



100 wins

Kooper Huss capped off a successful senior year earning his 100th win in the first round of 2A District Wrestling. The match was held in Sioux Center on Saturday, Feb. 11, and concluded with Huss punching his ticket to State. (Photo by Jaci Schipper)

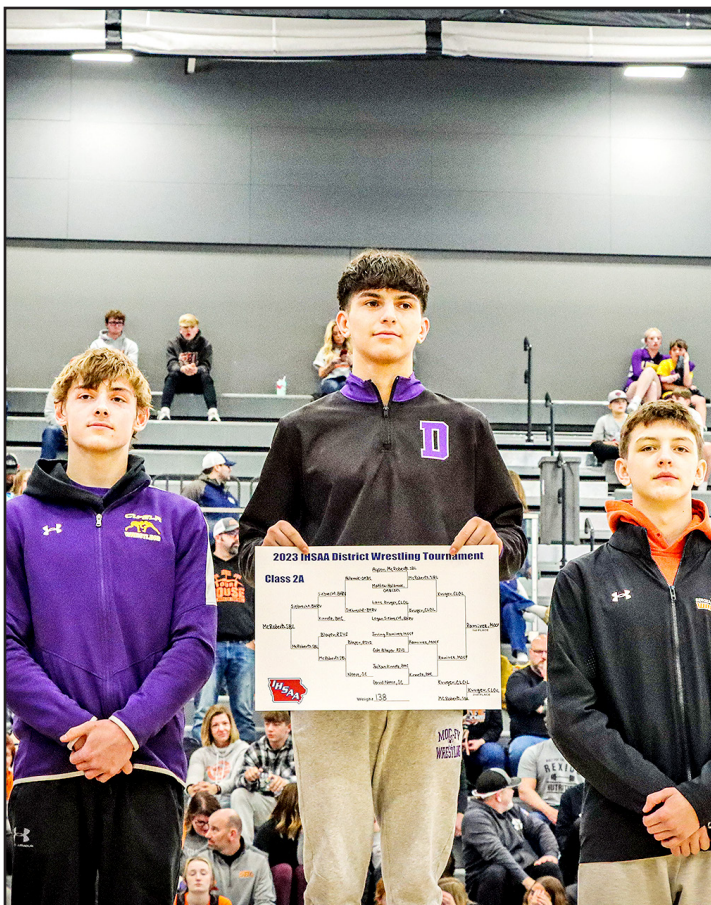
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SIoux CENTER — MOC-Floyd Valley ended the Saturday, Feb. 11, Iowa High School Athletic Association 2A District Eight meet with two wrestlers advancing to the state tournament. Irving Ramirez was champion at 138 pounds. Kooper Huss was runner-up at 152. Top two wrestlers in each weight class advance to the state tilts beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Class 2A first rounds are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday in Wells Fargo Arena in Des Moines. Ramirez, with a record of 28-13, will face off against Peyton Anderson of New Hampton/Turkey Valley. Huss, with a record of 34-11 will face Chaz Graves of Knoxville, who has a season record of 27-4.

Quarterfinals in Class 2A are slated to begin at 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16. Semifinals begin at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17. Consolation wrestling takes place each day in the class time slots. On Saturday, Feb. 18, consolation semifinals and finals start at 9 a.m. Finals will determine weight champs beginning at 5:15 p.m.

"Overall, I was extremely happy with the day, considering the second half of the year we had," said Dutch coach Preston Hoebelheinrich. "We started on a high note. Things fell through with injuries, and we ended with a bang." The district tournament, Hoebelheinrich said, "is my favorite time of the year, because anything can happen!"



