

## Prairie wrestlers hope to get healthy

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The most important members of the Cedar Rapids Prairie wrestling squad these days could be the trainer, the physical therapist and the team doctor.

The Hawks are hurting a little bit and the biggest meets of the season are coming up.

Sam Uthoff, Dylan Becker and Austin Gould did not wrestle during Thursday night's double-dual meet at Prairie and only Uthoff is given a chance of competing in the Mississippi Valley Conference meet this Saturday.

The Class 3A district meet is scheduled for Feb. 9, and if you don't wrestle at the district meet you cannot qualify for the state meet. The clock is ticking.

Prairie is ranked No.2 by the Iowa Wrestling Coaches Association and No.5 by The Predicament, so there's a lot at stake.

"There's not much you can worry about or anything," said Prairie Coach Blake Williams. "You just have to worry about the guys we have out there right now.

"Hopefully they can come back," he said. "Most of those guys are seniors. I'm sure if there's any chance they can come back, they will."

Even in their weakened condition, the Hawks were much too strong for their MVC rivals Thursday night. They blasted Waterloo East 77-3 and took care of Washington, 69-7.

Washington topped Waterloo East, 55-24, in the first meet of the night.

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Uthoff, who is ranked No.5 at 106 pounds, was not feeling well Thursday. "A little under the weather," said Williams. "He stayed home from school and hopefully he'll be ready to go Saturday."

Becker, the regular at 132 pounds, has an injured hand and possible ligament damage. Williams said he will not wrestle in the MVC meet Saturday at Washington High School.

"We'll see how it is and hopefully he'll have a chance to go at the end (of the season)," the coach said.

Gould, ranked No.6 at 182 pounds, has a shoulder injury.

"He won't be ready by Saturday, and at this point I don't think we need to risk anything," said Williams. "We'll try to wait as long as we can and hopefully he'll have a chance."

Cam Rathje, ranked No.5 at 170 pounds, has missed action this season, but was back in the lineup Thursday night.

The featured match Thursday came at 285 pounds and saw eighth-ranked Andrew Netolicky of Prairie nudge third-ranked Zac Gillis of Washington, 1-0.

Gillis deliberately let Netolicky escape with 1:26 left in the match, but never got the takedown he needed for the victory as Netolicky fought him off.

Netolicky was surprised Gillis gave him the one-point escape. "I thought he'd try to ride me out and send it to overtime," he said.

"I feel pretty confident on my feet this year," said Netolicky. "I tried to stay farther away from

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him and make him make a mistake and capitalize on it.

"I thought I should have moved some more, but I figure we'll probably wrestle again."

River Whitters collected two pins for Prairie at 160 pounds, sticking his opponent in 46 seconds in both matches.

Trey Schuler and Dax Dills went 2-0 in the meet for Washington. Dills recorded a pin and a major decision, while Schuler had a pin and a regular decision.

Williams is looking forward to Saturday's conference meet, which could be a tussle among Prairie, Linn-Mar and Iowa City West.

"If 14 guys wrestle the way they're supposed to, then I'd say we could be in the mix," he said. "We have a lot of work to do before that happens. We'll see."

### WASHINGTON 55, WATERLOO EAST 24

113 - Caleb Feltes (WE) won by forfeit  
120 - Devin Dills (CRW) pinned Skylar Laughlin, 1:09  
126 - Trey Schuler (CRW) pinned Cody Sahr, 1:38  
132 - Dax Dills (CRW) pinned Hunter Even, 1:31  
138 - Matt Ackerman (CRW) pinned Jeremiah Jordan, 1:03  
145 - Chase Pryor (WE) pinned Colin Hale, 2:13  
152 - JP Mercado (CRW) pinned Deshay Wright, 4:51  
160 - Jared Eicher (CRW) dec. Quallan Phillips, 10-5  
170 - Tyler Burkle (CRW) major dec. Dedrick Jordan, 13-2  
182 - Corey Lakes (WE) won by forfeit  
195 - Noah Fox (CRW) won by forfeit  
220 - Hunter Swartz (CRW) pinned Wesley Stokes, 1:23  
285 - Zac Gillis (CRW) won by forfeit

### PRAIRIE 77, WATERLOO EAST 3

120 - Jayden Flege (CRP) won by forfeit  
126 - Josh Wenger (CRP) pinned Cody Sahr, 0:32

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132 - Seth Wennermark (CRP) pinned Jeremiah Jordan, 3:55  
138 - Trey Blaha (CRP) won by forfeit  
145 - Skyler St.John (CRP) won by forfeit  
152 - Jamie Day (CRP) tech fall Chase Pryor, 17-1 (3:14)  
160 - River Whitters (CRP) pinned Quallan Phillips, 0:46  
170 - Cam Rathje (CRP) pinned Dedrick Jordan, 0:54  
182 - Jarod Cadena (CRP) won by forfeit  
195 - Casey Becker (CRP) won by forfeit  
220 - Jesse Hynek (CRP) won by forfeit  
285 - Andrew Netolick (CRP) won by forfeit  
106 - Kyler Lowe (WE) dec. Marcus England, 4-2 (ot)  
113 - Zack Fiser (CRP) pinned Skylar Laughlin, 0:35

### PRAIRIE 69, WASHINGTON 7

126 - Josh Wenger (CRP) won by forfeit  
132 - Dax Dills (CRW) major dec. Seth Wennermark, 12-2  
138 - Isaac Hall (CRP) won by forfeit  
145 - Trey Blaha (CRP) pinned JP Mercado, 1:37  
152 - Skyler St.John (CRP) pinned Jared Eicher, 1:50  
160 - River Whitters (CRP) pinned Tyler Burkle, 0:46  
170 - Cam Rathje (CRP) won by forfeit  
182 - Jarod Cadena (CRP) won by forfeit  
195 - Casey Becker (CRP) pinned Noah Fox, 0:36  
220 - Jesse Hynek (CRP) won by forfeit  
285 - Andrew Netolicky (CRP) dec. Zac Gillis, 1-0  
106 - Marcus England (CRP) pinned Mat DeCamp, 1:40  
113 - Zack Fiser (CRP) won by forfeit  
120 - Trey Schuler (CRW) dec. Jayden Flege, 9-4