

Unicorns bring home hardware from Hess classic



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Mason Davis, left, went 4-0 this past weekend for a first-place finish at the Doc Hess Classic in Bryan.

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BRYAN — The fledgeling New Braunfels Wrestling Club headed east this past weekend to the 40-team Doc Hess Classic.

Boasting a turnout of nearly 1,000 wrestlers, the tournament is the largest in Texas and fourth-largest in the nation.

But that didn't faze the Unicorns. Of the 16 wrestlers on the first-year squad, 10 took home medals.

Justin Gonzales and Mason Davis both went 4-0, tying for first place in the rookie division. Adrian Ybarra, Charles Kennon and Daniel Martinez each posted second-place results.

After losing early, Brennan Murphy and Brett Rychel battled back to place third and fourth, respective-

ly. Although they didn't place, AJ Nunn, Sebastian Bustos and Max Parker all wrestled much better than in previous tournaments, coach Rick Hodges said.

"It's just a matter of time before they do place," he said.

Tony Medina and Kyle Page both had second-place finishes in the junior varsity division. Nick Parrish posted a third-place result.

Neither Jacob Lock nor Slater Hodges, the Unicorns' varsity wrestlers, placed at the meet. It marks the first time both grapplers left a tournament empty-handed.

Finally, Vera Chapman won her second career match, a decision by pinfall.

"The team is progressing nicely and should be very competitive in the New Year," Hodges said.