

Williamston Responds!

Over the past few weeks I've seen a lot of things posted to this board about Williamston Wrestling.

People seemed to question if we are what the rankings say we are.

I think we answered the question!

Other people thought we were taking a ride on the backs of our little guys.

Our little guys are pound for pound as good as it gets but no matter how you add it up they cannot carry an entire team!

There was a lot of talk about P.J. Mitchell and his dad. Someone questioned if you could really take the hometown out of this boy.

From the moment they arrived and became a part of Williamston, I think Williamston did its absolute best to become a part of the Mitchell's and down the road when P.J. thinks about going home I hope he will come to Williamston . . . because he will always have family here.

And finally someone asked who we were and what had we done to deserve our ranking. So let me tell you about the trip we have been on. There are four important things to think about when you are taking a trip.

First you need to know where you are going . . . We knew where we were going!

Second you want to know an awful lot about the people you are traveling with . . . Boy do we have a great group of people to go on a trip with. It all starts with The Williamston Wrestling Club and the Williamston Community Schools who make sure we have everything we need to make the trip. Next our friends and fans, who do not even have any kids on the team, travel hundreds of miles because they love wrestling and our team. Then there are the parents and that takes more than I am going to list here. The support staff of statisticians, student managers, and trainers keep the road smooth. Our coaching staff is as good as it gets, assistants Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Simmons give freely with their time and expertise, and our co-head coaches Jeff Therrian and Jim Mooney always have the team ready to wrestle to the very best of their ability. And lastly there is the team, 22 guys who have been giving this everything they have since we started on this trip many months ago.

Third you need to know what road you are going to take . . . We took the long way, and it was uphill, riding on a school bus. From camp in Indiana to the run around Mackinac Island. From long days in the room to the start of the season. Then on to 1st at the Corunna Quad, 1st at Haslett, 1st at the Novi Duals, 8th at Goodrich, 1st at New Lothrop, 1st at The Williamston Classic (The first time in the 36-year history of The Classic), 2nd at Quincy, and 1st at the Constantine Duals. All while going undefeated in the Ingham County League and winning the league meet. Then the road started to get steeper. We won in a solid District against Fowlerville and Stockbridge. Then we won at what had to be the toughest Regional in Division III. Columbia Central and Quincy were both as tough as anybody and should be proud. We were getting close to our destination. Everyone on the team was out of the bus pushing it up that hill and now the road was as rough as it could get. Whitehall and Dowagiac wrestled hard and our hats are off to you.

Then we could just see over the crest of that hill and there was Goodrich, coming up the other side.

Finally you need to finish what you came to do . . . And every wrestler that stepped on that mat did what had to be done. Whether it was getting the fall or holding on to get teched and save a precious team point. Then it all came down to that final match. A guy who came out for the team after the season started and wasn't sure he wanted to do it again next year. Jordan Moon was the hero of the moment but there was not one Hornet wrestler that sometime this season did not help make this a state championship team. Coach Storrs and Goodrich you were a most worthy opponent and I hope your community is proud because they should be.

Now we are all standing on top together and boy it sure has been a great trip.

I hope that answers all those questions about Williamston.

Someone said come out, come out wherever you are . . . well here we are, where are you?

Now don't expect to hear much more from us. We are going to do what we do best.

Keep our mouths shut and wrestle!

Sincerely,
The Big Hornet