

2020 Boro Fan Almanac



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Introduction

Fans & Readers:

Thank you for coming back another year and reading what is officially the Tenth 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 nine seasons. When reading the report, please remember that I have not seen every result. Also, when reading the report, keep in mind that head- to- head results do count, but the overall rankings are amongst “the field” and not focused on one particular head-to-head win/loss. I hope that you guys enjoy reading this as much as I do in putting it together. Thank you for the continuous support and attention that you guys show for The Almanac and website year in and year out, it means a lot. Remember to follow me on Twitter @BoroFan_OH_WRST. I would also like to give a special thanks to my good friend and editor, Dominic Petrella. It seems as though we are getting ready to witness another great postseason in OHSAA Wrestling. Hope everyone enjoys!

Yours in Wrestling,

Billy Schaefer

Statistics

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2019	80/112 = 71.4%	82/112 = 73.2 %	83/112 = 74.1 %	245/336 = 72.9 %
2018	91/112 = 81.3%	74/112 = 66.1%	71/112 = 63.4 %	236/336 = 70.2 %
2017	77/112 = 68.8%	78/112 = 69.7%	83/112 = 74.1%	238/336 = 70.8%
2016	76/112 = 67.9%	76/112 = 67.9%	75/112 = 67%	227/336 = 67.6%
2015	69/112 = 61.6%	73/112 = 65.1%	81/112 = 72.3%	223/336 = 66.4%
2014	81/112 = 72.3%	77/112 = 68.75%	83/112 = 74.1%	241/336 = 71.7%
2013	68/112 = 60.7%	74/112 = 66.1%	72/112 = 64.2%	214/336 = 63.7%
Average	77.4/112 = 68.8 %	76.3/112 = 68.1%	78.3/112 = 69.9%	232/336 = 69%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2019	18/28 = 64.3 %	13/28 = 46.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	48/84 = 57.1%
2018	16/28 = 57.1%	18/28 = 64.3%	13/28 = 46.4%	47/84 = 56 %
2017	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	20/28 = 71.4%	56/84 = 66.6%
2016	15/28 = 53.6%	13/28 = 46.4%	16/28 = 57.1%	44/84 = 52.4%
2015	16/28 = 57.1%	20/28 = 71.4%	17/28 = 60.7%	53/84 = 63.1%
2014	14/28 = 50%	14/28 = 50%	15/28 = 53.6%	43/84 = 51.2%
2013	19/28 = 67.9%	14/28 = 50%	17/28 = 60.7%	50/84 = 59.5%
Average	16.3/28 = 58.2%	16/28 = 57.1%	16.4/28 = 58.6%	48.7/84 = 58%

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

	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Overall
2019	7/14 = 50 %	7/14 = 50 %	7/14 = 50 %	21/42 = 50 %
2018	8/14 = 57.1%	7/14 = 50 %	6/14 = 42.9%	21/42 = 50 %
2017	8/14 = 57.1%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	25/42 = 59.5%
2016	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	28/42 = 66.7%
2015	6/14 = 42.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	10/14 = 71.4%	25/42 = 59.5%
2014	5/14 = 35.7%	9/14 = 64.3%	11/14 = 78.6%	25/42 = 59.5%
2013	11/14 = 78.6%	8/14 = 57.1%	9/14 = 64.3%	28/42 = 66.7%
Average	7.6/14 = 54.3%	8.1/14 = 57.9%	9/14 = 64.3%	24.7/42 = 58.8%

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

DIVISION 1

Districts

Perrysburg = PB	Mentor = ME
Kettering Fairmont = KF	Hilliard Darby = HD

106

- Projected Champion: Pacey Najdusak (Mason) Senior – KF1
2. Christopher Earnest (Wadsworth) Freshman – ME1
 3. Pito Castro (Brecksville) Sophomore – ME2
 4. Colin Noel (Elyria) Junior – PB1
 5. Wyatt Richter (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2
 6. Vinnie D'Alessandro (Mayfield) Freshman – ME3
 7. Austin McBurney (Massillon Perry) Freshman – ME4
 8. Sam Tillett (Kent Roosevelt) Senior – ME5
 9. Jack Schmidt (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – ME6
 10. Ricky DiTurno (Twinsburg) Senior – ME7
 11. Ryan Avalos (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB3
 12. Cole McKinley (Sylvania Northview) Sophomore – PB4
 13. Micah Medina (Oregon Clay) Freshman – PB5
 14. Hudson Goebel (Findlay) Freshman – PB6
 15. David Javier (Westerville Central) Sophomore – HD1
 16. Corey Crawford (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD2
 17. Jack Viola (Dublin Jerome) Senior – HD3
 18. Evan Butcher (Olentangy Berlin) Freshman – HD4
 19. Robi Cvitic (North Royalton) Junior – PB7
 20. Kevin Grunzweig (Solon) Sophomore – ME8
 21. Gunner Havens (Teays Valley) Freshman – HD5
 22. Brayden Biedermann (Anthony Wayne) Sophomore – PB8
 23. Gavin Greathouse (Uniontown Lake) Freshman – ME9
 24. Jeffrey Kennedy (North Olmsted) Junior – PB9
 25. Ty Daugherty (Avon) Sophomore – PB10
 26. Emilio Arellano (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – PB11
 27. J.T. Furko (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Junior – PB12
 28. Brandon Mitchell (Oak Hills) Sophomore – KF2
 29. Drew Magness (Elder) Sophomore – KF3
 30. Simon Taylor (Centerville) Sophomore – KF4

31. Noah Moreland (Vandalia Butler) Freshman – KF5
32. Timothy Putka (St. Ignatius) Sophomore – PB13
33. Jacob Ferguson (Austintown Fitch) – ME10
34. Nick Rutsky (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD6
35. Joey Zywiec (Medina Highland) Freshman – ME11
36. Zachary Orseno (North Ridgeville) Sophomore – PB14
37. Andrew Parker (Big Walnut) Sophomore – HD7
38. Ayden Rivers (Amherst Steele) Senior – PB15
39. Colt Ryan (Hillard Darby) Freshman – HD8
40. Nathan Perry (Avon Lake) – PB15

Najdusak, a senior and a Cumberland University commit, is the favorite to capture the state crown here. The 2018 state placer and three-time state qualifier has won this season over the two wrestlers I consider his toughest challengers: Earnest and Castro. Najdusak picked up both of those wins back in December at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, where he beat Earnest, 2-1, and pinned Castro in the third period. Earnest and Castro have split bouts this season. Castro won the first meeting, 9-2, at their conference tournament, while Earnest won the second match a few weeks later in a dual meet via pin. Earnest led 14-5 before pinning Castro. Besides Najdusak, there are three other seniors in the Top 10 and six in the top 17, which is very rare for 106.

Mentor looks absolutely loaded at this weight with seven wrestlers in the Top 10. The depth was recently boosted when Tillett and DiTurno dropped down from 113. The 113 weight class is also very deep at Mentor. Darby and Fairmont look much thinner compared to the two more northern districts. Despite Najdusak exiting from Fairmont, the southwest district lacks overall depth, with only five wrestlers in the Top 40. A few other names to watch there are Hubbard (Fairfield), Harter (Loveland), Philbeck (West Carrollton), and Baker (Talawanda).

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- Projected Champion: Jacob Moon (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB1
2. Peyton Fenton (Elyria) Sophomore – PB2
 3. Sean Seefeldt (St. Edward) Junior – PB3
 4. Mason Brugh (Wadsworth) Sophomore – ME1
 5. Kaden Jett (Brecksville) Freshman – ME2
 6. Damion Ryan (Centerville) Sophomore – KF1
 7. William Doepker (Elder) Senior – KF2
 8. Johnny Novak (St. Ignatius) Senior – PB4
 9. Cael Saxton (Avon) Junior – PB5
 10. Dylan Le (Dublin Scioto) Junior – HD1
 11. Nick Molchak (Solon) Sophomore – ME3
 12. Dominic Gerome (Mayfield) Junior – ME4
 13. Thomas Cassetty (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – ME5
 14. Ray Cmil (Boardman) Sophomore – ME6
 15. Andrew Newkirk (Fairfield) Senior – KF3
 16. Drew Dulcie (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME7
 17. Donald Wingate (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB6
 18. William Maghes (Massillon Jackson) Sophomore – ME8
 19. Brian Crevar (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME9
 20. Brian Kennedy (Berea-Midpark) Junior – PB7
 21. Luke Marconi (Stow) Sophomore – ME10
 22. Corey Haney (Medina Highland) Sophomore – ME11
 23. T.J. Barnes (Findlay) Junior – PB8
 24. Colton Spurgeon (Mount Vernon) Sophomore – HD2
 25. Kaden Frantz (Painesville Riverside) Senior – ME12
 26. Fuanyi Fobellah (Westerville South) Junior – HD3
 27. Liam Plants (Licking Heights) Junior – HD4
 28. Gabe Ohle (Westerville North) Junior – HD5
 29. Dominic Ricco (Mentor) Sophomore – ME13
 30. Joey Davis (Eastlake North) Junior – ME14
 31. Tyler Dye (Midview) Freshman – PB9
 32. Daniel Beam (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD6
 33. Zack Kapper (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD7
 34. Tyler Jude (Westland) Sophomore – HD8
 35. Tamas Eder (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD9
 36. Braxton Sheets (Grove City) Freshman – HD10
 37. David Backus (Marion Harding) Freshman – HD11
 38. Jacob Castillo (Middletown) Freshman – KF4

Moon is the slight favorite at this weight class over returning state champ Fenton. Moon finished third at this weight last year in Columbus. His lone loss came to the eventual state

champ Norris (LaSalle-D1 120), 1-0. Moon took third at the very prestigious Walsh Jesuit Ironman in December, beating Seefeldt along the way, 3-0. Moon was expected to meet Fenton in the semi-finals at Maumee Bay, but Fenton was upset by projected Division 2 state placer Perez (CVCA-D2 106) the round prior. Fenton was in and out of the lineup for the first month or so, but seems to be getting back to his normal self. He recently beat Seefeldt, 9-4, in the finals at the State Dual Tournament. Moon and Fenton both meet seeding criteria, but with both of them exiting the same district, they will likely be on opposite sides in Columbus.

The top three wrestlers all exit Perrysburg, as well as two other wrestlers ranked in the top nine. Perrysburg is obviously the toughest district, but Mentor also looks very strong with nine wrestlers in the top 19 and 14 in the Top 30. I would have to tab Fairmont as the weakest district once again. It is not too surprising, since many thought 106 at Fairmont was wide open last year. The district could get even thinner if Newkirk decides to stay at 120. I haven't seen him at 113 in any results yet, but I heard that was the plan due to how deep 120 looks at Fairmont. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are Williams (Mason), McCall (Lebanon), Besecker (Beavercreek), Hollis (Springboro), and Hertel (West Clermont).

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Projected Champion: Dustin Norris (LaSalle) Junior – KF1

2. Richie Delsanter (St. Edward) Junior – PB1
3. Bryce Allison (Elyria) Senior – PB2
4. Dominic DiTullio (Mason) Junior – KF2
5. Kolin Howard (Maple Heights) Senior – ME1
6. Pino Dipierro (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB3
7. Kyah Patrick (Beavercreek) Senior – KF3
8. Luke Acuna (Centerville) Sophomore – KF4
9. Aidan Agin (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD1
10. Conner Kleinberg (Springboro) Freshman – KF5
11. Mikey Lewarchick (Wadsworth) Junior – ME2
12. Ricardo Oviedo (Toledo Waite) Senior – PB4
13. Manny Scordos (Brecksville) Sophomore – ME3
14. Jake Sowders (Oak Hills) Freshman – KF6
15. Chris Rocha (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME4
16. Ethan Wannett (Ashtabula Lakeside) Junior – ME5
17. Jake Gooding (Westerville North) Junior – HD2
18. Andrew Supers (Medina) Freshman – ME6
19. Kenneth Lambert (Strongsville) Sophomore – PB5
20. Joey Vazsonyi (Medina Highland) Freshman – ME7
21. Bradey Humble (North Royalton) Senior – PB6
22. Nick Gerome (Solon) Sophomore – ME8
23. Wyatt Moore (Hilliard Davidson) Freshman – HD3

24. Jake Cotsonas (Loveland) Senior – KF7
25. Ben Sponseller (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME9
26. Davante Cooper (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD4
27. Tony Gill (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB7
28. Tony Pendergraft (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB8
29. Myles Takats (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB9
30. Jake Thomas (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD5
31. Joey Uhilir (Mentor) Senior – ME10
32. Logan Smalley (Reynoldsburg) Freshman – HD6
33. Eddie Wallace (Mayfield) Junior – ME11
34. Hunter Martin (Beavercreek) Freshman – KF8
35. Christian Giltz/Cameron Zollars (Massillon Perry) – ME12
36. Rubyn Semedo (Lakewood) Sophomore – PB10
37. Dominic Vennetti (Boardman) Sophomore – ME13
38. Marc Judy (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME14
39. Jonathan Dimos (Massillon Jackson) Junior – ME15
40. Jameson Shenberger (Midview) Senior – PB12

Norris, a returning state champ, two-time state finalist, and future Purdue Boilermaker, is favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. Norris took fourth at this year's Walsh Jesuit Ironman. I think Delsanter and Allison are Norris' top challengers. Both were state placers last year at 113, which is the same weight that Norris won. Norris didn't wrestle either of them in Columbus, but he did beat both of them last year during the season. Delsanter recently beat Allison in the finals at the State Dual Tournament, 6-4.

As I stated at 113, this weight is very strong at Fairmont. The southwest district has four projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 10. I think we could see Kleinberg move up to 126, but that is just a guess. Newkirk (Fairfield) could boost the depth at Fairmont if he decides to go 120 instead of 113. Perrysburg is also very strong at this weight with three projected state placers. Darby looks to be the weakest district at this weight with zero projected state placers and only six wrestlers in the Top 40. A few others that could be in the mix at the central district are Ford (Olentangy Liberty), Jude (Westland), Swinicki (New Albany), and Burns (Grove City).

126

- Projected Champion: Dylan Shawver (Elyria) Senior – PB1
2. Logan Agin (Lancaster) Senior – HD1
 3. Joey Blaze (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB2
 4. Cole Skinner (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
 5. Antoine Allen (Princeton) Senior – KF2
 6. Dy'vaire VanDyke (Walsh Jesuit) Freshman – ME1
 7. Kayden Kralik (St. Edward) Freshman – PB3
 8. Landon Hacker (Wadsworth) Junior – ME2
 9. Shane Heil (Berea-Midpark) Junior – PB4
 10. Jerome Scott (John Adams) Senior – PB5
 11. Matt Verdes (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF3
 12. Jack Collins (Elder) Senior – KF4
 13. Zander Graham (Teays Valley) Sophomore – HD2
 14. Colin Roberts (Austintown Fitch) Junior – ME3
 15. Izumi Harney (Sycamore) Senior – KF5
 16. Devin Miller (Brecksville) Senior – ME4
 17. Drew Del Giudice (Avon Lake) Senior – PB6
 18. Nolan Moore (Moeller) Junior – KF6
 19. Mason Valencia (Barberton) Sophomore – ME5
 20. Bo Branson (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD3
 21. Charles Williams (Gahanna Lincoln) Senior – HD4
 22. Nick Sabin (Mentor) Senior – ME6
 23. Vince Randall (Stow) Sophomore – ME7
 24. David Miller (North Royalton) Junior – PB7
 25. Jimmy Bostic (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME8
 26. Justin Bencie (Maple Heights) Senior – ME9
 27. Austin Thompson (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB8
 28. Noah Lippeatt (Mason) Junior – KF7
 29. Jimmy Phadphom (Findlay) Junior – PB9
 30. Bryson Palmer (Westland) Junior – HD5
 31. Nathan Thompson (Marysville) Junior – HD6
 32. Cainan Comerford (Olmsted Falls) – PB10
 33. Ethan Sear (Avon) Junior – PB11
 34. Creed Hill (Medina Highland) Freshman – ME10
 35. Jason Waller (Massillon Perry) Junior – ME11
 36. Lucas Berner (Tecumseh) Freshman – KF8
 37. Lincoln Kuba (Beavercreek) Junior – KF9
 38. Parker Frederick (Anthony Wayne) Sophomore – PB12
 39. Joey Minick (Uniontown Lake) Sophomore – ME12

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Columbus, as I think everyone in the Top 5 is a serious contender to win it all. Agin was ranked #1 to end the season, but I decided to go with Shawver because of his better overall production on the national level. Shawver, a Rutgers commit, and Agin, a Duke commit, are both three-time state placers. Blaze, Skinner, and Allen should also be considered serious contenders at this weight. Blaze has the most notable win among the three with his win over Agin at Ironman, 4-1, in overtime. If Agin or Allen are able to capture the state crown, they would be ending pretty long state title droughts for their respective schools. Agin would be Lancaster's third state champ and their first since Jon Spires in 2000, while Allen would be Princeton's second state champ in school history and their first since Charles Gayles in 1969. Shawver, Agin, and Skinner all meet seeding criteria. Agin took second last year, while Shawver and Skinner finished third, so if all three win their district, that would put Agin on the opposite side of the other two.

Once again, Perrysburg looks like the strongest district, with three projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 10. Agin is the only projected state placer exiting Darby. The central district also lacks overall depth with only three wrestlers in the Top 20 and six in the top 39; the depth could take a hit if Williams decides to go 132 instead. I originally heard 126 was the eventual plan, but I have yet to see him at 126 in any results. A few other names to watch at Darby are Moore (Dublin Coffman), Ramirez (Central Crossing), and Conteh (Groveport Madison).

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Projected Champion: Jimmy Carmany (Brecksville) Senior – ME1

2. Nate Burnett (Elyria) Sophomore – PB1
3. Casey Wiles (LaSalle) Junior – KF1
4. Logan Hoskins (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF2
5. Scotty Richter (St. Edward) Senior – PB2
6. Jack Haskin (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB3
7. Jacob Reed (Lancaster) Junior – HD1
8. Jake Williams (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME2
9. Ismael Ayoub (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD2
10. Keegan Knapp (Olentangy Orange) Sophomore – HD3
11. Jacob Shanklin (Upper Arlington) Junior – HD4
12. Mico Miloradovic (Brunswick) Senior – PB4
13. Chase Henderson (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – ME3
14. Desmond Diggs (Xenia) Senior – KF3
15. Max Boaz (Lakota East) Junior – KF4
16. Josue Dawson (Princeton) Senior – KF5
17. Allenson Denkins (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB5
18. Hunter Griffin (Wadsworth) Senior – ME4
19. Lucas Rodgers (Tecumseh) Senior – KF6

20. Collin Lovett (Miamisburg) Senior – KF7
21. Tyler Wittreich (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME5
22. Deacon Sawchuk (Hilliard Bradley) Junior – HD5
23. Tyler Rea (Boardman) Sophomore – ME6
24. Josh Futo (Uniontown Lake) Senior – ME7
25. Mike Daly (Oregon Clay) Junior – PB6
26. Andrew Stoll (Holland Springfield) Junior – PB7
27. Dante DiTullio (Mason) Senior – KF8
28. Jeremy Olszko (Nordonia) Freshman – ME8
29. Tyrone Keeton (West Carrollton) Senior – KF9
30. Brayden Zenni (Moeller) Junior – KF10
31. Josh Lundstrom (Stow) Senior – ME9
32. Jordan Yu (Medina Highland) Sophomore – ME10
33. David Jordan (Grove City) Sophomore – HD6
34. Jameel Smith (Maple Heights) Sophomore – ME11
35. Anthony Santoro (Mayfield) Freshman – ME12
36. Isaiah Perry (Medina) Sophomore – ME13

Like 126, I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top six took home the state crown. Carmany started off the season taking fourth at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman and then captured a title at Beast of the East the following week. His hot streak eventually ended when he was upset by Haskin at Brecksville on a late, controversial takedown, 3-1. Carmany just recently beat Burnett, 4-0, in the semi-finals at the State Dual Tournament; Burnett was ranked #1 in the final set of rankings on February 10th. If Hoskins or Haskin are able to win it all, they would be ending very long state title droughts for their schools. Hoskins would be Butler's third state champ in school history and their first since Travis Key in 1998, while Haskin would be Whitmer's sixth state champ and their first since Denver Beck in 1968. None of the wrestlers above meet seeding criteria.

