

Springville wrestler beats Texas champ

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LAYTON — In terms of opponents he might face this season, Springville's Jason Chamberlain had none with a bigger wrestling pedigree than Bishop Lynch (Texas) senior Dak Adamson, who came into the Layton Invitational Tournament as a two-time state champion in Texas. He was also a two-time prep All-American.

Still, Chamberlain didn't do anything new or special to prepare for Adamson in anticipation of a final match against him. Being the top ranked wrestler nationally in his weight class, he didn't really need to.

"I knew he was coming, but I just always wrestle the same," Chamberlain said. "I always like to show people what I'm capable of. I don't really care who I'm wrestling."

What Chamberlain showed Saturday night is that his top national ranking is legit.

The Springville senior beat Adamson 11-5 for the championship at 145 in the final day of the Layton Invitational Tournament.

After suffering an unexpected takedown at the beginning of the match, Chamberlain quickly took over and had his way with the two-time Texas state champion. He tossed Adamson around like a rag doll, using a ferocious sweep to score one two-point takedown after another.

Chamberlain had worked on the move with his coach all week because he felt like it would serve him well deep into the tournament. He was not disappointed.

"He was pretty heavy on his feet so I took them when

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they were there," Chamberlain said.

Wasatch took home top team honors in the annual meet, finishing with 219 points. The Wasps had 50.5 more points than second-place finisher Mountain Crest and had clinched their team title before the final matches had even taken place. Individual championships by Jake Salazar, Cole Shafer and Sean Sullivan — who won at 152, 171 and 285 respectively — were just icing on the cake.

Getting a team title at an event they have won multiple times in the past was a major goal for Wasatch so they could kick off the wrestling season in solid fashion.

"You wrestle tough kids out of the gate and do well, it builds your confidence level," Salazar said. "Not only that, but it gets you back into it."

Several final matches at this year's Layton Invitational pitted wrestlers who dominate on a national level in their respective weight classes. Chamberlain, Salazar, Mountain Crest's Ethen Lofthouse and Viewmont's Nate Larsen all rank among the top ten in the country by Wrestling USA magazine.

And the schools who participated were a who's who in high school wrestling — headlined by such powerhouses as Wasatch, Mountain Crest and Viewmont.

"Utah has a lot of good wrestlers — some of the best wrestlers in the country," Lofthouse said. "Coming to these [tournaments] is what prepares us for nationals."

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Vikings down Wolverines in OT

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OREM — Homecoming night wasn't festive for Utah Valley State as the Wolverines fell

Portland St. 60
UVSC 53

60-53 in overtime to Portland State on Saturday.

The Vikings (5-3) went on a 6-0 run to open the extra period. Leading the way was 5-6 guard Jeremiah Dominguez, who had nine points in overtime — 19 in the game — to dominate play despite the pressure placed on him by the Wolverines' defense.

"He loves to have the ball in his hands at the end of the game," said Portland State coach Ken Bone.

"They're quicker, stronger, thicker and more lateral," said UVSC coach Dick Hunsaker said. "We couldn't combat them."

With UVSC (3-4) up by three late in the game,

Dominguez drove inside, creating space on the perimeter. The Vikings swung the ball to Andre Murray, who nailed a 3-pointer to tie the game at 47-all with 17.4 seconds left.

"They had a little penetration at the end of the game to break us down in the defen-

sive rotation," Hunsaker said. "They ended up with an open three and knocked it down."

UVSC had a chance to win in regulation. Ryan Toolson was looking for a final shot, but he couldn't get through several screens put up by his teammates to get an open look.

Joe Walker did manage to get a shot 2 feet from the hoop, though. His layup fell short to send the game into overtime.

Toolson led the Wolverines with 22 points, and Jordan Brady posted a double-double with 10 points and 10

rebounds. Neither team shot well from the field with Portland State leading that contest 38.5 percent to 36.4 percent.

Scott Morrison also tallied a double-double with 12 points and 10 boards for the Vikings.

A cold night led to a cold start for both teams. UVSC didn't even get on the board until the seven-minute mark of game.

But the Wolverines heated up as they took a 22-19 half-time lead. Toolson and Troyer shot back-to-back 3-pointers that shot UVSC to a small lead.

This time, Lawson posts shutout for Utah

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WEST VALLEY CITY — Nathan Lawson began his professional career with a 6-0

shutout against the Utah Grizzlies in Phoenix Oct.

Grizzlies 4
Thunder 0

20. "This one feels

much better," Grizzlies coach Jason Christie said Saturday night after Lawson, now a Grizzly, pulled off a 4-0 shutout of the Stockton Thunder in the E Center.

