

2015 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

Thank you for coming back another year and reading what is officially the Fifth 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 three seasons. The first year I put this together it only covered Division 3, but the past three years I have moved to both Division 1 and Division 2 as well. In 2011, I released rankings for the Top 40+ in Division 3, but did no dialogue. 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,

Boro Fan

Statistics

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

2014:

D1: $81/112 = 72.3\%$

D2: $77/112 = 68.75\%$

D3: $83/112 = 74.1\%$

Overall: $241/336 = 71.7\%$

2013:

D1: $68/112 = 60.7\%$

D2: $74/112 = 66.1\%$

D3: $72/112 = 64.2\%$

Overall: $214/336 = 63.7\%$

2012:

D3: $70/112 = 62.5\%$

2011:

D3: $73/112 = 65.2\%$

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

2014:

D1: $14/28 = 50\%$

D2: $14/28 = 50\%$

D3: $15/28 = 53.6\%$

Overall: $43/84 = 51.2\%$

2013:

D1: $19/28 = 67.9\%$

D2: $14/28 = 50\%$

D3: $17/28 = 60.7\%$

Overall: $50/84 = 59.5\%$

2012:

D3: $14/28 = 50\%$

2011:

D3: $16/28 = 57.1\%$

Projected State Champions

2014:

D1: $5/14 = 35.7\%$

D2: $9/14 = 64.3\%$

D3: $11/14 = 78.6\%$

Overall: $25/42 = 59.50\%$

2013:

D1: $11/14 = 78.57\%$

D2: $8/14 = 57.14\%$

D3: $9/14 = 64.28\%$

Overall: $28/42 = 66.66\%$

2012:

D3: $8/14 = 57.1\%$

2011:

D3: $11/14 = 78.6\%$

Division 1

Mentor - ME	Hilliard Darby - HD
Cleveland State - CSU	Kettering Fairmont - KF

106-

Projected Champion: Zack Donathan (Mason) Sophomore – KF1

2. Devione Edwards (Lorain) Junior – CSU1
3. Anthony Jagel (Middletown) Senior – KF2
4. Jarod Bronstrup (Brecksville) Junior – ME1
5. Zac McCauley (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME2
6. Matt Kazimir (St. Edward) Freshman – CSU2
7. Josh Breeding (Elyria) Freshman – CSU3
8. Zach Shupp (Fairfield) Freshman – KF3
9. Chad Craft (Northmont) Sophomore – KF4
10. Brakan Mead (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD1
11. Seth Transue (Dublin Jerome) Junior – HD2
12. Matt Fields (Brunswick) Freshman – CSU4
13. Coleton Chase (Lancaster) Junior – HD3
14. Spencer Dusi (Willoughby South) Junior – ME3
15. Corbin Post (Madison) Senior – ME4
16. Gio DiSabato (Hilliard Davidson) Freshman – HD4
17. Ronnie Rowan (Akron Firestone) Freshman – CSU5
18. Ryan Wissell (Medina Highland) Freshman – CSU6
19. Quade Rasmussen (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – ME5
20. Jordin James (Bedford) Sophomore – ME6
21. Parker Brunkala (Mentor) Sophomore – ME7
22. Vince Mancini (Boardman) Senior – ME8
23. Caleb Yates (Anthony Wayne) Sophomore – CSU7
24. Lamonte Chapman (Fremont Ross) Freshman – CSU8
25. Kyle Murphy (Massillon Washington) Sophomore – ME9
26. Cory Baird (Harrison) Sophomore – KF5
27. Alex Reyes (Amherst Steele) Sophomore – CSU9
28. Chucky Lipps (Elder) Freshman – KF6
29. Joseph Ciresi (Avon) Sophomore – CSU10
30. Oscar Santana (Glen Este) Junior – KF7
31. Christopher Pavone (Kenston) Sophomore – ME10
32. Mason Coleman (Hudson) Freshman – ME11
33. Mitchell Moore (Moeller) Freshman – KF8
34. Colin Neuner (Beavercreek) Sophomore – KF9
35. Zach Collins (Central Crossing) Sophomore – HD5
36. Devin Johnson (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD6
37. Jalen Weaver (Teays Valley) Senior – HD7

38. Joe Pascale (Troy) Freshman – KF10
39. Brice Taylor (Holland Springfield) Freshman – CSU11
40. David Beatty (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME12

I am going with Donathan to win this weight, although Edwards won their match last year in Columbus, 3-0. Edwards would have been my pick here, but he recently lost to Breeding, 4-2. I think Jagel and Bronstrup both can contend here.

Bronstrup, a returning state placer, has recently dropped to 106 and looks to be the favorite at Mentor. He has yet to lose at 106 and has a nice win over Kazimir, 5-2. McCauley, a rare senior at this weight, could challenge for the district crown. I think Bronstrup and McCauley are above the rest of the field. I favor Dusi and Post to get the last two spot. Dusi recently beat Post at their conference tournament. Another name to watch here is Kaminski (Green).

Edwards, a returning state placer, is still my favorite at Cleveland State despite his loss to Breeding. I think the hour to refuel, instead of two hours like normal, may have played a role in Edwards' loss to Breeding. This looks to be one of the tougher districts as I have three projected state placers. Randolph (Wadsworth) has struggled to make 106 since Super 32. If he can make the weight I think he will place in Columbus, but I hear he has given up on trying to make it. Kazimir, an OAC Junior High state placer, is the last projected state placer and second best here, due to his win over Breeding, 2-0. I think Kazimir is a year away from being a state title contender at this weight. Breeding, also an OAC Junior High state placer, has a nice win over Edwards and could be a contender to win the district. Breeding does, however, have a surprise/bad loss to Bartos (Medina Buckeye). I favor Fields over Rowan for the last spot because of his two head-to-head wins over Rowan.

Mead and Transue lead the field at Hilliard Darby. Mead is my slight favorite to win the district, a district that is not very deep. I have zero projected state placers in the district. I like Chase and DiSabato to get the last two qualification spots. I think the top four here are on a different level than the rest of the district. A few other names to watch here are Yosh (Dublin Coffman), Regi (Marysville), and Nasdusak (Grove City).

Donathan, a returning state placer, obviously leads the field at Kettering Fairmont. I have three projected state placers in the district. I think Jagel is the only one who can challenge Donathan here. Jagel was losing a close bout with Donathan before getting injured. That injury caused Jagel to miss the post season last year, a year after qualifying for Columbus. Jagel had a nice win over eventual state runner-up Genetin at Top Gun. Schupp is a projected state placer here, but does have a close bout with Baird, a wrestler who could be a sleeper in the district. I favor Craft for the last spot here, as I think he could find the podium in Columbus. This weight could have four state placers in Columbus on a good weekend, maybe only two on a bad weekend. Senter (Xenia) is another name to watch here.

113-

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

2. Noah Baughman (Wadsworth) Junior – CSU1
3. Alan Hart (St. Edward) Sophomore – CSU2

4. Patrick Kearney (Mason) Senior – KF1
5. CJ Campbell (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD2
6. Austin Murphy (Elder) Freshman – KF2
7. Nick Henneman (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – CSU3
8. Brendon Fenton (Elyria) Freshman – CSU4
9. Harry Feuer (Mayfield) Junior – ME1
10. Andre Lowery (Shaker Hts.) Senior – ME2
11. D.J. Skiba (Brunswick) Junior – CSU5
12. Ray Porter (Strongsville) Junior – CSU6
13. Sam Kreider (St. Xavier) Junior – KF3
14. Kyle Jenkins (Stow) Junior – ME3
15. Noah Wasker (North Canton Hoover) Junior – ME4
16. Kenny Hoberney (Eastlake North) Senior – ME5
17. Noah Georgian (Kenston) Junior – ME6
18. Luke Dimuzio (Twinsburg) Senior – ME7
19. Zack Klima (Lorain) Junior – CSU7
20. Trayvion Scott (Fremont Ross) Junior – CSU8
21. Josh Nelly (Garfield Hts.) Senior – ME8
22. Chase Craft (Northmont) Sophomore – KF4
23. Alex Lieb (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD3
24. Drew Saunier (Springboro) Sophomore – KF5
25. Anthony Ramos (Parma) Senior – ME9
26. Joey Misleh (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME10
27. A.J. Warner (Fairborn) Sophomore – KF6
28. Mike Farkas (Willoughby South) Sophomore – ME11
29. Cameron Duvall (Nordononia) Senior – CSU9
30. Dietrich Boysel (Hudson) Freshman – ME12
31. CJ Leffler (Holland Springfield) Sophomore – CSU10
32. Nolan Wochna (Brecksville) Sophomore – ME13
33. Kolin Carney (Avon) Junior – CSU11
34. Krys Young (Toledo Waite) Senior – CSU12
35. Brandon Hertel (Glen Este) Junior – KF7
36. Jared Thiemann (LaSalle) Junior – KF8
37. Jacob Gober/C.J. Brown (Harrison) – KF9
38. Adam Wesley (Lakota West) Sophomore – KF10
39. William Harris (Tri-Valley) Freshman – HD4
40. Vu Nguyen (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD5

Since this is a prediction report, I will go with the three-time OAC Junior High state champion Maddox to beat returning state champ Baughman, despite Baughman winning their only head-to-head matchup, 8-6, at Medina. Mattox has two losses this year, one to Baughman and the other to Sherman from Blair Academy in the first round at Ironman. Mattox was able to avenge his loss to Sherman in the consolation quarterfinals at Ironman, which makes me think Mattox will make the necessary adjustments to beat Baughman. If Mattox is able to flip the loss from Medina he will be Central Crossing's first ever state champ in school history. This weight overall is

dominated by the northern part of the state, as I have 25 wrestlers listed from Mentor and Cleveland State.

Feuer, a returning state placer, is my favorite for Mentor after his 8-3 win over Lowery at their conference tournament. This district has zero projected state placers. He recently won a match against Henneman by disqualification on an illegal slam call, a match that Feuer was trailing with only a few seconds left. I think Lowery could contend to win the district, he is sort of under the radar because of the weaker schedule that Shaker Heights wrestles. I think Feuer and Lowery are above rest of the field, especially with Lowery recently beating Jenkins by major decision. I think the last two spots are wide open, I favor Jenkins and Wasker slightly over the rest of district. A couple other names to watch here are Sines (Madison) and Kahwaji (Walsh Jesuit).

Returning state champ Baughman and returning state placer Hart lead the field at Cleveland State. Baughman won a district crown a year ago and then went on to win a state title. Baughman and Hart met quite a few times last year, with Baughman winning every match. They have not met this season due to Hart not wrestling at Medina. Returning state alternate Henneman and OAC Junior High state placer Fenton are also projected state placers here. Henneman has rebounded from his surprise loss to DiMuzio at Solon. Fenton recently won his conference tournament with wins over Feuer, DiMuzio, and Skiba. Another name to watch here is Wissell (Medina Highland).

Mattox is the obvious favorite to win the district crown at Hilliard Darby. Returning state qualifier Campbell looks to be next best here and is a projected state placer. This is a rather weak weight after the top two. I think Lieb is in the next tier by himself and I think he qualifies. I favor Harris over Nguyen for the final spot after Harris won head-to-head, 5-0. Since this weight isn't very deep, a couple of other wrestlers that could be in the mix are Furnas (Olentangy Liberty) and Hosterman (Marysville).

Kearney, a returning state placer at this weight, leads the field at Kettering Fairmont. I think Kearney has only wrestled 113 at the Dvorak tournament in December. Murphy, the only other projected state placer, has had a nice freshman season. Murphy beat Drew West from Iowa at Super 32 and was 2nd at Brecksville, with wins over returning state placers Venia (Toledo Central Catholic), Quinn (Shadyside), and DeCesare (Padua). Kreider, the transfer from La Salle, and Craft are my choices to get the last two spots here. I project Saunier to be at this weight, despite him spending time down at 106. Hertel could be a surprise here after he recently dropped to 113 from 126. Another name to watch is Butts (Kettering Fairmont).

120-

Projected Champion: Alex Mackall (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – ME1

2. Jake Newhouse (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME2

3. Mario Guillen (Perrysburg) Junior – CSU1

4. Connor Ziegler (Moeller) Senior – KF1

5. Gage Branson (Glen Este) Junior – KF2

6. Jake Donahue (Massillon Washington) Junior – ME3

7. Cameron Lathem (Teays Valley) Junior – HD1

8. Jackson Lakso (Central Crossing) Junior – HD2
9. Jarrod Brezovec (Aurora) Sophomore – ME4
10. Connor Gray (Wadsworth) Senior – CSU2
11. Andrew Fairbanks (Austintown-Fitch) Sophomore – ME5
12. Derek Sharp (Marysville) Sophomore – HD3
13. Austin Victor (Mentor) Junior – ME6
14. Jason Bronstrup (Brecksville) Sophomore – ME7
15. Nick Mayer (Elyria) Senior – CSU3
16. Brandon Bartlome (Lorain) Junior – CSU4
17. Blake Biteman (Tecumseh) Junior – KF3
18. Daniel Roth (Lakota East) Senior – KF4
19. Colin Schuster (Mason) Sophomore – KF5
20. Marko Viliminovic (Medina Highland) Senior – CSU5
21. Kyle Green (Sycamore) Sophomore – KF6
22. Dalton Eagle (Ashland) Senior – CSU6
23. Jaren Rutherford (Trenton Edgewood) Senior – KF7
24. Ryan Boulton (Springboro) Senior – KF8
25. Tyler Davis (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD4
26. Tyson Long (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – ME8
27. Garrett Anderson (Oregon Clay) Freshman – CSU7
28. Dylan Urk (Oak Hills) Sophomore – KF9
29. Lance Hansen (Willoughby South) Sophomore – ME9
30. Colin Trouten (Twinsburg) Sophomore – ME10
31. Brendan Jones (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – CSU8
32. Greg Mack (Solon) Junior – ME11
33. Zach Nolan (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME12
34. Collin Burt (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD5
35. Cade Hepner (St. Edward) Sophomore – CSU9
36. Joseph Hutsler (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD6
37. Austin Rayburn (Hilliard Darby) Sophomore – HD7
38. Jordan Rosselli (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD8
39. Tyler Norris (Thomas Worthington) Junior – HD9
40. Christian Owsley (Hudson) Senior – ME13

This weight and the next should be two of the more exciting weights in Division 1. I think we will see a rematch from last year's state finals match between Mackall and Newhouse. Mackall won the match after suffering a torn UCL in his elbow during the final seconds. I think returning state placer Guillen should also be in contention. Since Mackall and Newhouse exit the same district, they should be on opposite sides in Columbus.

Mackall and Newhouse lead the field at Mentor. I have three projected state placers at this district. Donahue, a two-time state qualifier, is the other projected state placer. Donahue has had a few surprise losses this year to Merrell (Madison Comprehensive) and Short (Archbold), both matches that he was probably favored in. Brezovec started the season out at 126, but struggled there and has now moved down to 120. He beat Division 2 projected state placer Freeman (Lake

Catholic) in his first weekend at 120. A few other names to watch at this already deep district are Hornyack (Chardon), Herbruck (Kenston), Burns (North Canton Hoover), and Bily (Normandy).

Guillen is the clear favorite to win the district at Cleveland State. Guillen, a two-time state placer, is the only projected state placer in the district. I hear Daugherty (St. Edward) can no longer make 120; I don't think he has actually made 120 for competition this season. Daugherty would have been in probably 8th overall and 2nd in the district. This is probably one of the weaker weights at this district. I think Gray is in the next tier here and should finally qualify for Columbus. I like Mayer and Bartlome to get the final two spots here. Mayer recently beat Bartlome, 5-1. A couple of other names to watch here are Kelly (North Olmsted) and Staschiak (Findlay).

Returning state placer Lathem is the slight favorite to win Hilliard Darby over returning state qualifier Lakso, after Lathem beat Lakso, 3-2, at Central Crossing. I have both as projected state placers. Lathem was losing in the match-to-place last year in Columbus by six, but threw Ziegler to his back for the pin; Ziegler was knocked unconscious. I think Sharp is in the next tier all by himself and qualifies for Columbus. The fourth and final spot looks wide open, but I favor Davis slightly above the rest of the field. A few other names that could be in the mix here are Frasure (Logan), Kroban (Pickerington North), McQueeney (Olentangy Orange), and Lowers (Dublin Coffman).

Ziegler and Branson lead the field at Fairmont. Ziegler, a state placer in 2014, beat returning state qualifier Branson, 5-2, at the SWOWCA tournament. I think both place this year in Columbus. I think the last two spots will come down to Biteman, returning state qualifier Roth, and Schuster; Biteman beat Roth earlier in the season. I favor Biteman and Roth to qualify for Columbus. A few other names to watch here are Mustafa (Centerville), Quintinella (Harrison), Quinn (Lakota West), Wilson (Stebbins), and Salamone (Elder). Salamone has beaten Quintinella twice within the past three weeks.

126-

Projected Champion: Austin Assad (Brecksville) Senior – ME1

2. Jose Rodriguez (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME2
3. LJ Bentley (St. Edward) Senior – CSU1
4. Shakur Laney (Pickerington North) Senior – HD1
5. Garrett Lambert (Brunswick) Junior – CSU2
6. John Shirkey (LaSalle) Senior – KF1
7. Xae'vier Edwards (Lorain) Senior – CSU3
8. Justin Joliff (Findlay) Senior – CSU4
9. Jake Marsh (Marysville) Freshman – HD2
10. Quinn May (Lebanon) Senior – KF2
11. Mark Molder (Mentor) Senior – ME3
12. Jeremy Rezabek (Strongsville) Senior – CSU5
13. Mitch Hannan (Cuyahoga Falls) Senior – CSU6
14. Isaac Hendershot (Willoughby South) Junior – ME4
15. Jacob Marysiak (Olmsted Falls) Junior – CSU7

16. Noah Schaub (Green) Senior – ME5
17. Josh Whitelaw (Aurora) Senior – ME6
18. Andre Stowers (Maple Hts) Junior – ME7
19. Kyle Dooley (Teays Valley) Junior – HD3
20. Brandon O’Neill (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME8
21. Corey Riggenbach (Wadsworth) Senior – CSU8
22. Kris Volpe (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD4
23. Rico Ruento (Fremont Ross) Senior – CSU9
24. Jake Meredith (Elder) Sophomore – KF3
25. Sam Roth (Lakota East) Junior – KF4
26. Elijah Perkins (Miamisburg) Sophomore – KF5
27. Chad Berning (Oregon Clay) Senior – CSU10
28. Jack Walton (Perrysburg) Junior – CSU11
29. David Johnson (Walsh Jesuit) Sophomore – ME9
30. James Turner (St. John’s Jesuit) Junior – CSU12
31. Keyon Huntley (Cincinnati Northwest) Junior – KF6
32. Thomas Cooper (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD5
33. Wyatt Garren (Logan) Freshman – HD6
34. Tyler Whitmyer (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME10
35. Logan Brown (Lakota West) Senior – KF7
36. Ryan McElwee (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD7
37. Nathan Williams (Mason) Junior – KF8
38. Austin Sper (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF9
39. Daniel Ramirez (Hamilton) Junior – KF10
40. Isaac Shalash (Amelia) Senior – KF11

When looking at the top three on paper at any weight, this one is probably the toughest in Ohio. I think the top three here are on a different level than the rest of the division. Assad, a three-time state placer, two-time state finalist and Fargo champ, has only lost to wrestlers from Massillon Perry in Columbus. He lost his freshman year in the state finals to Bavery, sophomore year to Rodriguez in the state finals, and last year he lost to Newhouse in the semi-finals. Assad has beaten both Rodriguez and Bentley twice this season, with all four matches having gone to sudden victory. Rodriguez, a state champ and returning state runner-up, pinned returning state placer Bentley in the finals at Medina. I think we see a finals rematch from 2013 between the Michigan recruit Assad and Ohio State recruit Rodriguez.

Assad and Rodriguez lead the field at Mentor. Since both exit the same district, they will most likely be on opposite sides unless they finish 1st and 4th or 2nd and 3rd, which seems highly unlikely. Assad and Rodriguez are the only projected state placers in the district. Molder looks to be next best here. He beat Brusco last year at Top Gun, which was a big win, but didn’t qualify for Columbus. I like Hendershot to get the fourth spot, but with how much depth this district has at this weight I think the final two spots are wide open. Johnson, an OAC Junior High state champ, placed at Powerade and I believe has a win over Molder in a dual. Johnson has been inconsistent all year, but could surprise a few here. Another name to watch is Sferra (Boardman).

Bentley is the favorite to win the district crown at Cleveland State. Bentley is a three-time state qualifier, but has only placed once, which is surprising based on how well he has wrestled in his career. Lambert, a returning state placer, has missed the entire season so far after transferring to Brunswick and is now dealing with an injury. I am not sure if Lambert will be back this season at all, but I hear he is weighing over 140, which is why I moved him from 120 to 126. Edwards and Joliff are the other projected state placers at this weight. Edwards has nice wins over returning state placer Lieb at 132 and OAC Junior High state placer Ramirez (Wauseon). Edwards lost to Rogers (Springfield Northwestern), 10-0, in the finals at North Canton Hoover. I like returning state qualifier Joliff to get the final spot here over Rezabek. Joliff recently dropped to 126 and has lost to Lathem (Teays Valley) and Beltran (Toledo Central Catholic); both are surprising results to me. Rezabek impressed me at the Solon Comet Classic, where he was beating Beltran by major decision before Beltran head locked him for the fall. Rezabek recently beat Hannan, 3-2, at their conference tournament. A few others to watch here are Allen-Chokan (North Olmsted), Moosman (Anthony Wayne), Taylor (Ashland), Keller (North Ridgeville), Van Horn (John Marshall), and Rizzo (Avon).

Laney, a two-time state placer, transferred from Groveport-Madison to Pickerington North, which resulted in him having to sit out the first half of the season. Laney is the clear favorite to win Hilliard Darby. Marsh, an OAC Junior High state placer, is the only other projected state placer here. Even though he just lost to Volpe in a dual meet, I think both qualify. Dooley, a state qualifier two years ago, should also make it to Columbus. I think the top four are on a different level compared to the rest of the field. A couple others that could be in the mix to place in the district are Marek (Watkins Memorial) and Held (Olentangy). I have heard that returning state qualifier Tate (Mt. Vernon) is no longer on the team. If Tate comes back, he would be 5th in the district and around 25th or so.

Shirkey, a returning state qualifier at 132, is the favorite to win Fairmont. Shirkey is the lone projected state placer here. May, also a returning state qualifier, is here as well. May lost to Marsh earlier in the year at the SWOWCA tournament, but I hear May was very sick. Shirkey and May look to be well above the field here. I think the last two spots are wide open. I favor Meredith and returning state qualifier Roth to get the last two spots slightly over Perkins, but I am not sure on Roth's status, as he has missed a lot of time this season. If Roth is not wrestling in the post-season, then I like Perkins to get the final spot, obviously. Another name to watch here is Griffin (Loveland).

132-

Projected Champion: Jonathan Furnas (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1

2. Hunter Ladnier (St. Edward) Junior – CSU1
3. Corey Shie (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
4. Josh Heil (Brunswick) Junior – CSU2
5. Jason Spencer (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME1
6. Moises Guillen (Perrysburg) Sophomore – CSU3
7. Nico O'Dor (Elyria) Junior – CSU4
8. Chandler Minnard (Pickerington North) Senior – HD2
9. James Wimer (Central Crossing) Junior – HD3

10. Brady Chrisman (Medina) Freshman – CSU5
11. Andrew Lieb (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD4
12. Nate Langston (Solon) Junior – ME2
13. Darrin Gilkerson (Wadsworth) Junior – CSU6
14. Antonio Mitchell (Willoughby South) Senior – ME3
15. Kyle Hennig (Mentor) Junior – ME4
16. Seth Whitehead (Massillon Jackson) Junior – ME5
17. David Erdelac (Strongsville) Senior – CSU7
18. Noah McCumbers (Massillon Washington) Junior – ME6
19. Adam Kirresh (Avon) Junior – CSU8
20. Danny Novak (Aurora) Junior – ME7
21. Calixtro Mondragon (Oregon Clay) Junior – CSU9
22. Deante Evans (Lakota East) Senior – KF2
23. Dylan Buis (Oak Hills) Junior – KF3
24. Brandon Smith (Glen Este) Junior – KF4
25. Jake Thompson (Moeller) Freshman – KF5
26. Joey Oswald (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME8
27. Adam Koslik (Austintown Fitch) Junior – ME9
28. Ben Boysel (Hudson) Junior – ME10
29. Samuel Williams (Elder) Junior – KF6
30. Matt Topoly (Brecksville) Senior – ME11
31. Greg Briggs (Cloverleaf) Junior – CSU10
32. Nicc Wells (Hamilton) Senior – KF7
33. Sam Meddings (Fairfield) Sophomore – KF8
34. Alec Logsdon (Lebanon) Senior – KF9
35. Robert Valenti (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD5
36. Cameron Yates (Anthony Wayne) Junior – CSU11
37. Jared Grunberg (Slyvania Southview) Senior – CSU12
38. Alexander Gore (Olentangy) Freshman – HD6
39. Ethan Hetrick (Fremont Ross) Senior – CSU13
40. Vincent Meng (Centerville) Senior – KF10

Furnas is my pick to win this wide open weight. I almost picked Ladnier here, but his performance last season made me shy away from picking him. Ladnier was beating nationally ranked Olson (Michigan), 7-2, before being pinned. Furnas beat Shie at Brecksville, 6-5, in the semi-finals. I think this a three or four man race, depending on which Heil shows up in Columbus.

Spencer looks like he is well above the field at Mentor; a returning state placer, he finally avenged his two losses to Wimer. I think a mid-placement here for Spencer is huge for Perry in the team race. I think Langston and the very athletic Mitchell are in their own tier here, but Langston did lose to the very inconsistent Topoly, who is also at Mentor. I think the fourth spot is wide open here, but I favor Hennig to get the last spot in his home gym. Another name to watch here is Wallace (Kent Roosevelt).

Ladnier and Heil lead the field at Cleveland State. This is a very tough district, as I have four projected state placers in this district. Ladnier has improved drastically from last season. He was 4th at Ironman, losing to Jordan (Graham) and Tucker from Blair Academy. Ladnier, a state alternate that got into the tournament last year, avenged his loss to Jordan by beating Jordan by major decision, 9-1. Heil, a two-time state placer, failed to place at Ironman which I think are his only two losses this season. Guillen, a returning state placer, and O'Dor are both projected state placers here. Guillen and O'Dor have split bouts this season, with Guillen winning the most recent bout, 10-5. Chrisman, an OAC Junior High state placer, recently pinned Carter (Akron SVSM) and could be someone to pull an upset. Returning state placer Gilkerson is also here. Gilkerson has struggled this year, but shouldn't be counted out. Another name to watch here is Crockett (Nordononia).

Furnas is the obvious favorite at Hilliard Darby. This is one of the toughest weights at this district. Minnard, a two-time state placer, has placed in Divisions 2 and 3. If Minnard places in Division 1, like I project, he would accomplish the very rare feat of placing in all three divisions. I like returning state qualifier Wimer and returning state placer Lieb to get to Columbus. I think the top four here are on a completely different level compared to the rest of the field here. A few other notable names that could contend for district placement here are James (Tri-Valley), Desanti (Hilliard Davidson), Neely (Upper Arlington), and Amador (Hilliard Bradley).

