

## Defenders roll to win

### Loss eliminates Milton from District 4 Dual Tournament

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MILTON—Wes Cupp gave Warrior Run a huge boost with a quick pin in the opening bout of the afternoon and the Defenders added three more falls to overcome a stubborn Milton squad, 45-27, Saturday in The Jungle.

The Defenders improved to 12-4 and earned the No. 5 seed in the District 4 Class AA Duals and will host No. 12 North Penn on Wednesday at 7. Warrior Run bounced North Penn in the round of 16 last year, 67-6.

The loss ended Milton's hopes of getting into the tournament when they fell to 6-8 on the season.

Cupp headlocked freshman Nevin Aeppli for a fall in 28 seconds to kick off an opening salvo of six straight wins that produced a 33-0 lead. The Defenders also got pins from Jared Miller (103), Bradley Styer (113), and Zack LeBarron (126).

"Wes wrestled well in that match and got us off to a great start," said Warrior Run's head coach Wayne Smythe. "It was a good place to start and get a lead. Our lightweights we felt confident with, as well."

Milton did get a solid effort in that stretch from freshman Logan Bennett at 120. Bennett made Eric Hunt, ranked No. 8 by Off The Mat, work for a 5-2 decision.

The Black Panthers finally won a bout at 132 when Michael Boyd won a 12-2 decision and after the Defenders Brian LeBarron blanked Taylor Houtz, 5-0 in a good matchup at 138, Milton outscored Warrior Run, 23-9, in the final six bouts.

Collin Arndt (145), Ryan Preisch (182) and Gage Heller (195) registered falls and Zack Bennett (152) added a technical fall for Milton.

"We are looking for fight and effort from our guys and I thought in spots we saw that today," Milton coach Mike Snyder said. "We are still not where we want to be. Logan, Taylor, and Collin wrestled well today and showed some good effort."

Warrior Run was missing three starters Saturday with Andrew Walker and Hunter Bohannon benched by injuries and once-beaten Elias George attending an All State soccer dinner.

Smythe is hoping to have all of his starters in the lineup for the duals.

## Warrior Run 45

## Milton 27



Milton's Ryan Preisch brings Warrior Run's Hunter Stroup to the mat at 182 pounds Saturday. Preisch pinned Stroup in 1:27.

"That's our goal," said Smythe. "We are close to getting some guys back and we are being cautious on some others."

NOTES: A win over North Penn would send the Defenders back to The Jungle on Saturday to face the winner of Lewisburg and Montgomery. Warrior Run edged the Green Dragons, 36-33, in early December... Snyder praised Blake Wargo, a first-year wrestler for the Black Panthers. Wargo held WR veteran Masen Wagner to a 7-1 decision..." I talked to the team about Wargo's effort against Central Columbia on Friday night." Snyder said. "He shows some guts out there and I told the guys we need to replicate that."

- 220: Wes Cupp (WR) pinned Nevin Aeppli, :28
- 285: Matt Kilgus (WR) won by forfeit
- 106: Jared Miller (WR) pinned Brian Smith, 1:33
- 113: Bradly Styer (WR) pinned Cameron Aunkst, :38
- 120: Eric Hunt (WR) dec. Logan Bennett, 5-2
- 126: Zack LeBarron (WR) pinned Glen Pfleeger, :34
- 132: Michael Boyd (M) major dec. Jacob Crouse, 12-2
- 138: Brian LeBarron (WR) dec. Taylor Houtz, 5-0
- 145: Collin Arndt (WR) pinned Tyler Hornberger, 1:07
- 152: Zack Bennett (M) tech fall Brett Boush, 17-2 (3:39)
- 160: Masen Wagner (WR) dec. Blake Wargo, 7-1
- 170: Jon LeBarron (WR) pinned Hunter Snyder, 3:15
- 182: Ryan Preisch (M) pinned Hunter Stroup, 1:27
- 195: Gage Heller (M) pinned Alex Kern, 2:38