

Ekland, Lembeck lead Xavier grapplers

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Nic Ekland is making up for lost time with the Xavier wrestling team.

Ekland, a senior, did not join the program until his final year in school, and then his debut was delayed while he recovered from a broken ankle suffered during the football season. He showed what he can do Thursday night with two pins at 195 pounds in a Mississippi Valley Conference meet at Xavier.

Ekland pinned Payne Johnson of Waterloo East in 2:30 and stuck Brock Hunger of Iowa City High in 52 seconds.

The Saints lost both meets, falling to Waterloo East (45-30) and Iowa City High (55-22).

Clint Lembeck, ranked No. 2 at 132 pounds for Xavier, also had two pins for the Saints. Josh Gerke went 2-0 for the Saints with a pin and forfeit.

WATERLOO EAST 45, XAVIER 30

285 - Omar Begic (WAEA) pinned Michael Maher, 1:47
106 - Keegan Schultschik (XAVI) pinned Darrell Lowery, 1:49
113 - Jeff Vipond (XAVI) pinned Brayden Good, 0:53
120 - Josh Cannon (WAEA) won by forfeit
126 - Kyler Lowe (WAEA) won by forfeit
132 - Josh Gerke (XAVI) won by forfeit
138 - Clint Lembeck (XAVI) pinned Nathan Nielson, 0:29
145 - Jeremiah Jordan (WAEA) pinned Shane Scott, 2:58
152 - Dalyne King (WAEA) dec. Brant Charipar, 13-6
160 - Chase Pryor (WAEA) pinned Ryan Williams, 0:54
170 - Quallan Phillips (WAEA) tech fall Matt Bouska, 23-8
182 - Eric Gleiter (WAEA) dec. Sam Meyers, 3-1
195 - Nic Ekland (XAVI) pinned Payne Johnson, 2:30
220 - Nekema Carter (WAEA) major dec. Thomas Pudil, 12-3

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IOWA CITY HIGH 55, XAVIER 22

106 - Joey Harney (ICC) dec. Jeff Vipond, 7-5
113 - Jacob Powers (ICC) pinned Keegan Schultschik, 4:32
120 - Justice Jarosh (ICC) won by forfeit
126 - Josh Gerke (XAVI) major dec. Daniel Kelly, 20-6
132 - Clint Lembeck (XAVI) pinned Jack Anson, 3:23
138 - Alex Kooker (ICC) won by forfeit
145 - Colton Chalupa (ICC) pinned Shane Scott, 1:13
152 - Ali Omar (ICC) pinned Brant Charipar, 1:12
160 - Nic Jarvis (ICC) pinned Ryan Williams, 2:18
170 - Sarrive Rukakiza (ICC) major dec. Matt Bouska, 15-7
182 - Jacob Dykes (ICC) pinned Sam Meyers, 0:57
195 - Nic Ekland (XAVI) pinned Brock Hunger, 0:52
220 - Armani Smith (ICC) pinned Thomas Pudil, 1:16
285 - Michael Maher (XAVI) won by forfeit