Shie, a returning state placer as freshman, is the clear favorite to win the district crown at Kettering Fairmont. He is one of my favorite wrestlers to watch because he will hit you with everything except the kitchen sink. This is not a very tough district, as Shie is the only wrestler in the top 25. I like Evans and Buis to get the second and third spot here; Evans recently beat Buis 7-5. For the last spot, I favor Smith slightly over the OAC Junior High state placer Thompson, based on Smith's 3-2 head-to-head win. Thompson struggled earlier in the season, but had a nice CIT tournament and has seems to be getting better every week, I wouldn't count him out.

138-

Projected Champion: Richie Sreptock (Oregon Clay) Senior – CSU1

2. Dom Demas (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD1
3. Nicky Kiussis (Brunswick) Sophomore – CSU2
4. Jacoby Ward (Moeller) Junior – KF1
5. Justin DeMicco (Brecksville) Junior – ME1
6. Greg Brusco (Deleware Hayes) Junior – HD2
7. Tyler Workman (Parma) Senior – ME2
8. Jarrod Lasko (Madison) Senior – ME3
9. Brandon Tucker (Loveland) Senior – KF2
10. Matteo Lybarger (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD3
11. Joey Bernosky (Lorain) Junior – CSU3
12. Michael Nagy (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME4
13. Isaac Collier (St. Edward) Junior – CSU4
14. Antwan Pugh (Copley) Sophomore – CSU5
15. Darrion Overall (Elyria) Senior – CSU6
16. Emil Soehnlén (Massillon Perry) Freshman – ME5

17. Brock Jones (Perrysburg) Junior – CSU7
18. Eric Beck (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF3
19. Caleb Walden (Mason) Senior – KF4
20. Ryley Regan (Miamisburg) Junior – KF5
21. Nathan Szoch (Hudson) Sophomore – ME6
22. Cody Surratt (Wadsworth) Sophomore – CSU8
23. Dylan Sharp (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF6
24. Lawrence Dundegon (Xenia) Senior – KF7
25. Keith Griffin (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – ME7
26. Brandon Linder (Medina Highland) Junior – CSU9
27. Olajuwon Pettiford (Zanesville) Senior – HD4
28. Conner Craig (Elder) Sophomore – KF8
29. Trevor Hartbarger (Sylvania Northview) Sophomore – CSU10
30. Max Kuchenrither (Avon) Senior – CSU11
31. Cole Gavin (Aurora) Junior – ME8
32. Anthony Pavone (Kenston) Senior – ME9
33. Dom DiPietro (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME10
34. Joseph Terry (Pickerington Central) Junior – HD5
35. Luke Shirley (Harrison) Freshman – KF9
36. Anthony Alexander (Princeton) Senior – KF10
37. Derek Barklay (Centerville) Senior – KF11
38. Trevor Begin (Midview) Freshman – CSU12
39. Malachi Strickland (Dublin Jerome) Sophomore – HD6
40. Dylan Dusi (Willoughby South) Senior – ME11

Returning state champ Sreptock is the favorite to repeat. He is looking to win Clay's second state title, after being Clay's first state champ last year. Sreptock was 4th at Ironman and has beaten Division 2 returning state champ Hagan twice. Demas, a returning state placer, and returning state runner-up Kiussis are serious contenders here. Sreptock beat Kiussis last year in the state finals at 132, 4-3. I think the top three here are above the rest of the field. This weight across the state in Division 1 is very deep. I could have probably ranked the top 50 or 60 here. A lot of kids that are not listed above could be in the mix at their district.

Returning state placer DeMicco has recently returned from injury and is the favorite to win the district crown at Mentor. Workman and Lasko, both projected state placers, are next best here. They met last year in the match-to-go, which was won by Workman. Lasko failed to make it back to Columbus last year, a year after he finished 4th at the same weight. I favor Nagy for the last spot if he is healthy over the OAC Junior High state placer Soehnlén. Szoch could be in the mix after his overtime loss to Workman at their conference tournament. Evan Snow (Massillon Jackson) had a few nice wins at North Canton Hoover, but has yet to wrestle since in the results I have seen. If he is wrestling, I would have probably put him around 20th or so because of his win over Sharp.

Sreptock is the obvious favorite at Cleveland State, but he will be challenged by Kiussis. Since Sreptock and Kiussis both exit the same district, there is a pretty good chance that the district final could be a state final preview. They are the only projected state placers in the district.

Although the district only has two projected placers, this is a very deep district, with seven wrestlers in the top 17. I think the last two spots are wide open amongst Bernosky, Collier, Pugh, Overall, and Jones. I favor returning state qualifier and Avon Lake transfer Bernosky, as well as returning state alternate Collier to get the final two spots. I have heard that Mason Daugherty could be at 138 for Ed's. If so, he would also be in the mix. Begin, an OAC Junior High state placer, has been up at 145 as of late, which is probably the better option at CSU.

Demas, a returning state placer as a freshman, is the clear favorite to win Hilliard Darby. Brusco, a state placer two years ago, is projected to find the podium once again. He struggled last year, but still ended up making it to Columbus. Returning state qualifier Lybarger recently dropped to 138, a good move based on the climate here. I think the top three here are well above the rest of the field. I like my sleeper Pettiford to get the final spot, but I think the fourth spot is wide open. With the fourth spot being wide open, a few others that could be in the mix are Yeager (Licking Heights), Knapp (Olentangy Orange), Mason (Pickerington North), Maynard (Watkins Memorial), Wise (Olentangy), Hernandez (Tri-Valley), and Ball (Hilliard Darby). Ball has a nice win over Terry at 145, but he does also have some bad losses.

Ward, a returning state placer, is my pick to win the district at Kettering Fairmont despite his loss to Tucker in the finals at the SWOWCA tournament. Ward is my only projected state placer here. Tucker, who was a state qualifier two years ago, I heard was contemplating dropping to 132. I think 132 could be a smart move for Tucker, although I think he has a better chance of winning the district at 138. I think the last two spots are wide open. I favor two of the following three to get the final spot: returning state qualifier Beck, Walden, and Regan. Beck qualified last year at 106, but had trouble holding the weight in Columbus and eventually defaulted out of the tournament. Cannaday (Troy), Gottis (Glen Este), Cress (Lakota West), Day (Beavercreek), and Jarell (Kettering Fairmont) are other names to watch here.

145-

Projected Champion: Kade Kowalski (Tri-Valley) Senior – HD1

2. Nick Steed (Massillon Perry) Senior - ME1
3. Zac Carson (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME2
4. Sonny Lucas (Brecksville) Senior – ME3
5. Tanner Miller (Lancaster) Senior – HD2
6. Andrew Sams (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
7. Justyn Bostic (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME4
8. Ryan Montgomery (Madison) Senior – ME5
9. Cody Notestine (Pickerington North) Senior – HD3
10. Hunter Bryant (Piqua) Junior – KF2
11. Jimmy Staschiak (Findlay) Senior – CSU1
12. Joey Baughman (Wadsworth) Freshman – CSU2
13. Trey Grenier (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD4
14. Christian Camacho (Brunswick) Senior – CSU3
15. Jack Conway (St. Edward) Junior – CSU4
16. Dylan Roth (Oak Hills) Junior – KF3
17. Steven Lewis (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF4

18. Mark Antonelli (Medina) Senior – CSU5
19. Josh Herhold (Perrysburg) Junior – CSU6
20. Brendan Price (Elyria) Sophomore – CSU7
21. Aaron Turner (Princeton) Senior – KF5
22. Tanner Harding (Gahanna Lincoln) Junior – HD5
23. Xavier Wasco (North Royalton) Senior – CSU8
24. Max Wright (Deleware Hayes) Sophomore – HD6
25. Mike Connick (Chardon) Senior – ME6
26. Joey Andrassy (Stow) Sophomore – ME7
27. Robbie Oswald (Elder) Freshman – KF6
28. Nick Collica (Nordonia) Senior – CSU9
29. Sidney Ohl (Ashland) Sophomore – CSU10
30. Tyler Grine (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – CSU11
31. Chris Motter (Hudson) Junior – ME8
32. Nick Rioch (Marysville) Senior – HD7
33. Willy Plasir (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD8
34. Shota Sisco (Pickerington Central) Sophomore – HD9
35. Jack Stein (Mason) Sophomore – KF7
36. Andrew Acuna (Lakota West) Junior – KF8
37. Tyler Mayer (Avon Lake) Senior – CSU12
38. Morgan Peterson (Solon) Junior – ME9
39. Jacob Furlong (Stebbins) Senior – KF9
40. Alex Willman (Sidney) Senior – KF10

Returning state champ Kowalski is the favorite to get his second straight state title. Kowalski has yet to make 145 officially because the first time he made the weight, he did not compete. Since Kowalski didn't compete, he will have to make "scratch" again. I am not really sure why Kowalski is going to drop, as he was the clear favorite at 152, too. I think returning state runner-up Steed and a state runner-up two years ago, Carson, are Kowalski's biggest contenders. If Steed or Carson decide to move up to 152, I think both would be favored. Carson even beat Rahmani last year.

Steed and Carson lead the field at Mentor. This district is very tough, with five wrestlers in the top eight. I think the next two spots will be filled with a combination Lucas, Bostic, and Montgomery. Lucas, a state placer in 2013, has recently come back from injury and lost to Steed, 8-1, in Columbus for the team tournament. Bostic, a state qualifier in 2013, doesn't really have a notable win, but he does have close losses to Carson in overtime and he lost to Miller by a point. Montgomery, a returning state placer, is my odd-man out here. Anyone not in this group of five should consider moving up to 152. Verbic (Kenston) is another name to watch here.

This is not one of the tougher weights at Cleveland State, as I have zero projected state placers. I do think that whoever wins the district will set themselves up nicely to place, as long as they avoid the 4th place finisher at Mentor. I thought about moving Staschiak up into the top eight, as he is my favorite to win this district, but he recently lost to Notestine. I think the next three wrestlers are slightly above the rest of the field: Baughman, Comacho, and Conway. Staschiak beat Baughman, 6-4, at Wadsworth. Baughman, an OAC Junior High state placer, started his

career off by beating Division 2 state placer Weiderholt during the opening weekend of the season. Comacho, a returning state qualifier, seems to be nursing an injury. If he is healthy, I think he gets back to Columbus. Conway is my pick to get the fourth spot here, even though he just lost to Price in Columbus, 6-5. I like Conway better against the field, but if its Conway versus Price in the match-to-go, then I will take Price based on results. If Conway gets to Columbus that would be huge for St. Ed's in the team race. A few other names to watch here are Dailey (Olmsted Falls), Johnson (Toledo Waite), Oldham (Cuyahoga Falls), and Delashmitt (Berea-Midpark).

Kowalski is the obvious favorite to win the district at Hilliard Darby. Rooney would be in the running to be second best here with Miller, but I think Rooney will now stay at 152 due to Kowalski dropping. Miller, a returning state placer, is also here and is a projected state placer. Miller had a surprise loss to Ottaway (Springboro) at 152 during a dual earlier in the year. Miller lost to Steed at Medina, 3-1, but that is a result that I think can be flipped in Columbus. I think returning state qualifiers Notestine and Grenier get back to Columbus. Notestine has nice wins over Hasson (Lisbon Beaver), Peterson (Oak Harbor), and Staschiak. Grenier has been much more effective at 145 than 152; I think we see him here. Another name to watch is Wallace (Worthington Kilbourne).

Returning state placer Sams leads the field at the deflated Fairmont District. This district would have been much tougher with two-time state qualifier Heyob (St. Xavier) and state alternate Hobbs (Moeller), but unfortunately both are out for the season due to injury. Sams is the lone projected state placer here. Bryant, a returning state qualifier at this weight, has recently dropped from 152, where he had a couple surprise losses. The weight change will probably be good for him. I like Roth and Lewis to get the last two spots here; Roth recently beat Lewis, 4-1. I thought Turner could be in the mix here, but his 14-4 loss to Roth has made me think otherwise. Another name to watch here is Curry (Fairfield).

152-

Projected Champion: Taleb Rahmani (Marysville) Senior – HD1

2. Tim Rooney (St. Charles) Senior – HD2
3. Mario Graziani (Boardman) Junior – ME1
4. Austin Hiles (Brecksville) Junior – ME2
5. Dillon Leneave (Fairfield) Senior – KF1
6. Ben Hoof (Thomas Worthington) Senior – HD3
7. Brice Locklear (Olmstead Falls) Junior – CSU1
8. Mikah Price (Elyria) Junior – CSU2
9. Ryan Kaminski (Green) Senior – ME3
10. Nick Notestine (Pickerington North) Senior – HD4
11. Victor Marcelli (Massillon Jackson) Freshman – ME4
12. Nick D'Agostino (Mason) Junior – KF2
13. Jakob Ottaway (Springboro) Junior – KF3
14. Zach Defraime (Medina) Junior – CSU3
15. Brad Carroll (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF4
16. Brandon Goldsmith (Westerville North) Junior – HD5

17. Michael Carpenter (St. Edward) Sophomore – CSU4
18. Ti’Ric Evans (Elder) Freshman – KF5
19. Adam Green (Austintown Fitch) Junior - ME5
20. Logan Lacourt (Massillon Perry) Junior – ME6
21. David Masch (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME7
22. Billy Buehl (Hudson) Senior – ME8
23. Logan Calvert (Sidney) Senior – KF6
24. Connor Thomas (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD6
25. Logan Broskie (Olentangy Orange) Sophomore – HD7
26. Cal Miller (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – CSU5
27. Jordan Weissinger (Fremont Ross) Senior – CSU6
28. Avery Jones (Glen Este) Junior – KF7
29. A.J. Penley (Anderson) Senior – KF8
30. Grant Pittroff (Miamisburg) Senior – KF9
31. Brady Eckert (Turpin) Sophomore – KF10
32. Josh Daniels (Colerain) Senior – KF11
33. Conner Homan (Loveland) Junior – KF12
34. Dan Cromleigh (Strongsville) Senior – CSU7
35. Sam Rocazella (Chardon) Sophomore – ME9
36. Sam Hankins (Moeller) Freshman – KF13
37. John Iacono (Akron Firestone) Senior – CSU8
38. Lorenzo Levally (Oregon Clay) Junior – CSU9
39. Robert Speaks (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD8
40. Ethan Leapley (Central Crossing) Junior – HD9

Rahmani, a three time state placer, is now my favorite to win this weight with Kowalski moving down to 145. I project Rooney, a two-time state placer, to stay at this weight, although I heard his plan was to drop to 145. I think anyone in the top four can contend to win this weight. If Steed or Carson decide to move up, both would be favored to win this weight.

Graziani and Hiles lead the field at Mentor. Graziani, a returning state placer, is very athletic and quick. He lost a close bout with Rahman, 4-2, in the finals at Top Gun. Hiles was a state qualifier two years ago when he was at St. Edward. Hiles has been inconsistent over his career, but when he is wrestling his best he can compete with anyone. Hiles also lost a close bout with Rahman, 7-5, in the finals at Brecksville. Kaminski was a state qualifier, but has missed a lot of time this year due to injury. Kaminski lost a close bout with returning state runner-up Mossing at Solon and also lost to Carpenter at Medina before defaulting out of the tournament. If Kaminski is back and healthy, I think he makes it back to Columbus. The next spot is wide open. I like the OAC Junior High state placer Marcelli to get the final spot, but he has recently lost to Green and Lacourt, so the final spot is essentially wide open. Another name to watch here is Reicosky (North Canton Hoover). He has a nice win over Speaks and lost a close bout with Pasiuk (Carrollton), but also has some bad losses.

Locklear, a state alternate a year ago, is the slight favorite to win the district at Cleveland State. Locklear had a nice tournament at Medina, where he took home the title. He lost to Hiles, 12-5, at Bill Dies, so I wouldn’t put him in the top tier overall at this weight. Price, who lost Locklear

3-1, is next best here and a projected state placer. Price got pinned by Ulman (Loudonville), a match he was leading in the first round at Bill Dies, but rebounded nicely and wrestled all the way back to finish 3rd. I favor returning state qualifier Defraime and Carpenter to get the final two spots here. Defraime has struggled this year with surprise losses, but maybe he turns it on in the post-season. Carpenter is another fringe wrestler that could be a huge bonus for St. Ed's in Columbus.

Rahmani and Rooney lead the field at Hilliard Darby. This is one of the tougher weights at this district, as I have three projected state placers. Hoof, a returning state qualifier, is the other projected state placer here. Hoof lost to Rooney, 3-2, in the finals at Marion Harding. I think the top three here have separated themselves from the rest of the district. I favor returning state alternate Notestine to get the final spot here. A couple others to watch are Allen (Dublin Coffman) and Young (Deleware Hayes). Young has a win over Ottaway, but has taken some bad losses since.

Leneave, a returning state qualifier, leads the field at Fairmont and is the only projected state placer here. I have heard rumors that Leneave could be at 145, but I like him better at 152. I think the next three spots are wide open. D'Agostino looks to be next best here. He has notable wins over Marteney (Delta) and Ottaway. Ottaway and Carroll are next best here and my picks to get the last two spots. Evans, an OAC Junior High state placer, could also be in the mix, but Carroll did beat him opening weekend, which is why Carroll gets the nod for the fourth spot. A couples others to watch here are Uzcha (Centerville) and Fornshell (Lebanon).

160-

Projected Champion: Shane Mast (Wadsworth) Senior – CSU1

2. Jordan Paul (Loveland) Junior – KF1
3. Jimmy Thompson (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD1
4. Lane Hinkle (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD2
5. Matt DeGroff (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME1
6. Tyler McCafferty (Pickerington North) Senior – HD3
7. Brett Bryant (Moeller) Sophomore – KF2
8. Nick Hammond (Canal Winchester) Senior – HD4
9. Travis Leopald (Avon) Senior – CSU2
10. DJ Williamson (St. Edward) Senior – CSU3
11. Andrew Honious (Springboro) Senior – KF3
12. Jacob Bria (Fairfield) Junior – KF4
13. No'ah Edwards (Twinsburg) Senior – ME2
14. Dan Waltermeyer (Perrysburg) Senior – CSU4
15. Steven Serbinski (Lebanon) Senior – KF5
16. Zach Blackiston (Massillon Perry) Freshman – ME3
17. Alex Sepeda (Marysville) Senior – HD5
18. Jacob Kendzerski (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD6
19. Keith Neely (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD7
20. Garrett Poling (Massillon Jackson) Junior – ME4
21. Dom Frisone (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME5

22. Alex Goodman (Solon) Senior – ME6
23. Collin Keil (Anthony Wayne) Junior – CSU5
24. Jeremiah Slagle (Sidney) Senior – KF6
25. Frank Tusick (Brunswick) Junior – CSU6
26. Eddie Rininger (Medina Highland) Senior – CSU7
27. Anthony Blogna (Brecksville) Senior – ME7
28. Alex Mervar (Willoughby South) Senior – ME8
29. Andrew Taylor (Elder) Senior – KF7
30. Aaron Huff (Lorain) Sophomore – CSU8
31. Nate Longo (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD8
32. Cole Delaney (St. Charles) Senior – HD9
33. Logan Hall (Timken) Sophomore – ME9
34. Anthony Mancini (Boardman) Senior – ME10
35. Evan Lonsaway (Holland Springfield) Sophomore – CSU9
36. Ryan Hall (Akron Firestone) Senior – CSU10
37. Andy Howard (Oregon Clay) Senior – CSU11
38. Dane Morgan (North Royalton) Senior – CSU12
39. Dereal Vesser (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD10
40. Blake Wilson (LaSalle) Freshman – KF8

Mast recently cut to 160, which was a smart decision based on the climate here. I think this is one of the more wide open weights in Division 1. Rumor has it that Austin Phillips (Massillon Perry) is out for the season due to injury, which would hurt Massillon Perry in the team race. Phillips would have been 3rd here, which is about 17 points or so. I am not sure Paul has made 160 or not, but I heard last week that he will be here for the post-season, which is a very smart decision in my opinion. I think everyone in the top five are title contenders. This is a very deep overall in the division, I could have ranked the top 50 at this weight easily.

DeGroff is the favorite at Mentor and is the only projected state placer in the district. DeGroff recently beat returning state runner-up Steed, 6-4, when Steed bumped up in the regional finals of the dual tournament. DeGroff was very talented in Junior High, where he won an OAC Junior High state title, but has yet to make it to Columbus for various reasons. I think returning state qualifier Edwards is in the next tier here. Edwards doesn't have much offensively, but wins a lot of close matches. He has lost two close bouts with McCafferty and Leopald, both in overtime, so he has the ability to place in Columbus. I think the final two spots here are wide open. Blackiston, an OAC Junior State Placer, has stepped in for Phillips, and has some nice wins over Blogna and returning state placer Sepeda, but Sepeda has been struggling as of late. If Blackiston can make it to Columbus and win a match, that would help Perry in the team race. I like Poling to get the fourth spot here over Frisone, due to Poling's 8-5 win over Frisone at Top Gun. Frisone, an OAC Junior High state champ, started his career off with a huge win over Bryant (Moeller) while at 170, but has been inconsistent since. I wouldn't count Frisone out if he has a rematch with Poling in the match-to-go because of how good of a coach Adam Koballa is. Another name to watch here is Davis (North Canton Hoover).

Mast is the obvious favorite to win the district at Cleveland State. Mast, a returning state qualifier at this weight, has missed most of the season; however, he did comeback to finish 2nd at

Wadsworth, forfeiting to Marinelli in the finals. Mast did have a nice win over Mieman from Kentucky, 4-3. Leopald and Williamson are next best here. Leopald, who I believe is still undefeated, has a notable win over returning state qualifier Edwards, 3-1, in sudden victory. Williamson missed most of the season due to him recovering from a bad injury. Williamson has only wrestled about ten matches this year, so I am not sure what kind of shape he is in, which could be a factor. Williamson's performance will be a big factor in the team race. Waltermeyer, a returning state qualifier, is a clear fourth here because of his three wins over Keil, who I have next best in the district. I think the top four are on a different level than the rest of field here. A couple other names to watch here are Defraime (Medina) and Jackson (Ashland). Jackson was the first man out in the top 40. Jackson has wins over Poling and Morgan, but has taken a few bad losses.

Thompson and Hinkle lead the field at Hilliard Darby. This is one of the toughest weights at this district, as I have three projected state placers and four in the top nine. Thompson lost the match-to-go last year and I believe only has two losses this year, one to nationally ranked Skatzka from Michigan and the other by disqualification in a match that I believe he was winning. Thompson missed the team tournament in Columbus due to him being suspended until sectionals. If he would have wrestled, we could have seen a match between him and Williamson. Hinkle, a state qualifier two years ago, failed to place at Brecksville which was a surprise to me. He does have a notable win over Division 3 state placer Siemon (Deer Park). McCafferty, a returning state qualifier at this weight, is the other projected state placer here. I like returning state qualifier Hammond to get the final spot over Sepeda, who is also a returning state qualifier. Sepeda has struggled this year. He has losses to Hartman (Mechanicsburg) and Blackiston at 160. He also lost to Leidich (St. Edward), 11-1, in a dual meet up at 170. I wouldn't count Sepeda out since he has been a qualifier before, but with his recent results it's hard to project him as a qualifier. Kendzerski could be someone to pull an upset here. He recently lost a close bout to Sepeda in a dual meet, but I heard he was the aggressor in the match. A couple other notable wrestlers that aren't listed above are Stratton (Hilliard Bradley) and Pillow (Westerville North). Both have top 40 talent, but this weight is very deep.

Paul, a returning state qualifier is the favorite at Fairmont. Paul and Bryant are the only projected state placers here. Bryant missed the post-season last year due to him wrestling up one too many weight classes, and then was unable to find a spot in the lineup due to Moeller's tough upper weights. I favor returning state alternate Honious and Bria over Serbinski for the final two spots here. Honious beat Bria, 7-1, in the dual tournament and Bria has two wins over Serbinski. Bria also had a huge win in the semi-finals at Kenston over Edwards, 3-2. Another name to watch here is Herbert (Tecumseh).

170-

- Projected Champion: Jesse Palser (Mansfield Senior) Senior – CSU1
2. Tim Knipl (Wadsworth) Senior – CSU2
3. Andrew McNally (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME1
4. Branden Bryant (Brunswick) Senior – CSU3
5. Clayton Ray (Central Crossing) Senior – HD1
6. Zach Donatelli (Hilliard Darby) Senior – HD2

7. Keegan Driscoll (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD3
8. Tony Caraffi (Olmsted Falls) Junior – CSU4
9. JT Brown (Elyria) Sophomore – CSU5
10. Matt Waltermeyer (Perrysburg) Senior – CSU6
11. Cameron Pitts (Mason) Senior – KF1
12. Chad Salzer (Springboro) Senior – KF2
13. Colton Carroll (Teays Valley) Junior – HD4
14. Riley Etherington (Stebbins) Senior – KF2
15. Kyler Slade (Olentangy) Senior – HD5
16. Eric Murdock (Twinsburg) Senior – ME2
17. David Blanchard (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME3
18. Jared Leidich (St. Edward) Junior – CSU7
19. Steven Hayes (Westlake) Junior – CSU8
20. Josiah Harrell (Licking Hts.) Sophomore – HD6
21. Mark Adams (Elder) Senior – KF4
22. Jake Crosby (Grove City) Senior – HD7
23. Rodney Stewart (Solon) Senior – ME4
24. Cooper Grever (St. Xavier) Senior – KF5
25. Mark Kimbrell (Kettering Fairmont) Sophomore – KF6
26. Joe Andrews (Centerville) Junior – KF7
27. Daylonn Dudgeon (Xenia) Senior – KF8
28. Isaiah Jackson (Austintown Fitch) Junior – ME5
29. Max Boyd (Watkins Memorial) Sophomore – HD8
30. Owen Stein (Dublin Jerome) Junior – HD9
31. Julius Henderson (Shaw) Senior – ME6
32. Sam Wyche (Moeller) Freshman – KF9
33. Tommy Wendling (North Ridgeville) Senior – CSU9
34. Julius Crossty (Fairfield) Senior – KF10
35. Alex Sadowsky (Medina) Sophomore – CSU10
36. Chris Head (Massilon Jackson) Senior – ME7
37. Cole Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Sophomore – HD10
38. Andrew Jewell (St. John's Jesuit) Senior – CSU11
39. Francisco Allen (Hamilton) Freshman – KF11
40. Logan Weirick (Marysville) Junior – HD11

Palser, a returning state runner-up, is my pick to win this weight. Knipl, a returning state placer at this weight, and McNally, also a returning state placer, are serious contenders here. I think the top three here are above the rest of the field. I think this is a very deep weight class across the state.

McNally is the clear favorite to win the district at Mentor, as he is the only projected state placer in the district. This is one of the weaker weights at this district. I think the next three spots here are wide open. Murdock and Blanchard are next best here. Murdock had a big win over Brown in the beginning of January in a dual meet. Blanchard, an OAC Junior High state placer, has two big wins this season. He beat returning Division 2 state qualifier Hughes and Newman (Wapakoneta); both wins came at Top Gun. Stewart is my pick to get the fourth spot here. He

has been inconsistent, but has avenged almost every one of his losses. Jackson is a kid to watch, if here. He has been more effective at 170 and it seems to be the better option for him based on the climate here. Another name to watch here is McKinney (Brecksville).

Palser and Knipf leads the field at Cleveland State, which is by far the toughest district at this weight. I have six wrestlers in the top ten. Bryant, who got hurt last year at sectionals, is next best here and a projected state placer. He lost to Frisone opening weekend at Solon, but has bounced back nicely with three wins over Caraffi. Caraffi is my choice to get the fourth spot here over Brown, due to his recent head-to-head win. Brown did recently beat Bryant at their conference tournament, but I like Bryant better against the field. Waltermeyer had a huge win over Arroyo (Maumee) at his conference tournament and should be in the mix to qualify. Leidich is a dark horse here after his huge win over Sepeda (Marysville) in a dual meet. Leidich beat Sepeda by major decision, 11-1. Hayes recently dropped to 170. He had two huge wins earlier in the season over former Division 2 state qualifier Radich (Warren Howland). A couple others to watch here are Barnicle (Avon Lake) and Knabe (Copley).