Perrysburg and Fairmont both look very strong at the top with each having three projected state placers. Darby has only one projected state placer, but the central district does have four wrestlers in the top 12. I would still probably tab Darby as the weakest due to the central district having only six wrestlers listed above, while the other three districts each have 10 or more. A couple other names to watch at Darby are Melms (Marysville) and Blackburn (Hilliard Darby).

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- Projected Champion: Mick Burnett (Elyria) Senior – PB1
2. Jake Niffenegger (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF1
 3. Connor Euton (Westerville North) Sophomore – HD1
 4. James Bronstrup (Brecksville) Senior – ME1
 5. Evan Bennett (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2
 6. Mason Kleinberg (Springboro) Senior – KF2
 7. Luke Marsh (Lebanon) Sophomore – KF3
 8. Alex Epstein (Lakota East) Senior – KF4
 9. Caden Wendling (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB3
 10. Andrew Philion (Midview) Senior – PB4
 11. Zack Snyder (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB5
 12. Jesse Bowers (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD2
 13. Trysten Zahoransky (Solon) Senior – ME2
 14. James Baumann (Dublin Coffman) Junior – HD3
 15. John Perry (Avon Lake) Senior – PB6
 16. Jason Cascadden (Toledo Whitmer) Senior – PB7
 17. Maclain Morency (Cincinnati Anderson) Freshman – KF5
 18. Wynton Denkins (Perrysburg) Freshman – PB8
 19. Sam Lord (Akron Ellet) Senior – ME3
 20. Quentin Whitehill (Medina) Sophomore – ME4
 21. Tyler Angus (Nordonia) Junior – ME5
 22. Anthony Grecol (Strongsville) Sophomore – PB9
 23. David Shue (Wadsworth) Sophomore – ME6
 24. Tyler Lintner (Austintown Fitch) Freshman – ME7
 25. Lincoln Heard (Marysville) Junior – HD4
 26. Nate Booth (Green) Sophomore – ME8
 27. Sam Thompson (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME9
 28. Triston Bowens (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD5
 29. Maison Benz (Kenston) Junior – ME10
 30. Olathe Siegla (Trenton Edgewood) Junior – KF6
 31. David Carte (Pickerington North) Junior – HD6
 32. Elijah Jackson (Princeton) Junior – KF7
 33. Zack Miller (Olentangy Orange) Junior – HD7
 34. Zach Wiseman (Walsh Jesuit) Junior – ME11
 35. Brandon Tarnai (Brunswick) Senior – PB10
 36. Austin Bensman (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD8
 37. Caleb Lake (Chillicothe) Junior – HD9
 38. Cray Miller (Lancaster) Senior – HD10

Burnett, a returning state champ, three-time state placer, and Pitt commit, is heavily favored to capture another state title. I would tab Burnett as one of the heavier favorites among all three

divisions. His most notable win this year over an Ohio wrestler came in the fifth place match at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, in which he beat projected Division 2 state champ, Nick Moore (Graham-D2 138), 4-2, in overtime. I think returning state runner-up Niffenegger or the much improved Euton are most likely to meet Burnett in the finals. Burnett and Niffenegger both meet seeding criteria.

Perrysburg has the best depth with eight wrestlers in the top 18. A sleeper there could be Denkins. He has two wins in the past month over Snyder, but he also has lost a few matches to lower-ranked opponents. Fairmont is also very strong at this weight, especially at the top. The southwest district has four projected state placers, but also has the least amount of wrestlers listed above with only seven. A few other names that could be in the mix at Fairmont are Motter (Vandalia Butler), Evans (Tecumseh), Jordan (Centerville), Middleton (Miamisburg), and Sperry (Fairfield). Darby once again looks like the weakest district with only one projected state placer and only five wrestlers in the Top 30.

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Projected Champion: Victor Voinovich (Brecksville) Junior – ME1

2. Blake Saito (Perrysburg) Senior – PB1
3. Luke Geog (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB2
4. Austin Mullins (Huber Heights Wayne) Junior – KF1
5. Lucas Uliano (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD1
6. Jonah Smith (Findlay) Senior – PB3
7. Nick Nastasi (Kenston) Senior – ME2
8. Daniel Devera (Parma) Junior – PB4
9. James Scavuzzo (Medina Highland) Sophomore – ME3
10. Tim Smith (Colerain) Sophomore – KF2
11. Evan Overholser (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF3
12. Seth Lambers (Elder) Senior – KF4
13. Jake Bryson (Wadsworth) Senior – ME4
14. Zach Richards (Austintown Fitch) Senior – ME5
15. J.R. Reed (Stow) Sophomore – ME6
16. Sean O'Horo (Boardman) Sophomore – ME7
17. Cade Robertson (Avon) Junior – PB5
18. Nathan Urry (Olmsted Falls) Junior – PB6
19. Nathan Leko (Solon) Senior – ME8
20. Dominico Migliori (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB7
21. Logan Daubenspeck (N. Canton Hoover) Junior – ME9
22. Jakob Hurley (Westland) Sophomore – HD2
23. Niko Gonzalez (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD3
24. Kevin Chitsaz (Springboro) Senior – KF5
25. Cyle Wells (Tecumseh) Senior – KF6

26. Jack Golla (Marysville) Sophomore – HD4
27. Michael Zusman (New Albany) Senior – HD5
28. Bryce Gilts (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB8
29. Matt Hamula (Medina) Sophomore – ME10
30. Gavin Wervey (Hudson) Sophomore – ME11
31. Jackson Sowers (Hilliard Davidson) Senior – HD6
32. Izzak Pedraza (Elyria) Sophomore – PB9
33. Aaron Bowsher (Lima Senior) Sophomore – PB10
34. Tyler Renick (Mentor) Senior – ME12
35. Nathan Frost (Normandy) Junior – PB11
36. Mason McHugh (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD7

Voinovich looks like the clear favorite to capture his second state crown at 145 pounds; he won this weight class two years ago as a freshman. Last year he moved up to 152, where he finished third in Columbus. Voinovich started off the season ranked #1 in the country by most national publications, but then dropped from the #1 spot after losing in the finals at the Walsh Ironman to Lachlan McNeil (Wyoming Seminary, PA), 5-1. I think Saito, a three-time state placer and a Brown commit, seems to be Voinovich's top challenger. Voinovich and Saito met in the semi-finals at Brecksville - a match Voinovich won pretty decisively, 4-0. They both meet seeding criteria.

Perrysburg looks very strong at this weight, which is obviously a common theme, and they lead the way with four projected state placers. Mentor has very good depth with nine wrestlers in the top 21. Fairmont looks strong at the top with four wrestlers in the top 12, but the southwest district does lack overall depth with only six wrestlers listed above. A few other names that could be in the mix at Fairmont are Amend (Harrison), Began (Trenton Edgewood), Walker (West Clermont), Brown (Centerville), and Powell (Princeton). Powell has a notable win over returning state qualifier McHugh. McHugh has been rather inconsistent this season, losing to a few unranked wrestlers. He was not ranked in the Top 30 for most of January, but with his district and state tournament experience, I felt like he deserved to be in the Top 35/40. I think this is one of the deeper weights at Darby, even though the district has only one projected state placer. I actually felt the same way about 138 last year. Quite a few other names that could be in the mix on the second day at Darby are Burton (Delaware Hayes), Schmidt (Hilliard Bradley), McLinton (Whetstone), Steele (Westerville Central), Howard (Dublin Scioto), Chase (Lancaster), Hooks (Olentangy Berlin), Bockrarie (Westerville North), Ifju (Westerville South), and Patterson (Walnut Ridge). With how deep 145 looks at the central district, I wouldn't be surprised if we see a few wrestlers decide to move up or down a weight.

152

- Projected Champion: Bryce Hepner (St. Edward) Senior – PB1
2. Derek Fields (Brunswick) Junior – PB2
 3. Enrique Munguia (Elyria) Junior – PB3
 4. Daniel Patten (Stow) Senior – ME1
 5. Daniel Segura (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD1
 6. Andrew Knick (Northmont) Senior – KF1
 7. Noah Ratliff (Reynoldsburg) Senior – HD2
 8. Alex Garee (Perrysburg) Junior – PB4
 9. Erryl Will (Marysville) Sophomore – HD3
 10. Jestin Love (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF2
 11. Judah Thomas (Middletown) Senior – KF3
 12. Danny Martich (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME2
 13. Avery Bair (Centerville) Senior – KF4
 14. Dez Gartrell (Hilliard Davidson) Sophomore – HD4
 15. Blake Schaffer (Green) Sophomore – ME3
 16. Brandon Batson (Canton GlenOak) Freshman – ME4
 17. Bartley Thomas (Elder) Sophomore – KF5
 18. Zac Gill (Midview) Senior – PB5
 19. Adam Salek (Walsh Jesuit) Senior – ME5
 20. Nick Campbell (Brecksville) Junior – ME6
 21. Marcus Zullo (Pickerington Central) Senior – HD5
 22. Israel Foston (Olentangy Berlin) Senior – HD6
 23. Brandon Burkhart (Olmsted Falls) Junior – PB6
 24. Elijah Meinhard (Shaker Heights) Senior – PB7
 25. Jacob Walsh (Wadsworth) Sophomore – ME7
 26. William Scavuzzo (Medina Highland) Sophomore – ME8
 27. Zevan Simon (Cuyahoga Falls) Junior – ME9
 28. Jacob Grant (Westerville North) Senior – HD7
 29. Alex Hobbs (Little Miami) Junior – KF6
 30. Nathan Thompson (Boardman) Senior – ME10
 31. Donovan All (Fairfield) Junior – KF7
 32. Connor Sands (LaSalle) Junior – KF8
 33. Jeff Brewer (Lakota West) Senior – KF9
 34. Kameron Miller (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB8
 35. Jack Turle (Twinsburg) Senior – ME11
 36. Sean Garvey (West Carrollton) Senior – KF10
 37. Ryan Zentkovich (Massillon Washington) – ME12

Hepner is favored to capture his third straight state title. The Ohio State commit is a two-time state champ and a three-time state finalist. He was actually originally committed to Rutgers, but then switched to Ohio State a few weeks before current teammate Paddy Gallagher also

decided to choose Ohio State. I think Fields and Munguia are Hepner's toughest challengers, but I also wouldn't count out the George Mason commit, Segura, or the Cleveland State commit, Patten. I would have considered Norwood (Pickerington North) a serious contender as well, but I hear he will not be wrestling in the postseason. Hepner has not wrestled Fields yet this season, but Hepner has beaten Munguia twice, 10-7 and 6-0. The first match was pretty close at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, but the second one Hepner looked in complete control in the finals at the State Dual Tournament. Fields, a NC State commit, has split bouts with Munguia this year and also has a notable win over Patten. Munguia beat Fields at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, 4-2, but Fields then avenged the loss at their conference tournament, beating Munguia by a score of 9-1. Hepner and Munguia both meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Perrysburg, so it will not matter in Columbus. Fields also exits Perrysburg, so the winner of the district will likely avoid the other two in Columbus, but they will have either Patten or Segura on their side (assuming both win their respective districts).

Perrysburg is obviously the toughest district at this weight with the top three all exiting there, as well as another projected state placer. Fairmont and Darby look to be in the bottom half at this weight. Darby is stronger at the top, but Fairmont has the better depth. A couple other names to watch at Fairmont are Guerra (Lebanon), Bell (Springboro), McKenzie (Moeller), and Sowders (Harrison). Darby also has a few wrestlers outside the rankings that could be in the mix. Those wrestlers are Rojas (Worthington Kilbourne), Stamp (Olentangy Liberty), Johnson (Lancaster), and Savantner (Olentangy Orange), who recently beat Top 20-rated Zullo.

160

Projected Champion: Paddy Gallagher (St. Edward) Junior – PB1

2. Logan Messer (Wadsworth) Junior – ME1
3. Brett McIntosh (Harrison) Senior – KF1
4. Aaron Morton (Westerville South) Senior – HD1
5. Conner Liber (Sylvania Northview) Junior – PB2
6. Noah Ewen (Perrysburg) Sophomore – PB3
7. Jackson Weissinger (Fremont Ross) – PB4
8. Brady Linder (Medina Highland) Senior – ME2
9. Ronnie Dimmerling (Canton GlenOak) Sophomore – ME3
10. Ethan Marsh (Lebanon) Senior – KF2
11. Mitchell Broskie (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD2
12. Jake Mack (Solon) Senior – ME4
13. Kurt Thompson (Moeller) Sophomore – KF3
14. Brandy Crawford (Elyria) Junior – PB5
15. Anthony Rizzo (Brecksville) Junior – ME5
16. Jayce Fitzpatrick (Olentangy Liberty) Junior – HD3
17. Corey Hill (Olentangy Berlin) Senior – HD4
18. Emmett Cain (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD5

19. Lincoln Splete (Mentor) Junior – ME6
20. Wyatt Ferguson (Oak Hills) Freshman – KF4
21. Hunter Kupniewski (North Royalton) Senior – PB6
22. Milan Jackson (Lakewood) Senior – PB7
23. Aidan McStay (Hudson) Sophomore – ME7
24. Khamil Abdul (Colerain) Sophomore – KF5
25. Robert Green (Cincinnati Northwest) Junior – KF6
26. Jeffrey Cameron (Watkins Memorial) Junior – HD6
27. Nico Candido (Westerville North) Senior – HD7
28. Tyler Longstaff (Painesville Riverside) Junior – ME8
29. Colton Brandenburg (Mayfield) Sophomore – ME9
30. Liam Brock (Medina) Junior – ME10
31. Travis Gwinn (Barberton) Junior – ME11
32. Garrett Golden (Beavercreek) Senior – KF7
33. Ryan Tiell (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD8
34. Tanner Cuttone (Springboro) Senior – KF8
35. Hunter Ashburn (Westlake) Senior – PB8

Gallagher is favored to capture his second state title in as many years. The future Ohio State Buckeye missed a bunch of time last season before returning in January. He won this weight last year, knocking off the number #1 wrestler in the country in the state finals, Connor Brady. Although many consider Gallagher a heavy favorite, I think Messer shouldn't be counted out. Messer missed a lot of time at the end of last season, but tried to give it a go for the postseason. He unfortunately had to injury default out at districts. Messer opened some eyes with his performance at Powerade this year. He finished third, knocking off a couple national ranked wrestlers along the way. Only Gallagher and Wyoming commit, McIntosh, meet seeding criteria, so Gallagher/Messer could be a semi-final matchup in Columbus.

Perrysburg is loaded at this weight with four projected state placers. The northwest district got a big boost when Weissinger returned for his conference tournament. I heard in January that he was likely out for the season, but that apparently is not the case. Mentor also looks very strong at this weight, with two projected state placers and six wrestlers in the top 19. This is definitely one of the deeper weights at Darby. I think a darkhorse at the central district could be Candido. He has been sort of inconsistent so far this this season, but has nice wins over Top 20-ranked wrestlers, Fitzpatrick and Splete. He also has a loss to the lower-rated Tiell, so he is hard to gauge.

Projected Champion: Nevan Snodgrass (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF1

2. Najee Lockett (Shaker Heights) Senior – PB1
3. Jacob Lagoa (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – ME1
4. Cole Foor (Watkins Memorial) Senior – HD1
5. Jaden Hardrick (Huber Heights Wayne) Senior – KF2
6. Hudson Hightower (St. Edward) Junior – PB2
7. Corbin May (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD2
8. David Soghomonyan (Upper Arlington) Senior – HD3
9. Kevin Kiussis (Brunswick) Senior – PB3
10. Ethan Silvis (Medina) Senior – ME2
11. Aidan Corrigan (Twinsburg) Junior – ME3
12. Jayden Jackson (Lakewood) Junior – PB4
13. Lukas Stiles (Medina Highland) Freshman – ME4
14. Logan Shiarla (Wadsworth) Junior – ME5
15. Chase Stein (LaSalle) Sophomore – KF3
16. Jonathan Norwood (Elyria) Freshman – PB5
17. Liam Hamill (Loveland) Senior – KF4
18. Shandi Anz (Perrysburg) Senior – PB6
19. Andrew Liber (Sylvania Northview) Freshman – PB7
20. Tristan Bluntschly (Olentangy Orange) Senior – HD4
21. Kyle DeMoss (Hilliard Bradley) Senior – HD5
22. Vincent Scally (Moeller) Senior – KF5
23. Carter Lloyd (Brecksville) Junior – ME6
24. Leo Alvarez (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD6
25. Tyler Weseman (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB8
26. Julian Howard (Toledo DeSales) Senior – PB9
27. Deaglen Pyle (Vandalia Butler) Senior – KF6
28. Mitch Reardon (Sycamore) Junior – KF7
29. Brody Stultz (Anthony Wayne) Senior – PB10
30. Wyatt Gregory (Mount Vernon) Senior – HD7
31. Reid Lowe (Lebanon) Senior – KF8
32. Parker Hinkebein (Centerville) Junior – KF9
33. Jordan Dillon (Beavercreek) Senior – KF10
34. Richard Gibson (Maple Heights) Senior – ME7
35. Mackie Purdue (Amherst Steele) Junior – PB11

Snodgrass, a Northern Iowa commit, is the favorite to win this brutally tough weight. The three-time state placer has missed a ton of action this season, but I hear he should be ready to go for sectionals. If Snodgrass is able to capture the state crown, he would be ending a 35+ year drought for Kettering Fairmont. The first and only state champ for the Firebirds was Chris Gelvin in 1984. I think two-time state placer, Lockett, and two-time state champ, Lagoa, are also

serious contenders at this weight. They met in the finals at the Kenston Invitational, which was won by the Cornell commit, Lockett, 3-2. It is important to remember that Lagoa beat Snodgrass last year in the semifinals at Brecksville, 3-2. Another thing to remember is that Lagoa, an Edinboro commit, is undefeated in "The Schott." He captured two Division 3 state titles in his first two seasons while at Ashtabula St. John. He then transferred to Ashtabula Lakeside, but unfortunately was unable to wrestle in the postseason. Only Snodgrass and Lockett meet seeding criteria.

