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Revenge sweet for county wrestlers

Slew of local athletes advance to semistate

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MOORESVILLE

For local wrestlers, Saturday's individual regional at Mooresville was a day of second chances against familiar opposition.

It was also a day of third, fourth and fifth chances as wrestlers dueling each other for a coveted opportunity to advance to the semistate.

Whiteland made the most of its opportunities.

Although the Warriors had only three participants, all three walked off the mat as regional champions.

Whiteland senior Caleb Van Deman (24-5) won the 215-pound championship with a thrilling 3-1 overtime win against previously unbeaten Franklin senior Cody Johnson (36-1).

Van Deman earned two points for a takedown with seven seconds left to win the match.

The tense match was not the first between the two. Van Deman, who placed sixth in last year's state finals, had lost to Johnson two times earlier in the season.

"I was just trying to be real active and catch him off balance," Van Deman said.

Since the top three wrestlers in each weight class advance to Saturday's individual semistate at Evansville Reitz, Van Deman knows there is a good chance for another rematch against Johnson in the coming weeks.

"We're pretty good buddies, and we'll probably see each other again," Van Deman said.

Also winning titles for the Warriors were juniors Matt Fields (38-1) at 112 pounds and Travis Thomas (33-3) at 275 pounds.

"I'm pretty proud of our wrestlers," Whiteland coach Dave Thompson said. "We feel really good about having three champions."

Franklin, ranked No. 6 in the state team poll, also had three

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VAN DEMAN

SUPER BOWL XL: PITTSBURGH 21, SEATTLE 10

SUPERSTEELERS



Pittsburgh Steelers head coach Bill Cowher celebrates his team's Super Bowl victory as players Marvel Smith, left, and Max Starks prepare to douse him with water.

AP PHOTOS



One for the record books

Steelers become first team in NFL history to win three playoff games on the road and then bring home a Super Bowl title.



Disappointing end

Seahawks record-setting season ends with flood of mistakes as Seattle manages only one TD despite fielding the league's MVP.



Final stop for Bus

Despite not making big impact in game, Steelers running back Jerome Bettis says Super Bowl was his final game.

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Swimming sectional family affair for Cubs

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Franklin Community High School senior Greta Hass made her uncle proud at the girls swimming and diving sectional at Indian Creek High School on Saturday.

Not only is Hass' uncle a close family member, he also is her coach. Kurt Hass, coaching in his final season after 33

years, saw his niece advance to the state finals in an individual event for the first time.

"We're both kind of going out together," Greta Hass said. "We're both kind of ending on a good note."

"Making state is a big deal for me, and I wanted to do it for him."

Greta Hass swam a solid race in the 100-yard butterfly, defeating senior Katy Todd of Center

Grove by 0.13 seconds.

"I knew it was going to be close, but I would have never expected to drop that much time," Greta Hass said.

Trailing 0.3 seconds after the first 50 yards, Hass made up time down the stretch.

"I definitely had to pick it up a little bit so that I could come out on top, but it felt really good," she said. "And I didn't want to let it get away."

Kurt Hass watched from the pool's edge as his niece swam her way back into contention.

"She had a good race plan, and she followed it," Kurt Hass said. "She really swam herself into the state meet."

Her win made for a special day for the Hass family.

"Our family is pretty close," Kurt Hass said. "(Greta's) been

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Center Grove sophomore Michelle McKeehan swims in the 100-yard breaststroke during Saturday's girls swimming and diving sectional at Indian Creek. McKeehan took first place in the event, and the Trojans won all but one event to take the team title.

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