

Wrestling has two in top 10

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Truman State wrestlers competed at their first tournament of the season last weekend. Two wrestlers placed within the top 10 at the Kaye Young Invitational.

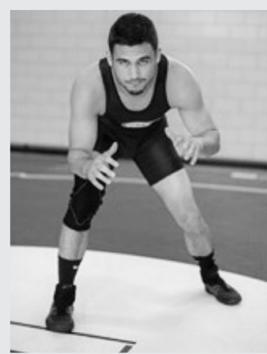
Senior captain Devon Fenstermaker placed in the top 10. Although Fenstermaker placed 4th, he said he wished he had wrestled this last match more competitively. He said he thinks if he had, he could have received 3rd place.

Fenstermaker said this tournament was a tough preseason start for the team but a good opportunity for the freshmen to step up and claim their worth on the team. With 15 freshmen, Fenstermaker said the team is the youngest it has been for a while, but he said he was impressed with how some of the freshmen wrestled throughout the tournament.

"The first tournament is always intimidating, but they pulled through and won some matches," Fenstermaker said. "It may be small, but it's a big deal to them."

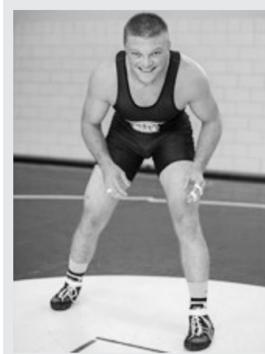
With all the freshmen added this season, Fenstermaker said there are new wrestlers and partners, giving the team more opportunities to prepare for competition. He said it allows them to be prepared for each tournament.

Senior captain Ryan Ward said no one on the team did as well as they wanted to, but the team members now know what they need to do to improve. Ward said it's



Devon Fenstermaker

Senior captain Devon Fenstermaker placed 4th in the Kaye Young Invitational. Fenstermaker beat three opponents to make it to the 165-pound semifinals where he lost 9-4 to Ishmael Rempson from William Penn.



Helmut Rentschler

Senior Helmut Rentschler placed 6th in the Kaye Young Invitational. Rentschler lost his first match by technical fall but came back and beat two opponents before dropping the fifth place match 10-5 to Ellsworth's Terry Martin.

important to compete at a high level in every wrestling match.

Ward said he hopes to turn weaknesses from previous seasons into strengths this season.

Fenstermaker said he plans to keep progressing with each tournament by seeking out his toughest opponent. He said he is not worried about his record, but is fixated on whether or not he performs better than previously and if he is prepared.

Sophomore Luke Bornhop said he did not fare so well at the tournament last weekend. Bornhop recently moved up a

weight class and said he thought he did decently considering the switch.

When preparing for matches, Bornhop said he tries to remember there are going to be other matches, and a couple of losses will not ruin a career.

"Everybody loses," Bornhop said. "You just have to go out there and give your best all the time."

Bornhop said he advised younger teammates to keep their heads up and not beat themselves up because of early season losses. He said even if they lose the first few matches, they just need to go out and wrestle harder. Bornhop said those

are the words that have helped him push through hard times and come out stronger at the end.

By the end of the season, Fenstermaker said he hopes he can stand on the podium with seven other wrestlers and be granted the All-American wrestling award. He said he has been in poor health recently, but when he fully recovers, he hopes to make his goals come true. Fenstermaker said he is glad the coaches have been understanding of his health concerns.

Next weekend, Truman's wrestlers will travel to Fayette, Iowa, to face Waldorf College.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Thursday, Nov. 6

Wrestling

vs. Upper Iowa University
Fayette, Iowa

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vs. Waldorf College
Fayette, Iowa

Friday, Nov. 7

Women's Soccer 1:30 p.m.
vs. Wisconsin-Parkside
Kenosha, Wis.

Women's Volleyball 7 p.m.

vs. Maryville
Kirksville, Mo.

Saturday, Nov. 8

Wrestling 9 a.m.
at Knox College Open
Galesburg, Ill.

Men's Cross Country 10:30 a.m.

at GLVC Championships
Romeoville, Ill.

Women's Swimming 11 a.m.

at Lewis and Lake Forest
Romeoville, Ill.

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Women's Cross Country

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at GLVC Championships
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Football 1 p.m.

vs. Quincy
Kirksville, Mo.

Women's Volleyball 6 p.m.

vs. UMSL
Kirksville, Mo.

See all the results of last week's games online at
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