I project three state placers at Hilliard Darby. I think the top three here will be Ray, Driscoll, and Donatelli, but they can finish in any order. Ray, who transferred from Hamilton Township, had to sit out the first half of this season; he was a state qualifier last year. Donatelli, also a state qualifier last year, has missed most, if not all, of the season so far. I am not sure of his status for the rest of the season. Ray beat Donatelli last year, 13-2, for 3rd and 4th here. Driscoll, a state alternate last year, has nice wins over Division 2 state qualifier Robbins and Newman (Wapakoneta). I favor Carroll to get the final spot here. Donatelli's status is a big factor when looking at this districts strength.

Pitts is the slight favorite at Fairmont, which is probably the weakest district at this weight, or at least in the mix with Mentor for the weakest. Pitts only beat Crossty 4-2, in overtime, so this district is wide open. I think Etherington is next best here. He returned in mid-January and I believe his only loss is to Carroll, in which Carroll headlocked Etherington in the first minute. I like Salzer and Adams to get the final two spots here. Salzer has a nice win over Carroll and a tough loss to Pitts, 5-3, in overtime. Adams missed the second half of last season, but did have a nice win over Bryant (Moeller). Adams started this season at 182, but recently cut to 170, where his only losses are to Paul (Loveland) and Ray.

182-

Projected Champion: Ben Darmstadt (Elyria) Junior – CSU1

2. Mike Lewis (Parma) Senior – ME1
3. Garrick Ginter (Sidney) Senior – KF1
4. Jordan Collins (Mason) Senior – KF2
5. Jakob Hinz (Westerville North) Senior – HD1
6. Nate Hall (Olentangy) Senior – HD2
7. Eric Deluse (Lancaster) Junior – HD3
8. Julian Daniels (Cincinnati Northwest) Senior – KF3
9. Cameron Mayell (North Royalton) Senior – CSU2
10. Luke Strnad (Brecksville) Sophomore – ME2

11. Lucas Staten (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD4
12. Cole Sutton (Sycamore) Junior – KF4
13. Anthony Perrine (Nordonia) Sophomore – CSU3
14. Jeff Christian (Solon) Senior – ME3
15. Tyler Stepic (St. Edward) Sophomore – CSU4
16. Michael Bekeny (Brunswick) Senior – CSU5
17. Trevor Bruce (Twinsburg) Senior – ME4
18. Michael Coup (Ashtabula Lakeside) Sophomore – ME5
19. Chase Newton (Perrysburg) Sophomore – CSU6
20. Matt Kennedy (Glen Este) Senior – KF5
21. Nolan Zeinner (Harrison) Junior – KF6
22. Pete Kunka (Mentor) Senior – ME6
23. Doland Martin (Gahanna Lincoln) Junior – HD5
24. Clay Haverfield (North Canton Hoover) Senior – ME7
25. Kurt Kumhall (Medina) Senior – CSU7
26. Mason Quinn (Lakota West) Senior – KF7
27. Nathan Bush (Trenton Edgewood) Senior – KF8
28. Ben Krizman (Hudson) Senior – ME8
29. Austin Brewer (Middletown) Senior – KF9
30. Tex Martin (Austintown-Fitch) Junior – ME9
31. Dominic Vitrano (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME10
32. Trent Newlan (Ashland) Senior – CSU8
33. Tanner Oller (Teays Valley) Junior – HD6
34. Kyle Colvin (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD7
35. Jeremy Mann (Pickerington North) Senior – HD8
36. Nick Patoray (Boardman) Junior – ME11
37. Devin Amburgy (Lebanon) Junior – KF10
38. Vince Neely (Oak Hills) Junior – KF11
39. Patrick Yeo (Hilliard Bradley) Junior – HD9
40. Brandon McKinney (Hamilton) Junior – KF12

Darmstadt is the clear favorite to win the title here. Darmstadt has jumped a few weights ever year. He wrestled 120 as a freshman, where he upset Sammy Gross (Beachwood) to burst onto the scene. Last year he was at 152. He beat James (Bedford) in a first round match in Columbus, which was one of the better first round matchups. He ended up reaching the finals, losing to Sparkman (Massillon Perry), 11-8. I thought Lewis' strength could give Darmstadt fits, but Darmstadt beat him, 13-4, at their conference tournament. Although I don't think Darmstadt would beat Ginter or Collins by major decision, I do like Lewis against those two in head-to-head matches.

Lewis leads the field at Mentor and he leads the field by a wide margin. He is the only projected state placer in the district. Strnad wrestled down at 145 last year, but has hit a huge growth spurt. He is the starting quarterback on the football team and is very quick at this weight class. The last two spots are rather wide open, but I like Christian and Bruce slightly above the rest of the field. Christian has beat Bruce twice this year in their three matches. Coup and Kunka should also be in the mix. Kunka has missed some time this season but recently lost to Bruce, 2-1, at their

conference tournament. A couple other names to watch here are Klingbergs (Chardon) and Gambrell (Glenville). Rumor has it that Kaden Russell (St. Ignatius) is out for the season due to injury. If my information on Russell is wrong, he would be around 13th overall and 3rd in the district.

Darmstadt is the obvious favorite at Cleveland State and the only projected state placer in the district. Mayell is next best here and could be a low-end placer in Columbus. He has two losses to Darmstadt, one by tech fall and the other by pin, as well as one loss to Deluse, 7-0. Perrine, a state alternate last year, has the best chance to keep Coach Graham Coghill's state qualifier streak alive. I am not exactly sure on how long the streak is, but I do know he has had a state qualifier every season since he has become a head coach, so I would guess it's around 35 years in a row. I think Perrine makes it to Columbus this year. I think the fourth spot will come down to Stepic and Bekeny, which Stepic would be favored in, due to his 6-4 win earlier in the season. I think we could see a mover from 170 here. A few others to watch here are Witt (Oregon Clay), Baum (St. John's Jesuit), and Kupferberg (Findlay). I think Winston (North Olmsted) will move down to this weight. If Winston does move, I would put him around 12th, which would put him 3rd in the district.

Hinz, Hall, and Deluse lead the field at Hilliard Darby, all three are projected state placers. Hinz, a two-time state placer, is the slight favorite to win the district, due to his 5-4 win at Medina. Hall, a returning state placer, struggled the first month of the season, but has bounced back nicely. Hall beat Deluse, 4-1, at Medina. Olentangy made the state semi-finals in football under my favorite high school football coach, Mark Solis, which could be a reason for Hall's slow start, as he was listed on their roster in August. Deluse, a returning state alternate, will end up at this weight. I projected Deluse to drop to 170 in my rankings almost all season until recently; I hear he will stay at 182. Staten, a state qualifier three years ago, could be here or at 170. He cut to 170 for the dual tournament, but I hear he will be here. He would be 4th in my eyes at both weights in the district. I think the top four here are well above the field, I just hope the bracket allows all four to get to Columbus. Capehart (Grove City) is another wrestler to watch here.

Like the Hilliard Darby District, Fairmont also has three projected state placers. I think the three projected placers are in their own tier. Ginter, a returning state qualifier, is the slight favorite over the much-improved Collins. Ginter's only loss to my knowledge is to projected state champ Harris (Urbana), 7-3, in the finals at the GMVWA tournament. Collins lost a surprise match last year during the second round at districts to Rivera (Harrison) and lost to eventual state qualifier Bohenek (Moeller) to knock him out of the tournament. Collins had a nice performance at the Dvorak tournament in Illinois, finishing 2nd and beating Benoit (Illinois), who was nationally ranked at the time. Daniels is next best and could contend for a district title. He is very good on his feet and extremely quick at this weight. I do not believe Daniels has lost this season, but I could be wrong, as I usually don't see many results for Northwest. I like Sutton to get the fourth spot here. He started the season at 195, but recently cut to 182. Sutton lost 20-8 to Collins, so I wouldn't put him in the top tier here. Another name to watch here is Wilcox (Northmont).

195-

Projected Champion: Matt Stencil (Oregon Clay) Junior – CSU1

2. Isaiah Margheim (Lorain) Senior – CSU2
3. Robbie Fusner (Central Crossing) Junior – HD1
4. Jared Campbell (St. Edward) Sophomore – CSU3
5. Aaron Naples (Brunswick) Sophomore – CSU4
6. Brady Durieux (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME1
7. Chris Martinez (Deleware Hayes) Junior – HD2
8. Gary Traub (Sycamore) Junior – KF1
9. Jacob Daniel (Stebbins) Senior – KF2
10. Drew Fenton (Lakota West) Junior – KF3
11. Alec Winston (North Olmstead) Senior – CSU5
12. Nic Kramer (Westerville North) Senior – HD3
13. Tristen Weirich (Ashland) Junior – CSU6
14. Joe Conway (St. Ignatius) Senior – ME2
15. Grant Martin (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME3
16. Gage Brock (Elder) Senior – KF4
17. A.J. Jones (Thomas Worthington) Junior – HD4
18. Shawn Norris (Lancaster) Senior – HD5
19. Logan Kemp (Centerville) Junior – KF5
20. Jimmy Suhayda (Brecksville) Senior – ME4
21. Ben Golden (Madison) Senior – ME5
22. Spencer Linville (Olmsted Falls) Sophomore – CSU7
23. Blake Young (Olentangy) Senior – HD6
24. Ahmad Doucet (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF6
25. Madison Prokop (Copley) Junior – CSU8
26. Matt Driver (Parma) Senior – ME6
27. Michael Delsanter (Hudson) Senior – ME7
28. Nate Stone (Glen Este) Junior – KF7
29. Devin Johnson (Chardon) Junior – ME8
30. Lovell Spruce (Kenston) Senior – ME9
31. AJ Suchofsky (Aurora) Senior – ME10
32. Seth Warwick (Mason) Senior – KF8
33. Dillon Edwards (Northmont) Senior – KF9
34. Quinton Mincy (Walnut Hills) Sophomore – KF10
35. Joe Travagliante (Avon) Senior – CSU9
36. Xavier Barrow (New Philadelphia) Junior – ME11
37. Mustafo Mustafa (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – CSU10
38. Mason Kauffeld (Teays Valley) Junior – HD7
39. Austin Torr (Gahanna Lincoln) Junior – HD8
40. Troy Good (Miamisburg) Senior – KF11

Stencel is the slight favorite here, due to his two wins over Margheim. The first match was in the semi-finals at Ironman. The match was tied at six with five seconds left until Margheim made a huge mistake trying to throw Stencel and ended up giving up a takedown in the final seconds. The next match was at the Mentor Duals, where Stencel won 7-6, but Margheim did lead, 4-0. They could have met a third time at Maumee Bay, but Margheim was sick that week, and ended

up wrestling at 182. They both exit the Cleveland State District, so they most likely will be on opposite sides.

Durieux, who finished 6th last year in the district, leads the field at Mentor. He recently lost to Strnad (Brecksville) and Brock; both scores were 5-2. Durieux also has a win over projected state placer Martinez, 4-3. Durieux is the only projected state placer in the district. I think the next three spots will be a melee between the next six wrestlers ranked above. Conway has had a breakout season with wins over two projected state placers in the other divisions, Buettner (Delphos St. John's) and Gregory (Toledo Central Catholic). Conway did recently get pinned by Driver, which is why I think this district is so deep. Martin, a state qualifier at 220 last year, has two surprise losses to Climer (Tuslaw) and Young, but he has avenged those losses since. Suhayda started out in the top 15 on my website. He struggled earlier in the season, but I think he get to Columbus, which I is needed for Brecksville to have a chance in the team race. Delsanter could also be in the mix here. He has a nice win over Kramer, but he also has a couple questionable losses.

Stencel and Margheim lead the district at Cleveland State, a district with four wrestlers in the top five in the division. Stencel and Margheim look to be on a different level, not only at Cleveland State, but also in the division. Campbell and Naples are next best here; both are only sophomores. Campbell has missed some time due to injury this season. Naples is sort of undersized and 195, as I think he is more of a 182, but has been very effective here. Winston is my odd man out here. I heard earlier in the year that he was considering moving to 182, which if he does, I would say he's a state qualifier and probably 3rd best in the district. A couple other names to watch here are Thakur (Anthony Wayne) and Wieland (Berea-Midpark).

Hilliard Darby has two projected state placers at this weight in Fusner and Martinez. Fusner, a returning state qualifier at this weight, is the favorite to win the district, due to his win over Martinez, 7-1, in the finals at Martinez's home tournament. Martinez seems much improved from last season, where he went 2-2 at districts, while wrestling at 170. I like returning state qualifier Kramer to get the third spot here. I like Jones to get the fourth spot over returning state qualifier Norris, due to his 6-5 win opening weekend. Young had a nice win over Martin at North Canton Hoover, but has recently struggled. That being said, he could be in the mix here. Another name to watch is Hayden (Logan).

Like Mentor, the Fairmont District has only one projected state placer here. Traub, the lone projected state placer, Daniel, and returning state qualifier Fenton are in the top tier here. I favor Traub slightly for the district crown, due to his recent win over Fenton, 4-2, at their conference tournament. Traub also pinned Daniel last year at districts. Daniel and Fenton wrestled earlier in the season at 220, a match that was won by Daniel. I like Brock slightly over Kemp for the fourth spot. I don't think they have wrestled this season, due to Brock starting the season at 220. They could have meet at the SWOWCA tournament or Brecksville. A few other names to add to this already deep district are Anthony (Oak Hills), Pringle (Mount Healthy), Sheldon (Milford), and Purk (Sidney). Purk recently pinned Young in the dual tournament.

220-

Projected Champion: Jonathan Jones (St. Xavier) Senior – KF1

2. James Ford (Worthington Kilbourne) Senior – HD1
3. Parker Knapp (St. Edward) Senior – CSU1
4. Jack Meyer (Moeller) Junior – KF2
5. Noel Caraballo (Olmsted Falls) Junior – CSU2
6. Eddie Sternad (Brecksville) Junior – ME1
7. Sheldon Sims (Mason) Senior – KF3
8. Jonathan Floyd (Springboro Junior – KF4
9. Tyler Koester (Oregon Clay) Senior – CSU3
10. Marshall Messer (Fremont Ross) Junior – CSU4
11. Larry Curtis (Kettering Fairmont) Junior – KF5
12. Jeff Virden (New Philadelphia) Senior – ME2
13. Connor Slade (Olentangy) Senior – HD2
14. Brian McNamara (Aurora) Senior – ME3
15. Ras Lumpkins (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD3
16. Amir Mansour (Hilliard Davidson) Junior – HD4
17. Ryan Durham (Lakota East) Senior – KF6
18. Paul Sturm (Avon) Senior – CSU5
19. Floyd Rogers (Green) Junior – ME4
20. Brad Rutter (Lancaster) Senior – HD5
21. Lamin Kendah (Deleware Hayes) Junior – HD6
22. Alex Triujillo (Newark) Senior – HD7
23. Cody Smith (Xenia) Junior – KF7
24. Ova Venters (Trenton Edgewood) Junior – KF8
25. Jake Hale (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD8
26. Andrew Kerobo (Winton Woods) Sophomore – KF9
27. Sterling Roseberry (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD9
28. Brandon Evans (Teays Valley) Junior – HD10
29. Terrance Williams (Copley) Senior – CSU6
30. Kyle Green (Wadsworth) Junior – CSU7
31. Marcus Mather (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME5
32. Jake Franks (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME6
33. Elliot Simpson (Garfield Hts.) Senior – ME7
34. Dylan Reis (Elyria) Senior – CSU8
35. Jarod Brown (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME8
36. Brett Seymour (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – CSU9
37. Todd Hastings (Amherst Steele) Junior – CSU10
38. Brendan Marchetti (Oak Hills) Junior – KF10
39. Brad Kozak (Barberton) Senior – ME9
40. Nick Nappi (Louisville) Senior – ME10

Jones is the slight favorite to win the state title, but I think everyone in the top four are all contenders. Jones has not lost a match this year to my knowledge, but he has been challenged. Jones has had two close bouts with Meyer, winning the first match with a pin in overtime at the SWOWCA tournament, after countering Meyer's shot with an elevator to throw him on his back; his second win came at CIT, by a score of 1-0. Ford was somewhat of a surprise finalist at

Ironman. Jones beat Ford by major decision during the opening weekend of the season. If they shall meet again, I doubt the margin will be that big this time around. Knapp was my favorite to win this weight in almost all my pre-season rankings until November, which is when I heard Jones was deciding to move up to 220 this season. Ford beat Knapp at Ironman, 3-1, in sudden victory. Since Jones and Meyer exit the same district, they will most likely be on opposite sides in Columbus.

Sternad is the favorite at the Mentor, despite not having a win last year at districts. He is the only projected state placer in the district. I think Sternad is a pretty heavy favorite here, unless his past post-season woes continue. Virden and McNamara are next best here and seem to be in the second tier. Virden had a surprise loss recently to Gray (Claymont), 1-0. McNamara has been a pleasant surprise this season, but does have a bad loss to Reis, which didn't look like a bad loss until Reis started struggling about a month ago. I think the last spot is rather wide open. I favor Rogers slightly over the rest of the field here. He has a nice win over Slade but does have bad losses to Green and Franks. Brown seems to be improving every week and recently beat Kendah; he could be a sleeper here. A couple other names to watch here with wins versus the top 40 are Slater (Hudson), Barnowski (Stow), and Spear (Parma).

Cleveland State is one of the second toughest districts at this weight to Fairmont. This district has four wrestlers in the top ten. Knapp, a returning state placer at this weight, is the clear favorite here due to his win over returning qualifier Caraballo at Medina, a match he won by fall. He didn't go out for the football team this past fall, a team that won the Division 1 State Championship, because he wanted to focus on wrestling. Koester and the Clyde transfer Messer round out my top four here. Koester has quite a few losses, but I think every loss to Ohio kids have been to projected state placers. Messer, a Division 2 state qualifier two years ago at 195 as a freshman, had to sit out the first half of the season due to transferring. He came back at Maumee Bay and lost to returning Division 3 state placer Richard, 2-1, in sudden victory. Reis wrestled much better in December compared to the last few weeks. If we see the Reis from December in the post-season, he could be in the mix.

Ford, the Thomas Worthington transfer, is the clear favorite at Hilliard Darby. This is a pretty deep weight here, with 10 wrestlers in the top 27. Ford's only losses this year to Ohio kids are to projected state champs, Jones and Dodd (Carrollton). Ford has a head-to-head win over Slade, who I see as second best here, 7-2, at Top Gun. Lumpkins' recent win over Mansour puts him in the third slot here and Mansour in the fourth slot. The next tier of Rutter, Kendah, and Triujillo all should contend for district placement. I am not sure on the status of Hale, but I heard a few weeks ago that was still a chance he could return.

Jones is the obvious favorite at Kettering Fairmont, a district with four projected state placers. Meyer, who has been in and out of the lineup the past two years as a fill-in, has had a nice season. Meyer was 5th at Ironman and took 2nd at SWOWCA and CIT, losing two close bouts with Jones. Sims is the next best here and has a nice win over returning state qualifier Crosswell (Bishop Hartley). Floyd rounds out the four projected state placers at this district. He has wrestled most of the season at 285 while weighing around 230, but I hear he will be at this weight. Curtis is the odd man out, but with a good draw he could sneak out.

285-

Projected Champion: Kevin Vough (Elyria) Sophomore – CSU1

2. Kameron Teacher (Central Crossing) Junior – HD1
3. Nik Urban (Willoughby South) Junior – ME1
4. Josh Burger (Aurora) Junior – ME2
5. Cale Bonner (Perrysburg) Senior – CSU2
6. Chris Crumb (Olentangy) Junior – HD2
7. Joe Hensley (Moeller) Junior – KF1
8. Aaron Crosby (Valley Forge) Senior – ME3
9. Jovahn Fair (Akron Firestone) Senior – CSU3
10. Ryan Cloud (Northmont) Senior – KF2
11. Tristan Roberts (Massillon Washington) Senior – ME4
12. Christian Eubanks (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD3
13. Matt Carrick (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME5
14. Gage Archer (Westerville North) Senior – HD4
15. Brennan Sawicki (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD5
16. Tristan Taylor (Tecumseh) Senior – KF3
17. Lorenz Robertson (Maple Hts.) Senior – ME6
18. Arman Samouk (Copley) Junior – CSU4
19. Trevor Jackson (Xenia) Senior – KF4
20. Mark Riedel (Beavercreek) Senior – KF5
21. Mike O'Malley (St. Edward) Junior – CSU5
22. Joe Isham (Elder) Senior – KF6
23. Samson Demand (Cuyahoga Falls) Senior – CSU6
24. Seth Crissman (Glen Este) Junior – KF7
25. Zac Benner (Ashland) Senior – CSU7
26. Ke'Eryon Deal (Mount Healthy) Senior – KF8
27. Brad Booher (Lebanon) Junior – KF9
28. Logan Sadler (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD6
29. Doug Mullen (Mason) Junior – KF10
30. Tim Tanner-Blair (Lakota West) Junior – KF11
31. Zach D'Anna (Brecksville) Freshman – ME7
32. Alex Moore-Nash (Fairfield) Freshman – KF12
33. Jerron Cage (Winton Woods) Sophomore – KF13
34. David Lipscomb (Westerville Central) Senior – HD7
35. Brandon Skinner (Logan) Junior – HD8
36. Alec Camelli (Nardon) Junior – CSU8
37. Jake Chrisman (Westerville South) Junior – HD9
38. Izak Wunderlich (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD10
39. Sadi Santana (Lorain) Junior – CSU9
40. Drew Hoskinson (Zanesville) Junior – HD11

Vough is the obvious pick to win this weight. He finished 3rd last year as a freshman at 285. Many thought Vough had a legit chance to win a heavyweight state title as a freshman. I believe he would have been the first freshman state champ at heavyweight in Ohio history, but he fell to

eventual state runner-up Jennings (Centerville) in the quarterfinals. Vough, who won Ironman, is undefeated this season and has wins over projected placers Bonner and Crosby. I think the only wrestler who can challenge Vough is Teacher. Teacher, a very quick and agile heavyweight, has improved quite a bit from last season. There is a chance we could see both guys meet Saturday being undefeated, which could mean a few less empty seats compared to normal.

Urban, a state placer last year, is the favorite at Mentor due to his two wins over Burger in back-to-back weeks in January. Mentor is the only district at this weight class with three projected state placers. Burger, who had some early season struggles last year, ended up putting a nice run together at the end of the season and placed in Columbus. Crosby is the last projected state placer here. He wrestles more like a 195 with his leg attack series. Crosby does have a head-to-head win over Burger back in December, but I like Burger more against the field. I favor Roberts over Carrick for the last spot here. Roberts transferred from Glen Oak this year, where he was a state qualifier last season. If Carrick can get to Columbus, that would be huge for Massillon Perry. Another name to watch here is Militello (Painesville Riverside).

Vough is the obvious favorite to win the district at Cleveland State. Bonner, a two-time state placer, is next best here. He missed the first couple weeks of the season due an injury he suffered during football. Fair, who was my sleeper last year, should contend to place in Columbus. He was winning 2-0 in the second period over Urban at Solon, before Urban cradled him and pinned him. The top three here look to be above the rest of the field. I favor Samouk over the struggling and undersized O'Malley for the final spot.

Hilliard Darby has the second most wrestlers listed above. I have two projected state placers at this weight, Teacher and Crumb. Teacher has beaten Crumb twice this season with scores of 7-1 and 3-1; the closer bout came more recently. Crumb, a returning state qualifier, missed over a month of competition, but did return at Delaware Hayes, which is where he lost that close bout to Teacher. I think Eubanks and returning state qualifiers Archer and Sawicki are on the next tier here. I like Eubanks to get one of the next two spots, followed by Archer. A few other names to watch are Vanfossen (Olentangy Orange), Morefield (Pickerington Central), and Everett (Lancaster).

Hensley leads the field at Fairmont and is the only projected state placer here. Although I only have projected state placer, this district has average depth, with five wrestlers in the top 20. Cloud is next best here. I have not seen Cloud this season, but I have been hearing good things from coaches in the Southwest. I like Taylor to get the third spot. Taylor has solid wins over two Division 2 wrestlers, Seibert (Defiance) and Sharp (West Branch). I favor Jackson to get the fourth spot over Riedel, due to his head-to-win, a match that end by pin.

Division 1 Team Projections

Finish	School	Points	State Champs	State Placers	State Qualifiers	District 5 th /6 th
1	St. Edward	97	0	6	11	1
2	Massillon Perry	91	0	6	7	3
3	Brecksville	90	1	6	8	0
4	Elyria	79	2	6	7	2
5	Central Crossing	72	1	5	6	1
6	Wadsworth	69	1	3	5	1
7	Brunswick	68	0	5	7	3
8	Mason	65	1	5	7	1
9	Oregon Clay	61	2	3	4	0
10	Moeller	56	0	5	5	1
11	Lorain	48	0	3	5	0
12	Uniontown Lake	46	0	3	5	1

Division 2

Alliance - AL	Heath - HE
Mansfield - MA	Southeastern - SE

106-

- Projected Champion: Justin Stickley (Graham) Junior – SE1
2. Josh Venia (Toledo Central Catholic) Junior – MA1
 3. Bruce Hrynciw (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – MA2
 4. Matt Cardello (Canfield) Freshman – AL1
 5. Terrell Grant (Tallmadge) Senior – AL2
 6. Alex Potts (East Liverpool) Senior – HE1
 7. Lukus Stricker (Akron Hoban) Sophomore – AL3
 8. Eric Bartos (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – MA3
 9. Jashon Hubbard (Steubenville) Freshman – HE2
 10. Hunter Ryan (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL4
 11. Nate Keaton (Circleville) Freshman – SE2
 12. Brandon Lucas (Western Brown) Freshman – SE3
 13. Alec Schopfer (West Branch) Senior – AL5
 14. Addison Fogle (Licking Valley) Freshman – HE3
 15. Carson Speelman (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – MA4
 16. Jared Stevens (Gallia Academy) Sophomore – SE4
 17. Gannon Petruzzo (Dover) Sophomore – HE4
 18. Ben Sherrill (Bellbrook) Freshman – SE5
 19. Charley Bohls (Napoleon) Sophomore – MA5
 20. Danny Assaf (Defiance) Sophomore – MA6
 21. Tanner Krotzer (Rossford) Sophomore – MA7
 22. Quinton Bookman (Lisbon Beaver) Sophomore – HE5
 23. Tyler Capodice (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – MA8
 24. Briar Cadle (Claymont) Freshman - HE 6
 25. Jacob Gentry (Hamilton Ross) Freshman – SE6
 26. Yasser Hamdan (Brooklyn) Freshman – AL6
 27. Mason Brainard (Field) Junior – AL7
 28. Joe Wright (Akron SVSM) Freshman – AL8
 29. Alex Slattman (Wauseon) Freshman – MA9
 30. Lalo Ludwick (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – MA10
 31. Dillen Lewis (Carrollton) Junior – HE7
 32. Branham Kipruto (Whitehall-Yearling) Sophomore – HE8
 33. Bailey Munday (Big Walnut) Freshman – HE9
 34. Cole Houser (Benjamin Logan) Freshman – MA11
 35. Ryan Deuley (Crestwood) Junior – AL9
 36. Logan Carr (Bellefontaine) Senior – MA12
 37. Josh Smith (Canal Fulton Northwest) Sophomore – AL10

38. John Erhard (Tippecanoe) Junior – MA13
39. Dawson Carter (Hillsboro) Freshman – SE7
40. Thomas Watts (Logan Elm) Sophomore – SE8

After hearing Kosco will most likely stay at 113, Stickley is my pick to win the weight. Stickley is the favorite after he beat Venia, 7-5, in the consolation bracket at Ironman and in Columbus for the team state title, 8-5. Stickley finished 5th at Ironman, beating Rhine (Mechanicsburg) by tech fall. Stickley was 6th last year in the state; Venia finished ahead of him, taking home 3rd. I tend to lead to the top three as being in the top tier, but this is a pretty deep weight in the division. I hear Hrynciw might be at 113 due to the weight cut, which isn't surprising by looking at him.