Podium top

MOC-Floyd Valley wrestler Irving Ramirez stands on the podium as district champion and state qualifier at 152 pounds. Ramirez won three bouts, the opener with a pin, the next with a major decision and the championship match with a sudden victory. Ramirez won the crown over Lane Kruger of Central Lyon/George-Little in the extra period, breaking the 6-6 tie with a takedown. (Photo by Jaci Schipper)

Ramirez had three matches on his way to claiming the 138-pound district crown, downing Cole Bloyer of Ridge View by fall in 3:33 after holding Bloyer scoreless, taking an 8-4 decision over Jackson Kinnetz of Bishop Heelan after breaking a 4-4 tie with a takedown and two near-fall points, and taking Lane Kruger down for an 8-6 win in a sudden victory period in the final. Kruger led 2-1 after the first period and 6-4 after two. Ramirez tied the match with a takedown in the third period and finished the match with a takedown in the extra period.

"Irving really started to hit strides about two weeks ago and hasn't let up," Hoebelheinrich said.

Huss powered through the first match against Noah Shepherd of Ridgeview with a takedown and pin in 40 seconds. It took Huss just a little longer to win against Radyn Neal of Bishop Heelan, but won by fall in 1:50 in the first period. Huss then faced Hunter Steffans of Sergeant Bluff-Luton and lost by fall after a takedown in 1:54. Since Huss had defeated Neal earlier, there was no second-place match. Huss won by the no-contest rule.

"Kooper came into districts knowing he was one match from 100 and knowing that he was going to have to beat a kid who had previously beat him. Kooper came out, moved, moved, moved and did the stuff that got him to where he is now and

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Brothers celebrate

After winning District tournament and punching his ticket to state, Irving Ramirez celebrates with his brother Jesus. (Photo by Jaci Schipper)

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

Knight boys 63, MVAOCO 24
Knight girls 80, Okoboji 55
Dutch girls 41, West Lyon 67
Red Raider men 90, Mount Marty 67
Red Raider women 78, Mount Marty 58
Dutch boys 77, Okoboji 53
Knight boys 54, Bishop Heelan 67
Red Raider men 65, Dakota Wesleyan 62
Red Raider women 41, Dakota Wesleyan 55
Knight boys 66, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn/Remsen Union 50
Knight girls 74, Marcus-Meriden-Cleghorn/Remsen Union 42
Dutch boys 83, Rock Valley 56
Dutch girls 49, Rock Valley 60

Cheer

Concordia Day of Duals
Red Raiders 83.9, Columbia 44.45
Red Raiders 79.4, Grand View 87.75

Dance

Concordia Day of Duals
Red Raiders 63.1, Concordia 79
Red Raiders 65.25, Missouri Baptist 83.3

E-Sports

Overwatch
Red Raiders 3, Bradley University 0

Indoor Track and Field

SDSU Indoor Classic
Top finish, Braden Kalvelage, men's long jump, first, 7.05 m
Mount Marty Last Chance Meet
Top finish, Bryan Zylstra, men's shot put, first, 14.63 m

Softball

Red Raiders 4, Peru State 3
Red Raiders 11, Grand View 2
Red Raiders 9, Mount Mercy 4
Red Raiders 3, Mount Mercy 0

Tennis

Red Raiders 3, Iowa Central Community College 4

Wrestling

2A District 8 State Wrestling Qualifier
Dutch placed sixth with 79 points
Irving Ramirez, 138, champion, state qualifier
Kooper Huss, 162, runner-up, state qualifier



MOC-Floyd Valley student represents at State swimming

Earning a spot to swim the 100 Back representing MOC-Floyd Valley is Carson Valentine. He swims for the Sioux City Spartans, a team comprised of students from eight different schools. On Friday, Feb. 10 and Saturday, Feb. 11, Carson represented in Iowa City. He earned 29th place with a PR shaving off .21 seconds with a time of 56.66. (Photo submitted)



Quick start

Kooper Huss (on top) made short work in an opening match against Noah Shepherd of Ridge View, advancing to the next with a pin in 40 seconds. After another fast pin in the second match over Radyn Neal of Bishop Heelan, Huss lost by fall but took second place and a berth in the state tournament by virtue of the win over Neal. (Photo by Jaci Schipper)

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