

2018 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

Thank you for coming back another year and reading what is officially the Eighth Annual Boro Fan Almanac. It goes without saying, but this is served as a prediction report. As you may or may not know, I release weekly rankings on my website, borofanohio.net, and have been doing so for the past seven seasons. The first two years I put this together it only covered Division 3, but the past four years I have moved to both Division 1 and Division 2 as well. When reading the report, please remember that I have not seen every result. Also, when reading the report, keep in mind that head- to- head results do count, but the overall rankings are amongst “the field” and not focused on one particular head-to-head win/loss. I hope that you guys enjoy reading this as much as I do in putting it together. Thank you for the continuous support and attention that you guys show for The Almanac and website year in and year out, it means a lot. Remember to follow me on Twitter @BoroFan_OH_WRST. I would also like to give a special thanks to my good friend and editor, Dominic Petrella. It seems as though we are getting ready to witness another great postseason in OHSAA Wrestling. Hope everyone enjoys!

Yours in Wrestling,

Billy Schaefer

Statistics

Projected State Placers (Ranked Top 8 and Finished Top 8)

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2017	77/112 = 68.8%	78/112 = 69.7%	83/112 = 74.1%	238/336 = 70.8%
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6%
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	74.2/112 = 66.3 %	75.6/112 = 67.5%	78.8/112 = 70.4%	228.6/336 = 68%

Projected State Finalists (Ranked Top 2 and Made the State Finals)

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2017	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	20/28 = 71.4%	56/84 = 66.6%
2016	15/28 = 53.6%	13/28 = 46.4%	16/28 = 57.1%	44/84 = 52.4%
2015	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	53/84 = 63.1%
2014	14/28 = 50%	14/28 = 50%	15/28 = 53.6%	43/84 = 51.2%
2013	19/28 = 67.9%	14/28 = 50%	17/28 = 60.7%	50/84 = 59.5%
Average	16/28 = 57.1%	16.2/28 = 57.9%	17/28 = 60.7%	49.2/84 = 58.6%

Projected State Champions (Ranked #1 and Won State Title)

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2017	8/14 = 57.1%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	25/42 = 59.5%
2016	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	28/42 = 66.7%
2015	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	10/14 = 71.4%	25/42 = 59.5%
2014	5/14 = 35.7%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	25/42 = 59.5%
2013	11/14 = 78.6%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	28/42 = 66.7%
Average	7.6/14 = 54.3%	8.6/14 = 61.4%	10/14 = 71.4%	26.2/42 = 62.4%

*Selections are only correct, if the wrestler places at the correct weight.

DIVISION I

Perrysburg = PB	N. Canton Hoover = NCH
Hilliard Darby = HD	Kettering Fairmont = KF

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- Projected Champion: Zach Shupp (Fairfield) Senior – KF1
2. Logan Agin (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD1
 3. Jacob Moon (Oregon Clay) Freshman – PB1
 4. Dustin Norris (LaSalle) Freshman – KF2
 5. Jack Stanley (Brecksville) Junior – PB2
 6. Pacey Najdusak (Mason) Sophomore – KF3
 7. Richie Delsanter (St. Edward) Freshman – PB3
 8. William Doepker (Elder) Sophomore – KF4
 9. James Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Freshman – HD2
 10. Michael Shaw (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB4
 11. Jake Williams (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH1
 12. Colin Roberts (Austintown Fitch) Freshman – NCH2
 13. Mike Lewarchick (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH3
 14. Douglas Patterson (Mifflin) Senior – HD3
 15. Cael Saxton (Avon) Freshman – PB5
 16. Shane Heil (Berea-Midpark) Freshman – PB6
 17. Bryce Allison/Colin Noel (Elyria) – PB7
 18. Deacon Sawchuk (Hilliard Bradley) Freshman – HD4
 19. Case George (Ashland) Freshman – PB8
 20. Noah Ross (Central Crossing) Senior – HD5
 21. Bryce Gilts (Anthony Wayne) Sophomore – PB9
 22. Jason Cascadden (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – PB10
 23. Sky Wisecarver (Tri- Valley) Junior – HD6
 24. Johnny Novak (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – PB11
 25. Josh Miller (Trenton Edgewood) Senior – KF5
 26. Blake Bartlome (Lorain) Senior – PB12
 27. Kolin Howard (Maple Hts.) Sophomore – NCH4
 28. Marlon Yarbrough (Copley) Freshman – NCH5
 29. Nolan Moore (Archbishop Moeller) Freshman – KF6
 30. Malik Branson (Pickerington Central) Sophomore – HD7
 31. Ben Sponseller (Uniontown Lake) Freshman – NCH6
 32. Chris Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Junior – NCH7
 33. Matt Motter (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF7
 34. Jake Hamad (Nordonia) Junior – NCH8

35. Anthony White (Mayfield) Freshman – NCH9
36. C.J. Bell (Solon) Junior – NCH10
37. Quentin Miller (Marysville) Senior – HD8
38. Charles Williams (Gahanna Lincoln) Freshman – HD9
39. Jacob Costonas (Loveland) Sophomore – KF8
40. Connor Voltz (Twinsburg) Freshman – NCH11

I still am not 100 percent sure that Shupp will be down at 106, but moving down here would be very beneficial for the senior. Shupp, a Central Michigan commit and two-time state placer, beat Agin last year in ultimate-tiebreaker overtime to reach the state finals. Agin and Moon seem to be Shupp's toughest challengers. Agin beat Moon at Ironman, 4-2, in the consolation bracket. Agin ended up finishing in third place, while Moon took sixth place.

Fairmont and Perrysburg are the strongest districts at this weight. Fairmont has four projected state placers, but sort of lacks depth after that. Perrysburg definitely has the best overall depth, with four wrestlers in the Top 10 and 12 in the top 26. Hoover looks like the weakest district at this weight and 113, but I think the top three all have the ability to reach the podium in Columbus. Rocha could be a sleeper there after recently cutting down to 106, where he pinned White at their conference tournament. Lewarchik seems to be improving each week. He recently beat Najdusak in a dual meet, but did lose early in the year to Roberts. Heil could be a sleeper at this weight after beating Shaw a month ago; he then lost to Sexton the following week, so Heil can be up and down at times it seems.

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- Projected Champion: Lucas Byrd (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
2. Dylan Shawver (Elyria) Sophomore – PB1
 3. Scott Richter (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2
 4. Andrew Perelka (Brecksville) Senior – PB3
 5. Brandon Lucas (Western Brown) Senior – KF2
 6. Jacob Sherman (Olentangy) Junior – HD1
 7. Pino Dipierro (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – PB4
 8. Moustapha Bal (Fairfield) Junior – KF3
 9. Gavin Sampsel (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH1
 10. Kyren Butler (Copley) Freshman – NCH2
 11. Kyle Murray (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD2
 12. Nick Sabin (Mentor) Sophomore – NCH3
 13. Josh Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF4
 14. Jack Haskin (Toledo Whitmer) Freshman – PB5
 15. Mitch Herren (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD3
 16. Darius Lovett (Winton Woods) Senior – KF5
 17. Kyah Patrick (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF6

18. Collin Lovett (Miamisburg) Sophomore – KF7
19. Josue Dawson (Princeton) Sophomore – KF8
20. Dominic DiTullio (Mason) Freshman – KF9
21. Trevor Mangahas (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD4
22. Alex Reagan (North Olmsted) Junior – PB6
23. Mason Hakeos (Holland Springfield) Senior – PB7
24. Tucker Garn (Sylvania Northview) Junior – PB8
25. Cahmaal Walker (Maple Hts.) Senior – NCH4
26. Richard Mendoza (Loveland) Junior – KF10
27. Brayden Potter (Medina) Senior – NCH5
28. Luke Haymaker (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH6
29. Derek Slipkovich (Boardman) Senior – NCH7
30. Alec Walker (Avon) Senior – PB9
31. Cullen Vanrooyen (Tri- Valley) Freshman – HD5
32. Brennan Stang (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – PB10
33. Cole Jackson (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD6
34. Cristian Salazar (Gahanna Lincoln) Junior – HD7
35. Jacob Reed (Lancaster) Freshman – HD8
36. Michael Jones (Marysville) Junior – HD9
37. Luke Loebker (Anderson) Senior – KF11
38. Izumi Harney (Sycamore) Sophomore – KF12
39. Darion Cowles (Ashtabula Lakeside) Sophomore – NCH8

Byrd seems to be the slight favorite here after recently beating Shawver, 4-3, this past weekend in Columbus. Also, at Ironman, Shawver lost in the round-of-12 to Ramos (Illinois), 8-2; Byrd then beat Ramos in the very next round, 7-2. Byrd also pinned Richter at Ironman. Byrd, an early Maryland Terrapin commit and two-time state placer, finished 3rd last year after losing in the semi-finals to Julian Tagg.

Perrysburg is the toughest district at this weight, with three of the top four wrestlers and four projected placers. Fairmont is also pretty strong, with three projected placers and nine in the Top 20. Hoover and Darby seem to be the weaker districts here, with each having only three wrestlers in the Top 20. The strength at Hoover is also dependent on Sampsel and if he is able to make it back for the post-season. Sampsel was around #5 most of the season, but since he hasn't wrestled, I moved him outside of the Top 8.

- Projected Champion: Julian Tagg (Brecksville) Sophomore – PB1
2. Brendon Fenton (Elyria) Senior – PB2
 3. Logan Heil (Brunswick) Junior – NCH1
 4. Jake Canitano (Solon) Junior – NCH2
 5. Angelo Rini (St. Edward) Junior – PB3
 6. Micah Dusseau (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD1
 7. Cameron Baird (Harrison) Junior – KF1
 8. Antoine Allen (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF2
 9. Mason Kleinberg (Springboro) Sophomore – KF3
 10. Logan Hoskins (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF4
 11. Jedidah Marlow (Western Brown) Junior – KF5
 12. Ricardo Oviedo (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB4
 13. Lucas Seibert (Westerville North) Senior – HD2
 14. Dante DiTullio (Mason) Sophomore - KF6
 15. Landon Hacker (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH3
 16. Zak Anderson (Midview) Junior – PB5
 17. Jared Dressler (Medina) Senior – NCH4
 18. Kyle Maville (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB6
 19. Matthew Whipkey (St. Ignatius) Junior – PB7
 20. Cristian Chavez (Lakota East) Junior – KF7
 21. Jimmy Bostic (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – NCH5
 22. Zach Wiseman (Stow) Freshman – NCH6
 23. Liam Morrison (Findlay) Senior – PB8
 24. Hunter Leapley (Central Crossing) Junior – HD3
 25. Tommy Ungrady (Mayfield) Freshman – NCH7
 26. Brandon Callow (Twinsburg) Senior – NCH8
 27. Mitchell Coultas (Licking Hts.) Junior – HD4
 28. Chase Henderson (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – NCH9
 29. Joseph Eckelberry (Tri- Valley) Freshman – HD5
 30. Carter Smith (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB9
 31. Luke Blaine (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD6
 32. Devante Cooper (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD7
 33. Caden Wendling (Berea-Midpark) Sophomore – PB10
 34. Oscar Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Junior – NCH10
 35. Joe Graf (Hudson) Senior – NCH11
 36. Matt Furman (Parma) Senior – PB11
 37. Lincoln Splete (Mentor) Freshman – NCH12
 38. Adam Lough (Amherst Steele) Junior – PB12
 39. Alec Negron (Avon Lake) Junior – PB13

The match between Tagg and Fenton should definitely be one the most anticipated matches in Columbus, although we could see it the week before at Perrysburg. Tagg won the 106 crown last year as a freshman, while Fenton has won two state titles himself. Tagg has had the better season thus far, which is ultimately why I went with him, but Fenton seems to wrestle the best at The Schott. Tagg, Fenton, and Heil all meet seeding criteria. It's likely that Heil will be on the same side of Tagg/Fenton district loser, assuming Heil wins his district – Heil beat Canitano opening weekend, 4-3.

I would say Perrysburg has the best top-end strength here, but Fairmont is also very deep. The top five here are all from Northeast Ohio. This should be one of the best weights to watch unfold at Fairmont, as there are five wrestlers in the top 11. DiTullio could also be in the mix after beating Marlow, but he then lost to Chavez. I hear that McGuire (Miamisburg) is no longer wrestling, but if he does come back, he would be around #20 or so. I am not really sure if Ungrady will be here, at 126, or not wrestling at all. He has not been in the lineup lately and I don't think he has made 120 yet, but 120 is the much better option at Hoover. Darby seems to be the weakest district at this weight, with only one projected placer and two wrestlers in the Top 20.

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Projected Champion: Mick Burnett (Elyria) Sophomore – PB1

2. Gio DiSabato (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD1
3. Gus Sutton (Austintown Fitch) Junior – NCH1
4. Bryce Hepner (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2
5. Jimmy Carmany (Brecksville) Sophomore – PB3
6. Jabari Thomas (Fairfield) Junior – KF1
7. Micah Norwood (Lancaster) Freshman – HD2
8. Jordan Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD3
9. Nick Nastasi (Kenston) Sophomore – NCH2
10. Casey Wiles (LaSalle) Freshman – KF2
11. Jack Collins (Elder) Sophomore – KF3
12. Kyle Gruber (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH3
13. D.J. Huff (St. Ignatius) Junior – PB4
14. Alec Bailey (Green) Senior – NCH4
15. Derek Fields (Brunswick) Freshman – NCH5
16. Charles Chapman (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB5
17. Dylan Waugh (Mason) Senior – KF4
18. Bailey Suddeth (Vandalia Butler) Junior – KF5
19. Will Harris (Tri- Valley) Senior – HD4
20. Joe Pascale (Troy) Senior – KF6
21. Khalil Brown (Lorain) Senior – PB6
22. Tanner Donathan (Western Brown) Junior – KF7

23. Michael Kelley (Barberton) Sophomore – NCH6
24. Jeff Brichford (Madison) Senior – NCH7
25. Nick Varanelli (Olentangy) Junior – HD5
26. Nate Deboe (Mentor) Junior – NCH8
27. Hunter Donnan (Tecumseh) Senior – KF8
28. Kobey Bronaugh (Milford) Junior – KF9
29. Trysten Zahoransky (Solon) Sophomore – NCH9
30. Chase Walczak (Perrysburg) Senior – PB7
31. Mike Daly (Oregon Clay) Freshman – PB8
32. Jayden Jones (Ashland) Freshman – PB9
33. Nate Barrett (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman - PB10
34. Jacob Dunstan (North Ridgeville) Junior – PB11
35. Zach Evans (N. Canton Hoover) Freshman – NCH10
36. Raymier Hickerson (Cleveland Hts.) Senior – NCH11
37. Tristan Hostetter (Piqua) Senior – KF10
38. Jonah Smith (Findlay) Sophomore – PB12
39. Tristan McKenzie (Archbishop Moeller) Sophomore – KF11
40. Josh Futo (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – NCH12

This seems to be one of the more wide open weights in Division 1. Burnett and DiSabato met in the 3rd/4th place match at Brecksville, a close match that was won by Burnett. Burnett was a state semi-finalist last year, before finishing in sixth place. DiSabato, an Ohio Bobcat commit and three-time state placer, reached the state finals last year, but lost a close match to Fenton, 5-4. I think Sutton and Hepner could also be in the mix. Both had great runs last year in Columbus. They met over the summer in freestyle, a match won by Sutton; that was my tiebreaker when deciding who to put in the #3 spot. Sutton beat projected state champ Schuster in the first round and reached the semi-finals before finishing in sixth place. Hepner's great run last year started at districts where he beat Shawver, which caused him to get a great draw. He took advantage of that great draw and reached the state finals before finishing as a state runner-up. Rosselli is also another one who seems to wrestle very well at The Schott. I am not sure if he will be here or at 120, but he seems to be wrestling better at 126 as of late. DiSabato and Hepner are the only wrestlers that meet seeding criteria if they win their respective district.

I have been saying this all year, but D1-126 is the deepest weight overall in the state. It also seems that the weight's depth is almost evenly dispersed amongst the districts. Perrysburg is obviously the strongest at the top, with three in the top five, but each district has two wrestlers in the Top 10 and four in the Top 20. The fourth spot at Perrysburg looks wide open if Huff is not wrestling. Huff has been in and out of the lineup and I am also not sure if he will be here or at 132. Ellis (Toledo Whitmer) is another name to watch at Perrysburg. Darby seems to be the weakest when looking at the overall depth, especially if Rosselli is down at 120. Another thing to note is that Harris has recently been back wrestling, but I hear that he could be anywhere between 120 and 132. Since Darby only has five wrestlers listed above, a few other names to

watch are: Barnes (Delaware Hayes), Richards (Hilliard Darby), Torio (Olentangy Orange), Fulwider (Watkins Memorial), and Colvin (St. Charles).

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- Projected Champion: Matt Fields (Brunswick) Senior – NCH1
2. Josh Breeding (Elyria) Senior – PB1
 3. Gabe Tagg (Brecksville) Junior – PB2
 4. Matt Kazimir (St. Edward) Senior – PB3
 5. Jordan Ward (Archbishop Moeller) Junior – KF1
 6. Ronnie Pietro (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF2
 7. Logan Messer (Wadsworth) Freshman – NCH2
 8. Sam Glassco (Mason) Junior – KF3
 9. Blake Saito (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD1
 10. Darnai Heard (LaSalle) Freshman – KF4
 11. Bailey Munday (Big Walnut) Senior – HD2
 12. Andrew Knick (Northmont) Sophomore – KF5
 13. Caleb Graber (Green) Junior – NCH3
 14. Connor Deboe (Mentor) Junior – NCH4
 15. Seth Taylor (Western Brown) Senior – KF6
 16. Seth Lambers (Elder) Sophomore – KF7
 17. Hunter Barge (Harrison) Junior – KF8
 18. Deshea Pettiford (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB4
 19. Mason Sparks (Marion Harding) Junior – HD3
 20. Patrick McGraw (St. Ignatius) Junior – PB5
 21. Blake Wright (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD4
 22. Caleb Schramm (Ellet) Senior – NCH5
 23. Jaivon Jones (Shaker Hts.) Junior – NCH6
 24. Jake Visintine (Ashland) Junior – PB6
 25. Andrew Phillion (Midview) Sophomore – PB7
 26. Cameron Piercy (Toledo Whitmer) Freshman – PB8
 27. Brady Pethel (Olentangy) Junior – HD5
 28. Curtis Carpenter (Perrysburg) Senior – PB9
 29. Cyle Wells (Tecumseh) Sophomore – KF9
 30. Nicholas Schneider (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB10
 31. Dietrich Boysel (Hudson) Senior – NCH7
 32. Noah Dotson (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD6
 33. Zach Williams (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD7
 34. Brandon Hassel (Pickerington North) Senior – HD8
 35. Jacob Boulton (Springboro) Senior – KF10
 36. Ryan Fahy (Central Crossing) Senior – HD9
 37. Evan Overholser (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF11

38. Max Ludin (Solon) Senior – NCH8
39. Jimmy Brenneman (Nordon) Senior – NCH9
40. Jake Bryson (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH10

This seems to be a four-man race and should be one of the better weights to watch unfold in Columbus. I like Fields, a NC State commit, slightly above the other three mostly based on his state finals experience. He won the state crown last year, a year after falling in the state finals. Fields, Breeding, Tagg and Kazimir have all wrestled each other. At Ironman, Kazimir beat Tagg, Fields beat Kazimir, and then Tagg beat Fields for 7th place. Breeding then beat Tagg at Brecksville. Tagg avenged his loss to Kazimir this past weekend. Fields and Tagg both meet seeding criteria. If both do win their district, it would likely put Tagg on the opposite side of the other three main contenders.