The slight favorite to win the crown at Alliance is Cardello. This is a pretty tough district at this weight, with four in the top ten. Cardello, an OAC State Placer, finished 2nd at Brecksville to Mattin (Delta), but recently lost to Hubbard in the dual tournament. Grant, a returning state qualifier, took 7th at Ironman and 6th at Beast of the East. He should contend for a district title. Stricker, a state alternate last year, is the other projected state placer here. He recently lost to Cardello, 8-3, at Bill Dies. The fourth and final spot looks to be between Ryan and Schopfer. Ryan and Schopfer round out the top five here. I think these five are well above the rest of the field. Schopfer has a nice win over Hubbard, 2-1, in December at North Canton Hoover. Hamdan is a projected district placer, but has been either at 113 or not in the lineup. He is a kid to keep an eye on. Another couple of names to watch here are Martin (Ravenna Southeast), who pinned Cadle at Top Gun, and Tusick (Padua).

Mansfield is the toughest district at this weight if Hrynciw is here. The district has two serious title contenders and another projected placer. Venia and Hrynciw are two of the bigger 106's in the state. Bartos is a projected state placer after recently beating Breeding (Elyria) at Bill Dies, 8-6. I like Speelman slightly above the rest of the field to get the fourth and final spot. Another name to watch here could be Morrell (Clearview). He has recently been up at 120 for his conference tournament, but not knowing if he weighed in at 113, I did list him above. He has a nice win over Coleman (Hudson) and also beat Casey (Lorain), the very solid backup to Edwards.

Potts is the slight favorite at Heath. He recently won an OVAC title, avenging a loss to Henson from West Virginia, the son of USA great and West Virginia University head coach, Sammie "The Bull" Henson. Potts lost to Henson by tech fall in a dual, if the results I saw are correct. Potts beat Henson at OVAC, 14-12, after weighing in light because he later dropped to 106 a week later. Hubbard, an OAC Junior High state placer, is next best here, but should contend for the district title after recently losing to Potts, 6-5. Fogle, also an OAC Junior High state placer, looks to be in the next tier by himself. The fourth and final spot looks to be between Petruzzo, Bookman, and Cadle. Petruzzo recently beat Cadle, 6-5. Cadle, who started off a little slow after being ranked pre-season in the top eight, should not be counted out based on Claymont's tradition.

Stickley is the heavy favorite at Southeastern, the weakest district overall at this weight. I don't see him really being challenged until Columbus. Keaton and OAC Junior High state placer Lucas

are in the next tier here. Keaton beat Lucas and both have beat returning state qualifier Stevens, who is my fourth projected state qualifier here. I would say Stevens is in his tier here. Sherill and OAC Junior High state placer Gentry both look to be a year away from reaching Columbus, but should be in contention to place at Southeastern.

113-

- Projected Champion: Mitch Moore (Graham) Freshman – SE1
2. Ana Abduljelil (Whitehall-Yearling) Junior – HE1
 3. Hunter Kosco (Canal Fulton Northwest) Sophomore – AL1
 4. Tony DeCesare (Padua) Junior – AL2
 5. Blaine Hunter (Elida) Junior – MA1
 6. Charlie Nash (Norwalk) Junior – MA2
 7. Aaron Kelly (Rocky River) Junior – MA3
 8. Maxx Peters (Claymont) Freshman – HE2
 9. Gunnar Carpenter (Licking Valley) Freshman – HE3
 10. Nathaniel Kehn (Sheridan) Senior – SE2
 11. Otha Jones (Toledo Scott) Freshman – MA4
 12. Cole Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Freshman – AL3
 13. Dante Ginnetti (Poland Seminary) Junior – AL4
 14. Brady Toth (Perry) Junior – AL5
 15. Jake Ondash (Crestwood) Junior – AL6
 16. Jack Dawson (Lisbon Beaver) Senior – HE4
 17. Louie Lachapelle (Maumee) Junior – MA5
 18. Mike Baumberger (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – MA6
 19. TJ Newsome (New Lexington) Junior – SE3
 20. Michael Clark (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – MA7
 21. Jaylin Cameron (Urbana) Junior – SE4
 22. Mauricio Barajas (Wauseon) Freshman – MA8
 23. Treston Francis (Bellevue) Freshman – MA9
 24. Domenic Carfagna (Columbus DeSales) Junior – HE5
 25. Austin Eick (Rossford) Freshman – MA10
 26. Jordan Anthony (Buckeye Valley) Junior – HE6
 27. Logan Ball (Cambridge) Sophomore – HE7
 28. Sterling Edler (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – HE8
 29. Jacob Snoddy (Greenon) Senior – SE5
 30. Tyler Matthews (Circleville) Freshman – SE6
 31. Caleb Greenlee (Gallia Academy) Freshman – SE7
 32. Dakota Ice (East Liverpool) Sophomore – HE9
 33. Brad Beemer (Wapakoneta) Freshman – MA11
 34. Caleb Smith (Ravenna) Sophomore – AL7
 35. Josh Baitt (Jefferson Area) Freshman – AL8
 36. David Genovese (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL9
 37. Seth Taylor (Western Brown) Freshman – SE8
 38. Gavin Desgrange (Napoleon) Senior – MA12
 39. Cole Woods (West Holmes) Sophomore – HE10

40. Jacob Whitaker (Celina) Senior – MA13

This should be one of the best weights to follow in Columbus. Ironman Champ Moore is my pick to win the weight. I think he could be challenged by Abduljelil, Kosco and Decesare. Abduljelil, a two-time state placer, lost a close match to Mattox (Central Crossing), my projected state champ in Division 1, 12-10, at Medina. Kosco will be at this weight according to a solid source. The returning state placer has won Brecksville and Top Gun, and I think has only lost twice this year, both to Mattox - once by fall and the other by major decision. DeCesare, a returning state runner-up, can slow down the match against anyone. I think he could be wrestling again on Saturday night. Hrynciw, if here, would be 5th.

Kosco and DeCesare lead the field at Alliance. I think both state placers repeat the task again this year. This is a pretty tough weight with two returning state placers and two returning state qualifiers. This district is probably the deepest at this weight with six in the top 15. I see the surprise freshman Bailey, along with returning state qualifiers Toth and Ginnetti, all in contention for the next two spots. Bailey recently beat Toth, 8-2, and Ginnetti, 6-4. Ginnetti pinned Toth last year at districts; both beat Ondash last year, who is the 6th wrestler in the top 15 here. Pearce (Coventry) has been at 120 and 126 for most of the year, but did wrestle 113 in the beginning of the season. I am not sure if Pearce weighed in at 126 or not, so he is not listed above. If Pearce is here, he is a kid to watch. Another name to watch at this already deep field is Averill (University School).

Hunter, a returning state placer at this weight, is the favorite at Mansfield. He will be challenged by another returning state placer, Nash, and returning state qualifier at this weight, Kelly. I think those three are in the top tier here, as all are projected state placers. Scott is my slight favorite to get the fourth spot over Lachapelle and returning state qualifier, Baumberger. Lachapelle recently pinned Baumberger. Baumberger has struggled most of the year. Another name to watch here is Whitaker (Celina).

Abduljelil is the favorite to win his first district title. Peters, an OAC Junior High state placer, is the only other projected state qualifier at Heath. Abduljelil beat Peters by major decision at Medina, 10-2. Carpenter, also an OAC Junior High state placer, is a state placement contender. Carpenter has a nice win over returning state qualifier, Kehn, while both were at 120. Dawson, a returning state alternate at this weight, is my pick to get the fourth spot. Another name to watch here is Johnson (Jonathan Alder).

Moore is the clear favorite at Southeastern. He is the only projected state placer in the district. Kehn, a returning state qualifier, looks to be in the second tier by himself. The last two spots look wide open, but Newsome and Cameron are my picks to get to Columbus. Snoddy has recently dropped to 113, which seems to be a good move, judging by his major decision win over Greenlee. Matthews has wins over the other freshmen listed above in the district, beating Greenlee, 8-4, and Taylor, 4-2.

120-

Projected Champion: Tyler Warner (Claymont) Junior – HE1

2. Eli Stickley (Graham) Senior – SE1
3. Tariq Wilson (Steubenville) Junior – HE2
4. Seth Beard (Napoleon) Junior – MA1
5. Alize Merrell (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – MA2
6. Mike Stewart (Sparta Highland) Senior – HE3
7. Kevon Freeman (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL1
8. Luke Wymer (Akron SVSM) Freshman – AL2
9. Nick Berry (Dayton Carroll) Junior – SE2
10. Hunter DeShon (Coventry) Junior – AL3
11. Juwan Minnifield (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – MA3
12. Andrew Spicer (New Lexington) Junior – SE3
13. Tyler Adkins (Western Brown) Senior – SE4
14. Casey Ragle (Norwood) Freshman – SE5
15. Tayler Steele (Wilmington) Sophomore – SE6
16. Brogan Lovejoy (Ravenna) Senior – AL4
17. Ryan Lantow (Defiance) Senior – MA4
18. Dylan Mansor (Oak Harbor) Junior – MA5
19. Aaron Cox (Hamilton Ross) Senior – SE7
20. Justin Shaw (Carrollton) Freshman – HE4
21. Errik Gerback (Marlington) Sophomore – AL5
22. Coleman Foster (Eaton) Sophomore – SE8
23. Kyler Kirby (Jackson) Sophomore – SE9
24. Twan Crankfield (Sandusky) Senior – MA6
25. Jayden Hefner (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – MA7
26. Travis Pidgeon (West Branch) Senior – AL6
27. Max Baker (Lexington) Senior – MA8
28. Tanner Perry (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – AL7
29. Kyle West (Canfield) Junior – AL8
30. David Hague (Indian Creek) Junior – HE5
31. Austin Sholl (Maumee) Senior – MA9
32. Cory Pastva (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL9
33. Devin West (Buchtel) Freshman – AL10
34. Nick Weaver (Bellbrook) Junior – SE10
35. Caleb Nadeau (Indian Lake) Senior – SE11
36. Gabe Turner (Monroe) Junior – MA10
37. Andrew Bailey (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA11
38. Jacob Kordik (Oakwood) Junior – SE12
39. Giovaugnni Bonner (Walnut Ridge) Senior – HE6
40. Austin Struble (Fostoria) Junior – MA12

Like I stated in Division 1 at 113, this is a prediction report. Therefore, my pick to win the weight is two-time state champion Warner, despite Stickley outplacing him at Ironman and being ranked ahead of Warner on my website since Ironman. I could never pick against someone who is on pace to become a four-time state champion. The top four here all have state final experience. Stickley is also a returning state champ. This should be one of the better finals matches to watch, no matter who is here. I think Wilson, a returning state runner-up and two-

time state placer, and Beard have the ability to pull off an upset here. All four of the top kids here have a history with one another. Stickley beat Wilson last year in the state finals after Wilson beat Beard in the semi-finals. Warner beat Beard two years ago in the state finals. I think the top four are on a totally different level compared to the rest of the field.

Freshmen Freeman and Wymer lead the field at Alliance, as both are projected state placers. Freeman, who has been up at 126 for part of the season, had a nice win at 126 over Petras at Brecksville. Wymer, an OAC Junior High state placer, finished 7th at Medina where he beat Gray (Wadsworth), 5-0, and finished 5th at Top Gun. DeShon, who transferred from North Canton Hoover after his dad became the head coach at Coventry, looks to be a qualifier at this weight; he lost 1-0 to Wymer in the dual tournament. DeShon had a good performance at Bill Dies, finishing 2nd and beating Mayer (Elyria) in the semi-finals, 6-3. My pick to get the fourth spot here is Lovejoy. He has missed a lot of mat time the past two years, but based on the climate here he has the ability to still get to Columbus. Pidgeon is still a veteran wrestler to watch, even though he has taken some bad losses this year. West, the one from Buchtel, not Canfield, could be a sleeper here after his close loss to Wymer, 7-5. I think someone at 113 should consider moving here. Another name to watch here is Bellismo (Perry).

Beard, who finished 3rd and 2nd the past two years, is the obvious favorite at Mansfield. Merrell, who missed most, if not all of last season, has had a good comeback year. He was a state qualifier two years ago and has nice wins over two-time state qualifier Donahue (Massillon Washington), as well as state qualifiers Stewart and Minnifield. Merrell beat Stewart and Minnifield at Medina, where he finished 4th. The last two spots look like they will come down to three wrestlers: Minnifield, Lantow, and Mansor. Mansor recently beat Minnifield in a dual, while Lantow beat Mansor in January. I like Minnifield against the field at this weight overall in the division, which is why he is a little higher. Another couple of names to watch at this already deep field are Drennen (Bellevue) and Hertensteiner (Firelands).

Warner is obviously the favorite at Heath, but could be challenged by Disney Dual teammate, Tariq Wilson. This weight is one of the toughest weights in the district, as I project three state placers. Stewart is the other projected placer here and has a dominating major decision win over Wilson (Waynedale); however, I am very high on Wilson. Shaw, an OAC Junior High state placer, is my pick to get the fourth spot here. He has taken quite a few losses this year, but he is only a freshman. I think the experience he has gained this year will help him come the post season.

Stickley is the clear favorite to win the Southeastern district. Stickley is the lone projected state placer at this weight, although this weight does have very good depth as I have 10 in the top 24. Berry is second best here and has a nice win over Merrell at Medina, where he finished 5th. I would have Bussard (Valley View) in the third spot at this weight, but I hear he will not be wrestling. If Bussard does wrestle, he would be in the top 15. Returning state qualifier Spicer is my pick to get the third spot here, despite his early season struggles. Returning state qualifier Adkins, who has a few bad losses this year, is my pick to get the last spot. OAC Junior High state placer Ragle could be in the mix to qualify. Cox, a state qualifier last year, is also here. Cox had double digit losses going into the post season last year and still ended up qualifying, maybe he turns it up again at the end of the season.

126-

- Projected Champion: Eli Seipel (Graham) Senior – SE1
2. Georgio Poullas (Canfield) Sophomore – AL1
 3. Devin Rogers (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – MA1
 4. Sandro Ramirez (Wauseon) Freshman – MA2
 5. Timothy Grunden (Defiance) Freshman – MA3
 6. Cole Woods (West Holmes) Junior – HE1
 7. Cole Tawney (Gallia Academy) Senior – SE2
 8. Cory Simpson (Field) Junior – AL2
 9. Lane Peters (Claymont) Junior – HE2
 10. Paul Petras (Padua) Senior – AL3
 11. Levi Congleton (Vincent Warren) Senior – SE3
 12. Dominic Vagner (Logan Elm) Senior – SE4
 13. Thurston Dyer (Upper Sandusky) Junior – MA4
 14. Brian Persinger (Triway) Sophomore – AL4
 15. Keysean Amison (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – MA5
 16. Nick Bergman (Oak Harbor) Senior – MA6
 17. Rosendo Beltran (Toledo Central Catholic) Junior – MA7
 18. John Chell (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL5
 19. Luciano Mendicino (Granville) Sophomore – HE3
 20. Brad Sprau (Rocky River) Senior – MA8
 21. Tra Jones (Sandusky) Junior – MA9
 22. Eli Ayoub (Jonathan Alder) Senior – HE4
 23. Andrew Murphy (Dover) Sophomore – HE5
 24. Tyler Hicks (New Lexington) Sophomore – SE5
 25. Isaiah Ngiraingas (Conneaut) Junior – AL6
 26. Robert Daley (Edison) Senior – HE6
 27. Cody Oiler (East Liverpool) Senior – HE7
 28. Toby Warrington (Hillsboro) Senior – SE6
 29. Evan Reed-Rossiter (Cambridge) Senior – HE8
 30. Jacob Boldman (Wilmington) Junior – SE7
 31. Leconte Merrell (Madison Comprehensive) Sophomore – MA10
 32. Carson Mcie (Galion) Senior – MA11
 33. Conner Avalon (Clyde) Senior – MA12
 34. Jacob Dalton (Lexington) Senior – MA13
 35. Jackson Law (Caledonia River Valley) Senior – HE9
 36. Ben Kring (Bishop Watterson) Junior – HE10
 37. Dustin Martself (Lisbon Beaver) Junior – HE10
 38. Drew Robenalt (Wapakoneta) Junior – MA14
 39. Ryan Camargo (Maumee) Senior – MA15
 40. Seth D'Allessandris (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – SE8

This has the makings of being a fun weight to watch in Columbus. There are nine returning state placers, two freshmen that were OAC Junior High state champions, and four other wrestlers with state experience. Seipel won Ironman, but followed that up with a loss to Poullas. Rogers beat

Seipel last year in the state quarter-finals, but Seipel avenged that loss by beating Rogers for 3rd and 4th. I lean towards the top three, but Tawney did beat Rogers in what I think was Rogers' first trip down to 126. This is one of the deepest weights in the division and maybe even in the state for a single weight class per division.

There is not a lot of depth at this weight at Alliance, but the district does have two projected state placers. Poullas, a state placer last year as a freshman, has had a solid sophomore campaign. Poullas was 3rd at Brecksville, wrestling at 132, and 2nd at Bill Dies, losing to two nationally ranked wrestlers: Olson from Michigan and Assad (Brecksville). The other projected state placer in the district is Simpson, a two-time state placer. Petras, a returning state placer, should make it back to Columbus and could contend for placement. I think the fourth spot will come down to Persinger, a surprise state qualifier last year, and a wrestler who missed all of last season, Chell. Ngiraingas, also a surprise state qualifier last year, has taken some bad losses this year, but could place in the district based on the climate here. A few others to watch here are Kelley (Hoban), Goodin (Poland Seminary), Mitchell (West Branch), Creager (Marlington), and Delisle (Akron Kenmore).

Rogers is the slight favorite to win the Mansfield district, which is a very deep district. Rogers, a returning state placer, will be challenged by two OAC Junior High state champs, Ramirez and Grunden. Ramirez has three losses by a combined five points to studs like Cheek, Bray, and Speiss. Grunden has been at 132 for most of the year, but recently dropped to 126. Grunden has wins over returning Division 1 placer Lieb (Watkins Memorial) and returning Division 3 placer Sarreshteh (Liberty-Benton). Dyer, a returning state qualifier, recently dropped to 126 and is my pick to get the fourth spot, although I here he could move back to 132. Amison, Bergman, and returning state qualifier, Beltran, all should contend for qualification. Amison beat Dyer last year, Beltran has a nice win over Peters, and Bergman beat Beltran. With how much history this weight class against each other, this weight should be a fun one to track come the post season. Sprau recently revenged a loss from earlier in the season by pinning projected Division 3 state placer Bleich.

Woods, a returning state runner-up, is the slight favorite at Heath. Peters, a returning state placer, is just outside my top eight at this weight. I think Woods and Peters are above the rest of the field here. Mendicino is third best here after his 3-0 win over Ayoub last year. Ayoub is my pick to get the fourth spot. Mendicino does have the option to go down to 120, but I like his chances here. Mendicino lost to eventual state placer Clark (Claymont) last year at districts, 4-2, in OT. He then defaulted out. Murphy should contend for qualification, although I have him as the odd-man out. He has a notable win over Molder (Mentor) and has close bouts to Chell and Peters. OVAC placers Oiler and Daley could also be in the mix to get to Columbus. Another name to watch here is Coe (Amanda-Clearcreek), he was a state qualifier two years ago at 113 in Division 3.

This could be a weight with possibly four state placers in a normal year, but not with the depth at this weight in the division. Seipel is the obvious favorite at Southeastern, as I don't think he will be challenged. Tawney is the only other projected placer at this weight, which would make him a three-time state placer. Vagner, a returning state placer, lost to Congleton, a state qualifier, two years ago, 6-4, at Miami Trace. I think both make it back to Columbus, but Hicks could make it

interesting if he is healthy. Hicks beat Vagner at a preview in November. I think Warrington should consider moving back to 132. He would only be a few spots higher on the overall division level, but would be in my top four in the district. Another name to watch here is Fields (Hamilton Ross).

132-

Projected Champion: Cameron Kelly (Bellbrook) Senior – SE1

2. Rocky Jordan (Graham) Freshman – SE2
3. Brandon Leynaud (Lexington) Senior – MA1
4. Garrett Carter (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL1
5. Shawn Murphy (Washington CH) Senior – SE3
6. Hunter Yackee (Wauseon) Freshman – MA2
7. Vince Zitello (Bay) Junior – MA3
8. Chandler Golec (Claymont) Sophomore – HE1
9. Tyler Copeland (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – MA4
10. Dakotah Goff (Steubenville) Junior – HE2
11. CJ Frost (Canfield) Junior – AL2
12. Luke Leonard (Bellevue) Senior – MA5
13. Brennan Joseph (Marlington) Junior – AL3
14. Brett Bailey (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL4
15. Jason Keyes (Lisbon Beaver) Junior – HE3
16. Trevor Scherf (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – MA6
17. Gabe Gibson (Bloom Carroll) Junior – HE4
18. Taylor Komives (Ontario) Junior – MA7
19. Dakota McKenzie (Ravenna) Junior – AL5
20. Eli Yoho (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL6
21. Anthony Vetturini (West Geauga) Senior – AL7
22. Drew Crabtree (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – MA8
23. Fernando Chavez (Defiance) Sophomore – MA9
24. Justin Mason (Conneaut) Sophomore – AL8
25. Nick Lawhorn (Chillicothe) Junior – SE4
26. Greg Brewer (Circleville) Sophomore – SE5
27. Austin Wolcott (Sheridan) Sophomore – SE6
28. Adam Wilhelm (Dayton Carroll) Senior – SE7
29. Jimmy Lerakis (Warren Howland) Senior – AL9
30. Austin Shaw (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE5
31. Tristin McGrath (Western Brown) Sophomore – SE8
32. Ben Zbasnik (Minerva) Senior – HE6
33. Dakota Stapleton (Talawanda) Senior – SE9
34. J.D. McNett (Napoleon) Freshman – MA10
35. Ben Van Wey (John Glenn) Senior – HE7
36. Dustin McGrew (Tallmadge) Senior – AL10
37. Luke McKeon (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL11
38. Dylan Miller (West Branch) Freshman – AL12
39. Michael Yacaparo (Triway) Sophomore – AL13

40. Malique Elliot (Licking Valley) Junior – HE8

Cameron Kelly has beaten Jordan twice this year. Kelly is a three-time state finalist and has committed to continue his wrestling career at Ohio University. Although Jordan has lost twice, I wouldn't count him out. Kelly and Jordan look to be on a completely different level after Leynaud pinned Carter in Columbus during the dual tournament, and then Jordan beat Leynaud by tech fall, 16-0.

Carter, a two-time state placer, is the favorite to win the district crown at Alliance. Carter is the only projected placer at Alliance. Frost, a returning state qualifier, recently dropped to 132. I had Frost a little higher at 138, but based on the district climate there I think the move here gives him a much higher chance of returning to Columbus. Joseph, a returning state qualifier all the way down at 113, I hear will be at this weight after wrestling most of the season at 126. Due to the climate at 138 in that this district, Bailey has recently dropped to this weight. I think Bailey dropping here was a good decision, as I have him as a projected state qualifier. McKenzie, a pleasant surprise, has been solid all year, while Yoho has struggled, they both could be in the mix. Vetturini recently was up at 138 again, but I think we see him here.

Leynaud is the favorite at Mansfield, although Yackee did beat him earlier in the year at Fricker Duals. This is a very tough weight with three projected state placers, four in the top nine, and nine in the top 22. Leynaud has been better against the rest of the field, which is why he is higher. Yackee, an OAC Junior State placer, and returning state qualifier Zitello are also projected placers here. Copeland is fourth best here and could be a placer in Columbus. He lost a close one to Golec at Top Gun, one that I think could go the other way next time. Chavez missed all of last year after being an OAC Junior High state placer the year before; he could surprise a few here. Other names to watch here are Smith (Norwalk), Houser (Benjamin Logan), and Chaney (St. Mary's Memorial)

Golec leads the field at Heath, a field that has only one projected state placer, but is overall a pretty tough weight. Goff is second best here after recently beating Frost in the dual tournament and Keyes at the OVAC tournament. Keyes, a state qualifier two years ago, and Gibson are two other projected qualifiers here. Shaw has recently beaten Joseph and Zbasnik in dual meets, but he does have quite a few losses this year. That being said, he is a name to watch here. A few other names to watch here are Hessler (Caledonia River Valley), Hanson (Morgan), and Gaydosh (Indian Creek).

Kelly and Jordan lead the field at Southeastern. I wouldn't be surprised if Jordan forfeits to Kelly at districts to save his game plan for Columbus. Murphy has had a very good senior season with wins over Division 3 state qualifier Clary and returning state placer Vagner. I think this is the year Murphy gets to Columbus, and he could be on the podium Saturday night. Lawhorn is my pick to get the fourth spot here with his recent win over Wolcott. I believe Wolcott has split matches with Brewer. I think anyone of those three will get the fourth spot. A few others to watch here are Lyon (Franklin), Dowers (Bishop Fenwick), and Ratiff (New Lexington).

138-

Projected Champion: Nate Hagan (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA1

2. Ryan Thomas (Graham) Freshman – SE1
3. Nick Wrobel (Crestwood) Senior – AL1
4. Jake Martinez (Licking Valley) Sophomore – HE1
5. Drew Kinzel (Clear Fork) Junior – MA2
6. Ryan Bennett (CVCA) Senior – AL2
7. Joe Koontz (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL3
8. Jeremy Balboa (Oak Harbor) Senior – MA3
9. Bryson Laytart (Miami Trace) Senior – SE2
10. Tyler Jenkins (Meadowbrook) Senior – HE2
11. Matt Steer (West Branch) Sophomore – AL4
12. Matt Salmon (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA4
13. Ashton Eyler (West Holmes) Freshman – HE3
14. Joey Boley (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL5
15. Alex Kowal (Bishop Fenwick) Sophomore – SE3
16. Chuck Mikelait (Lexington) Senior – MA5
17. Silas Davis (Indian Lake) Sophomore – SE4
18. Kevin Beal (Fairfield Union) Junior – SE5
19. Gavin Pearson (Talawanda) Junior – SE6
20. Emmett Covington (Athens) Senior – SE7
21. Jake Henderson (Western Brown) Sophomore – SE8
22. Cayne Bennett (Sheridan) Senior – SE9
23. Zane Speelman (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – MA6
24. Collin Adkins (Bellevue) Junior – MA7
25. Hayden Bullard (Johnstown-Monroe) Junior – HE4
26. Frank Regalbuto (Orange) Senior – AL6
27. Austin Ness (Canton South) Senior – AL7
28. Aaron Dantimo (Streetsboro) Senior – AL8
29. Kevin Swaney (Akron Hoban) Senior – AL9
30. Joey Knipp (Carrollton) Junior – HE5
31. Andrew Franzen (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – MA8
32. Steve Shivak (Padua Franciscan) Senior – AL10
33. Jesse Hubbard (Steubenville) Sophomore – HE6
34. Skyler Hester (Washington CH) Senior – SE10
35. D.J. White (Logan Elm) Senior – SE11
36. Tobias Mendoza (Kenton) Junior – MA9
37. Aaron Crites (Celina) Senior – MA10
38. Gabe Makin (Elida) Sophomore – MA11
39. Dakota Bunting (Sparta Highland) Freshman – HE7
40. Hunter Miles (Claymont) Junior – HE8

Hagan, the Edinboro recruit, is a returning state champ and the favor at this weight. He just beat the two-time OAC Junior High state champ, 5-3, in Columbus. I think returning state placer Wrobel and returning state qualifier Martinez could reach the state finals, where anything can happen.