This weight is very strong at Darby. The central district leads the way with three projected state placers. However, Darby is also tied with Mentor for the least amount of wrestlers ranked above (7). A few other names that could be in the mix there are Raver (Lancaster), Campbell (Teays Valley), Cooper (St. Charles), Reese (Marysville), Moore (Westerville Central), and Beneker (Hilliard Darby). Perrysburg is very strong at this weight and even stronger at 160, so I think we could see a few wrestlers move up. Stultz and Weseman have wrestled at 160 and 170 this season, but I think we will see them at this weight for the postseason. 182 looks to be one of the thinner weights at Perrysburg, so we could see some movers there as well.

182

Projected Champion: Gavin Bell (Beavercreek) Senior – KF1

2. Jake Evans (Elyria) Junior – PB1
3. Sal Perrine (Nordonia) Junior – ME1
4. Deron Pulliam (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD1
5. Toby Amburgy (Mason) Junior – KF2
6. Dom Loparo (Wadsworth) Senior – ME2
7. Michael Garcar (St. Edward) Senior – PB2
8. Mason Sutandar (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD2
9. Dylan Davis (Green) Senior – ME3
10. Nick Copley (Dublin Coffman) Senior – HD3
11. Dillon Walker (LaSalle) Junior – KF3
12. Cody Wilson (Licking Heights) Senior – HD4
13. Josiah George (Pickerington North) Senior – HD5
14. Alec Hall (Tecumseh) Senior – KF4
15. Marvelous Rutledge (Stebbins) Junior – KF5
16. Tyler Grogg (Lebanon) Senior – KF6
17. Myles Johnson (Springboro) Freshman – KF7
18. William Speight (Bedford) Senior – ME4
19. Ben Cox (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD6
20. Jacob Smail (Austintown Fitch) Junior – ME5
21. Joey Lyons (Wooster) Junior – ME6
22. Joel Martinez (St. Xavier) Senior – KF8
23. Montana Klayman (Elder) Senior – KF9

24. Bryce Asher (Northmont) Senior – KF10
25. Ali Salih (Kettering Fairmont) Senior – KF11
26. Ryan Musgrove (Perrysburg) Junior – PB3
27. Jimmy Paletta (Berea-Midpark) Junior – PB4
28. Gabe Edinger (Toledo DeSales) Senior – PB5
29. Sam Loechtenfeldt (Willoughby South) Senior – ME7
30. Zeke Healy (Westerville Central) Junior – HD7
31. Eli Detemple (Westerville North) Senior – HD8
32. Logan Blough (Madison) Senior – ME8
33. Billy Flynn (Maple Heights) Senior – ME9
34. Gunnar Pool (Centerville) Freshman – KF12
35. Cameron Piercy (Toledo Whitmer) Junior – PB6
36. Ajay Locke (Lancaster) Sophomore – HD9
37. Roosevelt Andrews (Barberton) Freshman – ME10
38. Johnny Schmidt (Brunswick) Junior – PB7
39. Mo Zayed (Westlake) Junior – PB8
40. Shamique Bryant (Lakewood) Senior – PB9

This is one of the more wide open weights in Division 1. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top four won it all. Bell is my pick here due to his win at Super 32 over Evans, 4-2. The Navy commit took fifth last year in Columbus - all the way down at 152! Evans and Perrine are also returning state placers. Evans started off the season by losing opening weekend to projected Division 3 state champ Ducca (Ashtabula St. John-D3 182), 7-3. Evans bounced back the following week by reaching the finals at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman and even outplaced Ducca, who finished fifth. Perrine has been tremendous this season and is currently 40-0. His most notable win came in the finals at his conference tournament over Loparo, 3-1, in overtime. Loparo pinned Perrine last year in the district final, so it seems that Perrine is much improved. Two-time state placer Pulliam is also a serious contender. He is back down at this weight after placing fifth last year up at 195. I recently had Loparo in the serious contenders group, but he lost in overtime to Copley, 6-4, at the State Dual Tournament. He was able to rebound in the next round, beating Garcar, 7-3. No one meets seeding criteria, so it will essentially be a "blind draw" in Columbus.

This is one of the more balanced weights in Division 1. All four districts each have two projected state placers. Fairmont is very deep at this weight with 11 wrestlers in the Top 25. The southwest district also has the most wrestlers listed above (12). This is by far one of the weaker weights at Perrysburg. The districts two projected state placers are the only wrestlers ranked in the Top 25. I would highly suggest anyone at 170 or 195 to consider moving here.

195

Projected Champion: Seth Shumate (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD1

2. Ben Vanadia (Brecksville) Junior – ME1
3. Jordan Greer (Avon) Senior – PB1
4. Jacob Kowalski (Springboro) Senior – KF1
5. Jon List (Wadsworth) Junior – ME2
6. Ben Doehr (Elyria) Senior – PB2
7. Ty Cobb (Oregon Clay) Sophomore – PB3
8. Caleb Tackett (Lebanon) Senior – KF2
9. Eddie Sevastos (Brunswick) Senior – PB4
10. Dylan Russo (Olentangy Liberty) Freshman – HD2
11. Seth DiCola (Medina) Senior – ME3
12. Clay Ours (Delaware Hayes) Junior – HD3
13. Logan Shephard (Massillon Perry) Sophomore – ME4
14. Ben Deguzman (N. Canton Hoover) Junior – ME5
15. Zach Porch (Berea-Midpark) Junior – PB5
16. Phil Tracey (Northmont) Junior – KF3
17. Tyler Hicks (Beavercreek) Freshman – KF4
18. Brendan Demunyck (Hudson) Junior – ME6
19. Jonathan Bruder (Centerville) Junior – KF5
20. Tavier Lugo-Flowers (Lakota East) Sophomore – KF6
21. Johan Martinez (St. Xavier) Senior – KF7
22. Freddy Lisy (Euclid) Senior – ME7
23. Liam Wilson (Teays Valley) Junior – HD4
24. Jake Powell (Boardman) Junior – ME8
25. Emmanuel Powell (Canton McKinley) Sophomore – ME9
26. Luke Mentzel (West Clermont) Senior – KF8
27. Joey Scally (Medina Highland) Sophomore – ME10
28. Jimmy Lyons (Wooster) Junior – ME11
29. Gabe Harmon (Mount Vernon) Junior – HD5
30. Matthew Cooper (Hilliard Bradley) Sophomore – HD6
31. Brayden Butzin (Perrysburg) Junior – PB6
32. Chance Robinson (St. Edward) Sophomore – PB7
33. Evan Schmidt (Mayfield) Senior – ME12
34. Iran Love (Princeton) Senior – KF9
35. Ben Bickerstaff (Marysville) Sophomore – HD7

Defending state champ Shumate will look to stay on pace to become a four-time state champ and seems heavily favored to do so. Last season he became the first freshman to win a state title at 195 pounds or higher ever in Ohio history. Shumate has already committed to wrestle at Ohio State at the next level and I believe he became the youngest wrestler ever to do so in Ohio State history. Shumate beat top challenger, Vanadia, pretty convincingly in the finals at

Brecksville, 10-4. Vanadia is a Purdue commit and was a state runner-up last year at 182. I think returning state placer and Ohio commit, Greer, also has the ability to reach the finals. Only Shumate and Vanadia meet seeding criteria.

Perrysburg looks very strong at this weight with three projected state placers and four wrestlers in the top nine. As I stated at 182, I would highly suggest anyone at 195 to consider dropping down. Mentor is very deep with 12 total wrestlers ranked. One wrestler to keep a close eye on there is Lisy, as I heard he might be out for the postseason. Darby looks to be the weakest weight once again. The central district has only one projected state placer and only seven total wrestlers listed above. A few other names to watch at Darby are Kavinsky (Dublin Jerome), Benson (Grove City), Webb (Central Crossing), and Turner (Marion Harding).

220

Projected Champion: Ethan Hatcher (Brecksville) Senior – ME1

2. Jacob Meek (Oregon Clay) Senior – PB1
3. Jake Noon (Findlay) Senior – PB2
4. Lazar Gasic (North Royalton) Senior – PB3
5. Nick Lisco (St. Edward) Senior – PB4
6. Kaden Tong (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD1
7. Justin Jaeckin (Olmsted Falls) Senior – PB5
8. Jay Thompson (Worthington Kilbourne) Senior – HD2
9. Ryan Prusinowski (N. Canton Hoover) Junior – ME2
10. Nathan Robinson (Delaware Hayes) Senior – HD3
11. Chrisean Merritt (Maple Heights) Senior – ME3
12. Colton Quantz (Lebanon) Senior – KF1
13. Jake Nelson (Groveport-Madison) Junior – HD4
14. Joe Huber (Dublin Jerome) Senior – HD5
15. Riley Ucker (Dublin Coffman) Sophomore – HD6
16. Brandon Smith (Fairfield) Junior – KF2
17. Wade Humphrey (Springboro) Senior – KF3
18. La’Ron Parks (Euclid) Senior – ME4
19. Leveall Trimble (St. Xavier) Sophomore – KF4
20. Carlos Elias (Massillon Jackson) Senior – ME5
21. Josh Padilla (Huber Heights Wayne) Freshman – KF5
22. Ace Ehrenschwender (Colerain) Senior – KF6
23. Terell Wills (Talawanda) Senior – KF7
24. Blayne Barnes (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD7
25. Aeden Bogue (Canton GlenOak) Junior – ME6
26. Brandyn Bates (Lakewood) Sophomore – PB6
27. Xavier Allen (Westerville Central) Senior – HD8
28. Joey Palmer (Marysville) Senior – HD9

29. Sam Sawaya (Perrysburg) Senior – PB7
30. Derek Zirkle (Madison) Senior – ME7
31. Robert Delewski (Ashtabula Lakeside) Senior – ME8
32. A.J. Winterburn (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME9
33. Chad Woliver (Stow) Senior – ME10
34. Payton Brown (Barberton) Junior – ME11
35. Salah Al-Najjar (North Olmsted) Senior – PB8
36. Jared Roden (Berea-Midpark) Senior – PB9
37. Lavell Gibson (Amherst Steele) Junior – PB10
38. Elijah Harrison (Mayfield) Senior – ME12
39. Sage Hill (Lancaster) Senior – HD10
40. Jake Badgeley (Upper Arlington) Sophomore – HD11

Hatcher is one of the heavier favorites in Division 1, as he is the only returning state placer at this weight. The Cornell commit took third last year at 195, losing in the semi-finals to eventual state champ, Shumate, 8-7. I went with Meek as most likely to meet Hatcher in the finals based on his two wins this season over Noon. Noon did however beat Meek at the IndianaMat Hoosier Preseason Open back in September, 4-2, in overtime. I honestly wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 meets Hatcher in the state finals, and I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top 16 reaches the podium in Columbus.

Perrysburg is very strong at this weight with four wrestlers in the top five and five wrestlers in the top seven. There obviously can only be four placers from one district, so whoever qualifies from Perrysburg would be considered a very strong contender to place in Columbus. Fairmont is by far the weakest weight at this district with zero projected state placers, but as I stated above, I wouldn't be surprised if the southwest district produced two state placers. A few other wrestlers that could be in the mix at Fairmont are Rothermel (Trenton Edgewood), Schlade (Centerville), Staley (Northmont), Streuer (Little Miami), and Cochran (Springfield). Darby's strength will hinder on whether Tong is back for the postseason or not. I heard in January that he should be good to go by sectionals, but that could have changed.

- Projected Champion: Max Millin (Massillon Perry) Senior – ME1
2. Jacob Padilla (Huber Heights Wayne) Senior – KF1
 3. Daniel Bucknavich (Midview) Senior – PB1
 4. Yousef Awad (Lakewood) Senior – PB2
 5. Omari Green (Central Crossing) Senior – HD1
 6. Seth Frantz (Northmont) Senior – KF2
 7. Ben Blevins (LaSalle) Senior – KF3
 8. Marco Tramontano (Mayfield) Senior – ME2
 9. Justin Knipper (Beavercreek) Senior – KF4
 10. Tripp Johnson (Springboro) Senior – KF5
 11. Donovan Hardin (Dublin Scioto) Senior – HD2
 12. Ethan Green (Fremont Ross) Sophomore – PB3
 13. Ethan Hand (Olentangy) Junior – HD3
 14. Rowan Tolbert (Elder) Senior – KF6
 15. Rager Els (Massillon Washington) Junior – ME3
 16. Max Lenz (Big Walnut) Senior – HD4
 17. Bradley Weaver (Hilliard Darby) Junior – HD5
 18. Joey Perez (Austintown-Fitch) Senior – ME4
 19. Brendan Holiday (Wooster) Senior – ME5
 20. Knowledge Smith (Canton McKinley) Senior – ME6
 21. Joey Woolard (Grove City) Senior – HD6
 22. Zach McMinn (Marysville) Junior – HD7
 23. Michael Keeling (Uniontown Lake) Junior – ME7
 24. Mason Bingham (Avon) Junior – PB4
 25. Dominick Zirkle (Madison) Junior – ME8
 26. Aaron Sharp (Lakota East) Senior – KF7
 27. Jerry White (Olmsted Falls) Junior – PB5
 28. Jadon Brownlee (Olentangy Liberty) Senior – HD8
 29. Chase Columber (N. Canton Hoover) Senior – ME9
 30. Zakary Taylor (St. Edward) Senior – PB6
 31. Brad Geis (Toledo St. John's Jesuit) Senior – PB7
 32. Max Farmer (Findlay) Senior – PB8
 33. Logan Moody (Toledo Whitmer) Sophomore – PB9
 34. Ethan Morley (Perrysburg) Senior – PB10
 35. Daniel Yu (Berea-Midpark) Junior – PB11
 36. Evan Sevastos (Brunswick) Sophomore – PB12
 37. Bobby Johnson (Medina) Junior – ME10
 38. Vincent Munlin (Princeton) Senior – KF8
 39. Lance Reaves-Hicks (Piqua) Junior – KF9
 40. Nate Stradley (Mount Vernon) Sophomore – HD9

This weight should produce one of the more anticipated state finals matches in Columbus. Millin is the slight favorite to capture the big school heavyweight state crown. The recent Edinboro commit has beaten returning Division 1 state champ and future Ohio Bobcat, Padilla, twice this season. Millin won the first meeting in the semi-finals at Brecksville, 6-4, in overtime. Millin also beat Padilla in the finals at Top Gun, 2-1. Both matches were very close, so I obviously wouldn't be surprised if Padilla won the third and final meeting. If I were to pick someone who could spoil the highly anticipated Millin/Padilla final, it would be returning state placer Bucknavich. The Cleveland State commit is currently unbeaten with a record of 33-0. Only Millin and Padilla meet seeding criteria.

Fairmont looks very strong at this weight with three projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 10. Heavyweight is always a crazy weight to get a gauge on, as it seems like everyone has beaten one another. I could have easily ranked this weight to 50 or even higher. Perrysburg has the most amount of wrestlers listed above with 12. I think Green could definitely be a sleeper. He lost earlier in the year to Hardin, but seems to be improving each week. He just recently beat Division 2 projected state runner-up Jackson (Toledo C.C.) at their conference tournament, 2-0. I think a couple other names that could be in the mix at Perrysburg are Lowery (Elyria) and Richmond (Oregon Clay). Darby already has nine wrestlers listed above, but like Perrysburg, I think this weight has a few others to watch outside the Top 40. Those wrestlers are Thurston (Teays Valley), Meek (Pickerington Central), Doyle (Watkins Memorial), and Klingel (Delaware Hayes). I would have to tab Mentor as the weakest district overall. I think the final two spots there look wide open!

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	St. Edward	Eagles	174	2	12	12
2	Elyria	Pioneers	166	2	9	9
3	Brecksville	Bees	121	3	7	9
4	LaSalle	Lancers	85	1	5	7
5	Wadsworth	Grizzlies	83	0	6	9
6	Perrysburg	Yellow Jackets	54	0	4	6
7	Oregon Clay	Eagles	52	1	3	3
8	Mason	Comets	50	1	3	3
9	Huber Hts. Wayne	Warriors	45	0	3	3
10	Dublin Coffman	Shamrocks	38	1	1	8

DIVISION 2

Districts

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

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- Projected Champion: Marlon Yarbrough (Copley) Junior – AL1
2. Tyler Hisey (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore – NO1
 3. Codie Cuerdo (Aurora) Sophomore – AL2
 4. Brock Herman (Lake Catholic) Freshman – AL3
 5. Anthony Perez (CVCA) Freshman – AL4
 6. Dominic Hoffarth (Louisville) Freshman – AL5
 7. Caleb Thomas (Monroe) Junior – WI1
 8. Alexander Crane (Sheridan) Sophomore – CM1
 9. Zach Bellissimo (Perry) Sophomore – AL6
 10. Billy Smith (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO2
 11. Logan Cravatas (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO3
 12. Ruben Pina-Lorenzana (Firelands) Freshman – NO4
 13. Daniel Hurt (Western Brown) Junior – WI2
 14. Jack Welsh (West Holmes) Junior – CM2
 15. Colin Mellott (Wapakoneta) Junior – NO5
 16. Ammaar Abdul-Salem (Columbus East) Senior – WI3
 17. Brady Fisher (London) Sophomore – WI4
 18. Reece Chapman (Jonathan Alder) Junior – WI5
 19. Roman Parobek (Ashland) Freshman – NO6
 20. Collin Twigg (Wauseon) Freshman – NO7
 21. Ty Stricko (Canfield) Freshman – AL7
 22. Dominic Hahn (Akron Springfield) Sophomore – AL8
 23. Kane Surrarrer (Cloverleaf) Junior – AL9
 24. Liam Hatgas (Holy Name) Freshman – NO8
 25. Jayden Sabol (Geneva) Junior – AL10
 26. Stephen Tepper (Bay) Senior – NO9
 27. Matt Williams (Rocky River) Senior – NO10
 28. Joey Jafarace (Ashtabula Edgewood) Junior – AL11
 29. Jarrett Stillion (Meadowbrook) Junior – CM3
 30. Grant Moorman (Clinton-Massie) Sophomore – WI6

31. Anthony Shevlin (Steubenville) Sophomore – CM4
32. Gannon Kazmirski (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – CM5
33. Ethan Burkhardt (New Lexington) Freshman – CM6
34. Colton Smitley (Maysville) Sophomore – CM7
35. Andrew Kimble (Licking Valley) Sophomore – WI7
36. Andy Strader (Minerva) Freshman – CM8
37. Tyler Hicks (West Branch) Junior – AL12
38. Frank Depinet (Upper Sandusky) Sophomore – NO11

Yarbrough seems to be a pretty heavy favorite to capture the state crown here. He seems to finally be a normal-sized 106 after being pretty undersized the past two seasons - Yarbrough has yet to punch his ticket to "The Schott." He has been absolutely spectacular this year, winning every tournament he entered except for the prestigious Walsh Jesuit Ironman, where he finished fourth. Hisey looks like Yarbrough's toughest challenger, but I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top four reached the state finals. Hisey is currently 39-1 with his lone loss coming to Jacob Van Dee (Erie Cathedral Prep, PA) at the Coldwater Duals. Hisey has notable wins this season over fellow projected Division 2 state placer Thomas and projected Division 3 state placer Caprella (Lima C.C.-D3 106). If Hisey is able to capture the state crown, he would be the first state champ ever in St. Mary's Memorial history.

