

## Wayland wrestling cooks up perfect dozen

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### WAYLAND —

The Wayland wrestling team continued its winning ways with four victories over its Dual County League opponents to extend its record to 12-0, setting up Wednesday's (Jan 15<sup>th</sup>) DCL showdown with Lincoln-Sudbury.

The week began with a 36-0 shutout of Waltham. The Hawks have fallen on tough times wrestling-wise and Wayland Coach Sean Chase was planning on using mostly underclassman in the meet.

Highlights of the match were 132-pound freshman Brendan Kiernan defeating Shawn Tehran in overtime 4-2 and sophomore 170-pound Ben Jones defeating Waltham senior captain Tyler Zanco 7-6.

Also adding to the score were sophomore 126-pounder Mike Connell, junior 138-pounder Charlie Tillett and senior 145-pounder Zach Dieffenbach, all of whom won by pin.

On Saturday, the Warriors traveled to Concord-Carlisle for an all DCL quad meet with Boston Latin, Acton-Boxborough and host C-C.

Up first was Boston Latin, a team that has improved greatly over the last few seasons and one that Chase thought would be the toughest competition of the day.

The first bout was at 112, where Chase moved Tom Cope up from his 106-pound spot to get Wayland out to a fast start. Cope performed as expected with a second-period pin over Jackie Chan and Wayland never looked back.

Winning for Wayland by pin was 120-pound captain Cole Elias, 126-pounder Mike Connell, 152-pound captain Chris Oyola, 160-pound captain Ryan Bache, 220-pound sophomore Josh Brito and heavyweight junior Jared Thompson.

Contributing to the victory with win by decision were 132-pound Brendan Kiernan, 145-pound Zach Diefenbach, 170-pound Ben Jones.

What was thought to be a contested meet turned out to be a 51-12 shellacking of the Wolfpack.

Up next was the host Patriots who fared no better than Boston Latin against the Warrior juggernaut. Kiernan, Dieffenbach, Jones, sophomore 220-pounder Kamani Simpson and freshman 106-pounder Cameron Anzivino all won by pin; freshman 138-pounder Michai Aracheer, Oyola, Bache and Vespa each won by major decision. In the end the final score was Wayland 52, Concord-Carlisle 21.

A-B suffered the same fate as the other DCL teams gathered in the C-C gym, losing to Wayland by the score of 54-12. Cope, Elias, Bache, Jones, Vespa and Thompson all won by pin, with Dieffenbach and Oyola contributing with decisions.

As Wayland gets ready to wrestle L-S in a match that probably will decide the DCL title Chase has to feel good about how his 12-0 team is progressing. Dieffenbach and Jones each went 4-0 for the week and Oyola, Bache, Connell and Vespa each contributing with a 3-0 week.

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