Perrysburg is obviously the strongest district here, with what I consider three state title contenders. Fairmont is also very strong here with four wrestlers in the Top 10. Fairmont may have the best depth, with eight wrestlers in the top 17. Another thing to follow at Hoover is whether Jones (Shaker) and Brichford (Madison) are here or at 126. Both have made 126, but 132 may be the better option. Brichford has a head-to-head win over Boysel at Kenston. Jones then beat Brichford in the finals, 5-1. I listed Brichford at 126 and Jones at 132. I would have to tab Darby as the weakest district since they don't have a projected placer, but the district still has decent depth, with nine in the top 36.

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- Projected Champion: E'lan Heard (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
2. Bryce Andonian (St. Edward) Junior – PB1
 3. Luke Baughman (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1
 4. Marco Regalbutto (Brecksville) Junior – PB2
 5. Lamonte Chapman (Fremont Ross) Senior – PB3
 6. Daniel Segura (Dublin Scioto) Sophomore – HD1
 7. Gavin Bell (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF2
 8. Jovan Fuqua (Princeton) Senior – KF3
 9. Austin McNamara (Ashland) Junior – PB4
 10. Mitch Collica (Nordon) Junior – NCH2
 11. Ben Blickle (Strongsville) Junior – PB5
 12. Jihad Salti (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB6
 13. Matt Zuckerman (Elyria) Junior – PB7
 14. Jacob Bernhardt (Harrison) Junior – KF4
 15. Tyler Kaminski (Green) Senior – NCH3
 16. Ian Senz (Medina) Senior – NCH4
 17. Daniel Patten (Stow) Sophomore – NCH5
 18. Zach Scaif (Barberton) Junior – NCH6

19. Max Joliff (Findlay) Junior – PB8
20. Devin Wood (Central Crossing) Senior – HD2
21. Adam Klaserner (Elder) Senior – KF5
22. Justin Taylor (Oak Hills) Senior – KF6
23. Jordan Hamblin (Western Brown) Senior – KF7
24. James White (Olentangy) Senior – HD3
25. Alex Garee (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB9
26. Conner Liber (Sylvania Northview) Freshman – PB10
27. A.J. Szigeti (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB11
28. Darese Sparkman (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH7
29. Casey Lawrence (Little Miami) Senior – KF8
30. Adam Nedolast (Copley) Junior – NCH8
31. Greg McKee (Medina Highland) Freshman – NCH9
32. Gage Miller (Willoughby South) Senior – NCH10
33. Doug Bailey (Madison) Junior – NCH11
34. Aidan Fultz (Hudson) Senior – NCH12
35. Zach Tomford (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB12
36. Zach Snyder (Anthony Wayne) Sophomore – PB13
37. C.J. Valentine (St. John's Jesuit) Sophomore – PB14
38. Mitchell Moore (Archbishop Moeller) Senior – KF9
39. Justin Swavely (Grove City) Junior – HD4

I went back and forth on who to pick for the top spot. Heard had a great Ironman, where he beat Baughman for third place. Heard outplaced Andonian there, which is ultimately why I chose him. It's tough to peg the LaSalle wrestlers since they don't wrestle at any of the big holiday tournaments in Ohio. Anyone that knows me knows that I'm a huge Andonian fan. I LOVE his exciting style and the way he racks up points. Andonian has been wrestling very well since Ironman. He beat Stickley by major decision in their first dual meet, but I heard that Stickley was badly injured. Andonian just lost to Stickley this past weekend in Columbus, 10-9 (I hear Stickley is almost back to full health). Andonian beat Regalbutto by major decision in Columbus and also beat Baughman a couple weeks ago, 9-2.

Perrysburg is very strong at the top, with three wrestlers in the top five, and has very good depth as well, with seven in the top 13 and 11 in the top 27. Fairmont is also very strong, with three projected state placers. The depth at Fairmont is sort of contingent on where Mullins and Lipps end up. Mullins was at 145 this past weekend, so I listed him there. I have heard rumors that Lipps could swap weights with teammate Klaserner. Darby is by far the weakest district at this weight, with only four wrestlers listed above. I would suggest for anyone listed at 132 and 145 at Darby to consider moving here. Several other names to watch at Darby are: Williams (Teays Valley), Droesch (Watkins Memorial), Ellison (Hilliard Bradley), Foster (Big Walnut), Jones (Hilliard Davidson), and Gonzalez (Dublin Coffman). Ellison is a returning a returning state qualifier.

- Projected Champion: Chris Donathan (Mason) Junior – KF1
2. Sam Dover (St. Edward) Junior – PB1
 3. Victor Voinovich (Brecksville) Freshman – PB2
 4. Michael North (Wadsworth) Junior – NCH1
 5. Walker Heard (Marysville) Junior – HD1
 6. Josh Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB3
 7. Alexander Gore (Olentangy) Senior – HD2
 8. Ben Yost (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD3
 9. Garret Anderson (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB4
 10. Austin Mullins (Huber Hts. Wayne) Freshman – KF2
 11. Amar Thomas (Fairfield) Junior – KF3
 12. Ryan Wissel (Medina) Senior – NCH2
 13. Enrique Munguia (Elyria) Freshman – PB5
 14. Osiris Khalfani (Copley) Senior – NCH3
 15. Connor Evans (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD4
 16. Ben Douglas (Findlay) Senior – PB6
 17. Demetrios Monroe (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD5
 18. Chucky Lipps (Elder) Senior – KF4
 19. Luke Shirley (Harrison) Senior – KF5
 20. Marcus Zullo (Pickerington Central) Sophomore – HD6
 21. Brady Linder (Medina Highland) Sophomore – NCH4
 22. Collin Houston (Princeton) Senior – KF6
 23. Matt Lewis (West Clermont) Junior – KF7
 24. David Grecol (Strongsville) Junior – PB7
 25. Antoine Holloway (Maple Hts.) Junior – NCH5
 26. Ian Heiland (Beavercreek) Senior – KF8
 27. Caden Crist (Westerville North) Junior – HD7
 28. Chase Haimerl (Thomas Worthington) Senior – PB8
 29. Vince Scally (Archbishop Moeller) Sophomore – KF9
 30. Carter Frasure (Logan) Senior – HD8
 31. Rory Nolan (Mayfield) Sophomore – NCH6
 32. Gary Gottschalk (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH7
 33. Dom Vinas (Massillon Perry) Freshman – NCH8
 34. Trenton Osborne (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – PB9
 35. Cameron Fitzsimmons (Barberton) Junior – NCH9
 36. Cameron Carnavale (Miamisburg) Junior – KF10
 37. Michael Chitasz (Springboro) Senior – KF11
 38. Kyle Copas (Reynoldsburg) Junior – HD9
 39. Sal Perrine (Nordonia) Freshman – NCH10
 40. Hunter Kupniewski (North Royalton) Sophomore – PB10

This should be another fun weight to watch unfold in Columbus. Like 132, this looks to be a four-man race, but Heard did beat Donathan at last year's state tournament, so this could essentially be a five-man race. Donathan just recently beat Dover this past weekend in Columbus, a repeat result from last year's state duals. Dover has a couple close wins over Voinovich and has beaten North a couple times by a little wider margin. Voinovich leads North 2-1 in their current season series. Dover and North meet seeding criteria if both win their district. That COULD result in Dover being placed on the opposite side of Donathan, North, and Voinovich.

Perrysburg is probably the strongest district at this weight, with three projected placers and six in the top 16. This is definitely one of the tougher weights at Darby, as I project the district to have three state placers. The Fairmont district seems to have many possible movers between 138 and 152. Like I mentioned at 138, Lipps and Mullins could be here or at 138. I would say Hoover is probably the weakest at this weight. I have heard rumors that Linder could be up at 152 and that Holloway might be out for the season. If neither are at this weight, I would highly suggest some movers. Apsago (Kenston) upset Nolan in the semi-finals at their conference tournament before losing to Magda (Madison) in the finals; both guys are definitely names to watch at Hoover. Another name to also watch there is French (Painesville Riverside).

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Projected Champion: David Carr (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1

2. Farouq Muhammed (Elyria) Junior – PB1
3. Jake Marsh (Marysville) Senior – HD1
4. Paddy Gallagher (St. Edward) Freshman – PB2
5. Drew Wiechers (Centerville) Junior – KF1
6. Jordan Hardrick (Huber Hts. Wayne) Senior - KF2
7. Alex Farenchak (Painesville Riverside) Senior – NCH2
8. Naeem Russell (Lima Senior) Junior – HD2
9. Jestin Love (Vandalia Butler) Sophomore – KF3
10. Landon Plank (Ashland) Senior – PB3
11. Ben Vanadia (Brecksville) Freshman – PB4
12. Xxavier Weathersby (Elder) Senior – KF4
13. Will Schmidt (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH3
14. Chase Haehnle (Oak Hills) Senior – KF5
15. Jonathan List (Medina) Freshman – NCH4
16. Aidan Corrigan (Twinsburg) Freshman – NCH5
17. Corey Rigganbach (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH6
18. Boston Dubocq (Findlay) Senior – PB5
19. Hunter Thornsberry (Newark) Senior – HD3
20. Derek Spears (Western Brown) Junior – KF6
21. Ethan Marsh (Lebanon) Sophomore – KF7

22. Jayden Jackson (Lakewood) Freshman – PB6
23. Billy Fleming (Mayfield) Senior – NCH7
24. Joe Koplow (Kenston) Junior – NCH8
25. Paul Twarog (North Royalton) Junior – PB7
26. Kyle Miller (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB8
27. Logan Rieheld (Stow) Senior – NCH9
28. Aaron Morton (Westerville South) Sophomore – HD4
29. Trevion Ross (Maple Hts.) Senior – NCH10
30. Luke DeWeese (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD5
31. Damiere Clift (Massillon Jackson) Junior – NCH11
32. Avery Flanagan (Olentangy) Senior – HD6
33. Noah Ratliff (Reynoldsburg) Sophomore – HD7
34. Cody Mayes (Westerville Central) Senior – HD8
35. Gage Hannan (Dublin Scioto) Sophomore – HD9
36. Will Coffield (Springboro) Sophomore – KF8
37. Alec Hall (Tecumseh) Sophomore – KF9

Carr, an Iowa State commit, is the obvious favorite here, as he looks to become a four-time Ohio state champion. Carr is the defending state champ at this weight and will try to become the 32nd wrestler in Ohio history to accomplish the amazing feat (Assuming Hoskins and Moore become the 30th and 31st). Carr would technically become a five-time state champ, if you add in his state from 8th grade in Kentucky. Connor Brady, who many considered Carr's toughest, is unfortunately out for the season due to injury. Carr beat Brady, 9-4, a couple weeks. Brady actually suffered the injury during his match with Carr; a match Brady led 4-1 until right before the end of the second period. Muhammed and Marsh seem to be on the next tier at this weight. Muhammed sat out the first half of the year due to transferring. Muhammed and Marsh met at Super 32, a match won by Muhammed. Marsh started the season off with a huge win over Ryan Thomas (Graham) at 160 in a dual meet. I heard Thomas was coming off of injury/sickness, which might explain the surprising the result. Nonetheless, it's a great win for Marsh, as Thomas is ranked as high as #2 by a few national publications. Marsh will look to rebound from last year's state tournament, where he went 1-2.

Fairmont looks like the toughest district at this weight, with two projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 15. This weight looked even tougher at Fairmont until earlier this week, when I found out that projected state placer McIntosh (Harrison) will not be wrestling at sectionals due to injury. Fairmont, Hoover and Perrysburg are all pretty balanced after that, as each have five wrestlers in the Top 20. A thing to watch at Hoover is what weight Farenchak ends up at. He could be here or at 160. I listed him here because he would be a little lower at 160, especially now that Brady and McIntosh are likely out. Darby looks to be the weakest here. I see that fourth and final spot as being wide open, which sort of seems common at Darby. Another name to watch there is Barker (Grove City).

Projected Champion: Jaden Mattox (Central Crossing) Senior – HD1

2. Trey Sizemore (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
3. Nevan Snodgrass (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF2
4. Austin Murphy (Elder) Senior – KF3
5. Michael Ferree (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH1
6. Najee Lockett (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – PB1
7. Luke Reicosky (N. Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH2
8. Tyler Bates (Marysville) Senior – HD2
9. Hudson Hightower (St. Edward) Freshman – PB2
10. Jake Evans (Elyria) Freshman – PB3
11. Joey Bradberry (Lakota West) Senior – KF4
12. George Rozier (Akron Firestone) Sophomore – NCH3
13. Jaden Hardrick (Huber Hts. Wayne) Sophomore – KF5
14. Sean Mondello (Talawanda) Junior – KF6
15. Kamal Adewumi (Mason) Junior – KF7
16. Cole Foor (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD3
17. Dom Laparo (Wadsworth) Sophomore – NCH4
18. Jackson Weissinger (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – PB4
19. Dru Hernandez (Findlay) Senior – PB5
20. Troy Murphy (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB6
21. Connor Beerman (Fairfield) Senior – KF8
22. Sean- Michael James (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – NCH5
23. Shawn Petty (Lorain) Senior – PB7
24. Ethan Baumbarger (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB8
25. Brandon Metz (Little Miami) Senior – KF9
26. Mason Coleman (Hudson) Senior – NCH6
27. Matt Smoley (Ellet) Senior – NCH7
28. Austin Ceffaratti (Twinsburg) Junior – NCH8
29. Isaac Sell (Brecksville) Junior – PB9
30. Christian Marinozzi (Mentor) Junior – NCH9
31. Max VanFossen (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD4
32. Mark Trifelos (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD5
33. Corbin May (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD6
34. Aboud Salem (Avon Lake) Junior – PB10
35. Gavin Ziol (Parma) Junior – PB11
36. Milan Jackson (Lakewood) Sophomore – PB12
37. Emmanuel Johnson (Teays Valley) Senior – HD7
38. Dalton Diaz (North Olmsted) Junior – PB13

Mattox seemed like the obvious favorite here, but his loss to Murphy last week proves that anyone can lose on any given day. Murphy pinned Mattox in the first period a couple weeks

ago. Mattox, a future Ohio State Buckeye, is a three-time state finalist, capturing the state crown as a sophomore. Mattox could technically wrestle the second, third, and fourth wrestlers in the quarterfinals, semi-finals and finals, which would make for an amazing feat.

Fairmont is probably the toughest at the top and when looking at the overall depth. Fairmont has three projected placers and seven wrestlers in the Top 15. This seems to definitely be one of the weaker weights at Perrysburg, as I have only one projected placer exiting there. Hightower could be a wildcard out the Perrysburg district. He has a notable win over Murphy at Ironman, but he did just recently lose to Adewumi this past weekend in the Columbus. Darby doesn't have great overall depth, but the district has two projected placers.

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Projected Champion: Carson Kharchla (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1

2. Emil Soehnlén (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH1
3. Cornell Beachem (Winton Woods) Senior – KF1
4. Brady Chrisman (Medina) Senior – NCH2
5. Michael O'Horo (Boardman) Junior – NCH3
6. Sam Wyche (Archbishop Moeller) Senior – KF2
7. Simon Shirley (Harrison) Junior – KF3
8. Garrett Barth (Fremont Ross) Senior – PB1
9. Eric Vermillion (Mason) Senior – KF4
10. Dom DiPietro (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH4
11. Eric Altman (Western Brown) Senior – KF5
12. Mitch Potterf (Westerville North) Junior – HD2
13. Ethan Hatcher (Brecksville) Sophomore – PB2
14. Tyler Tolarchyk (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH5
15. Ethan Cyrette (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF6
16. Jacob Yost (Springfield) Senior – KF7
17. Cody Wilson (Licking Hts.) Sophomore – HD3
18. Jacob Stamcoff (Springboro) Junior – KF8
19. Nathan Dewitt (Marysville) Senior – HD4
20. Willie Beverly (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH6
21. Josh Nagy (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB3
22. Jakob Beverly (Ashland) Freshman – PB4
23. Jordan Deluse (Lancaster) Senior – HD5
24. Shane Shoop (Troy) Senior – KF9
25. Reece Blackmore (Beavercreek) Senior – KF10
26. Jiryes Zakaib/Mike Garcar (St. Edward) Senior – PB5
27. Michael Caniglia (Hudson) Junior – NCH7
28. Josh Appling (Mayfield) Junior – NCH8
29. Hunter Blaz (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH9

30. Austin Belcher (Elder) Junior – KF11
31. Logan Toth (Ignatius) Senior – PB6
32. Alexzander Savona (St. John's Jesuit) Senior – PB7
33. Josiah Trevino (Findlay) Senior – PB8
34. Ethan Garee (Perrysburg) Junior – PB9
35. Tommy Rowe (Tecumseh) Junior – KF12
36. Cade Smeller (Loveland) Senior – KF13
37. Joseph Hilliard (Chillicothe) Senior – HD6
38. Josh Keese (Thomas Worthington) Senior – PB10
39. Dominic Caraccio (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB11
40. Anthony Woldarek (Parma) Senior – PB12

Kharchla recently became the top man here after beating Soehnlén in a dual meet, 3-1. Kharchla has yet to compete in the post-season, which almost made me switch my pick to Soehnlén. Soehnlén, a Purdue commit, is the returning state champion at this weight. Beachem, a returning state placer, seems to have the best chance of knocking off either Kharchla or Soehnlén. Soehnlén and Beachem meet seeding criteria. Kharchla obviously does not meet seeding criteria and could possibly be on the same side as Soehnlén.