Like many of the lower weights, Alliance is absolutely loaded here. Five of the top six wrestlers exit the northeast district. Obviously there can't be five state placers from one district, but I think whoever qualifies from Alliance has a great chance to place in Columbus. This is definitely one of the deeper weights at Wilmington. The southwest district has five wrestlers in the top 18. A few other non-ranked wrestlers to watch at Wilmington are Young (Aiken), Bein (Batavia), Earls (Hamilton Ross), Snyder (Wilmington), Anderson (Franklin), Finney (Dayton Oakwood), Zender (Wyoming), and Wilcox (Valley View). Claymont is surprisingly very thin at 106 and looks a little tougher at 113, so I would suggest anyone at 113 to consider dropping here.

113

Projected Champion: Cael Woods (West Holmes) Senior – CM1

2. Nolan Gessler (Graham) Sophomore – WI1
3. Brendan McCrone (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL1
4. Kenneth Crosby (Akron STVM) Junior – AL2
5. Jake Hamulak (Chardon) Senior – AL3
6. Rico Cunningham (Sandusky) Senior – NO1
7. Blake Sheppard (New Lexington) Senior – CM2
8. Jake Arnold (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL4
9. Zane Van Voorhis (Copley) Sophomore – AL5
10. Eddie Pinc (Medina Buckeye) Junior – NO2
11. Hunter Miller (Canton South) Senior – AL6
12. Daniel Adams (Louisville) Junior – AL7
13. Robbie Sagaris (Aurora) Junior – AL8
14. Alex Bailey (Alliance) Junior – AL9
15. Nick Barber (Canfield) Junior – AL10
16. Damon Molina (Wauseon) Junior – NO3
17. Brandon Sauter (Batavia) Sophomore – WI2
18. Justin Mills (Valley View) Senior – WI3
19. Donovan Paes (Streetsboro) Freshman – AL11
20. Trent Proctor (Cleveland C.C.) Junior – NO4
21. Trevor Hisey (St. Mary's Memorial) Sophomore – NO5
22. Gabe Alda (Bellevue) Junior – NO6
23. Josh Ferrar (Revere) Junior – AL12
24. Weston Melvin (Miami Trace) Sophomore – CM3
25. Brock Christian (Perry) Freshman – AL13
26. Will Blevins (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO7
27. Alex Courtney (West Branch) Sophomore – AL14
28. Elijah Parrish (Claymont) Freshman – CM4
29. Tyler Beckley (Indian Valley) Sophomore – CM5
30. Colin Rohr (Ashland) Sophomore – NO8
31. Bradley McKenzie (Ravenna) – AL15
32. Colton Allen (Hebron Lakewood) – Sophomore – WI4
33. Theodore Haring (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – NO9
34. Thane McCoy (Wilmington) Freshman – WI5
35. Andrew Collins (Milton-Union) Sophomore – WI6

Woods, a three-time state placer and Ashland commit, is favored to capture his first state crown. He was my projected state champ at this weight last year. Woods fell in the state finals to three-time state champ, Jacob Decatur (CVCA), 4-2, in overtime despite beating him earlier in the year. Woods has already pinned top contender, Gessler, at the State Dual Tournament. I wouldn't be surprised if returning state placers Gessler, McCrone, or Crosby met Woods in the

finals. McCrone has beaten and lost to both wrestlers, but Gessler and Crosby have yet to meet. All three wrestlers seem very close in talent-level. They also all meet seeding criteria.

As I stated at 106, Alliance is very strong at this weight, while Claymont is on the other end of the spectrum. Alliance has 10 wrestlers in the Top 15. I honestly wouldn't be surprised if any of those 10 qualified for Columbus. Like Claymont, Wilmington is also on the thinner side. Wilmington has six wrestlers ranked above, while Claymont has only five. I would expect a few unranked wrestlers to be in the mix on the second day at their respective districts. A couple names to watch at Wilmington are Kallenberger (Greenville) and Reinart (Bethel-Tate), while Renier (Logan Elm), Coleman (Vincent Warren), and Elliot (Gallia) are wrestlers to watch at Claymont. Like 120, this weight is very, very deep. I wouldn't be shocked if anyone inside the Top 20 placed in Columbus.

120

Projected Champion: Garrett Lautzenheiser (Louisville) Junior – AL1

2. Kyle Rowan (Perry) Senior – AL2
3. Michael Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Senior – WI1
4. Ethan Fletcher (Canfield) Junior – AL3
5. Canyon Wells (Copley) Junior – AL4
6. Dierre Clayton (Akron STVM) Junior – AL5
7. Mark Emmerling (Beaver Local) Sophomore – CM1
8. Chuck Norris (Minerva) Junior – CM2
9. Branton Dawes (Washington C.H.) Sophomore – CM3
10. Chase Huff (Goshen) Senior – WI2
11. Nathan Demangeont (Woodridge) Junior – AL6
12. Nick Gayner (Revere) Junior – AL7
13. Cameron Deiter (Bowling Green) Sophomore – NO1
14. Tyler Masters (West Holmes) Senior – CM4
15. Trey Finnearty (Athens) Senior – CM5
16. Jacob Bryan (Wyoming) Junior – WI3
17. Roman Jones (Dayton CJ) Sophomore – WI4
18. Antwan Sagaris (Aurora) Junior – AL8
19. Marius Brown (Marlington) Senior – AL9
20. Case George (Ashland) Junior – NO2
21. Drake Cerny (Caledonia River Valley) Sophomore – WI5
22. Shane Bianchi (Padua Franciscan) Junior – NO3
23. Deondrea Darden (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO4
24. Max Oprzadek (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO5
25. Jayden Mayes (Bellevue) Junior – NO6
26. Kyle Biller (Ashtabula Edgewood) Sophomore – AL10
27. Tyler Crawford (Tri-Valley) Senior – CM6
28. Andrew Stachler (Greenville) Senior – WI6
29. Zaden Torres (Wauseon) Freshman – NO7
30. Colton Campbell (Clear Fork) Junior – NO8
31. Chris Oleksiak (Clyde) Junior – NO9
32. Trevor Myers (Indian Valley) Sophomore – CM7
33. Conner Roback (Licking Valley) Sophomore – WI7
34. Quinn SanFillippo (Bay) Junior – NO10
35. Eric Reed (Cambridge) Junior – CM8
36. Grant Stewart (Claymont) Junior – CM9
37. Gabe Perz (Chardon) Freshman – AL11
38. Keandre Moore (Huron) Freshman – NO11
39. Jordan Zigo (Trotwood-Madison) Senior – WI8

Defending state champ and two-time state placer Lautzenheiser is favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. He has verbally committed to wrestle at West Virginia in college. Lautzenheiser beat top challenger and returning state champ Rowan in the finals at Brecksville, 10-4. Rowan will also be wrestling at the D1-level in college, after choosing Stanford last fall. Lautzenheiser and Rowan both meet seeding criteria, but they both exit Alliance. I expect the victory margin to be much closer if they meet again and I wouldn't count out Rowan from pulling the upset.

Once again, Alliance has five wrestlers in the top six. All five wrestlers are very serious contenders to reach the podium in Columbus, so I chose not move anyone out of the top eight. Claymont looks much deeper at this weight compared to the previous two. A few other names that could be in the mix are Eckelberry (Sheridan), Schwall (Gallia Academy), Hamric (Vinton County), and Kimball (Athens). Kimball has a notable win over Roback, who is ranked above. Wilmington looks to be the weakest district at this weight. The southwest district has the least amount wrestlers listed above (8). A few other names to watch there are Battista (Western Brown), Martin (Hamilton Township), Proper (Jonathan Alder), and Eagan (Columbus DeSales). This weight, like 113, is very deep, so I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 15 reached the podium in Columbus.

126

Projected Champion: Nolan Ray (Wauseon) Senior – NO1

2. Nick Hart (Graham) Freshman – WI1
3. Koen Kish (St. Clairsville) Junior – CM1
4. Kyren Butler (Copley) Junior – AL1
5. Elliot Alessia (Akron STVM) Sophomore – AL2
6. Cooper Krauth (Revere) Junior – AL3
7. Tyler Harkins (Norwood) Senior – WI2
8. Josh Dunn (Goshen) Senior – WI3
9. Kody Beal (New Lexington) Junior – CM2
10. Bret Minnick (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – NO2
11. Brandon Brown (Carrollton) Junior – CM3
12. Noah Alda (Bellevue) Senior – NO3
13. Yury Pozdneev (Orange) Senior – AL4
14. Jaden Farris (Chardon) Junior – AL5
15. Bo DiJulius (Aurora) Sophomore – AL6
16. Alijah Stevens (Licking Valley) Sophomore – WI4
17. Connor Burrus (Hubbard) Junior – AL7
18. James Batesole (Clyde) Senior – NO4
19. Brandon D'Egidio (Vermilion) Senior – NO5
20. Calvin Rowan (Perry) Sophomore – AL8
21. Jack Sparent (West Geauga) Sophomore – AL9

22. Elijah Rowdey (Painesville Harvey) Junior – AL10
23. Joseph Eckelberry (Tri-Valley) Junior – CM4
24. Kendel Weber (West Holmes) Senior – CM5
25. Brendan Hamilton (Marlington) Junior – AL11
26. Griffin Adkins (Ashland) Sophomore – NO6
27. Isaiah Thomas (Clear Fork) Junior – NO7
28. Blake Holzschuh (Logan Elm) Senior – CM
29. Tyler Woods (Franklin) Junior – WI5
30. Ethan Szanti (Buckeye Valley) Senior – WI6
31. Kevin Gulling (Canton South) Senior – AL12
32. John Wooburn/Jaymin Salsberry (Beaver Local) – CM6
33. Kaden Miller (Marengo Highland) Sophomore – WI7
34. Logan Tague (Meadowbrook) Freshman – CM7
35. Austin Philabaum (River View) Junior – CM8
36. Josh Dunn (Cloverleaf) Junior – AL13
37. Brady Postek (Norton) Senior – AL13
38. Jonathan Mares (Chagrin Falls) Senior – AL14
39. Josh Calderon (Sandusky) Senior – NO8
40. Tyler Seacrist (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL15

2018 state placer Ray is the favorite here after recently beating top challenger, Hart, 8-4. He also has a notable win over Butler, 9-4; that win came in the finals at Medina. Ray qualified last year at this weight, but failed to reach the podium. I thought 126 in Division 2 last year was one of the deepest weights in all three divisions. I wouldn't be surprised if Hart, Kish, or Butler meets Ray in the finals, as all three seem very close in talent-level. Dunn is the only returning state placer and is also the only wrestler who meets seeding criteria at this weight. Dunn lost earlier in the season to Harkins, but I wouldn't count him out from going on another nice run at "The Schott."

This looks to be one of the tougher weights at Wilmington, as the southwest district has three projected state placers. A few others to watch at the already crowded district are Kulbe (Batavia), Seaman (Clinton-Massie), O'Leary (Wyoming), Z. Myers (Valley View), and Bingamon (Western Brown). 132 looks much thinner at Wilmington, so I would suggest moving up to anyone that is pondering the idea. Alliance also has three projected state placers at this weight. Alliance is also very deep with 15 total wrestlers ranked above. That means Norwalk and Claymont are in the bottom half at this weight. Both are still pretty solid though with each district having three wrestlers in the top 12 and eight total wrestlers ranked above.

132

Projected Champion: Davin Rhoads (Louisville) Junior – AL1

2. Matt Williams (CVCA) Senior – AL2
3. Payton Burgdorf (Firelands) Senior – NO1
4. Logan Ours (Beaver Local) Sophomore – CM1
5. Ethan Smith (Lake Catholic) Sophomore – AL3
6. Chris Kelly (Graham) Senior – W11
7. Shaun Pletcher (New Lexington) Junior – CM2
8. Tucker Kaufman (West Holmes) Sophomore – CM3
9. Josh Lyons (Mansfield Senior) Senior – NO2
10. Howard Williams (East Liverpool) Junior – CM4
11. Hayden Martin (River View) Senior – CM5
12. Crae Muzykoski (Licking Valley) Junior – W12
13. Maddox Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Freshman – NO3
14. Tristan Villarreal (Defiance) Junior – NO4
15. Jameson Mullens (Port Clinton) Junior – NO5
16. Luke Chaddock (Minerva) Senior – CM6
17. Cade Cass (Cloverleaf) Sophomore – AL4
18. Alex Savering (Field) Senior – AL5
19. Mason McCarty (Marlington) Senior – AL6
20. CJ Spencer (Indian Creek) Freshman – CM7
21. Ethan Waggoner (Steubenville) Freshman – CM8
22. Jake Keirn (Akron STVM) Freshman – AL7
23. Te'Andre Allen (Orange) Sophomore – AL8
24. Dominic Davis (London) Senior – W13
25. Shane Cheatham (Aurora) Freshman – AL9
26. Robbie Hoopes (Carrollton) Senior – CM9
27. Johnny Wayslaw (Geneva) Senior – AL10
28. Keegan Kohler (Fairfield Union) Senior – CM10
29. Omar Estrada (Napoleon) Sophomore – NO6
30. Gage Daugherty (Western Brown) Senior – W14
31. Devin McCarthy (Galion) Junior – NO7
32. Dominic Calabrese (Medina Buckeye) Senior – NO8
33. Kaz Rajko (Chardon) Freshman – AL11
34. Caiden Walters (Bellevue) Junior – NO9
35. Bobby Baker (Revere) Junior – AL12
36. Keegan Schoen (Sandusky Perkins) Sophomore – NO10
37. Peyton Brown (Milton-Union) Senior – W15

Returning state champ and two-time state placer Rhoads is the favorite to capture his second straight state championship. However, I do think he will be challenged by returning state placer Williams. Rhoads and Williams have met twice this season already, with Rhoads narrowly

winning both times. Rhoads won the first meeting in the finals at North Canton Hoover, 3-2. The second match was even closer, as Rhoads won in overtime at Brecksville via pin. The two met three times last season with Williams winning two out of three matches. Williams won back to back weekends at sectionals and districts by one point each time. They both exit the same sectional and district again, so they could wrestle each other a total of five times before the season is over.

Once again, Alliance leads the way in terms of state placers and overall depth. The northeast district has three projected state placers and 12 total wrestlers listed above. Claymont is also very strong with seven wrestlers in the Top 20. Wilmington looks very thin at this weight. The southwest district does have two wrestlers ranked in the Top 10, but also has the least amount of wrestlers ranked above (5). A few other names to watch at Wilmington are Harris (Trotwood-Madison), Foad (Indian Hill), Breaker (Hamilton Ross), Berwanger (Blanchester), Rivera (Monroe), Bridgens (Bellbrook), Terrell (Valley View), and Graham (Aiken). As I stated at 126, I would highly suggest moving to this weight.

138

Projected Champion: Nick Moore (Graham) Junior – WI1

2. Cole McComas (Beaver Local) Senior – CM1
3. Isaiah Wortham (Dayton CJ) Senior – WI2
4. Tyler Muldrew (Steubenville) Junior – CM2
5. Caden Scarbrough (CVCA) Junior – AL1
6. Nicholas Coreno (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL2
7. Nic Willingham (Aurora) Sophomore – AL3
8. Collin Koenig (Perry) Junior – AL4
9. Sam Miller (Streetsboro) Senior – AL5
10. Isaiah Armstrong (Tri-Valley) Sophomore – CM3
11. Caden Stout (St. Clairsville) Sophomore – CM4
12. Dominic Paterra (Indian Creek) Freshman – CM5
13. Eric Williams (East Liverpool) Freshman – CM6
14. Alex DelGarbino (Girard) Senior – AL6
15. Gavin Butler (Revere) Junior – AL7
16. Domanick Speelman (Carrollton) Sophomore – CM7
17. Jesse McElroy (Geneva) Junior – AL8
18. Carter Mickley (Louisville) Senior – AL9
19. Ethan Snyder (Warren Howland) Sophomore – AL10
20. Joe Pennington (Alliance) Junior – AL11
21. Jayden Morr (Norton) Junior – AL12
22. Dylan Strouse (West Holmes) Sophomore – CM8
23. Adam Cook (Ashland) Senior – NO1
24. Conner Douglass (Elida) Sophomore – NO2

25. McCoy Watkins (Canfield) Junior – AL13
26. Drew Gray (Kenton Ridge) Senior – WI3
27. Lawson Grime (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO3
28. Ezra Marlow (Western Brown) Senior – WI4
29. Dylan Hartranft (Logan Elm) Senior – CM10
30. Storm Duffy (Miami Trace) Senior – CM11
31. A.J. Lewandowski (Dayton Oakwood) Senior – WI5
32. Stephen Chang (Granville) Junior – WI6
33. Caleb Sell (Napoleon) Senior – NO4
34. Ethan James (London) Senior – WI7
35. Emery Pahl (Upper Sandusky) Junior – NO5
36. Justin Smythe (Bellevue) Sophomore – NO6
37. J.D. Thom (Sandusky Perkins) Junior – NO7

This weight looks like the ultimate battle of state runner-ups. Moore and McComas combine for five second place finishes in Columbus. McComas has three runner-up finishes, while Moore has two. There have been four other wrestlers to have three straight state runner-up finishes through their first three years. Those wrestlers include Steve Blunk (CVCA/Streetsboro), Tyler Heminger (Northmor), Ben Pasiuk (Carrollton) and Ryan Fields (Lakota West). The first three of those wrestlers were able to get over the hump their senior years and bring home state titles (Fields finished 4th). Moore and McComas already met this year in the quarterfinals at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman, a match Moore won 2-1 in overtime. McComas has missed a few events this year, but he recently wrestled in a dual meet against Boardman and at his conference tournament. Moore and McComas both meet seeding criteria.

This is another loaded weight at Alliance. The northeast district has four projected state placers and 12 wrestlers in the Top 20. Claymont is also pretty strong at this weight with two wrestlers in the top four and six wrestlers in the top 13. Wilmington and Norwalk are in the bottom half at this weight. Both districts have only seven wrestlers listed above. The last two spots at both districts look wide open! A bunch of other wrestlers that could also be in the mix at Wilmington are Hewitt (Eaton), Schirmer (Blanchester), Holland (Hamilton Township), Boyd (Licking Valley), K. Myers (Valley View) and Davidson (Wilmington). Davidson has a notable win this season over Top 30-rated Duffy. Norwalk has zero wrestlers in the Top 20, so I would highly suggest moving to this weight. I think Abounader (Benedictine), West (Clyde), and Newark (Firelands) are a few wrestlers that could also be in the mix on the second day at Norwalk.

