



Arnold Dinh gets two points during the Southwest Classic Saturday at the Big House. Tuesday, the Redskins scored a 37-21 victory over Ulysses in a dual and will participate in the Newton Tournament of Champions Friday. Daily Leader photo/Earl Watt

Redskins pin Tigers

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Despite having two open weights, the Liberal Redskins were able to score a dual victory over Ulysses Tuesday at the Big House, 37-21.

"I felt fortunate," Liberal coach Mike Pewthers said. "They had three kids out of their line-up which helped a lot."

Even though the Tigers were shorthanded, it might not have made a difference.

"We wrestled well at most weights," Pewthers said. "We lost two that we could have won."

Luckily it didn't come back to bite us. Even if those three were in there we could have won the dual, but we would have had to win the close one at 215 and Adrian Salas would have had to win. He ended up getting pinned."

Salas, a standout for the Redskins attempted a roll-through against his opponent but got caught on his back, something that rarely happens to Salas.

"He can beat the kid, he just got caught in a bad position in a roll through," Pewthers said.

Isaac Gallegos, Justin McPhail and Akele Powdrill each scored pin,

"Carlos Rodriguez wrestled a really good match," Pewthers said.

Liberal was also able to show improvement since the Southwest Classic over the weekend. Moises Andrade and Enrique Avila were able to get victories in the dual over Tigers that beat them at the Classic.

"I was pleased with those guys, for the most part," Pewthers said. "They wrestled really well and were aggressive."

Liberal's toughest test of the season will come Friday and Saturday in Newton at the Tournament of Champions. According to Pewthers, there will be at least 25 teams at the event with ranked wrestlers in all classes.

"We're going to have to wrestle real well," he said. "If we can have four or five guys place in the top six I will be real pleased."

The tournament will help the Redskins prepare for the regional wrestling match at the end of the

regular season.

“It will be good experience for the younger guys,” Pewthers said. “They will get to see some really good wrestling and hopefully get some wins. I’m expecting Adrian Salas to be in the top two, Carlos Rodriguez should be up there, and Justin McPhail to win it. There’s three or four other guys that will have to wrestle really well. It is a good test for us.”

Last year, the Redskins took fourth at the event with a team that won the Western Athletic Conference.

“We had a pretty good squad, a good group of guys,” Pewthers said. “We had four placers, and it was pretty tough.”

Action begins at 11 a.m. Friday morning and continues until late Saturday.