Hoover and Fairmont are the strongest districts at this weight, with both having three projected placers each. Fairmont has the best overall depth, with seven wrestlers in the top 16 and 10 wrestlers in the top 25. Perrysburg seems to be the weakest district at this weight, which is sort of rare for that district. The lighter weights are much tougher at Perrysburg compared to the upper weights. I think we could see a mover or two from 160 at Perrysburg. Nagy just recently cut down from 195, a move that seems very beneficial. I am not 100% sure who will man 170 and 182 for St. Edward. I think whoever is at 170 has a better chance of qualifying compared to 182. It sounds like Zakaib and Garcar will wrestle-off for the spot at 170 and that Lisco will man the spot at 182. Since Darby has only six wrestlers listed above, a few other names that could be in the mix are Sutander (Delaware Hayes), Soghomonyan (Upper Arlington) and Ackley (New Albany).

Projected Champion: Victor Marcelli (Massillon Jackson) Senior – NCH1

2. Trevor Lawson (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
3. Joey Baughman (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
4. Trever Begin (Midview) Senior – PB1
5. Gary Wokojance (Barberton) Junior – NCH3
6. Lennox Wolak (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD2
7. Zach Blackiston (Massillon Perry) Senior – NCH4
8. Charles Sanders (Elder) Senior – KF1
9. Blake Wilson (LaSalle) Senior – KF2
10. Jansen Love (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF3
11. Jaden Mendulek (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB2
12. Deron Pulliam (Dublin Scioto) Sophomore – HD3
13. A.J. McRitchie (Lancaster) Senior – HD4
14. Sebastian Beachler (Miamisburg) Junior – KF4
15. Dominic Shelley (Mentor) Senior – NCH5
16. Nick Franks (Brecksville) Senior – PB3
17. Timothy Marshall (St. John’s Jesuit) Senior – PB4
18. Jacob Meek (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB5
19. Jeremy Beamer (Loveland) Senior – KF5
20. Eli Serikbaev (Willoughby South) Senior – NCH6
21. Jacob Kowalski (Springboro) Sophomore – KF6
22. Nick Lisco (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB6
23. Drew Katona (Lakota East) Senior – KF7
24. Aiden Bullard (Hamilton) Senior – KF8
25. Bodi Bien (Westerville North) Senior – HD5
26. Andrew Stehura (Austintown- Fitch) Senior – NCH7
27. Lewis Aguilar (Elyria) Junior – PB7
28. Shamar Steele (Cleveland Hts.) Senior – NCH8
29. Joseph Rodriguez (Lakewood) Senior – PB8
30. Nicholas Katsaros (Westlake) Senior – PB9
31. David Weaver (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB10
32. Tommy Gill (St. Ignatius) Junior – PB11
33. Brycen Light (Ashland) Senior – PB12
34. Charles Kneessi (Thomas Worthington) Senior – PB13
35. Andrew Sherman (Westland) Junior – HD6

Marcelli, a future Cleveland State Viking, pinned Lawson in the consolation bracket at Ironman. Marcelli missed most of last season due to injury, but was able to return in February. Marcelli didn’t look the same last year in his abbreviated season, but he did reach the state semi-finals before ultimately finishing in sixth place. Lawson, a two-time state placer and two-time state runner-up Baughman should be Marcelli’s toughest challengers. Baughman who was named

football's Mr. Ohio in the fall. He had a late start to the season, as waited to start wrestling after he committed to Elon for football. That was a surprising move since he was originally committed to wrestle at Virginia. Lawson beat Baughman, 3-0, a few weeks ago at Wadsworth. Lawson and Baughman are the only two wrestlers who meet seeding criteria.

This weight and 170 are both very strong at Hoover. I would say this is the toughest weight, as Hoover has four projected state placers. Another name to watch at Hoover is Murphy (Dover). He suffered an injury earlier in the year, but I heard there was a chance he could be back for sectionals. The Fairmont district is also pretty strong, with three wrestlers in the Top 10. Perrysburg might be the weakest up top, while Darby looks to have worst overall depth when looking past their projected qualifiers. Bien is a name to follow at Darby, as he has been at both 182 and 195 this year. Bien would be ranked a little lower overall, but I think it could improve his chances for qualification, as I think 195 is more wide open than 182. If Bien is at 195, Goldsmith would be at 182 for Westerville North; I think he could be a factor at Darby as well.

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Projected Champion: Jared Ball (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD1

2. Cody Howard (St. Edward) Senior – PB1
3. Jake Thompson (Archbishop Moeller) Senior – KF1
4. Michael Baker (LaSalle) Junior – KF2
5. Ben Smith (N. Canton Hoover) Senior – NCH1
6. Ashton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD2
7. Michael Drobnick (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB2
8. Micha Clemson (Canton McKinley) Junior - NCH2
9. Adam Goldfuss (Oak Hills) Senior – KF3
10. Dylan Moran (Northmont) Senior – KF4
11. Joe Wahl (West Clermont) Junior – KF5
12. Max Boyle (Harrison) Junior – KF6
13. Seth Frambach (Midview) Senior – PB3
14. Caleb Wood (Fremont Ross) Junior – PB4
15. Breyton Douglas (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH3
16. Jarin Curtis (Massillon Perry) Junior – NCH4
17. Zach Bryant (Findlay) Senior – PB5
18. Dayton Robin (Dover) Junior – NCH5
19. Nick Coyle (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF7
20. Blake Justice (Lebanon) Senior – KF8
21. Tom Feldman (Elder) Junior – KF9
22. Spencer Loftus (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – NCH6
23. Paul Zentiska (Barberton) Junior – NCH7
24. Logan Painter (Marysville) Junior – HD3
25. Dominic Frisone (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – NCH8

26. Cutter Briggs (Avon Lake) Senior – PB6
27. Issa Khalil (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD4
28. Levi McKee (Newark) Senior – HD5
29. Andrew Levis (Elyria) Junior – PB7
30. Justin Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – PB8
31. Quinn Kelley (Lancaster) Senior – HD6
32. Isaiah Helton (Medina) Senior – NCH9
33. Andrew Bachie (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB9
34. Jordan Greer (Avon) Sophomore – PB10
35. Chris Suarez (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH10
36. Zane Hypes (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD7
37. Adam Allen (Copley) Senior – NCH11
38. Max Carroll (Brecksville) Senior – PB11
39. Blaz Beane (Teays Valley) Senior – HD8
40. Diara Spencer (Bedford) Senior – NCH12

I see this weight, like many others, as ultimately a three-man race. Ball, a Tennessee-Chattanooga commit, missed the first half of the season due to an injury at Ironman. Ball and Thompson both lost last year in Columbus to eventual state champ Brown (Elyria). Ball lost to Brown in the semi-finals, while Thompson fell to Brown in the state finals match. Ball finished in third place last year for the second year in a row. Howard and Thompson have state finals experience, as both are returning state runners-up; that could be something to keep in mind. Howard, a future Virginia Tech Hokie, fell in last year's state finals to Perrine (Nordon). Ball, Howard, and Thompson all meet seeding criteria. If all three win their district that would put two on the same side and one on the other side. If Thompson, the Air Force commit, is the one to avoid Ball and Howard, he would also avoid Baker and put him away from the other three wrestlers in the top four.

This weight looks very evenly dispersed, with each district having two projected state placers; this is the only weight like that in Division 1. I would say Fairmont is definitely the strongest district at this weight, with six wrestlers in the top 12 and nine in the top 21. Darby looks to be the weakest district when looking at overall depth. The depth was hurt by Garren's recent move to 220, but the depth could be boosted if Bien (Westerville North) is up here at 195. Like I mentioned at 182, Bien could be at 182 or 195; his teammate Goldsmith would man the opposite weight.

Projected Champion: Joe Cochran (Springfield) Senior – KF1

2. Antonio McCloud (Elder) Senior – KF2
3. Garrett Bledsoe (LaSalle) Junior – KF3
4. Josh Bever (Ashland) Junior – PB1
5. Parker Meaney (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – NCH1
6. Cameron Sauerwein (Harrison) Senior – KF4
7. Trevor Hankins (Archbishop Moeller) Senior – KF5
8. Clay McComas (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH2
9. Jack Roesch (Avon) Senior – PB2
10. Seamus O'Malley (St. Edward) Junior – PB3
11. Brad Smith (Beavercreek) Junior – KF6
12. Aidan Gill (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB4
13. Brady Garren (Logan) Senior – HD1
14. Matt Shaw (Columbus West) Senior – HD2
15. Derick Bowman (Lancaster) Senior – HD3
16. Ethan Smegal (Marysville) Junior – HD4
17. Adam Luster (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH3
18. Zach D'Anna (Brecksville) Senior – PB5
19. Da'veon Parker (Solon) Senior – NCH4
20. Lazar Gasic (North Royalton) Sophomore – PB6
21. Jared Sanders (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH5
22. Kenneth Koah (Canton McKinley) Junior – NCH6
23. Riley Warner (Dover) Senior – NCH7
24. Brennan Czarneki (Kent Roosevelt) Senior – NCH8
25. Caleb Puchajda (Cuyahoga Falls) Senior – NCH9
26. Ben Blevins (Little Miami) Sophomore – KF7
27. Eddie Sevastos (Brunswick) Sophomore – NCH10
28. Jacob Snider (Midview) Senior – PB7
29. Romaine Meinhard (Shaker Hts.) Senior – NCH11
30. Justin Noble (Western Brown) Senior – KF8
31. Jack Nord (Hudson) Senior – NCH12
32. Antonio Ady (GlenOak) Senior – NCH13
33. Daniel Tilley (Akron Firestone) Senior – NCH14
34. Cole Maxson (Chillicothe) Sophomore – HD5
35. Ivan Pace (Colerain) Junior – KF9
36. Carlos Elias (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – NCH15

Cochran, a returning state placer and currently undefeated, seems to be the clear favorite here. Although I think Cochran is the clear favorite, I definitely see him being challenged, even though he beat McCloud earlier in the season, 8-2. Cochran finished fourth last year after losing to Howard (St. Edward) in the semi-finals. I heard about a month ago that Howard was thinking of

moving to 220 because of his head-to-win over Cochran, but it seems Howard has decided to stay down at 195. Bever seems to be wrestling very well right now and has been climbing up the rankings recently after beating Boyle (Rootstown) and Stein (Canfield) in the past month. Meaney could also be a sleeper at this weight. To my knowledge he has four losses on the season, but all four losses are to projected state champs. He has lost three times to returning Division 3 state champ Willis and once to projected Division 2 state champ Stein (Canfield).

Fairmont is obviously the strongest district here. I don't really like putting five wrestlers from the same district in the top eight, but the five at Fairmont are just too strong. Hankins seems to be the odd man out after recently losing to Sauerwein in a dual, 9-5, but I see results flip all the time. Whoever finishes fourth at Fairmont should be hoping they draw the Darby winner, as Darby is clearly the weakest district here. I have zero projected state placers, although I think whoever wins the Darby district will have a good chance at placing as long as they don't draw the fourth place finisher from Fairmont. Garren's move here could end up being very beneficial. I believe Enzenekwe (Olentangy Liberty) made the move from 195 to 220 last season and ended up placing fourth in the state; maybe Garren can follow that plan. Since Darby only has five wrestlers listed above, a couple other names to watch are Hoskinson (Dublin Coffman) and Robinson (Delaware Hayes).

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Projected Champion: Jordan Earnest (Wadsworth) Senior – NCH1

2. Matt Lee (Amherst Steele) Senior – PB1
3. Alec Moore- Nash (Elder) Senior – KF1
4. Jack Heyob (St. Xavier) Senior – KF2
5. Tyler Connolly (Marysville) Junior – HD1
6. Jacob Padilla (Huber Hts. Wayne) Sophomore – KF3
7. Jacob Cover (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD2
8. Luca Santillo (St. Edward) Senior – PB2
9. Max Wittman (Avon Lake) Senior – PB3
10. Dawson Shaw (Columbus West) Senior – HD3
11. Michael Mather (Uniontown Lake) Junior – NCH2
12. Daniel Bucknavich (Midview) Sophomore – PB4
13. Luciano Cunningham (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – NCH3
14. Lee Coleman (Medina) Senior – NCH4
15. Tyler Petrey (Austintown Fitch) Senior – NCH5
16. Nick Daly (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB5
17. Cole Ragan (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB6
18. Paul McKnight (Winton Woods) Senior – KF4
19. Davin Lambert (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD4
20. Cade Chappetta (Holland Springfield) Senior – PB7
21. Max Millin (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – NCH6
22. Assante Ndongo (Whitehall- Yearling) Senior – PB8

23. Yousef Awad (Lakewood) Sophomore – PB9
24. William Gallien (Copley) Senior – NCH7
25. Tyjuan Hill (Bedford) Senior – NCH8
26. Sio Saipaia (Canton McKinley) Senior – NCH9
27. Jaden Smith (Teays Valley) Junior – HD5
28. Richie Morrocco (Stow) Senior – NCH10
29. Jalen Peebles (Hudson) Senior - NCH11
30. Brogan Reed (Mason) Junior – KF5
31. Jake Bever (Ashland) Freshman – PB10
32. Jon Hardin (Miamisburg) Sophomore – KF6
33. Peyton Bartley (Xenia) Junior – KF7
34. Jake Burns (Wooster) Sophomore – NCH12
35. Marco Tramantano (Mayfield) Sophomore – NCH13
36. Wade Humphrey (Springboro) Sophomore – KF8
37. Thomas Baire (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD6
38. Greg Asher (Tecumseh) Senior – KF9

Earnest, a future Ohio Bobcat, seems to be the clear favorite here. I would probably tab Earnest as the best heavyweight amongst all the divisions. He doesn't hang on and push like most heavyweights and have matches end 3-2. He can put up points and has over 30 pins this season. Earnest was very undersized last year, but it seems he has added a little weight to his frame. To my knowledge, Earnest's only loss is to nationally ranked Colton Schultz (Colorado), 5-3. Schultz is ranked #2 in most national publications.

I would say Fairmont is the toughest at the top, with three projected state placers. The Fairmont district looked even tougher about a month ago, but Charette (Centerville) got injured. He was a projected state placer at the time. I have heard rumors that he may try to wrestle at sectionals, but due to the severity of his injury I didn't list him above. As for the deepest district, I would give Perrysburg the nod slightly over Hoover. Perrysburg has nine wrestlers in top 26, while Hoover has 13 wrestlers in the top 35. Chappetta is a name to track there. He has been at 220 and 285, but seems to do better at 285. He has a notable win over Bucknavich, but then lost the following week to Ragan. Darby has two projected state placers, but lacks good overall depth. Since Darby has only six wrestlers listed above, a couple other names to watch there are Gaylord (Westerville North) and Feng (Dublin Coffman).

Division I Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	148	0	10	12
2	LaSalle	Lancers	129	2	7	10
3	Brecksville	Bees	113	1	7	10
4	Elyria	Pioneers	108	1	5	6
5	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	89	1	6	9
6	Elder	Panthers	66	0	5	8
7	Olentangy Liberty	Patriots	55	1	3	5
8	Massillon Perry	Panthers	53	1	3	8
9	Marysville	Monarchs	47	0	4	7
10	Mason	Comets	43	1	3	5

DIVISION II

Norwalk = NO	Alliance = AL
Claymont = CM	Wilmington = WI

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- Projected Champion: Jacob Decatur (CVCA) Junior – AL1
2. Peyton Kellar (Vincent Warren) Freshman – CM1
 3. Payton Burgdorf (Firelands) Sophomore – NO1
 4. Kyle Rowan (Perry) Sophomore – AL2
 5. Garrett Lautzenheiser (Louisville) Freshman – AL3
 6. Jake Manley (Otsego) Sophomore – NO2
 7. Dierre Clayton (Akron SVSM) Freshman – AL4
 8. Cael Woods (West Holmes) Sophomore – CM2
 9. Howard Williams (East Liverpool) Freshman – CM3
 10. Jason Mayes (Jefferson Area) Junior – AL5
 11. Caleb Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Senior – CM4
 12. Ethan Fletcher (Canfield) Freshman – AL6
 13. Chase Huff (Goshen) Sophomore – WI1
 14. Rico Cunningham (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO3
 15. Max Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman – NO4
 16. Caleb Hernandez (Napoleon) Junior – NO5
 17. Trace Braun (Graham) Freshman – WI2
 18. Michael Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Sophomore – CM5
 19. Rann Zimmer (River View) Senior – CM6
 20. Jayden Mayes (Bellevue) Freshman – NO6
 21. Bryce Schott (Marengo Highland) Freshman – CM7
 22. Damon Molina (Wauseon) Freshman – NO7
 23. Caiden Hart (Salem) Freshman – AL7
 24. Jacob Norris (Minerva) Freshman – CM8
 25. Stephen Tepper (Bay) Junior – NO8
 26. Anthony Sagaris (Aurora) Freshman - AL8
 27. Ethan Mayo (Valley View) Senior – WI3
 28. Colton McCloskey (Girard) Freshman – AL9
 29. Conner Burrus (Hubbard) Freshman – AL10
 30. Kaleb Ream (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – WI4
 31. Caleb Thomas (Monroe) Freshman – WI5
 32. Nicholas Coreno (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL11
 33. Shane Bianchi (Padua Franciscan) Freshman – NO9
 34. Clayton Drummond (St. Marys Memorial) Sophomore – NO10

35. Eddie Pinc (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO11
36. Jake Arnold (Cloverleaf) Sophomore – AL12
37. John Woodburn (Beaver Local) Freshman – CM9

Decatur, a returning state champ, is the obvious favorite here. The future Ohio State Buckeye is currently undefeated and ranked #1 by most national publications. We may be talking about Decatur being a four-time state champ, but unfortunately he was hampered by a knee injury his freshman year. I see Kellar or Burgdorf as next best here. Kellar is hard to peg, as Warren doesn't wrestle in any of the bigger tournaments. He did enter Ironman, but he didn't wrestle any notable Ohio wrestlers. Burgdorf had a nice run last year in Columbus. He lost his first match, but then wrestled all the way back to finish in fourth place.

