

VHS WRESTLING

Upcoming Events

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January		
1/4	V	District Duals
1/9	JV/V	Lakewood Ranch
1/11	V	Regional Duals
1/13	V	King & Queen of the Island
1/16	JV	Bradley River Match Up
1/19	JV/V	Port Charlotte
1/20	JV	Triton JV Memorial
1/20	V	State Duals
1/23	JV/V	Parrish
1/25	JV/V	Booker - ALUMNI NIGHT
1/26-27	V	Moskowitz IBT
1/29	JV	Indian Match Up
1/31	JV/V	Palmetto - SENIOR NIGHT



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Weeki Wachee Duals

The 2023-2024 season has kicked off! The first dual of the season was at Weeki Wachee. The team went 4-3 for the weekend with wins against Anclote (37-36), Belleview (66-18), Leesburg (63-6), and Crystal River (42-39) and losses against Hernando (39-37), Zephyrhills Christian (59-16), and Nature Coast (42-34). Overall, the Indian wrestlers went 51-25 for individual matches, having a winning percentage of 67%.

There were notable wins by multiple Indian wrestlers! Kase Hopper (120) won by fall versus the #2 ranked (1A) in 1:49. Hopper also won by major decision versus the #11 ranked (1A at 126lb) 17-6. Micah Thomson (165) won by fall versus the #11 ranked (1A) in 3:15 as well as the #18 ranked (1A) in 2:17. Colton Lehmann (144) won by fall versus the #20 ranked (1A) in 5:05. Massimiliano Pellicano (132) won by fall versus the #18 ranked (1A) in 2:17. While we had some good wins for the Indians, it is worth noting the tough fight that they put up as well. Milana Borrelli (126) gave it her all against the #6 ranked (1A) and #7 ranked (1A) and had losses by decision at 6-2 and 4-1. The Indians persevered through this dual and prepared for the Palm Beach Christmas Classic.

Palm Beach Christmas Classic

The Indians traveled to Santaluces High School to put in work at the Palm Beach Christmas Classic. While the Classic was an individual tournament, out of 32 teams, the Indians placed 7th. There were 3 individuals who placed at the Classic including Dylan Vu at 106 (3rd), Kase Hopper at 120 (1st), and Massimiliano Pellicano at 132 (3rd).

A couple of Indian wrestlers put in hard work to get some notable wins as well! Dylan Vu won by decision (5-3) versus the #18 ranked (3A). Kase Hopper won by decision (12-9) versus #5 ranked (3A). Hopper also won by fall versus #15 ranked (1A) in 3:33. Each Indian puts in good work at each meet and not always does it come out with a win. It is important to not some competitive losses as well. Massimiliano fought a good fight against #3 ranked (3A) from Olympic Heights and lost by decision at 6-2.

Upcoming Events

February

2/2-3	V	Braves Invitational
2/5	G	Girl's Districts
2/10	JV	Cypress Lake
2/16	V	Districts
2/23-24	V	Regionals
2/29-3/2	V	States

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Gorman Duals

Traveling out to Charlotte High School, the Indians competed in the Gorman Duals and came home with a 3-1 record. Unfortunately, due to weather, Sarasota County Schools were shut down and did not allow for a second day of competition. The Indians brought back wins against Pinellas Park (58-15), Naples First Baptist (42-36), and Cape Coral (45-33). They fought hard against Columbus but came home with a loss of 62-12. The notable win for the weekend was Micah Thomson (165) winning via fall in 1:20 against #17 ranked (3A) from Columbus. A tough match for Massimiliano Pellicano (132) with a loss (9-5) to #2 ranked (1A) from Naples First Baptist. This was a tough dual and the Indians struggled to compete the way we strive for, but the team is committed to getting back to work, continuing to chop wood, and carry water.



Knockout Christmas Classic

No better way to finish out the year, than with one last meet! The Indians traveled to Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee to compete in one of the top in season tournaments in the country's southeast region. Five Indians, including Dylan Vu (106), Kase Hopper (120), Massimiliano Pellicano (132), Colton Lehmann (144), and Micah Thomson (165), traveled to compete against some of the best. While 3 came back with a 0-2 record, they got to learn valuable lessons against some of the best wrestlers in the country. Kase Hopper and Massimiliano Pellicano came back with records of 2-2. Pellicano had a 9-4 win against #7 ranked (3a) from Bucholz High School. Not only did we have 5 high schoolers travel, but we also had Makara "Bella" Borrelli travel to compete in the middle school girl's division at 119 and bring home the gold! While going 3-0, she won by major decision (14-0), pinned her second in 4:41, and won 5-1 in the finals. The Indians continue to train through the rest of 2023 to start off 2024 with a statement!





Meet Your Tribe: Dylan Vu

Where were you born?

Da Nang, Vietnam

When did you move to the area?

Summer of 2022 from California

What is your favorite food?

Plain chicken wings

What is your favorite movie?

If I had to choose one, Maze Runner

What is your favorite subject in school?

Math

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

Lifting, hanging out with friends and family

What is a possible career path for you?

Software development and computer science



How long have you been wrestling?

Since freshman year

Why do you love wrestling?

The highs and lows, winning and losing, team building activities, and spending time with my teammates

What is your goal for this year?

Place in the state tournament

Venice Warriors Youth Program

The youth schedule is underway with a handful of young warriors getting their first competition experience and even getting their first wins under their belts. Shout out to Glenn and Minmei Goodfellow, son and daughter of former Indian Glenn Goodfellow, for bringing home some hardware! If you or someone you know is interested in joining the program, please reach out to Coach Cook! (941.600.8277)

Fundraising

Team programs are being made! These programs are great for our community members, families, and friends to get to know the athletes they are supporting. Please stop by one of our home events for the opportunity to get this year's team program! If you are interested in donating to the team, checks can be written out to "Venice Takedown Club" and given to Coach Cook.