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## Greenwood Tops Cross-Town Rival

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Greenwood 145-pounder Glenn McClain, top, attempts to pin Emerald's Trevor Clary on Wednesday during a wrestling match between the two schools. McClain eventually scored the pin. (Staff photo by T.M. James)

The Greenwood High School wrestling team won the last seven bouts Wednesday against Emerald, but coach Greg Brewer isn't sure it was a win the Eagles could've have pulled out just a couple years ago.

Greenwood overcame a 29-12 deficit halfway through the match to tally 41 unanswered points and dominate the Vikings in the lower weights for a 53-29 victory at Westview Middle School.

Emerald 215-pounder Michael Hernandez earned a pin in the second period against Greenwood's Marcus Felton to put the Vikings up 17 and gain some momentum, but the Eagles got three quick pins and a forfeit at 119 pounds to move ahead 36-29. "We thought that we could start doing some things once we got past 160," Brewer said. "They're better than us at our upper weights except for a couple, but we're fortunate that we've got the lightweights. "In years past ... we would've lost a match like this."

Greenwood's Ryan Irby clinched the victory for the Eagles with a pin against Emerald's Zane Vickery at 125 pounds after trailing 5-0 following the first period. Irby managed to even the match and pin Vickery in the second period. "Anytime you fight off your back and you come back (it's big)," Brewer said. "He was down five points and then he was able to tie it up and eventually work for the fall. That just shows that the kid's got a little bit of heart and a bit of guts. "The other guys can learn from watching him."

Emerald coach Andy Wright was disappointed Vickery wasn't able to hang on following the first period. "Zane should've won that match. I expected him to win that match. It was disappointing," Wright said. "He just got in a bad spot and that's all it takes."

The match started at 140 pounds, where Skylar Johnson pinned Greenwood's David Nasarollahi. Emerald went on to win three of the next five bouts. Even with much of the Eagles' advantage in the lower weights, Brewer wasn't satisfied with sacrificing points in the upper weights, and Greenwood picked up key wins at 145 pounds and 171 pounds. "I think we were favored in three or four. They were favored in three or four," Brewer said. "The other ones were toss-ups, and I think our kids just came out and wrestled real well."

#### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

- 103 Sakia Williams (G) pinned David Kidwell (E)
- 112 Zach Milford (G) pinned Avery Reeves (E)
- 119 Joey Biron (G) won by forfeit
- 125 Ryan Irby (G) pinned Zane Vickery (E)
- 130 Cory Fain (G) pinned Seth Oliver (E)
- 135 Michael Hellman (G) pinned Jerry Sprowl (E)
- 140 Skylar Johnson (E) pinned David Nasarollahi (G)
- 145 Glen McClain (G) pinned Trevor Clary (E)
- 152 Dillon Steifle (E) t.f. Dorian Butler (G) 26-9
- 160 Zane Newton (E) pinned Trey Lightsey (G)
- 171 Chris Abeyta (G) won by medical default vs. Ian Williams (E)
- 189 Dillon Dorn (E) pinned Wesley Runyon (G)
- 215 Michael Hernandez (E) pinned Marcus Felton (G)
- 285 Manny Quinones (G) pinned Michael Marshall (G)

Records: G (5-2 overall); E (3-1).