

# VHS WRESTLING

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## District Duals

The Indians started off the New Year traveling to Palmetto Ridge High School for District Duals. The team went 2-3 with wins against Riverview (56-18) and Sarasota (38-36) and took a loss to North Port (40-34), Riverdale (40-28), and Palmetto Ridge (50-24).

These duals showed just how quick our Indian wrestlers can be at getting the job done. There were multiple Indians who pinned their opponent in under a minute. Kase Hopper (126) pinned his opponent from North Port in 0:48. Massimiliano Pellicano (132) made his pin against North Port in just 0:32. Hopper made another quick pin against Sarasota in 0:52. Pellicano also brought home a second quick pin against Palmetto Ridge in 0:33. Aiden Debrun (138) kept the fire going with Palmetto Ridge to pin his opponent in 0:52. Dylan Vu (106) made the quickest pin of the weekend against Riverview in 0:25.

Pellicano had a big performance this weekend bumping up his rankings from #20 to #13. He beat #14 ranked (3A) from Riverdale by decision (7-4). He also beat #16 (3A) ranked from Sarasota by pin in 1:50. Milana Borrelli (120) made a statement this weekend going 4-1 for her first matches after being out 4 weeks.

## King & Queen of the Island

The King & Queen of the Island is celebrating its 5<sup>th</sup> year in the Teepee. This individual tournament is looking to see which wrestler is the best of the best. The Indians left a mark defending the Teepee and coming out on top this weekend.

Not only did the team have a big win, but there were multiple Indians that placed in the tournament. It was evident that the team had a winning mentality with Kase Hopper (120), Seth Breeding (126), Massimiliano Pellicano (132), Christian Medina (144), Colton Lehmann (150), and Aj Nigro (285) all taking home the gold with a 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. Dylan Vu (106) and Jeremiah Day (165) made sure to add some medals at 2<sup>nd</sup> place along with Milana Borrelli (120), Aiden Debrun (132), Cannon Cribbs (138), and Robert Corrigan (157) coming in at 3<sup>rd</sup>.

The Indians are leaving their mark and doing it quick. Pellicano had a big win defeating #4 ranked (2A) from Mater Academy 8-7. Quick pins were seen by Cribbs over Lincoln Park Academy (0:48), Corrigan over Booker (0:36), Ian Riddle (157) over Booker (0:45), and Brady Williams (175) over Mater Academy (0:43).

After a successful weekend, the Indians are resting up and preparing for their first dual of the season against Port Charlotte.



## Alumni Night

Our annual alumni night was a success! We had Indian wrestlers showing up that ranged from the 70's up to our most recent graduating class. The Indian wrestlers took on Booker and brought home the win (81-0) to make all past and present Indians proud! With the dwindling team numbers from Booker, the Indians got a break with forfeits at 5 different weight classes. Even though the rest of Booker's team put up a good fight, the Indians came home with 7 pins and 2 wins (tech and major decision). The Indians really showed out for the alumni and successfully defended the teepee!



## Senior Night

There were 4 Indians who were honored on senior night including Aiden Debrun (128), Colton Lehmann (156), Micah Thomson (165), and Joseph Swiacki (192). The Indians took on Palmetto for the last home meet of the season and came out on top with a close score of 39-37. Coming out with wins for the Indians were Carson Dec (113) (FF), Kase Hopper (120) (9-3), Aiden Debrun (126) (FF), Christian Medina (144) (5:06), Colton Lehmann (150) (3:06), and Micah Thomson (165) with a quick pin in 0:48. Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated the Indians and these 4 seniors!





## Port Charlotte

The Indians travel out to Port Charlotte to battle for a dual win. The Indians fought to get 7 wins, going 50% as a team. Contributing to the team points were Aiden Debrun (132) getting a pin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> period, Colton Lehmann (150) finishing up his match 14-6, Trevor Whittington (215) finishing up his match 4-2, and Kase Hopper (126) winning his match 10-4. Some Indians made it clear what they were there to do by getting a quick pin. Massimiliano Pellicano (138) pinned his opponent in 1:35, Dylan Vu (106) pinned his in 1:20, and Milana Borrelli (120) pinned hers in 1:06. Hopper, the last match of the night, came in with a purpose – to get the Indians tied with the bad guys, and he succeeded. Coming to the end of the dual, the score was tied at 34. When it comes down to ties, the duals are decided based on criteria. Unfortunately, the Indians lost on the 7<sup>th</sup> criteria, which is based on those with the most first take downs in the first period.

Lucas Burnett (113) got a break this dual but still brought points in for the team with their forfeits. At the end of the night, the Indians were road warriors and brought home the win 43-33.

## Moskowits IBT

The Indians headed up to George Jenkins High School to compete at the Moskowitz IBT. 10 Indians competed and left blood, sweat, and hard work on the mats of central Florida. Both Kase Hopper (122) and Massimiliano Pellicano (134) finished 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Aiden Debrun (128) and Colton Lehmann (152) finished 6<sup>th</sup>, Dylan Vu (108) finished 7<sup>th</sup>, and Joseph Swiacki (192) finished 8<sup>th</sup>. Pellicano had a big win in the semi finals over a district rival from Riverdale which pushed his opponent lower in the rankings, showing who is dominant in this district. Overall, the team finished in 8<sup>th</sup> place out of the 33 teams that participated.

## Parrish

The Indians take it on the road again to take on Parrish. The Indians tallied up their points with a number of pins, a win by decision, a win by major decision, and a couple of forfeits. Coming home pinning their opponent was Kase Hopper (120) (3:30), Aiden Debrun (126) (2:31), Massimiliano Pellicano (132) (1:07), and Aj Nigro (HW) (3:44). Christian Medina (144) came home with a win by major decision (14-4) and Colton Lehmann (150) getting a decision win (19-10). Dylan Vu (106) and





## Meet Your Tribe: Colton Lehmann

### What is your favorite food?

A PDQ sandwich with honey mustard and sweet sriracha

### What is your favorite movie?

Not a movie, but breaking bad

### What is your favorite subject in school?

History

### What is your favorite thing to do outside of being on the mat?

I like to hang out with my friends

### What is a possible career path for you?

Plumbing

### How long have you been wrestling?

Started freshman year, but I didn't wrestle my sophomore year

### Why do you love wrestling?

I like the competition, and I also think it's good to have a skill and be good at something, to see someone really good at something

### What is your goal for this year?

Qualify for the state tournament

## Venice Warriors Youth Program

We have a youth program for those K-8 who are looking to become a better wrestler and even a future Indian. Practices are held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and their first tournament is in December. There are currently 20+ wrestlers and we are always looking for more to join! If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Coach Cook! (941.600.8277)

## Fundraising

The Venice Indians are now selling Boomcupz! These cups have different styles and are equipped with a Bluetooth speaker that can be detached! Former state champion, Jerry Biller, is making sure that we can enjoy a beverage, represent Venice Wrestling, and listen to great music. Please check out our Facebook page for pictures and more information about ordering! If you are interested in donating to the team, checks can be written out to "Venice Takedown Club" and given to Coach Cook.