

Rockets off to Quick Start

Reading opened the season last Saturday (12/10) with a quad meet at Lawrence. In the first match, Reading won seven of ten contested matches and picked up a forfeit to beat Pentucket 42-15.

The second match, against Whittier, turned into a battle with each team winning seven matches. There were four lead changes during the meet, but with six pins and a tech fall, Reading came out on top 41-39.

The third match of the day pitted Reading against returning state champion Lawrence. The Lancers, currently ranked #2 on MassWrestling.com, were too much for Reading to handle, shutting down the Rockets 72-12.

Head Coach Craig Murphy was upset with last year's 42-35 loss to Wakefield, Reading's first loss to the Warriors since the 2003-2004 season, and pushed the Rockets to make sure his team was ready for Wednesday's (12/14) dual meet in Wakefield. On the mat, it showed. Fresh man Austin Tribiano led off the match with an 18-3 tech fall, starting the Rockets on 32-3 run. The Rockets rolled on, picking up nine wins and at decisive 47-26.

Reading returns to Wakefield tomorrow for the Anthony Lisitano Memorial Tournament.