

Scots score runner-up trophy at Lamb tourney

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In Ann Arbor, the National Champion Michigan Wolverine football program calls it an “enthusiasm unknown to mankind.”

The Fighting Scots continue to grow that in Caledonia.

The Caledonia varsity wrestling team finished in the runner-up spot at Hastings High School’s annual L.H. Lamb Tournament Saturday, Jan 6.

Muameed Turk wasn’t even competing for the Fighting Scot varsity team that earned a runner-up finish. He was competing for a Caledonia “Purple” B-team at the tournament. That didn’t keep the Fighting Scots from doing their best to carry him off the mat in celebration when he secured a third-place finish in the 165-pound weight class.

Turk trailed Hastings’ Tyce Richardson 5-0 after the first period and was behind 9-4 in the third period before scoring a reversal and putting Richardson on his back late in the third period to even the bout at 9-9. Midway through a one-minute

overtime period, Turk managed a take down to win their consolation final 11-9.

Turk got off the mat and slapped five with head coach Shawn Veitch in the corner, before Veitch grabbed him in a hug. After the handshakes, Turk’s teammates engulfed him.

Turk got to the consolation final by pinning teammate Sean Sorrell who was wrestling for the Caledonia “Gold” team on the day.

The Caledonia “Gold” took the runner-up trophy at the tournament with just one champion, Cayden Nostrant who took the 175-pound weight class. He went six minutes to score all three of his victories, including a 10-3 decision over Ionia’s Landen Steffen in the championship round. He took a major decision, 12-4, over the host Saxons’ Matthew Shults in the semifinals following a 5-1 win over Otsego’s Vonte Boyce to start the day.

The Saxon “Gold” team made it three L.H. Lamb Tournament championships in a row, since the funky Covid-influenced 2020-21 season,



The Caledonia varsity wrestling team celebrates its Gold team’s runner-up finish Saturday, Jan. 6, at the annual L.H. Lamb Tournament at Hastings High School. There were eight Fighting Scot medalists overall from Caledonia “Gold” and “Purple” teams that competed. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

with junior Troy Hokanson at 106 pounds, sophomore Colten Denton at 132, sophomore Aden Armstrong at 165 and junior Isaac Friddle at 215 finishing as individual champions.

The Saxon team also had Colton Smith second at 138

pounds, Keegan Sutfin second at 144 and Haiden Simmet second at 150. Quintin Schnere at 126 pounds, Ben Furrow at 157, Shults at 175, Kyle Echinaw at 190 and Diego Coipel at 285 placed third, and Jordan Humphrey was fourth at 113 pounds.

The Hastings “Blue” team also had three medalists on the day. Shults beat out teammate Reese Hammond to win the third place match at 175 pounds and Hammond’s “Blue” teammate Tyce Richardson also placed fourth. Preston Humphrey from the “Blue” team was third at 150 pounds.

The Hastings team won the tournament with 298 points ahead of Caledonia 165, Otsego 156.5, Ionia 150, Hastings “Blue” 90, Montabella 85.5, Bellevue 83.5, Forest Hills Eastern 75, Oscoda 73, Farwell 61, Caledonia “Purple” 49, Maple Valley 33.5, Kalkaska 19 and Morenci 12.

All four Saxon champions pinned every opponent they faced.

Coach Slaughter is happy with how things are coming together. The Saxons have only been beaten twice this season. Hokanson has settled into his 106 spot after being up a weight class early on and Coipel returned to the line-up at the opposite end (285) to strengthen the squad Saturday.

The Fighting Scots had two other guys in the finals, Ethan Berends was second at 120 pounds and Koleson Reeder second at 157. Josh Grace placed third at 106, and James Carrow at 138 pounds, Ben Moss at 144 and Grady Nelson at 285 all placed fourth.

Berends had two pins in the first period to open his day, but eventually was pinned himself by Oscoda’s Jhonas Williams in the third period of the 120-pound final.