Wrobel leads the field at Alliance after recently dropping down from 145. Wrobel's best win came in the finals at Bill Dies, where he beat returning Division 1 state placer Montgomery (Madison), 3-2, in ultimate tiebreaker. Bennett, a two-time state placer, did not compete at districts after winning his sectional. Bennett was a title contender at a very shallow 120 pound weight class and should be a district finalist this year. Koontz and Steer, who transferred to St. Edward and then back to West Branch, round out the top four here. Koontz and Steer met last year for 5th and 6th at districts, where Koontz won by fall. Boley could also be in the mix. Boley started the season at 132, but does have a head-to-head win over Koontz in a dual in January, which could result in him deciding to stay here. The top five here look to be well above the rest of the field.

Hagan is the obviously favorite at Mansfield. He is followed by projected state placer Kinzel. Kinzel has nice wins over Bennett and Division 3 state placer Fritz. I favor Balboa and Salmon over the rest of the field to get the fourth spot. Speelman, a returning state qualifier, is also here. He has struggled this year, but maybe he turns it up in the post-season. Franzen could be a sleeper here.

Martinez is the favorite to win Heath, a year after qualifying at 106. He could be at 132, but I think with his win over Bennett opening weekend he should stay here. Jenkins, a returning state qualifier, is the only other wrestler in the top ten. OAC Junior High state placer Eyler has had a nice freshman year. He is related to former West Holmes great and current NC State wrestler, Max Rohskopf. I think they are half-brothers, but I could be wrong. I think the top three here are above the rest of the field. Bullard is my pick to get the fourth spot, but I see that spot being wide open. A few others to watch here are Gunn (River View), Davis (Lisbon Beaver), Lane Weaver (Edison), and Strader (Minerva).

Thomas leads the field at Southeastern, as he is the only projected state placer. This weight may only have one projected state placer, but it has tremendous depth. I have nine wrestlers in the top 23 here. Laytart, a two-time state qualifier, is also here. The La Salle transfer Kowal and Davis are my picks to get the last two spots, but I think those spots are wide open. I think anyone in the top nine here can qualify on any given day, with Thomas being the only "lock" to get to Columbus.

145-

Projected Champion: Wade Hodges (Wauseon) Senior – MA1

2. Brent Moore (Graham) Junior – SE1
3. Andy Dobben (CVCA) Senior – AL1
4. Kyle Kaminski (Padua) Senior – AL2
5. Spencer Nagy (Alliance) Senior – AL3
6. Rhett Peterson (Oak Harbor) Junior – MA2
7. Daniel Hasson (Lisbon Beaver) Senior – HE1
8. Dallas Ambos (Wapakoneta) Senior – MA3
9. Jon Watkins (Lexington) Senior – MA4
10. Jeff Smiddy (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – SE2
11. Jack Peura (Tippecanoe) Junior – MA5

12. Zach Carpenter (Sheridan) Senior – SE3
13. Bailey Jenkins (Meadowbrook) Junior – HE2
14. Nate Stonehill (Lima Bath) Junior – MA6
15. Hunter Flinner (Triway) Senior – AL4
16. Adam Kirsh (Orange) Senior – AL5
17. Chris Harris (Bellevue) Senior – MA7
18. Brenton Miller (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE3
19. Malachi Marlow (Western Brown) Junior – SE4
20. Drake Barnett (Galion) Junior – MA8
21. Michael McIntire (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL6
22. Trentyon Adkins (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – MA9
23. Devin Hessler (Caledonia River Valley) Senior – HE4
24. Josh Romano (Perry) Senior – AL7
25. Kurt Crockett (Indian Lake) Junior – SE5
26. Blake Sittloh (Eaton) Senior – SE6
27. Colin Hagenbush (Norton) Junior – AL8
28. Evan Betz (Marlington) Senior – AL9
29. Bruno Spotleson (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL10
30. Ruger Reeves (Maysville) Senior – HE5
31. Clayton Glick (New Lexington) Sophomore – SE7
32. Ethan Fessler (Bishop Fenwick) Junior – SE8
33. Lyndon Engle (Dayton Carroll) Senior – SE9
34. Nick Vespucci (Crestwood) Sophomore – AL11
35. Leland Hostetler (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior – HE6
36. Travis Smith (Rocky River) Senior – MA10
37. Trey Atwood (Goshen) Sophomore – SE10
38. Kaleb Crisenberry (Gallia Academy) Sophomore – SE11
39. Austin Lovett (Miami Trace) Junior – SE12
40. Anthony Mazzola (Ravenna) Senior – AL12

This weight should be a fun one to watch in Columbus. I think anyone in the top four can win it on any given day. Hodges is the favorite here after beating Moore at Ironman, 3-2, and Dobben at Brecksville, 7-4, in overtime. Kaminski, a two-time state placer, has the defense to slow down anybody. I think the top four are on a different level than the rest of the field.

Dobben, a two-time state placer, is the favorite to win Alliance after beating Kaminski at Brecksville, 3-2. This is probably the toughest district, with three wrestlers in the top five. Kaminski, also a two-time state placer, is here and easily could contend for the district crown. Nagy, who has to be one of the better seniors in the state to never make it to Columbus, is the third projected state placer here. I see the fourth spot coming down to Flinner and Kirsh. Flinner has two wins over returning state qualifier Farmer. Farmer I hear will go back up to 152. Another name to watch here is Madison (Canfield).

Hodges leads the field at Mansfield, the district with the most depth. The district has five wrestlers in the top 11. Returning state qualifiers Peterson and Ambos are here and I project them to place in Columbus. Ambos has a notable win over Graham backup and returning state

placer Kastl. Returning state qualifier Peura recently cut to 145 and looks to be fifth best here. Other names to watch at this tough district are Smith (Fostoria) and Ginter (Shelby).

Hasson is the favorite at Heath, as he is the only projected placer in the district. Returning state qualifier Jenkins is here and looks to be second best after Hasson beat him, 6-0. I think the last two spots here are wide open, but I favor Miller and Hessler slightly above the rest of the field here.

Moore is the only projected state placer at Southeastern, which makes him the clear and obvious favorite. Smiddy, a returning state qualifier all the way down at 126, is also here. I think Smiddy is in the second tier by himself. Carpenter, my pick for third here, has nice wins over Spino (Independence) and Hasson, but recently lost to Smiddy, 9-0. Marlow is my pick to get the fourth spot after he beat Crockett, 9-2. Wiederholt, a returning state placer, is my projected runner-up not only in the district, but also in Division 2.

152-

Projected Champion: Kyle Lawson (Graham) Sophomore – SE1

2. Tyler Weiderholt (Bellbrook) Junior – SE2
3. Josh Mossing (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA1
4. Caleb Price (Chillicothe) Senior – SE3
5. Christian Price (Granville) Senior – HE1
6. Ben Peterson (Oak Harbor) Senior – MA2
7. Zack Lake (Coventry) Senior – AL1
8. Tyler Sowards (Kenton Ridge) Senior – SE4
9. Kristian Jackson (Alliance) Senior – AL2
10. Seth Boggs (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – MA3
11. Ben Knaus (Akron SVSM) Junior – AL3
12. Niko Moray (Steubenville) Junior – HE2
13. Justice Avery (Claymont) Senior – HE3
14. Aidan Pasiuk (Carrollton) Sophomore – HE4
15. Derek Kuhlman (Lima Shawnee) Senior – MA4
16. Nick Farmer (Norton) Sophomore – AL4
17. David Crawford (Canfield) Freshman – AL5
18. Hunter McPeak (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – AL6
19. Gabe Callicoat (Tippecanoe) Senior – MA5
20. Ben Fuller (Sandusky) Senior – MA6
21. Roman Williams (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – MA7
22. Chris Jackson (Canal Fulton Northwest) Senior – AL7
23. Dustin Shaffer (Revere) Senior – AL8
24. Allister Brausch (Wilmington) Junior – SE5
25. Tyler Young (Hamilton Ross) Junior – SE6
26. Hunter Mercer (Woodridge) Senior – AL9
27. Luis Hutras (Dover) Senior – HE5
28. Dave Esarco (Poland Seminary) Junior – AL10
29. Nick Sbrocco (Perry) Senior – AL11
30. Xavier White (Lexington) Senior – MA8

31. Braden Neuberger (Norwalk) Junior – MA9
32. Derek Schuette (Wauseon) Junior – MA10
33. Xavier Galvan (Fostoria) Junior – MA11
34. Asa Palmer (Wyoming) Senior – SE7
35. Joseph Seisel (Tallmadge) Senior – AL12
36. Logan Hickenbottom (Cambridge) Senior – HE6
37. Derek Moore (Miami Trace) Sophomore – SE8
38. Ricky Renton (Chagrin Falls) Junior – AL13
39. Mason Monahan (University School) Senior – AL14
40. Tony Lewis (Ravenna) Sophomore – AL15

Lawson, a returning state champion as a freshman, is the clear favorite here. I don't see Lawson really being challenged on his next step to history. Lawson beat Weiderholt, 4-1, at the GMVWA tournament. I don't see this as being one of the tougher weights in the division.

Lake, a returning state qualifier, is the favorite to win the district crown at Alliance. Lake is the only projected state placer here. I project Jackson, a returning state placer at this weight, to be at 152 again this year, although he has been either at 160 or out of lineup all year. Knaus, a returning state qualifier, recently dropped to 152, the same weight he qualified at last year. I think the last spot will come down to either returning state qualifier Farmer, OAC Junior High state champ Crawford, or McPeak.

Returning state runner-up Mossing has struggled this year, but is still my pick to win this wide open district. Mossing recently lost to Boggs, 5-1, during the dual tournament. Boggs could be here or at 160; I think 160 is the better option for higher placement. Peterson is also a projected state placer here, followed by Boggs, who is #11, but could easily be on the podium in Columbus. I favor Kuhlman slightly to get the last spot over Callicoat and returning state alternate Fueller.

Price is the clear favorite at Heath, as he is the only projected state placer in the district. Moray, Avery, and Pasiuk look to be well above the rest of the field. I think those three guys can finish in any order. I hope the bracket separates the four already mentioned, so they can finish top four. Pasiuk has a nice win over two-time Division 3 state placer Stanley (Waynedale).

Lawson leads the field at Southeastern, which is the toughest district at this weight. There are three returning state placers here and I project the district to have state placers at this weight, which could be hard to do, especially for the 4th place finisher in the district to place in Columbus, based on the bracket/draw. Returning state placers Weiderholt and Price both have a few notable losses, but also have some nice wins. Weiderholt loss to OAC Junior High state runner-up Baughman during the first weekend of the season, but then beat Hiles (Brecksville) at Ironman the following weekend. Price recently beat Division 3 projected state placer Tunon (Clinton-Massie), in a barnburner.

160-

Projected Champion: Alex Marinelli (Graham) Junior – SE1

2. Tony Rupert (Marlington) Senior – AL1
3. Austin Baker (Clyde) Junior – MA1
4. Richard Jackson (Toledo Central Catholic) Junior – MA2
5. Dalton Hartshorn (Minerva) Senior – HE1
6. Dimitri Williams (New Lexington) Sophomore – SE2
7. Eric Fasnacht (Padua) Junior – AL2
8. Robbie Bowers (Defiance) Sophomore – MA3
9. Evan Schenk (Perry) Sophomore – AL3
10. Jon Haines (Morgan) Senior – HE2
11. Ethan Fout (Licking Valley) Junior – HE3
12. Cory Williams (Greenon) Senior – SE3
13. Anthony Audi (Poland Seminary) Junior – AL4
14. Isaiah Davis (Indian Lake) Junior – SE4
15. Mason Hughes (West Branch) Senior – AL5
16. Kade Byland (Salem) Sophomore – AL6
17. Chayse Sayers (Hamilton Ross) Junior – SE5
18. Christian Collins (Chillicothe) Senior – SE6
19. Austin Brooks (Carrollton) Senior – HE4
20. Hunter St. Peter (Athens) Senior – SE7
21. Travis Grooms (Miami Trace) Senior – SE8
22. Josh Sokolowski (Buckeye Local) Senior – HE5
23. Shawn Livingston (Steubenville) Junior – HE6
24. Casey Parsons (Vincent Warren) Sophomore – SE10
25. CJ Cook (Kenton) Freshman – MA4
26. Efred Silva (River Valley) Senior – HE7
27. Robert Sicker (Harvey) Senior – AL7
28. Khord Moore (Canton South) Sophomore – AL8
29. Brody Hennig (Oak Harbor) Senior – MA5
30. Colin Wilson (Monroe) Senior – MA6
31. Micah Linton (Logan Elm) Junior – SE11
32. Jard Torch (Dover) Junior – HE8
33. Tarin Rauch (Claymont) Sophomore – HE9
34. Cordell Newman (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – MA7
35. Nathan Walden (Kenton Ridge) Junior – SE12
36. Jacob Badgley (Greenfield McClain) Junior – SE13
37. Chandler Kohlhorst (Lima Shawnee) Senior – MA8
38. Tyler Mesnard (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – MA9
39. Alex Andrews (Napoleon) Sophomore – MA10
40. Jacob Henson (Ravenna) Senior – AL9

Alex Marinelli will look to stay on pace to become a four-time state champ. I don't see Marinelli having much trouble with Schram no longer deciding to stay at 160. After Marinelli, the weight is wide open.

Rupert, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to win this wide open district. He recently lost to Byland, Byland lost to Brooks, Rupert beat Brooks. It seems like the whole weight is like that in

the entire division. Fasnacht, like the rest of the weight, has been inconsistent, but I like his upside. Rupert and Fasnacht are both projected state placers. Schenk has improved in his sophomore year; I think he gets to Columbus. Audi recently beat Hughes and Byland at their conference tournament, which is why he is my pick over those two for the last spot here. Another name to watch is Duce Johnson (Alliance). He has a nice win over Brooks, but has taken some bad losses since then.

Baker is my pick to win Mansfield because of his win over Jackson at Brecksville. Baker is up a few weights this year and has fared well cutting less weight. He was 5th at Brecksville, with a notable win over Fout. If Boggs is here he would be my favorite to win the district. Bowers looks to be next best here. He has gotten a lot better since last year. Assuming that he's healthy, I think he qualifies. The fourth spot looks wide open to me, but my pick is Cook. I think anyone above can sneak out and would suggest some wrestlers to move here. A few others to watch here are Myers (Rossford), Keown (Firelands), Keller (Bowling Green), and Jones (Sandusky).

This is a pretty tough weight at Heath. Hartshorn is my favorite to win here, although he did lose to Morgan. I think Hartshorn and Morgan finish top two here in some order, although I like Hartshorn against the field. Fout, a returning state qualifier, is also here and could contend. Brooks is my pick to get the fourth spot here. He has a nice win over Byland, but then followed that up with a loss to Duce Johnson. Sokolowski could contend for the fourth spot. He has beaten returning state qualifier Livingston twice.

Marinelli is the obvious favorite at Southeastern. This is probably the deepest district at this weight, with eight wrestlers in the top 21. Williams has been a big surprise this year, with wins over returning Division 1 state qualifier McCafferty and Fout. I like Williams and Davis slightly above the rest of the field here to get the final two spots, but this weight is very deep, so I expect some upsets. Two other names to watch here are Gilbert (Eaton) and Bullock (Valley View).

170-

- Projected Champion: Ben Schram (Bellbrook) Senior – SE1
2. David Brian Whisler (Warren Howland) Senior – AL1
 3. Garrett Jordan (Graham) Junior – SE2
 4. Russell Miller (Miami Trace) Senior – SE3
 5. Brendan Scherer (River View) Senior – HE1
 6. Brendon Winning (Ravenna) Senior – AL2
 7. Heath Newman (Wapakoneta) Senior – MA1
 8. Austin Robbins (Tippecanoe) Senior – MA2
 9. Connor Rogers (Springfield Northwestern) Senior – MA3
 10. Anthony Arroyo (Maumee) Senior – MA4
 11. Troy Stalder (Athens) Junior – SE4
 12. Kyle Myers (Canal Fulton Northwest) Junior – AL3
 13. Kian Thompson (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – MA5
 14. Dalton Jones (Hamilton Ross) Senior – SE5
 15. Colin Kaucher (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA6
 16. Jared Lester (Akron SVSM) Sophomore – AL4

17. Billy Cooper (Jackson) Sophomore – SE6
18. Demetrius Tabler (Woodridge) Senior – AL5
19. Dominic Cooper (Canfield) Freshman – AL6
20. Casey Orr (Rossford) Senior – MA7
21. Nate Marmol (Taylor) Senior – SE7
22. Dylan Wildman (Jonathan Alder) Senior – HE2
23. Keaton Herron (Claymont) Senior – HE3
24. Ryan McCullough (Padua) Senior – AL7
25. Chris Cook (Coventry) Junior – AL8
26. Stone Day (Valley View) Freshman – SE8
27. Jack Smith (Revere) Senior – AL9
28. Isaiah Miller (Logan Elm) Senior – SE9
29. Owen Melon (Akron Hoban) Senior – AL10
30. Chris McEvoy (Wilmington) Senior – SE10
31. Brandon Phelps (Franklin) Senior – SE11
32. Jaden Heitkamp (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – MA8
33. T.J. Gerhardt (Lexington) Sophomore – MA9
34. Sam Allen (New Lexington) Junior – SE12
35. James Shahan (Fairfield Union) Sophomore – SE13
36. Payton Griffin (Circleville) Senior – SE14
37. Anthony Moran (Licking Valley) Junior – HE4
38. Tristan Jones (Buckeye Local) Junior – HE5
39. Syllas Smith (Kenton) Senior – MA10
40. Ben Kidwell (Buckeye Valley) Junior – HE6

I hear Schram has decided to go 170 after contemplating staying at 160. Schram wanted to “stop history” by beating Marinelli, but Marinelli won their only two meetings this year. Whisler looks to be Schram’s toughest contender.

Whisler, a two-time state placer, was 4th at Ironman. He has a nice win over Knipl (Wadsworth). Winning, a returning state placer, is next best here and a projected state placer. I think the last two spots are wide open. I favor Myers and the Waynedale transfer Lester over the rest of the field. Myers beat Lester, 3-2, at Top Gun. I hear Tabler will be at this weight, which is a great move in my opinion as he should contend for qualification. A sleeper here could be Mellon; he recently beat Frisone (Walsh Jesuit). A couple of others to watch here are Wolford (Brookside) and Malone (Chagrin Falls).

Mansfield doesn’t have anyone projected to finish in the top six, but the district has very good depth. I have two projected placers and six in the top 15. Newman is my pick to win the district. He has nice wins over Jordan and Stalder. Robbins, a returning state qualifier, looks to be next best here and is a projected placer. Rogers and Arroyo look to be next best here and could contend to place in Columbus. Rogers recently dropped from 182, which was a good decision based on the climate there. Rogers would have been 8th at 182, but 5th in the district. Rogers could see Jordan and Robbins at their conference tournament, which unfortunately is after my report will be released. Arroyo has a big win over Patchin (Delta). I think Thompson and

Kaucher also could be in the mix for qualification. Thompson beat Kaucher 5-1 at Perrysburg. Two other names to watch here are Sewell (Clyde) and Osborne (Defiance).

Scherer is the clear favorite at Heath. Scherer, a returning state placer, looks to be well above the field and I don't see him being challenged. I like Wildman and Herron to get to Columbus. Herron recently had a nice win over McCullough. I think the fourth spot is wide open and that anyone above has a chance to get to Columbus. Other names that could contend here are Ayers (Walnut Ridge), Deffenbaugh (Steubenville), and Bryant (Minerva).

Schram is obviously favored to win Southeastern. This district is probably the deepest at this weight. Jordan and Miller look to be in the next tier here. Jordan, a returning state qualifier, took 7th at Ironman, but then lost to Newman a couple weeks later. Jordan recently beat Sullivan, which is why he is up so high here. Miller, a returning state placer at this weight, has a notable win over Patchin (Delta). Stalder, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to get the fourth spot over Jones. Another name to watch here is Terry (Gallia Academy).

182-

- Projected Champion: Jack Harris (Urbana) Junior – SE1
2. Zeck Lehman (Revere) Senior – AL1
 3. Drew Kasper (Lexington) Senior – MA1
 4. Lucas Beauch (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA2
 5. Tre Campbell (Wauseon) Junior – MA3
 6. Landon Hall (Wapakoneta) Sophomore – MA4
 7. Hayden Bronne (Graham) Senior – SE2
 8. Jordan Radich (Warren Howland) Senior – AL2
 9. Branden Jones (Steubenville) Senior – HE1
 10. John Szep (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL3
 11. Mason McCane (Washington CH) Junior – SE3
 12. Jesse Slocum (Salem) Senior – AL4
 13. Garrett Davis (Marietta) Senior – SE4
 14. Cahle Puhl (Maumee) Senior – MA5
 15. Ricky Kollman (Crestwood) Senior – AL5
 16. Nate Gissing (Canal Fulton Northwest) Junior – AL6
 17. Justin Reynolds (Gallia Academy) Junior – SE5
 18. Pete Abraham (Padua) Sophomore – AL7
 19. Ross Duffett (Canfield) Senior – AL8
 20. Luke Matthews (Springfield Shawnee) Senior – SE6
 21. Jud Ramage (Meadowbrook) Freshman – HE2
 22. Tanner Walker (New Lexington) Senior – SE7
 23. Dakota Jarrell (Wilmington) Senior – SE8
 24. Mitchell Wells (Edison) Senior – HE3
 25. Garrett Robinson (Licking Valley) Junior – HE4
 26. Stephen Simkus (Oak Harbor) Senior – MA6
 27. Dylan Castle (Kenton) Senior – MA7
 28. Austin Mayfield (East Liverpool) Sophomore – HE5
 29. Matt Hottinger (Miami Trace) Junior – SE9

30. Adam Wilke (West Branch) Senior – AL9
31. Brandon Stutler (Alliance) Junior – AL10
32. Austin Carper (Marlington) Junior – AL11
33. Lashon Howard (Thurgood Marshall) Senior – MA8
34. Gabe Thompson (Fostoria) Junior – MA9
35. Gunnar Fustos (Greenville) Senior – MA10
36. Matt Todd (Eaton) Junior – SE10
37. Justin Townsend (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – HE6
38. Greg Packard (Brookside) Sophomore – MA11
39. Tyler Doshe (Ravenna Southeast) – AL12
40. Brandon Arndts (Tippecanoe) Senior – MA12

Jack Harris, the Kent State commit, is the clear favorite at 182. Harris was a state runner-up last year at this weight and was 5th the year before, also at this weight. I don't see Harris really being challenged in Columbus, as I think he is one of the biggest favorites in the division.

Lehman, a returning state placer, looks like the clear favorite at Alliance. Lehman is my only projected state placer in a district that has tremendous depth. I have nine wrestlers in the top 21. Radich, who has some awesome hair, was a qualifier two years ago and looks to be next best here. He will look to get back to Columbus after failing to qualify last year. Szep and Slocum are my picks to get the next two spots here over Kollman. Szep beat Kollman at Solon, in a rather boring match, 4-3.

Kasper, a returning state qualifier at this weight, is the favorite to win this loaded district. I have four projected state placers here. I think the top four here are on a different level compared to the rest of the district. I think any of the top four here can win the district. Beauch, a returning state qualifier, beat returning state placer Campbell, 11-5, at Perrysburg. Beauch then got pinned the following week by Russell (St. Ignatius). Hall, a returning state qualifier, rounds out the top four here. Puhl was at 195, which would be a better choice for him based on the climate at this weight.

Just like the last weight, this is not a very tough one at Heath. Jones is my favorite to win the district. He has a nice win over returning Division 1 state placer Hall (Olentangy) at North Canton Hoover. Although I have zero projected state placers, I think the district champ can place in Columbus. I like Ramage to get to Columbus because of his 3rd place performance at OVAC tournament. I think the last two spots can be filled by any listed above.

Harris is the obvious favorite at Southeastern. I think there is a chance he gets bonus in every match here, which seems possible considering he has recently pinned Bronne. Bronne, a returning state qualifier, is the only other projected state placer at this district. I favor McCane and Davis slightly above the rest of the field to get the final two qualification spots to Columbus.

195-

- Projected Champion: Bailey Faust (Lexington) Senior – MA1
 2. Kyle Kremiller (Perry) Senior – AL1

3. Jeremiah Jones (Miami Trace) Senior – SE1
4. Tyler Rowland (Streetsboro) Senior – AL2
5. Kavan Sarver (Graham) Sophomore – SE2
6. Michael Gregory (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA2
7. Jordan Leasure (Amanda Clearcreek) Junior – HE1
8. Nick Jackson (Norwood) Senior – SE3
9. Jarrod Elrod (Ashtabula Edgewood) Senior – AL3
10. Wyatt Hillard (Franklin) Sophomore – SE4
11. Max Furst (Benedictine) Senior – AL4
12. Ian Blackwood (Napoleon) Senior – MA3
13. Tony Banister (Wauseon) Sophomore – MA4
14. Joe Fornaro (West Geauga) Junior – AL5
15. Dylan Whyde (Norton) Junior – AL6
16. Alex Bunnell (Vinton County) Junior – SE5
17. John Mercer (Cambridge) Senior – HE2
18. Jaret Bunch (Canfield) Junior – AL7
19. Josh Barber (Lisbon Beaver) Sophomore – HE3
20. Zach Baker (Sparta Highland) Junior – HE4
21. Cody Jenkins (Woodridge) Senior – AL8
22. Steven Major (Indian Lake) Junior – SE6
23. Trevan Bond-Pennington (Chillicothe) Senior – SE7
24. Tim Albertson (Steubenville) Junior – HE5
25. John Dunlap (Carrollton) Senior – HE6
26. Gable Smith (Greenfield McClain) Junior – SE8
27. Shane Dodd (Tippecanoe) Senior – MA5
28. Dylan Wright (New Lexington) Junior – SE9
29. Bobby Gross (Lima Bath) Sophomore – MA6
30. Logan Vannest (Bellevue) Junior – MA7
31. Anthony Sipple (Gallia Academy) Junior – SE10
32. Steve Willis (Washington CH) Junior – SE11
33. Luke Walter (Minerva) Junior – HE7
34. Tim Zurcher (Claymont) Senior – HE8
35. Justin Sanders (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL9
36. Abdullah Silmi (Norwalk) Sophomore – MA8
37. Dylan Thorp (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – MA9
38. Rhys Ramirez (Morgan) Junior – HE9
39. Larry Verhovec (Firelands) Sophomore – MA10
40. Skylar Murphy (Hillsboro) Senior – SE12

Returning state placer Faust is my pick to win this weight, which is a flip from their match last year, in which Kremiller won. I think Faust and Kremiller are on a different level compared to the rest of the field. After the top two, I think Jones is on the next level followed by the rest of the field.