Alliance is very strong at this weight, with four projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 12. Wilmington is definitely the weakest district at this weight, but the district usually struggles with depth at most weights. Ream will be cutting down to 106 for his conference tournament and that should help add a little depth to the southwest district. Since Wilmington only has five wrestlers listed above, a couple other names to watch are Hargrove (Aiken), Holzschuh (Logan Elm) and Breaker (Hamilton Ross).

113

Projected Champion: Christian Wayt (West Branch) Junior – AL1

2. Tanner Jordan (Graham) Junior – WI1
3. Gavin Ritter (Wauseon) Junior – NO1
4. Cole McComas (Beaver Local) Sophomore – CM1
5. Trey Finnearty (Circleville) Sophomore – WI2
6. Jarrett Warrington (Claymont) Junior – CM2
7. Peyton Blasko (Steubenville) Junior – CM3
8. Nick Began (Orange) Senior – AL2
9. Jake Hamulak (Chardon) Sophomore – AL3
10. Ryan Jakubiak (Louisville) Senior – AL4
11. Jimmy Balazy (Padua Franciscan) Junior – NO2
12. Koen Kish (St. Clairsville) Freshman – CM4
13. Anthony Trivisonno (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL5
14. Matthew Williams (CVCA) Sophomore – AL6
15. Josh Dunn (Goshen) Sophomore – WI3
16. Joey Dima (Valley View) Junior – WI4
17. Tyler Masters (West Holmes) Sophomore – CM5
18. Kyle Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Senior – CM6
19. Blake Sheppard (New Lexington) Sophomore – CM7
20. Anthony Ashley (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO3
21. Lincoln Healy (Napoleon) Freshman – NO4

22. Tristan Villareal (Defiance) Sophomore – NO5
23. Connor Eckman (Firelands) Senior – NO6
24. Brandon Brown (Carrollton) Freshman – CM8
25. Noah Alda (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO7
26. Ty Spencer (Ontario) Sophomore – NO8
27. Josh Calderon (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO9
28. Connor McCarty (Bay) Senior – NO10
29. Brenden Hamilton (Marlington) Freshman – AL7
30. J.D. Thom (Sandusky Perkins) Freshman – NO11
31. Luke Chaddock (Minerva) Sophomore – CM9
32. Ethan Szanati (Buckeye Valley) Sophomore – CM10
33. Jeramee Richards (Philo) Freshman – CM11
34. Austin Philabaum (River View) Freshman – CM12
35. Colin Koenig (Perry) Freshman – AL8
36. Ronan Gullifer (Upper Sandusky) Sophomore - NO12
37. Jayden Morr (Norton) Freshman – AL9
38. Owen Ott (Harrison Central) Senior – CM13
39. Fred Berry (Tallmadge) Senior – AL10
40. Hunter Miller (Canton South) Sophomore – AL11

I was hoping we would see Wayt vs Jordan at the GMWVA tournament, but unfortunately Wayt didn't wrestle. Wayt beat Jordan last year in the state quarterfinals, 6-4. Wayt then lost in the semi-finals to McComas. Wayt has avenged that loss twice this year, even beating McComas by major decision in the first match. I see Ironman-placer Jordan as Wayt's toughest challenger, but I think Ritter and McComas could also be title contenders. If McComas and Jordan win their district, then they would meet seeding criteria.

Alliance and Claymont seem to be the toughest at the top. Alliance has four wrestlers in the Top 10, but only two placers, while Claymont has three projected placers. Alliance's depth could be boosted if Neff (Streetsboro) can make it back from injury. He was ranked in the Top 10 before the injury, but I hear it's unlikely he will be fully healthy if he does in fact make it back. Another name to watch at Alliance is Barber (Canfield). Claymont has the best depth overall here too, with seven in the top 19. Wilmington and Norwalk are the weakest districts at this weight. Wilmington has only four wrestlers listed above, so a few other names to watch there are Moll (Westfall), Smart (Wilmington), Bruns (Hamilton Ross), and Rau (Dayton C-J). Moll has been up at 120 in all of the results I have seen, but 113 is the better option.

- Projected Champion: Matthew Cardello (CVCA) Senior – AL1
2. Alek Martin (Graham) Freshman – WI1
 3. Nate Keaton (Circleville) Senior – WI2
 4. Dominic Carone (Streetsboro) Senior – AL2
 5. Hunter Ryan (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL3
 6. Jake Gentry (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI3
 7. Joe Wright (Coventry) Senior – AL4
 8. Jacob Johnson (Jonathan Alder) Senior – CM1
 9. Alex Slattman (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
 10. Kyle Petersen (Aurora) Junior – AL5
 11. Crae Muzykoski (Licking Valley) Freshman – CM2
 12. Brady O'Connor (Indian Valley) Junior – CM3
 13. Sam Van Sickle (Akron SVSM) Freshman – AL6
 14. Davin Rhoads (Louisville) Freshman – AL7
 15. Thane Kaufman (West Holmes) Senior – CM4
 16. Luke Hewitt (Archbishop Hoban) Senior – AL8
 17. Bryce Davis (Kenton Ridge) Senior – WI4
 18. Jacob Fohl (River Valley) Junior – CM5
 19. Josh Lyons (Mansfield Senior) Sophomore – NO2
 20. Terry Gatrell (Meadowbrook) Junior – CM6
 21. Keegan Kohler (Fairfield Union) Sophomore – WI5
 22. Garrett Drake (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CM7
 23. Tyler Muldrew (Steubenville) Freshman – CM8
 24. Shaun Pletcher (Philo) Freshman – CM9
 25. Sean Conway (Dayton Carroll) Junior – WI6
 26. Tyler Woods (Franklin) Freshman – WI7
 27. Jordan Vass (Woodridge) Senior – AL9
 28. Jimmy Pelland (Napoleon) Senior – NO3
 29. Cameron Pollard (Otsego) Junior – NO4
 30. Matt Kaufmann (Fairview) Sophomore – NO5
 31. Joe Averill (University School) Sophomore – AL10
 32. Robbie Hoopes (Carrollton) Sophomore – CM10
 33. Mason McCarty (Marlington) Sophomore – AL11
 34. Levi Clay (Washington C.H.) Senior – WI8
 35. Nashawn Gaffney (Alliance) Sophomore – AL12
 36. David Ocasio (Brookside) Junior – NO6
 37. Brady Postek (Norton) Sophomore – AL13
 38. Josh Dorsch (Van Wert) Senior – NO7
 39. Aston Shepherd (Upper Sandusky) Sophomore – NO8
 40. Jordan Holt (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO9

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Columbus. Keaton is a returning state champ and beat Cardello and Carone along the way, but he took a surprising loss to Muzykoski earlier in the season. Keaton was able to avenge that loss to Muzykoski later in the tournament. I went with Cardello, a Navy commit, as my pick here, but I ultimately see this weight being wide open. Cardello, Keaton, and Carone all meet seeding criteria. It seems likely that both sides of the bracket will each have two of the four top contenders.

Alliance is the strongest district here. The northeast district has four projected placers and eight wrestlers in the top 16. I think we see a couple movers from 120 to 126. Another name to watch at Alliance is Harrison (Akron Springfield). This is definitely one of the tougher weights at Wilmington, with three of the top six projected state placers. I hear Harkins (Norwood) has decided to move back up to 126, a move that I think many should consider themselves at Wilmington. Like 113, this is another wide open weight at Norwalk.

126

Projected Champion: Caleb Brooks (Circleville) Senior – WI1

2. David Massey (Woodridge) Senior – AL1
3. Addison Fogle (Licking Valley) Senior – CM1
4. Nolan Ray (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO1
5. Conor McCrone (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL2
6. Hunter Olson (Akron SVSM) Junior – A3
7. Dalton Burcher (Indian Valley) Junior – CM2
8. Douglas Terry (Granville) Freshman – CM3
9. Jake Bartinelli (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO2
10. Nick Moore (Graham) Freshman – WI2
11. Isaiah Wortham (Dayton C-J) Sophomore – WI3
12. Sam Price (Monroe) Junior – WI4
13. Damoni Williams (Mansfield Senior) Senior – NO3
14. Isaaiah Smith (Field) Junior – AL4
15. Brian Shaw (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO4
16. Andrew Branson (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO5
17. Logan Schoen (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO6
18. Zane Minella (Steubenville) Junior – CM4
19. Jonathan Potts (East Liverpool) Freshman – CM5
20. Justice Freeman (New Lexington) Senior – CM6
21. Ethan Mueller (Minerva) Sophomore – CM7
22. Matt Asher (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI5
23. Luke Beach (Wapakoneta) Junior – NO7
24. Alex DelGarbino (Girard) Sophomore – AL5
25. Devon Salsberry (Beaver Local) Freshman – CM8
26. Tyler Harkins (Norwood) Sophomore – WI6

27. Kody Beal (Fairfield Union) Freshman – W17
28. Danny Sinchok (CVCA) Junior – AL6
29. Hunter Wilson (Maysville) Senior – CM9
30. Frankie Olivarez (Ashtabula Edgewood) Senior – AL7
31. Logan Vanicek (Louisville) Sophomore – AL8
32. McCoy Watkins (Canfield) Sophomore – AL9
33. Logan Martin (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL10
34. Matt Stauffer (Benedictine) Sophomore – NO8
35. Zane Hull (Napoleon) Junior – NO9
36. Nate Blake (Carrollton) Sophomore – CM10
37. Ross Gunn (River View) Sophomore – CM11
38. Gabe Mina-Vasquez (Norwalk) Senior – NO10

This should be an interesting weight to follow at sectionals, in terms of seeing who moves down from 132 or possibly up from 120. If Decatur is up at 132, I think this becomes a “collection weight.” I see this weight being essentially wide open, but I slightly favor the Kent State commit Brooks. I think Massey and Fogle are his toughest challengers, but I also wouldn’t be surprised if anyone in the top five wins it all. Ray just recently beat McCrone, 10-8, and seems to be very dangerous. He has been down at 120 at times, but I hear he will man 126 for the Indians.

Alliance and Claymont are both very strong at the top, with each having three projected state placers. Like I mentioned at 120, anyone at Alliance should consider moving here, as I see the fourth spot being wide open. Norwalk’s depth could take a hit, as I hear returning state qualifier Branson could be out for the post-season due to injury. I wouldn’t be surprised if we see possible movers from 120 or droppers from 132 at Wilmington. I think Bennett (Logan Elm) could be a kid we see move down here. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are Hoselton (Zane Trace), Randle (Trotwood-Madison), and Grim (Urbana).

132

- Projected Champion: Jordan Decatur (CVCA) Junior – AL1
2. Hunter Yackee (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
 3. Jacson Muldrew (Steubenville) Junior – CM1
 4. Wade Monebrake (Eaton) Junior – WI1
 5. Skyler Lasure (Beaver Local) Sophomore – CM2
 6. Caden Blust (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO2
 7. Jack Gorman (Aurora) Junior – AL2
 8. Josh Baitt (Jefferson Area) Senior – AL3
 9. Eddie Suber (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL4
 10. Adam Lenhoff (Indian Valley) Junior – CM3
 11. James Davis (West Carrollton) Senior – WI2
 12. Isaac Bennett (Logan Elm) Senior – WI3
 13. Casey Ragle (Norwood) Senior – WI4
 14. Isaiah Stickley (Graham) Sophomore – WI5
 15. Ayyoub Muhammed (Thurgood Marshall) Junior – WI6
 16. Miles Knuckles (Coventry) Junior – AL5
 17. Angel Granados (Napoleon) Junior – NO3
 18. Carter Mickley (Louisville) Sophomore – AL6
 19. Thomas McGraw (Dayton C-J) Senior – WI7
 20. Gabe Steyer (Van Wert) Sophomore – NO4
 21. Jerome Tucker (Claymont) Senior – CM4
 22. Brandon Reeves (Woodridge) Junior – AL7
 23. Kaleb Kiss (Norton) Junior – AL8
 24. Parker Mazik (Indian Creek) Senior – CM5
 25. Mason Downs (Circleville) Senior – WI8
 26. Tommy Frasier (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL9
 27. Brayden Carter (Carrollton) Senior – CM6
 28. Nolan Smith (Minerva) Junior – CM7
 29. Sam Fender (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO5
 30. Zach Berdysz (Perry) Senior – AL10
 31. Joe Pennington (Alliance) Freshman – AL11
 32. Chris Jackson (Athens) Junior – CM8
 33. Derek Berdysz (Benedictine) Junior – NO6
 34. Tyler Dick (Streetsboro) Junior – AL12
 35. Landin Price (New Lexington) Senior – CM9
 36. Derek Cain (Akron Springfield) Junior – AL12
 37. Ben Miller (Fairfield Union) Senior – WI9
 38. Elijah Hunter (Sandusky) Freshman – NO7

Many thought we could see Decatur vs Crace in Columbus, but that unfortunately isn't going to happen. Since then, Crace has left Graham and Decatur has decided to move to 132. Decatur

could possibly be going for his third straight state title, if it were not for a violation of rules at weigh-ins his freshman year. The future Ohio State Buckeye beat Kosco (Canal Fulton NW) last year in the state finals after losing to him in their two prior meetings. It is important to note that Decatur and Yackee meet seeding criteria.

Alliance looks like the toughest district once again, with three projected placers and four wrestlers in the top nine. Wilmington has very good depth, despite having only one projected placer. I think we could see Bennett or possibly others drop to 126 at Wilmington. Norwalk and Claymont are both strong up top with two projected state placers each, but both districts lack overall depth.

138

Projected Champion: J.D. Stickley (Graham) Senior – WI1

2. Andy Garr (Aurora) Junior – AL1
3. Luke Wymer (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL2
4. Maxx Peters (Claymont) Senior – CM1
5. Anthony Rice (Steubenville) Junior – CM2
6. Mike Clark (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO1
7. Tim Tusick (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO2
8. Mauricio Barajas (Wauseon) Senior – NO3
9. Ben Sherrill (Bellbrook) Senior – WI2
10. Cole Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL3
11. Dylan Dodson (Licking Valley) Freshman – CM3
12. Cole Houser (Benjamin Logan) Senior – WI3
13. Austin Pownall (CVCA) Freshman – AL4
14. Skyler Curry (Alliance) Senior – AL5
15. Louis Dytko (Columbus DeSales) Senior – CM4
16. Jacob Lees (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – WI4
17. Brayden Ploehs (Hamilton Ross) Junior – WI5
18. Ryan Wolf (New Richmond) Senior – WI6
19. Isaiah Bretz (Van Wert) Junior – NO4
20. Chas Jackson (Brookside) Senior – NO5
21. Emileo Calderon (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO6
22. Eian Sherman (Sandusky) Junior – NO7
23. Mason Haas (Maumee) Senior – NO8
24. Muhammed Mahdi (Toledo C.C.) Senior – NO9
25. Noah Smith (Beaver Local) Senior – CM5
26. Tanner Newbold (Carrollton) Senior – CM6
27. Eric El- Hayek (Canfield) Senior – AL6
28. Nathan Welsh (Fairfield Union) Sophomore – WI7
29. Tyler Renick (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL7

30. Justin Rayner (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL8
31. Zayne Lehman (Revere) Freshman – AL9
32. Tyler Matthews (Circleville) Senior – WI8
33. Daniel Kennedy (Louisville) Freshman – AL10
34. Therron Stocker (Indian Valley) Senior – CM7
35. Nicholas Machuca (Dayton C-J) Sophomore – WI9
36. Mike Hamski (Jefferson Area) Junior – CM8
37. Colton Turnbaugh (Ontario) Sophomore – NO10
38. Mason Hoskins (Lexington) Senior – NO11
39. Evan Hertel (Minerva) Junior – CM9
40. Trevor Lewis (Unioto) Senior – WI10

Stickley, the defending state champ at this weight, won Ironman and looked absolutely outstanding in doing so. He beat projected Division 1 state champ Heard in the semi-finals, 3-1. Stickley then loss to Andonian a month later in a dual by major decision; I heard that Stickley was sick/injured. He then avenged that loss this past weekend in Columbus, winning 10-9 over Andonian. As long as Stickley is healthy, I think he could one the biggest favorites overall in Ohio based on his Ironman performance. Garr looks to be Stickley's toughest challenger after recently beating Regalbuto (Brecksville), 3-2, a couple weeks ago at his conference tournament.

This is definitely one of the tougher weights at Norwalk. The northwest district has three projected placers and 10 wrestlers in the Top 24. A couple other names to watch there are Minnick (Tiffin Columbian) and Corapi (Bellevue). This may be one of the weaker weights at Alliance. Alliance's depth could depend on which Curry shows up the final two weekends. He has some very good wins, but seems to struggle in mid-week duals. Curry has a couple of "surprise losses" to Kennedy and Newbold. Another name to watch at Alliance is Bubonic (Perry). Wilmington looks to be weak up top, with only one projected placer, but I think the district has pretty good depth compared to a lot of other weights there. A couple other names to watch are Gibbs (Clinton-Massie) and Hill (Goshen).