145

- Projected Champion: Alek Martin (Graham) Junior – WI1
2. David Cumberledge (Aurora) Senior – AL1
 3. Peyton Kellar (Vincent Warren) Junior – CM1
 4. Austin Pownall (CVCA) Junior – AL2
 5. Mcale Callahan (Miami Trace) Junior – CM2
 6. Max Kirby (Fairless) Sophomore – AL3
 7. Anthony Trivisonno (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL4
 8. Gabe Steyer (Van Wert) Senior – NO1
 9. Elijah Hunter (Sandusky) Junior – NO2
 10. Colton Turnbaugh (Ontario) Senior – NO3
 11. Devon Salsberry/Jonathan Potts (Beaver Local) – CM3
 12. Jayden Jones (Ashland) Junior – NO4
 13. Nathan Welsh (Fairfield Union) Senior – CM4
 14. Aaron Ferguson (Steubenville) Junior – CM5
 15. Max Ray (Bellevue) Freshman – NO5
 16. Matthew Woomer (Warren Howland) Sophomore – AL5
 17. Trevor Badiu (Medina Buckeye) Sophomore – NO6
 18. Joe Averill (University School) Senior – AL6
 19. Tyson Sieg (Akron STVM) Junior – AL7
 20. Jacob Caudle (Poland Seminary) Sophomore – AL8
 21. Logan Vanicek (Louisville) Senior – AL9
 22. Deven Factor (Sheridan) Senior – CM6
 23. Jeremy Brown (Indian Creek) Junior – CM7
 24. Brady Au (Clear Fork) Junior – NO7
 25. Sam Eastes (Wilmington) Senior – WI2
 26. Hunter Bowling (West Holmes) Senior – CM8
 27. Sean Beltran (Hamilton Ross) Junior – WI3
 28. Bryce Stamps (Kenton Ridge) Senior – WI4
 29. Connor Twigg (Wauseon) Sophomore – NO8
 30. Nathan Bryan (Wyoming) Junior – WI5
 31. Nate Blake (Carrollton) Senior – CM9
 32. Adrien Harmon (Dover) Junior – CM10
 33. Joe Langdon (Claymont) Senior – CM11
 34. Joey Richison (Jackson) Senior – CM12
 35. Logan Miracle (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – WI6
 36. Alex Pitsch (Monroe) Sophomore – WI7

This should be a very exciting weight to watch unfold in Columbus. Returning state champ Martin and returning state runner-up Cumberledge have already split bouts this season. Cumberledge won the first match in the finals at Wadsworth, while Martin won the second match in the semi-finals at the State Dual Tournament. Both wrestlers are set to wrestle on the

Division 1 level in college. Martin has committed to South Dakota State, while Cumberledge has committed to Ohio University. Cumberledge transferred to Aurora in the fall from Ashtabula St. John, where he was a state runner-up last year all the way up at 170. I went back and forth for a while on who to pick at this weight, but ultimately went with Martin due to him having the more recent win. I also wouldn't count out two-time state placer Kellar. He is currently 41-0 and has notable wins over previous Division 3 state placers Awan (Troy Christian-D3 138) and Winegardner (West Muskingum-D3 145). If Kellar is able to capture the state crown, he would be Vincent Warren's first state champ since Matt McCoy in 1990. Martin, Cumberledge and Hunter, who finished third last year at 132, all meet seeding criteria.

Alliance leads the way with four projected state placers and nine wrestlers inside the top 21. Claymont is also very deep at this weight with 12 total ranked wrestlers. Martin is the only wrestler in the Top 20 to exit Wilmington. Wilmington also has only seven total wrestlers ranked above, so I would have to tab it as the weakest district. A few other names to watch at the southwest district are Gugliemi (Granville), Sheets (Licking Valley), Hochwalt (Dayton Oakwood), and Willet (Bloom-Carroll).

152

Projected Champion: Brody Conley (Tiffin Columbian) Sophomore – NO1

2. Tyler Lillard (Aurora) Sophomore – AL1
3. Douglas Terry (Granville) Junior – WI1
4. Ethan Turnbaugh (Ontario) Sophomore – NO2
5. Skyler Lasure (Beaver Local) Senior – CM1
6. Jordan Barnett (Sheridan) Junior – CM2
7. Daniel Kennedy (Louisville) Junior – AL2
8. Trace Braun (Graham) Junior – WI2
9. Simon Allen (New Lexington) Senior – CM3
10. Ethan Mueller (Minerva) Senior – CM4
11. Mason Elson (Port Clinton) Senior – NO3
12. Gage Bickley (West Branch) Senior – AL3
13. Caleb Selman (Geneva) Junior – AL4
14. Graham Carson (Miami Trace) Junior – CM5
15. Matthew Stauffer (Benedictine) Senior – NO4
16. Brady Crum (Union Local) Junior – CM7
17. Austin DaRe (St. Clairsville) Junior – CM8
18. Caden Kenworthy (Cambridge) Sophomore – CM9
19. Hunter Hutcheson (Madison Comprehensive) Freshman – NO5
20. Gavin Greer (West Holmes) Junior – CM6
21. Jacobi Smith (C.F. Northwest) Senior – AL5
22. Kyle Mink (Monroe) Senior – WI3
23. Caiden Hart (Salem) Junior – AL6

24. KeAnthony Bales (Eaton) Senior – WI4
25. Quinton Smith (Greenfield McClain) Senior – CM10
26. Robby Frederick (Clinton-Massie) Senior – WI5
27. J.J. Holliday (Huron) Junior – NO6
28. Shawn Thomas (Girard) Senior – AL7
29. Tyler Bodovetz (Streetsboro) Junior – AL8
30. Anthony Norton (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL9
31. Donald Otto (Norton) Senior – AL10
32. Connor McIntire (Tri-Valley) Senior – CM11
33. Ethan Hicks (Perry) Sophomore – AL11
34. Christian Miller (Marengo Highland) Senior – WI6
35. Evan Lewis (Carrollton) Junior – CM12
36. Tyler Bostelman (Napoleon) Senior – NO7

This is one of the more wide open weights in Division 2 and I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top four won it all. Returning state placer Conley is the slight favorite after beating St. Edward transfer Lillard in the semi-finals at Brecksville, 1-0. Lillard notably beat returning state runner-up Terry in the semi-finals at Top Gun, 2-1. Terry was Granville's first state finalist in school history last year. Turnbaugh and Conley beat each other last season, which is why I think Turnbaugh is also a serious contender. If Turnbaugh is able to win it all, he would be Ontario's first state champ since his father, Wes Turnbaugh, in 1999. No wrestler meets seeding criteria, but Conley and Turnbaugh both exit Norwalk, so there is a chance the winner of the district will be on the opposite side of the district runner-up, as well as Lillard and Terry (assuming both win their district).

This weight is pretty even at the top with all four districts having two projected state placers each. However, after that, Claymont looks very strong and Wilmington once again looks very thin. Claymont has nine wrestlers in the top 19, while Wilmington has only six total wrestlers ranked above. A few other names to watch at Wilmington are Emmons (Badin), Hill (Goshen), Panetta (Blanchester), Williams (Bethel-Tate), Lyons (Bexley) Jacobe (Milton-Union), and Wickline (Bloom-Carroll). Norwalk looks much thinner at this weight compared to 145, which is the reason why I ranked Stauffer and Bostelman at this weight. They have spent time at both weights this season, but 152 seems like the better option.

160

Projected Champion: Dylan Fishback (Aurora) Sophomore – AL1

2. Dylan Dodson (Licking Valley) Junior – WI1
3. Ethan Pappas (Steubenville) Junior – CM1
4. Logan Krulik (Beaver Local) Junior – CM2
5. Nate Barrett (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – NO1
6. Walker Uhl (West Holmes) Senior – CM3
7. Dylan Newsome (Bishop Hartley) Freshman – WI2
8. Rob Boley (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL2
8. Brailyn Lightner (Alliance) Senior – AL3
10. Camden McDanel (Graham) Freshman – WI3
11. Cody Matthews (Marengo Highland) Sophomore – WI4
12. Brenden Severs (Louisville) Sophomore – AL4
13. Carter Kroll (Ontario) Junior – NO2
14. Jarrett Bischoff (Wauseon) Senior – NO3
15. Evan Hager (Springfield Northwestern) Junior – WI5
16. Colby Moore (Carrollton) Senior – CM4
17. Derick Coleman (Clyde) Senior – NO4
18. Ashton Smith (Streetsboro) Sophomore – AL5
19. Tyler Williams (Canton South) Junior – AL6
20. Cole Weatherly (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO5
21. Zach Walsh (Granville) Senior – WI6
22. Zach Flohr/Reid Beddow (Norton) – AL7
23. Seth Hull (Canfield) Senior – AL8
24. Patrick Brown (Hubbard) Senior – AL9
25. Tommy Mabry (St. Mary's Memorial) Senior – NO6
26. Angelo Gonzalez (Napoleon) Sophomore – NO7
27. Austin Donaldson (C.F. Northwest) Junior – AL10
28. Kiah Smith (Athens) Senior – CM5
29. Khalil Louive (Minerva) Sophomore – CM6
30. Darion Smith (Norwalk) Senior – NO8
31. Brandon Kiser (Dover) Sophomore – CM7
32. Zach Schmidt (Eaton) Senior – WI7
33. Cole Vennis (Geneva) Senior – AL11
34. Aric Gallimore (Celina) Senior – NO10
35. Ryan Price (Akron STVM) Freshman – AL12
36. Jared Weirder (Bellevue) Senior – NO11

Returning state runner-up Fishback is one of the heavier favorites in Division 2 and probably all of Ohio. Fishback lost in the state finals last year in overtime to Jeffrey Thomas (Graham), 6-4, at 152. His two losses this season came at Beast of the East, where he finished seventh. I wouldn't be surprised if Dodson, Pappas, or Krulik met Fishback in the finals. Dodson and

Pappas are returning state placers, while Krulik is a returning state qualifier. Krulik qualified last year, but was unable to wrestle in Columbus. If Dodson is able to pull the upset, he would be the first state champ for Licking Valley since current head coach Jeremy Tate in 1994. Fishback is the only one who meets seeding criteria, so this will essentially be a blind draw.

This is definitely one of the tougher weights at Claymont, as the district has three wrestlers in the top six. The district does sort of lack overall depth though, with only seven wrestlers listed above. Claymont looked a little deeper until recently. I heard previous state qualifier Oberdier (Vincent Warren) will likely be staying up at 170 instead of dropping to 160 like I originally had heard. I also heard that Armstrong (Indian Valley) will likely be moving up to 170 after wrestling part of the season down at 160. Wilmington only has seven total wrestlers listed above as well. A few other names that could be in the mix are Garrison (Wilmington), Huston (Blanchester), Hancock (Wyoming), and Williams (Urbana).

170

Projected Champion: Ethan Hernandez (Norwalk) Senior – NO1

2. Jax Leonard (Louisville) Senior – AL1
3. Hadyn Danals (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – WI1
4. Layne Talbot (New Lexington) Senior – CM1
5. Alex Carrothers (Carrollton) Senior – CM2
6. Zayne Lehman (Revere) Junior – AL2
7. Ethan Anderson (Aurora) Senior – AL3
8. Brice Parks (Jackson) Senior – CM3
9. David Frederick (Dayton CJ) Junior – WI2
10. Joey Simcoe (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO2
11. Trenton Osborne (Madison Comprehensive) Junior – NO3
12. Carlton Roberts (Rossford) Senior – NO4
13. Gage Johnson (Franklin) Senior – WI3
14. Brody Stallings (Cloverleaf) Senior – AL4
15. Cruz Alexander (West Holmes) Senior – CM4
16. Brady Oberdier (Vincent Warren) Senior – CM5
17. Collin Corapi (Bellevue) Junior – NO5
18. Simon Taraska (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL5
19. Anthony Lunardi (Ravenna) Senior – AL6
20. Carson Miller (Granville) Freshman – WI4
21. Steven Marra (West Branch) Sophomore – AL7
22. Logan Bell (Alliance) Senior – AL8
23. Austin Starr (Indian Creek) Sophomore – CM6
24. Jacob Armstrong (Indian Valley) Senior – CM 7
25. Brandon Kinney (Steubenville) Sophomore – CM8
26. Josh Moriarty (West Geauga) Senior – AL9

27. Sam Olson (University School) Senior – AL10
28. Jahiem Peake (Akron STVM) Senior – AL11
29. Dillon Smith (Poland Seminary) Sophomore – AL12
30. Michael Crawford (Canfield) Sophomore – AL13
31. Devan Savage-Brown (Bowling Green) Junior – NO6
32. Matthew Billock (Bellbrook) Senior – WI5
33. Eric Thomas (Graham) Junior – WI6
34. Jayden LeBeau (Miami Trace) Sophomore – CM9
35. Colt Conover (Blanchester) Junior – WI7
36. Elijah Emmons (Badin) Sophomore – WI8
37. Luke Linton (Logan Elm) Senior – CM10
38. Vinny D'Amico (Sandusky) Senior – NO7
39. Trevor Slider (Minerva) Sophomore – CM11
40. Carson Ingram (Shelby) Junior – NO8

Returning state runner-up and two-time state placer Hernandez is the favorite to capture his first state crown. Hernandez would be only the second state champ in Norwalk history and their first since Dan Pugh in 1972. Hernandez has already beaten three-time state placer and top challenger Leonard this season. The Penn commit pinned Leonard in the semi-finals at Brecksville. Leonard will also be wrestling at the Division 1 level after committing to Cleveland State in the fall. He originally committed to Bellarmine, but ultimately decided to be a Viking. I would also consider Danals a serious contender at this weight. The returning state placer is currently 43-0. Hernandez is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, so this essentially will be a blind draw.

Alliance and Claymont are both very strong at the top, with each district having three projected state placers. Both districts also have great depth. Alliance has 13 total wrestlers in the Top 40, while Claymont has 11. I would have to tab Wilmington as the weakest district. The southwest district has only four wrestlers in the Top 30. A couple other names that could be in the mix at Wilmington are Reed (Bellefontaine) and Mancillas (Greenville). Mancillas would have likely been in the Top 40, but he missed a ton of action this season.

182

Projected Champion: Anthony D'Alesio (Canfield) Senior – AL1

2. Justin Mayes (Bellevue) Junior – NO1
3. Cole Hivnor (Lake Catholic) Junior – AL2
4. David Tuttle (Steubenville) Senior – CM1
5. Trevor Stewart (Urbana) Sophomore – WI1
6. Joey Petrella (Bishop Hartley) Senior – WI2
7. Jakob Beverly (Ashland) Junior – NO2
8. Kyle Snider (CVCA) Freshman – AL3
9. Jesse Kanatzar (Tallmadge) Senior – AL4
10. Tai Carter (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO3
11. Nicholas Machuca (Dayton CJ) Senior – WI3
12. Darian Huff (London) Senior – WI4
13. Warren Gentile (Alliance) Senior – AL5
14. Dallas McAmis (Field) Junior – AL6
15. Jakob Hopkins (Norton) Senior – AL7
16. Mason Cover (Bay) Junior – NO4
17. Nick Hickman (Keystone) Junior – NO5
18. Bryson Getz (Akron STVM) Freshman – AL8
19. Noah Peterson (Louisville) Sophomore – AL9
20. Johnny Black (Cleveland C.C.) Junior – NO6
21. Jack Mefford (Graham) Junior – WI6
22. Logan Current (Wilmington) Junior – WI7
23. Kadin Berwanger (Blanchester) Senior – WI8
24. Noah Harrison (Valley View) Junior – WI9
25. Dylan McCandless (Bryan) Junior – NO7
26. Justice Smith (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL10
27. Tytan Grote (Greenville) Senior – WI10
28. Anthony Parks (Jackson) Senior – CM2
29. Justin Bartlett (Cambridge) Junior – CM3
30. Chris Bennett (Vermillion) Junior – NO8
31. KaSean Hatlay (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO9
32. Josh Chapman (Taylor) Senior – WI11
33. Chris Jackson (Toledo C.C.) Sophomore – NO10
34. Triston Hinkle (Marengo Highland) Sophomore – WI12
35. Dyllon Pollard (Sandusky) Junior – NO11

Defending state champ and three-time state placer D'Alesio is favored to capture another state title. D'Alesio committed to wrestle for Kent State at the next level, along with teammate and fellow state champ Nick Crawford. Crawford unfortunately is not able to compete this year or else the Cardinals would have been favored to win 182 and 195 like last season. D'Alesio wrestled at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman where he lost to Division 1 projected state runner-up

Evans (Elyria-D1 182) in the semi-finals. After that match, he injury defaulted the next two matches and ultimately finished sixth. D'Alesio then missed about a month, but has returned and looks to be back to his old self. Two-time state placers Mayes and Hivnor look to be D'Alesio's toughest challengers. Mayes, a Cornell commit, pinned Hivnor in the semi-finals at Brecksville in the third period. Everyone in the Top 5 is a returning state placer, but only D'Alesio and Mayes meet seeding criteria.

Alliance is the strongest district at this weight, which is obviously a common theme in Division 2. The northeast district leads the way with three projected state placers and seven wrestlers in the Top 15. This is definitely one of the weaker weights at Claymont, as the district has only three wrestlers ranked above. A few other names that will likely be in the mix and possibly qualify for "The Schott" are Wallace (Athens), Williams (New Philadelphia), Harper (Philo), King (Fairfield Union), Hines (Tri-Valley), Prouty (Licking Valley), and Naylor (St. Clairsville).

195

Projected Champion: Gabe Phillips (Norwalk) Senior – NO1

2. Brent Paulus (Louisville) Senior – AL1
3. Kenny Marra (West Branch) Junior – AL2
4. Evan Anderson (Aurora) Sophomore – AL3
5. Terion Stewart (Sandusky) Senior – NO2
6. Cooper Graham (Caledonia River Valley) Junior – WI1
7. Cody Mies (Ontario) Senior – NO3
8. Brandon Thomas (Geneva) Senior – AL4
9. Aiden Nunez (Bellevue) Senior – NO4
10. Mason Schmoekel (Toledo C.C.) Senior – NO5
11. Reese Skaggs (St. Clairsville) Junior – CM1
12. Elijah Llewellyn (Indian Creek) Freshman – CM2
13. Keith Bodnar (Steubenville) Senior – CM3
14. Marquel Henry (Dayton CJ) Senior – WI2
15. Nathan Zehner (Shelby) Junior – NO6
16. Nate Amato (Tallmadge) Junior – AL5
17. Wyatt Shaw (Claymont) Freshman – CM4
18. Garrett Gross (Bellefontaine) Senior – WI3
19. Xavier Johnson (Napoleon) Senior – NO7
20. Nick Mijavec (Warren Howland) Junior – AL6
21. Chris Smith (Canfield) Senior – AL7
22. Owen Weaver (Lake Catholic) Senior – AL8
23. Jared Kremer (Franklin) Senior – WI4
24. Colton Doyle (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI5
25. Charlie Lindberg (Indian Hill) Senior – WI6
26. Bryce Bennett (Miami Trace) Sophomore – CM5

27. Bruce Wagers (Wyoming) Sophomore – W7
28. Dillon Davidson (Taylor) Sophomore – WI8
29. Timothy Diamond (Unioto) Senior – CM6
30. Alex Merwin (Triway) Senior – AL9
31. Michael Eisnehower (Tiffin Columbian) Senior – NO8
32. Sam Oaks (Monroe) Junior – WI9
33. Phil Waters (Greenfield McClain) Senior – CM7
34. Michael Boggs (Jonathan Alder) Senior – WI10
35. Roger Hall (Fostoria) Junior – NO9
36. Drake George (Athens) Junior – CM8
37. Evan Lykins (Graham) Sophomore – WI11
38. Carson Savoia (Norton) Senior – AL10
39. Matt Savick (Madison Comprehensive) Senior – NO10

Two-time state placer Phillips is favored to take home the state crown after beating returning state placer and top challenger Paulus this season; Phillips pinned Paulus in the quarterfinals at Brecksville. Phillips' injury caused him to default out of the tournament after his big win, but he eventually returned to the lineup towards the end of January. As I stated at 170, Norwalk has had only one state champ in school history (1972). Depending on how Hernandez does at 170, Phillips could be the one to end the 48 year state title drought for the Truckers. This is one of the more wide open weights in Division 2 when it comes to potential placers. I honestly wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 30 reached the podium.

