

Jack Boland was a rugged 215-pound linebacker for the Xavier High School football team this season. Now he's a rugged 182-pound wrestler, about six weeks later.

Same tough kid.

Boland enjoyed a strong performance at the Doug Philipp Duals Saturday at Xavier with three pins and a technical fall. He also won a match by forfeit to go 5-0.

Some people who shed 30 pounds in a relatively short period of time might feel weak and lethargic. Not Boland. He looks strong, aggressive and ready to wrestle.

Boland accidentally hit an opponent so hard in the face Saturday that the kid was crying after the match. "Maybe it was a little too hard," he conceded.

"Wrestling is a rough sport by nature," Boland said. "It's a lot like football. It's rough, it's intense.

"It's a man's sport. Man's and woman's sport," he added, bowing to equal rights.

Xavier Coach Ryan Chambers, who happens to be Boland's uncle, preaches a physical style of wrestling. It's something he learned while wrestling for Dan Gable at Iowa.

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"One of the Iowa mottoes I use: It's intense legal pain," Chambers said. "I like for my guys to be physical, I like for them to wrestle from whistle to whistle. Yes, he does like that physical pain."

Boland (13-4) began the tournament by pinning Gage Shellady of West Liberty in 1 minute, 22 seconds, then followed with an 18-3 technical fall against Brendon Armbruster of Sioux City North.

Boland flattened Spencer Hinrichsen of Anamosa in 26 seconds and finished the day by pinning Ethan Lamm of Mediapolis in 73 seconds. He also accepted a forfeit against Hempstead.

"Pretty good," he said, modestly summing up his day.

Boland began the football season at 215 pounds, but finished at approximately 210 when the Saints lost in the first round of the 4A playoffs on Oct. 26. He began the wrestling season in the 195-pound bracket in November and finished the journey to 182 last week.

"Just running, lifting," he explained of the weight loss. "Coach Chambers runs a heck of a practice. It's easy to lose weight there.

"I feel great," he said. "This week was kind of hard. I felt tired all week. I felt a lot better today."

He did not need a starvation diet to drop 30 pounds in six weeks. There are no hollow cheeks or gaunt limbs.

"I'm fairly healthy," he said. "I don't drink pop or anything. I stay away from McDonald's and stuff like that."

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Boland compiled a 23-18 record last season and is fairly happy with his 13-4 mark this year as a senior.

"17-and-0 would be a lot better. I'm not satisfied yet," he said. "I'd like to be up in Des Moines come February (at the state tournament). I have to keep working at it."

Chambers likes the way his nephew is wrestling.

"Jack does well. He's learning," Chambers said. "He's coming along strong. He's starting to get a lot more mat savvy.

"He's taken it to a new level and he's taking a lot of young kids with him. His work ethic helps a lot in the room."

Boland helped the Saints compile a 2-3 record in the duals with victories over Dubuque Hempstead and Anamosa. The Saints lost to West Liberty, Sioux City North and Mediapolis.

Mediapolis won the six-team event with a 5-0 record. Sioux City North, which has won multiple titles at the Xavier tournament and was the defending champ, placed second.

Tyler Laska won three matches at 138 pounds for Xavier with two pins and a decision. Kory Donithan also won three times for the Saints at 145 with two sticks and a decision.

DOUG PHILLIP DUALS

Team Standings

- 1. Mediapolis 5-0, 2. Sioux City North 4-1, 3. Xavier 2-3, 4. Hempstead 2-3, 5. West Liberty 2-3,
- 6. Anamosa 0-5.

Round 1 West Liberty 54, Xavier 21 Hempstead 40, Anamosa 30 Mediapolis 39, Sioux City North 30

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Round 2

Sioux City North 61, Xavier 17 West Liberty 54, Anamosa 30

Mediapolis 55, Hempstead 18

Round 3

Xavier 48, Anamosa 30 Mediapolis 54, West Liberty 27 Sioux City North 55, Hempstead 22

Round 4

Xavier 33, Hempstead 31 Mediapolis 72, Anamosa 3 Sioux City North 49, West Liberty 25

Round 5

Mediapolis 57, Xavier 9 Hempstead 42, West Liberty 36 Sioux City North 69, Anamosa 6

