

DeWeese medals at Baldwin to lead Louisburg girls wrestling



(Submitted Photo)

Louisburg freshman Brooklyn DeWeese (left) finished third at 115 pounds Friday at the Baldwin Invitational.

BALDWIN CITY – The Louisburg girls wrestling team competed in its third tournament of the season Friday at the Baldwin Invitational and one Wildcat found her way to the medal stand.

Freshman Brooklyn DeWeese medaled in her third consecutive tournament as she took third overall at 115 pounds in the 23-team tournament.

"There was some great competition in all weight classes," Louisburg coach Heather Eslinger said. "I was really proud of Brooklyn going out there and placing third. She's got a lot of potential and I hope she continues just grinding through the rest of the season."

DeWeese battled her way through the 115-pound bracket. She opened the tournament with a pin of Blue Valley West's Charlotte Hargrove and then defeated Holton's Khloe Black by a 11-3 major decision.

In the semifinals, DeWeese went up against Fort Scott's Jerri Smith and lost by pin. DeWeese came through the back part of the bracket as she won by technical fall over Bishop Miege's Lucy Herrold and then pinned Frontenac's Abby Albright in the third place match.

Three other Wildcats also found their way to the placing matches. Allison Martin (135 pounds) and Leola Eslinger (145) each finished seventh overall, while Ashlyn Spradling (110) was eighth.

Martin finished with a 3-2 record, including a pin of Perry-Lecompton's Kaylie Thorne in the seventh place match. Eslinger finished 2-2, and ended her day with a pin of Wellsville's Addison Gardner for seventh.

"I was especially proud of Allison placing seventh," Eslinger said. "She's a wrestler that only started wrestling last year. She and I were joking around that last year at Baldwin she lost two matches and that was it. But she ended up placing seventh and she looked like a completely different wrestler from last year. I've seen huge improvements in her mat awareness, her wrestling intelligence and speed and reaction time on the mat, which definitely felt like it peaked on Friday."

Louisburg will look to find its way to the medal stand again Saturday as the Wildcats travel to Ottawa for the Frontier

League Invitational.