- Projected Champion: Mitch Moore (Graham) Senior – WI1
2. Ben Pasiuk (Carrollton) Junior – CM1
 3. Timothy Grunden (Wauseon) Senior – NO1
 4. Jax Leonard (Louisville) Sophomore – AL1
 5. Zach Dunn (Goshen) Junior – WI2
 6. Dakota Bunting (Claymont) Senior – CM2
 7. Jake Potok (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL2
 8. Zach Rodgers (Alliance) Junior – AL3
 9. Beau Smith (Beaver Local) Junior – CM3
 10. Noah Barnett (Sheridan) Senior – CM4
 11. Micah Marshall (Dayton C-J) Senior – WI3
 12. Caleb Blake (Tippecanoe) Senior – WI4
 13. Bret Baker (Norton) Senior – AL4
 14. Collin Mell (Lima Bath) Senior – NO2
 15. Hadyn Danals (River Valley) Freshman – CM5
 16. Jonas Profitt (Westfall) Senior – WI5
 17. Sean O'Dwyer (University School) Junior – AL5
 18. Dalton Duvall (CVCA) Freshman – AL6
 19. Michael Gray (Steubenville) Senior – CM6
 20. Dakota Ryan (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL7
 21. Caiden Rodgers (Streetsboro) Junior – AL8
 22. Calvin Brown (Elida) Senior – NO3
 23. Justin Schneider (Maumee) Senior – NO4
 24. Jaret Lowry (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO5
 25. Logan Iams (Hamilton Ross) Junior – WI6
 26. Sam LoFaso (Padua Franciscan) Junior – NO6
 27. Zach Love (Indian Valley) Sophomore – CM7
 28. Jacob Anderson (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO7
 29. Garrett Crowner (Clear Fork) Senior – NO8
 30. Kaleb Dohse (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL9
 31. Cortez Bradley (Warrensville Hts.) Senior – AL10
 32. Mitch Wukelic (Indian Creek) Junior – CM8
 33. Ethan French (Napoleon) Senior – NO9
 34. Ethan Ducca (Chardon) Sophomore – AL11
 35. Jeff Dunfee (Ravenna) Junior – AL12
 36. Michael Amentini (Revere) Senior – AL13
 37. Yima Nyamor (Wyoming) Senior – WI7
 38. Keegan Moran (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CM9
 39. Peppi Miller (Glenville) Senior – AL14
 40. Colt Hanson (Morgan) Senior – CM10

Moore is the obvious favorite here, as he looks to become Ohio's 31st four-time state champion (Assuming Hoskins becomes the 30th). The future Virginia Tech Hokie has taken quite a few losses this year. He finished eighth at Ironman, where he suffered three losses. He also has recent losses to North (Wadsworth) and Dover (St. Edward). The loss to Dover was this past weekend in Columbus and ended in bizarre fashion. Dover received two penalty points in the finals seconds to beat Moore by a score of 4-3. I think one point was for locking hands and one was for stalling, but I'm not 100% sure. Moore has more losses this year (5), than he had in his first three high school seasons combined (4). Returning state runner-ups Pasiuk and Grunden seem to be Moore's biggest challengers. Moore, Pasiuk, and Grunden all meet seeding criteria.

Alliance, Claymont, and Wilmington are all very strong at this weight. Alliance is probably the toughest at the top with three placers, but all three districts are about even when looking at overall depth. Norwalk is by far the weakest of the four districts here. I wouldn't be surprised if we see someone drop from 152 to 145 at Norwalk, as 152 seems a little more crowded.

152

Projected Champion: Sandro Ramirez (Wauseon) Senior – NO1

2. Jashon Hubbard (Steubenville) Senior – CM1
3. Joey Sanchez (Graham) Senior – WI1
4. Justin Shaw (Carrollton) Senior – CM2
5. Jarrett Munyan (Sheridan) Senior – CM3
6. David Reinhart (Canfield) Junior – AL1
7. Dylan Miller (West Branch) Senior – AL2
8. Briar Cadle (Claymont) Senior – CM4
9. Jared Musci (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL3
10. Will McGhee (Aurora) Junior – AL4
11. Luke McKeon (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL5
12. Joey Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – NO2
13. Chris Flohr (Norton) Senior – AL6
14. Chris Anderson (Streetsboro) Junior – AL7
15. Isaac Yoho (Woodridge) Senior – AL8
16. John McNulty (Padua Franciscan) Senior – NO3
17. Zach Altman (Napoleon) Senior – NO4
18. J.D. McNett (Defiance) Senior – NO5
19. Nick Smythe (Bellevue) Senior – NO6
20. Liam Fagan (Coventry) Junior – AL9
21. Liam Kellar (Vincent Warren) Junior – CM5
22. Joey Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Sophomore – CM6
23. Zane Nelson (Washington C.H.) Senior – WI2
24. Keegan Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Senior – WI3
25. David Fredrick (Dayton C-J) Freshman – WI4

26. Jacob Armstrong (Indian Valley) Sophomore – CM7
27. Justin West (CVCA) Senior – AL10
28. Damion Williams (Urbana) Senior – WI5
29. Carston King (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – WI6
30. Jared Wright (Beaver Local) Junior – CM8
31. Layne Talbot (New Lexington) Sophomore – CM9
32. Brody Stallings (Cloverleaf) Sophomore – AL11
33. Ian McClintock (Fairview) Sophomore – NO7
34. Nick Neitenbach (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO8
35. Xeke Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – CM10
36. Ian Weiland (Revere) Senior – AL12
37. Alex Mathis (Cleveland C.C.) Sophomore – NO9
38. Cain Bentz (Lima Shawnee) Senior – NO10

Ramirez, a future NDC Falcon, is my pick here after beating Hubbard in last year's state semi-final, 1-0. Ramirez was a state runner-up, falling in the finals to Freeman. The top four here were all at the same weight last year (145). The top four actually finished 2nd-5th last year in Columbus. I think Hubbard is Ramirez' toughest challenger. He has a nice win over two-time state runner-up Pasiuk (Carrollton) earlier in the season. Ramirez and Hubbard both meet seeding criteria.

Claymont is the strongest at the top with four projected state placers, but Alliance is the deepest district. Alliance has four wrestlers in the Top 10 and nine wrestlers in the Top 20. Wilmington looks like the weakest district here, with only one wrestler in the Top 20 and six total wrestlers listed above. Another name to watch there is Finch (Springfield Shawnee).

160

- Projected Champion: Ryan Thomas (Graham) Senior – WI1
2. Kevon Freeman (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL1
 3. David Johnson (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL2
 4. Xavier Torres (Wauseon) Junior – NO1
 5. Caleb Cass (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL3
 6. Quinton Kelley (Archbishop Hoban) Senior – AL4
 7. Ethan Hernandez (Norwalk) Sophomore – NO2
 8. Austin Hinzman (Coventry) Junior – AL5
 9. Ben Cutrer (Canfield) Junior – AL6
 10. Kaden Bunting (Claymont) Senior – CM1
 11. Brahm Ginter (Shelby) Senior – NO3
 12. Brandon Daniels (Carrollton) Junior – CM2
 13. Peter Biery (West Branch) Senior – AL7
 14. Stefan Farian (Revere) Senior – AL8

15. Justin Mayes (Bellevue) Freshman – NO4
16. Blake Wickline (Bloom-Carroll) Senior – CM3
17. Mathew Ketchum (East Liverpool) Senior – CM4
18. Logan Krulik (Beaver Local) Freshman – CM5
19. Trevor Boyd (Vermilion) Senior – NO5
20. Nick Jackson (Bowling Green) Senior – NO6
21. Isaac Allen (Wilmington) Senior – WI2
22. Ross Lennon (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI3
23. Blake Coy (Dayton Carroll) Junior – WI4
24. Austin Willard (Padua Franciscan) Junior – NO7
25. Ethan Anderson (Lima Shawnee) Sophomore – NO8
26. Dillon Barry (Bay) Senior – NO9
27. Kaeden Hatlay (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO10
28. Izaiah Diaz (Defiance) Senior – NO11
29. Caleb Linton (Logan Elm) Senior – WI5
30. Jesse Kanatzar (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL9
31. Michael Belcik (Girard) Senior – AL10
32. Seth Hodapp (Eaton) Senior – WI6
33. Brice Parks (Jackson) Sophomore – CM6
34. Ethan Miller (Fairfield Union) Senior – WI7
35. Corban West (New Lexington) Senior – CM7
36. Alex Kurpil (Alliance) Senior – AL11

Thomas vs Freeman should be one of the most anticipated matches not only in Division 2, but across all three divisions. Thomas, a Minnesota commit, is the defending state champ at this weight, while Freeman is a two-time state champ. Thomas had a “surprise loss” opening weekend to Marsh (Marysville). Like I stated at D1-152, I heard that Thomas was coming off of a sickness/injury, which prevented him from practicing the week prior to the match. Obviously Thomas and Freeman both meet seeding criteria.

Alliance is definitely the toughest district at this weight. Alliance has four projected state placers, six wrestlers in the top 10 and eight in the top 14. Norwalk also has great depth, with 11 wrestlers in the top 28. Once again, I would tab Wilmington as the weakest district, but Claymont isn’t very strong either. Claymont’s depth could be boosted if McGee (Maysville) decides on 160, rather than 170 where I have him listed. McGee has made 160, but I personally think 170 is the better option due to his recent win over Setliff.

Projected Champion: Rocky Jordan (Graham) Senior – W11

2. Ashton Eyer (Claymont) Senior – CM1
3. Anthony D'Alesio (Canfield) Sophomore – AL1
4. Cole Hivnor (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL2
5. Spencer Robinson (Woodridge) Senior – AL3
6. Jack Rogan (Akron Springfield) Junior – AL4
7. Keegan Vanmeter (Granville) Junior – CM2
8. Hayden McGee (Maysville) Junior – CM3
9. Jarrod Setliff (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO1
10. Bryce Hart (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL5
11. Brent Paulus (Louisville) Sophomore – AL6
12. Neil Ginnetti (West Branch) Junior – AL7
13. John Witschi (Clear Fork) Senior – NO2
14. Marcus Davis (Alliance) Senior – AL8
15. Lucas Salmon (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO3
16. Wesley Pauley (Morgan) Junior – CM4
17. Clayton Smock (Jefferson Area) Senior – AL9
18. Mitchell Miracle (River Valley) Junior – CM5
19. Quay Brown (Sandusky) Senior – NO4
20. Gabe Phillips (Norwalk) Sophomore – NO5
21. David Harper (Philo) Freshman – CM6
22. Richie Eyre (Tallmadge) Junior – AL10
23. Jay Chaddock (Minerva) Senior – CM7
24. Noah Carrothers (Carrollton) Senior – CM8
25. Sean Netherton (Westfall) Senior – W12
26. Jack Baker (Revere) Senior – AL11
27. Noah Pasquinelli (Maumee) Senior – NO6
28. Reece Wilson (Bexley) Senior – CM9
29. Niko Primovero (Norton) Senior – AL12
30. Chad Mays (Beaver Local) Senior – CM10
31. David Tuttle (Steubenville) Junior – CM11
32. Logan Wilson (Indian Creek) Senior – CM12
33. Chris Conger (Washington C.H.) Senior – W13
34. Brandon Derr (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO7
35. Aidan Cardaman (Geneva) Senior – AL13
36. Dawson Miller (Bellefontaine) Senior – W14
37. Thomas McGee (Benedictine) Senior – NO8
38. Clay Adlesh (Lima Shawnee) Junior – NO9
39. Gage Johnson (Franklin) Sophomore – W15

Jordan, the future Ohio State Buckeye, is the obvious pick here. Jordan, a three-time state finalist and two-time state champ, won an Ironman title and is currently undefeated on the season. Eyler seems to be Jordan's toughest challenger after beating D'Alesio, 8-3, this past weekend in Columbus. Many have questioned Eyler's decision to go 170, but I hear he wants to wrestle Jordan. Both Jordan and Eyler meet seeding criteria.

Alliance is the toughest district at this weight, with four projected state placers and eight wrestlers in the top 14. The northeast district looked even more crowded until this past weekend, when I found out Hank Carey (Streetsboro) will not be wrestling in the post-season due to injury/sickness. At Claymont, this weight is much tougher than 182, so I wouldn't be surprised if we see one or two wrestlers move up. Wilmington is the weakest district, with Jordan being the only wrestler in the Top 20. I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few movers to this weight in the southwest. Wilmington only has five wrestlers listed above, so a couple other names to watch there are Wilkin (Hillsboro) and Waters (Greenfield McClain).

182

Projected Champion: David Crawford (Canfield) Senior – AL1

2. David Heath (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL2
3. Duce Johnson (Alliance) Senior – AL3
4. Noah Clary (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO1
5. Cody Neece (Sheridan) Junior – CM1
6. Eliot Clark (Bexley) Senior – CM2
7. Hunter Johns (Dayton C-J) Junior – WI1
8. Devin West (Akron Buchtel) Senior – AL4
9. Andrew Shaffer (Graham) Sophomore – WI2
10. Josh Baldridge (West Holmes) Junior – CM3
11. Sam Hunter (Sandusky) Senior – NO2
12. David McCullough (Keystone) Senior – NO3
13. Trent Davis (Wauseon) Junior – NO4
14. Kenny Marra (West Branch) Freshman – AL5
15. Alex Carrothers (Carrollton) Sophomore – CM4
16. Ryan Haas (Maumee) Senior – NO5
17. Adalberto Vega (Defiance) Junior – NO6
18. Lawrence Slygh (Elida) Junior – NO7
19. Sam Eldridge (Chardon) Senior – AL6
20. Garrett Gross (Bellefontaine) Sophomore – WI3
21. Nathan Snyder (Springfield Northwestern) Junior – WI4
22. Jamonte Crossty (Mount Healthy) Senior – WI5
23. Ryan Scantland (Aurora) Senior – AL7
24. Rocco Pearce (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL8
25. Spencer Reynolds (Eaton) Senior – WI6

26. Nate Amato (Tallmadge) Freshman – AL9
27. Matt Abraham (Padua Franciscan) Junior – NO8
28. Tai Carter (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO9
29. Sam Matthews (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – WI7
30. Daniel Greiner (Batavia) Senior – WI8
31. Noah Grochowalski (Galion) Senior – NO10
32. Wesley Babcock (Napoleon) Sophomore – NO11
33. Tyler Miller (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO12
34. Austin Carroll (Zane Trace) Junior – WI9
35. Dalton Cunninham (River View) Sophomore – CM5
36. Ryan Buckley (New Richmond) Senior – WI10
37. Kaleb George (Minerva) Senior – CM6
38. Brodey Parsons (Indian Valley) Junior – CM7
39. Carson Smith (Port Clinton) Junior – NO13
40. Jaxon Frey (Canton South) Senior – AL10

The favorite here is Crawford, who is seeking his second state title. The Pitt Commit is a returning state champ and three-time state placer. Crawford beat Heath, 3-2, in last year's district final. Johnson could also be in the mix, but he has missed a ton of time this season. A sleeper here could be Clark. He is currently undefeated and has not surrendered a takedown yet this season. Crawford, Heath, and Johnson all meet seeding criteria, but all three exit the same district, so that is essentially irrelevant. This has been one of the deeper weights in Division 2 all year, so I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 25 reaches the podium.

Alliance is obviously the toughest, with the district occupying the top three spots. Norwalk isn't very strong up top, but has the best overall depth. The northwest district has seven wrestlers in the top 18 and 12 wrestlers in the top 33. Vega, a returning state alternate, has missed most of the season due to injury, but I hear there is a chance he returns for sectionals. Claymont is pretty tough up top, with three wrestlers in the Top 10, but then lacks overall depth. I think we could see movers from 170 or 195. I think one possible mover could be Harper (Philo), who has been up at 182 lately.

- Projected Champion: Gage Braun (Graham) Senior – WI1
2. Stone Day (Valley View) Senior – WI2
 3. Jud Ramage (Meadowbrook) Senior – CM1
 4. Jackson Gear (Archbishop McNicholas) Senior – WI3
 5. Matthew Cover (Bay) Junior – NO1
 6. Justin Ochletree (Keystone) Senior – NO2
 7. Nick Crawford (Canfield) Sophomore – AL1
 8. Colin McNamara (Aurora) Junior - AL2
 9. Cory Stallings (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL3
 10. C.J. Williams (Norton) Senior – AL4
 11. Owen Loughman (Sheridan) Junior – CM2
 12. Zac Miller (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO3
 13. Noah Arnett (Defiance) Senior – NO4
 14. Alec Maloney (Norwalk) Sophomore – NO5
 15. Sam McNulty (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO6
 16. C.J. Cook (Bellefontaine) Senior – WI4
 17. Aaron Harris (Wauseon) Junior – NO7
 18. Griffin Rathburn (Bishop Hartley) Junior - CM3
 19. Kaymen Andrews (Alliance) Senior – AL5
 20. Blake Linard (Claymont) Senior – CM4
 21. Lucas Woolf (West Branch) Senior – AL6
 22. Keith Bodnar (Steubenville) Sophomore – CM5
 23. Dylan Boysel (Jonathan Alder) Senior – CM6
 24. Andrew Hammon (Hebron Lakewood) Senior – CM7
 25. Bowen McConohay (Logan Elm) Junior – WI5
 26. Mike Lobosky (Chardon) Junior – AL7
 27. Beckett Fant (Revere) Senior – AL8
 28. Derek Witsberger (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – CM8
 29. Maxwell Fausnaugh (Bowling Green) Sophomore – NO8
 30. Noah Wray (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL9
 31. Sam Lowe (Beaver Local) Freshman – CM9
 32. Carter Layten (River Valley) Senior – CM10
 33. Korey Blosser (Napoleon) Senior – NO9
 34. Stephen Baldrige (West Holmes) Freshman – NO10
 35. Ben Blankenship (Tallmadge) Sophomore – AL10
 36. Hunter Lester (Franklin) Senior – WI6
 37. Trent Felts (New Richmond) Junior – WI7

I went back and forth on who to pick here. Even though Day beat Braun, 5-4, early in the year, I have decided to go against the result here. Braun, a returning state runner-up and two-time state placer, will likely see Day at districts, and states, which is sort of similar to what we saw

last year with Sarver and Day. I feel with how many times they will see each other before the state tournament, that Coach Jordan will make the proper adjustments, just like last year with Sarver. Braun beat Day in two very close matches two years ago, one which was at the state tournament in the consolation bracket. Day and Braun could meet many more times in the future, as both have committed to MAC schools. Day committed to Kent State, while Braun has committed to Northern Illinois. Braun and Day are the only wrestlers that meet seeding criteria.

This is one of the tougher weights at Wilmington, if not the toughest weight. The southwest district has three of the top four wrestlers. With only seven wrestlers listed above exiting Wilmington, a few other names to watch are Diamond (Unioto), Boris (Hillsboro), and Mulkey (Westfall). An important thing to watch at Norwalk is which weight Brown (Sandusky) decides on. He has been at 170 most of the season, but it looks like he will wrestle 195 at his conference tournament.

