

West-Oak wrestlers finish third in Greenville Red - Journal, The (Seneca, SC) - January 24, 2017 - page C3 January 24, 2017 | Journal, The (Seneca, SC) | THE JOURNAL STAFF | Page C3

GREENVILLE - The **West-Oak wrestling** team finished 4-1 over the weekend during competition in the prestigious Greenville Red Raider Dual Meet.

Victories came against Laurens (66-6), Blue Ridge (72-16) and Greenville (70-3), while the lone loss was against longtime nemesis **Battery Creek**.

The Warriors lost to the Dolphins, 37-33, in a showdown that came down to the final match.

West-Oak lost a pair of one-point matches and a two-point match that was even at 1-1 late into the third period.

The meet, in which the Dolphins had 10 returning state qualifiers to six for the Warriors, started at the 220-pound weight class, where the top two wrestlers battled to 1-1 score into the waning moments of the third. **Battery Creek**'s top-ranked wrestler got the deciding takedown.

The teams battled back and forth, with the Warriors taking a 23-21 lead after 138, building that to a 33-24 edge after 152.

But BC won the next three matches, including two very close one-point bouts, making the score 33-33. The Dolphins won the final match for their margin of victory.

Battery Creek defeated Hillcrest, 55-15, to win the meet, while**West-Oak**'s 45- 21 win over Lugoff-Elgin was good for third place.

Leading the way for **West-Oak** were Justin Smith, Ian James and Gavin James, all going 5-0 on the day, and Jared Smith, who finished 4-0.

Jordan Lee, Ben Martin, Damien White and Cameron Hanby won four matches while losing one.

Matt Williams and Tyler James finished 3-1, while Lake Alexander and Tate Capps were 2-2.

Thomas Rowland went 2-1, Clayton James 2-0, Zach Elliot 1-1 and Peyton Tollison 0-2.

The Warriors are back in action tonight as they wrestle Pendleton, Wade Hampton and Daniel at home beginning at 6 p.m.

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