Kremiller exits Alliance as the favorite. Kremiller, a returning state placer, has three notable wins against the top 15 here. Kremiller beat Elrod and Furst by major decision, and he pinned

Fornaro. Rowland, who recently dropped from 220, is a projected placer here. I think Elrod is sort of under the radar. His only loss this year is to Kremiller and has nice wins over Fornaro, Bunch, and Barber. I think the fourth spot will come down to Furst, Fornaro, and Whyde. I favor Furst for the fourth spot because of his win over Division 3 state placer Anderson (Waynedale). Whyde did make 182 earlier in the year, but I think that was before Sean Rutherford was considered ineligible for the 2nd semester, so I expect him to be here. Jenkins, a two-time state qualifier, has struggled this year, but he shouldn't be counted out based on his prior post-season success. A couple others to watch here are Smith (West Branch) and Julian (Warren Howland).

Faust is the obvious favorite at Mansfield. I think this weight has four kids that look like they're above the rest of the field. Returning state qualifier Gregory is a projected state placer at this weight. Some of his matches aren't exciting to watch, but he wins. The last two wrestlers here that I think qualify are Blackwood and Banister. Blackwood lost to Gregory by two and beat Banister, 3-2. Another name to watch here is Knous (St. Mary's Memorial).

Two-time state qualifier and projected state placer Leasure leads the field at Heath. He had a surprise loss to Peck (Utica) earlier in the season; if not for that, he would have been a little higher here. I think Leasure, if healthy, is on a different level compared to the rest of the district. Next best here is Mercer, who has wins over Barber and Albertson. I like Barber and Baker to get the final two spots here, but Albertson and Dunlap could contend for qualification. Wright (Jonathan Alder) is another name to watch here.

Southeastern looks to be the toughest and deepest district at this weight. I have three projected state placers here and four in the top ten. I think the four projected qualifiers here are above the rest of the field. Jones, a returning state qualifier, has had a nice season. Jones has nice wins over Division 1 wrestlers Kemp (Centerville) and Conway (St. Ignatius). Sarver has improved from his freshman to sophomore year and looks to be at a more comfortable weight. Last year Sarver looked very small and undersized. The last projected placer here is Jackson, a sort of under the radar guy due to their schedule. Hilliard, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to get the fourth spot. A couple others to watch here are Smithberger (Marietta) and McCune (Springfield Shawnee).

220-

Projected Champion: Tyler Dodd (Carrollton) Senior – HE1

2. Kordell Chaney (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – MA1

3. Dre'k Brumley (Akron SVSM) Senior – AL1

4. Cole Genders (Amanda Clearcreek) Senior – HE2

5. Michael Crockett (Franklin) Senior – SE1

6. Garit Witt (Clyde) Junior – MA2

7. Josh Couchman (Graham) Senior – SE2

8. Jacob Esarco (Canfield) Junior – AL2

9. Reece Human (Carlisle) Sophomore – SE3

10. Dustin Baker (Sparta Highland) Senior – HE3

11. Jalen Gowdy (Sandusky) Junior – MA3

12. Daylen Neece (Meigs) Senior – SE4

13. Josh Mason (Padua) Junior – AL3

14. Ben Higgins (Marlington) Junior – AL4
15. Trey Ellis (Poland Seminary) Junior – AL5
16. Cody Howard (Bloom-Carroll) Junior – HE4
17. Ben Stagbauer (Bishop Fenwick) Senior – SE5
18. Nate Gray (Claymont) Senior – HE5
19. Seth Cales (Perry) Senior – AL6
20. Shane Asman (Indian Lake) Senior – SE6
21. Darnay Foley (Batavia) Senior – SE7
22. Stephen Cox (Crestwood) Senior – AL7
23. Kyle Lhamon (Lima Bath) Junior – MA4
24. Leeland Lauvray (River View) Senior – HE6
25. Mark Weddell (Coventry) Senior – AL8
26. Adam Niepsuj (Ravenna Southeast) Senior – AL9
27. Ivan Mendoza (Brookside) Junior – MA5
28. Matt Beniard (Bay) Senior – AL10
29. Jared Hoy (Bellevue) Junior – MA6
30. Brandon Garber (Oak Harbor) Junior – MA7
31. Yehor Hetmanskyy (Kenton) Junior – MA8
32. Darin Cox (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – MA9
33. David Duncan (Wapakoneta) Junior – SE7
34. Bailey Young (Lima Shawnee) Freshman – MA10
35. Garret Mitchel (Logan Elm) Sophomore – SE8
36. Seth Haines (Washington CH) Senior – SE9
37. Hunter Whiteside (Unioto) Junior – SE10
38. Michael Kahoun (Lexington) Senior – MA11
39. Aaron Leciejewski (Greenon) Junior – SE11
40. Zach Morris (Defiance) Senior – MA12

Dodd has been my #1 at this weight after his Top Gun performance. He won Top Gun after beating Ironman runner-up Ford in the finals. Dodd could be challenged by anyone in the top four. Chaney recently lost to Gowdy, but with his recent success over Brumley, he stayed as my projected runner-up. Genders is one of the most underrated kids in the state and is a very athletic 220. He recently lost to Ford (Worthington Kilbourne, 8-4, but I hear the match was closer than the score.

Brumley, a two-time state placer and three-time state qualifier, leads a pretty deep district at Alliance. Esarco is the only other projected state placer here. He has two nice wins over Sternad (Brecksville). The last two spots look wide open and I think anyone above can qualify. I favor Mason and Higgins slightly over Ellis. Higgins could be here or at 285, but I think he should stay. Weddell transferred to Manchester and then transferred back to Coventry, which resulted in him having to sit out the first half of the season. He lost his first match back against Cox, but I think with more mat time, we will see a much different Weddell come the post season. Other names to watch here are Maddox (Chagrin Falls), Dufour (Ashtabula Edgewood) and Zinni (West Branch).

Chaney, a two-time state placer, is the favorite at Mansfield. Witt is a projected state placer and looks second best here; he has been a nice surprise this year. Witt won Brecksville and has nice wins over Sternad (Brecksville), Cropper (Manchester), and Richards; all of which are projected placers. I like Gowdy to get a top three spot here. Gowdy beat Chaney, 7-1, but does have a notable lose to Lahmon, which is who I like to get the fourth spot here. Mendoza has recently been at 285, but I think 220 is the better option. A few other names to watch here are McDaniel (Galion), Pettit (Napoleon), and Young (Monroe).

Dodd is the obvious favorite to win Heath. Genders, a returning state qualifier, is a projected state qualifier here. Genders doesn't wrestle the toughest schedule, which is why I think he is sort of under the radar. I have Baker just missing placement. He beat eventual state champion Caldwell last year at sectionals. I favor Howard over the returning state qualifier Gray, who has struggled this year in his move to 220. A few others to watch here are Moore (Cambridge), Riddle (Lisbon Beaver), Fritz (Minerva), and Harry (Morgan).

Crockett leads the field at what seems to be the toughest district, Southeastern. I have two projected state placers here. Crockett, not a very tall 220, was a state qualifier last year. Couchman returned mid-season after being injured during football. Couchman, a returning state placer at 195, is a projected state placer here and has a nice win over Baker 8-4. Human should be in contention for state placement. Human is probably missing Svarda in the practice room, as Svarda transferred to Middletown Madison. Neece is my pick to get the fourth spot here, especially after he beat Stagbauer by major decision, 16-5. Duncan could be a sleeper here, he has a nice win over Kendah (Deleware Hayes). Other names to watch here are Poffenberger (Blemont) Hill (Vinton County), Shively (New Lexington), Miller (Valley View), Chasteen (Hamilton Ross), and Gale (Urbana).

285-

Projected Champion: Troy Caldwell (Jonathan Alder) Senior – HE1

2. Brandon Pahl (Vincent Warren) Senior – SE1
3. Evan Loughman (Sheridan) Senior – SE2
4. J'Quan Fisher (Toledo Central Catholic) Senior – MA1
5. Deaken McCoy (Galion) Senior – MA2
6. Nate Temple (Lexington) Senior – MA3
7. Jacqui VanMeter (Licking Valley) Junior – HE2
8. Colin Mange (Clyde) Senior – MA4
9. Ian Sharp (West Branch) Sophomore – AL1
10. Mitch Bischoff (Norton) Senior – AL2
11. Logan Farrell (Tippecanoe) Junior – MA5
12. Brandon Truhn (Perry) Senior – AL3
13. Mike Bell (Warren Howland) Senior – AL4
14. John Seibert (Defiance) Senior – MA6
15. Ja'Mez Young (Sandusky) Sophomore – MA7
16. Grant Moyer (Bellevue) Senior – MA8
17. Jacob Packwood (Bloom-Carroll) Senior – HE3
18. Sean Williams (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – MA9

19. Andrew Smith (Franklin) Senior – SE3
20. Darrel Soloman (Steubenville) Senior – HE4
21. Shawn Barnes (Alliance) Junior – AL5
22. Micah Campbell (Carrollton) Senior – HE5
23. Nathan Pritchett (Ravenna) Junior – AL6
24. Wes Cochran (Buckeye Valley) Sophomore – HE6
25. Isaiah Pope (Cleveland Central Catholic) Junior – AL7
26. Cameron Mordue (Crestwood) Junior – AL8
27. Albert Phillips (Woodridge) Senior – AL9
28. Derek McGarvey (Harvey) Senior – AL10
29. Josh Payne (Circleville) Senior – SE4
30. Skyler Morris (Miami Trace) Junior – SE5
31. Easton Rudasill (Lima Bath) Junior – MA10
32. Ryan Fessler (Bishop Fenwick) Senior – SE6
33. Derek Wade (Washington CH) Freshman – SE7
34. Nick Robinette (Unioto) Sophomore – SE8
35. Matt Adams (New Lexington) Junior – SE9
36. Mack Smith (Amanda Clearcreek) Sophomore – HE7
37. Jordan Mosley (Hillsboro) Senior – SE10
38. Bill Terry (Fairfield Union) Junior – SE11
39. Sal Martell (Port Clinton) Senior – MA11
40. Mason Giordano (Canfield) Sophomore – AL11

Caldwell won it all last year at 220 and I think he wins it again at 285. I know he was planning to test the waters at 285 before committing to the weight class and I think he will stay here. I think Pahl and Loughman are the toughest challengers for Caldwell. Pahl and Loughman were going to wrestle in the finals at Miami Trace, but Loughman forfeited.

This isn't a particularly strong weight at Alliance, as I have zero projected state placers. I favor Sharp slightly here, who has been a pleasant surprise this season. Sharp recently lost to Bell in their conference tournament so I think this is a wide open weight. I think Sharp, Bischoff, Truhn, and Bell are above the rest of the field here and I expect them to qualify in some sort of order. Higgins (Marlington) could be here, but his recent success at 220 could change that. Another name to watch here is Ricottilli (Polanda Seminary).

Mansfield is by far the toughest and deepest district at this weight. I have four projected state placers at this district and nine in the top 17. I think Fisher, McCoy, and Temple are slightly above Mange. Fisher and Temple are returning state placers at this weight, while McCoy was a state qualifier at 220. McCoy has beaten Temple 4-3, in overtime and pinned Mange. Fisher has a nice win over Van Meter, 12-4, at Brecksville.

Caldwell is the obvious favorite at Heath. Heath is probably the weakest district at this weight, but I do have two projected state placers here. Van Meter, a returning state placer, is the other projected state placer. Van Meter was 5th at Brecksville, but didn't really have a notable win there. I think the last two spots here are wide open. I favor Packwood and Soloman slightly over Campbell and Cochran.

Pahl and Loughman lead the field at Southeastern. Pahl beat Loughman last year 8-7 at sectionals and 10-4 in Columbus. I think Pahl and Loughman are well above the rest of the field here. I think the last two spots are wide open. I favor Smith and Payne slightly above the rest of the field, but I wouldn't be surprised if anyone above made it to Columbus.

Division 2 Team Projections

Finish	School	Points	State Champs	State Placers	State Qualifiers	District 5 th /6 th
1	Graham	244	5	13	13	0
2	Toledo C.C.	113	1	7	7	1
3	Bellbrook	72	2	3	3	1
4	Lexington	62	1	3	4	1
5	Wauseon	59	1	4	5	0
6	Akron SVSM	49	0	5	6	2
7	Oak Harbor	40	0	4	4	6
8	Canfield	39	0	3	4	2
9	Padua	38	0	3	5	0
10	Claymont	37	1	3	5	2
11	Miami Trace	34	0	2	3	1
12	Clyde	31	0	3	3	0

Division 3

Garfield Hts. - GH	Coshocton - CO
Fostoria - FO	Troy - TR

106-

- Projected Champion: Drew Mattin (Delta) Sophomore – FO1
2. Caleb Brooks (Bishop Ready) Freshman – CO1
 3. Alex Rhine (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR1
 4. Shane Johnston (Tuslaw) Senior – GH1
 5. Ronnie Pietro (Dayton Christian) Freshman – TR2
 6. Graham Shore (Miami East) Freshman – TR3
 7. Christian Wellman (Waynedale) Junior – GH2
 8. Gavin Stika (Norwayne) Freshman – GH3
 9. Alec Bailey (Manchester) Freshman – GH4
 10. Kyle Denier (Blanchester) Sophomore – TR4
 11. Connor Ryan (Covington) Junior – TR5
 12. Dalton Leightner (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH5
 13. John Harris (Margaretta) Junior – FO2
 14. Matt Seifert (Utica) Sophomore – CO2
 15. Colton Bethel (Ridgewood) Sophomore – CO3
 16. Evan Guilford (Ayersville) Sophomore – FO3
 17. Nate Vasquez (Fremont St. Joseph) Freshman – FO4
 18. Jevyn Pratt (Carey) Sophomore – FO5
 19. Jacob Edwards (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR6
 20. Timmy Young (Steubenville Catholic Central) Sophomore - CO4
 21. Camron Gessner (SMCC) Junior – FO6
 22. Dylan Burns (Edison) Freshman – FO7
 23. David Staten (West Jefferson) Sophomore – CO5
 24. Nick Kortis (Canton Central Catholic) Sophomore – GH6
 25. Jake Neer (Northmor) Sophomore – CO6
 26. Javier Cornell (Frederictown) Senior – CO7
 27. Tyler Holley (Johnstown Northridge) Freshman – CO8
 28. Brendan Williamson (Kirtland) Junior – GH7
 29. John Kumher (Berkshire) Sophomore – GH8
 30. Cameron Coatney (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR7
 31. Quinton Bishop (West Muskingum) Junior – CO9
 32. Kobe Cunningham (Lima Central Catholic) Sophomore – TR8
 33. Jared Fahrer (Evergreen) Sophomore – FO8
 34. Drew Price (Middletown Madison) Freshman – TR9
 35. Theodore Zoumpolidis (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO10
 36. Clay Edwards (Otsego) Sophomore – FO9
 37. Jacob Hahn (Eastwood) Freshman – FO10
 38. Dustin Robbins (Reading) Freshman – TR10

39. Justin Sigler (Coldwater) Freshman – TR11
40. Kalib Patterson (Ridgedale) Freshman – CO11

Drew Mattin comes in as one of the biggest favorites in Division 3. He finished 3rd last year at 106, losing to Bray (Dayton Christian) in the state semi-finals. Mattin finished 2nd at Ironman, losing to the #1 ranked wrestler in the country at 106, Cade Olivas from California. Mattin has a head-to-head win over Rhine by pinning him in a minute at Ironman. The top four at this weight all exit different districts.

Garfield Heights comes in as the toughest district with four wrestlers in the top 10, and five in the top 12. I see the top five clearly above the rest of field. Johnston, the lone senior at this weight at Garfield, is a two-time state placer at this weight. His experience could help him finish higher than his past two trips to Columbus, where he took 5th and 6th the past two years, respectively. Wellman looks second best here. He was a state alternate last year, losing to Johnston in the match-to-go, 3-1. The freshmen Stika and Bailey are my choice to get the next two spots. Stika, an OAC Junior High state placer, has missed some time this year, including MIT, which would have been a great tournament to see him versus top competition. Bailey, who did not place at the Junior High state tournament, has put together a very solid freshman year; he has a recent head-to-head win over Leightner in the dual tournament, 9-4. Leightner looks to be the best challenger to break into the top four. A good draw could also help him avoid someone in the top four in the match-to-go. Kortis, Williamson, and Kumher all return at 106. Kortis has won one match, while Williamson won two.

Mattin is the clear favorite to win his second straight district title. I don't see anyone even making it all six minutes at Fostoria; heck, maybe even in Columbus too. Harris looks to be second best here, I have not seen many results for him this year as I think he has missed some time. Guilford, Vasquez, and Pratt look to be in a battle for the last two spots. Guilford recently beat Vasquez at LCC, 4-2. Vasquez and Pratt have met three times this year to my knowledge, with Vasquez winning two of their meetings. Gessner and Burns look to be the next best here; Gessner pinned Burns in the dual tournament. Another name to watch is Haver (Hicksville).

The freshman Caleb Brooks looks to be on a different level compared to the rest of the district. The district looks to be the weakest of the four at this weight. The OAC Junior High state placer had an inconsistent performance at MIT, especially day one, but he did follow it up with a very solid day two. It was the first time Brooks made 106, so maybe that was a factor. Brooks split with Chase (Lancaster), losing day one, but winning day two. Brooks also beat Kazimir (St. Edward) by major decision, 9-0. Seifert and Bethel look to be above the rest of field. Seifert recently beat Bethel in the dual tournament, 6-4. Young is my pick to get the fourth and final spot after his dismantling of former state qualifier Zoumpolidis, 21-7. Patterson recently majored Neer, but then later lost to him in the same day; this earned Patterson a spot in the top 40. Another name to watch here is Miller (North Union).

Troy is the toughest district at this weight with three wrestlers in the top six. Rhine comes in as the favorite here, but does have a loss to Shore in December; in which he followed up with a 6th place finish at Ironman. Rhine was able to avenge his loss to Shore at LCC by winning 9-4. Shore and Pietro look to be the next best here. Pietro owns a head-to-head win in a dual meet, 7-

5. The final spot looks to be between the returning state qualifier, Denier, and Ryan. Denier was at 113 at LCC so we didn't get to see him against Rhine, Shore, or Coleman. Coleman, a very big 106, had a nice win over Schopfer (West Branch) at GMVWA. Coleman recently lost to Edwards, 5-4, in the dual tournament. Edwards, who is a smaller 106, could be a wild card at this district, especially with a favorable draw. I see the top six here being on a different level than the rest of the district.

113-

Projected Champion: Tommy Hoskins (Dayton Christian) Freshman – TR1

2. Kris Hill (Bishop Hartley) Senior – CO1
3. Hunter Lucas (Lima Central Catholic) Junior – TR2
4. Joey Bowen (Manchester) Junior – GH1
5. Jake Adkins (Johnstown Northridge) Junior – CO2
6. Greg Quinn (Shadyside) Sophomore – CO3
7. Alex Isbrandt (Miami East) Freshman – TR3
8. Mitch Tikkanen (Jackson-Milton) Senior – GH2
9. Brysen Mansor (Huron) Senior – FO1
10. Tyler Wetzel (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR4
11. Jared Ford (Covington) Freshman – TR5
12. Brandon White (Harrison Central) Junior – CO4
13. Dominic Rosin (SMCC) Sophomore – FO2
14. Trent Mast (Cardinal) Sophomore – GH3
15. Nick Amspaugh (Wellington) Senior – GH4
16. Justin Gibbs (Clinton-Massie) Senior – TR6
17. Brad Trescott (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH5
18. James Kaniarz (Edison) Senior – FO3
19. Gavin Miglets (Brookfield) Junior – GH6
20. Dakota McCloskey (Girard) Sophomore – GH7
21. Chet Swartzmiller (Hopewell-Louden) Senior – FO4
22. Gavin Grime (Archbold) Freshman – FO5
23. Thomas Schnitker (Woodmore) Senior – FO6
24. Martin Steinberger (Tinora) Senior – FO7
25. Ross Rayfield (Delta) Junior – FO8
26. Aaron Kitts (Northmor) Freshman – CO5
27. Graham Hostetler (Waynedale) Junior – GH8
28. Kage Seals (Paulding) Junior – FO9
29. Marcus Rassman (Wayne Trace) Freshman – TR7
30. Jesse Potts (Deer Park) Junior – TR8
31. Matt Hall (Bethel-Tate) Freshman – TR9
32. Matthew Hardenbrook (Columbiana Crestview) Freshman – GH9
33. Dylan Cook (Swanton) Freshman – FO10
34. David Patterson (North Baltimore) Freshman – FO11
35. Kyle Sigler (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR10
36. Justin Schlack (Carey) Sophomore – FO12

37. Noah Maynard (North Union) Junior – CO6
38. Blake Evans (Paint Valley) Sophomore – CO7
39. Owen Starcher (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – FO13
40. Brock Gerken (Patrick Henry) Sophomore – FO14

Hoskins, the OAC Junior High state champ, is my pick here. He finished 7th at Ironman, where he beat returning Division 1 state champ, Baughman (Wadsworth), 4-0. Hill has a head-to-head win over Lucas, 3-1, at CIT. Hill also beat Division 2 state runner-up, DeCesare (Padua), 9-6 at CIT. Lucas, who transferred from Lima Shawnee, was ranked #1 most of the year until he lost to Hill. I think Hill and Lucas are the best chance of beating Hoskins. I am pretty high on Bowen; he could easily compete with the top three. Hoskins and Lucas will most likely be on opposite sides in Columbus since they exit the same district.

Bowen exits Garfield Heights as the clear favorite in my eyes. He has finished 7th the past two years in Columbus, both at 106. Tikkanen looks next best here and projects to be a state placer, which would be a step up from his state qualifier performance last year at this weight. Mast, third best here, was a sectional champ last year, but did not compete at district. The reason is unknown to me. Amspaugh recently dropped to 113, where he destroyed Kaniarz, 14-0. I think he could surprise some people in Columbus, especially if he finishes 4th at districts like I project. Trescott did beat Tikkanen last year at sectionals in what was an eventful match to say the least. That being said, Tikkanen did beat Trescott the following week at districts. Miglets seems to have been flying under the radar most of the year until he beat returning state qualifier, McCloskey, 1-0 in overtime. McCloskey is a returning state qualifier, but has struggled this year. I think it could be a very tall task for him to return to Columbus.

This looks to be one of the weaker weights at Fostoria, in which Mansor looks to be the favorite. The winner of the district could be set up with a nice draw as long as they avoid the fourth place finisher from the Garfield Heights district. Fostoria may not have a projected state placer, but does have eight wrestlers ranked in the top 25. Rosin, the only returning state qualifier at this weight, looks to be second best here and I think he makes it back to Columbus. The next two spots look wide open. I think any of the next six guys listed above can qualify on any given day. Another name to watch here is Palomo (Ottawa-Glandorf).

Coshocton looks like the toughest district at this weight, which is very rare for the district. Although it may be the toughest, it does lack overall depth with only six ranked wrestlers. Hill, Adkins, and Quinn look to be on a different level compared to the rest of the district. All three are returning state placers. Hill finished 7th last year at this weight, which was one spot lower than his 2013 6th place performance, also at 113. Adkins is a three-time state qualifier, all at 106. He has finished 4th and 8th the past two years. Quinn, the brother of former state champion, Alex Quinn, finished 6th last year at 106. I think White is next best here. He qualified for Columbus last year at this weight and should do so again, unless the bracket says otherwise. Kitts, Maynard and Evans should be in contention to place here. I have heard White could be at 120. If White is at 120, Heavlin, also from Harrison Central, could be a factor here.

Hoskins is obviously the favorite here but will be challenged by Lucas. The district has 3 projected state placers, and have five wrestlers ranked in the top 11. I think the last three spots

will come down to two freshmen, Isbrandt and Ford, and the sophomore, Wetzel. Isbrandt, who wrestled in Junior High for Graham, has head-to-head wins over Wetzel and Ford. Isbrandt beat Ford by fall at Troy and has beaten Wetzel twice; 12-1 in a dual meet in December. Wetzel, however, narrowed the margin in the second meeting in which Isbrandt won, 4-2. Ford, an OAC Junior High state placer, has had a very good year, but could fall victim to a tough district. Wetzel beat Ford 8-6 in the dual tournament. Gibbs, a state qualifier contender last year, is also at this weight. I think Gibbs, if hot, could reach Columbus. A few other names to watch here are Johnson (Williamsburg) and Platfoot (Versailles). Platfoot has a 4-0 win over Sigler.

120-

Projected Champion: Michael May (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR1

2. Jake Spiess (Delta) Junior – FO1
3. Tanner Smith (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR2
4. Alex Smith (SMCC) Senior – FO2
5. Damian Short (Archbold) Senior – FO3
6. Michael Sergent (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR3
7. George Clemens (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR4
8. Stan Bleich (Elyria Catholic) Sophomore – GH1
9. Louis DeMarco (Hawken) Senior – GH2
10. Tony Paolucci (Rootstown) Junior – GH3
11. Damian D’Emilio (Genoa Area) Junior – FO4
12. Riley Smucker (Smithville) Freshman – GH4
13. Preston Smith (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore – CO1
14. Rodney Richter (Monroe Central) Senior – CO2
15. Zane Strubler (Miami East) Freshman – TR5
16. Trey Combs (Cuyahoga Hts.) Sophomore – GH5
17. Gavin Stalnaker (Belpre) Junior – CO3
18. Isaac Elliot (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH6
19. Mitch Skeleres (Pymatuning Valley) Sophomore – GH7
20. Seth Chambers (Clermont Northeastern) Senior – TR6
21. Terry Stockton (Jackson-Milton) Junior – GH8
22. Conan Becker (Northmor) Freshman – CO4
23. Tanner Ward (Coshocton) Junior – CO5
24. Josh Newman (Columbia) Sophomore – GH9
25. Joshua Wenhold (Manchester) Sophomore – GH10
26. Dylan Little (Newcomerstown) Junior – CO6
27. Luke Coniker (Steubenville Catholic Central) Sophomore – CO7
28. Drew Fiorenza (Mariemont) Sophomore – TR7
29. Mason Kidd (Northwestern) Junior – GH11
30. Chase Moore (Swanton) Freshman – FO5
31. David Graves (Edison) Junior – FO6
32. Chase Summer (Ada) Freshman – TR8
33. Alexander Rodriguez (Lincolnview) Senior – TR9
34. Trey Lynch (Blanchester) Senior – TR10
35. Evan True (Arcadia) Junior – FO7

36. Josh Heinmiller (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CO8
37. Ben Kitay (Beachwood) Sophomore – GH12
38. Dan Robbins (Reading) Junior – TR11
39. Forrest Belli (Johnstown Northridge) Freshman – CO9
40. Austin Smiley (Hillsdale) Sophomore – GH13

This could be one of the most exciting weights in Division 3. May is my surprise pick here and has been wrestling very well this season. May just recently beat Smith, 7-1 during the dual state semi-finals. Spiess will be pretty big at 120; he made this weight in December for a dual if I remember correctly. He lost last year in the state semi-finals, which ended his hopes of becoming a four-time state champ. Smith, the Graham transfer, had to sit out half of the season, but started off strong by pinning Clemens in the LCC finals. Smith most likely would have been a state placer for almost every school in the country, but unfortunately didn't beat Justin Stickley for the spot after splitting time for most of the season. I think this is one of the deeper weights in Division 3, along with the next weight. I think May or Spiess win this weight, but don't count out Smith, who will have another month of experience this season come March.

Bleich won the district last year at 113 after spending most of last year at 106; the move was obviously beneficial. Bleich lost both matches to eventual state placers, Ulinski (Woodmore) and Smith (SMCC). DeMarco, who recently has decided to continue his wrestling career at the University of Chicago, comes in as next best. DeMarco finished 8th last year even though Bleich majored him, 12-4. Paolucci qualified last year and should do the same this year, especially after his champion performance at Bill Dies. I think the final spot is wide open amongst possibly the next eight ranked wrestlers, but I favor the freshman and OAC Junior High state placer, Smucker. This is definitely not a top-heavy weight at the district, but does have tremendous depth. A couple others to watch here are Ezzo (Canton Central Catholic) and Ressler (Lutheran West).