220

Projected Champion: Tyler Stein (Canfield) Junior – AL1

2. Johnny Shafer (Graham) Junior – WI1
3. Brandon Matlock (Warren Howland) Senior – AL2
4. Breslin Walker (CVCA) Sophomore – AL3
5. Austin Smith (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – CM1
6. Connor Johnston (Upper Sandusky) Senior – NO1
7. Evan Kaeck (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – NO2
8. Tyler Bath (Vermilion) Senior – NO3
9. Brandon Phillips (Maumee) Senior – NO4
10. Mikey Addis (Norwood) Senior – WI2
11. Alan Christine (Conneaut) Senior – AL4
12. Gage Swartz (Philo) Senior – CM2
13. Chavion Young (Alliance) Senior – AL5
14. Blake Robbins (Louisville) Sophomore – AL6
15. Ben Hornacek (Norton) Senior – AL7
16. De'ontae Williams (Canton South) Junior – AL8
17. Sam Brothers (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI3
18. Nathaniel Armstrong (Kettering Alter) Junior – WI4
19. Bruno Pattison (Bellefontaine) Junior – WI5
20. Kole Aubiel Claymont) Junior – CM3
21. Luke Shively (New Lexington) Senior – CM4
22. Ben Davis (Circleville) Junior – WI6
23. Kyle McClain (River View) Senior – CM5
24. Ethan Depp (Revere) Junior – AL9
25. Jamen Hill (Dayton Carroll) Sophomore – WI7
26. Josh Croft (Harrison Central) Junior – CM6

27. Skylor Wooley (East Liverpool) Sophomore – CM7
28. Austin Giesige (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO5
29. Matt Prysock (Fairfield Union) Senior – WI8
30. Jacob Petit (Archbishop Hoban) Junior – AL10
31. Nate Jackson (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CM8
32. Mason Cox (Fairland) Senior – CM9
33. Daniel Wirth (Beaver Local) Sophomore – CM10
34. Justice McCammick (St. Clairsville) Junior – CM11
35. Sebastian Chavez (Napoleon) Junior – NO6
36. Sammy Sosa (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO7
37. Jackson Meter (Defiance) Senior – NO8
38. Reilly Cipullo (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL11
39. Kade Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Freshman – WI9
40. Klevin Mici (Bay) Sophomore – NO9

Like 195, I went back and forth on who to pick at this weight between Stein and Shafer. Shafer was a freshman state placer at this weight two years ago, which is pretty rare to see. He was favored to win it all last year before stumbling in the state quarterfinals and then ultimately finishing in seventh place. Stein, who was a state qualifier last year at 195, has done very well in his move up to 220, beating Matlock and Walker this year. Stein vs Shafer could meet again next year in the state finals, as both are only juniors.

Alliance is very strong up top with three of the top four wrestlers and eight wrestlers in the top 16. Norwalk is also very strong, with four in the top nine, but does lack overall depth after that. Norwalk and Wilmington have the least wrestlers listed above, with nine each. A couple other names to watch are Miner (Lima Bath) at Norwalk and Tatman (Goshen) at Wilmington. Miner just recently beat Chavez, 3-0. Claymont lacks top end strength, but does have pretty good depth. Another name to watch there is Burress (Minerva), as he has a notable win over Wirth during state duals, 4-3.

- Projected Champion: Jack DelGarbino (Girard) Junior – AL1
2. Sean Lipscomb (Firelands) Senior – NO1
 3. Sam Mitchell (River View) Senior – CM1
 4. Tyler Ely (Steubenville) Senior – CM2
 5. Dan Kapalko (Canfield) Senior – AL2
 6. Lyle Clark (Claymont) Senior – CM3
 7. Travis Kuttler (Minerva) Senior – CM4
 8. Alex Leasure (Alliance) Senior – AL3
 9. Zach Thomas (Beaver Local) Senior – CM5
 10. Chris Julian (Warren Howland) Senior - AL4
 11. Grant Robinson (Bexley) Senior – CM6
 12. Mason Weldon (Galion) Senior – NO2
 13. Ambrose Adams (Lexington) Senior – NO3
 14. Lane Cluff (Hillsboro) Junior – WI1
 15. Cole Potts (Columbus DeSales) Sophomore – CM7
 16. Connor Franks (Tallmadge) Junior – AL5
 17. Matt Holman (CVCA) Sophomore – AL6
 18. Alex Sosa (Wauseon) Senior – NO4
 19. Austin Hindley (Woodridge) Senior – AL7
 20. Dane Black (Hebron Lakewood) Junior – CM8
 21. Brandon Lenhart (Fairfield Union) Senior WI3
 22. Alex White (Westfall) Senior – WI2
 23. Kyler Capizzi (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO5
 24. Brenan Knueve (Wapakoneta) Junior – NO6
 25. Jacob Jackson (Toledo C.C.) Sophomore – NO7
 26. Ryan Fox (East Liverpool) Senior – CM9
 27. Isaac Dumolt (Sheridan) Junior – CM10
 28. Brendan O’Doherty (Bay) Senior – NO8
 29. Jacob Hurst (West Branch) Sophomore – AL8
 30. Seth Bowman (Eaton) Junior – WI4
 31. Alex Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Sophomore – WI5
 32. Riley Brendle (Louisville) Junior – AL9
 33. Seth Huston (Celina) Junior – NO9
 34. Adam Neil (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL10
 35. Mason Copley (Aurora) Senior – AL11
 36. Patrick Miller (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – WI6
 37. Trent Wilson (Valley View) Senior – WI7
 38. Conner Barton (Wilmington) Senior – WI8
 39. Eli Cochran (Dayton C-J) Senior – WI9
 40. Tyler Congrove (Vinton County) – CM11

DelGarbino is very fun to watch for a heavyweight, as he moves very well and can put up points. The returning state placer can throw you and go upper-body like most heavyweights, but he can shoot unlike most other heavyweights. He is currently undefeated, but Girard doesn't wrestle in any of the major holiday tournaments. DelGarbino pinned Connolly (Marysville) and Kuttler (Minerva) at Top Gun on his way to capturing the title. He also pinned Bucknavich (Midview) at Solon. Lipscomb (Firelands) and returning state placer Mitchell (River View) seem to be DelGarbino's toughest challengers. I believe both have just one loss, which came to Division 1 foes. Lipscomb got pinned by Division 1 projected placer Cover (Hilliard Darby), while Mitchell lost to Hill (Bedford), 3-2.

Claymont is by far the toughest district at this weight. Claymont has four projected state placers, as well as six in the top 12, and 10 in the top 27. Another name to watch there is Rutledge (Carrollton). He pinned Hurst earlier in the season. Alliance is also very strong at this weight, with three projected state placers and four wrestlers in the Top 10. A couple other names to watch there are Cherevko (Marlington) and Adkins (Akron Springfield). Norwalk and Wilmington are not very strong at this weight, but I would tab Wilmington as the weakest district. Norwalk has one projected placer, while Wilmington has zero. A couple other names to watch at Norwalk are Grothjam (Lima Shawnee) and Schlegel (Defiance).

Division II Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	212	5	9	13
2	Wauseon	Indians	117	1	7	10
3	Canfield	Cardinals	95	2	6	6
4	CVCA	Royals	92	3	4	4
5	Akron SVSM	Fighting Irish	87	0	6	8
6	Claymont	Mustangs	73	0	6	9
7	Steubenville	Big Red	69	0	5	6
8	Lake Catholic	Cougars	56	0	4	4
9	Circleville	Tigers	53	1	3	3
10	Firelands	Falcons	37	1	2	2

DIVISION III

Defiance = DEF	Garfield Heights = GH
Heath = HE	Troy = TR

106

Projected Champion: Cole Skinner (Middletown Madison) Freshman – TR1

2. Wyatt Riddle (East Clinton) Sophomore – TR2
3. Casey Barnett (Milan Edison) Freshman – DEF1
4. Lucian Brink (Coshocton) Sophomore – HE1
5. Zack Mattin (Delta) Freshman – DEF2
6. Olivia Shore (Miami East) Freshman – TR3
7. Caleb Schroer (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR4
8. Tyler Davis (Oak Harbor) Freshman – DEF3
9. Collin Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Junior – HE2
10. Jacob Kuhlins (Tuslaw) Junior – GH1
11. Wilber Compress (Reading) Senior – TR5
12. Aidan McAlexander (Antwerp) Junior – DEF4
13. Brett Suzhay (Crestwood) Sophomore – GH2
14. Bryce Maynard (Eastwood) Freshman – DEF5
15. Deagan Foster (Waterloo) Sophomore – GH3
16. Luke Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR6
17. Gabe Sutton (Wayne Trace) Freshman – TR7
18. Kellan Anderson (Covington) Freshman – TR8
19. Kobe Epperly (Versailles) Freshman – TR9
20. Jayden Strickland (South Central) Freshman – DEF6
21. Kole Freeman (Hopewell- Loudon) Freshman – DEF7
22. Wil Blevins (SMCC) Sophomore – DEF8
23. Tayton Kleman (Bluffton) Freshman – TR10
24. Jordan Kennedy (Allen East) Sophomore – TR11
25. Teagan Hendricks (Greeneview) Freshman – TR12
26. Tristen McKee (Parkway) Senior – TR13
27. Cameron Henneman (Liberty Center) Junior – DEF9
28. Jeremy Fletcher (Huntington) Senior – TR14
29. Michael Prikryl (Rootstown) Freshman – GH4
30. Brandt Virden (Columbiana) Junior – GH5
31. Seth Unkefer (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH6
32. Cameron Haney (Arcanum) Freshman – TR15
33. Daniel Demma (Garrettsville Garfield) Junior – GH7
34. Jarrison Moore (Norwayne) Freshman – GH8

35. Josh Gibson (Rittman) Freshman – GH9
36. Dylan Martin (W. Salem Northwestern) Sophomore – GH10
37. Jon Polley (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore – HE3
38. Manny Hielman (Northmor) Senior – HE4
39. Josh Proper (Delaware Christian) Freshman – HE5
40. Corey Welsh (Genoa) Sophomore – DEF10

This weight was a lot tougher to pick a favorite than you may think. Skinner, a three-time junior high state champion, is the clear favorite if he wrestles, but I have heard that he may not be able to wrestle due to something regarding his homeschool program. I do not know if the info I received is good or if he will be able to get everything settled by next week, so I decided to leave him as my projected champ. If Skinner does not wrestle, I think any of the next three can win it all, but would slightly favor Riddle, a returning state runner-up last year while at Legacy Christian. I think Mattin is a year away from winning a state title, as he will likely be back down at 106 next year.

Troy is by far the toughest district at this weight. Troy is not only just tough at the top, but it also has tremendous depth. I think it's very likely that the southwest district gets four state placers regardless of who the qualifiers are. Defiance is also very strong at this weight, with three projected state placers. Garfield Heights lack strength at the top, with zero projected placers, but does have pretty good overall depth. Heath has the worst overall depth, with only five wrestlers listed above. A couple other names to watch there are Overly (Shenandoah) and Yager (Barnesville).

113

- Projected Champion: Oscar Sanchez (Genoa) Junior – DEF1
2. Ethan Turner (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR1
 3. Ray Adams (Milan Edison) Junior – DEF2
 4. Brandon Hahn (Eastwood) Freshman – DEF3
 5. Chase Caprella (Allen East) Sophomore – TR2
 6. Antonio Lecki (Milbury Lake) Sophomore – DEF4
 7. Cael Vanderhorst (Covington) Freshman – TR3
 8. Caleb Edwards (Rootstown) Freshman – GH1
 9. Gabe Meyer (Delta) Freshman – DEF5
 10. Austin Guthrie (Coshocton) Junior – HE1
 11. Dom Savoca (Crestwood) Junior – GH2
 12. Jacob Edwards (River Valley) Junior – TR4
 13. Jake Edelman (Pymatuning Valley) Sophomore – GH3
 14. Brayden Reynolds (Barnesville) Senior – HE2
 15. Marshall Niswonger (Caldwell) Junior – HE3
 16. Gavin Weaver (Newcomerstown) Sophomore – HE4

17. Joseph Bonfini (Bellaire) Sophomore – HE5
18. Trevor Huber (Versailles) Freshman – TR5
19. Trevor Meeker (Grand Valley) Freshman – GH4
20. Brian Chmielewski (Coldwater) Junior – TR6
21. Brandon Meade (Cuyahoga Hts.) Junior – GH5
22. Zach Lahood (Black River) Sophomore – GH6
23. Reece Mullholand (Carey) Sophomore – DEF6
24. Tyler Sandwisch (Woodmore) Senior – DEF7
25. Kyle Keenan (South Range) Junior – GH7
26. Joe Viront (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH8
27. Gabe Mathias (Waynedale) Freshman – GH9
28. Dylan Matthews (Liberty Center) Freshman – DEF8
29. Jackson Reineke (Hawken) Sophomore – GH10
30. Max Boaz (Cincinnati Country Day) Freshman – TR7
31. Colten Stewart (Akron Manchester) Junior – GH11
32. Hunter Frederick (Mapleton) Sophomore – GH12
33. Chase Mollenkamp (Liberty Union) Senior – HE6
34. Garrett Kowalak (Miami East) Freshman – TR8
35. Brayden Rittenhouse (West Muskingum) Sophomore – HE7
36. Duke McCombs (Southeastern Local) Freshman – TR9
37. Kyle Kinder (Northeastern) Junior – TR10
38. Garret Tilton (Middletown Madison) Freshman – TR11

Sanchez, last year's state champ at 106, seems like the clear favorite at this weight, a weight that includes a lot of the same wrestlers from that same weight class that Sanchez won. Sanchez won by convincing fashion in the state finals, 14-2, but did have a much closer match against Turner in the semi-finals; Sanchez won that match, 4-1. Turner wound up wrestling back to finish in third place after losing to Sanchez. Turner has been up at 120 so far this season, but I hear it's likely he ends up here. Sanchez and Turner both meet seeding criteria.

Defiance is very strong at the top with four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top nine. Garfield Heights or Heath are probably the weakest districts. Garfield Heights is not very strong up top, but that has been a recent trend for 106 and 113 at the northeast district. The district's strength could hinder on which Savoca we see. He wrestled very well the opening month of the season, but has struggled the last month or so. He got pinned by Meeker in 45 seconds, a result I'm not really sure how to comprehend. Savoca then lost to Kline (Rootstown), 8-2. Kline is technically Edwards' backup and will man the 120 spot for the Rovers. Heath is not very strong at the top, but does have good depth and seems to have the classic "five for four" situation. With how crowded 113 has become at Heath, I think we could someone move up to 120.

120

- Projected Champion: Graham Shore (Miami East) Senior – TR1
2. Dylan Burns (Milan Edison) Senior – DEF1
 3. Cameron Dickman (Oak Harbor) Junior – DEF2
 4. Clay Eagle (Ashland Crestview) Senior – DEF3
 5. Tyler Bauer (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR2
 6. Carter Wolf (Marion Pleasant) Senior – HE1
 7. Jake White (Akron Manchester) Sophomore – GH1
 8. Skylar Davis (Fredericktown) Senior – HE2
 9. Darion Tracy (Ayersville) Senior – DEF4
 10. Drake Carmean (Allen East) Freshman – TR3
 11. Zack Schaller (Swanton) Junior – DEF5
 12. Jacob Poling (Versailles) Junior – TR4
 13. Hayden Johnson (Richmond Edison) Sophomore – HE3
 14. Brian Palmer (Buckeye Local) Freshman – HE4
 15. Storm Stanley (Waynedale) Freshman – GH2
 16. Robert Pinkie (Lutheran West) Junior – GH3
 17. J.P. Hlifka (Hawken) Senior – GH4
 18. Austin Amens (Northmor) Sophomore – HE5
 19. Daniel Forbes (Loudonville) Senior – GH5
 20. Josh Ondash (Crestwood) Sophomore – GH6
 21. Andrew Wenzel (Tuslaw) Junior – GH7
 22. Cooper Hemming (Sandy Valley) Senior – HE6
 23. Lane McCombs (S.C. Southeastern) Junior – TR5
 24. Shawn Knight (Chill. Southeastern) Senior – TR6
 25. Trey Sander (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR7
 26. Mason Kline (Rootstown) Freshman – GH8
 27. Blake Rising (Mapleton) Sophomore – GH9
 28. Andy Hinojosa (Tinora) Senior – DEF6
 29. Silas Gray (Adena) Senior – TR8
 30. Lucas Warner (Milbury Lake) Sophomore – DEF7
 31. Dino Donaldson (Van Buren) Freshman – DEF8
 32. Jordan Mudel (Paulding) Sophomore – DEF9
 33. William Campbell (Pymatuning Valley) Sophomore – GH10
 34. Peyton Brown (Milton-Union) Sophomore – TR9
 35. Konnor Duncan (Kirtland) Junior – GH11
 36. Preston Browning (Parkway) Freshman – TR10

This weight seemed to be likely occupied by Hoskins, but he has decided to stay at 126 from what I hear. I think we could see a dropper or two from 126, maybe someone like Sanchez or Mattin. Sanchez would have clear motivation to get down here, as he beat Shore last year in the state semi-finals. If we do not see any droppers, then I think Shore is the clear favorite. The

future Air Force Falcon and three-time state placer has some very notable wins this year. He beat the returning Division 1 third place finisher Heil (Brunswick), 13-5, and also has a couple wins over Turner (Troy Christian). He has beaten Turner by tech fall and major decision; Turner also finished third at his respective weight class in Division 3. Burns, a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer, seems to be the top contender here. He recently beat the 113 pound projected state champ Sanchez, 7-2, a couple weeks ago at the SMCC Duals.

Defiance is clearly the toughest district at this weight, with three of the top four wrestlers and five in the top 11. The other three districts are all pretty much evenly balanced, but I would tab Garfield Heights or Heath as the weakest district. Heath is a little tougher up top, but Garfield Heights has the better overall depth. Heath's depth could be boosted if returning state placer Patterson (Ridgedale) makes it back for sectionals, but I hear it's unlikely that we see him at sectionals.