WEST LIBERTY 54, XAVIER 21

- 106 Mueller (WL) won by forfeit.
- 113 Henderson (WL) won by forfeit.
- 120 Wheeler (WL) dec. Duball, 10-6.
- 126 Drahozal (X) dec. Rodriguez, 3-0.
- 132 Arensdorf (WL) pinned McGraw, 2:45.
- 138 Laska (X) pinned Gallayos, 2:17.
- 145 Donithan (X) pinned Coreas, 1:01.
- 152 Campbell (WL) pinned Blake, 1:56.
- 160 Sagastume (WL) won by forfeit.
- 170 Rosezell (WL) dec. Joens, 3-2.
- 182 Boland (X) pinned Shellady, 1:22.
- 195 Wiele (WL) won by forfeit.
- 220 VanDusen (WL) pinned Gloede, :50.
- 285 Martinez (WL) pinned Meyers, :32.

SIOUX CITY NORTH 61, XAVIER 17

- 106 Hoogers (SC) won by forfeit.
- 113 Hanson (SC) won by forfeit.
- 120 Gill (SC) major dec. Duball, 14-3.
- 126 Lozano (SC) dec. Drahozal, 6-2.
- 132 Jurado (SC) pinned McGraw, 1:27.
- 138 Laska (X) pinned McKinney, 5:56.
- 145 Stewart (SC) pinned Donithan, 1:45.

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- 152 Freeman (SC) pinned Blake, 1:59.
- 160 Martin (SC) won by forfeit.
- 170 Thomas (SC) pinned Joens, 3:24.
- 182 Boland (X) tech fall Armbruster, 18-3.
- 195 Drey (SC) won by forfeit.
- 220 Jamison (SC) pinned Gloede, :47.
- 285 Meyers (X) pinned Wagner, 3:20.

XAVIER 48, ANAMOSA 30

- 106 Durgin (A) won by forfeit.
- 113 Chicchelly (X) won by forfeit.
- 120 Duball (X) won by forfeit.
- 126 Drahozal (X) won by forfeit.
- 132 McGraw (X) pinned VonBehren, 1:39.
- 138 Bowers (A) pinned Laska, :52.
- 145 Rundle (A) pinned Donithan, 5:49.
- 152 Overman (A) pinned Blake, 1:09.
- 160 Hansen (A) won by forfeit.
- 170 Joens (X) pinned Frasher, 1:18.
- 182 Boland (X) pinned Hinrichsen, :26.
- 195 Double forfeit.
- 220 Gloede (X) won by forfeit.
- 285 Meyers (X) won by forfeit.

XAVIER 33, HEMPSTEAD 31

- 106 Chicchelly (X) won by forfeit.
- 113 Double forfeit.
- 120 Feldman (H) dec. Duball, 8-3.
- 126 Drahozal (X) pinned Greenwald, :55.
- 132 McGraw (X) dec. Duccini, 7-4.
- 138 Laska (X) dec. Brown, 9-4.
- 145 Donithan (X) pinned Dahlman, 3:47.
- 152 Blake (X) dec. Daack, 8-3.
- 160 Dochee (H) won by forfeit.
- 170 Owens (H) pinned Kortemeyer, 1:25.
- 182 Fritsch (H) major dec. Joens, 14-0.
- 195 Boland (X) won by forfeit.
- 220 Haas (H) pinned Gloede, :49.
- 285 McMahon (H) pinned Meyers, :14.

MEDIAPOLIS 57, XAVIER 9

- 106 McNeil (M) won by forfeit.
- 113 Andrews (M) won by forfeit.

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- 120 Erickson (M) pinned Duball, 1:21.
- 126 Foster (M) dec. Drahozal, 5-0.
- 132 Conley (M) pinned McGraw, 2:20.
- 138 Buster (M) dec. Laska, 13-12.
- 145 Donithan (X) dec. Hostetter, 3-1.
- 152 Holloway (M) pinned Blake, :29.
- 160 Drain (M) won by forfeit.
- 170 Beckman (M) dec. Joens, 6-1.
- 182 Boland (X) pinned Lamm, 1:13.
- 195 Double forfeit.
- 220 Jamison (M) pinned Gloede, :53.
- 285 Wagner (M) pinned Meyers, 1:39.