

Trio of third-year wrestlers lead Port by going undefeated at season-opening tournament in Luxemburg-Casco

Middle weights were the strength of the Port Washington High School wrestling team last year, and the Pirates have been true to form so far this season.

Coach Angelo LaRosa's team had three undefeated wrestlers in the heart of its lineup at the annual Spartans Duals in Luxemburg-Casco on Saturday.

Posting 5-0 records in the six-team, round-robin format were three juniors — Justin Meins at 130 pounds and Jake Maechtle and Alex Dieringer, who split time at 140 and 145 pounds.

"It was a long day, but a real good day for us," said LaRosa, whose squad posted a 3-2 meet record.

"It's a good test in our first tournament of the season because there are some strong wrestlers there."

Dieringer had the Pirates' most impressive showing. He won four matches by pin and received one win by forfeit.

Maechtle had two pins and three wins by decision.

Meins won twice on technical falls, once by injury default and another time by forfeit.

"All three of them wrestled well," LaRosa said.

"In every dual, we put Alex against the other team's best guy, and he took care of business."

Several other Pirates had winning records in the tournament. Ryan Wischer (160 pounds) went 4-1, and Adam Dreikosen (125), Bret Winker (171) and Nate Hilton (215) each finished 3-2.

In team competition, Port defeated Sheboygan Falls (44-30), Mosinee (57-24) and Bay Port (37-33) and lost to Luxemburg-Casco (54-20) and Kewaskum (41-27).

Junior achievement

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Luxemburg-Casco dominated the tournament on its way to a 5-0 record.

Port Washington 54, Germantown 24

The Pirates turned what was expected to be a close North Shore Conference meet into an easy season-opening win on the road Dec. 3.

Five Port wrestlers won by pin — Trevor Schumacher (160), Hilton (215), Tyler Madden (119), Dieringer (145) and Josh Meins (152).

Germantown nearly equaled that by scoring four pins, but the Pirates won all five other matches. Those victories included decisions by Jermaine Will (103), Justin Meins (135), Maechtle (140), Wischer (171) and a forfeit to Dreikosen (125).

Port has won eight straight conference team titles and is favored to successfully defend its crown, with Germantown pegged as a strong contender. But with last week's impressive win, the Pirates served notice that they are still the team to beat.

"We just wanted to let everyone in the conference know that things haven't changed," LaRosa said.

The Pirates continued NSC competition Tuesday with a dual meet against Nicolet. Their next meet will be their home opener at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 16 against Whitefish Bay.