126

Projected Champion: Tommy Hoskins (Legacy Christian) Senior – TR1

2. Julian Sanchez (Genoa) Junior – DEF1
3. Cole Mattin (Delta) Junior – DEF2
4. Zach Larue (Akron Manchester) Junior – GH1
5. Logan Hursey (Newcomerstown) Freshman – HE1
6. Klay Reeves (Johnstown Northridge) Junior – HE2
7. Seth Majewski (Brooklyn) Junior – GH2
8. Trevor Schaller (Swanton) Senior – DEF3
9. Dakota Blanton (Ashland Crestview) Junior – DEF4
10. Kaleb Nickels (Miami East) Sophomore – TR2
11. Matthew Dewitz (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – DEF5
12. Jordan Bowers (Tinora) Senior – DEF6
13. Gavin Ramos (Northmor) Sophomore – HE3
14. Isaac Hernandez (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR3
15. Devan Hendricks (Greeneview) Junior – TR4
16. Jackson Hugentobler (Madeira) Junior – TR5
17. Noah Campbell (Pyamtuning Valley) Junior – GH3
18. Cael Bey (Versailles) Sophomore – TR6
19. Joey Buckland (West Jefferson) Junior – HE4
20. Levi Pemberton (Caldwell) Senior – HE5
21. Ryan Woodring (Paulding) Senior – DEF7
22. Jamie Viront (Tuslaw) Junior – GH4
23. Mike Kucera (Independence) Junior – GH5
24. Cory Stiffler (Orrville) Freshman – GH6
25. Jaden Varner (Waynedale) Freshman – GH7
26. Donnell Marshall (Centerburg) Freshman – HE6

27. Ryley Crall (Union Local) Junior – HE7
28. Clayton Moore (Bellaire) Sophomore – HE8
29. David Garcia (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – DEF8
30. Wil Roth (SMCC) Junior – DEF9
31. Tyler Wilson (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – GH8
32. Derek Houser (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH9
33. Ethin Hoffman (Arcanum) Junior – TR7
34. Kade Boggs (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR8
35. Sam Patterson (Clermont Northeastern) Junior – TR9
36. Dylan Ward (Smithville) Junior – GH10
37. Riley Richards (Covington) Junior – TR10

Hoskins is looking to become the 30th four-time state champion in Ohio history. The Oklahoma Sooner commit missed the first half of the season due to injury, but seems to be getting back to his old self. He will definitely be challenged, as I think this could be the toughest 126 pound weight class amongst all of the divisions. Mattin has wins over the projected Division 1 champ and runner-up, Burnett and DiSabato, but does have a loss to Sanchez. Hoskins beat Sanchez in last year's state final, 8-3. Hoskins and Sanchez both meet seeding criteria, so if Sanchez wins the northwest district over Mattin, then Hoskins and Mattin will likely be on the same side. If Mattin wins the district, then that would essentially make it a blind draw.

Defiance looks very strong at this weight, with three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 12. This seems like another weight where Garfield Heights doesn't look very strong. 132 is a little deeper at Garfield Heights, so I wouldn't be surprised if we a wrestler or two drop. This has been one of the deeper weights all season in Division 3, which is why I think anyone in the Top 35 has the ability qualify for Columbus.

132

- Projected Champion: Dylan D'Emilio (Genoa) Junior – DEF1
2. Jacob Edwards (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1
 3. Niko Chilson (Rootstown) Junior – GH1
 4. Peyton Lane (National Trail) Sophomore – TR2
 5. Daniel Price (Mohawk) Senior – DEF2
 6. Mason Kuneff (Bridgeport) Junior – HE1
 7. Deuce Brown (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR3
 8. Noah Inboden (Nelsonville-York) Sophomore – HE2
 9. Parker Watson (Lutheran West) Junior – GH2
 10. Preston Platfoot (Versailles) Senior – TR4
 11. Aaron Kitts (Northmor) Senior – HE3
 12. Connor Brennan (Tuslaw) Senior – GH3
 13. Gage Pachlhofer (Swanton) Junior – DEF3

14. Andrew Zarins (Brooklyn) Senior – GH4
15. David Patterson (North Baltimore) Junior – DEF4
16. Dustin Robins (Reading) Senior – TR5
17. James Torres (Richmond Edison) Junior – HE4
18. Zach Rocha (Archbold) Junior – DEF5
19. Jacob Martz (Collins W.R.) Junior – DEF6
20. Andrew Knaup (West Muskingum) Sophomore – HE5
21. Steve Ferguson (Elyria Catholic) Junior – GH5
22. Tad Janson (Oak Harbor) Junior – DEF7
23. Nick Miller (North Union) Senior – HE6
24. Logan Mudel (Paulding) Senior – DEF8
25. Tyler Wilfong (Wellington) Senior – GH6
26. Johnny Schmirmer (Blanchester) Sophomore – TR6
27. Christopher Martin (Sherwood Fairview) Freshman – DEF9
28. Ryan Staton (Jackson- Milton) Sophomore – GH7
29. Trey Wonner (Columbiana Crestview) Junior – GH8
30. Bryce Farrabee (Barnesville) Sophomore – HE7
31. Blake Barrick (Coshocton) Junior – HE8
32. Nick Cianciola (Canton C.C.) Junior – GH9
33. Trent Werner (Milan Edison) Senior – DEF10
34. Ben Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR7
35. Maguire Vollmar (Liberty Center) Sophomore – DEF11
36. Justin Sigler (Coldwater) Senior – TR8
37. Kollen Butler (Orrville) Sophomore – GH10
38. Ezra Wallace (Williamsburg) Junior – TR9

D’Emilio is currently on pace to win four state titles, as he has already won two state titles in as many years. D’Emilio is currently undefeated, but he unfortunately did not wrestle at Ironman, where he has taken a few blemishes on his record the past couple seasons. D’Emilio, who is bumping up three weight classes from last year, had a very close bout with returning state champ Fields (Brunswick), 3-1, in overtime at Medina. Edwards and Chilson are the top contenders here and I think they’re in their own tier. D’Emilio and Edwards both meet seeding criteria, but that still means Chilson would have a 50/50 chance of being placed on either side.

The southwest district is very strong here. Troy has three projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 15. I think all the districts have pretty good depth, but I would have to tab Heath or Garfield Heights as the weakest. Heath is a lot deeper at 138, so I wouldn’t be surprised if we see a wrestler or two drop down to this weight. Defiance will be getting a boost in depth, as it seems Pachthofer will be making his way down from 145.

- Projected Champion: Alex Isbrandt (Miami East) Senior – TR1
2. Jared Ford (Troy Christian) Senior – TR2
 3. Dusty Morgillo (Genoa) Sophomore – DEF1
 4. Nick Burgard (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH1
 5. Jordan Keegan (Milan Edison) Junior – DEF2
 6. Noah Saunders (Swanton) Senior – DEF3
 7. Brier Marthey (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH2
 8. Jacob Hahn (Eastwood) Senior – DEF4
 9. Max Neiling (Patrick Henry) Senior – DEF5
 10. Dallas Scott (Centerburg) Senior – HE1
 11. Travis Howard (Preble Shawnee) Freshman – TR3
 12. Drew Price (Middletown Madison) Senior – TR4
 13. Cael Rowland (W. Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH3
 14. King Seyou (VASJ) Senior – GH4
 15. Trent Duvall (Rootstown) Junior – GH5
 16. Evan Hostetler (Waynedale) Senior – GH6
 17. Colton Robins (Reading) Junior – TR5
 18. Donovan Palmer (Lutheran West) Freshman – GH7
 19. Daulton Metheney (Waterloo) Senior – GH8
 20. Darry Endicott (Lakota) Junior – DEF6
 21. Lucas Freeman (Allen East) Senior – TR6
 22. Jordan Hinegardner (Lima C.C.) Junior – TR7
 23. Carter Winegardner (West Muskingum) Sophomore – HE2
 24. David Chapman (Crooksville) Freshman – HE3
 25. Brian Heller (Nelsonville-York) Senior – HE4
 26. Brennan Short (Archbold) Sophomore – DEF7
 27. Clayton Baglia (Chippewa) Junior – GH9
 28. Austin Grover (Liberty Union) Senior – HE5
 29. Wayne Frey (Riverdale) Senior – DEF8
 30. Teryn DeBold (Seneca East) Junior – DEF9
 31. Kyle Wuebker (Versailles) Senior – TR8
 32. Brady Crum (Union Local) Freshman – HE6
 33. Dylan Glotfelty (Barnesville) Junior – HE7
 34. Collin Wiley (Caldwell) Sophomore – HE8
 35. Jacob Newell (Sandy Valley) Junior – HE9
 36. Julian Brown (Newark Catholic) Junior – HE10
 37. Jarrod Malkus (Berkshire) Junior – GH10
 38. Bailey Glavich (Collins W.R.) Junior – DEF10

Isbrandt, a returning state runner-up and Findlay commit, is the slight favorite after beating Ford, 3-1, a few weeks ago at Lima Central Catholic. Ford was fifth last year at this weight,

where he beat the 145-pound projected state champ Becker last year in the placement match. I thought in December that we could see Ford move to 145, but that doesn't seem very likely now. This has been one of the deeper weights all season in Division 3. I wouldn't be surprised with anyone in the Top 25 reaching the podium in Columbus.

Troy is very strong at the top obviously, with the top two wrestlers exiting from the southwest. That being said, I would tab Defiance as the strongest district overall. Defiance has four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top nine. As I mentioned at 132, this is one of the deeper weights at Heath, so I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few kids move out of this weight class. This is also one of the deeper weights at Garfield Heights, as the northeast district has eight wrestlers in the top 19. Another name to watch there is Szuhay (Crestwood).

145

- Projected Champion: Conan Becker (Northmor) Senior – HE1
2. Logan Kissell (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH1
 3. Gavin Grime (Archbold) Senior – DEF1
 4. Hugo Villarreal (Gibsonburg) Senior – DEF2
 5. Joey Caprella (Lima C.C.) Junior – TR1
 6. Chase Sumner (Ada) Senior – TR2
 7. Zane Strubler (Miami East) Senior – TR3
 8. Andrew Hardenbrook (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH2
 9. Brennan Shirley (Tuslaw) Junior – GH3
 10. Austin Eick (Rossford) Senior – DEF3
 11. Nate Vasquez (Fremont St. Joseph) Senior – DEF4
 12. Henry Danishek (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR4
 13. Dawson Swicegood (Delta) Junior – DEF5
 14. Dylan Schenck (Milton-Union) Junior – TR5
 15. Jack Brocco (Independence) Junior – GH4
 16. Mason Wright (Wellington) Senior – GH5
 17. Tyler Jenkins (Rootstown) Senior – GH6
 18. Issia Johnson (Reading) Senior – TR6
 19. Tyler Kay (Liberty Center) Junior – DEF6
 20. Wyatt Miller (Oak Harbor) Freshman – DEF7
 21. Austin Awan (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR7
 22. Andrew Halko (Bishop Ready) Junior – HE2
 23. Wyatt Zimmerman (Orrville) Sophomore – GH7
 24. Chandler Keener (Smithville) Freshman – GH8
 25. Jarrett Varner (Waynedale) Junior – GH9
 26. Justen Anderson (Wellston) Junior – TR8
 27. Zach Ramsier (Rittman) Junior – GH10
 28. Hunter Gilbert (Belpre) Junior – HE3

29. Mike Weston (Newbury) Senior – GH11
30. Carl Ramser (Brooklyn) Junior – GH12
31. Andrew Muir (Genoa) Senior – DEF8
32. Jake Feist (W. Salem Northwestern) Sophomore – GH13
33. Brendan Love (Elmwood) Senior – DEF9
34. Miciah Ankney (Hicksville) Junior – DEF10
35. Zane Jankowski (Eastwood) Junior – DEF11

This is definitely one of the deeper weights in Division 3. I went back and forth on who to pick between Becker and Kissell. Becker, a two-time state placer, beat eventual state champ Rhine (Mechanicsburg) last year in the regular season. Rhine won the same weight class that Kissell was in, which is ultimately why I chose Becker. Kissell, a three-time state placer and Campbell commit, has a notable win over returning Division 1 state qualifier Anderson (Oregon Clay), 8-0, at Solon. An important thing to remember is that Becker and Kissell both meet seeding criteria.

Troy is very strong at this weight class and could get even stronger. The southwest district already has three projected state placers, but I heard early in the season that returning state placer Lefker would be dropping from 152 to 145. I have yet to see Lefker make 145, so I kept him at 152; he would be a spot higher at this weight compared to 152. Defiance is also very strong, with five wrestlers in the top 13. It seems Pachlhofer (Swanton) and Swicegood (Delta) will be dropping down to 132 and 138 for at least their conference tournament. I decided to leave Swicegood here, as 138 looks much deeper at the northwest district. This weight also seems wide open at Heath, as the district only has three wrestlers listed above. A handful of other names to watch there are Heatherington (Bellaire), Woods (Barnesville), Sanders (Newcomerstown), McManus (Marion Pleasant), and Patterson (Ridgedale).

- Projected Champion: Kevin Contos (Genoa) Sophomore – DEF1
2. Gavin Stika (Norwayne) Senior – GH1
 3. Chase Moore (Swanton) Senior – DEF2
 4. David Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John) Sophomore – GH2
 5. Dillon Walker (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR1
 6. Conor Becker (Northmor) Sophomore – HE1
 7. Kyle Ryder (Tuslaw) Junior – GH3
 8. Wyatt Lefker (Williamsburg) Senior – TR2
 9. Beau Lefever (Mapleton) Junior – GH4
 10. Collin Mancuso (Milan Edison) Senior – DEF3
 11. Carlton Roberts (Rossford) Sophomore – DEF4
 12. Trenton Mathew (Smithville) Senior – GH5
 13. Ryan Finney (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH6
 14. Billy Luft (Newark Catholic) Junior – HE2
 15. Keringten Martin (Covington) Junior – TR3
 16. Hayden Pummel (Indian Lake) Freshman – TR4
 17. Drew Combs (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR5
 18. Trevor Franks (Lakota) Sophomore – DEF5
 19. Travis Ferguson (Miami East) Senior – TR6
 20. Garrett Mapes (Oak Harbor) Senior – DEF6
 21. Tyler Ludwig (Van Buren) Senior – DEF7
 22. Tanner Rauch (Liberty Center) Senior – DEF8
 23. Colton Soles (Archbold) Senior – DEF9
 24. James Badial- Luna (Bluffton) Senior – TR7
 25. Matt Hall (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR8
 26. Seth Cade (Richmond Edison) Senior – HE3
 27. Jeremiah Dobbins (River Valley) Senior – TR9
 28. Josh Fink (Coldwater) Junior – TR10
 29. Dalton Metzger (Adena) Sophomore – TR11
 30. Clayton Schirmer (Blanchester) Junior – TR12
 31. Sam Meyer (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – DEF10
 32. Rico Lopez (Mohawk) Senior – DEF11
 33. D.J. Slone (Willard) Sophomore - DEF12
 34. Nick Skye (Mogadore) Freshman – GH7
 35. Tommy Carson (Crestwood) Senior – GH8
 36. Justin Cole (Milbury Lake) Junior – DEF13
 37. Mark Woodard (West Jefferson) Senior – HE4
 38. Colton Meek (Newcomerstown) Freshman – HE5
 39. Tyler Ramage (Collins W.R.) Sophomore – DEF14
 40. John Cline (East Clinton) Sophomore – TR13

This is another weight where I went back and forth on who to pick between Contos and Stika. Contos transferred in the fall from Oregon Clay, where he was a Division 1 state placer at this weight. He has wrestled a shortened schedule due to transferring, but does have a notable win over Ryder, 7-2, last weekend in Columbus. Stika, a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer, will be trying to extend Norwayne's consecutive state champ streak to four. Kollin Moore won Norwayne's first state title in 2015 and that was followed up by Zach Steiner's consecutive titles in 2016 and 2017.

This is one of the tougher weights at Garfield Heights, especially at the top, as the northeast district has three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 13. Heath is definitely the weakest district here, with only four wrestlers mentioned above. I would suggest 145 at Heath over 152, if anyone is considering both weight classes. A couple other names to watch there are Bruce (Nelsonville-York), and Stanley (Grandview Heights).

160

Projected Champion: Colt Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Senior – HE1

2. James Limongi (Genoa) Junior – DEF1
3. Forest Belli (Johnstown Northridge) Senior – HE2
4. Grant Goecke (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR1
5. Dylan Knotts (Indian Lake) Senior – TR2
6. Parker Brown (Mohawk) Senior – DEF2
7. Jesse Mitchell (S.C. Southeastern) Senior – TR3
8. Chris Anderson (Rootstown) Freshman – GH1
9. Sevi Garza (Rittman) Freshman – GH2
10. Santino Kusic (Bridegport) Junior – HE3
11. Ryan Marvin (Swanton) Junior – DEF3
12. Seth Obringer (Coldwater) Senior – TR4
13. Christian Blank (Ashtabula St. John) Junior – GH3
14. Brylan Clouse (Barnesville) Junior – HE4
15. Gavin Davis (Loudonville) Sophomore – GH4
16. Stephen Skeens (Tuslaw) Senior – GH5
17. Brady Jaso (Gibsonburg) Junior – DEF4
18. Ty Hussar (Rossford) Senior – DEF5
19. Derick Duvall (W. Salem Northwestern) Senior – GH6
20. Austin Grubb (Montpelier) Senior – DEF6
21. Tony Martinez (Northmor) Senior – HE5
22. Connor Hrubik (Garrettsville Garfield) Sophomore – GH7
23. Jimmy McClellan (Berkshire) Senior – GH8
24. Devin Olige (Middletown Madison) Freshman – TR5
25. Nick Rossi (Independence) Junior – GH9
26. Logan Penix (Mogadore) Junior – GH10

27. Clayton Takacs (Grand Valley) Junior – GH11
28. Zion Matlock (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – GH12
29. Brendan Graves (Adena) Senior – TR6
30. Johnny Chambers (Newbury) Senior – GH13
31. Joe Stoll (Milan Edison) Sophomore – DEF7
32. Max Lemon (Waynedale) Junior – GH14
33. Dalton Abfall (Mapleton) Senior – GH15
34. Deonte Davis (Cory-Rawson) Sophomore – TR7
35. Tim Mayer (Tinora) Sophomore – DEF8
36. Dakota Oswalt (Ayersville) Sophomore – DEF9
37. Larkin Welbaum (Milton-Union) Senior – TR8
38. Jared Wyatt (Smithville) Senior – GH16
39. Tristan Bush (Johnstown- Monroe) Junior – HE6
40. Eric Weber (River Valley) Junior – TR9

It's crazy to me to think that Yinger has yet to capture a state crown. The future Ohio Bobcat is a returning state runner-up and two-time state placer. He transferred last year to Mechanicsburg, but has decided to come back home to Nelsonville-York. Yinger was upset in last year's state finals by the 170-pound projected state champ Lagoa. Yinger's road won't be easy, as the top contender is defending state champion Limongi. Limongi won a wide open 160-pound weight class last year, after moving up to 160 for the latter half of the season. Yinger and Limongi both meet seeding criteria. After returning state placer Belli, I see this weight being wide open as far as placement goes. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 20 reaches the podium in Columbus.

It's tough to choose which districts are the toughest or the weakest here, as all four are pretty balanced. Troy is very strong at the top, with three projected state placers. Heath is also very strong at the top with two of the top three wrestlers exiting there, but it does lack good overall depth. Garfield Heights has only one projected state placer, but this is definitely one of the deepest weights there. The northeast district has 15 wrestlers in the top 33. Defiance has two projected state placers and possible sleeper Marvin exiting there. Marvin just recently beat Ryder, 6-1, when Ryder bumped up to 160 last weekend in Columbus. I also hear that Brown (Ayersville) and Rhamy (Patrick Henry) could drop from 170 at Defiance.

