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(West Jordan, Utah) April 24, 2018 ¾ Eleven members of Mountain Top Wrestling Club traveled to Farmington to compete in freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling at the USA Wrestling-Utah State Championships. The athletes earned 11 awards with two state titles and three matches in the finals.

"The guys had a great tournament," said Coach Bill Kilpack. "They kept improving each week and peaked in time for state. Considering half the wrestlers are in their first year, their accomplishments were really outstanding."

Leading the team were two wrestlers: Carson Pugh and Kale Zorn, both of West Jordan. Pugh took gold in both styles at 16 & Under 195 lbs., pinning every opponent in freestyle, and beating every opponent by technical superiority (gaining a 10-point lead) in Greco-Roman. This was the first time Pugh earned state titles in wrestling. Zorn was in the finals in Greco-Roman and finished fourth in freestyle at 12 & Under 60 lbs. This was Zorn's first trip to the state finals.

"State is always tough," said Coach Kilpack. "For example, a wrestler who won four state titles in high school only took state here in one of the two styles. That's a tough bracket!"

Also placing in both styles were brothers Gabriel and Koda Foote of West Valley City. Gabriel finished third in both styles at 6 & Under 50 lbs. This is his second year placing in the state championships. Koda, in his first year on the mat, finished sixth on both styles at 10 & Under 50 lbs.

Placing in freestyle was first-year wrestlers Riley Dallof of West Jordan. Dallof took sixth at 12 & Under 90 lbs.

Placing in Greco-Roman were first-year wrestlers Stephen McKellar of Salt Lake City and Dylan Hendrickson of West Jordan. Both finished sixth in their first season competing in the international styles of wrestling. McKellar placed at 16 & Under 100 lbs. and Hendrickson at 16 & Under 113 lbs.

Also competing in both styles were Min Htet of Salt Lake City at 16 & Under 106 lbs.; Aiden Rod of Salt Lake City at 16 & Under 113 lbs.

Also competing in freestyle were Colten Dallof of West Jordan at 12 & Under 85 lbs.; McKellar at 16 & Under 100 lbs.; Hendrickson at 16 & Under 113 lbs.; and Max Greenwood of Sandy at 18 & Under 220 lbs.

"The wrestlers had a great state tournament," said Coach Nick Hamilton. "Six out of eight placed in Greco-Roman, with two in the finals; and five of 11 in freestyle with one title. That's a pretty great weekend!"

Worthy of note is that, in the most recent state rankings by UtahWrestling.org, Gabriel Foote is the no. 2 ranked Flyweight (6 & Under) in Utah; Koda Foote is the no. 15 ranked Intermediate (10 & Under) in the state; Zorn is the no. 4 ranked Novice (12 & Under); Hendrickson is the no. 8 ranked Cadet (16 & Under); Htet is the no. 2 ranked Cadet; Pugh is the top-ranked Cadet; Rod is the no. 24 Cadet; and Greenwood is the no. 18 ranked Junior (18 & Under).

In the overall rankings for the Kids divisions (ages 14 and younger), Zorn is ranked no. 12. In the overall Elite divisions (ages 15 to 18), Pugh is ranked no. 1; Htet no. 3; and Hendrickson no. 19.

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"It's Mountain Top's second year at West Jordan High School," said Coach Nate Rogers. "We're building in numbers and developing talent. The wrestlers this year have been working so hard, taking their lumps, enjoying their successes, and it paid off in a lot of ways. With six of our 11 competitors being first year, we really couldn't be more proud of them."

Mountain Top Wrestling Club is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing a venue for individuals to learn, develop and refine their athletic skills and abilities; and educating regarding the rules and regulations of freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling. It is open to male and female athletes ages four and older who live anywhere in the State of Utah. Practices are held at West Jordan High School. For more information, call (801) 641-9832, e-mail coach@mountaintopwrestling.com or visit them on the Worldwide Web at www.MountainTopWrestling.com.

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