Alliance and Norwalk are absolutely loaded at this weight. Alliance has four projected state placers, while Norwalk has three. Alliance and Norwalk also have pretty good depth. Norwalk has six wrestlers in the Top 15, while Alliance has nine wrestlers in the Top 30. Due to Wilmington having a whopping 11 total wrestlers ranked, I would have to tab Claymont as the weakest district at this weight. Wilmington's depth could be dependent on Henry and Harrison (Valley View). Henry could be at this weight or up at 220. He has spent majority of the season at 220, but I think 195 is the better option. Harrison is ranked in the Top 25 at 182, but recently wrestled 195 at his conference tournament.

220

Projected Champion: Nolan Neves (Graham) Sophomore – WI1

2. Evan Kaeck (Wapakoneta) Senior – NO1
3. Max Fausnaugh (Bowling Green) Senior – NO2
4. Alec Maloney (Norwalk) Senior – NO3
5. Breslin Walker (CVCA) Senior – AL1
6. Blake Robbins (Louisville) Senior – AL2
7. Derek Witsberger (St. Clairsville) Senior – CM1
8. George Linberger (Akron STVM) Sophomore – AL3
9. Charles Taylor (Geneva) Junior – AL4
10. Skylor Wooley (East Liverpool) Senior – CM2
11. Dylan Adkins (Bellevue) Senior – NO4
12. Antonio Burns (London) Sophomore – WI2
13. Miles Ashbaugh (Woodridge) Senior – AL5
14. Ben Blankenship (Tallmadge) Senior – AL6
15. Gary Powell (Western Brown) Junior – WI3
16. Collier Brown (Washington C.H.) Senior – CM3
17. Kade Rawlins (Greenfield McClain) Junior – CM4
18. Dalton Cunningham (River View) Senior – CM5
19. Logan Williams (Minerva) Junior – CM6
20. A.J. Collins (Tri-Valley) Senior – CM7
21. Joe Baughman (Clinton-Massie) Junior – WI4
22. James Peters (Blanchester) Senior – WI5
23. Cody Logan (C.F. Northwest) Sophomore – AL7
24. Jamen Hill (Dayton Carroll) Senior – WI6
25. Myles Clark (Claymont) Junior – CM8
26. Landon Smith (Clear Fork) Sophomore – NO5
27. Wes Spadafore (Wauseon) Senior – NO6
28. Kip Stewart Canfield) Freshman – AL8
29. Tyler Moriarty (West Geauga) Senior – AL9
30. Daniel Pagan (Poland Seminary) Senior – AL10
31. Tommy Jackson (Perry) Junior – AL11
32. Onyx Mendenhall (Wyoming) Junior – WI7
33. Brock Lyons (Elida) Junior – NO7
34. Mekhi Bradley (Mansfield Senior) Freshman – NO8
35. Kane Mears (Tiffin Columbian) Junior – NO9
36. Matt Hopkins (Norton) Senior – AL12

Returning state qualifier Neves is the slight favorite here. Neves beat top challenger Kaeck at the GMVWA Holiday Tournament, 6-5. Kaeck was a state placer in 2018, but unfortunately missed all of last season. Fausnaugh and Maloney are the only returning state placers at this weight and are also serious contenders. Fausnaugh was a state runner-up last year, while

Maloney took third. If Fausnaugh is able to win it all this year, he would be the first state champ in Bowling Green history and if Maloney is able to win it all, he could/would possibly end a 48 year state title drought for Norwalk. I mentioned Norwalk's state title drought at 170 and 195, as the Truckers have projected state champs at both weights. I previously had Walker as a serious contender, but his DQ loss to Neves at the Wadsworth G.I.T. changed that. Neves was leading by nine in the third period before Walker got disqualified. Only Fausnaugh and Maloney meet seeding criteria.

Norwalk is very strong at this weight with three wrestlers in the top four. The northwest district also has pretty good depth with nine total wrestlers ranked above, which is second behind Alliance's 12 ranked wrestlers. Claymont is also very strong here with seven wrestlers in the Top 20. Wilmington looks like the weakest district once again. The southwest district has only seven wrestlers ranked above. As I stated at 195, Henry (Dayton C-J) could be at this weight. If he does decide to go 220 for the postseason that would obviously boost Wilmington's depth. A couple other names to watch at the southwest district are Kinner (Valley View) and Peacock (Hamilton Ross).

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Projected Champion: Alex Coleman (Hamilton Ross) Senior – WI1

2. Jacob Jackson (Toledo C.C.) Senior – NO1
3. Cole Potts (Columbus DeSales) Senior – WI2
4. Sam McNulty (Sandusky Perkins) Senior – NO2
5. Jake Burns (Hoban) Senior – AL1
6. Jake Bever (Ashland) Junior – NO3
7. Sammy Sosa (Wauseon) Senior – NO4
8. John Abouhassan (Galion) Senior – NO5
9. Thadd Huff (London) Sophomore – WI3
10. Matthew Holman (CVCA) Senior – AL2
11. Zack Burroughs (Graham) Sophomore – WI4
12. Demitrius Hernandez (Napoleon) Junior – NO6
13. Todd Allen (Medina Buckeye) Freshman – NO7
14. Klewin Mici (Bay) Senior – NO8
15. Daniel Wirth (Beaver Local) Senior – CM1
16. Jarrett Burress (Minerva) Junior – CM2
17. Lou Alsenik (West Geauga) Senior – AL3
18. Jacob Hurst (West Branch) Senior – AL4
19. Jaret Hall (Chardon) Senior – AL5
20. Rich Hofus (Canfield) Senior – AL6
21. David Hooks (Akron STVM) Senior – AL7
22. Larry Newland (Norwalk) Junior – NO9
23. Cameron Brazek (Louisville) Sophomore – AL8

24. Grant DeBruin (Miami Trace) Senior – CM3
25. Mason Mustain (Washington C.H.) Sophomore – CM4
26. Logan Morris (Sheridan) Junior – CM5
27. Alistar Larson (Woodridge) Sophomore – AL9
28. Luke Moore (Keystone) Junior – NO10
29. Owen Quillin (Indian Valley) Senior – CM6
30. Damarion Dennison (Sandusky) Sophomore – NO11
31. Will Aubiel (Claymont) Senior – CM7
32. Seth Schneider (Tri-Valley) Junior – CM8
33. Jacob Danielson (New Lexington) Junior – CM9
34. Gauge Samson (Maysville) Sophomore – CM10
35. Dylan Wogerman (Athens) Senior – CM11
36. Zachary Hershberger (Triway) – AL10
37. Jake Welch (Vincent Warren) Junior – CM12
38. Isaiah Harrison (Marlington) Junior – AL11
39. Hunter Beach (New Philadelphia) Senior – CM13
40. Joseph Hunley (River View) Senior – CM14

Defending state champ Coleman is heavily favored to capture his second consecutive heavyweight state crown. Coleman has yet to make his college decision. He is one of the top uncommitted seniors remaining in Ohio. Coleman beat defending state champ Jack DelGarbino (Girard) in the finals last year, 10-7. It was definitely one of the more action packed finals in recent memory at heavyweight. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 meets Coleman in the finals Sunday night. I also wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 20 reaches the podium in Columbus.

This is another weight that is absolutely loaded at Norwalk. The northwest district has five wrestlers in the top eight and eight wrestlers in the top 13. Claymont is not very strong at the top with zero wrestlers in the Top 10. Claymont does, however, lead the way with 14 total wrestlers ranked. I wouldn't be surprised if the winner of the district reached the podium in Columbus. Wilmington is very strong at the top with two wrestlers in the top three and four wrestlers in the top 11, but those are the only ranked wrestlers to exit the southwest district. A few other names that will likely be in the mix at Wilmington are Hagedorn (Monroe), Glenn (Bethel-Tate), Briedis (Indian Hill), See (Kettering Alter), Schulz (Clinton-Massie), and McCartney (Greenville).

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Graham	Falcons	135	3	7	9
2	Aurora	Greenmen	111	1	7	7
3	Louisville	Leopards	104	2	6	7
4	Lake Catholic	Cougars	79	0	7	7
5	CVCA	Royals	75	0	6	7
6	Beaver Local	Beavers	65	0	5	7
7	Norwalk	Truckers	64	2	3	3
8	Copley	Indians	51	1	3	3
9	Steubenville	Big Red	46	0	3	5
10	West Holmes	Knights	44	1	3	6

DIVISION 3

Districts

Napoleon = NA	Garfield Heights = GH
Troy = TR	Heath = HE

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- Projected Champion: Max Hermes (Milan Edison) Freshman – NA1
2. Gavin Caprella (Lima C.C.) Sophomore – TR1
 3. Cooper Shore (Miami East) Freshman – TR2
 4. Caleb Schroer (Troy Christian) Senior – TR3
 5. Patrick Reineke (Hawken) Sophomore – GH1
 6. Logan Attisano (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR4
 7. Landen Duncan (Chalker) Freshman – GH2
 8. Anwar Alli (Marion Pleasant) Freshman – HE1
 9. Andrew Huck (Bidwell River Valley) Freshman – HE2
 10. Wesley Wydick (Utica) Sophomore – HE3
 11. Mason Amodio (Ravenna Southeast) Sophomore – GH3
 12. Will Davidson (Kirtland) Sophomore – GH4
 13. James Klingman (Berkshire) Senior – GH5
 14. Michael Judge (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – NA2
 15. Ashtan Hendricks (Greeneview) Freshman – TR5
 16. Gabe Sutton (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR6
 17. Max Cooper (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH6
 18. Connor Mitchell (S.C. Southeastern) Freshman – TR7
 19. Alex Overly (Shenandoah) Junior – HE4
 20. Jeff Camp (Patrick Henry) Freshman – NA3
 21. Rylee Hanefeld (Delta) Sophomore – NA4
 22. Bryce Edwards (Rootstown) Freshman – GH7
 23. Payton Platfoot (Versailles) Freshman – TR8
 24. Colby Johnson (Clermont Northeastern) Freshman – TR9
 25. Mason Simms (Wellsville) Freshman – GH8
 26. Hunter Newell (South Range) Freshman – GH9
 27. Brandon Boggs (Sandy Valley) Freshman – HE5
 28. Harley Stoll (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – NA5
 29. Nick Roberts (Plymouth) Sophomore – NA6
 30. Brady Funk (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH10

31. Eli Guyton (Millbury Lake) Sophomore – NA7
32. Lukus Schaub (Woodmore) Sophomore – NA8
33. Caiden Heller (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH11
34. Kaylor Reynolds (Tiffin Calvert) Freshman – NA9
35. Vince Monnin (Tinora) Sophomore – NA10
36. Daytona Hensley (Greenon) Junior – TR10
37. Thayne Kleman (Bluffton) Freshman – NA11
38. Braeden Stallworth (Columbiana Crestview) Freshman – GH12
39. Gibson Moore (Norwayne) Sophomore – GH13
40. Conner Burns (Youngstown Liberty) Freshman – GH14

Outstanding freshman Hermes is the favorite to capture the lightweight state crown. He is currently 41-2 with both of his losses coming to out-of-state opponents at Brecksville. His most notable win this season within the division came at Maumee Bay, where he beat returning state placer, Schroer, 5-2. I think anyone in the Top 5 has the ability to reach the finals. Returning state placers Schroer and Reineke are the only two among those five with state tournament experience. If top challenger Caprella is able to win it all, then he would be Lima Central Catholic's first state champ since Jim Kessen in 1996. No wrestlers meet seeding criteria, so this will be a blind draw in Columbus.

Troy is absolutely stacked at this weight with four wrestlers in the top six. The southwest district also has very good depth with 10 total wrestlers ranked above. Garfield is also very strong at this weight with two projected state placers and five wrestlers in the top 13. Heath looks to be the weakest district with only five ranked wrestlers. A few other names to watch there are Simpson (Harrison Central), Thomas (Huntington), and Brocwell (Northmor).

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- Projected Champion: Zack Mattin (Delta) Junior – NA1
2. Jason Shaffer (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR1
 3. Nolan Frye (Cuyahoga Heights) Sophomore – GH1
 4. Matt Ellis (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
 5. Jarrett Hornish (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR3
 6. Trey Allen (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR4
 7. Jarod Fantauzzi (Milan Edison) Junior – NA2
 8. Griffen Stephen (Barnesville) Sophomore – HE1
 9. Hayden Kuhn (Ashland Crestview) Freshman – NA3
 10. Jayden Strickland (South Central) Junior – NA4
 11. Hunter Frederick (Mapleton) Senior – GH2
 12. Tyler Davis (Oak Harbor) Junior – NA5
 13. Griffin Chmiel (Alexander) Senior – HE2
 14. Bryce Maynard (Eastwood) Junior – NA6
 15. Chase Dickerson (Woodmore) Senior – NA7
 16. Ramakrishna Gandhi (Madeira) Sophomore – TR5
 17. Tayton Kleman (Bluffton) Junior – NA8
 18. Riley Prosser (Sandusky SMCC) Junior – NA9
 19. Hunter Lacy (Seneca East) Sophomore – NA10
 20. Jake Sundberg (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH3
 21. Joey Manley (Otsego) Freshman – NA11
 22. Zach Lyons (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH4
 23. Justice Fraley (Loudonville) Junior – GH5
 24. Kyle Miller (Garaway) Sophomore – HE3
 25. Jonathan Walker (Malvern) Sophomore – HE4
 26. Hayden Herman (Edgerton) Sophomore – NA12
 27. Trevor Herbert (Buckeye Local) Sophomore – HE5
 28. Chris Heavner (Hannibal River) Junior – HE6
 29. Nate Loot (Steubenville C.C.) Sophomre – HE7
 30. Caden Canning (Newark Catholic) Sophomore – HE8
 31. Clayton Smith (Utica) Freshman – HE9
 32. Ethan Dixon (Coshocton) Sophomore – HE10
 33. Charlie Conroy (Crestwood) Sophomore – GH6
 34. Will George (West Jefferson) Sophomore – HE11
 35. C.J Stoney (Northmor) Freshman – HE12
 36. Connor Robbins (Willard) Sopohmore – NA13
 37. D.J. Ornlef (Gibsonburg) Sophomore – NA14
 38. Randy Matheney (Genoa) Senior – NA15
 39. Trent Sigler (W.S. Northwestern) Freshman – GH7
 40. Justin Heiden (Berkshire) Junior – GH8

Returning state champ Mattin is heavily favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. He committed to Michigan in the fall where he will join his two older brothers, Drew and Cole. All three brothers, along with their father, Mike, have each won at least one state title for Delta. Mattin has been excellent so far this season. He is currently 35-0 and has a notable win over Division 1 projected state champ Moon. Mattin upended Moon in the finals at Maumee Bay, 6-5. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top seven reaches the state finals, but only Mattin and Frye meet seeding criteria.

Similar to 106, Troy has four projected state placers at this weight as well. The southwest district does, however, lack overall strength with only five total wrestlers ranked above. A couple other names to watch at Troy are O'Brien (Benjamin Logan) and Rowland (Williamsburg). Napoleon is also very strong at this weight with seven wrestlers in the Top 15 and a whopping 15 total ranked wrestlers. Garfield and Heath are in the bottom half at this weight. Garfield has the only projected state placer among the two, but Heath has the much better depth with 12 total wrestlers ranked above, compared to Garfield who only has eight.

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Projected Champion: Lucian Brink (Coshocton) Senior – HE1

2. Jake Manley (Otsego) Senior – NA1
3. Cael Vanderhorst (Covington) Junior – TR1
4. Max Shore (Miami East) Sophomore – TR2
5. Gavin Owens (Eastwood) Sophomore – NA2
6. Caleb Edwards (Rootstown) Junior – GH1
7. Boede Campbell (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR3
8. Cristian Lecki (Millbury Lake) Sophomore – NA3
9. Troy Kennedy (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR4
10. Alec Homan (Milan Edison) Sophomore – NA4
11. Brayden Rittenhouse (West Muskingum) Senior – HE2
12. Seth Unkefer (Waynedale) Senior – GH2
13. Michael Markulin (South Range) Sophomore – GH3
14. Jarrison Moore (Norwayne) Junior – GH4
15. Joshua Gibson (Rittman) Junior – GH5
16. Jeremy Sturgeon (Bluffton) Junior – NA5
17. Cross Fetter (Sandusky SMCC) Junior – NA6
18. Jace Magraf (Mohawk) Freshman – NA7
19. Adam Samad (Fairview) Senior – GH6
20. Shane Eicher (Archbold) Senior – NA8
21. Jesse Maple (Ridgewood) Freshman – HE3
22. Tyler Banta (Malvern) Senior – HE4
23. Carson Tracy (Ayersville) Senior – NA9
24. Josh Ondash (Crestwood) Senior – GH7

25. Joey Bond (Newbury) Junior – GH8
26. Aiden Naseman (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – NA10
27. Jordan Kennedy (Allen East) Senior – TR5
28. Jesse Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR6
29. Orlando Smith (Reading) Senior – TR7
30. Drake Kanyuch (Shenandoah) Freshman – HE5
31. Devyn Vanest (Tuslaw) Freshman – GH9
32. Michael Colman (Ravenna Southeast) Junior – GH10
33. Emmett Perry (Liberty Center) Sophomore – NA11
34. Mateo Miranda (Van Buren) Senior – NA12
35. Lance Rickle (Carey) Freshman – NA13
36. Owen Miller (Oak Harbor) Freshman – NA14
37. Keith Tuttle (Plymouth) Junior – NA15
38. Jayden Sturgell (Benjamin Logan) Senior – TR8
39. Brock Wygle (Utica) Sophomore – HE6
40. Corey Keim (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – HE7

Returning state champ and two-time state finalist Brink is the slight favorite to win his second straight state title. This is definitely one of the tougher weights in Division 3, as there are a whopping nine returning state placers here. Brink, a Northern Illinois commit, is currently 46-0 and riding a 99-match win streak going into sectionals. Returning state placer Manley looks like Brink's toughest challenger after beating Vanderhorst earlier in the season, 8-3. Like Brink, Manley is also undefeated on the season with a blemish-free record of 40-0. Brink, Manley, Shore, and Edwards all meet seeding criteria, but it is important to note that Shore is not favored to win his district after recently losing to Vanderhorst at the Covington Duals, 8-3.

Napoleon and Troy are very strong at this weight with each having three projected state placers. Napoleon is much deeper though, as the northwest district has 15 wrestlers ranked above compared to Troy's eight. Heath has the least amount of wrestlers ranked above (7) and looks to be the weakest weight once again. A couple other names to watch there are Herron (Amanda-Clearcreek) and Green (Fairbanks), who just recently dropped down to 120.