Spiess is obviously the favorite at Fostoria, but could be challenged by Smith and Short. Smith, who was my projected state champ in 2013 at 106, has missed most of this year, so I'm not sure if that will affect his performance. Short, who always seems to wrestle Spiess tough, missed the post-season last year; I projected him as a state placer. D'Emilio is clearly the fourth best at this weight. This weight does not have much depth after the top four. True, the Clay transfer, could be a kid to watch here. He did not have a good performance at Van Buren, but it was his first tournament of the season after having to sit out the first half of it.

Coshocton looks like the weakest of the four districts. I project zero state placers, but like I've stated before, winning the district could be beneficial. Smith flew up the rankings in January and looks to be the favorite to win the district. I think Richter will qualify for his third straight state tournament; winning the district could be the first step to finally reaching the podium. Stalnaker, a returning state qualifier, has taken quite a few losses, but I like his chances of getting back to Columbus. The fourth spot looks to be between Becker and Ward. Little started the year at 132, but has since dropped two weight classes. He had a nice win over Napier (Fairless) at 132. Coniker, who moved to Ohio last year from Pittsburgh, looks to have improved a ton from last season. That being said, he could be a year away from making it to Columbus though. A few

others to watch here are Hammonds (Nelsonville-York), Bennett (Adena), and Wilson (Barnesville).

May and Smith look to be on a different level compared to Sergent and Clemens; all four project as state placers and all four are what make Troy the toughest district at this weight. Sergent finished fourth last year at 113 and recently beat returning state qualifier D'Emilio, 17-5. Clemens is a two-time state qualifier at 106. He beat Sergent at the Graham Preview, but that was a shortened exhibition match. Sergent's state placement gives him the nod above Clemens. Strubler looks like the odd-man out here. He only lost to Sergent 10-6 opening weekend, so maybe he can pull the upset to get to Columbus.

126-

Projected Champion: Garrett Hancock (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1

2. Evan Cheek (Edison) Senior – FO1
3. Hunter Bray (Dayton Christian) Junior – TR2
4. Aric Peters (Bethel-Tate) Senior – TR3
5. Carson Mills (Fredericktown) Senior – CO1
6. Seth Hayes (Rootstown) Junior – GH1
7. Logan Kissell (Garrettsville Garfield) Freshman – GH2
8. Mike Wilson (Waynedale) Junior – GH3
9. Jett Heldenbrand (Hillsdale) Senior – GH4
10. Kamron Paulus (Milton Union) Sophomore – TR4
11. Tanner Bey (Versailles) Sophomore – TR5
12. Ruger Goeltzenleuchter (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR6
13. Ian Mast (Cardinal) Senior – GH5
14. Charles Davis (Fairless) Senior – GH6
15. Jay Uhlenhake (Coldwater) Junior – TR7
16. JD Reisinger (Swanton) Junior – FO2
17. Jonny Wheeler (Northwood) Junior – FO3
18. Ethan Ice (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO2
19. Schuyler Caparella (Allen East) Sophomore – TR8
20. Dominic Butler (Mariemont) Senior – TR9
21. Alex Gordy (Southeastern) Junior – CO3
22. Jacob Supina (SMCC) Senior – FO4
23. Collin Vollmar (Liberty Center) Senior – FO5
24. Griffin Jenkins (Northmor) Senior – CO4
25. Colin Hoffman (Delta) Sophomore – FO6
26. Devin Seka (Jackson-Milton) Junior – GH7
27. Donnie Starkey (Toronto) Junior – CO5
28. Derek Unkefer (Smithville) Sophomore – GH8
29. Brayden Kirk (Manchester) Junior – GH9
30. Trenton Schar (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH10
31. Conor Emch (Woodmore) Sophomore – FO7
32. Brandon Feist (West Salem Northwestern) Freshman – GH11
33. Nate Gustin (Malvern) Junior – CO6

34. Robby Cobb (Orberlin) Sophomore – GH12
35. Adrian Diaz (Lutheran West) Sophomore – GH13
36. Mason Wright (Wellington) Freshman – GH14
37. Timmy McIntyre (Blanchester) Senior – TR10
38. Reilly Heater (Sherwood Fairview) Sophomore – FO8
39. John Howell (Union Local) Senior – CO7
40. Stephen Cooley (Montpelier) Junior – FO9

This is one of the toughest and deepest weights in Division 3. Hancock is going for his third straight state title, but it won't come easy. Hancock and Cheek have split this year, but since Hancock has already won it twice, he is my pick here. Bray, a returning state finalist, could be in the mix as well; he has beaten Speiss (Delta) and Bentley (St. Edward) this season. If Hancock and Cheek win their district, Hancock will automatically be separated from Cheek and most likely be on the opposite side of Bray as well since they exit the same district. We could see Peters move up to 132, which in my opinion would be a good choice. I think the top five are on a different level compared to the rest of the field.

Hayes, one of the most improved kids in Division 3, looks to be the favorite at a deep district weight. I project three state placers, and have six wrestlers ranked in the top 14. Hayes beat Kissell, 4-2, in sudden victory. Wilson beat Heldenbrand, 2-0, but Heldenbrand did miss the first half of the season after transferring to Clyde and then transferring back. Wilson has improved vastly from last year. He also has a solid win over returning Division 2 state qualifier Ngiraingas (Conneaut). Heldenbrand took a "bad loss" to Caparella, which I think is due mostly to him missing time. Come March, I think Heldenbrand will be much better. The fifth and sixth best here are two returning state qualifiers, Mast and Davis, which helps show the depth in the district. Mast lost to Kissell in December by major decision at Mast's home tournament. Davis has taken a few bad losses, but could easily find himself in Columbus again. Mast beat Davis last year, 5-0, in the district semi-finals.

Cheek exits as the clear favorite at Fostoria and the lone projected placer from out of the district. Reisinger, a returning state qualifier, should make it back to Columbus. Wheeler has had a nice season even without Dunbar in the room anymore. Wheeler beat Division 2 state qualifier Beltran (Toledo Central Catholic), 3-1. My fourth projected qualifier here would be returning state qualifier Moore, who could be here or at 120, but I hear he is no longer wrestling. Supina, surrounded by a good team in the practice room, is my pick to get the fourth spot.

Mills, a returning state placer, is well above the field at Coshocton. The district lacks top-end strength with only one projected placer, but does have six wrestlers ranked in the top 29, which is pretty decent. Kahl would be next best here, but I hear he is no longer wrestling. Ice seems to be in the next tier of the district and has an impressive major decision win over Caparella. Gordy looks to be third best here and should punch his ticket to Columbus. I think the final spot will come down to Jenkins and Starkey.

Troy is clearly the toughest district at this weight with three wrestlers ranked in the top five and four in the top ten. The district also has depth with nine in the top 21. If Bray wins the district here he could possibly be on opposite sides of Hancock and Cheek, which would be huge in the

team race. The last spot, or maybe two depending on Peters, looks wide open. Paulus, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to get the final spot, but I think Bey, Goeltzenleuchter, and returning state qualifier, Uhlenhake, all should be in the mix. Two other names to watch here are Monebrake (Preble Shawnee) and Rozmus (Mechanicsburg).

132-

- Projected Champion: Jarred Ganger (Covington) Senior – TR1
2. Tyler Sarreshteh (Liberty-Benton) Senior – FO1
 3. Brendan Fitzgerald (Grandview Heights) Junior – CO1
 4. Brady Barnett (Edison) Sophomore – FO2
 5. Colt Yinger (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – CO2
 6. Devon Dunbar (Genoa Area) Senior – FO3
 7. Josh Clary (Dayton Christian) Junior – TR2
 8. John Smith (Mapleton) Junior – GH1
 9. Joey Tromba (VASJ) Junior – GH2
 10. Tim Mecklenburg (Lutheran West) Senior – GH3
 11. Buddy Limes (Otsego) Senior – FO4
 12. Chase Mayabb (Milton Union) Junior – TR3
 13. Nick Miller (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR4
 14. Spencer Seibert (Coldwater) Junior – TR5
 15. Garrett Hall (Chippewa) Junior – GH4
 16. Jake Gutierrez (Springfield Catholic Central) Junior – TR6
 17. Cody Rhoads (Grand Valley) Sophomore – GH5
 18. Collin Hennon (Lima Central Catholic) Junior – TR7
 19. Luke Buxton (Dixie) Junior – TR8
 20. Trevor Reed (New London) Junior – FO5
 21. McKinley Screetch (Dayton Chaminade Julianne) Senior – TR9
 22. Gabe Santa-Rita (Edgerton) Senior – FO6
 23. Hunter Napier (Fairless) Junior – GH6
 24. Mike Calvert (Kirtland) Senior – GH7
 25. Austin Wilson (Archbold) Sophomore – FO7
 26. Kyle Cayse (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH8
 27. Eric Owens (Liberty Union) Senior – CO3
 28. Nic Peecher (Adena) Junior – CO4
 29. Kyle Bethel (Ridgewood) Sophomore – CO5
 30. Brandon Pennington (Elmwood) Senior – FO8
 31. Dillan Galehouse (Waynedale) Senior – GH9
 32. Tanner Strain (Union Local) Junior – CO6
 33. Luke Larson (Huron) Junior – FO9
 34. Takota Haggerty (Martins Ferry) Junior – CO7
 35. Hugo Villerreal (Gibsonburg) Freshman – FO10
 36. Wyatt Place (Delphos Jefferson) Sophomore – TR10
 37. Adam Bates (Genoa Area) Sophomore – FO11
 38. Colten Millis (Monroeville) Sophomore – FO12
 39. Derek Cook (SMCC) Senior – FO13

Ganger, like Drew Mattin and Kollin Moore, comes in as a huge favorite. Ganger is a two-time state champion and will be going for his third straight state title. He beat Sarreshteh at LCC, 7-3, in the finals. This is another Division 3 weight with some good overall depth.

Smith, who missed the post-season last year (I think due to not making weight at sectionals, but I'm not 100% sure), is the favorite at Garfield Heights. He district is the only projected placer, so it sort of lacks top-end talent, but does have good overall depth. This should be a fun weight to watch in the district, especially between Smith, Tromba, and Mecklenburg. Mecklenburg is a returning state qualifier, but did not have a good showing at Medina. He lost to Keyes (Lisbon Beaver) at Medina, which was a surprise loss to me. Hall should also be in the mix after not wrestling past December last year. I think the top five are on a different level compared to the rest of the district, but Waddell and Calvert are guys to keep an eye on. Waddell will be a big 132. Calvert missed most of the season due to injury, but recently has returned.

Sarreshteh, a two-time state placer, exits as the favorite out of a very tough district. I project three state placers here. I think the top six are the wrestlers most likely to qualify at this weight. I think the state placer, Barnett, can challenge to win the district. Noah Mattin (Delta) has missed a huge part of the season due to injury and I have heard he will not be wrestling at sectionals. Mattin would have been a projected state placer, his absence will hurt Delta in the team race. Dunbar has transferred from Northwood to Genoa. He has been at 138 for most of the season, but I hear he could drop to 132; I would have him ranked one spot lower at 138, but I think his ceiling is higher at 132. I like Limes to get the final spot over Reed. Limes has one point losses to both Mattin and Sarreshteh. Reed is a returning state qualifier, but his performance at LCC has forced him to drop down quite a few spots overall in the division.

The overall depth at Coshocton is not very good, but the top-end talent is the opposite. I think Fitzgerald and Yinger find the podium in Columbus. Fitzgerald could easily be a finalist in Columbus after jumping up two weights from 120, where he was a two-time state qualifier. Yinger, an OAC state runner-up, has a big win over O'Dor (Elyria) and also beat two-time state placer, Tawney (Gallia Academy), by major decision. The final two spots look to be wide open amongst four wrestlers. I favor Owens, Pecher, and Bethel above the rest of the field. These guys should battle it out in the classic three-for-two situation.

Ganger is obviously the favorite at Troy. This weight has lots of depth, with eight wrestlers ranked in the top 20. I project two state placers at this weight. Clary, a returning state qualifier, is next best here and recently moved up into the top ten after his win over Smith. I like Mayabb and Miller to get the last two spots. Mayabb could be here or at 138, but I think we see him here. Miller beat Seibert, 4-3, at LCC and this could be a possible go-to match. Miller also lost a close bout with Clary, 10-9. Gutierrez could be a sleeper at this weight on the state level. I wouldn't be surprised to see him on the podium Saturday night.

138-

Projected Champion: David Carr (Dayton Christian) Freshman – TR1

2. Ryan Ford (Covington) Junior – TR2

3. Dustin Marteney (Delta) Junior – FO1

4. Colton Ullman (Loudonville) Senior – GH1
5. Cody Ohnmeiss (Troy Christian) Senior - TR 3
6. Chance Marthey (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
7. Trenton Soto (Otsego) Senior – FO2
8. Wes Fritz (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – FO3
9. Evan Francis (Kirtland) Senior – GH3
10. Jason Sadler (Rootstown) Junior – GH4
11. Hunter Pizzino (Harrison Central) Senior – CO1
12. Bobby Stewart (Union Local) Junior – CO2
13. Kolby Rayner (Caldwell) Junior – CO3
14. Alex Neuberger (Edison) Sophomore – FO4
15. Logan Stanley (Waynedale) Freshman – GH5
16. Ian Maund (Mapleton) Sophomore – GH6
17. Jarrod Bowman (Arcadia) Senior – FO5
18. Tyler Goodpaster (Deer Park) Senior – TR4
19. Andrew McDonald (Nelsonville-York) Senior – CO4
20. Brennan Alverson (Coshocton) Junior – CO5
21. Jake Farley (Northmor) Junior – CO6
22. Damien Schmeltz (Gibsonburg) Junior – FO6
23. Josh Thompkins (Mogadore) Junior – GH7
24. Austin Parmer (Utica) Senior – CO7
25. Kevin Naim (Lutheran West) Junior – GH8
26. Shane Clark (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH9
27. Jon Junk (West Muskingum) Junior – CO8
28. Chris Morgan (Girard) Junior – GH10
29. Bailey Slattman (Tinora) Sophomore – FO7
30. Justin Hixson (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR5
31. Devin Wells (Blanchester) Senior – TR6
32. Spencer Cole (New London) Junior – FO8
33. Troy Marksberry (Hillsdale) Senior – GH11
34. Zack Zizzo (Triad) Sophomore – TR7
35. Corey Bogan (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR8
36. James Eppich (Centerburg) Senior – CO9
37. Zach Meyer (Archbold) Senior – FO9
38. Nathen Kennedy (Fairless) Junior – GH12
39. Jeremy Fletcher (East Knox) Senior – CO10
40. Luke Brown (Allen East) Freshman – TR9

The “Super Frosh”, David Carr, has been excellent this season. The son of USA great, Nate Carr, I think only has two losses this year, both to nationally ranked and senior Vince Turk from Illinois. Both of Carr’s losses to Turk came at Ironman, where he finished 5th. Ford and Marteney seem to be above the rest of the field. Ford finished 6th at Ironman, where he defaulted to Carr; I wish we could have seen them wrestle. Marteney has lost to Screptock (Clay) and Hagan (Toledo Central Catholic), each by one point this year. I like Carr’s athletic ability to be the difference. He can really put up points.

Ullman, a three-time state qualifier and two-time state placer, is up two weight classes from a year ago. He looks to be the favorite at a pretty tough Garfield Heights district. The field here projects to have two state placers and has four wrestlers ranked in the top ten, all which have state experience. Marthey, a returning state placer at 138, should be at this weight from what I am hearing; even though he has wrestled as high as 160 in December. Francis was a state qualifier at this weight and should be able to make it back to Columbus. Sadler, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to get the fourth and final spot. Underclassmen Stanley and Maund should contend for a spot in the top four; Stanley has a 7-4 victory over Maund. Thompkins could also be in contention. With a name like that, how can he not be? Chris Morgan is a name to watch here. He recently pinned Steer (West Branch), in just a little over a minute. I have not seen many results on Morgan this year, which is why I'm not all that high on him; however, he is definitely a kid to keep an eye on here.

Martenev is the favorite at Fostoria. He was 5th and 8th the last two years. Soto and Fritz look to be next best here; both are returning state placers. This looks like the second toughest district at this weight, behind Troy. The fourth spot appears to be wide open. I favor Neuberger slightly over Bowman, but I seem to be a little higher on Neuberger than most.

Coshocton projects for no placers at this weight, despite having seven wrestlers ranked in the top 24. The returning state qualifier, Pizzino, whom I heard contemplated a move to 132, should be here and is my favorite to win the district after his close 3-2 victory over Stewart. Both Stewart and Rayner should challenge Pizzino for the district crown. The fourth spot is wide open amongst the rest of the field. With McDonald having Yinger in the room, I wouldn't count him out.

Carr and Ford look to be above the rest of the field at Troy. Since both exit the same district, they should be on opposite sides in Columbus. Carr was a state champ as an 8th grader in Kentucky. He will look for back-to-back state titles in two different states. This would match Kyle Lawson (Graham), who accomplished the similar task by winning one in 8th grade in Kentucky and then following it up with an Ohio state title as a freshman. Ohnmeiss looks to be in the second tier at this district, a tier comfortably by himself. I think Ohnmeiss could benefit by moving to 145, a weight that he would probably be ranked second or third. The overall depth at this weight class isn't very good, but with the top-end talent this weight has it's not surprising to see kids not even try to go 138. The long and rangy Goodpaster is my pick to get the fourth spot.

145-

Projected Champion: Logan Lacure (Dayton Christian) Junior – TR1

2. Reid Stanley (Waynedale) Junior – GH1
3. Deven Taylor (Margaretta) Senior – FO1
4. Derek Gross (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – FO2
5. Joe Ziegler (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR2
6. David Monturi (Wickliffe) Senior – GH2
7. Jacob Spino (Independence) Senior – GH3
8. Josh Weber (Loudonville) Senior – GH4
9. Trevor Anderson (West Liberty Salem) Junior – TR3
10. Manney Tulus (Belpre) Senior – CO1

11. Cody Dingess (West Jefferson) Senior – CO2
12. Nick Frye (Cuyahoga Hts.) Sophomore – GH5
13. Tyler Showalter (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR4
14. Riley Henderson (Mariemont) Senior – TR5
15. Brandon Bates (Genoa Area) Senior – FO3
16. Mitchell Davidson (Eastwood) Junior – FO4
17. Mitchell Matheney (Riverdale) Senior – FO5
18. Patrick Jordan (Waterloo) Junior – GH6
19. Dan Stoll (Edison) Sophomore – FO6
20. Austin Glosser (Otsego) Junior – FO7
21. Tommy King (Huron) Junior – FO8
22. Bobby Kelley (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – FO9
23. Seth Bell (Troy Christian) Senior – TR6
24. Kyle Waddell (Tuslaw) Senior – GH7
25. Anthony Renforth (South Range) Junior – GH8
26. Tyler Speelman (Nelsonville-York) Freshman – CO3
27. Austin Moore (National Trail) Junior – TR7
28. Carter Casperd (Fairless) Senior – GH9
29. Tony Vasquez (Gibsonburg) Junior – FO10
30. Lukas Rufenacht (Archbold) Junior – FO11
31. Travis Barnes (Delta) Sophomore – FO12
32. Parker Brown (Mohawk) Freshman – FO13
33. Clayton Wheeland (Norwayne) Senior – GH10
34. Sam Neer (Northmor) Senior – CO4
35. Colt Cross (Ashland Crestview) Junior – FO14
36. Jon Eschoder (Wellington) Junior – GH11
37. Devin Crum (Union Local) Sophomore – CO5
38. Nick Jacobucci (Columbia) Senior – GH12
39. Lane Waddell (Cardington-Lincoln) Senior – CO6
40. Joseph Eisle (Lima Central Catholic) Junior – TR8

The latest news I have heard about the Dayton Christian situation, is that Lacure and Hoskins will be allowed to wrestle in the post-season. Lacure, a state champ and runner-up, is heavily favored to win this weight. Deven Taylor was a big surprise to most last season, as he ended up finding the podium in Columbus. I hear Taylor will drop to 145 after wrestling the entire season so far at 152. I think this weight is very deep and anyone in the top 25 can place in Columbus. Gross and Ziegler recently took some losses, but based on their overall body of work I think they're next best here. I think Lacure has a chance of scoring around 27+ points for Dayton Christian, which will help tremendously in the team race.

Garfield Heights is a deep district at this weight with four projected placers and five wrestlers ranked in the top 12. Stanley is obviously the favorite to win the district. Monturi, a returning state qualifier, could be here or at 152, his alpha allows him to go as low as 138. Spino and Weber should get the next two spots. Frye has improved drastically from last year. He has a nice win over Collica (Nordonia) at 152, I think he should consider moving back up. Jordan, who sports a very nice record, is also here. Wheeland, who recently dropped from 160, had a nice win

against former state qualifier, Bell, but followed that up with a loss to Brown, 12-5. Wheeland could be a name to watch here, especially if he adjusts well to the weight. A few other names to watch here are Jefferies (Jackson-Milton), Bon (Hillsdale) and Dykes (Chippewa). This is weight is loaded, I would recommend some movement to 152.

Taylor is the clear favorite at Fostoria, a weight with a lack of top-end talent, but a district that is very deep. I think Taylor and Gross are above the rest of the field here. Bates, Davidson, and Matheney are next best here. Bates has beat Davidson, 6-1, and Davidson beat Matheney, 4-3. I favor Bates and Davidson based on those results. Stoll, Glosser, King, and Kelley look to be in the next tier and definitely can contend to qualify.

This is a decently strong weight at Coshocton. Brett Kahl (Shadyside) would have been the favorite here, but I hear his season over due to injury. I think anyone at 138 should consider moving here. I think Tulus and Dingess are above the rest of the field, with Tulus being a projected state placer. Dingess beat Ziegler in a dual, 4-3. Although Speelman is 24th here, I wouldn't be surprised to see him on the podium in Columbus just based on how taking second in the district can result in a good draw. I like Neer over Crum for the last spot here, both are slightly above Waddell. This weight as a whole is wide open after Tulus and Dingess. A few other names to watch here are Thompson (St. Clairsville), Williamson (Mount Gilead), and Hershberger (Garaway). Thompson beat Crum, 9-8, but does have a few bad losses.

This is a very tough weight at Troy, as I projected three state placers and have four wrestlers in the top nine. Lacure is the slight favorite here, but after him I think any of the top four can finish in any order. Anderson, a state placer two years ago, decided not to wrestle last year. He has a huge win over Gross at LCC. I think Anderson makes it back to Columbus. I like Showalter over Henderson for the last spot here. Those two are followed by the next tier, who have all seem to beat each other. A few others to watch here are Bellows (Spencerville), Campbell (Summit Country Day), Collier (Blanchester), and Hartmeir (Dixie).

152-

Projected Champion: Kaleb Romero (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR1

2. Nick Vestal (Dayton Christian) Junior – TR2
3. Zach Steiner (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH1
4. Caleb Stockmaster (Margaretta) Senior – FO1
5. Davey Tunon (Clinton-Massie) Junior – TR3
6. Lance Miller (Covington) Sophomore – TR4
7. Daniel Law (Belpre) Senior – CO1
8. Damian Vitt (Hopewell-Loudon) Senior – FO2
9. Damon Morosko (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
10. Bryce Coleman (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO2
11. Garrett Grime (Archbold) Junior – FO3
12. Dylan Rogers (Delta) Freshman – FO4
13. Kevin Lonsaway (Mohawk) Senior – FO5
14. Corey Kowatch (Mapleton) Senior – GH3
15. Trevor Ulman (Manchester) Junior – GH4

16. Brandon Soules (Allen East) Junior – TR5
17. Hunter Sutton (Eastwood) Junior – FO6
18. Anthony Risley (Harrison Central) Junior – CO3
19. Jordan Birdsall (Montpelier) Junior – FO7
20. Dalton Burns (Edison) Sophomore – FO8
21. Dylan Hall (Elmwood) Junior – FO9
22. Chase Fetter (SMCC) Junior – FO10
23. Jordan Jaso (Lakota) Senior – FO11
24. Badin Pinson (Reading) Sophomore – TR6
25. Ryan Morr (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – GH5
26. Jacob Rismiller (Versailles) Sophomore – TR7
27. Austin Clark (Riverdale) Senior – FO12
28. Cody Ferguson (Carey) Junior – FO13
29. Manny Garza (Rittman) Sophomore – GH6
30. Griffin Geary (Gibsonburg) Junior – FO14
31. Vincent DeRose (South Range) Senior – GH7
32. Gary Baker (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH8
33. Jacob Fanler (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR8
34. Dylan Riegel (Dixie) Senior – TR9
35. Matt Sander (Badin) Senior – TR10
36. Zach Bowman (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CO4
37. Justin Shoemaker (Blanchester) Senior – TR11
38. Landon Schlater (Coldwater) Junior – TR12
39. Phillip Shannon (Ridgewood) Senior - CO5
40. Billy Matyac (Mount Gilead) Sophomore – CO6

Kaleb Romero will look to stay on pace to become a four-time state champion after winning a state title last year as a freshman. His path might have even gotten a little easier with the Dayton Christian situation. Vestal, a returning state placer, shouldn't be counted out. Romero beat Vestal, 3-1, at Ironman. Steiner recently pinned Hiles at Bill Dies; he could challenge Romero as well. Steiner had a close one with Lonsaway though, only winning 11-10. Stockmaster could be a sleeper here, he has a nice win over Division 2 projected state placer Baker (Clyde).

Steiner, a returning state qualifier, leads the field at Garfield Heights. Morosko, formally known as Little, is also a projected state placer here. This isn't a top-heavy weight, with only five wrestlers in the top 24. Kowatch and Ulman are next best here. Kowatch lost in the match to go last year to Walden (Beachwood) after being knocked unconscious.

Stockmaster is the favorite at Fostoria, as he is the only projected state placer here. Vitt has been at mostly 160 this season, but I hear he will be at 152. After the top two here, this weight is jumbled up. I like Grime and Rogers to get the last two spots. Grime recently lost to Sutton at LCC, but Grime's pin over Rogers seems to be more impressive than I originally thought. Rogers pinned Lonsaway after building up a double digit lead. Lonsaway has a huge win over Kowatch and only lost to Steiner, 11-10. This weight should be a fun one to track at the district level. I will take Grime and Rogers to reach Columbus.

Law and Coleman look to be ahead of the field at Coshocton. Law is the only projected state placer at this weight. This is not a very strong weight at this district; I have only six wrestlers ranked in the top 40. Risley and Bowman look to be in the next tier, and are the other two projected qualifiers here. This weight is wide open. I have heard Coleman is very sick and may not wrestle at sectionals. Another name to watch here is Gabriel (Marion Pleasant).

Romero is the obvious favorite at Troy, due to his wins over Vestal and Miller. This looks to be the toughest district at this weight, with the top four all projected as state placers here. Vestal is on the second tier here, by his lonesome. Tunon, a returning state placer, and Miller are in the next tier. Tunon recently lost a barnburner to Division 2 state placer Price (Chillicothe). Miller had a solid freshman year, but it ended on a sour note, as he failed to qualify. Soules recently dropped to 145, but I hear he will most likely end up at this weight, which is a good move in my opinion. I think 145 overall is much tougher than 152 in Division 3. Another name to watch here is Rue (Milton Union).

