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2010 CIF STATE WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIPS PRESENTED BY FARMERS

Bakersfield—Confirming its reputation as a perennial state power, Bakersfield High School, led by standout out athlete and junior Bryce Hammond, won its third state team title and first since 2004 Saturday at the 2010 CIF State Wrestling Championships Presented by Farmers.

The Drillers had five place-winners earn awards at Rabobank Arena, including Ian Nickell (seventh) at 103 pounds, Natrelle Demison (fifth) 130, Coleman Hammond, (fourth) 145, Hammond (first) 160, the older brother of Coleman Hammond, and Brian Schoene (third) 215.

Five teams from the Bakersfield/Fresno area dominated the tournament and finished in the top eight. Bakersfield was first with 126 points, Selma earned second with 113.5 points, followed by Clovis (97), Lemoore (94), and Clovis West, (76), which finished in eighth. Rounding out the top eight were Poway (fifth) with 95.5 points, Gilroy (sixth) with 89, and Calvary Chapel, Santa Ana (seventh) with 82.5.

Sophomore Alex Cisneros (112-weight class) of Selma, and junior Morgan McIntosh (189) of Calvary Chapel, Santa Ana became the 58th and 59th members, respectively, to enter the two-time California State Champions club. McIntosh concluded the season unbeaten (40-0), after he defeated Tommy Burriel of Clovis 3-1 in the final. He did not surrender an offensive point to an opponent all season. Cisneros knocked off Chris Diaz of Sanger 5-0 and improved his record to 53-1.

McIntosh's teammate junior Tank Knowles, however, completed one of the most successful seasons ever for a California prep wrestler. He finished the season undefeated (42-0), captured a state title and won three of the most prestigious high school tournaments in the country (Reno's Tournament of Champions, Ohio's Ironman Championships, and the 5 Counties Tournament in Los Angeles). Knowles, who defeated J.T. Felix of Centennial 3-2, finished the season as *Wrestling USA* magazine's top-ranked 215-pound wrestler in the country.

Bryan Grubbs of La Costa Canyon added a California state title to his 2009 Texas state crown with a 3-1 victory over Zach Zimmer of Clovis West at 119. Chris Martinez (125) of Clovis West earned his first state title

with a 3-1 victory Vince Rodriquez of Clovis North for the second time in as many weeks. Other championship winners on Saturday included Nashon Garrett (103) of Chico, Nick Pena (130) of Selma, David Ferry (135) of Central Catholic, Frank Martinez (140) of Northview, Tyler Johnson (145) of Vacaville, Nick Sierra (152) of Lemoore, James Cook (171) of Madera and Lefi Letuligasenoa (285) of Elk Grove. Sierra of Lemoore was awarded the “Champion of Champions” trophy, which is given to the event’s most dominate wrestler.

In addition to winning the 171-pound title, Cook also became the 20th member of the Four-Time CIF State Medalist club. He finished seventh in 2007, second in 2008, and fourth in 2009. Joining Cook in that exclusive club was Jesse Delgado of Gilroy. Cook this year in the Four-Time CIF State Medalist club is Jesse Delgado (125) of Gilroy. Delgado finished fourth this year, third in 2007, third in 2008, and first in 2009.

----Chris Maben