- Projected Champion: Jacob Lagoa (Ashtabula St. John) Sophomore – GH1
2. Riley Smucker (Smithville) Senior – GH2
 3. Brad Mendoza (Gibsonburg) Junior – DEF1
 4. Tyler Speelman (Nelsonville-York) Senior – HE1
 5. Connor Kwiat (Tiffin Calvert) Senior – DEF2
 6. Seth Henderson (MVCA) Junior – TR1
 7. Nick Mroczynski (Independence) Senior – GH3
 8. Seth Moore (Genoa) Senior – DEF3
 9. Jackson Dunn (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – HE2
 10. J.D. Osborn (Delta) Junior – DEF4
 11. Ethan Pappas (Richmond Edison) Freshman – HE3
 12. Kaden Kidd (Norwayne) Freshman – GH4
 13. Danny Rosales (Ottawa-Glandorf) Junior – TR2
 14. Owen Holtke (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR3
 15. Garrett Wright (Elmwood) Junior – DEF5
 16. Jacob Brewer (Milan Edison) Sophomore – DEF6
 17. Dustin Knapp (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR4
 18. Kasyn Schaffner (Archbold) Junior – DEF7
 19. Richie Stalnaker (Newark Catholic) Senior – HE4
 20. Jacob Weilnau (SMCC) Senior – DEF8
 21. Jacob Emerine (Van Buren) Senior – DEF9
 22. Doug Byrne (Wickliffe) Junior – GH5
 23. Hunter Showalter (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR5
 24. Tyler Gigandet (Versailles) Junior – TR6
 25. Mitchell Reisinger (Swanton) Senior – DEF10
 26. Frank Rupert (Columbiana) Senior – GH6
 27. Caden Brown (Ayersville) Sophomore – DEF11
 28. TJ Rhamy (Patrick Henry) Sophomore – DEF12
 29. Craig Montgomery (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR7
 30. Cade Rogers (Ashland Crestview) Senior – DEF13
 31. Kaleb Leeth (Mohawk) Freshman – DEF14
 32. Austin Cole (Northwood) Sophomore – DEF15
 33. Nathan Shaw (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH7
 34. Ethan Knapke (Lehman Catholic) Junior – TR8
 35. Kellen Calhoun (Bethel) Senior – TR9
 36. Michael McKale (Newbury) Junior – GH8
 37. Mouad Elouaddi (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH9
 38. Cameron Svarda (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR10

Lagoa, a returning freshman state champ, will look to stay on pace for four state titles. Like I mentioned at 160, Lagoa upset Yinger in the state finals last year, 6-3. It was tough choosing the

top contender behind Lagoa between Smucker and Mendoza. Smucker, who finished fourth last year at 152, missed the first half of the season due to injury, but has returned. The other Mendoza is a returning state semi-finalist and fifth place finisher at this weight class. Lagoa is the only wrestler that meets criteria, but since Smucker is exiting the same district, its likely Smucker will be on the opposite side in Columbus.

Garfield Heights and Defiance are both very strong, with each having three projected state placers respectively. Defiance definitely gets the label as the toughest district, as the northwest district has 15 of the top 31 wrestlers. Troy and Heath are not very strong at this weight, but Troy has the better depth. Heath has only four wrestlers listed above, so another name to watch there is McFarland (Martins Ferry).

182

Projected Champion: Logan Stanley (Waynedale) Senior – GH1

2. Daniel Beemer (Ottawa-Glandorf) Senior – TR1
3. Sam Stoll (Milan Edison) Senior – DEF1
4. Chris Langguth (Rootstown) Junior – GH2
5. Connor Dixon (Indian Lake) Senior – TR2
6. Tanner May (Carey) Sophomore – DEF2
7. Wil Morrow (Patrick Henry) Sophomore – DEF3
8. Garrett Neth (Allen East) Sophomore – TR3
9. Xavier Beach (Genoa) Senior – DEF4
10. Damon Beatty (Troy Christian) Senior – TR4
11. Cameron Vanbrunt (Orrville) Senior – GH3
12. Jake Loar (Tuslaw) Junior – GH4
13. Dakota Stratton (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH5
14. Kaleb Merrick-Neff (Youngstown Liberty) Junior – GH6
15. Cole Hurd (Waterloo) Senior – GH7
16. Aidan Loveridge (Riverdale) Senior – DEF5
17. Dedric Isaac (Rittman) Senior – GH8
18. Garrett Duncan (Bridgeport) Senior – HE1
19. Zach Hazlett (Grand Valley) Senior – GH9
20. Tyler Echler (Liberty Center) Junior – DEF6
21. Drake Dobson (Martins Ferry) Junior – HE2
22. Brice Berger (Danville) Senior – HE3
23. Bryce Randall (Brookfield) Senior – GH10
24. Nick Scarl (Jackson- Milton) Senior – GH11
25. Anthony Czap (South Range) Sophomore – GH12
26. Mason Babcock (Archbold) Sophomore – DEF7
27. Adrian Simonin (Paulding) Senior – DEF8
28. Peter Magsig (Woodmore) Senior – DEF9

29. Matt Welker (Miami East) Junior – TR5
30. Jacob LaPlante (Rossford) Senior – DEF10
31. Chris Cox-Wilson (North Union) Junior – HE4
32. Colton Snyder (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – HE5
33. Trent Phoenix (Carey) Sophomore – DEF15
34. Jordan Krucek (Cuyahoga Hts.) Junior – GH13
35. Mo Natsheh (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – DEF11
36. Chris Hughes (Ashland Crestview) Senior –DEF12

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Columbus, but Stanley seems like the obvious pick here. Returning state placer Stanley is currently undefeated and beat returning Division 1 state placer Wokojance, 13-1, earlier in the season. I see any on the next three guys as Stanley’s toughest challengers. Beemer and Stoll finished in fourth and seventh place last year at 195, while Langguth took sixth place at 170 respectively. Langguth and Stoll have met three times already this season, with Langguth leading the series, 2-1. Stanley is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, but it’s likely that Langguth will be on the opposite side since both exit the same district.

Garfield Heights is strong up top with two of the top four wrestlers. The northeast district is also very deep at this weight and just got even deeper recently, when 2016 state qualifier Isaac dropped from 195. Isaac has been up at 220 the last two post-seasons, so I’m not really sure where to place him. Defiance and Troy are also very strong up top, with three projected state placers each, but Defiance has the much better depth of the two, with 10 wrestlers in the Top 30. Troy only has five wrestlers listed above, so a few other names to watch there are Stoops (Cory-Rawson), Brown (Middletown Madison) and Wieging (Delphos St. John’s). Heath is obviously the weakest district at this weight, with only five wrestlers listed above. A couple other names to watch there are Jackson (Barnesville) and Wilson (West Jefferson).

195

Projected Champion: Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE1

2. Ryan Boyle (Rootstown) Junior – GH1
3. Nick Shephard (Fairless) Senior – GH2
4. Hudson Jump (Grandview Hts.) Junior – HE2
5. Dylan Hinton (Elmwood) Senior – DEF1
6. Dylan Rogers (Delta) Senior – DEF2
7. Deandre Nassar (Bluffton) Junior – TR1
8. Landon Talbert (Columbiana Crestview) Senior – GH3
9. Jacob Campbell (Black River) Senior – GH4
10. Colton Campbell (Ashland Crestview) Senior – DEF3
11. Josh Pearson (Columbus Academy) Senior – HE3
12. Ty Straits (Waynedale) Senior – GH5

13. Jacob Sage (Oak Harbor) Junior – DEF4
14. Zach Banks (Middletown Madison) Senior – TR2
15. C.J. Novotny (Crestwood) Senior – GH6
16. Cole Mefford (Indian Lake) Senior – TR3
17. Mitch Sanders (Newbury) Sophomore – GH7
18. Seth Welch (Eastwood) Senior – DEF5
19. Micah Ritter (Edgerton) Junior – DEF6
20. Jackson Hart (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – DEF7
21. Crew Oberheim (Swanton) Senior – DEF8
22. Major Stratton (West Liberty Salem) Senior – TR4
23. Kira Kirjauskas (VASJ) Junior – GH8
24. Brian Martin (Genoa) Junior – DEF9
25. Luke Clymer (Independence) Sophomore – GH9
26. Justin Eyler (Brookville) Senior – TR5
27. Gage Kerrigan (Covington) Junior – TR6
28. John Mason-Neer (Milan Edison) Senior – DEF10
29. Caden Coleman (Mechanicsburg) Freshman – TR7
30. Gibson Burkholder (Archbold) Junior – DEF11
31. Hunter Miles (Ayersville) Senior – DEF12
32. Tche Leroux (Monroeville) Junior – DEF13
33. Dakota Sargeant (Columbus Grove) Sophomore – TR8
34. Isaac Grilliot (Versailles) Sophomore – TR9
35. Hunter Haws (Liberty Benton) Senior – DEF14
36. James Clouse (Mohawk) Freshman – DEF15

Last year I thought 195 was tougher in Division 3 compared to the other divisions - I think that this may be the case once again. Hoover, a Northern Illinois commit, returns to this weight for the third consecutive season. He was third last year after finishing as a state runner-up the year prior, but it seemed like Hoover's apparent leg injury was hindering his abilities. I think whoever wins the Garfield Heights district is Hoover's toughest challenger, whether that is Boyle or Shephard. Boyle, a returning fourth place state finisher at 220, just recently cut down to 195 a couple weeks ago for state duals and I hear it's likely he stays at 195. Shephard is currently undefeated, with his most notable win coming over projected Division 1 state placer Clemson (Canton McKinley). Although I think Boyle and Shephard are Hoover's toughest competition, I wouldn't be surprised if he anyone in the top six reaches the state finals.

Garfield Heights is very strong at the weight class, with three projected state placers and seven wrestlers in the top 17. Defiance is by far the deepest district overall, with 15 wrestlers listed above. Another name to watch there is Martin (Seneca East). He was ranked all season, but has taken a quite a few losses lately. Heath is very strong up top, with three wrestlers in the top 11, but does lack overall depth. Heath is much stronger at 220, so I wouldn't be surprised if we see a couple wrestlers drop down. A few other names to watch there are Speakman (West Jefferson), Sanders (Newcomerstown), and Opperman (Liberty Union). I would probably tab Troy as the weakest district here, especially now that DeHart (Versailles) is not wrestling.

Projected Champion: Gage Willis (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH1

2. Paul Skye (Mogadore) Senior – GH2
3. Chris Kuhn (SMCC) Senior – DEF1
4. Caleb Carpenter (Liberty Center) Junior – DEF2
5. Crawford Hamrick (Tuslaw) Senior – GH3
6. Donovan McCollister (Nelsonville-York) Junior – HE1
7. Noah Price (Fremont St. Joseph C.C.) Junior – DEF3
8. Sam Auble (Orrville) Senior – GH4
9. River Pappas (Richmond Edison) Junior – HE2
10. Seth Bailey (Plymouth) Senior – DEF4
11. Brenden Dalton (Miami East) Junior – TR1
12. Dalton Richard (Delta) Junior – DEF5
13. Zach Meade (Barnesville) Junior – HE3
14. Ryan Thompson (New Middletown Springfield) Senior – GH5
15. Nick Baker (Troy Christian) Junior – TR2
16. Dalton Rice (Shenandoah) Junior – HE4
17. Kevin Cuervo (Steubenville C.C.) Senior – HE5
18. Keith Wilson (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE6
19. Jamie Baisden (Marion Pleasant) Senior – HE7
20. Dylan Sargeant (Columbus Grove) Sophomore – TR3
21. Ty Stevenson (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR4
22. Greg Wilson (Swanton) Senior – DEF6
23. Bradley Lewis (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR5
24. Spencer Martin (Tinora) Senior – DEF7
25. Travis Degler-Meade (Ayersville) Junior – DEF8
26. Trevor Short (Archbold) Senior – DEF9
27. Nick Theis (Mohawk) Senior – DEF10
28. Will Bechstein (Elmwood) Sophomore – DEF11
29. Seth Johnson (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – HE8
30. Seth Allyn (Heath) Senior – HE9
31. Dylan Wilson (Danville) Junior – HE10
32. Andrew Moore (Chill. Southeastern) Junior – TR6
33. Brent Elchert (Tiffin Calvert) Junior – DEF12
34. Brice Markel (McComb) Junior – DEF13
35. Montgomery Walls (Monroeville) Junior – DEF14
36. Tyler Cooper (Mount Gilead) Senior – HE11

Willis is the obvious favorite here, but I do see him being challenged along the way. The future Edinboro Fighting Scott went undefeated last year and captured the 195-pound state crown. Willis was a state finalist the year before as well, when he finished as a state runner-up at 182. Willis is currently undefeated once again this season and sports an 80-match win streak, dating

back to last year. It seems Willis is still growing and it's likely he wrestles heavyweight at the next level. Willis is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, but Skye and Willis both exit Garfield Heights, so it's likely they will be on opposite sides in Columbus.

Garfield Heights is very strong here, with four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top 14. While the northeast district is very strong up top, it definitely lacks overall depth. A couple other names to watch there are Moore (Columbiana) and junior high state placer Cottrell (Grand Valley). Defiance is the deepest district, with 14 wrestlers listed above; Heath also has very good depth. I think this is definitely one of, if not the toughest weight at Heath. Like I stated at 195, I think we could see a wrestler or two drop down. Troy is by far the weakest district at this weight, with zero projected state placers and only six wrestlers listed above. Another wrestler who could be in the mix there is Magnall (Corey-Rawson), as he has a notable win over Elchert.

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Projected Champion: Brian Stears (Williamsburg) Senior – TR1

2. Derrick Elrod (Ashtabula St. John) Senior – GH1
3. Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE1
4. Jeffrey Ware (Versailles) Senior – TR2
5. Thomas Schwieterman (Coldwater) Senior – TR3
6. Brayden Phillips (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
7. Ben Ferrar (Waynedale) Senior – GH3
8. Lane Fry (Ashland Crestview) Senior – DEF1
9. Pat Sheridan (VASJ) Senior – GH4
10. Josh Robinson (Shadyside) Senior – HE2
11. Thomas Lytle (Swanton) Senior – DEF2
12. Joe Warren (Smithville) Junior – GH5
13. Mitchell Hurlbut (Fredericktown) Senior – HE3
14. C.J. McCrimmon (SMCC) Senior – DEF3
15. Noah Koch (Genoa) Junior – DEF4
16. J.D. McCardle (Clearview) Senior – GH6
17. Kade Clark (Union Local) Senior – HE4
18. Layne Dunlap (Bridgeport) Senior – HE5
19. Liam Kirkpatrick (Newark Catholic) Junior – HE6
20. Caleb Bean (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH7
21. Josh Stasek (Independence) Senior – GH8
22. Nathan Basinger (Dalton) Senior – GH9
23. Dylan Thompson (North Union) Junior – HE7
24. Kain Brossic (Elmwood) Junior – DEF5
25. John Hill (Arcadia) Junior – DEF6
26. Dakota Klotz (Lakota) Senior – DEF7
27. Ethan Schlack (Carey) Junior – DEF8

28. Jeff Meyer (Columbus Grove) Freshman – TR4
29. Brennan Davies (Allen East) Sophomore – TR5
30. Easton Hitchens (Shenandoah) Sophomore – HE8
31. Spencer Schmucker (Waterloo) Senior – GH10
32. William Lindsey (Hawken) Sophomore – GH11
33. Seth Topp (Riverside) Junior – TR6
34. Owen Stoudmire (Norwayne) Freshman – GH12
35. Gavin Schlabach (Triway) Senior – GH13
36. Anthony Gonzalez (Archbold) Senior – DEF9
37. Trey Leroux (Monroeville) Sophomore – DEF10
38. Zach Schlessman (Collins W.R.) Senior – DEF11
39. Howard Pleasant (Tinora) Senior – DEF12
40. Noah Conklin (Montpelier) Senior – DEF13

Stears finished fourth last year at the Troy district, but then surprisingly finished higher the following week in Columbus. Stears dropped his opening round match before reeling off five wins in a row to finish in third place. To my knowledge Stears hasn't lost since last year's first round match, so I believe he is undefeated on the season. His most notable win is over returning Division 1 state placer Moore-Nash (Elder), 6-3. Bodkin, who was a state qualifier last year at 220, had a great start to the season. He won Brecksville, also beating Moore-Nash. He has since lost to Robinson and Potts (Columbus DeSales). Elrod on the other hand has been red hot the last month or so. He has wins over projected state placer Schweiterman, returning state qualifier Lytle, and returning state placer Phillips. This weight has been crazy all year and doesn't seem to have a lot of clarity, but that's common at heavyweight. With that being said, it wouldn't surprise me if anyone in the Top 20 reaches the podium or if anyone in the Top 40 qualifies for the state tournament.

Troy and Garfield Heights are both very strong at this weight. Troy is the strongest at the top, with three of the top five wrestlers, but the district lacks overall depth, with only six wrestlers listed above. Garfield Heights also has three projected state placers, but has much better depth, with nine wrestlers in the top 22. A few other names that could be in the mix at Troy are Lafontain (Chill. Southeastern), Glenn (Bethel-Tate), Reel (Wayne Trace), and Leasure (Triad). Heath has only seven wrestlers listed above, but all are in the top 23. A couple other names to watch there are Lohr (West Jefferson), Fisher (Mount Gilead) and Soderberg (Columbus Academy). Defiance may only have one wrestler in the Top 10, but it is still very strong. The northwest district has tremendous depth with 13 wrestlers listed above. Defiance could easily get three placers, as Koch recently beat Phillips last weekend in Columbus. Defiance may also have the tallest wrestler in the state, but I can't say that with 100% certainty. Leroux, according to a few football profiles I found online, is listed at 6'8" and 6'9", 300+ pounds, and yes, his grade above is correct.

Division III Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Genoa	Comets	144	3	7	9
2	Milan Edison	Chargers	85	0	5	6
3	Ashtabula St. John	Heralds	75	1	4	5
4	Miami East	Vikings	72	2	4	6
5	Troy Christian	Eagles	71	0	4	6
6	Rootstown	Rovers	62	0	5	6
7	Nelsonville-York	Buckeyes	58	1	4	6
8	Tuslaw	Mustangs	44	0	4	9
9	Legacy Christian	Knights	43	1	3	3
10	Martins Ferry	Purple Raiders	42	1	2	3