160-

Projected Champion: Jesse Beverly (Delta) Sophomore – FO1

2. Andrew Hoskins (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR1
3. Dakota Mays (Nelsonville-York) Senior – CO1
4. Austin Siemon (Deer Park) Senior – TR2
5. Clayton Davidson (Kirtland) Senior – GH1
6. Jake Staggs (Edison) Senior – FO2
7. Drew Braisel (Manchester) Senior – GH2
8. Kyle Ice (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH3
9. Luke Sorboro (Rootstown) Sophomore – GH4
10. Riley Tercha (Otsego) Senior – FO3
11. Hobie Howiler (Barnesville) Junior – CO2
12. Zach Brodman (Carey) Senior – FO4
13. Jacob Thompson (Triad) Junior – TR3
14. Logan Hartman (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR4
15. Tucker Bender (Loudonville) Senior – GH5
16. Daniel Beemer (Ottawa Glandorf) Freshman – FO5
17. Josh Doherty (West Jefferson) Sophomore – CO3
18. Andrew Caris (Eastwood) Junior – FO6
19. Seth Gaghen (Woodmore) Senior – FO7
20. Alex Imhoff (Wellington) Senior – GH6
21. Joe Datz (Madison Plains) Senior – CO4
22. BJ Ratcliff (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR5
23. Josh Cordell (West Liberty Salem) Junior – TR6
24. Drexel Weber (Garaway) Senior – CO5
25. David Bell (Archbold) Junior – FO8
26. Austin McConville (Bellaire) Senior – CO6
27. Dan Peters (Blanchester) Senior – TR7
28. Isaiah Prichard (Dixie) Junior – TR8
29. Aaron Mock (Paulding) Senior – FO9

30. Brett Vonderwell (Delphos St. John's) Sophomore – TR9
31. Jacob Dingus (Wayne Trace) Senior – TR10
32. Kyle Pritchard (Newcomerstown) Senior – CO7
33. Danny Cervenik (VASJ) Senior – GH7
34. Canaan Berry (Troy Christian) Senior – TR11
35. Jesse Campbell (Summit Country Day) Senior – TR12
36. Jacob Campbell (Black River) Freshman – GH8
37. Dawson Davis (Williamsburg) Junior – TR13
38. Tristan Siemer (Bishop Ready) Freshman – CO8
39. Chaz Vansant (Liberty-Benton) Junior – FO10
40. Jacob Royiscanec (Girard) Junior – GH9

Beverly has the option to go as low as 145, but I think 160 is the best option for the team. Beverly is the slight favorite over Hoskins. He is very physical for an underclassmen, which makes him fun to watch. I think Mays, a three-time state placer, is on the same level as the top two, and could be in title contention. Beverly beat Mays last year, 2-1, in Columbus.

Davidson, a returning state qualifier, looks to be slightly ahead of the rest of the field at Garfield Heights. This is a pretty tough weight, with four wrestlers in the top ten. Braisel is also a projected state placer here, followed by Ice and Sorboro. I think the top four are on a different level compared to the rest of the field here. Ullman looks to have the best chance of breaking into the top four.

Beverly, who finished 3rd last year as a freshman, is the favorite at Fostoria. This is a very tough weight with four wrestlers in the top 11. Staggs is also a projected placer at this weight after transferring from Waynedale, where he couldn't fit in the lineup last year for the post-season. Staggs seems to have improved a lot from last year. I even have him above former teammate Ice. I like Tercha and Brodman to get the final spot. Tercha seems to be much improved from last year, he even has a nice 9-4 win over Brodman. Bell could be a kid to watch here. I'm not sure if he can make it to Columbus, but I think he could do much better than his district ranking of 9th. Another name to watch here is Hahn (Tinora).

Mays is the clear favorite at Coshocton. I don't see Mays really being challenged here. This is not a very strong weight in the district, but not many are. Howiler, not a very big 160, looks to be next best here. I like Doherty and Datz to fill the other two spots, but I see this weight being wide open after Mays. A few other names who could contend are Lorms (Bishop Hartley), Reed (Ridgewood), and Royer (Johnstown Northridge).

Hoskins, a state runner-up two years ago, was ineligible last year, after he almost beat Romero in a dual meet. Hoskins is the favorite to win the district at Troy. Siemon, a returning state placer, is next best. Thompson, who is from the same school of one of my favorite high school wrestlers when I was little, Levi Wyant, is a projected state qualifier here. Hartman, a former state qualifier, is my pick to get the last spot. Hartman beat returning Division 1 state qualifier Sepeda (Marysville), 5-3.

170-

Projected Champion: James Handwerk (Lutheran West) Sophomore – GH1

2. Zach Sullivan (National Trail) Senior – TR1
3. Chance Sonnenberg (Van Buren) Senior – FO1
4. Ryan Patchin (Delta) Senior – FO2
5. Hayden Miller (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – FO3
6. Kile Schaefer (West Salem Northwestern) Senior – GH2
7. Austin Windle (Ada) Senior – TR2
8. Teagan McFadden (Paint Valley) Junior – CO1
9. Matt McFarland (Union Local) Junior – CO2
10. Ryan Green (Margaretta) Senior - FO4
11. Jared Pack (Centerburg) Senior – CO3
12. Skylar Brown (Lehman Catholic) Senior – TR3
13. Dalton Hoover (Martins Ferry) Freshman – CO4
14. Cole Draper (Mohawk) Sophomore – FO5
15. Drew Lowery (Loudonville) Senior – GH3
16. Josh Kirby (Middletown Madison) Senior – TR4
17. Corbin Bunsold (North Union) Junior – CO5
18. Drew Lowery (Toronto) Junior – CO6
19. Sam Stoll (Edison) Freshman – FO6
20. Jansen Love (Dayton Christian) Freshman – TR5
21. Nate Fry (Ayersville) Junior – FO7
22. Gage Willis (Pymatuning Valley) Freshman – GH4
23. Adam Deatrick (Paulding) Senior – FO8
24. Conan Nicely (Blanchester) Senior – TR6
25. Mack Rose (Miami East) Senior – TR7
26. Brandon Magee (Covington) Junior – TR8
27. Dan Henline (Gibsonburg) Senior – FO9
28. Thomas McKale (Newbury) Sophomore – GH5
29. Hunter McKelvey (Montpelier) Senior – FO10
30. Logan Daniels (Edgerton) Senior – FO11
31. Garrett Ball (Norwayne) Senior – GH6
32. Nick Kusa (Mapleton) Junior – GH7
33. Alex Haunhorst (Delphos St. John's) Senior – TR9
34. Logan Weinreber (Liberty) Senior – GH8
35. Paul Dies (Akron Manchester) Junior – GH9
36. Dustin Green (Tri-County North) Senior – TR10
37. James Zeis (Badin) Senior – TR11
38. Kolten Dillon (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR12
39. Cameron Miller (Triad) Sophomore – TR13
40. Jeremy Bresicani (Coshocton) Junior – CO7

Handwerk is my projected champ here after not wrestling at districts last year due to him hurting his ribs the week of districts. This should be a good collection weight with Kollin Moore being at 182. Handwerk finished 7th at Ironman, outplacing Sullivan and Sonnenberg. Patchin's performance here could be a big factor in the team race.

Garfield Heights has two projected placers in Handwerk and Schaefer. Schaefer is a two-time state placer at 182, but has moved here I believe due to Moore. Handwerk and Schaefer seem to be on their own level in the district. Lowery looks to be a qualifier here. OAC state placer Willis, who has a nice win over Italiano at 182, follows him. I think anyone after Handwerk and Schaefer could get the final two spots. Another name to watch here is English (VASJ).

Fostoria is the toughest district at this weight. I project three state placers and have four wrestlers in the top ten. Sonnenberg, a two-time state placer, recently beat returning state placer Miller, 6-1, at LCC. I see the top three as being on a different level compared to the rest of field. Green, a returning state qualifier, is my pick to get the fourth spot. Stoll, an OAC state runner-up, is undersized for 170, but could make some noise here.

McFadden, a two-time state qualifier, is my only projected placer at Coshocton and is the favorite to win the district crown. McFarland and Green are both returning state qualifiers at this weight and look to be next best here. I think the fourth spot is wide open. I think Lowery is a bit underrated and wouldn't be surprised to see him wrestling in Columbus. Another name to watch here is Weaver (Newcomerstown).

Sullivan, who finished 3rd last year at this weight, should cruise to a district crown. If anyone should be able to keep it close it would be Windle, but he has missed most of the season. I hear Alexander (Deer Park) will not be wrestling this year. If he does, he could be a state qualifier contender. Brown and Kirby are the two other projected qualifiers, but I think Love has improved each week this season, so I wouldn't count him out. Nicely, Rose, and Magee, all could be in the mix as well.

182-

Projected Champion: Kollin Moore (Norwayne) Senior – GH1

2. Ben Miller (Covington) Senior – TR1
3. Jack Staggs (Edison) Junior – FO1
4. Mark Francis (Delta) Senior – FO2
5. Jack Huffman (Lima Central Catholic) Senior – TR2
6. John Kelbly (Smithville) Sophomore – GH2
7. Travis Pickering (Mapleton) Senior – GH3
8. Kyle Johnson (Northmor) Senior – CO1
9. Christian Climer (Tuslaw) Senior – GH4
10. A.J. Senick (Independence) Senior – GH5
11. Jeff Botts (Bethel-Tate) Junior – TR3
12. Tytus Collins (Waynesville) Senior – TR4
13. Josh Bialosky (Beachwood) Sophomore – GH6
14. Colton Lybarger (Fredericktown) Senior – CO2
15. Caleb Johnson (Paint Valley) Junior – CO3
16. Anthony Italiano (Jackson-Milton) Junior – GH7
17. Tyler Foust (Delphos Jefferson) Senior – TR5
18. Peyton Hamrick (Parkway) Junior – TR6

19. Jacob Schmidt (Coldwater) Senior – TR7
20. Chase Carpenter (Sherwood Fairview) Junior – FO3
21. Tyler Baird (Genoa Area) Senior – FO4
22. Payten Whitticar (Van Buren) Senior – FO5
23. Cameron Cline (East Clinton) Senior – TR8
24. Austin Cobb (Caldwell) Junior – CO4
25. Ben Hostetler (Ridgewood) Senior – CO5
26. George Hall (Dayton Christian) Junior – TR9
27. Dillon Hurst (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR10
28. Levi Sims (Troy Christian) Junior – TR11
29. Luke Bowman (Riverdale) Senior – FO6
30. Caleb Rupert (Columbiana) Sophomore – GH8
31. Blake Lawson (Tri-County North) Senior – TR12
32. Justin Campbell (Bucyrus) Senior – FO7
33. Griffin Sperry (Elmwood) Sophomore – FO8
34. Scott Instine (Triad) Senior – TR13
35. Patrick Sturgeon (Liberty) Senior – GH9
36. Jeremy Heglin (Deer Park) Junior – TR14
37. Will Hopkins (Cuyahoga Hts.) Senior – GH10
38. Taylor Lyons (Crooksville) Sophomore – CO6
39. Bernie Ramos (Willard) Junior – FO9
40. Wyatt Long (Lehman Catholic) Sophomore – TR15

The Ohio State recruit Kollin Moore is the clear favorite here. He is currently my #1 rated senior on my website after beating nationally-ranked and projected state champ, Ben Darmstadt (Elyria), by “tech-pin.” Moore’s presence at this weight has caused many kids to either move down to 170 or go up to 195. I think Moore gets bonus in every match.

Moore is obviously the favorite to win the district title at Garfield Heights. The weight as a whole is pretty tough with three projected state placers. Kelbly had a good start to his freshman year last year, but got injured and could not finish the season. He and Pickering seem to be in the second tier here and I think both get to Columbus. Pickering was a state qualifier two years ago, but failed to get back there last year after being disqualified for an illegal slam; a call that I found very questionable. Climer and Senick seem to be two of the most underrated wrestlers in D3. Climer sat out last year after transferring from Massillon. Bialosky should be in the mix for qualification; he recently lost to Senick 7-5 at the CVC tournament. A few others to watch at this deep district are Skye (Mogadore), McCauley (St. Thomas Aquinas), and Mullin (VASJ).

Staggs and Francis lead the field at Fostoria. Staggs was a state qualifier at Waynedale last year at this weight, while Francis qualified for Columbus at 195. Carpenter looks to be in the next tier here. He has been down at 170, but I hear he will be here, which is a very good decision based on the climate at this weight. I would suggest that a wrestler at 170 or 195 should consider moving to 182. Baird is my slight favorite to get the fourth and final spot.

Dom Johns, if here, would be the favorite at Coshocton. He has been at 195 and has missed some time as of late, so I have him listed at 195. Kyle Johnson, a returning state qualifier, is my

favorite to win the district crown. I like Lybarger and returning state qualifier Caleb Johnson to fill the next two spots here. I think the fourth spot will come down to Cobb and Hostetler, I slightly favor Cobb to get to Columbus.

Troy might be the deepest district at this weight when looking at depth. I only project two state placers, but have 11 wrestlers in the top 28. Ben Miller, a returning state placer, is the favorite here. Huffman, a state placer last year at 195, is also here and a projected state placer. Botts gets the third spot here over Collins, due to his head-to-win earlier in the season. Botts is considering dropping to 170, but I think 182 is the correct weight for him. Foust and Hamrick could be in the mix here. Foust is ahead of Hamrick after beating him, 11-4, in the finals at Lincolnview.

195-

Projected Champion: Jacob Worthington (Edison) Senior – FO1

2. Kyle Dieringer (Versailles) Senior – TR1
3. Tristan Anderson (Waynedale) Junior – GH1
4. Wes Buettner (Delphos St. John's) Senior – TR2
5. Dom Johns (Coshocton) Senior – CO1
6. Scott Wolheter (Tuslaw) Senior – GH2
7. Will Bolanz (Waterloo) Sophomore – GH3
8. Mitchell Peck (Utica) Senior – CO2
9. Dan Jones (Columbus Academy) Senior – CO3
10. Gavin Saul (Sherwood Fairview) Senior – FO2
11. Colton Booth (Tri-County North) Senior – TR3
12. Drake Reed (Margaretta) Senior – FO3
13. Corey Taylor (West Muskingum) Junior – CO4
14. Caide Bunfill (Barnesville) Sophomore – CO5
15. Tristan Devlin (Troy Christian) Senior – TR4
16. Jake Burns (West Jefferson) Sophomore – CO6
17. Madison Jaso (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – FO4
18. Garrett Dudte (Mapleton) Senior – GH4
19. Ryan Slone (Black River) Senior – GH5
20. Alejandro Hinojosa (Tinora) Junior – FO5
21. Matt Herrick (Genoa Area) Sophomore – FO6
22. Carson Dye (SMCC) Junior – FO7
23. Matthew Rainey (Swanton) Senior – FO8
24. Kent Peterson (Patrick Henry) Sophomore – FO9
25. John Racheter (Carey) Senior – FO10
26. Jose Caraballo (Columbia) Junior – GH6
27. Quinton Johnson (Marion Pleasant) Senior – CO7
28. Lane Foster (Northmor) Senior – CO8
29. Jarod Woodland (Ada) Senior – TR5
30. John Straka (Edison) Senior – FO11
31. Mitch Clune (Coldwater) Junior – TR6
32. Zane Zientek (Eastwood) Sophomore – FO12
33. Tyler Yarber (Collins Western Reserve) Sophomore – FO13

34. Aaron Hannah (Bishop Hartley) Senior – CO9
35. James Kedigh (Ridgewood) Sophomore – CO10
36. Mike Schmitt (Centerburg) Senior – CO11
37. Andrew Nichols (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR7
38. Caden Hellyer (Miami East) Junior – TR8
39. Cody Hapner (National Trail) Senior – TR9
40. Jacob Wolford (Delta) Sophomore – FO14

Worthington is the favorite here after transferring from Keystone. Worthington placed 6th in Division 3 two years ago and 5th last year in Division 2. Worthington should be challenged here. He recently beat returning state placer Anderson, 8-6. Dieringer finished 3rd last year and has a notable win over Kremiller (Perry).

Garfield Heights looks to be the toughest district at this weight with three projected state placers. Anderson is the favorite here, but he did lose to Wolheter last year before avenging that loss. Returning state qualifiers Wolheter and Bolanz both are projected state placers. The fourth and final spot looks wide open; I favor Dudte slightly to qualify. A couple others to watch here are Kitko (Wellington) and Murdock (Rittman).

Worthington is the clear favorite to win the district after recently majoring Saul, 10-0. Saul, a transfer from Bryan, could contend for a spot on the podium in Columbus. I think the final two spots are wide open with what seems like inconsistency across the board. I favor Reed and Jaso slightly above the rest of field here. The overall depth in the district at this weight is tremendous, as I have 14 wrestlers in the top 40. Another name to watch here is Williamson (Evergreen).

Johns and Peck lead the field at Coshocton, a weight that looks pretty deep in the district. I projected Johns to be here, instead of at 182. Johns, a two-time placer, has missed some time this year, but if healthy, he has the ability to sneak into the state finals. Peck beat Leasure (Amanda Clearcreek), a two-time state qualifier, early in the season. Jones, a two-time state placer, should be in contention to finally reach the podium in Columbus. Taylor and Bunfill look to be in the next tier in the district; I favor Taylor to get the final qualification spot here. Burns could also be in the mix, but he hasn't been in the lineup from most of the results I have seen this year and I am not sure of his status.

Dieringer is the favorite at Troy. He and returning state qualifier Buettner are the only projected state placers in the district. The weight as a whole in the district is pretty tough with five wrestlers in the top 14. I think the next two spots come down to Booth and Devlin. Another name to watch here is Henkel (Dayton Christian).

220-

- Projected Champion: Jay Nino (Genoa Area) Senior – FO1
2. Adrian Harding (Greeneview) Senior – TR1
3. Ben Sullivan (National Trail) Sophomore – TR2
4. Nick Svarda (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR3
5. Jerek Cropper (Manchester) Junior – GH1

6. Cameron Conaway (South Central) Junior – FO2
7. Devon Richard (Delta) Junior – FO3
8. Charlie Smith (United) Senior – GH2
9. Jared Crosswell (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CO1
10. Collin Kelly (Mogadore) Junior – GH3
11. Kyle Gigandet (Versailles) Junior – TR4
12. Michael Furbee (St. Clairsville) Junior – CO2
13. Dillon Sheplar (Ridgewood) Senior – CO3
14. Zach Hackett (Brookfield) Junior – GH4
15. Tanner Potts (Monroe Central) Junior – CO4
16. Hunter Bodkin (Martins Ferry) Freshman – CO5
17. Joey Hatchett (Sherwood Fairview) Junior – FO4
18. Kristian Bremer (Lutheran West) Senior – GH5
19. Corey Pattin (Waynedale) Senior – GH6
20. Crawford Hamrick (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH7
21. Sam Fuchs (Canton Central Catholic) Senior – GH8
22. Devin Uzelac (Elmwood) Senior – FO5
23. Tyler Tudor (Eastwood) Sophomore – FO6
24. Aaron Cook (Mohawk) Senior – FO7
25. Marcus O’Flaherty (Carey) Junior – FO8
26. Austin Schulte (Delphos St. John’s) Senior – TR5
27. Jarett Bute (Antwerp) Senior – FO9
28. John Straka (Edison) Senior – FO10
29. Dakota Valdez (Paulding) Senior – FO11
30. Billy Cadawallader (Williamsburg) Senior – TR6
31. Davionne Laney (Summit Country Day) Junior – TR7
32. Tavis Sticka (Norwayne) Junior – GH10
33. Jonah Ours (West Salem Northwestern) Junior – GH9
34. Dillon Farley (Otsego) Sophomore – FO12
35. Santos Miranda (Van Buren) Senior – FO13
36. Brandon Swihart (Troy Christian) Junior – TR8
37. Austin King (Reading) Senior – TR9
38. Daniel Everett (Miami East) Junior – TR10
39. James Johnson (Harvest Prep) Senior – CO6
40. Bobby Mancha (Fremont St. Joseph) Junior – FO14

Nino returns to 220 after winning this weight a year ago. He wrestled the first half of the season at 285, but has since dropped down. I think Nino could be challenged by anyone in the top ten. It seemed like a Nino/Sullivan rematch was likely to happen for the state title, but Harding recently beat Sullivan. I think both are serious contenders here. Svarda and Cropper are more of the athletic upper weight type. Cropper is a fun kid to watch and can catch you for five at any moment.

Cropper is the favorite at Garfield even though he recently lost to Kelly. Kelly has had some big wins this year, such as his wins over Cropper and Reis (Elyria), but he also has had some bad losses. This weight has two projected placers, but shows good depth with seven wrestlers in the

top 21. I think after Cropper, the next three spots could be anyone listed above on any given weekend. Bremer was at 220 all of last year until the post-season when he decided to bump up to 285. He has been at 285 until recently, so I am assuming he is here. I have him 5th best at both weights in the district, but overall a little higher at 285, being around 15th or so. Hamrick is a freshman to watch here; he is an OAC Junior High state placer.

Fostoria has tremendous top-end talent at this weight. The district has three projected state placers. I think returning state champ, Nino, and returning state placers, Conaway and Richard, all make it back to Columbus without much problem. Hatchett recently cut to 220, where he beat Valdez pretty convincingly. I like Hatchett to get to Columbus. This district also has good overall depth with 14 wrestlers in the top 40. Another name to add to this already deep field is Nichols (Evergreen).

Coshocton doesn't have any projected state placers here anymore. Croswell was in my top eight for most of the season, but his recent loss to Sheplar dropped him to ninth. There are five wrestlers that seem to be above the field, which means the classic five-for-four scenario. I have the OAC Junior High state placer, Bodkin, as the odd man out. A couple others to watch here are Place (Zane Trace) and McFarland (Chesapeake).

Troy is the toughest district at this weight, slightly above Fostoria. I project three state placers, all three are in the top four. Harding has head-to-head wins over state runner-up Sullivan and Svarda. I think the top three are on a different level than Gigandet by a decent amount. Sullivan was a surprise state finalist last year. He started off the season by placing at Ironman. Svarda transferred to Madison from Carlisle. He has not made it to Columbus yet, despite having a lot of success during the regular season. Gigandet looks to be in the second tier all by himself. Turpin (Blanchester) and Erevia (Allen East) are two others to watch here.

285-

Projected Champion: Chance Veller (Delta) Junior – FO1

2. Seth Bloor (Wellsville) Senior – GH1
3. Paul Deely (Independence) Senior – GH2
4. Jon Bodkin (Martins Ferry) Senior – CO1
5. Blake Cary (Loudonville) Senior – GH3
6. Isaac Sexton (Van Buren) Senior – FO2
7. Kelly Barthalow (Ridgewood) Senior – CO2
8. Ben Ferguson (Miami East) Junior – TR1
9. Brandon Bennett (Patrick Henry) Junior – FO3
10. Mike Mollohan (Mount Gilead) Junior – CO3
11. Jacob Zimmerman (Orrville) Junior – GH4
12. Brandon Workman (Collins Western Reserve) Senior – FO4
13. FrancESCO Borsellino (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – CO4
14. Isaiah Harding (Greeneview) Sophomore – TR2
15. Justin Kilburn (Monroe Central) Junior – CO5
16. Chance Rucker (Caldwell) Junior – CO6
17. Derek Smith (Tinora) Sophomore – FO5

18. Grant Kinsinger (Liberty-Benton) Senior – FO6
19. Carson Ernest (St. Clarisville) Junior – CO7
20. Donnie Meadows (Shadyside) Sophomore – CO8
21. Reilly Lipinski (Tri-County North) Senior – TR3
22. Nick Gelhaus (Madeira) Junior – TR4
23. Brayden Phillips (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH5
24. Alex Steele (Preble Shawnee) Sophomore – TR5
25. Seth Douglas (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR6
26. Charlie Draucker (Trinity) Junior – GH6
27. Tyler Dues (Spencerville) Senior – TR7
28. Blake Sampson (Bluffton) Junior – TR8
29. Brandon Cox (North Union) Sophomore – CO9
30. Ben Norman (Girard) Junior – GH7
31. Tyler Sweeney (Bishop Hartley) Junior – CO10
32. Austin Mathis (Grand Valley) Sophomore – GH8
33. Adam Widder (Fairless) Senior – GH9
34. Dylan Hartman (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR9
35. Andrew Zimmer (Dayton Christian) Senior – TR10
36. Grant Keller (Versailles) Sophomore – TR11
37. Kaleb Cantrell (Van Wert) Junior – TR12
38. Andrew Bevan (Madison Plains) Junior – CO11
39. Wesley Bok (Sherwood Fairview) Sophomore – FO7
40. Oran Humbert (Archbold) Junior – FO8

Veller is my pick to win the heavyweight class, one of weight classes that usually has the most upsets in Columbus. Veller, a returning state placer, finished 3rd at Ironman. Veller is very big, cutting from around 330 pounds. Although he is big, he is very agile for his size. I think anyone in the top five can win it all since it is heavyweight. Cary has been climbing up my rankings the past month and is definitely a kid to watch in Columbus.

Bloor looks to be the slight favorite to win the district crown at Garfield Heights. The district has three projected state placers and four in the top 11. Bloor was a state qualifier last year at 220 and the move to 285 has not fazed him; he has wins over Bodkin and Barthalow. Deely and Cary seem to be Bloor's toughest challengers. Deely was a state qualifier last year. Cary is a very athletic 285, who wrestled 182 last year; he defaulted out at districts last year. Zimmeran is in the second tier and seems to be on a level all by himself. Phillips, an OAC Junior High state placer, could be a kid to watch here, as a lot of freshmen come into their own by sectionals.

The favorite at Fostoria is obviously Veller. The weight as a whole has top-end talent and good depth. I have three in the top nine and six in the top 19. After Veller, I think the last three spots are wide open. I favor the athletic Sexton, Bennett (who has struggled to stay eligible in the past), and Workman, all to be slightly above the rest of the field here. Since heavyweight can always have surprises, a few other wrestlers to keep an eye on are Gibson (Ottawa Glandorf), Mullins (Mohawk), and Mosier (Hicksville).

Bodkins looks to be the clear favorite at Coshocton. He started the season being ranked #1, but quickly fell to #2 after Veller's performance at Ironman. Barthalow is the only other projected placer in the district; he has been beaten by Borsellino this year. Mollohan, a state qualifier at 220, looks to be third best here. Borsellino, who spent some time last year as the backup behind Hudson Cole, has had a very good year. He is sort of like Kelly (Mogadore), with good wins, but also bad losses. He has wins over Barthalow and Kilburn. This weight is pretty deep in the district with eight wrestlers in the top 21.

Ferguson is ahead of the field at Troy and is the lone projected state placer in the district. Ferguson seems to be the heavy favorite here after his dominate win over Harding, where he won by major decision, 13-1. The next three spots look to be wide open. I favor the next four wrestlers slightly above the rest of the field. Steel and Douglas, both sophomores, look to be a year away from getting to Columbus. Another name to watch here is Coffman (Dixie). He pinned Kinsinger at LCC, but has quite a few bad losses this year.

Division 3 Team Projections

Finish	School	Points	State Champs	State Placers	State Qualifiers	District 5 th /6 th
1	Dayton Christian	177	4	9	9	1
2	Delta	151	3	8	9	1
3	Edison	85	1	5	7	3
4	Covington	75	1	4	4	2
5	Mechanicsburg	74	1	4	6	0
6	Waynedale	54	0	5	5	2
7	Norwayne	50	1	3	3	1
8	Troy Christian	45	1	3	4	2
9	Tuslaw	38	0	3	5	2
10	National Trail	37	0	2	2	0
11	Genoa Area	36	1	2	5	1
12	Margaretta	35	0	2	5	0

***If Lacure and Hoskins do not wrestle, I have Dayton Christian scoring 137 points.