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Voice of the Mean Moose

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Alamosa Wrestling Legacy Goes Back 2 Back



BRINGING HOME #12 — The Alamosa Wrestling team brought home the 12th team title with 11 qualifiers. They had 8 placers who helped score much needed points for them in the team race. They scored a total of 141.5 while second had 105.0.

Upcoming Events

March 16
Track @ Harrison High School

March 18-22
Spring Break

March 21-23
Baseball @ St. Mary's Tournament

March 26
NHS Induction

March 29
Soccer vs Cortez

March 30
Prom



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The Colorado wrestling state championship is arguably the biggest CHSAA sanctioned event in Colorado. The event is so huge it is held inside the Pepsi center where the roar of the fans can be heard throughout the whole arena. The event has six different sessions over a course of three days.

Some of the sessions are just 2A and 3A wrestlers then 4A and 5A in a later time, while some of the sessions have all of the classes packing the arena full. The 2019 wrestling state championship lived up to the hype due to the upsets, history being made, and just plain old good wrestling

In class 3A Alamosa was on a mission all year and that mission was to repeat. They tasted the glory of champions last year but that wasn't good enough and sought out another one. Led by a strong senior class they entered the 2019 tournament with eleven wrestlers and

also as heavy favorites to win it all. The wrestling began on a Thursday with the first round of the championship side.

This round is usually a very crucial one because it gets you one round away from placing or it starts a long and rugged journey to battle back on the backside to place.

The round also is somewhat of an indicator on how a team will perform, either making or breaking their run for a title. The Moose took care of business winning ten of their eleven first round matches. The Moose were well on their way to repeat but hot on their tail was the Lamar Savages. The team scores after day one were: Alamosa 28.5 and Lamar 28.

Knowing the importance of the first round, Hunter Smith who won his first round stated this, "At first I felt nervous on how our team was going to compete but after this first day I am pretty confident we have it."

The second day of tournament began at nine am sharp. The quarter finals started off the day followed by a round of con-

solation. A win in the quarter-finals meant the wrestlers were guaranteed a spot on the podium and also adds much needed points to the team score.

Out of the ten Moose in the quarterfinals, five advanced to the semi finals they consisted of D. Chavez, E.DeLaCerde, J.Chavez, C.Liddell, and L.Thompson. Also after a heart-breaking loss in the first round T. Kenison got his groove back picking up the fall in the first round of consolation.

Then at five pm was the second round of consolation where only one of Alamosa's wrestlers would be knocked of the tournament. Immediately, following this round was the semifinals where all of the class wrestled at the same time.

The first Moose wrestler on the mat was D. Chavez who won his match with ease and sought his second straight title. After a tough loss from E.DeLaCerde, J. Chavez was Alamosa's second finalist seeking his third title. C. Liddell also fell in the semifinals and then heavyweight L. Thompson be-

came Alamosa's third and final finalist for the tournament. This rounded up the second day of the tournament and Alamosa had a commanding lead but they knew it was not over yet.

The final day came at last and the Moose left it all on the mat. The day started with the blood round. This round is the heart breaking round. After two tough days of wrestling they are one match away from placing, making or breaking their whole tournament.

Alamosa had five wrestlers in the blood round, three in which won and made it into placing rounds. No time for celebration they were back on the mat trying to place higher.

Following the parade of champions D. Chavez was the first Moose on the mat. Unfortunately he lost but was still a big part of Alamosa's run for a title. Then a couple weights later J. Chavez picked up his third title ending his career on a high note. The last match of the day was L. Thompson. He too unfortunately fell but helped the Moose win their 12th team title.