126

Projected Champion: Cameron Lacure (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR1

2. Drake Carmean (Allen East) Junior – TR2
3. Brandon Hahn (Eastwood) Junior – NA1
4. Hunter Long (Wayne Trace) Sophomore – TR3
5. Kellan Anderson (Covington) Junior – TR4
6. Brett Szuhay (Crestwood) Senior – GH1
7. Jackson Reineke (Hawken) Senior – GH2
8. Hunter Vogus (Milan Edison) Freshman – NA2
9. Garrett Kowalak (Miami East) Junior – TR5
10. Jordan Mudel (Paulding) Senior – NA3
11. Gabe Meyer (Delta) Junior – NA4
12. Andrew Francis (Archbold) Junior – NA5
13. Jeremiah McKee (Wellington) Sophomore – GH3
14. Wesley Radford (Alexander) Senior – HE1
15. Chanston Moll (Westfall) Senior – HE2
16. Mike Prikryl (Rootstown) Junior – GH4
17. Hunter Andel (Garrettsville Garfield) Freshman – GH5
18. Jake Edelman (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH6
19. Brody Marks (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – HE3
20. Jason Tice (Wellsville) Senior – GH7
21. Pierce Jordan (Utica) Senior – HE4
22. Randall Mills (Antwerp) Senior – NA6
23. Luke Stroud (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR6
24. George Hoover (Barnesville) Junior – HE5
25. Lee Borders (Patrick Henry) Freshman – NA7
26. Lachlan Thomas (Lutheran West) Senior – GH8
27. Chance Wooley (Southern Local) Sophomore – GH9
28. Landon Emch (Woodmore) Sophomore – NA8
29. Reece Mullholand (Carey) Senior – NA9
30. Kobe Boggs (Coldwater) Senior – TR7
31. Donovan Farley (Otsego) Freshman – NA10
32. Hayden Buhro (Oak Harbor) Freshman – NA11
33. Blake Hoover (Hopewell-Loudon) Junior – NA12
34. Corey Welsh (Genoa) Senior – NA13
35. Damien Skelly (Smithville) Junior – GH10
36. Ryan Hancock (Canton C.C.) Sophomore – GH11
37. Andrew Sas (Mapleton) Sophomore – GH12
38. Brent Eicher (Ashland Crestview) Senior – NA14
39. Mason Fraley (Loudonville) Senior – GH13
40. Amari Bowers (Conneaut) Freshman – GH14

Returning state placer Lacure is the slight favorite here. He took third last year, beating top contender Carmean in the consolation bracket, 3-2. Lacure also beat Carmean last year in the district semi-finals, 8-6. Carmean has most notably split bouts this season with Hahn. I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top 4 reaches the state finals. If Carmean is able to pull the upset and win it all, he would be the first state champ in Allen East history. Lacure is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria, despite this weight being filled with five other previous or returning state placers.

This is by far the deepest weight in the entire division. I could have easily ranked this weight to the Top 50 and maybe even higher. Once again, Troy leads the way with four projected state placers, but has only seven total wrestlers ranked above. A couple other names to watch at the southwest district are Brown (Versailles) and Blosser (Dixie). Garfield and Napoleon are both very deep with 14 ranked wrestlers each. Meeker (Grand Valley) and Richardson (South Range) are a couple other names to watch at Garfield. Heath is the weakest district by far with zero projected state placers and only five total wrestlers ranked above. A few other names that will likely be in the mix there are Stump (Bidwell River Valley), Slone (Fairland), and returning state qualifier McFee (West Muskingum).

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Projected Champion: Ethan Turner (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1

2. Casey Barnett (Milan Edison) Junior – NA1
3. Gavin Weaver (Newcomerstown) Senior – HE1
4. Matt Kaufmann (Fairview) Senior – GH1
5. Pierce Taylor (McNicholas) Sophomore – TR2
6. Chase Caprella (Lima C.C.) Senior – TR3
7. Dylan Matthews (Liberty Center) Junior – NA2
8. Caden Crawford (Hopewell-Loudon) Junior – NA3
9. Gavin Ramos (Northmor) Senior – HE2
10. Adam Ryder (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH2
11. Storm Stanley (Waynedale) Junior – GH3
12. David Davis (Miami East) Sophomore – TR4
13. Ethan Cooper (Legacy Christian) Freshman – TR5
14. Aiden Aiello (Bishop Ready) Junior – HE3
15. Cody Coontz (Rootstown) Freshman – GH4
16. Michael Harris (Smithville) Sophomore – GH5
17. Arlie Benson (Greenon) Sophomore – TR6
18. Blake Rising (Mapleton) Senior – GH6
19. Johnny Karasek (Mogadore) Junior – GH7
20. Aiden Morgenstern (Crestwood) Senior – GH8
21. William Campbell (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH9
22. Xavier Escobedo (Eastwood) Sophomore – NA4

23. Dru Baker (Liberty-Benton) Junior – NA5
24. Devon Watkins (Sandy Valley) Junior – HE4
25. Cade Petersen (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – NA6
26. Ryan Prosser (Sandusky SMCC) Junior – NA7
27. Andrew Kollin (Rittman) Senior – GH10
28. Justin Fox (Waterloo) Freshman – GH11
29. Mason Esterline (Brookville) Junior – TR7
30. Teagan Hendricks (Greeneview) Junior – TR8
31. Nick Monnier (Versailles) Senior – TR9
32. Cullen Van Rooyen (West Muskingum) Junior – HE5
33. Todd Fouts (Trimble) Junior – HE6
34. Jay Goetz (Spencerville) Senior – TR10
35. Kaden Basil (Bluffton) Sophomore – NA8
36. Lucas Wamer (Millbury Lake) Senior – NA9
37. Luke Bischoff (Seneca East) Sophomore – NA10
38. Jonathan Patterson (Elmwood) Junior – NA11
39. Juan Figueroa (Willard) Junior – NA12

This is obviously a very important weight in the team race with Troy Christian and Milan Edison both having strong contenders at this weight. Barnett and Turner both won state titles in 2018; Barnett at 106 and Turner at 113. Neither were able to repeat last year. Barnett finished fifth all the way down at 113. Turner, a Missouri commit, fell in the state finals at 126 to Gavin Brown (Legacy Christian), who is the favorite to win the next weight class. Only Turner meets seeding criteria, so this will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

Napoleon is the strongest district at this weight. The northwest district has three projected state placers and leads with 12 total wrestlers ranked above. Troy is also very strong with three projected state placers and 10 wrestlers ranked above. Heath once again is the weakest district with only four wrestlers ranked above. Quite a few other names that could also be in the mix there are Howard (Harrison Central), Brown (Shadyside), Bruer (Shenandoah), Simmons (Adena), Pieratt (Amanda-Clearcreek), and Aberts (Bridgeport).

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Projected Champion: Gavin Brown (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR1

2. Logan Hursey (Newcomerstown) Junior – HE1
3. Brian Palmer (Buckeye Local) Junior – HE2
4. Antonio Lecki (Millbury Lake) Senior – NA1
5. Jake White (Akron Manchester) Senior – GH1
6. Austin Shepherd (Norwayne) Junior – GH2
7. Austin Awan (Troy Christian) Junior – TR2
8. Donnell Marshall (Centerburg) Junior – HE3
9. Matthew Dewitz (Oak Harbor) Senior – NA2
10. Collin Wiley (Caldwell) Senior – HE4
11. Carter Chase (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore – HE5
12. Jakey Neer (Milan Edison) Senior – NA3
13. Maguire Vollmar (Liberty Center) Senior – NA4
14. Nathan Cadle (Bidwell River Valley) Sophomore – HE6
15. Westyn Moyer (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR3
16. Austin Amens (Northmor) Senior – HE7
17. Kaden Blair (Fairview-Sherwood) Junior – NA5
18. Andrew Helmke (Tinora) Junior – NA6
19. Jacob McHood (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH3
20. Naseem Maali (South Range) Junior – GH4
21. Carson Bey (Versailles) Sophomore – TR4
22. Abe Meyer (Parkway) Senior – TR5
23. Kade Wireman (Allen East) Freshman – TR6
24. Kashaun Clark (Rittman) Senior – GH5
25. Gabe Mathias (Waynedale) Junior – GH6
26. Joe Viront (Tuslaw) Junior – GH7
27. Jack Jewitt (Fairview) Senior – GH8
28. Kenyon Cathey (New London) Junior – NA7
29. Shae Sparks (Plymouth) Freshman – NA8
30. David Garcia (Gibsonburg) Senior – NA9
31. Justin Ritchie (Carlisle) Senior – TR7
32. Austin Flick (Covington) Senior – TR8
33. Ryan Staton (Jackson-Milton) Senior – GH9
34. Garrett Dozier (Toronto) Junior – HE8
35. Deagan Foster (Waterloo) Senior – GH10
36. Ethan Strahan (Crestwood) Sophomore – GH11
37. Kollen Butler (Orrville) Senior – GH12
38. Cameron Haney (Arcanum) Junior – TR9
39. Chase Ward (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE9
40. Ryan Gross (Norwalk St. Paul) Junior – NA10

Returning state champ Brown is the favorite here, as he tries to stay on pace to become a four-time state champion. Brown captured his first state title at 126 last year, beating 132 projected state champ Ethan Turner (Troy Christian) in the finals, 2-1. Brown and Turner had split matches last season prior to the state finals, but Brown won the third and most important one of them all. Brown has a notable win this season over Division 2 projected state champ Moore in the finals at the GMWVA Holiday Tournament, 3-2. I think Hursey is Turner's top challenger here, but I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 reaches the state finals. Only Brown and Palmer meet seeding criteria, but Palmer is not favored to win his district.

This is definitely one of the deeper weights in Division 3. Like 126, I could have easily ranked this weight to the Top 50. This is also one of the more spread out weights among the four districts. Each district has at least one projected state placer and eight total wrestlers ranked above. Napoleon is actually the only district without two projected state placers. A few other names to watch at the northwest district are Shreve (Ayersville), Glaze (Eastwood) and Helminiak (Delta).

145

Projected Champion: Dustin Morgillo (Genoa) Senior – NA1

2. Peyton Lane (National Trail) Senior – TR1
3. Brier Marthey (Tuslaw) Senior – GH1
4. Carter Winegardner (West Muskingum) Senior – HE1
5. Nick Alvarez (Legacy Christian) Sophomore – TR2
6. C.J. Smith (Marion Pleasant) Sophomore – HE2
7. Hayden Johnson (Richmond Edison) Senior – HE3
8. Dylan Milhoan (Southern Local) Senior – GH2
9. Brennan Short (Archbold) Senior – NA2
10. Jesse Wright (Otsego) Senior – NA3
11. Griffin Soviak (Milan Edison) Senior – NA4
12. Will Stieber (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – NA5
13. Bryce Wise (Seneca East) Junior – NA6
14. Connor Smith (Gibsonburg) Freshman – NA7
15. Evan Davis (Greenon) Junior – TR3
16. Isaac Bryant (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR4
17. Aaron Short (Tinora) Senior – NA8
18. Joel Abbott (Benjamin Logan) Senior – TR5
19. Evan Perry (Delta) Sophomore – NA9
20. Cameron White (Rootstown) Junior – GH3
21. Cutter Green (Columbiana) Junior – GH4
22. Thomas Bond (Newbury) Senior – GH5
23. Jake Starkey (South Range) Freshman – GH6
24. Tate Geiser (Dalton) Sophomore – GH7

25. Jacob Boulet (Barnesville) Junior – HE4
26. Mason Martell (Smithville) Senior – GH8
27. Devon Myers (Brookville) Senior – TR6
28. Khalid Morales (Lutheran West) Senior – GH9
29. Justin Hershberger (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH10
30. Jack Zeitzheim (Oak Harbor) Sophomore – NA10
31. Mason Turner (Troy Christian) Sophomore – TR7
32. Grant Heuing (Coldwater) Sophomore – TR8
33. Wyatt Vandyne (Beallsville) Junior – HE5
34. Daniel Davis (Miami East) Junior – TR9
35. Paul Martello (Bishop Ready) Sophomore – HE6

This should be one of the more exciting weights to watch unfold in Division 3. Going into the season, defending state champ and George Mason commit Morgillo seemed like a heavy favorite to capture his second consecutive state crown, but Lane has been excellent this season. His most notable win came in the finals at the GMVWA Holiday Tournament, in where he upended returning Division 2 state champ Martin, 2-1. Lane lost year in the state finals at 138 to four-time state champ and current Ohio State Buckeye, Dylan D’Emilio (Genoa). Morgillo and Lane both meet seeding criteria.

Heath is very strong at the top with three projected state placers. Heath does, however, lack overall depth with only four wrestlers in the Top 30 and six in the Top 35. A few other names to watch there are Sayre (Caldwell), Smith (Meigs), Moore (Shenandoah), and T. Ramos (Northmor). Napoleon has only one projected state placer, but does have seven wrestlers in the top 14. A sleeper at the northwest district could be Smith. He just recently beat Soviak at his conference tournament, but also lost earlier in the season to Wise at Plymouth.

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- Projected Champion: Kevin Contos (Genoa) Senior – NA1
2. Andrew Shaffer (Troy Christian) Senior – TR1
 3. Nick Skye (Mogadore) Junior – GH1
 4. Shadrick Slone (Milan Edison) Sophomore – NA2
 5. Jeremy Tracy (Mapleton) Senior – GH2
 6. Jake Hurst (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR2
 7. Andrew Knaup (West Muskingum) Senior – HE1
 8. Morgan Price (Mohawk) Senior – NA3
 9. Levi Kibler (Ashland Crestview) Senior – NA4
 10. Niko Christo (Northmor) Sophomore – HE2
 11. Chase Miller (Allen East) Sophomore – TR3
 12. Declan Jewitt (Fairview) Junior – GH3
 13. Jake Mumper (Roger Bacon) Junior – TR4
 14. Justin Sarge (Wellsville) Senior – GH4
 15. Cory Stiffler (Orrville) Junior – GH5
 16. Will Hash (Bidwell River Valley) Sophomore – HE3
 17. Cameron Woods (Barnesville) Junior – HE4
 18. Jim Recknagel (Eastwood) Junior – NA5
 19. Lucas Schlegel (Tinora) Senior – NA6
 20. Isaac Gray (Adena) Sophomore – HE5
 21. Greg Eberhardt (Tuslaw) Senior – GH6
 22. Nathan Shaw (Waynedale) Senior – GH7
 23. Aidan Marsh (Kirtland) Junior – GH8
 24. Jimmy Senick (Independence) Senior – GH9
 25. Kane Epperly (Versailles) Freshman – TR5
 26. Brendan Sheehan (Newark Catholic) Freshman – HE6
 27. Travis Howard (Preble Shawnee) Junior – TR6
 28. Mason Vonderwell (Delphos St. John's) Sophomore – TR7
 29. Logan Cornell (South Range) Sophomore – GH10
 30. Jack Cain (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – TR8
 31. Frank Gardner (Lutheran West) Junior – GH11
 32. Noah Gano (Newcomerstown) Junior – HE7
 33. Matt Gentry (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – HE8
 34. Dylan Hershberger (Garaway) Senior – HE9
 35. Brett Sandwisch (Woodmore) Senior – NA7
 36. Brady Duvall (W.S. Northwestern) Junior – GH12
 37. Kaleb Barnes (Delta) Junior – NA8
 38. Zander Takacs (Monroeville) Senior – NA9
 39. Colton Sparks (Plymouth) Freshman – NA10

Like 145, a defending state champ from Genoa is slightly favored to capture his second consecutive state crown. Contos, a Brown commit, beat Beau Lefever (Mapleton) in last year's final, 9-2. I think Shaffer, a Graham transfer, definitely has the ability to push Contos. Shaffer transferred to Troy Christian after missing all of last season while at Graham. The Dubuque commit took seventh place in 2018 all the way up at 182 in Division 2. Only Contos meets seeding criteria, so he and Shaffer might end up being on the same side in Columbus.

Napoleon is very strong at the top with three projected state placers and four wrestlers in the top nine. The northwest district also has pretty good depth with 10 total wrestlers ranked above; that is second behind Garfield's 12. Garfield is pretty strong at the top as well with two projected state placers and five wrestlers in the Top 15. All four districts have pretty good depth, as each have at least 8 wrestlers ranked above. Troy's depth could get a boost if Abbot (Benjamin Logan) chooses this weight. He has been at 145 and 152 within the past month.

160

Projected Champion: Hayden Pummel (Indian Lake) Junior – TR1

2. Trevor Franks (Lakota) Senior – NA1
3. T.J. Rhamy (Patrick Henry) Senior – NA2
4. Peyton Lemon (Waynedale) Sophomore – GH1
5. Connor Havill (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR2
6. Donovan Palmer (Lutheran West) Junior – GH2
7. Coltin Meek (Newcomerstown) Junior – HE1
8. Bryce Keckley (West Jefferson) Sophomore – HE2
9. Gunner Endicott (Elmwood) Sophomore – NA3
10. Colt Edgar (Jefferson Area) Junior – GH3
11. Jerry Rose (Cardinal) Junior – GH4
12. Eli Moore (Wayne Trace) Junior – TR3
13. Jon Auld (Gibsonburg) Senior – NA4
14. D.J. Slone (Willard) Senior – NA5
15. Deontae Davis (Cory-Rawson) Senior – NA6
16. Blake Hershberger (Allen East) Junior – TR4
17. Mark Wrasman (Delphos St. John's) Senior – TR5
18. Tim Meyer (Tinora) Senior – NA7
19. Cael Bey (Versailles) Senior – TR6
20. Landon Cook (Milan Edison) Freshman – NA8
21. Hal Huber (W.S. Northwestern) Junior – GH5
22. Haden Offenberger (Waterford) Junior – HE3
23. Owen Oliver (Barnesville) Senior – HE4
24. Cody Albaugh (Bellaire) Senior – HE5
25. Boston Grant (Marion Pleasant) Junior – HE6
26. Camren Foster (Liberty Center) Sophomore – NA9

27. A.J. Overmeyer (Van Buren) Senior – NA10
28. Ian McClintock (Fairview) Senior – GH6
29. Daniel Smith (Monroeville) Junior – NA11
30. Andrew McFee (West Muskingum) Senior – HE7
31. David Chapman (Crooksville) Junior – HE8
32. Adam Myers (Springfield Shawnee) Junior – TR7
33. Dalton Metzger (Adena) Senior – HE9
34. Ben McKee (Delphos Jefferson) Senior – TR8
35. Brian Floyd (Evergreen) Senior – NA12
36. Dylan Starnes (Brookville) Sophomore – TR9
37. Brayden Adkins (Kirtland) Senior – GH7
38. Chris Parker (Toronto) – HE10

This is definitely one of the more wide open weights. The top three here are all returning state placers at this weight and are considered serious contenders. All three just recently dropped to 160 within the past few weeks. If any of them are able to win it all, they would be ending pretty long state title droughts for their respective schools. Lakota's last state champ was in 1992, Indian Lake's was in 1989, and Patrick Henry's was in 1981. Pummel is my pick here due to his previous head-to-head wins over both Franks and Rhamy. Pummel beat Franks last year in the first round at "The Schott," 8-6 and he beat Rhamy this season in the semi-finals at Defiance, 3-2. Rhamy also holds head-to-head career wins over the other two contenders, but has lost to both Pummel and Franks this season. Franks, who is currently undefeated, beat Rhamy in the finals at Perrysburg, 3-2. I also would consider Lemon a serious title contender. No one meets seeding criteria, but with Franks and Rhamy exiting the same district, there is a chance the winner of the district is placed on the opposite of the other three contenders.

