

Rathje pins key sweep, Hawks stay in 1st

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Sophomore Cam Rathje collected a pair of second-period pins Thursday night as Prairie beat Dubuque Senior and Cedar Falls in Mississippi Valley Conference wrestling at Prairie.

Rathje flattened Ryan Gieseman in 2:30 at 152 pounds to help the Hawks beat Dubuque Senior, 52-18, and he stuck Clark Doyle in 2:45 as Prairie topped Cedar Falls, 41-21.

Prairie remained unbeaten in the MVC Valley Division at 8-0, one-half game ahead of Iowa City West. The Hawks are 13-2 overall. They wrestle at Iowa City West on Jan. 13.

Zach Becicka (125), Andrew Netolicky (189) and Dillon Brunscheen (285) also were double-winners for the Hawks.

Cedar Falls beat Dubuque Senior, 58-15, in the other match.

PRAIRIE 52, DUBUQUE SENIOR 18

103 -- C. Lynn (D) dec. Blaha, 5-0; 112 -- Betwell (D) pinned Flege, 1:25; 119 -- B. Lynn (D) dec. Walters, 6-5; 125 -- Becicka (P) major dec. Alvarenga, 10-1; 130 -- Whitters (P) won by forfeit; 135 -- Day (P) pinned Engling, 5:09; 140 -- Becker (P) dec. Freese, 4-2; 145 -- Witte (P) won by forfeit; 152 -- Rathje (P) pinned Gieseman, 2:30; 160 -- Wagner (P) pinned Galle, :59; 171 -- Steenblock (P) won by forfeit; 189 -- Netolicky (P) pinned Blake, 3:10; 215 -- Blus (D) pinned Zacek, 4:27; 285 -- Brunscheen (P) dec. Barry, 3-1.

PRAIRIE 41, CEDAR FALLS 21

103 -- Blaha (P) won by forfeit; 112 -- Flege (P) pinned Herkelman, 2:44; 119 -- Walters (P) pinned Reyhons, 4:42; 125 -- Becicka (P) dec. Alexander, 8-4; 130 -- Brummel (CF) major dec. Whitters, 11-3; 135 -- Wilkens (CF) pinned Day, 3:50; 140 -- Dagit (CF) pinned Becker, 1:37;

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145 -- Witte (P) pinned Mathias, 2:30; 152 -- Rathje (P) pinned Doyle, 2:45; 160 -- Groomes (CF) dec. Wagner, 6-4; 171 -- Steenblock (P) dec. Langely, 5-0; 189 -- Netolicky (P) dec. Rahnaverdi, 5-2; 215 -- Hirsh (CF) dec. Zacek, 5-1; 285 -- Brunscheen (P) dec. Terpstra, 1-0.