Even though the other shutout was the first game of his career, Lawson also called Saturday's shutout better. "This one, for sure, because it gets us over .500," he said. It's the first time they've been over .500 in two seasons.

Utah moved to 10-9-0-1 and is tied with several other

teams for ninth overall in the 25-team ECHL. The Grizzlies are tied with the Alaska Aces for second in the West Division with 21 points.

The Grizzlies have won six of their last eight and gotten standings points in seven of those games.

The last time Utah shut out another team was Jan. 12.

It was just Lawson's second game with the Grizzlies. He won the other one 7-2 at Fresno on Nov. 26 after being signed by Utah on Nov. 21.

Phoenix had picked up a more experienced goalie, making Lawson expendable, so he was let go despite a 3-2 record and 3.01 goals-against record.

He's only giving up a goal a game with Utah, though he didn't want to claim Saturday's shutout all for himself.

"The team helped me out a lot," Lawson said. "I wasn't playing my best to start the game, and they kept the shots down. It was huge for me to get into the game like that, so

I owe this win and shutout to the team. I just wasn't seeing pucks well tonight at first."

He couldn't remember any saves being special, though he did make a critical save with about 18 minutes to go and Utah up only 2-0. Stockton was killing a 5-on-3 Utah power play but ended up with a 2-on-1 short-handed rush that never got net.

The shot actually came in off teammate Justin Bourne, who apologized to Lawson. The goaltender said he saw the puck coming in but didn't recall how he stopped it. "It just was going everywhere," Lawson said of the play. "It wasn't like a good technical save, but every save is a good save, I guess."

Another Utah rookie, Keith Johnson, continued his hot scoring with the game's first two goals, scoring at 6:27 and 19:14 of the second period. Linemate Trevor Smith tipped in a Sean Offers shot from the left point for Utah's third goal at 2:21 of the third

period, just four seconds into a power play. And Christian Gaudet added a fourth score, skating untouched across the goal mouth and flicking a shot top shelf.

Johnson's first goal of the night was the cue for the audience to toss 662 stuffed bears on the ice as part of the Grizzlies' annual Teddy Bear Toss. The toys go to Primary Children's Medical Center.

Johnson's 14 goals are second in the ECHL, and he is the league's leading rookie goal scorer.

The Thunder (8-10-1-1) are gone for now, but the Phoenix Roadrunners come into the E Center Monday and Tuesday (both games at 7 p.m.) before the Grizzlies take a seven-day break. They resume for the final five games of the 10-game home-stand by facing Las Vegas on Dec. 12, 14 and 15 followed by two games with Fresno on Dec. 18 and 19.

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Millard, Delta go unbeaten

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FILLMORE — With 12 schools and ten dual meets over two days, quite a bit happened at the Millard Iron Man Tournament. But perhaps the biggest story was what didn't happen — Millard County rivals Delta and host Millard failed to take the mat against each other.

When the dust settled Millard and Delta were 10-0 in the competition with the host Eagles deemed the winner via a tiebreaker. In cases of identical records, the school that scored the most points in all their duals was declared the team champion and Millard garnered 510 points to Delta's 466. All teams in the competition had one school they would not face but Delta and Millard choosing not to wrestle each other was not the choice of the coaches but was a decision that came down from district administrators.

Instances of recent poor fan behavior, not with wrestling but in other sports, has led to a moratorium from the schools meeting in any athletic competition. This has happened before in the Millard School District but for the past several years the two schools had competed against each other in a dual meet, if not in this specific tournament, somewhere else in the course of the season.

Even as Delta went home with the second place trophy, Delta coach Josh Wright was happy with his team's performance and the undefeated record the Rabbits compiled over the two days of intense competition with some of the best wrestling schools in Utah.

"I'm happy," related Wright. "We have a young team with only three seniors. That's what excites me the most. Last year we came here with a bunch of seniors and finished 8-2. I'm proud of our kids. We beat some good

teams like Uintah and North Sanpete." North Sanpete finished third with an 8-2 record. The Hawks lost to Millard 38-30 and Delta 34-28 in extremely tight and exciting dual meets.

Finishing in a surprising fourth finish was Cedar City with a 6-4 overall record which was the overall mark of fifth place Payson and sixth place Riverton, Wyo-

ming. Uintah, which actually gave Millard's its closest dual losing 37-33 finished with a 5-5 record. Rounding out the top twelve were Clearfield (4-6) in eighth, Canyon View (3-7) in ninth, Mountain View (2-8) in tenth, while Pleasant Grove (0-10) and Bear River (0-10) failed to win the dual but Pleasant Grove scored more points in its matches and claimed eleventh place.

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