

Woodruff's championship match faces another delay - Herald-Journal (Spartanburg, SC) - February 15, 2010 - page 1 February 15, 2010 | Herald-Journal (Spartanburg, SC) | KEVIN MELTON kevin.melton@shj.com

Woodruff may have to wait until next week to wrestle for a state championship while the High School League tries to determine an opponent for the Wolverines.

Woodruff was scheduled to face **Loris** in the 2A title match at Ridge View High School on Saturday, but the match was postponed by the S.C. High School League due to inclement weather.

The match was supposed to be rescheduled for either Tuesday or Wednesday, **Woodruff** athletic director Scott Lawson said.

However, a new snag has pushed the match back even farther.

Loris lost to Hanahan in the lower state title match 34-33 Thursday.

But a ruling by High School League commissioner Jerome Singleton to make Hanahan forfeit the 125-pound weight class match due to an ineligible wrestler gave **Loris** a 39-31 victory instead.

High School League rules state a wrestler cannot compete more than one class above his actual weight. Hanahan's Koffi Dwira, who is certified to wrestle at 125 pounds, competed in a higher weight class than is permitted by the High School League when he wrestled in a holiday tournament earlier this season.

The sport uses preseason testing to determine a healthy body weight for competition. Though Dwira competed and won his match Wednesday in the 125-pound class, Hanahan was forced to forfeit his victory because he was deemed ineligible for **wrestling** at a higher weight class earlier this season.

Hanahan filed a formal appeal to protest the league's decision but was turned down, Lawson said.

The school, located in Berkeley County, then filed an injunction to keep the state title match from taking place.

The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, league spokesperson Jan Hogan said Monday.

Woodruff defeated Palmetto in the upper state title match Wednesday.

The Wolverines are scheduled to wrestle in the upper state individual qualifying matches Friday and Saturday at Broome.

Wolverines coach Daniel Westmoreland said his team will hold practices until the finalized date for the state match is determined.

"We are going to keep working hard," he said. "Both (Hanahan and Loris) are very good. We're going to concentrate on getting better until the new date is scheduled."

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