This is one of those rare weights where all four districts have two projected state placers each. Napoleon has great depth with eight wrestlers in the Top 20. Heath seems to be on the opposite end of the spectrum with only two wrestlers in the Top 20. However, of the four districts, only Heath (10) and Napoleon (12) have a double digit amount of wrestlers ranked above. This has been one of the deeper weights all season in Division 3, so I wouldn't be surprised if anyone ranked above qualified for Columbus.

170

- Projected Champion: Conor Becker (Northmor) Senior – HE1
2. Micah Hershberger (Waynedale) Senior – GH1
 3. Steele Boysel (Benjamin Logan) Senior – TR1
 4. Sevi Garza (Rittman) Junior – GH2
 5. Carson Meyer (Archbold) Junior – NA1
 6. Tyler Ramage (Collins W.R.) Senior – NA2
 7. Devin Olgee (Middletown Madison) Junior – TR2
 8. Logan Lloyd (Milan Edison) Sophomore – NA3
 9. Chase Dyer (Brookville) Senior – TR3
 10. Chase Keener (Smithville) Junior – GH3
 11. Connor Hrubik (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH4
 12. Gavin Davis (Loudonville) Senior – GH5
 13. Cade Whitticar (Van Buren) Senior – NA4
 14. Nathan Mansor (Oak Harbor) Senior – NA5
 15. Sanford Fraley (Elmwood) Senior – NA6
 16. Kameron Hughes (Martins Ferry) Junior – HE2
 17. Caden Brown (Ayersville) Senior – NA7
 18. John Cline (East Clinton) Senior – TR4
 19. Chase Martin (Delphos St. John's) Junior – TR5
 20. Lane Mefford (Indian Lake) Junior – TR6
 21. Tabor Lackey (Trimble) Sophomore – HE3
 22. Andy Williamson (Mount Gilead) Junior – HE4
 23. Ezra Jones (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR7
 24. Race Gorrell (Liberty-Benton) Junior – NA8
 25. Xavier Weimken (Swanton) Senior – NA9
 26. Isaiah Leasure (Triad) Junior – TR8
 27. Charlie Wells (Black River) Freshman – GH6
 28. Hayden Jacoby (Carey) Senior – NA10
 29. Skyler Cowgill (North Union) Senior – HE5
 30. Jordan Cantrell (Alexander) Senior – HE6
 31. Tyler Conrad (Amanda-Clearcreek) Junior – HE7
 32. Ben Meyer (Norwalk St. Paul) Sophomore – NA11
 33. Peyton Young (Plymouth) Senior – NA12
 34. Brier Godsey (Ashland Crestview) Sophomore – NA13
 35. Adam Waller (Mechanicsburg) Sophomore – TR9
 36. Trentin Alexander (Covington) Junior – TR10
 37. Sean Geiser (Dalton) Sophomore – GH7
 38. Logan Robinson (Waterloo) Senior – GH8
 39. Lee Burkett (Troy Christian) Freshman – TR11

Becker, the defending state champ at this weight and Duke commit, is favored to capture his second straight state title. He pinned David Cumberledge (Ashtabula St. John) in the state finals last year in the second period. Cumberledge is now at Aurora and is the projected state runner-up all the way down at 145 in Division 2. Becker, a two-time state qualifier, has missed quite a bit of action this season, but he did just wrestle at their conference tournament, so it seems he is good to go for the postseason. I wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the top six meets Becker in the state finals Sunday night. Becker is the only wrestler at this weight that meets seeding criteria. Ramage could be a sleeper here. He is currently undefeated with a blemish-free record of 27-0.

Like many of the upper weights, Napoleon is very strong here as well. The northwest district has three projected state placers and six wrestlers in the Top 15. Despite the favorite Becker exiting there, Heath still looks like the weakest weight once again. Heath has only two wrestlers ranked in the Top 20 and only seven total wrestlers ranked above; both are the lowest among all four districts. Another name to watch at Heath is Keeton (Westfall).

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Projected Champion: Ethan Ducca (Ashtabula St. John) Senior – GH1

2. Wyatt Miller (Oak Harbor) Junior – NA1
3. Tanner May (Carey) Senior – NA2
4. Gavin Baisden (Marion Pleasant) Senior – HE1
5. Tyler Knight (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH2
6. Noah Love (Tuscarawas Valley) Junior – HE2
7. Camden Caizzo (Norwalk St. Paul) Senior – NA3
8. Hunter Morris (Southern Local) Junior – GH3
9. Jarrett Winner (Miami East) Junior – TR1
10. Craig Montgomery (Troy Christian) Senior – TR2
11. Ryan Gear (McNicholas) Senior – TR3
12. Luke Williams (Brookville) Senior – TR4
13. Max Hoffman (Delta) Junior – NA4
14. Jaron Patterson (Mechanicsburg) Senior – TR5
15. David Pride (Clermont Northeastern) Senior – TR6
16. Erik Marazon (Northwood) Senior – NA5
17. Mike Brzeczek (Woodmore) Junior – NA6
18. Ian Saunders (Swanton) Junior – NA7
19. Jacob Thompson (Milan Edison) Sophomore – NA8
20. Cole Mabis (Paulding) Senior – NA9
21. Jarett Spoores (Gibsonburg) Senior – NA10
22. Zachary Simpson (Lima Bath) Senior – TR7
23. Lucas Stoddard (Berkshire) Sophomore – GH4
24. Starr Kelly (Westfall) Junior – HE3

25. Kobe Barnett (Liberty Union) Senior – HE4
26. Duncan Cooper (Covington) Junior – TR8
27. Aydan Hamrick (Tuslaw) Sophomore – GH5
28. Chandler Keener (Smithville) Junior – GH6
29. Charles Smith (Buckeye Local) Senior – HE5
30. Noah Duck (Martins Ferry) Junior – HE6
31. Nathan Glinka (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH7
32. Gabe Gayheart (Wellington) Senior – GH8
33. Eric Miller (Dalton) Junior – GH9
34. Jackson Wilson (Bluffton) Sophomore – NA11
35. Christian Wiseman (Nelsonville-York) Junior – HE7
36. Hunter Everett (Trimble) Junior – HE8

Ducca, an Edinboro commit and returning state runner-up, is favored to capture his first state crown. He started the season off by beating projected Division 1 runner-up Evans, 7-3. I did not see the match, but it sounded like Ducca completely controlled the match, as he had the only three takedowns of the contest. Ducca then followed that up the follow week by placing fifth at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman. His toughest challengers look to be Miller and returning state runner-up May. Miller beat May this season in the finals at Bellevue, 3-2. He also has a notable win over Division 2 projected state champ Hernandez (Norwalk). Miller won in overtime, when Hernandez bumped up from 170 during a dual meet a few weeks ago. Only Ducca and May meet seeding criteria. If Miller beats May again at districts, Ducca and Miller could end up on the same side.

Garfield and Napoleon are both very strong here with three projected state placers. Both districts seem to be very strong in the upper weights. Napoleon has tremendous depth here with 10 wrestlers in the top 21. With how crowded this weight looks at the northwest district, I think we could see some movers to 195. 195 seems to be one of the thinner weights in D3, so I would highly suggest moving up to anyone pondering the idea. It's hard to pick the weakest district, but Heath and Troy seem to be in the bottom-half at this weight. Heath has two projected state placers, but those are the district's only two wrestlers ranked in the Top 20. Troy has zero projected state placers, but does have six wrestlers in the Top 15.

195

- Projected Champion: Jacob Brewer (Milan Edison) Senior – NA1
2. Garrett Neth (Allen East) Senior – TR1
 3. Spencer Mesaros (Ravenna Southeast) Sophomore – GH1
 4. Kenny Crouch (Pymatuning Valley) Senior – GH2
 5. Mitch Sanders (Newbury) Senior – GH3
 6. Bodey Kiko (Hanoverton United) Senior – GH4
 7. Austin Cole (Northwood) Senior – NA2
 8. Casey Fleahman (Liberty Union) Junior – HE1
 9. Richard McFarland (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE2
 10. Sam Lowe (Southern Local) Junior – GH5
 11. Luke Clymer (Independence) Senior – GH6
 12. Jordan Sanders (Newcomerstown) Junior – HE3
 13. Kaden Kidd (Norwayne) Junior – GH7
 14. Isaac Grilliot (Versailles) Senior – TR2
 15. Cam Jordan (Waynedale) Junior – GH8
 16. Cade Limes (Otsego) Junior – NA3
 17. Nathaniel DiRe (Liberty-Benton) Junior – NA4
 18. Mason Shreve (Grand Valley) Senior – GH9
 19. Spencer Franks (Lakota) Sophomore – NA5
 20. Timothy Smith (North College Hill) Junior – TR3
 21. Gyvnn Mendenhall (Columbus Academy) Sophomore – HE4
 22. Colton Snyder (Nelsonville-York) Junior – HE5
 23. Quincy Brown (Middletown Madison) Senior – TR4
 24. Jayden Sweeney (Carlisle) Junior – TR5
 25. Zane Adams (Preble Shawnee) Freshman – TR6
 26. Dustin Winner (Miami East) Freshman – TR7
 27. Noah Clark (Benjamin Logan) Senior – TR8
 28. Draven Bartley (Tinora) Junior – NA6
 29. Bryce Sheets (Mohawk) Senior – NA7
 30. Kaine Younker (Parkway) Senior – TR9
 31. Chase Kelly (Madison-Plains) Senior – HE6
 32. Adler Horne (Plymouth) Plymouth) Junior – NA8
 33. Aidan Godsey (Ashland Crestview) Sophomore – NA9
 34. Matthew Davis (Ironton) Junior – HE7
 35. Nathan Allen (Westfall) Junior – HE8

Returning state champ Brewer is favored to take this very deep weight. Brewer finished fourth at this weight last year. He beat current top contender Neth in the consolation bracket, 12-9. Brewer, Neth, and Kidd are the only returning state placers at this weight. Kidd is outside the Top 10, which ultimately shows how deep this weight is. I think anyone in the Top 15 has the ability to reach the state finals. If Neth is the one standing atop of the podium Sunday night, he

would be Allen East's first state champ in school history. Allen East also has a good chance to win their first state title down at 126, where Carmean is a projected state runner-up as well. No one meets seeding criteria at this weight, so it will essentially be a blind draw in Columbus.

Garfield is absolutely loaded at this weight. The northeast district has four projected state placers and nine wrestlers in the top 18. With how much thinner 182 looks at Garfield, I think we could see a couple wrestlers move down. One of those wrestlers could be Jordan (Waynedale). I would tab Troy as the weakest district at this weight, as the southwest district has only one projected state placer and only three wrestlers ranked in the Top 20.

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Projected Champion: Wil Morrow (Patrick Henry) Senior – NA1

2. Will Bechstein (Elmwood) Senior – NA2
3. Hunter Smith (Gibsonburg) Senior – NA3
4. Austin Kohlhofer (Delta) Sophomore – NA4
5. James Clouse (Mohawk) Junior – NA5
6. Landen Luginbuhl (Bluffton) Senior – NA6
7. Noah Eikenbary (Kenton) Senior – TR1
8. Anthony Czap (South Range) Senior – GH1
9. Ian Joyce (Trimble) Senior – HE1
10. Wyatt Moyer (Sandy Valley) Sophomore – HE2
11. Austin Ryder (Dalton) Sophomore – GH2
12. Noah Hoffmann (Garrettsville Garfield) Senior – GH3
13. Michael Lowe (Mogadore) Sophomore – GH4
14. Cameron Langford (Crestwood) Senior – GH5
15. Braden Sears (Independence) Senior – GH6
16. Joe Connors (Cuyahoga Heights) Senior – GH7
17. Michael Phelps (Marion Pleasant) Senior – HE3
18. Justen Ladrach (Tuscarawas Valley) Senior – HE4
19. Caden Weekly (Wellsville) Junior – GH8
20. Zak Dobson (Martins Ferry) Sophomore – HE5
21. Dylan Mersch (Liberty-Benton) Junior – NA7
22. Nolan Tobe (Coldwater) Junior – TR2
23. Javen Gaines (Tinora) Freshman – NA8
24. Seth Hoffman (Amanda-Clearcreek) Senior – HE6
25. Anthony Gencarelli (Kirtland) Sophomore – GH9
26. Kane Murray (Waynedale) Junior – GH10
27. Brayden Keihl (Versailles) Sophomore – TR3
28. Brandon Dues (Spencerville) Junior – TR4
29. Wes Bowers (Fairview-Sherwood) Junior – NA9
30. Mathias Shepler (Edgerton) Junior – NA10

31. Jackson Berardi (Milan Edison) Sophomore – NA11
32. Caden Coleman (Mechanicsburg) Junior – TR5
33. Matthew Hamm (Brookville) Senior – TR6
34. Tyler Bowman (Eastwood) Sophomore – NA12
35. Alek Winner/Eli Criblez (Allen East) – TR7
36. Logan Burkhart (Ashland Crestview) Senior – NA13
37. Travis Reed (Madison-Plains) Junior – HE7
38. Dylan Van Fleet (Plymouth) Senior – NA14
39. Blade Root (Tri-County North) Sophomore – TR8
40. Bryant Pfeifer (Bucyrus) Sophomore – NA15

Two-time state placer Morrow is the favorite to capture the state crown. The Clarion commit finished third at this weight last year, losing to eventual champ Hudson Jump (Grandview Heights) in the semi-finals. Morrow moved up from 195 for the postseason, which seems like a good move based on his placement. Morrow beat current top contender Bechstein in the third place match, 7-1. Morrow also beat Bechstein in the district finals, 7-5. Morrow has missed a few events within the past month or so, but I hear he should be ready to go for the postseason. Should he finish at the top of the podium in Columbus, Morrow will be the first state champ for Patrick Henry since Mike Hartman in 1981. I ultimately wouldn't be surprised if anyone in the Top 5 reaches the state finals. Morrow, Bechstein, and Czap are all returning state placers at this weight, but only Morrow meets seeding criteria.

Napoleon is insanely tough at this weight. The northwest district occupies the top six spots overall. I am not sure this has ever happened before in any of my other previous nine reports. A few weeks ago I heard that Luginbuhl would be dropping to 195, but then he beat Eikenbary while at 220, so I think he will end up at this weight for the postseason. Napoleon looks much, much thinner at 195. If we do see some movers at Norwalk, a few other names at this weight are Sifuentes (Ayersville), Stanley (Margaretta), Maxhimer (Buckeye Central), and Carmen (Carey). Carmen beat Top 30-rated Murray earlier in the season. Like Napoleon, I think we could see some movers at Garfield as well. The northeast district has only one projected state placer, but has eight wrestlers in the top 19. I think we could end up seeing a few ranked wrestlers move up to 285.

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Projected Champion: Caden Hill (Ashland Crestview) Senior – NA1

2. Ryan Elrod (Ashtabula St. John) Sophomore – GH1
3. Kaleb Snodgrass (Van Buren) Senior – NA2
4. Jeff Meyer (Columbus Grove) Junior – TR1
5. Brennan Davies (Allen East) Senior – TR2
6. Ty Stevenson (Preble Shawnee) Senior – TR3
7. William Lindsey (Hawken) Senior – GH2
8. Brodie Stevens (Swanton) Junior – NA3
9. Easton Hitchens (Shenandoah) Senior – HE1
10. Coddie Phillips (Orrville) Senior – GH3
11. Jayden Heltsley (Arcanum) Senior – TR4
12. Jeff Kusar (Kirtland) Senior – GH4
13. Ross Boyd (Centerburg) Junior – HE2
14. Cadman Roose (Benjamin Logan) Junior – TR5
15. Taran Tyo (Versailles) Sophomore – TR6
16. Billy Reed-Bodey (Fairbanks) Junior – HE3
17. Jonathan Mitchell (Brookville) Senior – TR7
18. Tayven Halbisen (Gibsonburg) Junior – NA4
19. Tyler Martin (Fairview-Sherwood) Junior – NA5
20. Cason Holmes (Milan Edison) Senior – NA6
21. Austin Fowler (Coshocton) Senior – HE4
22. Zach Kuneff (Bridgeport) Senior – HE5
23. Donte Lewis (Martins Ferry) Senior – HE6
24. Carter Butler (Lima Bath) Senior – TR8
25. Ray Culler (Liberty Center) Senior – NA7
26. Simi Moananu (Youngstown Liberty) Senior – GH5
27. Seth Phillips (Berlin W.R.) Junior – GH6
28. Victor Verba (Pymatuning Valley) Junior – GH7
29. Gavin Barnhart (Williamsburg) Senior – TR9
30. Max Ansteatt (Clermont Northeastern) Senior – TR10
31. Eli Caraballo (Columbia) Junior – GH8
32. Travis Owen (Black River) Sophomore – GH9
33. Marshal Bier (Hannibal River) Freshman – HE7
34. Steven Fitzgerald (Reedsville Eastern) Junior – HE8
35. Jacob Kamperman (Columbiana) Junior – GH10
36. Josh Fancher (Toronto) Sophomore – HE9
37. Zane Gaines (Tinora) Junior – NA8
38. Trystyn Bivins (Ridgedale) Senior – HE10
39. Jack Steed (West Union) Junior – HE11

This is probably the most wide open weight in all of Division 3. Snodgrass, Meyer, and Stevenson are all returning state placers, but I think Walsh Jesuit Ironman placer Hill is the slight favorite. Top contender Elrod also placed at the Walsh Jesuit Ironman; Hill finished third and Elrod finished seventh. They didn't wrestle each other there, but they did meet in freestyle over the summer at Junior Olympics. Hill upended Elrod, 10-3. Hill also has notable wins this season over Top 5-ranked Meyer and Davies. I think anyone in the top eight has the ability to reach the state finals. Returning state runner-up Snodgrass is the only wrestler that meets seeding criteria. If the Lock Haven commit is able to win it all, he would be Van Buren's first champ since Jeff Waller in 1978.

Napoleon and Troy are both very strong at this weight, as each districts has three projected state placers. Troy does, however, have the depth among the two. Napoleon's three projected state placers are the district's only wrestlers ranked in the Top 15. Troy has six wrestlers in the Top 15, so I would have to tab them as the strongest district. Heath has zero projected state placers, but does surprisingly lead the way with 11 total wrestlers ranked above. That being said, I would still probably tab Heath as the weakest district. Another name to watch there is Maclean (Liberty Union). He has a notable win over Division 1 Top 25-ranked Woolard (Grove City) at Amanda-Clearcreek.

Team Projections

Finish	School	Nickname	Points	Champs	Placers	Qualifiers
1	Milan Edison	Chargers	108	2	7	10
2	Troy Christian	Eagles	104	1	6	8
3	Legacy Christian	Knights	91	2	6	6
4	Allen East	Mustangs	54	0	3	5
5	Genoa	Comets	52	2	2	2
6	Newcomerstown	Trojans	47	0	3	4
7	Delta	Panthers	46	1	2	5
8	Ashtabula St. John	Heralds	45	1	2	2
9	Patrick Henry	Patriots	43	1	3	3
10	Waynedale	Golden Bears	39	0	2	5