

# SPORTS

## YOUTH WRESTLING



Above, the Mighty Mustangs’ Nick Bernath pins his Cloquet opponent at a tournament last weekend.

# Mighty Mustangs third at Cloquet

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The local Mighty Mustangs youth wrestling team competed last weekend at tournaments in Hibbing and Cloquet, taking home some team hardware at the latter meet.

At Friday’s Hibbing Open, nine Mighty Mustang wrestlers took first place, one came in second and two came in fourth.

On Saturday, the team was represented by 18 wrestlers in Cloquet and, for the second time this season, took home a third-place trophy in the “Pick 10” Team Tournament.

The Mighty Mustangs added North Woods wrestler Tristen Killoran to the team and scored 35 points to finish behind Aitkin (38 points) and Cloquet (36). The other teams taking place in the “Pick 10” were North Shore (30), Braham (29) and Nashwauk (21).



At top, the Mighty Mustangs’ Kyan Swanson sets up a pin at a tournament last weekend.

The Mighty Mustangs’ individual finishers at the Cloquet tournament are as follows:

■ First place, Hudson Mann, Caydon Lehman, Nick Bernath, Ashden Lennox, Kyan Swanson, Nathan Anderson and London Ras-

mussen.

■ Second place, Kalvan Silvers, Anthony Bechik, Charlie Bannert, Diego Christianson and Parker Wiersema.

■ Third place, Kalan Kittleson, Cody Jantzen, Wyatt Jantzen, and Pablo

Christianson.

■ Fourth place, Dawsyn Silvers and Carter Ellison.

The Mighty Mustangs’ next tournament will be this Saturday in Virginia, which is a qualifying meet for the Jaycee State Tournament.

## HOCKEY

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for us to battle back after Friday’s loss,” Youso said.

The Bulldogs, who had swept a two-game series over the Mavericks on Jan. 10-11 in Omaha, ended the regular season with a 3-1 advantage over UNO for 2013-14. Last season, in Corrin’s first year with UMD, the two teams split the season series 2-2.

“(Winning three of four games in the season series is) bragging rights, for sure, over the summer, but it would have been nice to have four (victories), because that hurt us more than helped us (in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference standings),” Corrin said. “But 3-1, I’ll take that over (my uncle). This summer, he’ll rub that one (loss) in my face, but I’ll just say, ‘I got three to your one.’”

Corrin recorded a shot on goal in each game last weekend, but no goals or assists. In the 23 games he has appeared in this season, he has no goals and seven assists with 29 shots and 31 blocks.

Youso, who also played both nights and saw time at the forward and defensive positions last weekend, wasn’t credited with any shots in either game, but appeared to have what could be his first goal of his college career Friday, before the goal was disallowed because of the net being dislodged.

In his freshman season, Youso has appeared in 14 games with no goals or assists and two shots with six blocks.

Youso and Corrin, who previously were on opposing teams after high school when they played junior hockey, had also been on the ice together on a number of

occasions in last weekend’s UMD-UNO series.

“I’ve played against him my whole life, so I know his tendencies,” Youso said. “A couple of times I kind of knew what he was going to do. He did get me one time on a move that was actually pretty good.”

“It was fun. A couple of times I’d check him, and he’d ask me how I was doing, and we’d be talking while we were skating up the ice.”

“It’s nice to see Youso out there,” Corrin said. “It’s good to see him getting playing time. It’s weird seeing him playing forward. I knew he’d be coming down on me a little harder. He was always smiling. He was laughing every time we got in the corner.”

Last weekend’s series also closed out the NCHC regular season with the games having playoff implications as to which teams

would finish in the top four and host the opening round of the conference tournament.

“I think everyone knew it was going to go down to the last weekend,” Blais said.

The Bulldogs, who could have assured themselves of a top-four spot with a sweep over the Mavericks, ended up with the league’s No. 4 seed and will open the playoffs Friday by hosting No. 5-seeded Western Michigan, which tied UMD with an identical 11-11-2-2 conference record with 37 points, but got the lower seed because of a tiebreaker after losing three of four regular-season games to the Bulldogs.

UNO closed out the regular season with a 13-9-2-1 conference mark and 42 points and the NCHC’s No. 3 seed. The Mavericks open their best-of-three playoff series Thursday when they host No. 6-seeded Denver.



From right, the Vikings’ Abby Thompson (32) looks to shoot inside while being guarded by Mountain Iron-Buhl’s Allie Knuti in Saturday afternoon’s Section 7A quarterfinal game at the University of Minnesota Duluth.

## BASKETBALL

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**MI-B 57, L-BF 37**  
**L-BF 14 23 - 37**  
**MI-B 26 31 - 57**  
**L-BF:** Kaylee Kennedy 14, DyAna Imhof 4, Breann Larson 1, Abby Thompson 8, Brooke Millerbernd 10. 3-pointers: Kennedy, Millerbernd. Free throws: 13-24. Fouls: 24. Fouled out: Imhof.  
**MI-B:** Macy Savela 2, Allie Knuti 8, Allie Negen 1, Lissy McCulloch 18, Chelsea Mason 7, Kiana Martinson 4, Charity Aultman 2, Sarah Overbye 2, Tatum Primeau 2, Mya Buffetta 11. 3-pointers: Mason 2, Buffetta. Free throws: 22-29. Fouls: 23. Fouled out: Knuti.



In back, University of Nebraska Omaha head coach Dean Blais, an International Falls native, shouts behind the Mavericks’ bench in Saturday night’s game at AMSOIL Arena.

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