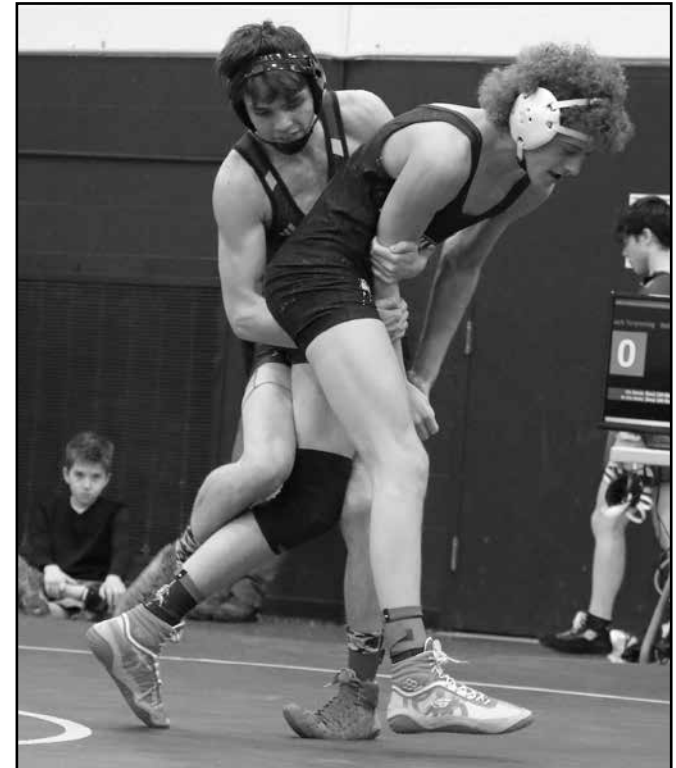
Reeder had a similar path to his runner-up medal. He pinned two foes in the 157-pound bracket before he was stuck by Farwell’s Kylar McAulay in the finals.

Grace earned third with an 11-4 win over Bellevue’s LJ Pierman in the consolation match at 106 pounds.

Ethan Carr, Dereck Sturman, Sorrell, Sam DeVries and Luke Kowatch all also had wins for the Fighting Scots at the tournament.



Caledonia’s Cayden Nostrant works on top of Ionia’s Landen Steffen during their 175-pound championship match Saturday at the L.H. Lamb Tournament hosted by Hastings High School. Nostrant scored a 10-3 win to take the flight championship. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Caledonia 138-pounder James Carrow fights to keep control of Bellevue’s Jack Terpening during their 138-pound consolation final Saturday at Hastings’ annual L.H. Lamb Tournament. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



The Fighting Scots’ Muameed Turk holds Hastings’ Tyce Robinson on his back during the third period of their 165-pound consolation final at the Saxons’ L.H. Lamb Tournament at Hastings High School Saturday. Turk rallied from a deficit in regulation and then won the third place medal in overtime. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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POSITION OPEN (2) ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) members attend meetings as scheduled, review meeting packets from the Village Zoning Administrator prior to each meeting, consider and act on variance and appeal applications, and interpret zoning ordinance text. ZBA meets on the third Thursday of January and July, and other times throughout the year on an as-needed basis. ZBA operates under the Zoning Enabling Act and the Open Meetings Act. A member of the ZBA must become familiar with these laws. Attendance at a training seminar can be paid for by the Village.

For more information regarding Zoning Board of Appeals member duties and responsibilities, please contact the Village Manager at 269-795-3385 or stolsonburgc@villageofmiddleville.org. A Zoning Board of Appeals member must reside within the Village limits.

There are currently TWO open positions:

- One position is a regular member with term expiring 04/30/2025
- One position is an alternate member with term expiring 10/01/2026 (the alternate member attends meeting when a regular member is unable)

Qualifying individuals should submit a completed board application to:
Craig Stolsonburg, Village Manager, Village of Middleville, PO Box 69, Middleville, MI 49333

<https://www.villageofmiddleville.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Application-for-Boards-and-Commissions-fillable-2.pdf>