehor-Linwood) 9-7 (Fall 1:36)

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Ashton Moore (17-3) placed 1st and scored 31.5 team points.

- Round 1 — Ashton Moore (Louisburg) 17-3 won by fall over David Johnston (Shawnee Mission West) 7-9 (Fall 0:47)
- Round 2 — Ashton Moore (Louisburg) 17-3 won by fall over Josh Doan (Jayhawk Linn) 2-13 (Fall 0:24)
- Round 4 — Ashton Moore (Louisburg) 17-3 won by fall over Logan Perchellet (Blue Valley West) 6-6 (Fall 1:13)
- Round 5 — Ashton Moore (Louisburg) 17-3 won by fall over Grayson Fix (Shawnee Mission East) 6-17 (Fall 0:56)
- 1st Place Match — Ashton Moore (Louisburg) 17-3 won by tech fall over Cyrus Harding (Royal Valley) 13-2 (TF-1.5 3:10 (16-0))

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Brayden Yoder (13-6) placed 1st and scored 31.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Brayden Yoder (Louisburg) 13-6 won by fall over Sam Thackery (Shawnee Mission East) 6-7 (Fall 1:07)
- Round 2 — Brayden Yoder (Louisburg) 13-6 received a bye () (Bye)
- Round 3 — Brayden Yoder (Louisburg) 13-6 won by fall over Derrick Johnson (Shawnee Mission West) 3-13 (Fall 0:47)
- Round 4 — Brayden Yoder (Louisburg) 13-6 won by fall over Ethan Ranes (Jayhawk Linn) 10-9 (Fall 1:07)
- Round 5 — Brayden Yoder (Louisburg) 13-6 won by fall over Noah Perchellet (Blue Valley West) 12-7 (Fall 3:07)

285

Miles Meek (4-6) placed 4th and scored 13.0 team points.

- Round 1 — Miles Meek (Louisburg) 4-6 won by fall over Zaid Khmour (Blue Valley West) 10-11 (Fall 2:22)

- Round 2 — Caden Gedney (Basehor-Linwood) 10-4 won by fall over Miles Meek (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 4:35)
- Round 3 — Miles Meek (Louisburg) 4-6 won by fall over Malaki Chee (Royal Valley) 4-12 (Fall 3:16)
- Championship Bracket — Cortez Velasco (Shawnee Mission West) 16-5 won by fall over Miles Meek (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 3:43)
- 3rd Place Match — Brandon Bishop (Girard) 7-11 won by fall over Miles Meek (Louisburg) 4-6 (Fall 3:31)